

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDENT
OFFICERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Washington, D. C.
July 27-30, 1954

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4282, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building, Washington, D. C., by David Boyne, National President. Those present included Charles Ritter, Southern Vice President; Walker James, North Atlantic Vice President; John Schultheis, Pacific Vice President; Harlan Rigney, Central Vice President; Hunt Zumwalt, Student Secretary; Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor; and Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, presented a page proof of the Fall Catalogue. This was reviewed by the Board and it was the sense of the group that the catalogue was satisfactory.

The North Dakota Association requested that Christmas Cards be made available through the Supply Service. After due consideration of a large number of sample cards, it was moved by Harlan Rigney, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend one single card and two assortments--Nos. 50 and 650. It was the understanding of the Board of Student Officers that these cards would be available for purchase by State Associations, chapters and members, and that the cards would bear the emblem of the organization and lettering as desired.

A letter was read from a teacher of vocational agriculture in California who requested authorization to use the FFA emblem or parts thereof on pocketbooks which he was hand carving and selling. It was moved by Walker James, seconded by Charles Ritter and carried, that the Board of Student Officers not recommend approval of the request of the teacher to manufacture and sell pocketbooks bearing the emblem.

Dr. Spanton read a letter from an insurance firm in Kansas City, Missouri, offering to insure all of those in attendance at the National Convention. It was moved by Hunt Zumwalt, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board not recommend the acceptance of this insurance policy.

A discussion was held concerning the Tenth Anniversary of the Future Farmers of America Foundation. It was moved by John Schultheis, seconded by Hunt Zumwalt and carried, that the FFA give an appropriate plaque with a metal emblem to the men who have served as chairmen of the Sponsoring Committee of the Foundation.

Each of the National FFA Officers made a report on visits to State Conventions.

Dr. Spanton made a report on the protection of the FFA Emblem. It was moved by John Schultheis, seconded by Walker James and carried, that the Board recommend to the Board of Directors that action be taken as soon as possible to have the Federal Charter amended to protect the FFA Emblem.

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Dr. Howard presented the report of the National Treasurer.

Dr. Howard explained that the FFA held two - \$5,000 bonds which had matured. He suggested that they be reinvested by purchasing two - \$5,000 bonds; three - \$100 bonds; and one - \$25 bond.

It was moved by Charles Ritter, seconded by Walker James and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend that the two - \$5,000 bonds be reinvested as recommended by Dr. Howard.

The proposed budget for the FFA for 1954-55 was reviewed briefly.

It was moved by Walker James, seconded by Hunt Zumwalt and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend this budget be accepted. It was moved by Harlan Rigney, seconded by Walker James and carried, that the above motion be amended by adding, "that the contingent fund not be spent unless authorization is given by the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers."

Walker James reviewed with the Board applications from the North Atlantic Region for the American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Walker James, seconded by Hunt Zumwalt and carried, that the Board recommend that one candidate from the North Atlantic Region be rejected and all other candidates from that Region receive the Degree.

Mr. Walter B. Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company was introduced.

It was moved by Harlan Rigney, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend that the Balfour Company be permitted to manufacture officer pins for Chaplain and Parliamentarian.

Mr. Anderson showed several new type attachments for charms. It was decided that action be postponed on the new type attachments until samples were submitted of a small pin with the letters "FFA".

It was moved by John Schultheis, seconded by Hunt Zumwalt and carried, that the Board recommend that all candidates for the American Farmer Degree from the Pacific Region be approved.

It was moved by Charles Ritter, seconded by Hunt Zumwalt and carried, that the Board recommend that two candidates from the Southern Region applying for the American Farmer Degree be rejected and that all other candidates receive the Degree.

It was moved by Harlan Rigney, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board recommend that one candidate from the Central Region applying for the American Farmer Degree be rejected and that all other candidates receive the Degree.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

July 29, 1954

The meeting was called to order in Dr. Spanton's office at 9:00 a.m., all members of the Board being present with the exception of Walker James, North Atlantic Vice President.

