

## MINUTES

### NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS Washington, D. C. July 27 - August 1, 1953

July 27 and 28

The meeting was called to order by President Jimmy Dillon in Room 4282 of the Health, Education, and Welfare Building. Those present were: Donald Travis, Pacific Vice President; Bill Sorem, Central Vice President; Malcolm Ellis, North Atlantic Vice President; Fred Reed, Southern Vice President, and Jimmy Willis, Student Secretary. Also present were: Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor; Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary; Mr. H. B. Swanson, Assistant Chief of Agricultural Education; and Mr. John Farrar, Director of Public Relations for the FFA.

Since minutes of the joint meeting of the National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors were mimeographed and distributed, it was agreed that it was not necessary to have the minutes read.

A tentative program of the Silver Anniversary Convention was presented by the Executive Secretary. After a thorough discussion, it was moved by Donald Travis, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the tentative program be approved.

Mr. Farrar explained that this is the Silver Anniversary year of the National Farm and Home Hour. A request was received from sponsors of that program for the Future Farmers of America to participate in the observation of the anniversary. It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Bill Sorem and carried that a plaque be ordered and presented to the National Broadcasting Company Farm and Home hour on their anniversary.

The National Advisor submitted a request which was received from the New Holland Company for permission to send a cachet bearing the commemorative stamp, postmarked, "First Day of Sale," to each member of the organization in attendance at the Silver Anniversary Convention.

It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Donald Travis and carried that the Board grant the New Holland Company permission to send the stamp to each boy at the convention on the official cachet and that no direct advertising be permitted.

A discussion was held concerning the date when changes made at the last National FFA Convention in the Constitution and contests be declared effective.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Donald Travis and carried that changes made in the contests and in the Constitution at the 1952 convention be declared effective July 1, 1953, with the exception of the National Chapter Contest, which became effective as of October 1952.

Art work from the Burwood Company was submitted to the Board.

It was moved by Jimmy Willis, seconded by Bill Sorem and carried that the Honorary State Farmer plaque be adopted as submitted and that plaques be made available through the Supply Service.

Art work of an ear of corn for the Station of the Secretary was submitted to the Board. By unanimous agreement the art work was approved with a minor change in the grains of corn.

A request from the Boy Scouts of America to offer a reduced price of the Boy Scout magazine to group subscriptions from FFA chapters was presented to the Board. It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Malcolm Ellis and carried that the Board recommend to the Board of Directors approval of the offer made by the Boy Scouts.

A request from the Pennsylvania Association for a pin to be worn by the Chaplain was read. After due consideration, it was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the Pennsylvania Association be informed that the Board of Student Officers ~~and Board of Directors~~ do not believe there will be enough demand for a Chaplain pin to justify having one developed and placed on sale.

A recommendation submitted from the Pacific Region, concerning the presentation of reports of adult officers by student members of the FFA was presented to the Board. It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Bill Sorem, and carried that the reports to the convention be made by the National Treasurer, the Executive Secretary, the Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER, and the representative of the Supply Service.

A recommendation from the Florida Association that the year of the Chapter Contest be changed was considered by the Board. It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that this would not be advisable.

A request from J. I. Case Company for permission to use the emblem of the FFA on an official record book for chapter advisors was submitted to the Board. It was moved by Donald Travis, seconded by Malcolm Ellis, and carried that the Board recommend to the J. I. Case Company that the emblem of the Foundation be used on the record book, and that we should be pleased to have them use the FFA Creed.

A discussion was held concerning the need for a blue and gold bow tie to be worn as a part of the official uniform. It was moved by Donald Travis, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the small blue bow tie and a gold bow tie in the same style be adopted and made available through the Supply Service.

Samples of an inexpensive ball point pen were submitted to the Board. It was moved by Jimmy Willis, seconded by Bill Sorem and carried that the Board recommend the adoption of the ball point pen as an official FFA item.

After the American Farmer Degree Applications were reviewed, a discussion was held concerning applications which contained incomplete records of students. Some of these applications listed enterprises, but the income of the farm was determined as a whole and not by enterprises.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that for the purpose of determining the American Farmer Degree candidates, States should provide complete information, by enterprises, as listed on Pages 2 and 3 of the American Farmer Degree applications.

It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Malcolm Ellis and carried to approved the list of Honorary American Farmer Degree candidates.

#### July 29 (joint meeting)

A discussion was held concerning the criteria for determining persons eligible for the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Malcolm Ellis and carried that no place be given on the national convention program to reports from commercial concerns whose business with the FFA can be put before the national convention through the report of the FFA Supply Service.

