

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARDS OF STUDENT OFFICERS AND
DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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The meeting of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the FFA was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room G-755 of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Those present included:

1. Board of Directors--Mr. John Bunten, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Carson City, Nevada; Mr. H. E. Wood, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Tallahassee, Florida; Mr. H. M. McDonald, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Baltimore, Maryland, and Mr. Warren G. Weiler, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Columbus, Ohio; in addition, Mr. E. J. Johnson; Mr. H. N. Hunsicker; Mr. R. E. Naugher; and Dr. A. W. Tenney, National FFA Executive Secretary, all of the Office of Education. Dr. D. J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Richmond, Virginia, and National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, was also present and gave the Report of the National Treasurer.

2. Board of Student Officers--William D. Gunter, Jr., National President; Jay Wright, Pacific Vice President; Robert H. Futrelle, Southern Vice President; Lowell Gisselbeck, Central Vice President; Charles W. Anken, North Atlantic Vice President; L. Philip Brouillette, Student Secretary.

IT WAS MOVED BY JAY WRIGHT, seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck and carried that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and accept them as mimeographed and distributed. THE MOTION WAS THEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS without opposition.

The Chairman then stated that it had been agreed at previous meetings that the first items of business would be submitted by members of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors. With this in mind, he then asked for reports from the States. Mr. Bunten stated that he had a letter from practically every State in the Pacific Region in answer to four questions that he had asked them. One question was relative to increasing the membership on the FFA Board of Directors, a second question was relative to increasing the number of delegates at the National Convention, the third question was in relation to the National Chapter Contest, and the fourth was concerned with the erection of a new headquarters building for the FFA Supply Service and National Magazine. Mr. Bunten stated that without exception the Pacific Region was in favor of housing the Supply Service and Magazine in more permanent buildings, and also without exception, they were in favor of using the grants, that had been previously made to the States by the FFA Supply Service, to finance the building. Again, without exception, he stated that the Pacific Region was in favor of increasing membership on the Board of Directors by adding four or five additional members, but also, without exception, they desired to have these additional members to be the same persons as those who serve on the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

In addition he stated that he had a lot of criticisms on various items that are used to select the outstanding chapters in the National Chapter Contest. The most common criticism that he had received was with regard to the mandatory provisions relative to certain items handled by the Supply Service being included as items with which it was compulsory for the chapter to be supplied in order to qualify for the highest ranking in the Chapter Contest. For example, he stated that the States felt that it was a good idea for the boys to have jackets, the calendar, and the magazine, but he did not feel that these items should be mandatory, in order for their chapter to be rated as a Superior Chapter.

Mr. Naugher then raised the question as to whether or not action had not been taken previously, deleting these items as mandatory requirements, and making them optional items instead. He stated that in his opinion, a notice had been sent out to that effect. Dr. Spanton said this was true, and the new forms for reporting would include these changes.

Mr. Bunten then stated that the matter of increasing the number of delegates at the National Convention was recommended by only one State from the Pacific Region. All of the other States desired to continue with two official delegates for the reason that they felt that adding additional delegates would make the convention unwieldy. Mr. Naugher then stated that a summary of the situation had been prepared in the National Office with regard to increasing the number of delegates in the several States, and it was learned as a result of this study that if the change were made in the Constitution to increase the number of delegates according to the formula that had been suggested, there would be only a total of 150 delegates attending the National Convention instead of the 100 as at present. Dr. Spanton then pointed out that no one region would be able to have a majority vote of the entire delegation. Mr. Naugher indicated that while that was true, in most organizations, they have delegates based on the number of members. He stated that the proposal as submitted was to provide for one additional delegate for each 5000 members or major fraction thereof. Dr. Spanton then stated that it is unfair to those States that have a large membership to limit them to the same number of delegates that Rhode Island has when Rhode Island doesn't have as many members in the whole State as there may be in one school in some of the other States. He stated that he would be willing as National Advisor to recommend that the National FFA Constitution be amended to increase the number of delegates at the National Convention according to the formula listed above, providing Public Law 740 is amended simultaneously to properly protect the name and emblem of the Future Farmers of America and provide a majority representation on the Board of Directors from the several States. This would give the majority control of the Organization to the States. Mr. Naugher then stated that this matter was discussed at considerable length at the Southern Regional Conference, and it was his understanding that it was the unanimous agreement of the State Supervisors at that meeting, when they were meeting in Executive Session, that it might be desirable to consider changing the Constitution to provide a better distribution of delegates at the Convention. He stated that South Carolina had indicated a willingness to submit an amendment to the Constitution to provide for adding delegates to the National Convention on the basis of one additional delegate for each 5000 members or major fraction thereof over the first 5,000 members.