Mr. Lano Barron, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER, appeared before the Board and presented the Second Annual Report of the Magazine for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954. This report was broken down into the following categories: Circulation; Advertising; Editorial, and The Financial Report.

Mr. Barron stated that subscriptions for 1953-54 totaled 146,777 with 35 State Offices collecting subscriptions, as compared to 114,982 in 1952-53 with 27 State Offices collecting. He reported that Texas has just announced 100% participation in magazine subscriptions during 1954-55. This will mean 37,000 new subscriptions. North Carolina is expecting 100% participation, with 20,000 subscriptions. Mr. Barron stated that the one problem in the circulation picture is in securing the full and correct addresses of subscribers. A recent check on a sparsely settled State revealed that 59 addresses had been submitted where post offices did not exist. The magazine staff does everything possible to see that the magazines reach the boys. Stencils, made by the printer directly from the subscription orders, are proofed by both the printer and the magazine staff before mailing, and again by the magazine staff on all returns. In spite of this, some boys apparently are not receiving their magazines--possibly because they fail to give box numbers and rural routes. It is hoped that some slight changes being made in the subscription order form for 1954-55 will be of some help in correcting this situation. It was suggested that the four Regional Representatives on the Board of Directors write to the State Supervisors in their respective Regions concerning the importance of furnishing complete addresses of subscribers--so the Supervisors, in turn, can inform their teachers of vocational agriculture.

Advertising in the magazine for 1953-54 netted \$66,253.17, as compared to \$45,158.61 in 1952-53, and it is hoped that it will be still higher during 1954-55.

Mr. Barron reported that on the basis of a recent survey, each issue of The National FUTURE FARMER is being read by three-quarter million people.

The Financial Report for The National FUTURE FARMER for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954, and the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955, were reviewed in detail. Mr. Barron said that the "travel" item in the Proposed Budget for 1954-55 had been increased, since it was considered essential to secure additional advertising, as that is the main source of revenue for the operation of the magazine.

It was moved by Hunt Zumwalt, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the Second Annual Report of The National FUTURE FARMER, and the Proposed Budget for 1954-55, be accepted.

Mr. Barron was asked concerning the deadline date for subscriptions for the Fall issue of the magazine, in line with discussion during the January Board Meeting relative to advancing the printing dates for the magazine. Mr. Barron replied that after conferring with the advertising agencies, it was decided that such a change would be inadvisable at the present time. Therefore, the magazine will continue to be published in October, January, April, and July. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Barron stated that he hopes to be able to increase yearly issues of the magazine to six in the not too distant future. He thought our present advertisers would be agreeable to a six-issue magazine, and that January 1, 1956 might be the logical time to make such a change.

In view of the fact that the Minutes of the January meeting of the Board of Directors, which have been sent to all the States, contained information to the effect that the publication dates of the magazine were to be advanced to September, December, March, and June, it was moved by Hunt Zumwalt, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that Dr. Spanton be authorized to write to the States, explaining the reasons for the decision not to change the publication dates of the magazine at the present time.

Dr. Spanton next presented a plan for acquainting the general public with The National FUTURE FARMER on trains and airplanes through the country. He suggested that the FFA Foundation might purchase large folders, bearing an emblem of the FFA and the words "The National FUTURE FARMER" in which the latest issues of the magazine could be placed for the enjoyment of passengers on the trains and planes. He suggested that these subscriptions could be paid for by the FFA Foundation, since attention would be drawn to the advertisements of donors to the Foundation and other companies. Dr. Tenney suggested a trial run on one of the major

railways, to see how it might work out. Mr. Barron reported that he had talked with a representative of Capital Airlines about this plan. Magazines to be placed on their planes are usually selected by Board action. However, after reviewing issues of The National FUTURE FARMER, the Capital Airlines representative stated he would be glad to put this magazine on their planes, without any Board action. Mr. Farrar thought this matter should be handled as an FFA activity, rather than through the FFA Foundation. After further discussion, it was decided to investigate the cost of such a venture and submit something concrete to the Board members during their January meeting.

Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, was present and reviewed the Operating Statement of the Supply Service for the Year Ended June 30, 1954. The total sales for this period were \$756,004.28 which represents about an 8 percent increase as compared to a year ago. Shipping costs continue to rise, being 34 percent above that of a year ago. Fortunately, the FFA Supply Service has been able to absorb some of these extra costs through the use of economy measures. The net profit amounted to \$38,785.71; however, the States have not yet been given their grant on sales for this year. Mr. Hawkins also presented a Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1954 through June 30, 1955. This Budget showed a Sales Forecast amounting to \$800,000 with an Estimated Net Profit of \$50,036.

It was moved by Charles Ritter, seconded by Hunt Zumwalt and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the Operating Statement of the Future Farmers Supply Service for the Year Ended June 30, 1954, and the Proposed Budget for July 1, 1954 through June 30, 1955, be accepted.

Mr. Hawkins presented a list of the items sold at the Supply Service during the past year, the main item being the Official FFA Jacket, with 57,429 sold. He next presented a chart showing dollar sales volume, by States. This chart was inspected by members of the Board, and it was suggested that a chart be prepared next year showing dollar sales volume based on percentage of membership, by States. It was thought that such a chart would present a truer picture of sales.

Mr. Hawkins reported that he had been working on a new type metal outdoor sign which could be purchased by FFA Chapters for road marking. A sample sign was shown, on which the FFA Emblem was larger than on the old sign, the border had been removed, and the words "Future Farmers of America" did not appear. Considerable discussion followed. Harlan Rigney thought the words "Future Farmers of America" should appear on the new sign. It was pointed out, however, that civic club signs along the highways use only the emblem of the organization to identify the sign, and space was provided at the bottom of the sign for chapter lettering. David Boyne inquired if the old sign would be discontinued, if the new one is developed, and Mr. Hawkins replied that the old sign could be used as a camp, chapter, or shop sign.

It was moved by Harlan Rigney, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the Manager of the Supply Service be authorized to have the new sign manufactured, together with letter decals to be used by FFA Chapters as desired.

Mr. Hawkins next presented a request from the West Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America for the Supply Service to stock Station Markers made from cardboard. He showed a sample which had been sent to him from West Virginia and which had been in use for many years. The wool felt station markers now stocked by the Supply Service sell for \$23 a set, and the State of West Virginia would like to be able to purchase cardboard station markers which would be much cheaper. Mr. Hawkins expressed a willingness to develop something along this line if the Board members approved.

It was moved by John Schultheis, seconded by Hunt Zumwalt and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to look into the matter of developing cardboard station markers and report his findings to the Board members at their January meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the wide variety of items being carried by the FFA Supply Service--and in particular the amount of business being done in Sweetheart Jackets. It was pointed out that the Pacific Region takes the stand that this item does not represent a student or Future Farmer activity and that it should not be carried by the Supply Service. Sales on this item alone amounted to over 2,200 jackets last year, to say nothing of sales of compacts, bracelets, etc. Members of the Board of Student Officers seemed to feel that the Sweetheart Contest has become so established in many States that the sweetheart jackets will continue to be purchased from some other source--if not the FFA Supply Service.

It was moved by Charles Ritter, seconded by Harlan Rigney and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that no action be taken at this time to remove any of the "Sweetheart" items from the catalogue of the FFA Supply Service.

Mr. Hawkins reported that a new, lightweight jacket for Advisors, to sell for \$5.95, is now available and will be listed in the new FFA Supply Service Catalogue. It will have a small emblem and the word "Advisor".

This led to a discussion concerning the possibility of furnishing a lightweight jacket for members of the FFA. Complaints have been received, especially from the Southern States, that the corduroy jackets are much too warm for summer wear. Samples of jackets in other materials were shown, but the National Officers were of the opinion that the official jacket should continue to be made of corduroy. Several suggestions were offered--one being that the corduroy jacket might be considered the official jacket from September to May, with a lightweight jacket for summer. Another suggestion was that the boys wear white shirts with the

FFA emblem, during the summer months. Dr. Tenney suggested that Mr. Hawkins contact some of the manufacturers and ask them to send samples of materials in two or three weights, in the proper color and send the samples to the convention to compare with the corduroy.

