

MINUTES

1933-34 NATIONAL BOARD TRUSTEES' MEETING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

JUNE 9 -13, 1934.

The national Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America met during the period June 9-13 for the purpose of transacting the regular business of the organization and to plan for the Seventh National Convention of the Future Farmers of America to be held in Kansas City, <sup>Missouri</sup> October 19-25.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present:

Bobby Jones, national President.  
Alex C. Alampi, first vice president,  
Robert Stewart, second vice president,  
Marion Winge, third vice president,  
Morrison Lowenstein, fourth vice president,  
Carl Shopbell, student secretary.  
C. H. Lane, National Adviser.  
H. B. Swanson, executive secretary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1934

The meeting was called to order at 10:00A.M. by the president, Bobby Jones. All members of the national Board of Trustees were present except Henry Groseclose, absent for cause.

The first order of business was that of preparing for the national F.F.A. radio program to be broadcast over a national network on Monday, June 11. This program had been reserved for the trustees. The following outline was worked out and approved by the trustees for the guidance of the several national officers in the preparation for each part in the broadcast:

President:

The four grades of membership.

The minimum requirements of each degree.

"The Star American Farmer" as outstanding example of the highest achievement level.

Saturday June 9 (Cont'd.)

Vice president for each region:

States represented in the region.

Status and growth of the F.F.A. program in the Region.

Representative examples of interesting work of chapters  
and state associations of region.

"American Farmer" awards to the region.

A representative example of achievement from one  
"American Farmer."

Student secretary:

Status of the national F.F.A.

National objectives with illustrations taken from  
the work of chapters and state associations.

The Seventh National F.F.A. Convention including  
program items for this convention.

National Adviser:

The Ninth Annual Congress of Vocational

Agricultural Students. (Preliminary announcement.)

The session recessed at 1:00 P.M. to enable each of the national  
officers to review communications and other data and prepare his talk for  
the June 11 radio program.

MONDAY, - JUNE 11, 1934

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:00 A.M.

The first order of business was that of making preparations in connection  
with each officer's part in the broadcast scheduled to take place from  
12:30 to 1:30, E.S.T. Following the broadcast, the following business was  
transacted:

1. The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held at the Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, November 17-23, 1933 were read by the executive secretary, and on a motion by Winge, the minutes were approved as read.
2. The minutes of the Sixth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 17-24 were placed in the hands of each member of the Board of Trustees in printed form. After discussion, the motion by Lowenstein to dispose with the reading of these minutes passed. It was the sense of the meeting that each member of the Board of Trustees review the printed copy of the convention minutes following the adjournment of the afternoon session.
3. Formulation of the program for the Seventh Annual Convention occupied the time of the trustees until the hour of adjournment at 5:00 P.M.

TUESDAY - JUNE 23, 1934

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Jones at 8:30 A.M. The first order of business was that of completing the planning of the program for the Seventh Annual Convention. A motion by Lowenstein passed that the program as revised be accepted and printed in sufficient quantities to meet the need for the convention.

## REVISED PROGRAM Program



**OCTOBER 19th**  
~~FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th~~

10:00 a. m. Executive Session,  
Board of Trustees,  
Baltimore Hotel.

**October 20th**  
~~SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th~~

9:00 a. m. Executive Session,  
Board of Trustees,  
Baltimore Hotel.

**October 21st**  
~~SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st~~

8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Registration,  
Baltimore Hotel.

2:00 p. m. Executive Session,  
Board of Trustees,  
Baltimore Hotel.

7:00 p. m. State Advisers Meeting,  
Baltimore Hotel.

**October 22nd**  
~~MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd~~

8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Registration,  
Baltimore Hotel.

9:30 a. m. Executive Session,  
National Advisory Council,  
Baltimore Hotel.

1:00 p. m. Executive Session,  
Board of Trustees,  
Baltimore Hotel.

7:30 p. m. Public Speaking Contest,  
Auditorium,  
Power and Light Company Building.