Mr. Weiler then reported that he had written to all of the States in his region for suggestions and found that the supervisors did not seem to have any strong convictions one way or the other, about the number of delegates, but added that they didn't see why any changes in the FFA Constitution should be made, since things had progressed fairly well without such changes. He indicated that some felt that it would just add to the expense. Mr. Weiler then asked the Board of Student Officers for an opinion as to how they thought the delegates at the National Convention would feel about the matter. Jay Wright of Nevada indicated that the entire matter would have to be determined by the delegate body. The Chairman then stated that under the Constitution, some State would have to submit a proposal, 60 days prior to the Convention, in the form of an amendment to the FFA Constitution. It then has to be mimeographed and sent to every State, so that the State Advisor can inform the two delegates from his State in regard to this proposed amendment. He indicated that without objection, the matter would be left standing until the meeting in Kansas City, and in the meantime, we would know whether such a proposed amendment had been submitted. The necessary action could then be taken as to whether it should be recommended favorably or unfavorably to the delegate body.

The group then resumed their discussion of the Chapter Contest. They immediately started to review the entire score card for rating this Contest and made changes in it from time to time upon the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers and action of the Board of Directors. The revised form will be printed and distributed in the fall of 1955 for use during the school year of 1955-56.

Dr. D. J. Howard, the National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, then reviewed the report of the Certified Public Accountants, item by item, explaining various items as questions were raised by members of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors. He indicated that the Supply Service is not included as a part of the audit of the FFA, but is audited separately. Dr. Howard stated that the funds of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are kept in one of the strongest banks in the State of Virginia, and that both he and Mrs. Coiner, his secretary, are bonded, and the books are audited annually by Leech, Calkins, and Scott, Certified Public Accountants of Richmond, Virginia. He indicated that the real net worth of the FFA at the present time amounts to \$163,083.16. Dr. Howard then suggested to the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors that all FFA property and FFA assets be appraised, in order that they may be adjusted to current valuations.

A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck, and carried, recommending to the Board of Directors that the land and buildings now owned by the Future Farmers of America near Mount Vernon, together with their total assets, be appraised at an early date. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MR. NAUGHLER, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be approved.

Dr. Howard then proceeded to go through the balance of the audit as made by the Certified Public Accountants.

A discussion was had concerning National Office expenses, including salaries of FFA employees. Dr. Spanton explained that an attempt has been made to keep the persons who are on the payroll of the FFA in the same relative Civil Service grades as Government employees even though they are employed by the FFA. He indicated that since the salaries of all Government employees had recently been raised $7\frac{1}{2}$ percent, retroactive to March 1, that this item could not be contemplated when the FFA budget for last year was drawn up, and accordingly this item has been overspent somewhat during the current year.

Dr. Howard asked that he be given authority to consult with the State Auditor in Virginia and destroy all canceled checks, which the State Auditor feels would no longer be needed.

