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AND DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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The National FUTURE FARMER

The meeting of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:15 a.m. in Room G-759 A, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building, by W. T. Spanton, Chairman. Those present included:

Board of Directors

Mr. George Sullards, State Director, Agricultural Education,
Little Rock, Arkansas;
Mr. Emory M. Howard, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education,
Boise, Idaho;
Mr. Harold F. Duis, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education,
Lincoln, Nebraska;
Mr. O. E. Kiser, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education,
New Brunswick, New Jersey;
Mr. E. J. Johnson; Mr. H. N. Hunsicker; Mr. R. E. Naugher,
and Dr. A. W. Tenney, all of the Office of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Board of Student Officers

John M. Haid, Jr., National FFA President, Siloam Springs,
Arkansas;
Jerry Ringo, National FFA Vice President, Rothwell, Kentucky;
Victor Cappucci, Jr., National FFA Vice President, Mehoopany,
Pennsylvania;
Pete Knutson, National FFA Vice President, Livingston,
Montana;
James Quincey, National FFA Vice President, Trenton,
Florida, and
Jerry Litton, National FFA Student Secretary, Chillicothe,
Missouri.

Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer, Richmond, Virginia, and
Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary also were present.

It was moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Victor Cappucci and
carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous
meeting and accept them as mimeographed and distributed. It was moved
by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Dr. Tenney and carried that the action
of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

A proposed agenda for the meetings was distributed to the members
of the Boards by Mr. Gray.

The application for the American Farmer Degree was discussed. The top of page 2 of this application reads as follows:

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

It was explained that in some States the trend is moving toward boys in their junior and senior years keeping records in farm account books on the total farming program rather than by enterprises. It was also explained that many boys are going into partnership before leaving school and it is therefore necessary for them to keep records on the total farming program on a farm account basis. Mr. Hunsicker stated that some of the States in the North Atlantic Region felt it was best for a boy to start keeping records on the entire farming program just as soon as they possibly could. It was felt, however, by the two Boards that when a boy got older he should be taught how to keep records on the whole farm. The Student Officers felt that it was good training for a boy to keep records by enterprises for at least a year or more, but after that time, and especially after going into a partnership, they should be taught to keep records on the total farming program on a farm account basis. It was asked whether boys applying for the American Farmer Degree this year who kept records on a farm account basis while in school, should be recommended to receive the degree, since the present application forms used for the American Farmer Degree call for records on the enterprise basis.

After more discussion, it was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Jerry Litton and carried to accept applications for the American Farmer Degree this year where the candidate kept records while in school on the total farming program on a farm account basis, but that the wording on the application for 1958 be changed accordingly, depending on the standards adopted in each of the various States. It was moved by Mr. Hunsicker, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

The American Farmer Applications for the North Atlantic Region were considered. It was moved by Victor Cappucci, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that one candidate from that region be rejected and that the remaining candidates be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The American Farmer Applications for the Central Region were considered. It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Jerry Litton and carried that one candidate from that region be rejected and that the remaining candidates be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. Kiser and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The American Farmer Applications for the Pacific Region were considered. It was moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that all applicants from that region be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

The American Farmer Applications for the Southern Region were considered. It was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that two candidates from that region be rejected. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers. It was then moved by James Quincey, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that the remaining candidates from the Southern Region be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Duis, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The list of the twenty-five teachers of vocational agriculture who were selected on the basis of scores of their achievements was read by Mr. Gray and recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that the list of vocational agriculture instructors read by Mr. Gray be recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

It was explained that the retiring members of the FFA Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, the fathers of the National FFA Officers and the fathers of the Star Farmers automatically receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was agreed that Mr. Clyde Sullivan of Livingston, Montana, receive the degree for the assistance and help he has rendered to Pete Knutson. Pete lives and farms with Mr. Sullivan. It was also agreed that the late Mr. J. C. Cannon, former State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Montgomery, Alabama, and the late Mr. V. G. Martin, Head Teacher Trainer of Agricultural Education, State College, Mississippi, former Board members, receive the degree posthumously.

