

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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January 28-29, 1954

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4282, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building, Washington, D. C., by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chairman of the Board. Those present included Mr. L. C. Dalton, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State College, New Mexico; Mr. George H. Hurt, Acting Director, Vocational Agricultural Education, Austin, Texas; Mr. Cola D. Watson, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Montpelier, Vermont; Mr. H. E. Urton, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Pierre, South Dakota; Mr. E. J. Johnson; Mr. H. N. Hansucker; Mr. R. E. Naugher; and Dr. A. W. Tenney, FFA Executive Secretary, all of the Office of Education; and Dr. D. J. Howard, National FFA Treasurer, Richmond, Virginia. In addition to the above members of the Board, the following persons were present: Mr. H. B. Swanson and Mr. John Farrar; and the Board of Student Officers of the FFA.

It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried, that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with, since all those present had received copies.

Copies of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of the FFA for a six-month period from July 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953 were distributed. The statement was reviewed in detail.

A discussion was held concerning salaries of FFA employees. It was explained that all FFA employees in the national office are kept on a par with Government employees, and those at the Supply Service on a par with business firms.

It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hurt and carried that the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers be accepted -- namely, that facts relative to salary scales for all FFA employees be made available to the Board members and that these be reviewed and action taken at the July meeting relative to possible salary adjustment. This should be reviewed also in line with service the staff has rendered.

Mr. Lano Barron, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine appeared before the Board and presented a six-month budget on the magazine for the period ended December 31, 1953.

The possibility of changing the dates of the printing of the magazine was discussed since the date of October 5 was too close to the opening of the school year and there was not time to get subscriptions in six weeks previous to this printing date. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the printing dates be changed to September, December, March and June.

Mr. Barron then reviewed the circulation of the magazine for the period ended December 31, 1953. The total subscriptions received as of that date were 131,857. Since that time 14,118 additional subscriptions have been received.

Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, reviewed a statement of operating expenses for the Supply Service for the six-month period from July 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953. The total sales for this period was \$541,976.44, which represents about a 12 per cent increase for the same period last year. Three-fourths of this business was done from September 1 through December.

Dr. Spanton interrupted the report to explain that the quarters at the Camp for the Supply Service and magazine are very crowded. He stated there was a possibility of the magazine getting space at the University of Maryland. The magazine is not conveniently located now, since the staff does not have ready access to a library. It would probably be well for all concerned if it were moved. There was some correspondence about this and the people at the University seemed interested. There has been nothing definite on this so far, but indications are that there will be space available at the University.

It was moved by Mr. Urton, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried, that the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers be accepted -- namely, that the problem of moving the magazine to the University of Maryland be looked into and, if it appears advisable, to do so.

A discussion was held concerning the building of permanent quarters at the Camp. It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Hansucker and carried, that Mr. Hawkins look into the approximate cost of a first section of a permanent-type building and have the information ready for the Board in July, together with an estimate on the amount that would have to be set aside each year to build.

Mr. Hawkins resumed his report and showed a chart on business at the Supply Service. The official jacket is the major portion of the business -- (two-thirds). The companies that manufacture the official jackets at the present time are the Universal Uniform Company, and the Ringer St. Croix Company. Last year Universal manufactured 16,000 jackets and Ringer a little better than 44,000. A map was then shown which gave the number of jackets shipped into each State.

Last summer the Board authorized Mr. Hawkins to get competitive bids on the official jacket. He solicited ten companies and five of these sent in bids. The prices quoted were for jackets completely lettered and ready for shipment.

It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Urton and carried, that the Board accept the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers -- namely, that the official jackets be manufactured by the companies recommended by Mr. Hawkins, and for the prices designated; also, that an additional distribution point be established somewhere in the Southern Region, the exact location to be decided by the Governing Committee and Mr. Hawkins.

After a discussion of the type of dye to be used in the jacket, it was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. Urton and carried, that the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers be accepted -- namely, that the hydro-vat dye be used. It was also decided that the color to be used exclusively in the jacket be "royal blue" by Julliard.

Mr. Hawkins showed a good grade plastic billfold, explaining that some of the chapters thought the leather billfold now on sale was a luxury item. This plastic billfold could be sold for \$1.00 or \$1.25. He suggested this type billfold be stocked and that the other, more expensive, one be reduced in price or else eliminated completely.