Mr. Hawkins stated that about a year ago, the Board recommended to discontinue the sale of denim jackets and trousers at the Supply Service when the stock was depleted. He stated that the denim jacket is a very popular item--630 having been sold during the past year. Mr. Hawkins said that he continues to receive orders for these jackets, but is running out of certain sizes. Because of the popularity of these jackets, and since the Lee Company is one of the donors to the FFA Foundation, he would like to have the Board reconsider its previous action concerning denim jackets.

After some discussion, it was moved by Charles Ritter, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to stock denim jackets again at the Supply Service.

Dr. Spanton reported on the progress of the possibility of moving the magazine offices to the University of Maryland. This move seems remote at present, due to certain conditions which have arisen at the University, necessitating other provisions for office space for the magazine staff.

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers, Mr. Hawkins was instructed to secure figures on the approximate cost of a permanent-type building at the Camp, to house the magazine and the FFA Supply Service. Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Barron gave a joint report on their findings. They displayed a drawing (which had been prepared by Mr. Barron) of a proposed two-story structure with basement, to be built of brick veneer with asphalt tile floors, and patterned on the architectural style of Mt. Vernon and Woodlawn. It is proposed that the Supply Service occupy the first floor with the stockroom in the basement, and the magazine offices be on the second floor. The present buildings could then be used for storage and warehouses. The drawing showed a first section, with a second section which could be added later, to conform with the architectural design. The proposed first section would be 88' x 32'. One builder's estimate of cost was \$45,000 to \$50,000--and another ran to \$69,000. Some thought perhaps it would be better to proceed with the complete unit, rather than build one section which might prove to be inadequate, and then have to build a second section soon thereafter. It was not known what the complete unit would cost, but it would probably be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Considerable discussion developed as to how such a building could be financed, the value of the land, etc.

It was moved by John Schultheis, seconded by Charles Ritter and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Barron be authorized to secure the services of an architect to draw up plans for a complete unit on the present site of the FFA Camp, and submit this report to the two Boards at their January meeting.

The next matter to be considered was the payment of grants to the States from the FFA Supply Service. There was some discussion concerning this--whether or not it should be continued, whether the States actually desire it, etc. Mr. Hawkins said he would like to recommend payment of a 2 percent grant this year, with the other 1 percent to go into a reserve fund. It was suggested that perhaps the grants should be discontinued and the money placed in a building fund instead. It was felt, however, that the States should be notified a year in advance before the grants were entirely cut off. Dr. Tenney remarked that several States have been using the money received from this grant for expenses incurred in sending boys to Kansas City to participate in the National Band and Chorus.

It was moved by Hunt Zumwalt, seconded by Harlan Rigney and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that a grant to the States from the FFA Supply Service be continued this year in the amount of 2 percent with an additional 1 percent to be placed in a reserve fund; that the States be advised that this grant will be discontinued next year and the money be put into a building fund.

Dr. Tenney raised the question as to what should be done about the sum of \$17,500 which had been loaned by the FFA Supply Service to the National Organization. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Hunt Zumwalt, seconded by Harlan Rigney and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the \$17,500 loaned by the Future Farmers Supply Service to the Future Farmers of America be considered a grant to the FFA Organization.

Dr. Spanton read a letter from The Green Company, Inc., of Kansas City, Missouri, in which they presented a proposal for becoming an official supplier of jewelry for the FFA Organization.

It was moved by John Schultheis, seconded by Hunt Zumwalt and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the Manager of the FFA Supply Service be authorized to obtain competitive bids on all official FFA jewelry from various jewelry manufacturing companies, sometime between now and January 1, with the understanding that the distribution to FFA members would be taken over by the FFA Supply Service, beginning in 1955. Mr. Hawkins is to report to the two Boards at their January meeting.

