

M I N U T E S

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION, F.F.A.

AUBURN, ALABAMA, DECEMBER 15, 1944

The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the offices of the Agricultural Education Department, Auburn, Alabama, on Friday, December 15, 1944, at 1:00 P.M. Those present were: Thad Salmon, president; Wayne Thompson, vice president; Louie Chapman, secretary; Merrill Carlisle, treasurer; Dan Powell, reporter; Clarice Beech, sentinel; L. L. Sellers, assistant adviser, and Mrs. Littleton.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Following the call to order, the president asked Louie Chapman, state secretary and delegate to the national convention, to make a report on his trip to Kansas City. The secretary related events of the convention program of interest to other members of the committee. The president, also an official delegate to the convention, told how business of convention was carried on, particularly stressing the use of parliamentary procedure, and of his work with the nominating committee where 36 boys were interviewed for national office.

Merrill Carlisle, state treasurer and delegate from the Notasulga Chapter, stated that he was most impressed with the speeches of the retiring officers who each told what FFA had done for him.

Mr. Sellers reviewed the purposes of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated which was adopted by the Board of Trustees at special meeting in Kansas City, Mo., on October 7, 1944. The main objects and purposes of the Foundation are to receive, maintain and distribute funds from corporations and business concerns to (1) provide prizes and awards to boys achieving distinction in vocational agriculture; (2) to financially assist deserving vocational agriculture students and young farmers to become established in farming; (3) promote and stimulate interest in agricultural leadership among students of vocational agriculture; and (4) promote and develop interest on part of general public in vocational agriculture and activities of the FFA.

Changes made in the National Constitution at the convention were read and affects these changes would have on the State Constitution were discussed. On motion by Merrill Carlisle, seconded and approved, the committee agreed that the State Association should operate under these changes until the State Constitution could be officially amended by delegates in session at the next state convention. These changes in the National Constitution are as follows:

Article VI of the By-Laws, second paragraph on page 22 of the Official Manual be changed to read as follows:

"In case a local department of vocational agriculture in which a chartered chapter of F.F.A. is located is discontinued, the chapter so involved may be permitted to operate officially for a period not to exceed 36 months from date of the discontinuance of the department in the school concerned, providing proper supervision and guidance can be given to the chapter work by a member of the school faculty having the approval of the State adviser. Local chapter charters must be surrendered to the State adviser at the end of the 36 months period indicated if vocational agriculture is not in operation again at that time."

Article IV of the Constitution, Sections C and D, paragraph one on page 15 of the Official Manual be amended by striking out in paragraph one in each Section the words "for at least one year immediately". Paragraph one of Sections C and D of Article IV would then read as follows:

- C. 1. "Must have held the Degree of Green Hand preceding election to the Degree of Chapter Farmer and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter."
- D. 1. "Must have held the Degree of Chapter Farmer preceding election to the Degree of State Farmer, have been an active member of the F.F.A. for at least two years, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter."

FORESTRY PROGRAM

Each officer reported on the progress in his local chapter, and reports indicated that each chapter would average five or six boys planting 1000 pines each. Clarice Beech reported on unusual activity carried out by the Chatom Chapter whose members have gathered 70 bushels of green pine burs, getting 25 cents per bushel for them. Chapters are stressing fire prevention as well as tree planting, and those not having a demonstration plot are planning one this year. Mr. Sellers reported that orders for 375,000 trees had been received at the State Chamber of Commerce as of December 12, 1944.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

After some discussion, Merrill Carlisle moved that the committee vote to limit participation in the State contest to four contestants in the finals. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the committee. It was suggested that judges not leave the auditorium, but decisions be made by totaling the judges sheets. The committee also felt that more stress should be placed on chapter public speaking contest where the most interest is shown and where the greatest number of boys participate. These suggestions are to be considered by the committee in charge of setting up recommendations for the public speaking contest next year.

QUARTET CONTEST

It was suggested that the committee on recommendations for the Quartet Contest next year incorporate in the Rules and Regulations that one of the two songs to be sung by the quartet be "Hail The F.F.A.".

CHAPTER CONTEST

Names of chapters not sending in Program of Work for 1944-45 are:

Hubbertville	Bay Minette	Rockford
Kennedy	Foley	Five Points
Mount Hope	Lyeffion	Goodwater
Scottsboro	Orrville	Suttle
Collinsville	Headland	Vincent
Eva	Fort Deposit	Winterboro
Fairview	Red Level	
Sand Rock	Ashland	

The officers approved a plan to visit chapters in their districts that had not sent in a Program of Work, to write chapters not located in their areas, and to offer any assistance in helping these chapters complete a Program of Work for the year.

Mr. Sellers read a portion of Mr. Tenney's letter concerning scrapbooks for the National Chapter Contest which stated:

"It is true that the National Convention passed a regulation prohibiting local chapters from submitting a chapter scrapbook with their accomplishment report in the National Chapter Contest."

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS

Members of the executive committee reviewed qualifications for determining the standing of local chapters and members and checked the list of chapters not sending in activity programs, list of members and dues for 1944-45. Those chapters found delinquent are:

Kennedy	Fort Deposit
Lyeffion	Red Level
Collinsville	Vincent
Eva	Winterboro
Sand Rock	

The committee decided to delay action on these chapters until the night meeting when district supervisors would be present to give a true picture of situation in each chapter.

