MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL F.F.A. ADVISORY COUNCIL AND NATIONAL F.F.A. OFFICERS Washington, D. C. July 24-26, 1943

- July 24, 1943 -

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. in Dr. Spanton's office by President Marvin Jagels of Idaho. Others present for the joint meeting were: Drs. W. T. Spanton and C. H. Lane, Messrs. D. J. Howard of Virginia, R. A. Howard of Ohio, R. A. Manire of Texas, S. S. Richardson of Idaho, A. W. Tenney, L. M. Sasman of Wisconsin, E. J. Johnson, Vice Presidents W. D. Walker, G. W. Stelter, and R. D. Meyer, and Student Secretary Hendrix.

It was moved by Student Secretary Hendrix that the offer of the Master Reporting Company of Chicago to report the meeting of the National F.F.A. Convention sessions be accepted. Motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that a notation accompany the name of each candidate for the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Vice President Stelter that a memo be sent to the States informing them that recommendations for Honorary American Farmer Degree candidates should be accompanied by a citation. Motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the following men would be awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 16th National F.F.A. Convention:

C. A. Nash, Manager, Eastern States Exposition

M. L. Lyles, Santa Fe Railroad

E. J. Condon, Assistant to President, Sears-Roebuck

Kirk Fox, Meredith Publishing Company

J. G. Patton, President, Farmers Union

George P. Couper, California

Earl Cooper, COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

National Treasurer D. J. Howard made a report on the F.F.A. treasury. It was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, to authorize Treasurer Howard to purchase \$15,000 worth of War Bonds. It was moved by Vice President Meyer, seconded and carried, to authorize Treasurer Howard to close out the organization's saving account and use other available monies to purchase the War Bonds. It was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, to authorize Treasurer Howard to convert Bonds to cash, if necessary.

It was moved by Regional Adviser Clements that the Executive Secretary be instructed to contact the Virginia Conservation Commission to see if we can close Washington's Old Grist Mill without affecting our lease.

It was moved by Vice President Steller, seconded and carried, that the organization take out complete insurance (fire, storm, hail, lightning) on the buildings at the F.F.A. Camp and Old Mill. Acting National Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney presented a brief oral report on the National F.F.A. Camp.

It was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, to remove the word "Watch Dog" from the Manual and substitute the word "Sentinel".

The following recommendations were made by the National Advisory Council for maintaining and increasing interest and efficiency in the F.F.A.:

- 1. Each State try to hold a streamlined State F.F.A. convention.
- 2. Local chapters hold joint meetings with other nearby chapters.
- 3. Emphasize F.F.A. Federation activities.
- 4. Urge Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors to make a place in their program for the F.F.A.
- 5. Urge that special training be given new teachers in F.F.A. work individually and in groups.

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- 6. Have Federations and nearby chapters assist new chapters, and those needing help.
- 7. Give teacher trainers field responsibility in F.F.A. work.
- 8. Have food and war supervisors assist with F.F.A. activities.
- 9. Hold district leadership conferences and meetings.

A record sheet submitted by C. B. Campbell, Vocational Agriculture Instructor at River Falls, Wisconsin was presented and discussed by the Advisory Council and Board of Trustees. No official action was taken.

- July 26, 1943 -

The meeting was called to order by President Marvin Jagels. Dr. Spanton explained the procedure used in checking American Farmer applications.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson of Idaho that the action of the Board of Trustees be sustained concerning the rejection of the following American Farmer candidates; motion seconded and carried.

Susumu Miyashiro of Hawaii Robert M. Hill of Kentucky Fred C. Taylor of Kentucky George E. Fogle of Michigan Harlan Remus of Michigan Arthur Jaquette of Michigan Lynden McClurg of Wisconsin Wilson W. Webb of Delaware Willis Wiehe of Ohio Morgan Lee of Alabama Herman W. Galin of Alabama James Pay of Arkansas Marvest Lawson of Arkansas Benjamin Rodriguez of Puerto Rico Don M. Manier of Tennessee Clarence A. Powell of Tennessee Larry L. Boswell of Texas

It was moved by Mr. Manire of Texas that the American Farmer Degree be granted to Rafael Marrero of Puerto Rico.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson of Idaho that the Advisory Council and National Board of Trustees approve the following candidates for the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded and carried. (See attached list)

A report from the national officers was read concerning recommendations for maintaining and increasing interest and efficiency in the Future Farmers of America. Their recommendations were as follows:

- 1. Encourage more recreational activities by local chapters.
- 2. Encourage cooperation with home economics clubs.
- 3. Encourage more inter-chapter meetings with recreation after meetings.
- 4. Encourage more stimulative activities on a competitive basis.
- 5. Chapters use more visual aids.
- 6. Encourage membership and participation by boys who have graduated from high school but are still eligible for membership.
- 7. Render assistance to organization of boys who were former members of F.F.A. chapters.
- 8. Encourage former members to join a farm organization.
- 9. Local chapters hold one well-planned meeting with prospective members present.
- 10. Select officers carefully by nominating boys well in advance of election.
- 11. Encourage continuance of leadership conferences and State conventions.
- 12. Recommend that two delegates and one or two alternate delegates and all American Farmer candidates be permitted to attend National F.F.A. Convention this year.

It was moved by Mr. R. A. Howard of Ohio, seconded and carried, that the National Advisory Council's recommendations and National Board of Trustees' recommendations be sent to the States by Acting Executive Secretary Tenney.

Dr. Spanton presented the following tentative plans for the 16th National Convention:

Sun., Oct. 10	Executive Session,	F.F.A. National .	Advisory
	Council, President	Hotel.	

2:00 p.m. - Meeting of State F.F.A. Advisers, President Hotel

6:30 p.m. - Get-together Dinner for National F.F.A. Officers and Delegates.
Aztec Room, President Hotel

9:00 a.m. - Opening Session, 16th National Convention of F.F.A., Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium

1:30 p.m. - Second Session, F.F.A. National Convention

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Tues., Oct. 12		
cont'd.	6:00 p.m.	- Banquet for Vocational Agri- culture Livestock Exhibitors, The Kansas City, Kansas, Chamber
	8:00 p.m.	of Commerce host - "Award Night" Program, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
Wed., Oct. 13	9:00 a.m.	- Third Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Muni- cipal Auditorium
	1:30 p.m.	- Fourth Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Muni- cipal Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	- F.F.A. National Public Speaking Contest, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
Thur., Oct. 14	9:00 a.m.	- Fifth Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium
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	4:30 p.m.	- Joint Executive Session, 1942-43 and 1943-44 F.F.A. National Boards of Trustees. (Place to be announced.)
÷	6:30 p.m.	- Annual Banquet. Guests of Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce, President Hotel. (Tickets obtained at time of registration.)

Respectfully submitted,

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