

MINUTES  
JOINT MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS  
AND DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Washington, D. C.  
July 25 - 27, 1956

July 25, 1956

The meeting of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room G-743 A, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building, by W. T. Spanton, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Those present included:

Board of Directors

Warren G. Weiler, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,  
Columbus, Ohio;  
H. M. McDonald, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,  
Baltimore, Maryland;  
J. C. Cannon, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,  
Montgomery, Alabama;  
Emory M. Howard, State Supervisor Agricultural Education,  
Boise, Idaho;  
E. J. Johnson; H. N. Hunsicker; R. E. Naugher and A. W.  
Tenney, all of the Office of Education, Washington, D.C.

Board of Student Officers

Daniel Dunham, National FFA President, Lakeview, Oregon;  
Lennie Gamage, National FFA Vice President, Cartersville,  
Virginia;  
Dale Ring, National FFA Vice President, Wooster, Ohio;  
Allen Colebank, National FFA Vice President, Morgantown,  
West Virginia;  
Lynn Loosli, National FFA Vice President, Ashton, Idaho; and  
Terrell Benton, Jr., National FFA Student Secretary,  
Jefferson, Georgia.

Dr. Dowell J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richmond, Virginia, and National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, was also present.

It was moved by Lynn Loosli, seconded by Dale Ring and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and accept them as mimeographed and distributed. The motion was approved by the Board of Directors.

A copy of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of the FFA for the year July 1, 1955 through June 30, 1956 was distributed to each of the members of the Board. Dr. D. J. Howard, the National FFA Treasurer then reviewed the report of the Certified Public Accountants, item by item, explaining various items as questions were raised by members of the Boards.

It was moved by Lennie Gamage, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that the Report of the National Treasurer be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Weiler and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

A proposed budget for the FFA for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1957 was reviewed. Mr. Weiler suggested and the Boards agreed that under Item V, National Office Expense, additional money be budgeted for National FFA Week. It was agreed that a few mats could be distributed to the States so they would know they were available and if additional mats were desired they could be purchased. It was suggested also that when these mats were distributed to the States ideas on their use should be sent with them.

Mr. John Farrar, Director of Public Relations for the FFA, stated if at all possible he would like the organization to purchase a tape recorder for use during the National Convention and other times during the year. It was moved by Lynn Loosli, seconded by Lennie Gamage and carried that a tape recorder be purchased by the Future Farmers of America, and that the amount to be spent for this recorder be added to Item V, of the National FFA Budget. It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cannon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Spanton then told the group that the National Executive Secretary and National President of the FFA had been invited to spend approximately one month in Japan visiting the Future Farmers of Japan. All expenses are to be paid by the Department of State. Two representatives of the Future Farmers of Japan are also to visit this country and it is hoped they will arrive in time to attend the National FFA Convention. Officials in Minnesota have offered to entertain this first delegation from Japan.

Dr. Milo J. Peterson, University of Minnesota, who has spent some time in Japan this summer, had suggested to Dr. Tenney that since the trip would not cost the FFA any money, that Dr. Tenney and Dan Dunham take with them souvenirs for key people in Japan. These souvenirs could be obtained from the Supply Service. It was agreed that the value of FFA souvenirs taken to Japan be left to the discretion of Dr. Tenney.

On the recommendation of the Board of Student Officers, it was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that Dr. Tenney and Dan Dunham prepare a statement of greeting from the Future Farmers of America to the Future Farmers of Japan.

Mr. McDonald read a letter from Mr. James R. Martin of Shillington, Pennsylvania, in which it was proposed that the national organization set up a county degree with appropriate pin. It was explained this problem had come up many times in the past and the Boards always looked with disfavor on awarding an additional degree. It was suggested, however, that since awarding an additional degree would require an amendment to the constitution that Mr. McDonald write Mr. Martin stating that he should take this up with his State Advisor.