The suggestion was made that it might be well to mail the official cachet and stamp to all Senators and Congressmen. It was moved by Jimmy Willis, seconded by Don Travis and carried that the Board of Student Officers approve the action taken by the Board of Directors that first-day covers of the Commemorative Silver Anniversary Stamp be mailed to all members of Congress, accompanied by a letter written by the National FFA President, on behalf of all members of the organization, expressing appreciation for the stamp.

It was moved by Don Travis, seconded by Bill Sorem and carried that donors to the FFA Foundation be included in the mailing of cachets and first-day issues of the stamp from the National FFA President.

The next matter to come before the Board was the consideration of a symbol for the Sentinel's Station. It was brought out that the delegates at the convention last year asked the National FFA Officers to design a symbol for the Sentinel's Station.

It was moved by Don Travis, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that a symbol, depicting "Clasped hands on a shield of friendship," be designed for the Sentinel's Station.

#### July 30 (joint meeting)

A discussion was held concerning American Farmer Applications that were written in longhand.

It was moved by Jimmy Willis, seconded by Malcolm Ellis and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that American Farmer Applications be typed if possible.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Bill Sorem and carried that all other American Farmer Applications which were not submitted to the Board as problem applications be recommended to the delegates at the convention.

Mr. Robert Mathis, the attorney representing the FFA, was presented to the group and brought them up to date on the lawsuit.

It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that \$3500 be allocated for expenditure for attorneys' fees and that amount be added to the budget.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Bill Sorem and carried that the Board authorize Dr. Howard to transfer funds, as necessary, to be determined by Mr. Barron's report, to the Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER for financing the magazine.

Mr. Lano Barron appeared before the Board and made a complete report on The National FUTURE FARMER magazine.

It was moved by Don Travis, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried to accept the report of Mr. Barron.

Mr. Barron presented to the Board bids, which had been submitted for the printing of The National FUTURE FARMER during the next two years.

It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that we recommend that Mr. Barron be given authority to proceed to award a contract for printing The National FUTURE FARMER to a printer in the local area, if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Discussion was held concerning the method of financing The National FUTURE FARMER magazine.

It was moved by Don Travis, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the Governing Committee be authorized to transfer funds from the Future Farmers Supply Service to the general FFA budget for financing the National FUTURE FARMER magazine, on a loan basis up to the amount authorized in the national budget of the FFA.

Walter B. Anderson of the Balfour Company appeared before the joint meeting of the Boards. He submitted a request from chapters for a letter "F" to be included on the officer pins to indicate "Federation." Both Boards agreed that it would be inadvisable to make this change.

Mr. Anderson presented a check to the Boards on behalf of the L. G. Balfour Company, in the amount of \$500, made out to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

July 31 (joint meeting)

It was moved by Jimmy Willis, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that the Board of Student Officers go on record as favoring \$100 of the \$1200 miscellaneous National Office expense in the budget to be approved for buying paperweights, etc. to be presented to persons of note.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the Board of Student Officers accept the recommendation of the Board of Directors, as follows: "Mr. Dalton moved that the Board accept the Budget as revised, with the following amendments - that such items as cost of law suit, cost of magazine, public relations, etc., paid for from the contingent fund, be placed in one or more of the present divisions or other divisions added, and that an unbudgeted reserve fund be set aside each year to be determined by this group. Mr. Hurt amended the motion to the effect that we live within each area of the budget, and if an emergency arises that requires additional expenditures, that before such expenditures are made, they must have the action of the Board of Directors. Motion seconded & carried."

REVENUE

Dues  
Royalties  
Loan from Supply Service  
Old Mill  
Supply Service - Rent  
Supply Service - Grant  
Miscellaneous  
Total Revenue

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

\$ 37,000.00  
28,000.00  
20,825.00  
2,000.00  
1,500.00  
7,500.00  
300.00  
\$ 97,125.00

EXPENDITURES

I. TRAVEL

National Officers  
Board of Directors  
Special Travel (Adv., Sec., etc.)  
International Travel  
Total Travel

\$ 10,000.00  
2,500.00  
3,000.00  
2,500.00  
\$ 18,000.00

II. CONVENTION

Delegate Expense  
National Band  
National Chorus  
Reception and Printing  
Expenses incurred in connection with  
use of Auditorium and Special presentations  
Buttons, Badges, Programs, etc.  
Stenotypist  
Photographs & Publicity  
Decorations and Stage Help  
Equipment, Rental, and Supplies  
Building Service  
Communications  
Secretarial Travel Expense  
Awards and Certificates