A number of other individuals were considered for the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by James Quincey and carried that the following men be recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

- H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas City 6, Missouri
- J. C. Cannon, former State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama (Posthumously)
- J. R. Cullison, State Director of Vocational Education, State Department of Vocational Education, 400 Arizona State Building, Phoenix, Arizona

Irving A. Duffy, Group Vice President, Ford Motor Company, 3000 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Michigan
Peter Ham, Manager, Products Advertising, Advertising Department, E. I. duPont deNemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington 98, Delaware
Leroy E. Hieber, Manager, Carnation Plant, Waterloo, Iowa
Joe W. Jarvis, Supervisor, Livestock and Agriculture, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha 2, Nebraska
A. L. Jones, Eastern Director, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, 4640 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia 24, Pennsylvania
V. A. Martin, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania (former Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Pennsylvania)
V. G. Martin, former Head Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Mississippi State College, State College, Mississippi (Posthumously)
Harry M. McDonald, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 2 West Redwood Street, Baltimore 1, Maryland
H. E. Nickloy, Advertising Manager, Mid-States Steel & Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana
M. F. Peckels, Director of Consumer Relations, International Harvester Company, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois
Harry M. Pontious, Director of Safety, Nationwide Insurance Company, 246 North High Street, Columbus 16, Ohio
H. W. Sanders, Head, Department of Vocational Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia
Jack Timmons, Radio Farm Director, Station KWKH, Shreveport, Louisiana
Warren G. Weiler, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 602 State Office Building, Columbus 15, Ohio
Fathers of National Officers (5)
Fathers of Star Farmers (3)
Teachers of Vocational Agriculture (25)

A brief discussion was held on potential speakers for the national convention. Those suggested were:

Harry S. Truman
Richard M. Nixon
Edward Foss Wilson
Norman Vincent Peale
A. P. Haake

A copy of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of the FFA for the year July 1, 1956 through June 30, 1957, was distributed and explained by Mr. R. E. Bass, National Treasurer, and his secretary, Mrs. Pauline D. Coiner.

It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried to express appreciation to Mrs. Coiner for her services throughout the year, and to Mr. Bass for taking over the job as National FFA Treasurer, after the death of Dr. Dowell J. Howard. It was moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Sullards read a letter from Mr. A. R. Cox, Executive Secretary of the Florida Association, in which he suggested that the National Chapter Award Forms I, II, and III, be the same for a period of at least 3 years. He also stated that the Annual FFA Report form calls for information that can be obtained from the Chapter Award Form. Dr. Tenney advised that the Chapter Award forms are now in the process of being printed for the period 1957-60. Mr. John Farrar, Director of Public Relations for the FFA, stated that the national office was attempting to combine the Annual Report and the Chapter forms. It is not believed, however, this plan will be ready for general use for about 3 years.

A letter from North Carolina was read, which suggested the consolidating of the National Chapter Award Forms I, II, and III, into one form. Mr. Farrar stated that this is being worked on at the present time.

North Carolina also suggested that the State Awards for Improving Agriculture and Leadership be changed and that it not be necessary for a State to submit detailed plans to the national office when no changes had been made in the plans from the previous year. Dr. Spanton advised that it was not necessary that these plans be retyped each year. If a State wishes, it may mimeograph the plan and submit a copy each year so long as the plan has not been changed.

Mr. Sullards then read a letter from Texas. In this letter, it was stated that teachers in that State felt that the quota for the American Farmer Degree should be increased and standards raised in order that more deserving boys should receive the degree. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Sullards should write Texas, pointing out that this involves a constitutional change which the Texas Association may submit for consideration in accordance with Article XV of the National FFA Constitution.

Mr. Howard told the group that after the national convention last year he ordered a number of photographs from the Montgomery Foto Service in Kansas City, and after receiving them found that a number of the photographs were very unsatisfactory and he was unable to use them. This same complaint was received from other States in his region. It was agreed that Mr. Farrar review and approve the convention photographs which are advertised for sale by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Howard then read a letter he had received from Bob E. Taylor, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Arizona, in which Mr. Taylor suggested the following: (1) Provide more flexibility for the Chapter program participants in terms of Standard and Superior Chapter ratings, (2) Consider the possibility of identical membership on the Board of Directors of the FFA and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, and (3) Work toward integration and coordination of the various facets of FFA on the national level, namely the Supply Service, Magazine, and Foundation. ||

In answering No. 2, Dr. Spanton stated that it has been agreed this would be an excellent thing to do. This, however, would require an amendment to Public Law 740.

In answering No. 3, Dr. Spanton said that the Foundation is incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, and the FFA operates under a Federal Charter. Money contributed to the Foundation is contributed for prizes and awards to FFA members. Since this is serving so effectively, it is the consensus of opinion that it should not be incorporated under the FFA at the present time.

