MINUTES
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION F.P.A.
AUBURN, ALABAMA, MARCH 9, 1945

The third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America for the year 1944-45 was held in the offices of the Agricultural Education Department, Auburn, Alabama, on Friday, March 9, 1945, at 7:30 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 committee spent the afternoon approving applications for the State Farmer degree, a few of which were still under consideration. On motion by Merrill Carlisle, seconded and approved, the committee authorized the Agricultural Education staff to select the remaining applicants for the degree. Honorary State Farmers are to be recommended by the staff to the committee at their meeting preceding the State Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The president called the meeting to order and asked for the following reports from committee chairmen appointed at the last meeting:

Handbook

"The Handbook Committee, composed of FFA members from Reeltown, Wetumpka, and Notasulga, met in the Wetumpka Vocational Building, March 3, 1945, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. With unanimous approval, the committee made the following recommendations for the improvement of the Alabama FFA Handbook:

1. The next handbook be made in the same small convenient size.
2. The same form should be used in placing the State Activity Program in the handbook as is required by local chapters. (Name of State officer responsible for each activity placed in column for committees).
3. Committees listed on page 24 should correspond with the committees in the Program of Work. Various temporary committees would then come under these major committees.
4. Rules of the Chapter, Public Speaking, and Quartet contests should be in the handbook.
5. The name of the adviser be placed under the name of the chapter in the section where chapters are listed according to membership.
   a. Instead of having three columns for chapter membership for three years, have chapter membership for two years and one column show the percentage of boys taking Vocational Agriculture that are FFA members for each chapter.
   b. Have stars designating chapters that are new and those without advisers. (One star for new chapters and two for those without advisers.)
6. The section on officers' duties be left as is.
7. The record and report calendar have added to it another column, or leave out the File or Bulletin Board so that when report is made he may check opposite it. Opposite each name of report should be the officer responsible for the report.
8. On page 4 officers' addresses should be directly below his visiting area instead of at the top.
9. To the summary of State Activities should be added the result of the FFA Quartet Contest.
10. To the official supplies and equipment page should be added the prices of the most essential items, such as manuals, letterheads, degree pins and keys, official books, etc.
11. Those items which the committee agreed should be added to the handbook were:
   - 45-46 calendar on inside back cover
   - Creed on inside front cover
   - Purposes and motto on back cover
   - Insert pictures of next State officers
   - Insert page on chapter finance
   - Opening and closing ceremony.

Merrill Carlisle, Chairman

Forestry

Committee recommends that the section of the State Activity Program on Forestry under Cooperative Activities read:

**Goal**

"2. Every chapter participate in FFA Forestry Program.

**Ways and Means**

a. Every chapter have demonstration plot.
   b. 10% of chapter members set 1000 pines each.
   c. Every chapter stress selective cutting, fire prevention, and value of timber."

Clarice Beech, Chairman

Public Speaking

The committee recommends:

1. Under each contest, rule 1, instead of "Will be held...", change to "Must be held..." in the particular months concerned.
2. Under Chapter Contest, rule 4, change to read "Three copies of winner's manuscript must be sent to adviser holding district contest....".
3. Add to each contest the statement, "In case winner is not able to compete in the next contest, then the winner of second place will be designated winner and will represent the chapter."

Wayne Thompson, Chairman

Thad Salmon suggested that in addition to the above, that rules be changed to include only one date, and that the phrase "postmarked not later than" be inserted before the date used.

The committee added to the above the recommendation that no speaker be considered who has not had at least two or three competitors in the contest concerned and that automatic winners be eliminated from all contests. Also,
that where possible, at least three speakers be in each contest; and third, that in the case of all contests, that judges not be allowed to leave the room, but that each judge render his decision on the basis of his notes and opinion.

**Quartet Contest**

For improving the Quartet contest the committee recommends:

1. Under "Rules", No. 1, changed to read "Each quartet must be prepared to sing two songs, one of which must be "Hail the FFA".
2. Under "Judging", No. 1, to read " Appropriateness of songs selected by chapter".

Wayne Thompson, Chairman

On motion by Merrill Carlisle, seconded and approved, the committee added to the above recommendations for the Quartet contest that a minimum of two quartets must be in each contest to be held at the same time the public speaking contest is held.

**Better Chapter Contest**

The committee had no suggestions for improving the rules and regulations for this contest.

**Convention Arrangements**

Since the Executive Committee would not be in session again before the convention plans would be made, the committee authorized Thad Salmon, president, to meet with the Agricultural Education staff to make all arrangements, including setting a suitable date some time between the first and fifteenth of June.

Three essential items of business of delegates in convention essential to the continuation of State Association activities are: (1) Election of Officers for 1945-46, (2) election of boys to State Farmer degree, and (3) adoption of State Program of Work for 1945-46. Convention attendance is to be held under fifty persons. Those attending would include delegates, candidates for State Office, members of Executive Committee.

Clarice Beech suggested that the Agricultural Education staff be given the authority to arrange chapters in the State into districts from which 20 delegates would be selected to represent the 184 chapters in the State. This motion was approved by the committee.

Clarice Beech proposed that the Executive Committee meeting preceding the Convention begin at 1 o'clock p.m. the day before, and that State Officer candidates be in Auburn the night before the convention in order that the committee would have ample time to interview each candidate. This interview would start at six o'clock the night before the convention proper.

It was decided that the State Final Public Speaking contest be held before the Convention at some school centrally located for the contestants who will participate. This would eliminate some members who would attend the convention and at the same time afford a better audience for the speakers. This contest is to be scheduled during the first part of May. This date and place is to be set by the staff along with arrangements for the convention.
NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

Fifteen chapter programs of work were sent in to the National Office to be entered in the National Chapter Contest. Two of these fifteen chapters will be chosen at the end of the year to send in a report on accomplishments.

FORESTRY PROGRAM

Mr. Sellers announced that the State Chamber of Commerce had filled orders for 500,000 pine seedlings for members of FFA chapters.

OFFICER VISITS

Each officer reported on visits to chapters in his district since the December meeting.

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS

Mr. Sellers reported that all chapters on probation had sent in the necessary material to put them in good standing with the association.

Travel by State Officers for the remainder of the year will be limited to stay within the balance of $111.06 remaining in the budget set aside for this purpose.

President Salmon asked members of the committee to review the Minutes of the first Executive Committee meeting for schedule of articles for the Alabama Future Farmer. He also asked that suggestions from officers for the convention program be sent him by May 1, in order that he might proceed with the program arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Reporter

Sentinel

Date June 5, 1945

Secretary