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INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING  
NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES - FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri

Nov. 14-15-16, and 19, 193<sup>1</sup><sub>1</sub>.

Saturday, Nov. 14

The meeting was called to order at 10a.m. by the President, Leslie Fry in Parlor "D" of the Baltimore Hotel. Those present besides the President were:

Arthur Macy, 1st Vice Pres. - Wyoming  
Joe H. Gardner, 2nd Vice Pres- Virginia  
Malcolm Wilkins, Student Secretary - Pennsylvania  
E. H. Lane, Adviser - Washington, D. C.  
Henry C. Groseclose, Treasurer, -Virginia  
W. A. Ross, Executive Secretary - Washington, D. C.

The first item of business brought to the attention of the Board was that of taking a moving picture of the Convention. The President called upon the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ross, to explain the situation. Mr. Ross stated that he had been attempting for several months to get a reasonable price on 1000 feet of film of the Fourth National Convention of F.F.A. in accordance with previous instructions given him by the Board members at the May 1930 meeting. He explained that he had been quoted prices of from \$1 to \$2 per foot for the 35m.m. film by the larger commercial motion picture concerns but that Wm. Andlauer of Kansas City has agreed to film the Convention for 40¢ per foot and supply one 35m.m. and one 16m.m. print in the deal.

Mr. Andlauer then appeared before the Board in person and explained his offer. It was moved, seconded and carried that approximately \$400 be set aside for filming approximately 1000 feet of Convention film. It was generally understood that enough film would be taken to make a creditable, complete picture and to see how it will be received by the State Associations and F.F.A. chapters. It was further moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Ross be designated to plan the film and see it through to completion.

The next item for consideration was that of nominations for the Honorary American Farmer degree. The following names were proposed as possibilities:

1. L. J. Tabor -National Master of the Grange
2. J. C. Stone, -Chairman of the Federal Farm Board
3. John Case - Editor of the Missouri Ruralist
4. C. M. Henry, -Agricultural member of the  
Federal Board for Vocational Education
5. R. D. Maltby -Agent, Federal Board for Voc. Ed.
6. W. T. Spanton - " " " " " "
7. J. A. Linke " " " " " "

8. A. P. Williams, -Agent, Federal Board for Vocational Education
9. W. A. Ross, - " " " " "
10. H. O. Sargent, - " " " " "
11. George Collet, - President, American Royal Live Stock Show
12. Frank Mullen, -Director of Agriculture, N.B.C.
13. D. M. Clements, State Adviser, Tennessee F.F.A.
14. Clovis Turk, -Local Adviser, Sale City, Ga. Chapter F.F.A.

The qualifications of each of these men were discussed at length as to which were most worthy and qualified and had done the most for vocational agriculture and the F.F.A. in a national way. The actual accomplishments of each individual were recounted and set down for comparison. (The Executive Secretary retired from the room while his name was being discussed and when the final vote was taken.) It was moved seconded and carried that Messrs. Case, Henry, Maltby, Spanton, Linke, Williams, Ross, Clements, and Turk be recommended to the delegates for election to the degree of Honorary American Farmer.

It was moved, seconded and carried to recommend to the delegates, establishing the custom of electing the Local Adviser of the chapter winning the annual chapter contest and the State Adviser of the winning State Association to the degree of Honorary American Farmer.

It was moved, seconded and carried to place the names of H. O. Sargent, George Collett, L. J. Tabor, -Stone and Frank Mullen on the "possibility list" for consideration as Honorary American Farmers in 1932.

Having disposed of the honorary American Farmer candidates, the next matter for consideration was that of reviewing and passing upon the applications of active candidates for the degree of American Farmer. The Executive Secretary presented the credentials of 71 candidates who had made application for the degree. The remainder of the morning on November 14th was spent in studying these records.

