The Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America met in the offices of the Agricultural Education Department, Auburn, Alabama on Tuesday, June 5, 1945, at 1 p.m. Those present were: Thad Salmon, president; Wayne Thompson, vice president; Louie Chapman, secretary; Merrill Carlisle, treasurer; James Bouchillon, reporter; Clarice Beech, sentinel; L. L. Sellers, assistant adviser, and Mrs. Littleton.

The president called the meeting to order.

Honorary State Farmers

Mr. Sellers explained that it was the custom of the staff to select a few men each year who have contributed to vocational agriculture and the FFA. He read the list and explained who they were and what they had done. The president called for a motion and Louie Chapman recommended that the committee accept the recommendations for Honorary State Farmer degree. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The list of persons recommended by the Agricultural Education Staff to the Executive Committee to receive the degree of Honorary State Farmer were:

Teachers of vocational agriculture:
- J. H. McRae, Vernon Chapter
- J. C. Chisholm, West Limestone Chapter
- E. R. Gardner, Chatom chapter
- H. T. Pruett, Cullman Chapter
- O. G. Aldridge, Sardis Chapter
- D. P. Whitten, Center Chapter
- L. E. Porter, Blue Springs Chapter
- W. F. Knight, Ashford Chapter
- D. F. Holcombe, Millerville Chapter
- R. L. Griffin, Akron Chapter

Others recommended for the degree were:
- R. E. Moore, Superintendent Cullman County Schools
- E. V. Chapman, Principal Clarke County High School
- C. R. Welden, Superintendent Elmore County Schools
- Victor H. Wood, Superintendent Franklin County Schools
- Ben A. Greene, Editor, Tallassee Tribune, Tallassee

War Activities Summary

The president read the report from chapters on war activities for the year 1944-45. This report was discussed at length and compared with the record for the preceding year. Total bonds sold was below that of the previous year but was attributed to the Jeep Campaign sponsored in 1943-44.
Results of State Contests

Results of Public Speaking, Quartet and Better Chapter Contests were announced as follows:

Public Speaking:
First Place - Max McLaughlin, Blue Springs Chapter
Second Place - Hoyt Glover, Greensboro Chapter
Third Place - Donald Casey, Alexandria Chapter

Quartet:
First Place - Hanceville Chapter
Second Place - Pell City Chapter
Third Place - Beauregard Chapter
Fourth Place - Akron Chapter

Better Chapter:
First Place - Notasulga Chapter
Second Place - Sidney Lanier Chapter
Third Place - Elba Chapter
Honorable Mention: West Point, Vernon, Grove Hill, Susan Moore, Lexington, Samson, Wetumpka, Riverton, Northport, Town Creek, Oneonta, and Pell City.

Officers' Reports

Louie Chapman, secretary, outlined his report to be made at the convention. His report was discussed and suggestions made in order that other officers would know the type reports to be given at the convention.

Mr. Sellers asked for a report on officers' activities since the last Executive Committee meeting. This portion of each officer's activities is to be included in his final report to delegates in session.

Retirement of Officers for 1944-45

Mr. Sellers explained that the new officers elected for 1945-46 would take office immediately following their installation at the State Convention, and would serve through the next succeeding State Convention. This procedure is specifically stated in the Alabama FFA Handbook, Article IV, second paragraph on page 46.

Convention Plans

Taking the items of the convention program in order, President Salmon asked the officers to take the following assignments and be prepared to conduct that particular part of the program:

Seating of House of Delegates - Louie Chapman, secretary
Changes in Constitution - Merrill Carlisle, treasurer
Announcement of Contest Winners - Thad Salmon, president
Election of State Farmers - Wayne Thompson, vice president
Report of Nominating Committee - James Bouchillon, reporter

The president also announced that the State Program of Work for 1945-46 would be presented by David Kelley of the Brookwood Chapter who was a member of the committee appointed to draw up this program.
Discussion on procedure in carrying out the business to come before the delegates was thorough, and problems concerning each item were ironed out.

Interviewing Candidates for State Office

Mr. Sellers explained the form to be used in interviewing boys for State Office. It was decided that ten minutes would be given to each interview. Nineteen applications were submitted from chapters in the State, with only eleven applicants appearing for interview.

Mr. Cammack joined the committee and discussed briefly the duties of the officers in serving as the nominating committee for State Officers for 1945-46. He suggested, in addition, that the officers observe these vital points when judging the suitability of candidates for offices: (1) Forget about everything except the welfare of FFA; (2) Everything equal, officers should be distributed as widely as possible over the State; (3) find out what the candidate can contribute to FFA and let that be the determining feature; (4) he should be enrolled in vocational agriculture; (5) consider first, everything equal, the chapter that has never had an officer before as this would naturally serve as a stimulant to a chapter; (6) consider his military status, age, etc.; (7) consult the district supervisor concerned, as he can be very helpful in giving information concerning the candidate, his chapter, school, and adviser.

Mr. Cammack also announced that Mr. J. C. Cannon would be State Supervisor of Agricultural Education beginning July 1, 1945, and would automatically serve as State adviser for FFA in Alabama, and that Mr. Sellers would continue to act as assistant adviser for the year 1945-46.

In closing, he congratulated the outgoing officers on the splendid year's work accomplished, and asked that they choose officers who would keep the high standards set by FFA, or who would even make them higher.

Candidates Appearing for Interview

1. Homer Tate, Riverton Chapter
2. William Collins, Pine Apple Chapter
3. Lloyd Currier, Susan Moore Chapter
4. Joe Hughes, Geneva Chapter
5. Martin Cranford, Arab Chapter
6. Charles Stringfellow, Greenville Chapter
7. Abner Allred, Lincoln Chapter
8. Freddie Duke, West Point Chapter
9. Grant McIlwain, Chatom Chapter
10. Max McLaughlin, Blue Springs Chapter
11. Marlin Robinson, Susan Moore Chapter
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. until 4:10 p.m. when the committee would review nominations and interview candidates for State Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Approved:

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President

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Vice President

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Treasurer

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Reporter

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Sentinel

Date June 6, 1945