IT WAS THEN MOVED BY LOWELL GISSELBECK, seconded by Jay Wright and carried that Dr. Howard be given such authority. Dr. Howard pointed out that the State Auditor would have no responsibility at all except that he would probably recommend that the same policy be followed as is followed in the case of all accounts in the State of Virginia. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUNTEN, seconded by Wood and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Howard then requested that he be given authority to sell Government Bonds that will soon be maturing and repurchase suitable Government Bonds to take their place. After discussion, IT WAS MOVED BY GISSELBECK, seconded by Jay Wright and carried that Dr. Howard be given authority to reinvest in new Government Bonds the money received from matured bonds and from others when they come due. MOVED BY WELLER, seconded by Johnson, and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Tenney then stated that as Executive Secretary of the Future Farmers of America, he has been assigned the responsibility of preparing a proposed budget for the next ensuing year. He pointed out that until this proposed budget is officially adopted by the next National FFA Convention, it is necessary to have the approval of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors, so that funds will be available for expenditures until the National Convention meets in official session later on in October. The items in Dr. Tenney's proposed budget were then reviewed item by item, and with minor changes, they corresponded closely with the expenditures made during the last fiscal year. After some discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROUILLETTE, seconded by Anken and carried that the proposed budget presented by Dr. Tenney as amended be recommended for adoption. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. WOOD, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. Dr. Howard then presented a formal proposal, which he asked be spread on the minutes of the meeting to the effect that: "the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America, National Organization meeting in the U. S. Office of Education Building, July 27, 1955, authorize Dowell J. Howard, National Treasurer of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to cash the two \$5000 U. S. Government Bonds in the name of the Future Farmers of America, a Corporation,

maturing February 1, 1955, and reinvest the amount received in additional U. S. Government Bonds in the name of the Future Farmers of America, a Corporation. The Governing Committee of the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America is authorized to take such action as they deem wise in regard to the disposal of the three \$5000 bonds maturing September 1, 1955, and the \$5000 bond maturing January 1, 1956." After discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Howard be so authorized, since there was no objection to his proposal.

Mr. Hawkins then explained the workings of the Future Farmers Supply Service and its present status. Among other things he pointed out that the Supply Service has experienced two increases of 33 percent each, in shipping costs during the last three years, and he doesn't know what Congress is going to do in the immediate future about further increases. He also pointed out that if the Minimum Wage Law provides \$1 an hour for labor, then manufacturers' prices will probably have to be increased to take care of the increased labor charges in manufacturing jackets and other items handled by the Supply Service. Dr. Spanton stated that some folks feel that there shouldn't be any profits made by the Supply Service; and that there shouldn't be any permanent building erected for the use of the Supply Service and Magazine, but if such a building is absolutely necessary, then it should be paid for by raising the dues of all of the members of the FFA, rather than having any profits from the Supply Service accrue, to be used for that purpose. He indicated that some folks felt that if the profits made from the sale of FFA merchandise to FFA members who purchase from the Supply Service are used to erect a building, it would be unfair to them since the boys who did not purchase materials from the Supply Service would not be contributing anything toward the building fund.

Dr. Spanton then pointed out that the theory has always been that if and when a building is erected and paid for out of profits made by the Supply Service, or from profits from magazine advertising, the prices of FFA merchandise could then be cut accordingly, and a substantial grant could continue to be made to the several States. Mr. Weiler pointed out that it sounds absurd either to run the Supply Service without a profit or to make refunds of profits to individual members. The Chairman stated that he did not believe that anyone ever thought of refunding profits to individual purchasers, but that some folks did want prices cut down to the point where there would be just enough income to meet expenses. Mr. Weiler then stated that proposals that "the Supply Service should not make any profit", sound good, but you can't operate even a so-called "non-profit business" on that kind of plan. Mr. Hawkins indicated that such a plan does not provide for a contingent fund. He stated that you never know when you might have an emergency. Dr. Tenney reminded the group that the policy of the Supply Service has always been to have all FFA boys pay the same prices regardless of where they are located. For instance, those on the West Coast might justly complain about the location of the Supply Service in the East if they had to pay higher prices because of shipping costs. In like manner, those in the East could probably enter a just complaint for having to pay more for their jackets, since the shipping charges are lower in the East than they are in the West.