It was moved by Mr. Urton, seconded by Dr. Tenney and carried, that the Board accept the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers -- namely, that the plastic billfold, together with a plastic pocket secretary, be sold and also that the leather billfolds be sold until they are out of stock.

Mr. Urton read a letter that had been received, which suggested consideration be given to the FFA making available Christmas Cards, which would be suitable for all FFA groups -- members, chapters, State Associations, etc. This card could be put out in large quantities so the cost could be kept down.

It was moved by Mr. Urton, seconded by Mr. Hurt and carried, that the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers be accepted -- namely, that Mr. Hawkins look into the situation of the Christmas Cards and report on this at the July meeting.

Dr. Tenney showed the wood dye of the Sentinel plaque and moved that the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers be accepted -- namely, that the wood dye of the Sentinel plaque be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried.

Dr. Spanton was called out of the office, and when he returned he said he had just talked on the phone with Dr. Cairns, at the University of Maryland. Dr. Cairns had informed him it would be satisfactory for the magazine to move to the University some time before June 1.

The next item to come before the Board was the situation of the Box Elder Chapter, at Brigham City, Utah, which had submitted a report on accomplishments in the National Chapter Contest that was never received in this office. Mr. Johnson stated that all records have been checked and there was no evidence found of the material ever reaching this office. Mr. Downs, Assistant State Director of Agricultural Education in Utah, was informed that if he would resubmit the material, it would be rated on a comparative basis with the other reports that had been received from the Pacific Region. This was done and the chapter rated Gold Emblem. This office is not authorized to accept any material after September 1, however, and if this chapter were to be recognized as a Gold Emblem Award winner and the award given, it would have to be passed upon by the Board and also the delegates at the convention.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, that the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers be accepted -- namely, that under existing conditions, the Boards not consider action on this matter since the Box Elder report did not reach the national office before September 1.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

January 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.

The first matter to be taken up by the Board was that of new criteria for awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to chapter advisors, as a result of action taken by the delegates at the 1953 National Convention, which included the following recommendation:

"A new criteria for awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to chapter advisors is to be established by the National Board of Student Officers and the National Board of Directors of the FFA. The old policy of awarding the Degree to advisors of National Gold Emblem Chapters is to be discontinued."

In line with this recommendation, Mr. Dalton presented to the Board a suggested Criteria, prepared by a Committee which had been appointed for this purpose, to be used as a basis for selecting teachers of vocational agriculture to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. In this report it was suggested that each applicant must have held the Honorary State Farmer Degree, and that a maximum of 25 Honorary American Farmer Degrees be awarded per year to teachers. Considerable discussion followed on the various aspects of this report. There was no objection to the qualification of holding the Honorary State Farmer Degree, but some members of the Board felt that the figure of 25 Degrees per year to teachers was too low, and that more recognition should be given to teachers of vocational agriculture. Dr. Spanton brought out the fact that while a Future Farmer has only 5, 6 or 7 years to strive for the American Farmer Degree, a teacher of vocational agriculture has at least 30 years in which to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Mr. Urton expressed concern over giving the applicant so many points for the achievements of one boy -- such as an American Farmer, or a National FFA Officer. He stressed the fact that in the development of attributes leading to a boy becoming an American Farmer or a National Officer, the home and the parents enter in, as does the whole community. Mr. Urton thought we should give some consideration to the agriculture teacher who does a good job with a group in his chapter.

Points given for Gold Emblem Chapter winners was discussed. It was pointed out that some criticism has been heard to the effect that there is a possibility that Gold Emblem Chapter Reports are copied when they are on display during the National Convention. In the discussion which followed, Dr. Tenney stated that while this could happen, he believes that back of every Gold Emblem Chapter, there must be a fine teacher of vocational agriculture. Some members of the Board thought the points given for a Gold Emblem Chapter should be increased from 60 to 100, or even 200, and that Silver Emblem Chapters should be included in the Criteria.



The Committee on Criteria accepted the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers -- namely, that 100 points be given for the Winner of a Gold Emblem in the National Chapter Contest - and that 40 points be given for the Winner of a Silver Emblem in the same contest.

