The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the offices of the Agricultural Education Department, Auburn, Alabama, on Thursday night, March 9, 1944, at 7:00 o'clock. Those present were: Thomas Nevin, president; Rex Locklar, vice president; Numan Jacobs, secretary; Elson Powell, treasurer; Hansell Grooms, reporter; C. C. Scarbrough, assistant state adviser.

The president called the meeting to order and outlined the general plan of the two-day meeting, asking for additional items needing to be discussed. He announced that 174 applications for State Farmer Degree had been received from 80 chapters, a record number compared with 90 applications from 34 chapters last year. The officers reviewed qualifications for State Farmer Degree and set up a plan for checking each applicant by each officer. The remainder of the meeting was spent checking State Farmer Degree applications.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Friday Morning - March 10, 1944

The president called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M., Friday, March 10, 1944. Secretary Numan Jacobs read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read and signed by the officers.

NEW CHARTERS SIGNED

Charters for new chapters were signed. It was decided that the president should write a letter to go along with the charters, congratulating the new chapters and encouraging them to become active in local and state activities. The following chapters received their charters:

Brookwood
Lynn
Repton
Russellville
Sidney Lanier
Woodland
York

NEW SECRETARY'S FFA AREA

The new State Secretary, Numan Jacobs, who succeeds Paul Wilson now in the army, will have as his FFA area for the three remaining months his own county, Tuscaloosa, formerly in Thomas Nevin's area, and Jefferson and Fayette counties.

MR. CAMMACK'S ELECTION

President Nevin advised the committee of the honor bestowed upon Mr. Cammack, our State Adviser, who has been elected to serve on the National Advisory Board of the Future Farmers of America, representing the Southern Region.
The committee voted to recommend that chapters elect a "Sentinel" along with other officers for the coming year, recognizing the advantages of having this new officer, some of which are: (1) to carry out duties in chapter, (2) to emphasize paraphernalia, (3) to give another boy experience. On motion by Hansell Grooms, seconded by Elson Powell, the committee voted to recognize the Sentinel as a regular officer for state and local chapters. Elson Powell suggested that the committee send out notices to chapters to elect a Sentinel along with chapter officers, and also to call attention to this new officer in The Alabama Future Farmer. It was decided that the president should write chapter presidents and that Mr. Scarborough should write chapter advisers giving recommendations of the Executive Committee.

CARDBOARD SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Officers reported on use of cardboard display of Activities and Accomplishments of The Alabama Association in their FFA areas. It was suggested that this summary be made for next year with larger print used, and that the posters be ready to take samples to the National Convention next year.

CHAPTER PROGRAM OF WORK CHART

The officers studied this chart put out by the Chapter Supply Company, Danville, Illinois. Elson Powell suggested that the committee recommend this chart to chapters on trial basis and if it proves a success, it might be sent to them. This suggestion was seconded by Hansell Grooms and approved by the committee. After discussing how to recommend the chart, the committee decided to call this chart to the attention of the delegates at the State Convention.

The meeting closed at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Officers continued checking State Farmer Degree applications until noon.

Friday Afternoon - March 10, 1944

REPORT ON OFFICERS' VISITS

Officers reported on visits since December Executive Committee meeting. Oral reports were given by Thomas Nevin, Rex Locklar, Elson Powell and Hansell Grooms; written reports were turned in to be incorporated in a full report to be given at the State Convention.

Mr. Scarborough called attention to the following major items to be emphasized on officer visits for the remainder of the year:

b. Start talking Sentinel and election of local officers.
c. Emphasize training program for new officers.
   (1) Start in plenty of time to be accurate.
   (2) This is final report for State Better Chapter Contest.
d. Convention May 21st and night before if possible.
e. Summer FFA Activities.
STATE CONVENTION PLANS

The committee voted to have this a 15th Anniversary Program and to invite a National Officer and the State FHA President to appear on the convention program. It was decided that the president would prepare a letter to FHA President and that Mr. Scarborough would make arrangements for National Officer.