Dan Dunham brought up the problem of members wearing medals and pins on the Official FFA Jacket. It was pointed out that only those pins

representing the highest offices of the organization or highest degree pin should be worn on the jacket. Members, however, do not know what to do with other degree pins and Foundation medals. It was suggested that some type of key chain be made available for this purpose. It was moved by Dale Ring, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that a key chain be made available from the Future Farmers Supply Service, with the recommendation that members be encouraged to use this for all medals or emblems that are not to be worn on jackets. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Weiler displayed a folder, which was sent to him by Mr. W. J. Kortesmaki, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Association. These folders were given to the delegates at the Minnesota Convention. The folder had the name of the State Association printed on the front and also the words "State FFA Convention". There were two pockets on the inside, which could be used to hold all materials the delegates would need at the convention. Mr. Kortesmaki suggested a folder similar to this be handled by the Supply Service. Most of the members of the Boards liked the idea of the folder. It was felt, however, if the Supply Service handled this item, each order would require special printing since the name of the State would have to be printed on the front. It was decided this matter be reviewed with Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Weiler had also received a request that the Supply Service handle an Official FFA Flag. It was moved by Lynn Loosli, seconded by Terrell Benton and carried that the Supply Service be authorized to stock and sell the Official FFA Flag. It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dale Ring made a report on the First Young Peoples' Civil Defense Conference, which he attended July 12 and 13 at Battle Creek, Michigan. It was moved by Dale Ring, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried, that the Civil Defense Program become a part of the Program of Work under the heading of "Community Service" and in addition the Boards send a proposal or suggestion to each State Association suggesting that State Associations and local chapters participate in all ways possible in Civil Defense Activities in their area. It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The Boards then considered applications for the American Farmer Degree that had been submitted from the various regions. The candidates from the North Atlantic Region were considered, and it was moved by Allen Colebank, seconded by Lynn Loosli and carried that all thirty-two candidates from that region be recommended to receive the degree. It was moved by Mr. Hunsicker, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

It was moved by Lynn Loosli, seconded by Terrell Benton and carried that the forty applications from the Pacific Region be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The group discussed one application from the Southern Region whose farming enterprises were weak. It was moved by Lennie Gamage, seconded by Dale Ring and carried that the 172 applicants from the Southern Region be

recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree, and that the one applicant be rejected. It was moved by Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Weiler and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

The applications for the Central Region were considered and three candidates were rejected, after which it was moved by Dale Ring, seconded by Terrell Benton and carried that the remaining 121 candidates from the Central Region be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton read a resolution from the Colorado Association in which they proposed the following change in the closing ceremony for chapter meetings:

"As we mingle with others, let us be diligent in labor, just in our dealings, courteous to everyone, and, above all, honest and fair in the game of life. I now declare this meeting adjourned, FOLLOWING THE SALUTE TO OUR FLAG, until our next regular meeting, or until a special meeting shall be called by our President. Fellow members AND GUESTS join me in a salute to our Flag."

After some discussion, it was moved by Terrell Benton, seconded by Lennie Gamage and carried that the Closing Ceremony remain as it is in the 1956 edition of the FFA Manual, with the exception that the words "and guests" be placed in parenthesis, following the words "Fellow members". It was moved by Mr. Hunsicker, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Before adjourning for the day, Mr. Johnson suggested action be taken on recommending Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service and Mr. Lano Barron, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER, to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Terrell Benton, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Barron be recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

July 26, 1956

The meeting was called to order in Room G-743 A by the Chairman at 9:00 a.m., all members of the Boards being present.

A discussion was held regarding the criteria for selecting Honorary American Farmers. After reviewing and revising the present criteria, it was moved by Lynn Loosli, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried to accept the following criteria for selecting Honorary American Farmers:

"Anyone who has made an outstanding contribution to vocational agriculture and the FFA above the State level may be considered for the Honorary American Farmer Degree. Selection for such honors should be distributed among workers and leaders in agriculture, various professions, businesses,



industries, agricultural and other organizations. A statement of the candidate's contributions shall be submitted to the National Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors for their consideration. Candidates must have the recommendations of the respective State, Regional, or National FFA or Agricultural Education groups. In addition all candidates must be present at the national convention to receive the degree, unless the reason for not attending is acceptable to the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors. Approximately fifty persons may be nominated each year."