The following question was raised in connection with one phase of the recommended criteria for teachers: Suppose a teacher remains in a certain vocational agriculture department for several years and, largely because of his instruction and guidance, a boy is recommended for the American Farmer Degree, or for a National Office -- but, before this actually takes place, for some reason the vocational agriculture teacher leaves the department and goes elsewhere - who should receive credit for points mentioned in the criteria, the former teacher or the new teacher in the department? No one seemed to know exactly how this situation should be handled. Mr. Naugher thought the Board should come up with some definite policies before the Regional Conferences are held. Mr. Farrar suggested that the National Organization might budget a sum of approximately \$2,000 for the purpose of bringing in eight Executive Secretaries from the four Regions, to be elected during the Regional Conferences, in order that they might work out final plans for the Criteria in question, the National Chapter Contest and the National Program of Work. Mr. Urton expressed the opinion that it would be very difficult to work out a solution that would be satisfactory to all concerned. He suggested, however, that the Board members try to get this material in as good shape as possible; then present it to each of the Regional Representatives on the Board of Directors and ask them to present it to their respective Regional Conferences, so that all the States can be told exactly what has been done and give them an opportunity to make recommendations and suggestions. Other members of the Board concurred in this suggestion.

Mr. Dalton, therefore, moved that the Committee Report on Criteria for Selecting Teachers of Vocational Agriculture To Receive The Honorary American Farmer Degree be accepted for 1954, and that it be discussed at the Regional Conferences for further improvement after 1954. This motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried.

The report follows:

(See next page for report)

\* Criteria For Selecting Teachers Of Vocational Agriculture  
To Receive The  
Honorary American Farmer Degree

	<u>Points</u>
1. For each American Farmer . . . . .	90
2. For each National Officer . . . . .	90
3. For each year as Winner of Gold Emblem in National Chapter Contest . . . . .	100
4. For each year as Winner of Silver Emblem in National Chapter Contest . . . . .	40
5. For each Regional Star Farmer . . . . .	100
6. For each Winner in Regional FFA Foundation Award - (Farm Electrification, Farm Mechanics, Farm Safety, Dairy Farming, and Soil and Water Management) . . . . .	60
7. For each Winning Team of Gold Emblem Award in National Judging Contest . . . . .	40
8. For each American Farmer Established in Farming . . . . .	90
9. For each Speaker in National Public Speaking Contest . . . . .	60
10. For each year of office in National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association . . . . .	40
11. For each State Farmer . . . . .	10
12. For each State Star Farmer . . . . .	20
13. For each State Officer . . . . .	10
14. For each State Winner in National FFA Foundation Award - (Farm Electrification, Farm Mechanics, Farm Safety, Dairy Farming, and Soil and Water Management) . . . . .	5
15. For each State Farmer Established in Farming . . . . .	10
16. For each Winner as Gold Emblem or Master Chapter Activity . . . . .	5
17. For each State Winner in Public Speaking Contest . . . . .	5
18. For each Team Winning Gold Medal in State Judging Contest . . . . .	5
19. For each year on State Advisory Council . . . . .	5
20. For each year of office in State Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association . . . . .	5
21. For each year of service as Teacher . . . . .	5

\* These Criteria were approved by the National FFA Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors, January 29, 1954. They will be used as a basis for selecting teachers of vocational agriculture to receive the Degree of Honorary American Farmer. The Boards authorized that not more than 25 degrees be awarded per year to teachers. Each applicant must have previously received the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

The question was raised as to the total number of Honorary American Farmer Degrees which should be granted each year. It was thought that perhaps a total of 50 would be appropriate.

It was moved by Mr. Hurt that not more than 50 Honorary American Farmer Degrees be awarded during any one year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tenney, but lost.

Further discussion was held on this matter. It was pointed out that since a maximum of 25 Degrees could go to teachers of vocational agriculture; 6 would be granted to the fathers of the six National Officers; 4 to the fathers of the four Star American Farmers; and 4 to retiring members of the Boards (2 on the Board of Directors of the FFA, and 2 on the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation) -- this would leave only 11 degrees which could be awarded to other deserving persons.

Mr. Hansucker stated that he believed the Future Farmers of America should consider awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to State Superintendents of Public Instruction; to Agricultural Commissioners, etc., since he felt that in many States these persons have rendered outstanding service to the FFA.