Mr. Taylor also mentioned in his letter the poor conduct of FFA boys at Kansas City. He said he believed increased responsibility should be given State staffs and if attendance must be limited at the convention, it be done on each State's record. Mr. Gray said he thought the pamphlet, "You....and Your National FFA Convention" was helping the situation some, and that in this pamphlet this year, more emphasis was being put on the responsibility of State and local advisors. Mr. Naugher said the "Courtesy Corps", which will be handled by State people is going to supplement the suggestion Mr. Taylor made. The corps will consist of two representatives from each State.

A letter was read from Mr. E. L. DeAlton, Advisor of the North Dakota Association, listing 3 goals which were included in the North Dakota Program of Work. These goals were:

- (1) Request Future Farmer Supply Service to consider stocking lightweight, light-colored washable dress trousers, suitable for band and chorus members, officers, and others, and a lightweight official FFA jacket.
- (2) Have chorus and band members wear light-colored trousers if stocked by Supply Service.
- (3) Each State Association to be represented at dedication of Future Farmer Building if national program is planned.

Mr. Hawkins advised the group that there would be no trouble in getting white duck trousers. Trousers were handled by the Supply Service at one time; however, it was found that there was no demand for them and they were discontinued. The Supply Service buys trousers for the national band and chorus on a special order.

It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by James Quincey and carried that the national executive secretary write to Mr. DeAlton explaining that it was not believed advisable for the Supply Service to stock lightweight, light-colored washable trousers. It was moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Relative to the lightweight jacket, Mr. Hawkins said this had come up before and the Boards had always agreed not to stock such a jacket at the Supply Service.

A letter was read from Mr. D. R. Purkey, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Association, in which he suggested that the large individual chapter award medal (#M-1165), which appears in the Supply Service Catalogue be eliminated, and in its place a small medal more similar to the Foundation award medals be included. Mr. Hawkins was requested by the Boards to look into the matter of redesigning this medal and make a report at the 1958 meeting of the Boards.

Dr. Spanton read the recommendations of the Governing Committee relative to policies governing the use of the FFA Office Building.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF SPACE AND
GENERAL MANAGEMENT AT THE NEW FFA OFFICE BUILDING

1. Use of attic for storage

The magazine is to have 1/3 of attic space, and will keep FFA files in that area.

Supply Service will have 2/3 of attic space.

Barron and Hawkins are to jointly work out designation of space.

2. Rent

Supply Service occupy basement and 1st floor.

Magazine occupy 2nd floor.

The magazine will pay \$10,000 rent per fiscal year;
Supply Service, \$20,000.

3. Care and Maintenance

When building is first occupied, one full-time man is to be employed for janitorial service and care and maintenance of grounds.

Barron and Hawkins are to jointly set up work schedules for "custodian".

Barron and Hawkins are to have joint responsibility for interviewing and employing "custodian".

Hawkins is to purchase all janitorial supplies and to submit invoices to Mrs. Coiner the first of each month.

FFA is to pay: salaries for janitorial service, and care and maintenance of building and grounds; for all janitorial supplies; and for all utilities, except telephone and insurance on contents belonging to the renters.

4. Service Contracts

Barron and Hawkins are to find out cost of service contracts for heating, air-conditioning, and electrical equipment and report to Dr. Spanton.

Barron and Hawkins are to determine scope and extent of the First-Year Guarantee on above, and report same to Dr. Spanton.

It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that these recommendations be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Hunsicker, seconded by Dr. Tenney and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton said that at a previous meeting it had been agreed that Nationwide Insurance Company should handle insurance on the new FFA Building. The question now was how much insurance should be taken out and for what length of time. It was moved by Victor Cappucci, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that this matter be discussed with Mr. Stoy of Stoy, Malone and Company, Certified Public Accountants, and that his recommendation be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Kiser and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

July 25, 1957

A brief discussion was held concerning an Amendment to the FFA Constitution because of a situation that arose with one State Association's interpretation concerning the payment of dues of their members in the armed forces, and its relation to the quota of American Farmer Degree candidates that State was eligible to submit. The State Association pointed out the following part in the Constitution--ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP, Section B, Active Membership, second paragraph: "A member who is in good standing at the time he is inducted into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of his induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings...." In view of the above, this particular State Association sent in one candidate more for the American Farmer Degree than its paid-up dues allowed.

Dr. Spanton than read ARTICLE VI. of the FFA Constitution, PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE. Section A. "A State association may submit, annually, the application of one candidate for the American Farmer Degree for each 1,000 active members in the association or major fraction thereof, computed on the basis of national dues received in the office of the National Treasurer by midnight of June 15, or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the National Treasurer on or before June 1....."