It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Tenney 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. Dr. Tenney then read the names of those with the highest ratings as candidates for the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The Boards then considered the following persons to receive the degree:

R. C. Peabworth, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, 8 East Congress Street, Chicago, 5, Illinois  
Charles B. Shuman, President, American Farm Bureau Federation, Room 2300 Merchandise Mart, Chicago 1, Illinois  
Clark W. Davis, General Manager, Grasselli Chemicals Department, E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington 98, Delaware  
Gerald Bray, President, French-Bray Printing Company, Baltimore 2, Maryland  
Edward J. Hawkins, Manager, Future Farmers Supply Service, Box 1180, Alexandria, Virginia  
R. Lano Barron, Editor, The National Future Farmer Magazine, Box 29, Alexandria, Virginia  
Graham Patterson, President, Farm Journal, Washington Square, Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania  
J. Willard Olander, National Livestock Company, Stock Yards Station, Kansas City, Missouri  
Harold Heldreth, Agricultural Representative, 425 North Michigan Avenue, National Safety Council, Chicago 11, Illinois  
Joseph N. Gill, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture, Hartford, Connecticut  
Riley Allen, Editor, Honolulu Star Bulletin, Honolulu, Hawaii  
A. W. Rudnick, Professor, Dairy Department, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa  
L. F. Hall, Assistant Teacher Trainer Agricultural Education, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas  
H. F. Duis, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, 10th Floor, State Capitol Bldg., Lincoln 9, Nebraska  
George Roesner, Radio Station KPRC, Houston, Texas  
John W. Bunten, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Department of Vocational Education, State Capitol, Carson City, Nevada  
H. E. Wood, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Tallahassee, Florida  
George R. Cochran, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Shubert Building, 488 Wabasha St., St. Paul 2, Minnesota

W. Lyle Mowlds, State Director Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, 313 South State Street, Dover, Delaware  
Fathers of National Officers (4)  
Fathers of Star Farmers (3)  
Teachers of Vocational Agriculture (25)

A motion was made by Terrell Benton, seconded by Lennie Gamage 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. Cannon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Terrell Benton asked if Mr. John P. Derham, Jr., Vice President, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Norfolk 10, Virginia, who was unable to attend the 1955 convention to receive his Honorary American Farmer Degree, could receive it if he came out to the convention this year. Dr. Tenney said in cases like this, when the person expresses a desire to receive their degree and cannot be present it is general practice to give it at the next succeeding convention or at a convention when the person can be present. Without taking any official action, it was decided to give Mr. Derham his degree this year.

It was moved by Allen Colebank, seconded by Terrell Benton and carried that the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America submit the following statement to the Future Farmers of Japan, and that this message be taken to Japan by Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary and Dan Dunham, National President. The Greeting is as follows:

"The National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America extend to the Future Farmers of Japan heartiest greetings. We have followed with interest the steady progress made by your great organization. We are proud of your significant achievements. The Future Farmers of America are delighted that their National President and National Executive Secretary are to have the privilege of visiting with you. We hope this visit will lead to a closer working relationship between our two organizations. We pledge to you our continued cooperation and wish for you success in your worthy undertakings."

It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

It was agreed by both Boards that since Dr. Tenney and Dan Dunham would be stopping in Hawaii on their way to Japan that they could take the Honorary American Farmer Degree certificate and key to Mr. Riley Allen, Editor of the Honolulu Star Bulletin, in case he cannot come to Kansas City, Missouri, to receive them.