After reviewing the numbers of Honorary American Farmer Degrees awarded during the past several years, it was moved by Mr. Hansucker, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried, that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers -- namely, that the maximum number of Honorary American Farmers, to be awarded each year, be set at approximately 50.

The Chairman called on Mr. Hansucker for a Progress Report on changes in the National FFA Chapter Contest. Mr. Hansucker prefaced his remarks by reviewing action taken at the last National Convention, namely:

"That the National Office devise a report form for use in connection with the National Chapter Contest that will:

1. Simplify the reporting of chapter accomplishments.
2. Facilitate scoring of accomplishments and selection of award winners.
3. Eliminate scrapbooks and similar materials from consideration in judging."

Mr. Hansucker then presented to the Board mimeographed copies of a proposed report form which would replace the old National Chapter Contest report form. He pointed out that this was almost a complete departure from the old form -- even the name being changed to "National Chapter Award". He stated that under the new plan, five types of awards would be provided by the National Organization, based upon the degree of achievement of the local chapter in meeting approved standards and in carrying out a well-planned and comprehensive program of activities. These awards are: Standard Chapter Award, Superior Chapter Award, Bronze Emblem Award, Silver Emblem Award, and

Gold Emblem Award. The first two awards -- Standard and Superior Awards -- would be on the State level. Each State Association would then be permitted to submit the records of at least two of its Superior Award Chapters to the National Organization for consideration for Bronze, Silver or Gold Emblem recognition. State Associations with paid membership exceeding 5,000 members may submit one additional application for each additional 5,000 members or major fraction thereof.

The Board members reviewed the proposed form and offered certain suggestions. Mr. Hansucker explained that chapter award winners on the State level would be selected by the State FFA governing body -- and it was planned to present spurs to the winners of Standard and Superior Award winners. Since some chapters have been getting too many plaques, pennants, awards, etc., it has been suggested that some sort of a long-time plaque might be devised. Probably a "Standard Chapter Award" winner would buy the plaque, and from there on out, the National Organization would provide the "spurs". In a recent questionnaire, approximately 90% of the State Supervisors were in favor of a plan of that kind. A few Supervisors were in favor of a small plaque, while one preferred a paper certificate and the use of seals.

Mr. Hansucker was asked if sufficient criteria has been developed for selecting the Bronze, Silver and Gold Emblem Award winners. He replied that they would be determined by the extent to which the chapters accomplished major objectives set up in their Program of Work. Five of the most important objectives under each of the nine (9) items of the chapter's program of activities shall be reported to the National Office. The idea in revising this form is to eliminate the great volume of work and materials required in preparing these reports.

Mr. Dalton suggested that perhaps the objectives contained in the proposed forms have not been sufficiently geared to the National level. Mr. Hansucker said this had been considered, but because of the diversity of projects in different parts of the country, it is hard to work out objective policies on the National level. For that reason, it was deemed advisable to let local chapters determine what they considered to be the major needs for their own chapters. Mr. Dalton said he thought the accomplishments of a chapter is the important thing, to which Mr. Hansucker agreed.

Mr. Hansucker said that the next proposed step, based on recommendations of this Board and the delegates at the last convention, is that the National Program of Work should be revised, setting forth activities and objectives to be accomplished by the National FFA Organization and its officers -- and that a separate document be developed as a guide to State Associations and local chapters to use in developing their respective programs of work.

Dr. Tenney stated that he believed the Board should decide on what the chapters should be asked to submit this year.

Mr. Hansucker explained that the only thing that the Board members are obligated to do in this meeting is to come up with some form that will eliminate all the volumes of detail the chapters have been sending in to this office. He pointed out that the rules for the National Chapter Contest



will not be revised until the next National FFA Convention; however, the Board has been instructed to devise some sort of form which chapters may use this year in reporting accomplishments. The form which has been submitted to the Board for review should be considered a pattern which might be followed. He also stated that the National Office has been asked to revise the National Chapter Contest rules next year. He stated that he believed the Board members should decide on the following questions:

1. Should we continue to work on a revised set of rules for the National Chapter Award, following a plan similar to the one proposed here?
2. Shall we have a committee of Executive Secretaries or Advisors from the States, as recommended by the delegates at the last National Convention, come to Washington sometime between now and the next Board meeting to put the finishing touches on this plan?
3. Is it the desire of this Board to recommend this proposed report form to the chapters for reporting their activities and accomplishments for this year?