In view of the above, it was the feeling of both Boards that if the membership in the armed forces is to count for additional American Farmer Degree applications then it should be necessary for local chapters to submit dues to the State Association for these members.

The State Association concerned assumed that it did not have to pay dues for these members in the armed forces, and concluded that they were still entitled to an additional candidate for the American Farmer degree. As soon as this State learned, however, that dues would have to be paid for these members, if they wanted this additional American Farmer candidate, they sent in their check which reached the national treasurer after the deadline date of June 15. After considerable discussion it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that under these circumstances this State, thinking they were within their rights, be allowed this additional candidate for the American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Spanton asked whether or not we should accept the check for these members. It was then moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried to accept this check paying the dues for these members in the armed forces. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

It was the general feeling of both Boards that the Constitution needs to be clarified pertaining to members in the armed forces. A four-man committee was then appointed to look into the matter of amending the Constitution and report back to the Boards. After reviewing and discussing the committee report, it was moved by Victor Cappucci, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that this matter be given further study by the Boards, be reviewed at the various regional conferences, and a report be made at the July, 1958, meeting. It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Kiser and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Barron, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine appeared before the group and distributed copies of the Financial Report for The National FUTURE FARMER for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957, and the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1958, which were reviewed in detail.

Mr. Barron stated that advertising in the magazine for 1956-57 netted \$213,014.43. He also pointed out that since the magazine is now handling the national FFA calendar they have had sales of 40,329 and are striving toward the goal of 100,000. Mr. Barron's outlook toward the calendar was very optimistic, and stated that the potential of the calendar is far more than he expected.

Mr. Naugher stated that some of the State staffs and teachers in his region who are using this type calendar think it is probably one of the best promotional activities we could have, especially on the local level.

Mr. Hunsicker expressed a feeling of enthusiasm from States in his region in regard to the calendar, but stated that it was the general feeling that it was expensive in comparison to other calendars. He wanted to know if the price of the calendar could be reduced. Mr. Barron answered that in due time the price could be decreased, but at present it was selling at the same price rate as that of the previous company that handled the calendar. He also pointed out that a commission of 25 percent went to the local chapter for selling the calendar, 5 percent to the State Association, and 5 percent went to the national organization. This is 20 percent more discount than allowed by the previous distributor of the calendar.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know what assurance we had that when States come in 100 percent in magazine subscriptions that they will come in 100 percent each year. Mr. Barron replied that he didn't have any assurance, but not one State that has come in 100 percent so far has ever gone backward. Mr. Barron said that altogether 21 States were in 100 percent, and that 2 other States were expected to come in soon.

The question of complimentary subscriptions to the magazine was posed to Mr. Barron and he stated that complimentary subscriptions are given to advertisers. Mr. Farrar stated that complimentary subscriptions also went to donors to the FFA Foundation, Radio Farm Directors, and to an Agricultural Magazine mailing list, but pointed out that the cost of these subscriptions was paid from the national treasury.

It was then moved by James Quincey, seconded by Victor Cappucci, and carried that the Annual Report of The National FUTURE FARMER and the Proposed Budget for 1957-58 be accepted with the additional stipulation that Mr. Barron and his staff be complimented for their fine work done on both the magazine and the calendar. It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Hawkins stated that 500 official FFA Flags are in production at present and that they would sell for about \$30 apiece, and would be shipped by Railway Express.

Mr. Hawkins then reviewed the Operating Statement of the Supply Service for the year ended June 30, 1957. The total sales for this period was \$1,097,576.84, with a net income of \$68,692.99. He then presented a Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1958.

After discussing the report of the Supply Service, it was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that from the net income of the Supply Service for the year ended June 30, 1957, \$30,000 be placed in the FFA building fund, and the remaining amount be used as operating capital. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

It was then moved by James Quincey, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that the Operating Statement of the Future Farmers Supply Service for the year ended June 30, 1957, and the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1958, be accepted and appreciation expressed to Mr. Hawkins for the fine work which he is doing as manager of the Supply Service. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Tenney and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Hawkins then presented charts showing the volume of sales by States and by major products sold. The national average of sales was \$2.88 per FFA member.