After further discussion, Mr. Hawkins made the formal recommendation that a disposal of profits for the year ended June 30, 1955, be made as follows: "That a grant of \$16,000 be made to the States, \$7500 to the National Organization, and \$25,000 be placed in a building fund, leaving \$10,000 for investment in jewelry and any other equipment needed by the Supply Service. IT WAS MOVED BY JAY WRIGHT, seconded by Philip Brouillette and carried that the recommendation made by Mr. Hawkins be accepted. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MR. JOHNSON, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

IT WAS MOVED BY BOBBY FUTRELLE, seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck and carried that the Supply Service continue paying \$1500 a year rent to the Future Farmers of America for the fiscal year 1956, and then at the end of that fiscal year decide what to do with any surplus profits. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MR. NAUGHER, seconded by Mr. Wood and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

IT WAS MOVED BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Gisselbeck, and carried that the entire report made by Mr. Hawkins be accepted. IT WAS MOVED BY MR. WEILER, seconded by Mr. Wood and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

After discussion concerning the possibility of selling off a part of the land owned by the Future Farmers of America bordering on U. S. Route No. 1, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY WRIGHT, seconded by Charles Anken and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend that the Governing Committee be authorized to go ahead with the sale of this land at a minimum price of \$100,000 and that the Governing Committee also be authorized to go ahead with the building plans as soon as possible, with Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Barron assisting the Governing Committee. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. WEILER, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that the Board of Directors sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LOWELL GISSELBECK, seconded by Bobby Futrelle and carried that a maximum amount of \$200,000 be set for the cost of the building. MOVED BY MR. BUNTEN, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

After considerable discussion in regard to policies followed by the Future Farmers of America Foundation in administering the activities of the Foundation in such a manner that individual donors to the Foundation receive no special recognition nor identification with any particular award, the question was raised as to what the policy of the States should be when individual companies submit proposals offering large sums of money for various contests and awards in which their company is particularly interested, and with which it will have specific identification. After full and complete discussion, IT WAS MOVED BY BOBBY FUTRELLE, seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck and carried that the responsibility for drawing up a set of suggested policies be given to the four Program Specialists and the Chief of the Agricultural Education Branch and that they have a tentative set of suggestions ready for the January meeting of the Board. MOVED BY MR. MCDONALD, seconded by Mr. Wood, and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Weiler indicated that some of the States in the Central Region suggested that picture frames should be supplied by the Future Farmers Supply Service to use in framing the various State award certificates, etc. He suggested that the Supply Service might be able to procure some kind of comparatively cheap frame that could be bought in quantity lots rather than put each certificate in a frame that is purchased locally. Mr. Hawkins indicated that possibly the schools could make their own frames and that frames would cause quite a shipping problem for the Supply Service. It was pointed out that if all certificates were made a uniform size, this would help matters greatly. Mr. Bunten agreed with Mr. Weiler and indicated that if the various award certificates, etc., could be made the same size, the frames could be purchased from the Supply Service at the same time that the certificates are bought. After further discussion, IT WAS MOVED BY JAY WRIGHT, seconded by Bobby Futrelle, and carried that a uniform size of certificate be made available and that certificates either with or without frames should be handled by the Supply Service. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MR. WEILER, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Bill Gunter, National FFA President, then brought up the importance of the National Officers having the opportunity to be briefed and oriented concerning their duties and responsibilities prior to the time they are called upon to make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the annual meetings. He felt that the National Officers weren't as well prepared as they should be in order to take the action that they were taking and responsible for at the various Board meetings. Various methods of providing time for this briefing were suggested, which finally resulted in A MOTION BEING MADE BY CHARLES ANKEN, seconded by Philip Brouillette and carried to the effect that the newly elected National Officers have a meeting at Kansas City on Friday and Saturday after the convention and be briefed at that time by Dr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, the Program Specialists, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Barron, if they are in Kansas City. However, the motion was finally amended to the effect that instead of having a two-day session, that one session be provided on Friday instead. THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

There was then considerable discussion on the amendment to the FFA Constitution that was proposed last year by the Michigan Association, to the effect that Article V, Section D, Item 9, be amended by substituting three percent in place of two percent with reference to the quota of members in a State that might be eligible to receive the State Farmer Degree. It was pointed out that the motion to amend the Constitution as suggested by the Michigan Association last year was lost at the time of the Convention, but a motion was carried to the effect that the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors study this problem and suggest a solution to the States concerned at a future date.