Mr. Johnson asked if the Boards would approve the expenses of Dick Van Auken of New Jersey, who is to represent the Future Farmers of America Organization at the National Safety Congress to be held in Chicago, Illinois,

the week following the National FFA Convention. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Terrell Benton, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that the expenses of Dick Van Auken, or his alternate, who is to represent the FFA at the forthcoming meeting of the National Safety Congress be approved, but that in the future, the selection of the individual and the expenses incurred in attending this meeting be left up to the approval of the two Boards. It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. Cannon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Hunsicker suggested we should have a national officer attend the meeting of the R.Y.U.S.A. which is to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, September 12-13. After considerable discussion by both Boards, it was the general feeling it would not be necessary for a national officer to attend this meeting, but that a letter should be written to Mr. Bonsack in Wisconsin and ask him to send their State President, or someone to represent the organization.

Mr. Barron, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine appeared before the group and made a financial report on the Magazine for the fiscal year, July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956.

Mr. Barron stated that subscriptions for 1955-56 totaled 166,373 and they expected 190,000 subscriptions for the year 1956-57, and that advertising in the magazine for 1955-56 netted \$146,988.18.

Copies of the Financial Report for The National FUTURE FARMER for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956, and the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1957, were distributed to the group and reviewed in detail.

Mr. Weiler asked if there were more States with 100 per cent participation in magazine subscriptions. Mr. Barron said that altogether 17 States were in 100 per cent, and that many States in the Central and Western Regions were crowding 100 per cent. Dan Dunham said that he received a good response at State Conventions he attended pertaining to the magazine.

Mr. Howard asked if the magazines were being put on public conveyances. Mr. Barron said they were on Capital Airlines.

Mr. Barron then distributed copies of the Advertising Policies of The National FUTURE FARMER, and the suggested changes. After considerable discussion about the proposed changes, it was decided to table them for the present and give further consideration to them before action is taken at the next Board meeting in Kansas City.

It was moved by Allen Colebank, seconded by Terrell Benton and carried that the Fourth Annual Report of The National FUTURE FARMER and the Proposed Budget for 1956-57 be accepted with the additional stipulation that Mr. Barron and his staff be complimented for their fine work done on the magazine. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Edward Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, was present and reviewed the Operating Statement of the Supply Service for

the year ended June 30, 1956. The total sales for this period was \$1,044,148.35, with a net income of \$95,666.10. Mr. Hawkins also presented a Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1957. This budget showed a sales forecast amounting to \$1,050,000.

After discussing the report of the Supply Service, it was moved by Lennie Gamage, seconded by Terrell Benton and carried that from the net income of the Supply Service for the year ended June 30, 1956, \$25,000. be paid to the national organization and that \$50,000. be placed in the FFA building fund. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

It was then moved by Allen Colebank, seconded by Lynn Loosli, and carried that the Operating Statement of the Future Farmers Supply Service for the year ended June 30, 1956, and the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1957, be accepted and appreciation expressed to Mr. Hawkins for the fine work which he has done as Manager of the Supply Service. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Weiler and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Naugher asked how the sale of jewelry was progressing since the Supply Service took it over. Mr. Hawkins said they are doing about \$30,000 more business than the company did that previously handled it. Mr. Hawkins said that the Supply Service now handles 198 items, and that the two main ones are official jackets (56%) and jewelry (19%).

Mr. Hawkins said he would like to change the present ball point pen to one for which refills could be purchased. He said the refills could sell for about 15 cents. The pen would sell individually for 35 cents and 25 cents if a hundred or more were purchased. Mr. Hawkins also presented before the Boards a new sweat shirt and a cardboard exhibitor sign. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Dale Ring, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that we accept the change in the ball point pen and accept the cardboard exhibitor sign as items to be sold by the Supply Service. It was moved by Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Johnson raised a question whether or not the sale of the sweat shirts might affect the sale of jackets. Mr. Hawkins said that he didn't think it would. Dan Dunham and Lynn Loosli thought the sweat shirts would be nice for athletic and sports events, exhibition purposes, etc. It was moved by Dale Ring, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried to stock the sweat shirts at the Supply Service. It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton then explained in detail the reasons for the Governing Committee cancelling the "Trial-Run National Safe Tractor Driving Contest" for FFA boys, which was sent out in a mimeographed letter to the States under date of July 12. It was the general consensus of opinion that the contest was justifiably cancelled and that the Governing Committee took the only action that could have been taken under the circumstances. As stated in the letter to the States:



"....it has been learned that several of the tractor manufacturing companies, as well as many leaders in vocational agriculture, are very skeptical of the value of such an activity. They are of the opinion that such a contest, conducted on a national basis under uncontrolled conditions, might in fact become a very unfair contest between different makes of tractors. They are also of the opinion that such a contest could easily lend itself to exploitation of the FFA for commercial advertising purposes."