MEMBERSHIP

State membership as of December 8, 1944 was 6,378. Each officer reported the approximate increase or decrease in membership in his chapter; and in discussing active members in the armed service, it was discovered that some

chapters had reported these men as active members, whereas other chapters had not. The committee asked Mr. Sellers to write the chapters in the State, checking on the number of active members in the service not reported in the regular membership. With this increase, the goal of 6,700 members will probably be reached.

WARTIME ACTIVITIES SHEET

The committee reviewed and discussed the summary sheet for wartime activities to be called for in April, and decided to use this sheet as a guide in visiting chapters and planning activities.

DEGREES

The president asked all officers to stress, during visits to chapters, the importance of starting applications for State and American Farmer Degrees early, thus giving the applicants a better chance of making the degree. Taking 2 per cent of the total State membership to date, the Alabama Association would be allowed only 128 State Farmers this year; and one American Farmer for every 1000 members would give Alabama only 6 American Farmers.

APPLICATIONS FOR STATE OFFICE

With State Officer nominations coming up May 15, the committee decided to check with all chapters visited, as well as with their local chapters, the possible candidates for State Office and help them in any way to start these applications as soon as possible.

After approving the minutes of the August meeting, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M. to convene at 7:00 P.M.



Friday Night, December 15, 1944

The president called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Mr. Cannon, Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Montgomery joined the group for a portion of the evening session.

OFFICERS' VISITS

Each officer reported on chapter visits made since the last executive committee meeting and accomplishments to date on the State Program of Work. Mr. Sellers emphasized the importance of officers sending in itineraries two weeks before visiting chapters and a report of visits after making them so as to have a record for use in making a report to the convention at the end of the year.

Supervisors advised officers not to visit chapters without advisers except on special invitation, at which time such visits would be handled as special cases.

PUBLICITY

Mr. Montgomery gave some points to be considered in writing news articles for the Alabama Future Farmer and other farm magazines, emphasizing the need of human interest stories and articles that tell the public what FFA is doing. Pictures, when possible, were stressed as a much needed item in FFA publicity.

Clarice Beech and Merrill Carlisle reported that articles were being sent in regularly to papers in their respective counties.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

President Thad Salmon and Treasurer Merrill Carlisle gave reports on their visit to the Farm Bureau meeting and interest shown by Farm Bureau in rural youth.

The president also attended a meeting of the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce at which time he talked on "What FFA is doing in Forestry".

F.F.A. HANDBOOK

The committee favored the new Handbook as to size and content. It was suggested that the officers check when visiting chapters and find what use is being made of the FFA Handbook and report at the next committee meeting. Any suggestions or recommendations given at that time will be incorporated in the Handbook Committee's recommendations for 1945-46.

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS

In view of information given by district supervisors, Merrill Carlisle moved that the Executive committee set the deadline at February 1 and ask the district supervisors to assume the responsibility for contacting the nine delinquent chapters for getting dues, list of members and activity programs in to the State office. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Wayne Thompson proposed that the nine chapters found delinquent be declared automatically on probation pending action at the next executive committee meeting to be held in March. This motion was seconded and approved by the committee.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Sellers explained that one district was selected each year to have charge of the Activity Program for the coming year, rotating among the five districts, and that it was the practice of the executive committee to ask the district supervisor in charge of the district chosen to select a county in which chapters would be responsible for drawing up a new activity program to present the delegates in convention. This year the Northwest District has charge of this program.

Upon approval of the executive committee, the president appointed the following committees to make a thorough study and report to the executive committee at the March meeting. These reports are to be made orally to the committee and recommendations (typed) handed in for use by the incoming officers and are to be made available to the committee setting up the program of work for the new year. The committees appointed are as follows:

ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Mr. Gibson to select a committee from Northwest Alabama District.

Forestry Program

Clarice Beech, chairman
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers from Clarice's district, to be selected by Clarice.

Handbook

Merrill Carlisle, chairman
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers from Merrill's district, to be selected by Merrill.

Alabama Future Farmer

Dan Powell, chairman
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers from Dan's district, to be selected by Dan.

Public Speaking Contest

Wayne Thompson, chairman
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers from Wayne's district, to be selected by Wayne.



Better Chapter Contest

Louie Chapman, chairman
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers
from Louie's district, to be
selected by Louie.

Quartet Contest

Wayne Thompson, chairman
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers
to be selected by Wayne from his
district.

Annual Chapter Report

Dan Powell, chairman
1 or 2 FFA boys and their advisers
from Dan's district, to be
selected by Dan.

Convention Arrangements

Thad Salmon, chairman
Members of Supervisory Staff

National Chapter Contest Committee

District Supervisors

NEXT MEETING

March 9-10, 1945, was the date set for the March executive meeting.
The following items are to be considered as part of the business to be
taken up at that meeting:

1. Plans for State Convention (including appointment of necessary committees).
2. Report of committees appointed at December meeting.
3. Report on chapter visits by officers, and accomplishments on activity program.
4. Review State Farmer Degree applications for recommendation at convention.
5. Report on progress of Forestry Program.
6. Delinquent chapters.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Clarice Beech suggested that all officers send suggestions to president for items of business to be taken up at the March meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting March 9-10, 1945. This plan was approved by the committee. The president will then make out the program and notify every member of the executive committee of the time, place, and length of meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louie Chapman
Secretary

Approved:

Thad Salvo
President

Wayne Thompson
Vice President

Louie Chapman
Secretary

Merrill Carlisle
Treasurer

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Reporter

Clarice Beech
Sentinel

March 9, 1945



* Resigned to enter Navy.