After considerable discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOBBY FUTRELLE, seconded by Philip Brouillette and carried that two percent of the State FFA membership be left as it is in the present Constitution and that all States finding it difficult to administer this item raise their standards or submit an amendment to the National Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers, suggesting that the National Constitution be changed to read: "but not more than the top 2% of the total State FFA membership may be elected." A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. WOOD, seconded by Mr. Weiler, and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Jay Wright then indicated that consideration should be given to a National Leadership Training School for State Officers and others. He suggested that such a leadership training school should be held in the central part of the United States and that it meet during the summer months in order to acquaint State Officers and other State FFA boys and their advisors with some of the State and National problems. He suggested further that those in attendance could also pick up ideas that might improve their State Conventions and the administration of their State FFA activities. Dr. Spanton pointed out that the staff has all it can do at the present time to handle present responsibilities, including the activities of the Future Farmers of America. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY LOWELL GISSELBECK, seconded by Charles Anken and carried that additional staff members be added to the Agricultural Education Branch to help with the work of the Future Farmers of America and to carry on activities that need to be performed for the benefit of this organization. MOVED BY MR. BUNTEN, seconded by Mr. Weiler and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

IT WAS MOVED BY BOBBY FUTRELLE, seconded by Jay Wright and carried that the Board of Student Officers endorse the idea of a National Leadership Training School, including State Officers and Executive Secretaries, but not take any definite action on it at this time. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MR. BUNTEN, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Spanton then suggested that the rules for the Public Speaking Contest be modified to provide 20 points deduction per minute overtime, or major fraction thereof, and with no major objections, Dr. Tenney was asked to make this change on the next printed rules for the contest.

Mr. Barron then made a detailed report on The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and indicated that subscriptions received in the first fiscal year of 1953 amounted to 114,982, in the second fiscal year of 1954, it jumped to 146,777, and in the current year of 1955, the subscriptions were raised to 167,726. He indicated that for the coming fiscal year of 1956, they are expecting a total subscription of 175,000. Mr. Barron recommended that subscriptions in orders of four or less be increased in rate from 25 to 50 cents per year. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck, and carried that Mr. Barron's recommendation be adopted. IT WAS MOVED BY MR. WEILER, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Considerable discussion then took place concerning a proposal by Mr. Barron that The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine be placed on lounge cars of trains and in planes at the expense of the FFA Foundation. After this discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY WRIGHT, seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck and carried that Mr. Barron's proposal to have the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation place these magazines on lounge cars of trains and in airplanes at the expense of the Foundation be endorsed. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. BUNTEN, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to endorse the action of the Board of Student Officers. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOBBY FUTRELLE, seconded by Philip Brouillette and carried that the Board of Student Officers accept the recommendation of Mr. Barron that covers for the magazines now being used on Capital Airlines be purchased for 110 flights and that they be paid for out of magazine funds to be reimbursed by the Foundation, if the Board of Trustees of the Foundation elects to do so. IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BUNTEN, seconded by Mr. Wood and carried that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained,

The revised policies for the use and authorization of the use of the FFA emblem were then read and discussed in considerable detail, after which A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLES ANKEN, seconded by Philip Brouillette and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend that the policies in regard to the use and authorization for the use of the FFA emblem, as corrected, be approved. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. BUNTEN, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Charles Anken and carried that the Board of Student Officers commend the special committee that developed the Policies for protecting the FFA Emblem, the name, and letters, FFA. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. BUNTEN, seconded by Mr. Wood and carried that the Board of Directors approve the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton then read a copy of H. R. 6852, which was introduced into Congress by Congressman Davis of Wisconsin to amend the Act incorporating the Future Farmers of America so as to permit the maintenance of FFA chapters in schools which do not qualify for Federal reimbursement under the Vocational Education Acts. He pointed out that in all probability this bill would not be passed, but wanted all of those present to know what was pending.