**October 23rd**  
~~TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd~~

9:00 a. m. Opening Convention Session,  
Baltimore Hotel.  
1. Opening ceremony.  
2. Music.  
3. Report on delegate credentials.  
4. Roll call of the States and seating of delegates.  
5. Minutes of the 6th National Convention and Board of Trustees meetings.  
6. Appointment of committees.  
7. Nominations for the degree of American Farmer, ~~2. J. L. Linn, National Adviser, and one representative from each State~~  
8. Three minute reports on accomplishments in the States, one delegate from each State.

11:30 a. m. Radio Broadcast of the Public Speaking Contest, N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour.

## Program



1:30 p. m. Second Convention Session,  
Baltimore Hotel.  
1. Call to order by the President.  
2. Music.  
3. Report of the Ex-Secretary.  
4. Report of the Treasurer.  
5. State reports (con.)  
6. Election and raising of candidates to the degree of American Farmer.  
7. Closing Ceremony.

6:00 p. m. Buffet Supper,  
Ararat Shrine Temple,  
(11th and Central)  
Assemble for Arena Parade.

7:45 p. m. Parade in the Arena, American Royal Grounds. Announcement of Star Farmers.

**October 24th**  
~~WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th~~

8:00 a. m. Committee work,  
Baltimore Hotel.

1:30 p. m. Third Convention Session,  
Baltimore Hotel.  
1. Opening ceremony.  
2. ~~Music~~ group singing  
3. Committee reports.  
4. Brief addresses by guests and sponsors of F. F. A. events.  
5. Election of officers.  
6. Closing ceremony.

6:00 p. m. Banquet for F. F. A. delegates, judging teams, coaches, prize winners and guests.  
Address by ~~Dr. George C. Felt, D.D., Commissioner of Education.~~  
Awarding of prizes:  
Chapter contest  
State Association contest  
Special awards.

**October 25th**  
~~THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th~~

9:00 a. m. Fourth Convention Session,  
Baltimore Hotel.  
1. Opening ceremony.  
2. ~~Music~~ group singing  
3. Unfinished business.

1:30 p. m. Fifth Convention Session,  
Baltimore Hotel.  
1. Opening ceremony.  
2. ~~Music~~ group singing  
3. New business; consideration of important problems which the national organization is facing.  
4. Address by the president.  
5. Closing ceremony.

7:30 p. m. Joint Executive Session,  
1933-34 and 1934-35 Board of Trustees, Baltimore Hotel.

Tuesday, June 12, (Cont'd.)

In discussing the program for the Seventh Annual F.F.A. convention the question of both the place and the character of the buffet supper provided in the program merited special attention. It was the feeling of the trustees that the place provided for the buffet supper at the Sixth Annual Convention was not suitable and that the food served was of unsatisfactory quality. Reports of individual members indicated that the food had become stale previous to the time of the buffet supper and that there were many complaints in connection with this event. It was felt that unless more satisfactory arrangements could be made with respect to both the quality of the food and the place for serving the buffet supper, it would be better to dispense with this event on the program. A resolution was presented by Stewart, and approved, that unless satisfactory arrangements can be made for the buffet supper with respect to place and food at the time of the Seventh Annual Convention that this event be dropped from the program.

Motion by Winge passed that the general information section of the Seventh National Convention as revised be accepted.

Motion by Stewart passed as amended that the executive secretary send in advance to each state adviser a check payable to the state association to the amount of one convention rate round trip railroad fare from the state capital to Kansas City and return. This money is to be available only toward the payment of the expenses of an official delegate to the Seventh National Convention. Amendment by Lowenstein to the above motion, passed, that in the cases of Hawaii and Puerto Rico, the convention rate round trip fare of one delegate

be paid from the mainland to Kansas City and in addition that an amount be paid to each of these associations to cover the cost of boat transportation excluding however the cost of food and berth while enroute to the mainland.