Mr. Watson made the following statement: "It seems that in view of the Committee action which was adopted at the last convention, that the Board of Directors is under no obligation to revise the report form for the National Chapter Contest this year. The only thing which the delegate body did in adopting the Committee Report was to strike out the policy of awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to advisors of National Gold Emblem Chapters, and to instruct the Board of Directors to work on a revision of rules, which includes the report form for the National Chapter Contest. It would be my suggestion that we consider this a Progress Report only; that we recommend the pattern which is being followed here in the revision of the National Chapter Contest; that we develop procedures to continue refinement of these rules and forms for the National Chapter Contest."

Mr. Hansucker agreed that he would continue to work on this; that he would mimeograph a number of copies of the proposed report form; send it out to the various Executive Secretaries and Advisors, as we did for the Treasurer's Book; and, upon their return from the States, rework the whole thing and present it to the July meeting; then take it to Kansas City for delegate action.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Urton, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers, namely, that the old rules and form in the National Chapter Contest be continued in use for the present, and that the procedures to be followed in completing the revision of the report form be left up to the Governing Committee and the matter be referred to the Board at its July meeting.

Mr. Dalton asked the Board members to refer to Page 56 of the Official Manual, the section having to do with the "Ceremony for Initiating Green Hands". He expressed the opinion that this ceremony would be more forceful, worthwhile and impressive if the second word in this heading were changed to "Installing" instead of "Initiating".

After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers, namely, that the second word at the top of Page 56 of the Official Manual be changed from "Initiating" to "Installing".

Mr. Cerra, of the law firm Davies, Richberg, Tydings, Beebe and Landa, gave a brief report on the status of the lawsuit involving the Chapter Supply Company, Danville, Illinois, for the infringement of trademarks belonging to the FFA. He reported that the case is being appealed. A brief has been prepared and the case will be presented for oral argument in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, in Chicago, during the week of February 22. The question was asked: What will our status be if we win this case? -- and what will it be if we lose the case? Mr. Cerra replied that if we win, no manufacturer or sales organization would be able to use the registered trademarks without obtaining authorization to do so from the Board of Directors of the FFA -- but if we lose, it means that any chapter or any State Association of Chapters can authorize any one to produce anything at all and use the FFA emblem.

It was pointed out that the 4-H Clubs are watching this case very closely since the circumstances involved could very well apply to them, also. Mr. Swanson asked if the Department of Agriculture would be ready to move immediately to amend their Charter, in case we lose our case. Dr. Tenney replied that he does not know, but they have indicated that they are ready to act.

Dr. Tenney wondered whether we should proceed to have the Federal Charter amended now - clarifying the meaning of the word "use" in Section 16 of the Charter - or wait until the case is heard before the Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Cerra replied that if the case is lost, we should notify the chapters and associations immediately and point out that this whole matter is in their hands, and warn them of the seriousness of what the final outcome could be.

Dr. Spanton brought out the fact that trademarks can only be renewed once, and when the FFA trademarks expire, any one could use them. He thought perhaps we should have this extra insurance (by having the Charter amended) even though we win the case. He pointed out that such an amendment would give permanent protection to the FFA emblem even when the present trademark registrations expire. Mr. Cerra was asked the question: "If nothing is done to amend our charter and we win the case, would we be subject to all this again at some time in the future?" Mr. Cerra replied that this could happen, but if the Charter were amended, the National Organization would certainly have a stronger defense. Mr. Cerra was also asked: "How many times would such a case probably be renewed?" He replied that he couldn't answer this exactly, but that when you have won a case, you can always point to that decision as defense.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Urton and carried, that the Board of Directors adopt the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers, namely, that we proceed with an amendment to the Federal Charter, specifically with reference to a clarification of the word "use" in Section 16 of Public Law 740.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hurt and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers, namely, that any action taken to protect the use of the FFA emblem, by an amendment to the Federal Charter, be fully explained to the States as representing the wishes of the Board of Student Officers of the FFA.