A retirement program for employees of the Future Farmers of America was then presented to the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors by Mr. John Farrar. Mr. Farrar gave the background of this report, reviewed the tables, and answered questions on various points. After considerable discussion, the Chairman stated that he would recommend that the FFA Governing Committee be given authority to make minor changes in the report that was made by Mr. Farrar, after consultation with counsel, so long as the basic principles remain the same. It was suggested that each of the four companies that submitted proposals be asked for bids on the final plans, segregated as to cost between the FFA, the Supply Service, and the Magazine, on both the plan presented herein and when it is shared on a 50-50 basis. If approved by the delegate body, the plan should be put into effect as soon as possible after the 1955 National FFA Convention.

IT WAS THEN MOVED BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Bobby Futrelle, and carried that with the understanding that the delegate body will take favorable action on this matter, the recommendation be accepted. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MR. McDONALD, seconded by Mr. Weiler, and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Barron then continued his report and presented the budget for the National Magazine for the coming year, after which A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck and carried that the proposed budget for the National FFA Magazine be accepted. This was followed by A MOTION MADE BY MR. WOOD, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained by the Board of Directors. Mr. Barron then discussed the bids that have been submitted by various printing companies for the job of printing The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. This was followed by A MOTION MADE BY LOWELL GISSELBECK, seconded by Jay Wright and carried that Mr. Barron be given the authority to further negotiate with the various companies in regard to acceptable bids and satisfactory work. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. WEILER, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. Mr. Barron then proposed to the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors that the National FFA Magazine take over the publication of the Official FFA Calendar, beginning with the calendar for 1958, on a plan of sharing profits with local chapters and possibly State Associations, thereby giving the organization complete direction of one of its best public relations mediums.

After a thorough and complete discussion, CHARLES ANKEN MADE A MOTION, which was seconded by Jay Wright and carried that beginning in 1958, the FFA Magazine take over the Official FFA Calendar, sharing profits between the National organization, local chapters, and possibly State Associations, thereby giving the organization complete direction of one of its best public relations mediums. FUTRELLE THEN MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION, which was seconded by Charles Anken and carried, by adding the words: "and that we do not renew the contract with the Cal Ad Company at the end of 1958". A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. HUNSICKER, seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve the decision of the Board of Student Officers, and this was followed by considerable discussion. Futrelle pointed out that if this motion carried, it would cut off quite a bit of money from the local chapters. Dr. Tenney then moved to table the motion until after the regional conferences or until sometime when the representatives of the States could be polled to get their reactions concerning these major changes. However, Dr. Tenney's motion was lost for want of a second. Mr. Bunten pointed out that he would like to go along with the first part of the motion that was made, but he did not want to go along with the amendment. MR. JOHNSON MOVED TO SUSTAIN the action of the Board of Student Officers with reference to the first part of the motion that was made, but to delete the amendment that was made by Bobby Futrelle. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried. JAY WRIGHT THEN MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS reconsider their motion and amendment regarding the FFA Calendar, in order that they might go along in harmony with the action of the Board of Directors. This was seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck and carried. The Board of Student Officers then voted on the amendment that had been presented by Bobby Futrelle on not renewing the contract with the Custom Cal Company at the end of three years. The amendment was lost.

Dr. Spanton then presented a letter from Mr. Walter Dray, President of Walter Dray, Inc., 257 Fourth Avenue, New York City, in which Mr. Dray indicated that he would like to register our list of subscribers to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine as a broker. He believes that they could get rentals of \$15 per thousand subject to a standard commission of 20%. The National Magazine would have the right to accept or reject orders they offer. In other words, the broker would sell the use of the subscription list for mailing promotional material or selling through the mail to magazine subscribers. Mr. Barron discussed the matter further, and since there was no objection voiced by either the Board of Student Officers or Board of Directors, the Chairman turned the correspondence over to Mr. Barron for appropriate action.