A motion by Stewart passed that the following resolution be recommended for adoption with respect to membership in the F.F.A.:

"WHEREAS the Future Farmers of America is fundamentally a boys' organization; and whereas, the national constitution of that organization specifically states that membership shall be confined to male students; and whereas, it has come to the attention of the National Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America that due to circumstances within certain States, girls have been admitted to certain local and State organizations,

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the National Board of Trustees recommends to the F. F. A. delegates in annual convention at Kansas City, Missouri, October 23, that this practice be confined to local and State membership only and with the permission of the National Board of Trustees based upon satisfactory evidence. It is further recommended to the delegates that no national dues be collected from girls and that no national or regional membership or recognition be extended to them. F.F.A. chapters with girls as members are not eligible for participation in the National F.F.A. Chapter Contest nor is a State with girls as members entitled to participate in the State Association Contest."

A motion by Winge passed that the national adviser/confer with representatives of A Century of Progress to plan and work out a program for Farm Youth Day at the Fair, which has been designated to take place on August 16.

A motion by Alampi carried that each state adviser should be asked to notify the executive secretary of new and dropped chapters of

F.F.A. during the year. Furthermore that the executive secretary keep an up-to-date card index file of all chapters of F.F.A.

A motion by Lowenstein passed that the executive secretary supply each state with enough copies of the Proceedings to place one copy with each chapter in good standing as shown by the annual report, and in addition that five copies be sent ~~in~~ each year to the state adviser and five copies to the head teacher trainer of each state for their use.

A motion by Stewart passed that the Utah Association be designated to furnish the official 1934 convention band if they can arrange to come at a maximum cost of \$400 to the national organization.

A motion by Alampi carried that the national adviser nominate a committee of five whose duty it will be to compile a national F.F.A. song book for submission to the Eighth Board of Trustees for their approval.

Note:- The intent of this motion was that of securing a selection of songs appropriate to use by F.F.A. members and to print same.

A motion by Stewart carried that the executive secretary serve as chairman of a committee to prepare three written questions to be used following each presentation in the finals of the Public Speaking Contest. These questions are not to be made known to any of the contestants previous to the delivery of their addresses.

A motion by Shopbell carried that the 110 rules of civility compiled by George Washington be made available at the time of the convention to learn whether or not the delegates care to have this material printed for distribution.

A motion by Stewart was lost from lack of support calling for the conferring of the Fourth degree upon the teacher from whose department comes the Star American Farmer.

A motion by Stewart carried that the executive secretary proceed in arrangements with the Universal Manufacturing Company, looking forward to the authorization of this Company to manufacture the official corduroy jacket, trousers and caps (Monet color) using the official seal (improved over the sample submitted) as per terms submitted by them.

The meeting adjourned 5:30P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1934

The meeting was called to order by President, Bobby Jones, 8:30A.M.

A motion by Lowenstein carried that the arrangement for the manufacture of felt goods by the Staunton Novelty Company be continued until the time of the convention.

A motion by Stewart carried that the use of the official F.F.A. insignia be restricted to authorized and designated companies.

A motion by Stewart carried that the Mississippi application for charter be accepted as of July 1. Furthermore that the Mississippi Association be notified of desirable changes in their proposed state constitution. This motion was interpreted by the trustees as permitting Mississippi full right of participation in the 1934 convention without payment of dues or without making of regular reports for the year ending June 30, 1934.



Wednesday, June 13, 1934 (Cont'd.)

A motion by Winge carried that the suggested revised charters from Iowa and Nebraska be reviewed by the executive secretary; furthermore that the states be advised regarding any conflicts with the national constitution.

A motion by Winge carried that an F.F.A. service letter be prepared by the executive secretary giving interpretative material and defining minimum requirements for all degrees based upon the provisions of the revised constitution.

Note: Interpretative material of this type has been called for by the chairman of the committee on objectives, standards and policies of the Pacific Regional Conference for Vocational Supervisors and Teacher Trainers; in a letter of June 6, 1934:

"As Chairman of the Committee on Objectives, Standards, and Policies of the Pacific Regional Conference for Vocational Agricultural Supervisors and Teacher Trainers, I have been requested to ask you to present to the National Executive Committee a request from this region that they more clearly define and interpret the specific requirements for the American Farmer degree, and, further, that they make more specific minimum requirements under the National Constitution for membership in the Green Hand Future Farmer and State Farmer degrees, and that at as early a date as possible this redefinition be communication to the states in the Pacific Region through the State Supervisors."