Mr. Hawkins requested authorization from the two Boards to dispose of some old chenille emblems and letters which are no longer sold by the Supply Service. After discussion, it was moved by Victor Cappucci, seconded by Jerry Litton and carried to leave the disposal of these chenille emblems and letters up to the discretion of Mr. Hawkins. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Howard and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Discussion was held concerning the "Ushers" at Kansas City, Missouri, during the national FFA convention. It was moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that Mr. Howard be appointed as Chairman of the ushers, aided by Mr. Sullards as Co-Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

A "red vest" sent in by the Gabby Products Company of Higginsville, Missouri, was presented to the two Boards for review for possible acceptance as an official FFA item. It was moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that the "red vest" not be adopted as an official FFA item. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Dr. Tenney and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

A blue dress jacket, sent in by Farm Journal, Inc., was then presented for consideration. They would like to present these jackets to FFA members as awards for selling subscriptions to their magazine. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by James Quincey and carried that the blue dress jacket not be adopted as an official FFA jacket. It was moved by Mr. Kiser, seconded by Mr. Duis, and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Gray suggested that the Supply Service stock ribbons for presentation of awards at fairs, and livestock shows. Mr. Hawkins volunteered to look into the matter of stocking these ribbons and report his findings at the January Board meetings. The Supply Service already has a gold-stamping machine.

Mr. Johnson then gave a brief report on the national judging contests planned for this year. He stated that the superintendents listed in the new Bulletin No. 4 "FFA National Contests 1958, '59, '60", would be in charge of the contests, but the rules and everything else would remain the same as in the old Bulletin No. 4, "FFA National Contests 1954, '55, '56". The new bulletin is now completed and at the printers. It probably will be distributed in the latter part of September, and distribution will probably be according to the number of teachers of vocational agriculture as suggested by Mr. Howard.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Special Study Committee had recommended in October, 1956, that starting in 1958 the dairy products and dairy cattle contests be combined as the "Dairy Production" contest with approximately one-fourth of the total points being allotted to the dairy products phase of the combined event.

At the January-February board meetings it was recommended that a poll be made to get the opinions directly from the States whether or not they wished these contests to be combined in 1958, or to be continued as separate contests for the three-year period 1958-59-60. The poll revealed that the majority of States preferred that the contests remain separated although some changes should be made in them.

Mr. Johnson stated that starting in 1958 the Dairy Products contest will not include cream -- it will be a complete milk scoring contest. He said that in 1958 the veal class would be eliminated in the Meats contest because the standard of veal varies throughout different parts of the country. To replace the veal class, there will be a grading class of 10 beef carcasses in the Meats contest. The Poultry and Livestock contests will continue without change.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that the judging teams will be housed at the Naval Reserve Center, 200 Riverside Drive, during the Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa, this year, which is located just three blocks from the Dairy Cattle Congress grounds.

Dr. Tenney read a letter he received from Mr. Warren G. Weiler of Columbus, Ohio, concerning details connected with the newly formed "Courtesy Corps" to be put into action at the 1957 national FFA convention. The Boards reviewed many of the details of the "Courtesy Corps" and it was the general feeling to let Mr. Weiler, who will be in charge of the corps this year, make all of the arrangements and handle the details.

A discussion was then held regarding establishing a curfew hour for FFA members at the convention in Kansas City this fall. Mr. Duis pointed out that a curfew would be a protection for the boys. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that a curfew hour of 12:00 midnight be set for FFA members attending the national FFA convention. It was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Weiler stated in his letter that a meeting of the "Courtesy Corps" would be held out at Kansas City Monday afternoon October 14, after the meeting of State Advisors.

Dr. Tenney brought up the question as to how much authority should be delegated to the "Courtesy Corps". After a short discussion, it was moved by Jerry Litton, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that the "Courtesy Corps" be authorized to handle situations as they arise, unless something of major importance happens. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kiser and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The two Boards agreed that Mr. Weiler be asked to come to Kansas City on Sunday, October 13, and meet with the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Coiner reviewed the tentative budget for 1957-58. It was moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried to accept this tentative budget with authorization given to revise its format and present it at Kansas City at the October Board meetings for final approval. It was moved by Mr. Naugher, seconded by Mr. Sullards, and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

July 26, 1957

Dr. Tenney read a report of a committee of Supervisors from the Central Region appointed to study the possibilities of additional FFA Foundation Awards. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the committee's suggestions should be reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation and further study made at the various regional conferences.