Officers' reports are to be completed in time for the Convention, and will be included in the officers' retiring addresses.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Activity Program

Mr. Scarborough stated that the DeKalb County District had been delegated to set up the State Activity Program for 1944-45.

Convention

To be discussed at Saturday morning meeting.

Forestry Program

Mr. Scarborough reported that no more trees were available under the Forestry Program. The State Chamber of Commerce reported that orders for 366,000 trees had been filled. About 100,000 more ordered after trees ran out. Alabama Future Farmers would have planted between five and six hundred thousand trees if they could have gotten them this year. Mr. Scarborough stated that before the Forestry Program was set up for another year, that such problems as routes for delivery of trees should be carefully considered and a plan set up before the program started.

Handbook

Report was read as follows:

"We the Handbook Committee recommend:

(1) Use better quality paper.
(2) Reduce dimensions so that cost will not rise.
(3) Have individual pictures of retiring officers.
(4) Add list of names and chapters of boys receiving State Farmer Degrees.

Respectfully submitted,
Numan Jacobs, Chairman"

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Report read as follows:

"(1) Due to war conditions and paper shortage keep the same size.
(2) When possible add more color.
(3) More project stories and pictures.
(4) Other than these suggestions, keep the paper the same.

Respectfully submitted,
Rex Locklar, Chairman"
Public Speaking Contest

Committee had no suggestions for improvement.

Chapter Contest

Committee had no suggestions for improvement.

Annual Chapter Report

Committee had no suggestions for improvement.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M. Officers resumed checking of State Farmer applications.

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Reviewed each application, approving, rejecting or questioning. Reviewed again all those questioned, finally agreeing on two groups - approved or rejected. Noted that our full quota of 130 applications were approved. Also, on the whole the applications were complete and in good shape.

Saturday Morning, March 11, 1944

The president called the meeting to order. Those present in addition to the regular Executive Committee were J. C. Cannon, S. L. Chesnutt, H. F. Gibson, T. L. Faulkner, R. W. Montgomery and L. L. Sellers.

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS

President asked Rex Locklar, vice president, to review what had been decided about the convention program, the two main ideas being that this year's convention would have 15th Anniversary theme for program, and would be held on the night of May 30th and the following day, May 31st, if possible.

Professor Chesnutt reported on arrangements for housing, saying that he thought it would be possible to engage Wittle Dormitory which would hold 200 boys, but will have to get rooms at boarding houses to take care of the rest of the crowd. Unless something unusual happens, these arrangements can be made. Mr. Cannon suggested that since this information was not certain that arrangements be left in charge of a committee to decide more definitely about this situation when more information could be had.

Elson Powell asked that the president appoint a committee to work out details of housing situation. This suggestion was seconded by Hansell Crooms and approved by the committee.
According to the latest report from the State Office, Vincent and Brilliant were the only two delinquent chapters in the State Association. Thomas Nevin asked the district supervisor of each chapter to give the committee some information concerning each chapter.

Mr. Gibson reported that Brilliant Chapter no longer had an adviser, the last adviser having been there only a few months.

Mr. Montgomery reported that the dues at Vincent Chapter had been collected and would be mailed immediately. The committee decided that the president should write the chapter president and the adviser, telling them of the committee's decision to set March 17th as a dead line; that if dues were not in at that time, the charter would be taken away; chapter would have to make a report of activities over several months before they could get back in, and in addition to this period of probation they would be charged $10.00.

STATE FARMER APPLICATIONS

The committee reported on applications accepted for recommendation to the House of Delegates for State Farmer Degree. It was mentioned that this is first year the State Association has reached its quota. It was noted in the applications that the big weakness this year was leadership activities. Of the 170 applications received, the Executive Committee will recommend 130 to the House of Delegates (the full quota for Alabama).

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Approved:

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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Treasurer

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Reporter

May 30, 1944