Speakers for the convention banquet were discussed; three were suggested, namely, Commissioner of Education, President of the Union Pacific, and the National Master of the Grange. No speaker was specifically

named but the matter was left to the national adviser to make final arrangements.

A motion by Stewart carried that each regional vice president assume the responsibility of having delegates bring facts to Kansas City with respect to the need for an alumni organization. The data to be included follows:

1. How many ex-educational boys are there in each state?
2. How many ex-F.F.A. members are there by states?
3. How many ex-F.F.A. members favor the organization of alumni groups?

A formal request from the Arkansas State Association of F.F.A. that the Office of Education provide a sponsor and adviser to assist the alumni of F.F.A. to establish ~~an~~ a national organization was tabled on a motion by Winge. This motion followed a report by the national adviser.

A motion by Stewart carried that the national president be authorized to attend the West Virginia and Kentucky State Association meetings on condition that these states would pay one-half of the expenses for the trip.

A motion by Lowenstein carried that copies of the plan for a national magazine, submitted by Earl J. Cooper on April 1934, be made available to each member of the Board of Trustees so that the proposal can be studied and acted upon at the Kansas City trustees' meeting.

A motion by Stewart carried that the executive secretary be instructed to prepare a recommended list in connection with the Honorary American Farmer awards and that on this list be included the name of Paul W. Chapman, in accordance with the recommendation and wishes of the Georgia Association.

A motion by Stewart carried that the executive secretary check over each officer's expense account and draw checks to the amount of travel expense involved in coming to the trustees' meeting.

Note: The following checks were issued:

No. 414	Alex Alampi	\$20.00
No. 415	Marion Winge	54.38
No. 416	Bobby Jones	24.63
No. 417	Carl Shopbell	32.59
No. 418	Robert Stewart	37.19
No. 419	Morrison Lowenstein	41.52
No. 420	Baltimore & Ohio	239.48
(extra)	Carl Shopbell	<u>3.15</u>
Total .....		\$ 452.94

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00P.M.

REVISED 1934

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### SEVENTH HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The ~~Sixth~~ National Convention of Future Farmers of America will be an important feature of the National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students. F. F. A. Headquarters will be located on the Mezzanine floor of the Baltimore Hotel, 12th and Baltimore Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. Those attending the Convention are advised to make arrangements early for room reservations at the Baltimore Hotel. Write directly to T. C. Bourke, resident manager, requesting the rate of \$1.25 per day per person (4 in a room), which has been provided for vocational people.

### RAILROAD RATES

Inquiry at local ticket office should also be made from time to time by those expecting to attend regarding available railroad (and Pullman) rates on the open rate or identification-certificate plan.

### REGISTRATION

All official delegates to the national convention, National Public Speaking Contestants, State Advisers or those in charge of the delegation must register at headquarters in the Hotel Baltimore on either **October 21** or **October 22**. Visiting F. F. A. members should register at the Secretary's office, American Royal Building. All delegates should plan to arrive in Kansas City not later than the afternoon of **October 22** in order to attend the Public Speaking Contest that evening and should plan to remain until the evening of **October 25**.

Admittance tickets to various events and other necessary convention materials will be distributed at the time of registration. F. F. A. Convention caps at 10c will also be available at that time.

### ARENA-PARADE

Every F. F. A. member who is in Kansas City on Tuesday evening, **October 23**, is expected to be in the great Arena Parade that evening wearing its convention cap.

### DELEGATE DUTIES

Each chartered State Association of F. F. A. in good standing with the national organization is entitled to send two delegates to the national convention. The National Convention of the F. F. A. is a series of important business meetings presided over by the National Officers. Delegates come to Kansas City to represent their States and to participate in the affairs of the Convention. Recreational features are provided but the delegate's first responsibility is to participate in the activities of the Convention. Delegates should plan to attend all meetings of the National F. F. A. Convention, which lasts 3 days ~~and at 2 days in former years~~, and make a report back to their State Associations concerning the activities.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS, 1933-34

President, Bobby Jones, Radnor, O.