Dr. Spanton then brought up the Pfizer Livestock Judging Contest that is being held in Kansas City, Friday, October 19, and stressed the point that the FFA Convention closes Thursday night, October 18, and there is to be no official connection between their contest and our own official FFA contests or other official FFA events. The Pfizer contest has neither been approved nor disapproved by the National FFA Organization.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

July 27, 1956

The meeting was called to order in Room G-743 A, by the Chairman at 9:30 a.m., all members of the Boards being present.

Dr. Spanton asked that the two Boards give him authorization to borrow funds from the Foundation at three per cent interest for the construction of the FFA building. He explained the Board of Trustees of the Foundation had approved the making of such a loan to the FFA but that authorization was needed from the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors for the Chairman to prepare the necessary promissory notes to borrow this money from the Foundation.

It was moved by Lynn Loosli, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that authorization be given Dr. Spanton as Chairman of the Board of Directors to prepare and sign notes payable by the FFA to the Foundation with interest at three per cent for such amounts as it may be necessary from time to time to borrow from the Foundation. It was moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Tenney presented the names of persons whom he suggested as possible judges for the National FFA Public Speaking Contest, and asked for further suggestions from the members of the Boards. The following persons, any three of whom could be invited were approved:

George Lewis, Past National FFA President  
J. C. Wright, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Des Moines,  
Iowa  
James A. McCain, President, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas  
W. E. Morgan, President, Colorado A & M, Fort Collins, Colorado  
John Eklund, Director of Adult Education, National Farmers Union,  
Denver, Colorado  
Ray Gilkeson, Editor, Missouri Ruralist & Kansas Farmer, Topeka,  
Kansas

Harold Hutton, Secretary of Agriculture, Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma  
John M. Lowe, State Director Vocational Education, Charleston,  
West Virginia  
Charles R. Ocker, Past National FFA Student Secretary

Dr. Spanton said he had received solicitations from two different insurance companies to insure the new FFA building as it was going up. He stated the rates of the Nationwide Insurance Company were considerably lower than those of the other company and in addition Nationwide is a contributor to the Foundation. He, therefore, recommended that the Nationwide Insurance Company be allowed to insure the building while under construction. Without objection both boards agreed to this company handling the insurance on the building.

Dr. Tenney read a letter from Dr. Harry W. Kitts of the University of Minnesota, in which Dr. Kitts told of a milking contest between Princess Kay, the representative of the American Dairy Foundation, and the State Star Dairy Farmer. He stated this event attracted much attention at their State convention. Immediately after winning the contest Princess Kay publicly announced she would extend a challenge to the National Star Dairy Farmer at the Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. Dr. Kitts thought such a contest deserved worthy consideration. After some consideration, it was moved by Lennie Gamage, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that the Star Dairy Farmer not accept such a challenge from Princess Kay. It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. Cannon and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton then read a letter from Mr. J. E. Woods of the Business Men's Assurance Company of America, Kansas City, Missouri, concerning a weather beacon card. This card was described and it was explained that the Business Men's Assurance Company would like to pass these cards out to those registering at the national convention. Without objection, it was the opinion of the two Boards that the policy be continued of not permitting the passing out of such items from the registration desk.

Dr. Tenney then went over plans for the 29th National FFA Convention. Dan Dunham asked if it wouldn't be possible to have the persons who are to serve on the various committees named at the Officer-Delegate Luncheon. He stated that committee members do not have sufficient time to work on their reports and if this were done it would give more time to those needing it. It was agreed that all committees would be announced at the Officer-Delegate Luncheon and those needing considerable time to prepare their reports could begin work on them immediately following the luncheon.