The greater part of the afternoon was also taken up with the study of American Farmer candidate records. Late in the evening the board members felt sufficiently familiar with the records to vote on the candidates. Eliminations were made by the consent of a majority of those present as follows:

1. Riley Lynch - Michigan -(weak in supervised practice)
2. Lee Crane - New York -(weak -sloppy records)
3. Roe Boone -Tennessee -(weak)
4. Ross Ames - New York (failed to qualify -sloppy records)
5. Harry Bolinger - Colorado -(late)
6. Max Chapman -South Carolina -(late)

It was moved seconded and carried to recommend the election of 62 American Farmer candidates as follows:

Oliver O. Manning, Maplesville, Ala.  
Lloyd Ezelle, Ozark, Ala.  
Glenn Farrow, Danville, Ark.  
Truman I. Broyles, Alma, Ark.  
Maurice Butterfield, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Robt. Pederson, Fresno, Calif.  
Morton Wilkins, Plymouth, Fla.  
Buford Bridges, Sale City, Ga.  
Willie McGee, Macon, Ga.  
Wilbert Choi, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii  
Woodrow Peterson, Malad, Idaho  
Ivan Heiser, Minier, Illinois  
Kenneth Demman, Lake Villa, Ill.  
Randall Hart, Beardstown, Ill.  
Arthur L. Schick, Dixon, Ill.  
C. B. Keigwin, Jr., Walnut, Ill.  
Sanford B. Eash, Middlebury, Ind.  
William Stitt, Clarinda, Iowa  
Francis Grillet, Parsons, Kansas  
Kenneth Waite, Winfield, Kansas.  
Chas. B. Mathis, Jr., Athens, Ky.  
Gordon Umstead, Poolsville, Md.  
Houston Herndon, Leeton, Mo.  
Harry Gibson, Fowlerville, Mich.  
Norman Goodman, Lansing, Minn.  
Oscar Clauser, Fredericktown, Mo.  
Raleigh Barlow, Simms, Mont.  
James Bourret, Harrison, Nebr.  
Ernest Householder, Kearney, Nebr.  
Chester Jacobsen, Gardnerville, Nev.  
Alex Hill, Salem, N. J.  
Albert Barnum, Raton, New Mexico.  
Donald Kirby, Trumansburg, New York  
Aldrow Blackwood, Greensboro, N. C.  
Sigurd Melsted, Gardar, North Dakota  
Elmin Weller, Greenfield, Ohio  
Robert Clark, Fredericktown, Ohio  
Robert Hackney, Wilmington, Ohio  
Carl Russell, Prospect, Ohio  
Ephraim Hall, Perkins, Oklahoma  
Herman Morton, Grandfield, Okla.  
Kenneth Pettibone, Corvallis, Oregon  
Richard Carter, Newberg, Oregon  
Donald B. Gantz, Washington, Penn.  
Warren Peake, Wellsboro, Penn.  
Barth L. Maher, Brookings, South Dakota  
James Long, Concord, Tenn.  
James Hollingsworth, Jacksboro, Tenn.  
Wallace Bryan, Lebanon, Tenn.  
J. R. Bertrand, White Deer, Texas

E. J. Hughes, Dublin, Texas  
Miller Rhodes, Taylor, Texas  
E. Milton Anderson, Tremonton, Utah  
Scott Hawley, Richfield, Utah  
Ray Alderman, Monarat, Va.  
Clarence Daughtrey, Garrsville, Va.  
Jeter Lampkin, Wicomico, Va.  
Roger Moore, Walla Walla, Washington  
Carl Hunt, Elk View, W. Va.  
Bernard Smith, Viola, Wisc.  
Parnley Harris, Mineral Point, Wisc.  
Bruce Murray, Powell, Wyoming.

Sunday, Nov. 15th

On Sunday, the meeting was opened at 2p.m. The F.F.A. uniform was discussed at some length. Numerous theories were advanced as to why it was not being used more by members. The following seemed to be the important explanations advanced by those present:

1. Many members do not favor use of uniforms at all.
2. Color of present uniform not suitable.
3. Uniform does not look neat and dressy - to much like a work suit.
4. Not advertised enough.
5. Price too high.
6. Impossible to have one uniform appropriate for all occasions and climates.

Several suggestions were made relative to changing the present uniform to meet our needs mor adequately but no definite action was taken other than it was decided without a formal motion to not recommend any changes in the uniform and to see what the delegates thought about it.