Mr. Henry Schneider, Internal Revenue Service, Washington 25, D.C. was introduced. Mr. Schneider explained a course of study that the Internal Revenue Service is offering to schools to instruct students in the proper manner of preparing tax returns. This project is in its fifth year. The average length of the course is about six hours, depending on the age group. The Internal Revenue Service does not send men to the schools to give the instruction in this course, but gives the maximum amount of help in the various areas by sending experts when they are requested, to the schools to answer questions. A "kit" which had been sent to the schools explains how this course is to be taught. Mr. Schneider was asked if the Internal Revenue Service would be in a position to pay travel and subsistence of approximately 12 top people in each of the 4 regions to a central point where they could be instructed in how to teach this course. They, in turn, could return to their States and instruct other members of their respective staffs as well as teachers. Mr. Schneider thought this would be possible and asked that Dr. Spanton send him a memo requesting that this be done. Included in the memo should also be a statement requesting that a "kit" be sent to each of the State offices.

Mr. Hawkins requested permission of the Boards to spend approximately \$2,000 to purchase furniture for use in the reception room of the new FFA building. It was moved by Pete Knutson, seconded by Victor Cappucci and carried that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to spend \$2,000 for the purchase of furniture for use in the reception room of the new FFA building. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kiser and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Hunsicker suggested that a small burwood plaque, approximately 8" x 5", be prepared that could be presented by the Foundation to the Superior chapters. It should be a ten-year plaque, and presented the year the chapter first becomes a Superior chapter. Each year thereafter the Superior chapters would receive some type of plate attachment for the plaque with the year engraved on it. This would eliminate the certificates for Superior chapters, which are being used at the present time. Without objection, it was requested that Mr. Hawkins get information on such a plaque, and that this be considered at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for their possible acceptance and inclusion in the Foundation budget.

Mr. Gray asked for suggestions for judges of the National Public Speaking Contest. Those suggested were:

Doyle Conner, House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Florida
(Former National FFA President)
Cecil Underwood, Governor of West Virginia
Howard Pyle, Administrative Assistant to President Eisenhower
H. W. Sanders, Head, Department of Vocational Education,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia

James A. McCain, President, Kansas State College, Manhattan,
Kansas
J. W. Hull, President, Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russell-
ville, Arkansas
W. E. Morgan, President, Colorado State University, Fort Collins,
Colorado
Hubert Wheeler, State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Jefferson City, Missouri
Daryl Chase, President, Utah State Agricultural College,
Logan, Utah
Walter Garver, Agricultural Department of National Chamber of
Commerce, Washington, D. C.
Cecil E. Stanley, State Director of Vocational Education,
Lincoln, Nebraska
Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health,
Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.
Lloyd J. Andrews, State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Olympia, Washington
Ben Willis, Superintendent of Schools, Chicago, Illinois
Governor Orval Faubus, Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Gray discussed the possibilities of having a pageant featuring Future Farmer organizations of other countries at this year's convention. He had written to a number of these organizations requesting material from them, but he had received only two replies. Since time is growing short, however, it is doubtful if the pageant could be ready in time for this year's convention, and might have to be postponed until next year. Pete Knutson said that when he was in Oregon he was asked what the national organization would think of having Dan Dunham speak at the convention on his recent trip to Japan. The Oregon Association would pay half of his expenses to Kansas City. It was believed that a program around the trip of Dan Dunham and Dr. Tenney to Japan might be a possible substitute for the pageant. It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that the pageant or a substitute for it be left entirely up to Mr. Gray. It was moved by Mr. Hunsicker, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Jerry Ringo said that the last part of the Closing Ceremony after the Pledge of Allegiance has caused much confusion in many regular meetings. He further stated that a number of chapters have changed it as follows:

President: "I now declare this meeting adjourned." (Taps
once with gavel.)

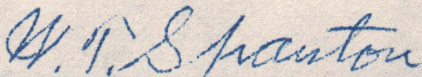
It was moved by James Quincey, seconded by Jerry Ringo and carried that the last paragraph of the closing ceremony be changed as follows: "President: 'I now declare this meeting adjourned.' (Taps once with gavel.)" It was moved by Mr. Duis, seconded by Dr. Tenney and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Pete Knutson asked for the Boards reaction toward members who participate in the exchange program with the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain and who later become candidates for a national office. Dr. Tenney said that it had been requested that States recommend only boys for the exchange program who are in their last year of FFA. This would then make them ineligible for a national office. Also, the members of the Young Farmers' Clubs coming to this country are a little older than our members. Jerry Ringo commented that some vo-ag teachers believed that there were so few national honors that a boy should not participate in the exchange and then be allowed to run for an office. The members of the Boards agreed that these national honors should be spread out. It was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried that a policy be set that any member participating in the exchange program with the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain not be considered for a national office. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

With no further business to come before the two Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary



W. T. Spanton, Chairman