1st. V. Pres., Alex C. Alampi, Williamstown, N.J.

2nd V. Pres., Robert Stewart, Miles City, Mont.

3rd V. Pres., Marion Winge, Lyons, Ga.

4th V. Pres., Morrison Lowenstein, Kearney, Nebr.

Student Secretary, Carl D. Shopbell, Leslie, Mich.

Adviser, J. A. Linke, Washington, D. C.

Treasurer, Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg, Va.

Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross, Wash., D. C.

## NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

~~J. A. Linke~~

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## CHARTERED ASSOCIATIONS

ALABAMA  
ARIZONA  
ARKANSAS  
CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO  
CONNECTICUT  
DELAWARE  
FLORIDA  
GEORGIA  
HAWAII  
IDAHO  
ILLINOIS  
INDIANA  
IOWA  
KANSAS  
KENTUCKY  
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MAINE

NEBRASKA  
NEVADA  
NEW MEXICO  
NEW JERSEY  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NEW YORK  
NORTH CAROLINA  
NORTH DAKOTA  
OHIO  
OKLAHOMA  
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PENNSYLVANIA  
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SOUTH CAROLINA  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
TENNESSEE  
TEXAS  
VIRGINIA

SEVENTH

~~SIXTH~~ NATIONAL CONVENTION

# FUTURE FARMERS of AMERICA



A feature of  
The National Congress of Vocational  
Agricultural Students

11:30 a. m. Radio Broadcast of the Public Speaking Contest, N. C. Farm and Home Hour.  
From each State.

7:30 p. m. Joint Executive Session, 1932-33 and 1933-34 Board of Trustees, Baltimore Hotel.

## CALL FOR CONVENTION

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS  
OF AMERICA

As President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for the Sixth Annual National Convention of the organization to be held at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, November 17-24. As in former years, the Convention will be held in connection with the Eighth Annual National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students which occurs at the time of the 1933 American Royal Livestock Show.

Each chartered State and territorial association of the F. F. A. in good standing with the national organization is entitled to two official delegates to the National Convention. May I ask that the officers of each State association make immediate plans to have delegate representations and urge as many F. F. A. boys and friends as possible to attend the Convention? Let's have a delegation from each of the 46 States and from Puerto Rico and Hawaii! With your willing cooperation, we will make this the biggest and best convention in the history of the F. F. A.

VERNON HOWELL

*National President*

## Program

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

10:00 a. m. Executive Session,  
Board of Trustees,  
Baltimore Hotel.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

9:00 a. m. Executive Session,  
Board of Trustees,  
Baltimore Hotel.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

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2:00 p. m. Executive Session,  
Board of Trustees,  
Baltimore Hotel.

7:00 p. m. State Advisers Meeting,  
Baltimore Hotel.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Registration,  
Baltimore Hotel.

9:30 a. m. Executive Session,  
National Advisory Council,  
Baltimore Hotel.

1:00 p. m. Executive Session,  
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1. Opening ceremony.  
2. Music.  
3. Report on delegate credentials.  
4. Roll call of the States and seating of delegates.  
5. Minutes of the 5th National Convention and Board of Trustees meetings.  
6. Appointment of committees.  
7. Nominations for the degree of American Farmer. C. H. Lane, National Adviser, one-minute responses from candidates.  
8. Three minute reports on accomplishments in the States. one delegate

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1. Call to order by the President.  
2. Music.  
3. Report of the Ex-Secretary.  
4. Report of the Treasurer.  
5. State reports (con.)  
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7. Closing Ceremony.

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(11th and Central)  
Assemble for Arena Parade.

7:45 p. m. Parade in the Arena, American Royal Grounds. Announcement of Star Farmers.

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6:00 p. m. Banquet for F. F. A. delegates, judging teams, coaches, prize winners and guests.  
Address by Dr. George F. Zook, U. S. Commissioner of Education.  
Awarding of prizes:  
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