The blue wool shirt which the Oklahoma delegation suggested being added to the uniform was displayed and after some discussion it was moved, seconded and carried to refer this and other uniform problems to the Uniform Committee to be appointed by the President.

Announcement was made by Executive Secretary Ross that Mr. Johnston of the Pool Company had advised him that the price of the uniform would be cut to \$4.75 from the original price of \$5.75 if the members thought best. It was moved, seconded and carried to ask the Pool Company to make the \$1.00 reduction in the price and to recommend this be accepted by the delegates. New prices to be as follows:

Shirt -	\$1.75	
Pants -	2.00	
Tie -	.50	
Cap -	.50	\$4.75

The next item discussed was the subject of reimbursement for the travel of American Farmers and delegates to National Conventions from the National treasury of the F.F.A. It was pointed out that the success of the Kansas City meeting depended to a large extent on having adequate representation by states and that if the American Farmer were truly honored and the degree was to mean what it should in the lives of those elected that these boys should be present in person at the time the award is made. It was also pointed out that states would be assisted materially in their efforts to get delegates and American Farmer candidates to the National Convention if some assistance could be given by the National F.F.A. organization such as that given by numerous other orders of similar character. The fact was brought out that delegates often attended the National convention as guests of the railroads and that on the whole they were in a better position than American Farmer candidates some of whom were out of school. Various reimbursement plans and amounts were suggested; the budget for last year and the tentative budget for 1932 were consulted; and the estimated cost on both delegates and American Farmers compared before the discussion came to a close.

Finally, it was moved, seconded and carried to recommend to the delegates that the National organization reimburse for 1/3 of the railroad and Pullman fare of American Farmer candidates coming to the 1932 Convention and to allow them a maximum of \$2.00 per day in addition for every day away from home while coming and going direct to Kansas City. It was thought that the remaining 2/3 expense would logically be divided between the State Association and the local chapter concerned.

Past Presidents awards and Leadership awards were discussed briefly. It was the opinion of the Treasurer that National Past Presidents should receive some token from the organization. It was pointed out that although such an action would be appropriate in case of boys making exceptionally good officers, that as a general policy, it might prove embarrassing so no action was taken. The discussion of providing for official F.F.A. Leadership Award badges resulted in a motion which was duly seconded and carried to defer action until 1932.

Officers jewels to be worn around the neck by F.F.A. officers of the national organization, State Association or local chapters as a designation during meetings was a subject which seemed to meet general approval. It was the sense of the meeting that it would be advisable to request the L. G. Balfour Company to provide such equipment if they cared to assume the financial responsibility. The designs displayed were satisfactory. Only two questions of importance came up in connection with providing jewels. These were as follows:

1. Would their use smack too much of the lodge and fraternity idea?
2. Would the States and local chapters feel they had to buy them?

The matter was finally disposed of by a motion to the effect that officers jewels be added to the list of paraphernalia and that their



use be left optional by the State Associations and local chapters.

Some needed suggested changes in the constitution were called to the attention of the group by the Executive Secretary and the question was raised as to whether any constitutional changes should be made at the Fourth Convention. It was unanimously agreed that no changes in the constitution of any kind would be recommended to the delegates.

Monday, November 16

The Board of Trustees convened at 1:00P.M. The following 1932 budget prepared by the Executive Secretary was proposed and discussed:

1. Travel	\$1,250.00	
2. Fifth National Convention	200.00	
3. American Farmer Keys	412.50	
4. National Contest awards	200.00	
5. General printing	50.00	
6. Special printing	1,500.00	
7. National office	300.00	
8. Reserve fund	<u>3,500.00</u>	\$7,412.50

After a short discussion it was adopted unanimously with the understanding that the \$3500 reserve emergency fund as provided for would be used in paying travel of American Farmers if passed by the delegates or used for prizes if sponsors of national contests failed to repeat and new sponsors could not be found or simply held in reserve and be added to the present savings of the National organization. It was understood that revisions might be made in the budget at the joint Board of Trustees meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried to recommend to the delegates that the national dues remain at 10¢ for 1932.