\$ 4,400.00  
1,000.00  
1,000.00  
1,000.00  
2,000.00  
2,000.00  
200.00  
500.00  
1,000.00  
200.00  
70.00  
100.00  
1,000.00  
1,500.00

Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Total Convention	<u>\$ 16,220.00</u>
III. AMERICAN FARMER KEYS	<u>\$ 3,600.00</u>
IV. PRINTING	
Literature & Proceedings	\$ 3,000.00
Stationery, Forms, etc.	1,100.00
Total Printing	<u>\$ 4,100.00</u>
V. NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE	
Secretary to Exec. Sec.-Salary	\$ 3,660.00
Secretary to Treas. (P.T. Salary)	1,350.00
Director of Pub. Rel. - Salary	6,440.00
Director of Pub. Rel. - Travel	1,500.00
Director of Pub. Rel. - Sec. Salary	3,255.00
Telephone & Telegraph	700.00
Postage & Express	200.00
Bond, Premiums & Taxes	100.00
Supplies, Equipment & Rental	850.00
Legal and Auditing	3,650.00
Photographs	500.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00
Total National Office Expense	<u>\$ 23,405.00</u>
VI. NATIONAL CAMP	
Salary - Mill Attendant	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	300.00
Maintenance	1,000.00
Total National Camp	<u>\$ 2,800.00</u>
VII. JUDGING EXPENSES	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
VIII. THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER	<u>\$ 28,500.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 97,125.00</u>

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It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the Board of Student Officers accept the minutes of the Governing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, was presented to the group and gave his report.

It was moved by Jimmy Willis, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that the Board accept the budget for the next year for the Supply Service.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the Board of Student Officers strike the chenille letters out of the official FFA catalogue.



It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Bill Sorem and carried that the Lee Riders be left off the list of official FFA items when the present supply was exhausted.

It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that softball jerseys and pants be left out of the official items carried by the Supply Service.

It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that the blankets be left in the catalogue. (Items 600, 601, 602, 603, 602A and 603A)

It was moved by Jimmy Willis, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that a flat rate of \$1.20 be set on the lettering of FFA jackets.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the Future Farmers Supply Service make available, as a service to small States, chapter charters.

It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that a grant of 3% of the gross sales of the Supply Service be sent to the States.

Bill Sorem presented a list of items that boys wanted in the States in his Region.

It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the Supply Service not stock official FFA socks.

It was moved by Jimmy Willis, seconded by Bill Sorem and carried that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to obtain samples of raincoats to be submitted to the Board at the next meeting.

It was moved by Donald Travis, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that no winter FFA jacket be authorized.

#### August 1 (joint meeting)

A discussion was held concerning the advisability of continuing the National Chapter Contest. It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the National Chapter Contest be revised and continued.

It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that chapters winning the Gold Emblem award not be permitted to compete for two years.

A discussion was held concerning the National Program of Work. It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Jimmy Willis and carried that the national program of work be changed to a national level.

A proposal was submitted to the Board from General Mills offering to print bulletins dealing with the FFA for distribution without cost to members and chapters. It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that we accept the offer of General Mills to print these bulletins.

It was agreed that the first publication will deal with the achievements of the FFA during the first 25 years. The second publication will feature the duties of FFA chapter officers.

It was agreed that a design for the owl should be based on a picture in a bird book, and the manufactured owl should not have the eyes lighted.

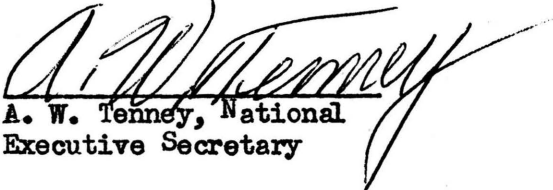
The request from Warren Smith of California was read, in which he had requested that Mr. Mitchell receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree, because of the fact that the local chapter received the Gold Emblem award. In the discussion, it was pointed out that the Report on Accomplishments was signed by Warren Smith, who had previously received the Honorary Degree. It was moved by Fred Reed, seconded by Malcolm Ellis and carried that Mr. Mitchell not receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree, because the application was signed by Warren Smith as chapter advisor.

It was recommended by the Board of Student Officers that minutes for the Board be sent to the newly elected National FFA Officers, so that they may be informed of the action of the Boards of the past year.

A request was read from the Isaac Walton League for cooperation from the Future Farmers of America in connection with Outdoor America Awards. It was moved by Bill Sorem, seconded by Fred Reed and carried that we cooperate with the Isaac Walton League.

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
A. W. Tenney, National  
Executive Secretary