The next matter to be considered was the suggestion that each State be limited to recommending one, and only one, candidate for a National Office. It was pointed out that this would greatly aid the Nominating Committee in its work. After careful consideration of the matter, it was moved by Charles Ritter, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that each State be limited to recommending one, and only one, candidate for a National Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Dr. Spanton told briefly what had taken place in connection with the lawsuit. He then read two proposed amendments to the Federal Charter. The members of the Board of Student Officers recommended approval of these amendments.

Dr. Spanton explained a proposed plan for retirement benefits for employees of the Future Farmers of America. This plan was not ready for any definite action to be taken.

Dr. Tenney read the list of the twenty-five teachers of vocational agriculture who had earned the highest number of points toward receiving the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by John Schultheis, seconded by Harlan Rigney and carried, that the following teachers be recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1954:

C. S. Brock, Greenville, Illinois
Clyde E. Fry, Clinton, Illinois
J. A. Twardock, 1410 W. Green Street, Champaign, Illinois
Neil E. Johnston, Box 67, Clarinda, Iowa
R. H. Hoberg, Ortonville, Minnesota
J. H. Tschetter, 907 Albion Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota
L. C. Schank, Fallon, Nevada
James G. Jones, Granite Quarry, North Carolina
Isaac H. Kearney, Route 2, Lexington, North Carolina
Marvin W. Mangum, Route 1, Monroe, North Carolina
Ralph Foltz, Bremen, Ohio
George Krill, Ashland, Ohio
Harold W. Moorhead, Sycamore, Ohio
Roy A. Fordyce, North East, Pennsylvania
J. F. Brown, Whitney, Texas
M. R. Henslee, Luling, Texas
J. R. Jackson, College Station, Texas
L. E. Stone, Mt. Pleasant, Texas
Richmond A. Young, Randolph Center, Vermont
Harvey D. Seal, Ashland, Virginia
Ted Britten, 129 Avenue B, Snohomish, Washington
J. Arthur Johnson, Ellensburg, Washington
Chester Lybecker, Walla Walla, Washington
J. O. Beadle, Galesville, Wisconsin
T. R. Lathrope, Reedsburg, Wisconsin

A discussion was held concerning the advisability of continuing the policy of not presenting the Honorary American Farmer Degree in absentia. It was moved by Charles Ritter, seconded by Harlan Rigney and carried, that the Board recommend the practice used in the past to award the Honorary American Farmer Degree to business men only if they attend the Convention and that they not be permitted to send a substitute. The Degree, however, will be conferred upon teachers of vocational agriculture, State Supervisors of Agricultural Education and Teacher Trainers regardless of whether they can attend the Convention or not.

It was moved by Harlan Rigney, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board recommend the following men receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1954:

Frank Atwood, Farm Program Director, Station WTIC, Hartford,
Connecticut
Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
State Department of Education, Tallahassee, Florida
(President, National Council of Chief State School Officers)
L. C. Dalton, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education,
Box 98, State College, New Mexico
Henry Ford, II, President, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan
J. C. Haynes, Director of Public Relations, Sears, Roebuck and
Company, Atlanta, Georgia
A. D. P. Heeney, Ambassador, Canadian Embassy, Washington, D. C.
George H. Hurt, Acting Director, Vocational Agricultural Education,
Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas
Robert D. McMillen, Assistant to the Secretary, U. S. Department
of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
Don Moeller, Agricultural Research Department, Swift & Company,
Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Illinois
Alexander Nunn, Executive Editor, "The Progressive Farmer",
Birmingham, Alabama
W. A. Roberts, President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
John A. Snell, State Director of Agricultural Education, State
Department of Education, Augusta, Maine
George E. Taylor, Director of Agricultural Development, United
States Rubber Company, New York, New York
Morris T. Warner, Staunton Novelty Company, Staunton, Virginia
F. A. Wirt, Advertising Manager, J. I. Case Company, Racine,
Wisconsin

(Fathers of National Officers)