A lengthy discussion on the matter of a national F.F.A. magazine was then held. Questions of Do the boys want it; How can it be financed; who shall be responsible as its Editor and many others were brought forth. It was the sense of the meeting that we were not ready for a national publication as yet and therefore would not recommend it to the delegates.

It was moved, seconded and carried to have the Proceedings of the Fourth National Convention compiled and printed at the expense of the national organization.

It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize Mr. Ross to take the song selected in the F.F.A. Song Contest and arrange for having it printed by some music publishing company at the expense of the national organization.

It was moved, seconded and carried to allow Mr. Groseclose to use quotations from the F.F.A. Manual in his forthcoming book.

It was moved, seconded and carried to designate the St. Louis Button Co. as sole manufacturers of F.F.A. Convention badges, buttons, ribbons, etc.

The remainder of the time was spent in considering policies which should be set up as guide posts for the members of the National Board of Trustees and the national organization to follow. General policies set up and agreed upon by all present were:

1. Communication of National boy officers.

National boy officers should communicate with State boy officers and National adult officers with State adult officers. The National president should outline a line of action on a subject to the 4 national Vice Presidents who in turn should communicate with the State Presidents in their respective regions. The National President should send carbons of his communications to the National Executive Secretary; National Vice President should send carbons of their letters to the National President and to the State Adviser of the State into which the communication goes. Carbons of the most important letters written by the Executive Secretary will be sent to all National officers. *should*

2. Official Manufacturers of F.F.A. Supplies

One official company should be designated only to manufacture a given type of F.F.A. merchandise. Other companies should not be allowed to encroach upon the official company designated. All State Associations, local chapters and individual members should be advised not to place orders for F.F.A. merchandise with any but official companies. *where available*

3. Financing National Contests.

As far as possible the National F.F.A. Contests will be financed through the national treasury. Prize money, gifts and financial support will be accepted from commercial concerns only when the national F.F.A. organization can have full control over the event concerned and when arrangements can be made which avoid cheap advertising or embarrassment to the F.F.A.

4. Financial Assistance to States in Connection with National Conventions.

Assist in defraying the travel expense of American Farmers and delegates from the national treasury.

5. Approved Types of Items for Annual National Programs of Work.

1. Items to increase membership.
2. Items to increase the number of chapters.
3. Items to increase the number of affiliated State Associations.
4. Items for the purpose of sponsoring legitimate national F.F.A. contests, increasing participation therein and offering cash awards.
5. Items to assist in preparing teachers and prospective teachers of vocational agriculture to act as local F.F.A. Advisers.
6. Items for the purpose of providing suitable F.F.A. awards for national vocational agriculture judging contests.
7. Items on conservation of natural resources.
8. Items providing for publications and publicity from the National F.F.A. organization - at least one miscellaneous publication a year.
9. Items encouraging the formation of cooperative buying and selling organizations as subsidiaries of State and local units of F.F.A.
10. Items dealing with the building up of F.F.A. libraries in local chapters.

The members of the 1931 Board of Trustees seemed to feel that it was not a good policy to award extensive prize trips to winners of national contests and that this type of item should not appear in annual programs of work. *national*

Thursday, Nov. 19th

A brief joint meeting of the 1931 and 1932 Boards of Trustees was held at 9:00a.m. The meeting was rather informal.

The matter of the time of the 1932 spring meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in Washington was discussed and it was agreed that this meeting should occur in the month of April. It was explained that the reason for having an Executive Committee meeting at this time was due to the fact that the F.F.A. was unable to finance the expenses of 2 full board meetings a year.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the following officers should constitute the Executive Committee for 1932 and that their expenses to and from Washington should be paid from the national treasury:

President Pettibone, Oregon  
Student Secretary Clauser, Missouri  
Vice Pres. Bryan, Tennessee  
Vice Pres. Gantz, Penna.  
\*Dr. Lane  
Mr. Groseclose  
\*Mr. Ross

The meeting adjourned at 10:30A.M. in order to allow the officers to make their trains and depart for home.

\* No travel expense in connection with these two officers.