Dr. Tenney read the changes in rules of the National Public Speaking Contest, which were recommended by the Public Speaking Contest Committee and approved by the delegates at the 1953 National FFA Convention, as follows:

- "1. Article IV is to be amended to read that deductions of 40 points shall be made per minute or part thereof for speeches under eight minutes in length.
2. Add to Article IV that deductions be made of 20 points per minute or part thereof for speeches over ten minutes in length.
3. Amend Article V, Rule 6, to read that a timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his speech, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions should be made.
4. To amend Part III of the Score Card to include less undertime deductions 40 points for each minute or part thereof; and less overtime deductions 20 points per minute or part thereof."

Dr. Tenney pointed out that these recommendations are to be reviewed by the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors and a date set for the changes to become effective.

After some discussion of these changes, it was moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers, which was that these changes go into effect when the new forms are printed, which would be for the 1955 National Public Speaking Contest.

Dr. Tenney then read a letter from the Schoharie Chapter of FFA, Schoharie New York, advising that their chapter had voted on having a County Farmer Degree which would come between the Chapter Farmer and State Farmer Degree. It was the wish of this chapter to have a medal or key for this new Degree, and they

have requested permission to use the FFA emblem on such a medal or key. This matter was discussed, and it was the sense of the group that permission could not be granted for the use of the FFA emblem on such a medal, since the FFA Constitution would have to be amended before an additional Degree could be added. Dr. Tenney was instructed that the Schoharie Chapter be so advised.

Dr. Tenney announced that the exchange of FFA members with the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain will be continued in 1954. He explained to the Board that it has been the custom in the past to observe rotation by Regions in selecting the persons who would make the trip. Last year the two representatives of the FFA were from Michigan and Vermont, or the Central and North Atlantic Regions; therefore, this year they should come from the Southern and Pacific Regions. It has also been the practice to rotate from State to State within a Region. It is also advisable to select a representative from a State that is willing, in turn, to entertain the representative from Great Britain. The suggestion was made that, since the guests from Great Britain are interested in observing different types of farming, they be permitted to visit two or three States, instead of remaining in one small State.

It was agreed by members of the Board that the Governing Committee should select the representatives from the FFA to travel to Great Britain in the Exchange Program with students from Great Britain.

Mr. Watson advised that he had two matters to present to the Board from his Region. First, he read a letter which he had received from one of the States in his Region, in which they requested permission for 9th grade students enrolled in "General Agriculture" classes, to be granted membership in the FFA organization.

Considerable discussion followed, and it was recommended by the Board of Student Officers that this State's request for 9th grade students enrolled in "General Agriculture" classes to be allowed membership in the FFA organization be denied, since it would require an amendment to the FFA Constitution.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers that the above request be denied; and further, that this State be advised that such a request is in direct conflict with the FFA Constitution and the FFA Charter.

Mr. Watson then read a letter from one State in his Region, calling attention to the instructions listed on Page 2 of the application blank for the American Farmer Degree, which states that:

"The candidate must list his farming program for each year, indicating scope, candidate's share of credits, debits, and labor income for each enterprise."

The State in question objected to this policy, since its system of record keeping does not require records by enterprises, but merely records



on the total supervised farming program. The contents of this letter were discussed, and it was agreed that all applications submitted for the American Farmer Degree in June should conform to present practice and policies, and that any changes in procedures be discussed further at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Hansucker presented a preliminary draft on Policies Concerning the Use of the FFA Emblem. It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Hurt and carried, that consideration of the policies regarding the use and authorization for use of the name and emblem of the FFA be tabled until the July meeting.

It was suggested that it might be well to select 8 or 10 individuals over the country to whom copies of this draft might be sent for suggestions as to its further improvement before the July meeting. Mr. Johnson thought it might be well for each Regional representative to suggest two persons from his Region to work on these policies. It was agreed by mutual consent that two States in each Region be contacted for their views.

Dr. Spanton expressed the appreciation of the Board to Mr. Hurt and Mr. Dalton, whose terms of office will expire June 30, 1954, for their time and efforts and the valuable contributions which they have made while serving on the Board of Directors. Both men responded appropriately.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

A. W. Tenney  
A. W. Tenney, Secretary

W. T. Spanton

W. T. Spanton, Chairman