Mr. Naugher asked if ushers were to be continued at the convention and who would be in charge of them. Mr. Weiler suggested one boy from each State be selected to serve and possibly something special could be done for this group. Dr. Spanton suggested Mr. Weiler write a letter to each State Supervisor and ask them to designate a boy, preferably an American Farmer Candidate, to serve as an usher, and give them information on where they should meet with him and when. It was moved by Dale Ring, seconded by

Allen Colebank and carried that Mr. Weiler and Mr. Cannon be assigned to take charge of the ushers for the national convention, handling all particulars concerning them, including inviting them to one of the luncheon meetings. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The American Farmer Application forms were the next item of business. Dr. Tenney suggested that it was about time this form was adopted on a three-year basis. After considerable discussion it was decided to continue the present application for another year, with the possibility of changing it at that time and then adopting it on a three-year basis.

Dr. Spanton asked if there were any objections to authorizing the purchase of a special plaque by the FFA for the Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee. Both Boards agreed to the purchase of such a plaque.

Mr. James H. Pearson, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education, spoke to the group.

Mr. Farrar made a report on the Young Outdoor Americans Conference, which is sponsored by the Izaak Walton League of America. He stated next year this conference would be held in Washington, D. C. in April, and there will be about 32 of the top FFA members attending. He suggested it might be a good idea if these boys were asked to arrive a day in advance of the conference so they could visit the national office, the Supply Service and the Magazine offices, and possibly some special event could be planned for them. The members of the boards agreed that this would be an excellent idea.

The National Chapter Award Program forms were reviewed. Mr. Hunsicker reviewed a form which he and Mr. Farrar had prepared, and which would combine the National Chapter Award Program with the Annual FFA Report. After considerable discussion, it was suggested that the forms remain the same, with possibly a few basic changes, this year. It was moved by Terrell Benton, seconded by Lynn Loosli and carried that a committee be authorized to continue work on the National Chapter Award Program and a report be made at the January meeting. It was moved by Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton read a letter which Mr. Weiler had received from Mr. H. E. Urton of South Dakota concerning suggestions some teachers in that State had made pertaining to the Chapter Award Program. They felt that Item 4 under Requirements for A Superior Chapter Award, "Chapter officers recite from memory their part in the official Honorary Degree Ceremony when the ceremony was held", was relatively unimportant. They also had objections to Item 5 under Requirements for A Superior Chapter Award, "Each chapter member has an FFA manual and the official FFA pin symbolic of the highest degree achieved to date". After some discussion it was moved by Lynn Loosli, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that Items 4 and 5 for the Superior Chapter Award not be changed at this time. It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. McDonald read a letter from Mr. Jesse A. Taft of Massachusetts concerning Item II under Requirements for A Superior Chapter Award of the National Chapter Award Program. This item had been discussed at the January 1956 meeting of the Boards and a motion had been passed at that time that it become one of the optional items of that form.

Dan Dunham, speaking for all of the Student Officers, told the group of their interest in the new FFA building. Since it was during their term of office that work was begun on it, he said they would like to do something special for the building and would like to be kept informed of new developments. He hoped they would all be able to be present for the dedication or at least have a representative of their group present. A suggestion was made that since the National FFA Organization would be thirty years old in 1958, possibly the dedication of the building could be postponed until that time and a pilgrimage to Washington for the dedication could be held.

Lennie Gamage asked the Boards to consider the furnishing of two official FFA jackets to each national officer. He said the jackets were used frequently and that two were especially needed on the Good-Will Tour. It was moved by Lennie Gamage, seconded by Allen Colebank and carried that two official FFA jackets be furnished to the national officers beginning this year. It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Cannon and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton advised the group that the January meetings of the Boards would probably be held the week of January 28, 1957.

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

*A. W. Tenney*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
A. W. Tenney, Secretary

*W. T. Spanton*  
\_\_\_\_\_

W. T. Spanton, Chairman