Neil C. Boyne, Marlette, Michigan
F. Ray Zumwalt, Box 55, Artesia, New Mexico
C. W. Ritter, Route 2, Amory, Mississippi
Stanley James, RD 1, Orwell, Vermont
Andrew Schultheis, Colton, Washington
Thomas B. Rigney, Red Oak, Illinois

(Fathers of Star Farmers)

John P. Wright, Alamo, Nevada
Jay L. Mattes, Allen, Nebraska
J. P. Henry, Hope Hull, Alabama

A discussion was held concerning whether the superintendents of the judging contests who had served three years should receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Harlan Rigney, seconded by Charles Ritter and carried, that the Board recommend this practice be discontinued and that these men not receive the Degree.

Dr. Spanton read a letter from Mr. Sutliff, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education in New York, concerning changes he thought should be made in the application for teachers of vocational agriculture applying for the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was decided to give this application a year's trial. The members of the Board of Directors could canvass the States and at the next meeting this could be discussed.

David Boyne spoke on the International Exchange Program and the reactions he received while in Great Britain. He said the officials of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain were in favor of the exchange program and were pleased with the FFA members who had been sent to Great Britain. He said that they wanted to increase the number of exchange students. David recommended that the Board consider increasing the number of exchange students for this coming year to four, and that if possible the length of the program be extended to four months. He felt that if the FFA did not want to send four members to Great Britain, two could be sent there as in the past and two members could be sent to some other foreign country.

It was moved by Charles Ritter, seconded by John Schultheis and carried, that the Board recommend that the FFA increase the number of foreign exchange students to four--one from each region--beginning in June 1955.

Dr. Tenney reviewed plans for the coming National FFA Convention, and presented the following list of men to be considered to serve as judges for the National Public Speaking Contest:

Robert D. McMillen
Charles B. Schuman
Jesse T. Anderson

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Frank Jenks
J. M. McCain

Ralph L. Foster

He then distributed copies of the National FFA Program of Work for 1954-55 and also copies of A Guide for Use of Local FFA Chapters in Developing Programs of Work. He requested that the Board members review these Programs of Work when they returned home and either send him their suggestions or bring them to the meeting at Kansas City.

He asked which of these Programs of Work should go before the committee at the National Convention. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the National Program of Work should be a special report made before the Convention and the Guide should be referred to the committee.

Dr. Spanton read a letter from Mr. Luke Kelly, Executive Secretary of the Michigan Association, in which Mr. Kelly told of the problem they are facing with the increased number of qualified candidates for the State Farmer Degree because of the limitation of 2 percent of the total State membership. Mr. Kelly stated that the Michigan Association proposed that the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors place on the agenda at the National Convention the following amendment to the National FFA Constitution:

Amend Article V, Section D, Paragraph 9, by striking out "2%" and substituting "3%". That portion of the sentence would then read, ". . . . where State membership exceeds 500, a number in excess of ten, but not more than 3% of the total State membership, may be elected (fractions counted to the nearest whole number)."

It was agreed that the States would be notified of this proposed amendment immediately and that it would be placed on the agenda for the October meeting of the Board.

Dr. Tenney reviewed the American Farmer Application for 1954-55. A few changes were made in the application and it was agreed that this not be printed until after it had been reviewed by the committee at the National Convention.

Mr. Hansucker presented a plan for the National FFA Chapter Contest.

It was moved by Hunt Zumwalt, seconded by Charles Ritter and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend the plan presented by Mr. Hansucker regarding the National FFA Chapter Contest be approved. This plan included the establishment of minimum standards for chapter achievement for national awards. Revised rules, awards and standards for the chapter contest to be submitted to the Boards in Kansas City for final review and recommendations to the delegates at the Convention.

It was moved by John Schultheis, seconded by Harlan Rigney and carried, that the Board recommend that \$250 be spent for complimentary subscriptions to The National FUTURE FARMER magazine.

The proposed budget for the FFA for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954 and ending June 30, 1955 was again presented.

It was moved by Hunt Zumwalt, seconded by Charles Ritter and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend the proposed budget as corrected for 1954-55 be approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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