A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Bobby Futrelle and carried to recommend to the Board of Directors that the opening ceremony of the Future Farmers of America Convention be changed by having the officers seated after the roll call of officers; then after the secretary reports the number in attendance, the officers and members would rise and repeat in unison: "to practice brotherhood, etc." The motion was seconded by Futrelle and carried. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MR. JOHNSON, seconded by Mr. Wood and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Hawkins then presented the budget for the Future Farmers Supply Service. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FUTRELLE, seconded by Philip Brouillette, and carried that the budget be accepted. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. WEILLER, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Hawkins then discussed the handling of T-shirts and stated that he would like to order a different type of T-shirt that would be of better quality and cheaper in price. Dr. Spanton asked for any objections from the Board of Student Officers or Board of Directors, but hearing none, the action was referred to Mr. Hawkins to go ahead and proceed as he suggested. Mr. Hawkins then asked for suggestions as to whether the Supply Service should take out advertising in State FFA papers. He said it would cost the Supply Service \$5000 to \$6000 a year. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Charles Anken and carried that the National Future Farmer Supply Service not advertise in State papers. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. Without objection, Mr. Hawkins was authorized to get all information available on the manufacturing of a less expensive type of banner of felt or rayon with painted lettering on it for consideration for the next catalog, but that the present catalog not be held up in order to include any cheaper banners.

The Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors then considered applications for the American Farmer Degree that had been submitted from the various regions. The group discussed one applicant from the North Atlantic Region who had only \$2846 of which \$1900 was invested in household furnishings and \$200 in a car. THE APPLICANT WAS TURNED DOWN BY ACTION OF THE BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS, AND MR. WEILER MOVED TO SUSTAIN THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS. This was seconded by Dr. Tenney and carried. CHARLES ANKEN THEN MOVED THAT THE 32 OTHER APPLICANTS FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC REGION BE ACCEPTED, and this was seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck and carried. MR. HUNSICKER MOVED TO SUSTAIN THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS. This was seconded by Mr. Bunten and carried. The American Farmer candidates from the Southern Region were then considered, and it was MOVED BY FUTRELLE, seconded by Brouillette, and carried that 179 of the applications from the Southern Region be accepted. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUSTAINED THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS, but it should be pointed out that two applications from the Southern Region were rejected for lack of leadership participation in the FFA.

The candidates from the Central Region were then considered, and three candidates were rejected, after which it was MOVED BY LOWELL GISSELBECK, seconded by Charles Anken, and carried that the remainder of the candidates from the Central Region, namely, 124, be recommended to receive the Degree. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. WEILER, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. Applications for the Pacific Region were presented by Jay Wright, WHO MOVED TO ACCEPT ALL OF THE AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS FROM THAT REGION, NAMELY, 40. This was seconded by Philip Brouillette and carried. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. McDONALD, seconded by Mr. Bunten, and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Tenney then pointed out that it has been customary in the past for the Honorary American Farmer Degree to be awarded automatically to the fathers of the National Officers and Star Farmers. In addition, the Honorary American Farmer Degree is conferred on 25 teachers of vocational agriculture, who have rated highest in a scorecard competition. A discussion then took place on whether or not the applications for the Honorary American Farmer Degree for teachers of vocational agriculture from one particular State that were late in arriving in Washington, D. C., should be considered. IT WAS MOVED BY JAY WRIGHT, seconded by Anken, and carried that the applications for the Honorary American Farmer Degree for teachers of vocational agriculture from the above-mentioned State be rejected. IT WAS MOVED BY MR. WOOD, seconded by Mr. Weiler and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. Dr. Tenney then read the names of the 25 teachers of vocational agriculture with the highest ratings as candidates for the Honorary American Farmer Degree. IT WAS MOVED BY CHARLES ANKEN, seconded by Futrelle and carried that the Honorary American Farmer Degree be awarded to the fathers of the Star Farmers, fathers of National Officers, and to the list of 25 teachers of vocational agriculture, who ranked highest in the scorecard method throughout the United States. IT WAS MOVED BY MR. McDONALD, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Tenney then read a list of the names of persons who had been suggested to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree in addition to those already considered. If no objections were raised, the names were accepted. Other names were suggested by the group, and the complete list is as follows:

Gerald F. Barton, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, 542 State Office Building, Des Moines 19, Iowa
George S. Bulkley, General Director, Dairy Extension, Carnation Company, Carnation Building, Los Angeles 36, California
A. B. Childers, Area Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 1920 South 26th Street, Waco, Texas
A. P. Davidson, Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas
John P. Derham, Jr., Vice President, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Norfolk 10, Virginia
Percy Kirk, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Honorable Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, Tallahassee, Florida
Howard McClarren, Youth Education, American Institute of Cooperation, 744 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.
Robert V. Mullen, Executive Secretary, Sears, Roebuck Foundation, 3333 Arthington Street, Chicago 7, Illinois
S. F. Peterson, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., Ayden, North Carolina
C. A. Reynolds, Director and Chairman of the Board, The H. D. Lee Company, Inc., Kansas City 10, Missouri
W. A. Ruhmann, Farm Editor of WBAP, Fort Worth, Texas
Reuben L. Smith, Radio Director, Tractor Division, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, 1126 South 70th Street, Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin
Roy P. Stewart, Columnist, Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
A. L. Teachey, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, North Carolina
Harold E. Urton, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Pierre, South Dakota
Cola D. Watson, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, State Office Building, Montpelier, Vermont.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LOWELL GISSELBECK, seconded by Philip Brouillette and carried that the persons whose names have been read and who have been recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree be considered favorably by the Board of Directors and delegates to the National Convention. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY DR. TENNEY, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Tenney then presented the names of persons whom he had suggested to serve as judges of the Public Speaking Contest. Bill Gunter brought up the fact that one judge, according to the rules, should be a teacher of speech. Since this is almost impossible to achieve, Dr. Tenney was asked to make a note of this and see that the rules are changed for next year to conform to present practices. By common consent, it was agreed that those persons on Dr. Tenney's list be accepted as read, and if none of these persons are able to accept, that Dr. Tenney be authorized to ask others, getting suggestions from the Governing Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY LOWELL GISSELBECK, seconded by Charles Anken and carried that authorization be given to zone the property owned by the Future Farmers of America near Mount Vernon from rural residence to rural business. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. BUNTEN, seconded by Mr. Naugher, and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers. Dr. Tenney then presented a proposed leaflet entitled YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL CONVENTION. FUTURELLE MOVED THAT DR. TENNEY GO AHEAD WITH THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS BOOKLET. This motion was seconded by Charles Anken and carried. MR. BUNTEN MOVED, Johnson seconded the motion, and the group voted favorably that the Board of Directors sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Tenney then presented a recommendation made by a salesman from Cal Ad, who requested that a picture of the President of the United States, along with the National Officers, be secured for them to use on their calendar. IT WAS MOVED BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Lowell Gisselbeck and carried that this recommendation not be accepted. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY MR. MCDONALD, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried that the Board of Directors approve the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILIP BROUILLETTE, seconded by Jay Wright and carried that authorization be given to Mr. Farrar to provide publicity materials for National FFA Week, including three posters per chapter and 200 advertising seals or stamps per chapter, these to be provided to the State Associations for them to send to the chapters; and that sufficient funds to finance this expense be stipulated in the budget. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MR. MCDONALD, seconded by Mr. Buntten and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained by the Board of Directors.

With no further business to come before the two boards, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A. W. Tenney

A. W. Tenney, Secretary

W. T. Spanton
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