MINUTES OF THE F.F.A. NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Washington, D. C. - May 18-23, 1942

- May 18 -

The meeting of the National Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:15 a.m. in Room 2276 of the New Interior Building by President Irvin Schenk. National officers present included First Vice President Carl Fought, Second Vice President Joseph Giacomini, Third Vice President George Sisk, Fourth Vice President LaRoy Duvall, Student Secretary S. Pennewill Isaacs, Adviser W. T. Spanton, and Executive Secretary W. A. Ross; also present were Regional Advisers C. H. Lane, D. M. Clements, and J. H. Pearson.

The first order of business concerned the time American Farmer applications are due. It was moved by Duvall and duly seconded by Fought, that the report of the National Adviser W. T. Spanton on late American Farmer applications be accepted, and that all American Farmer applications arriving after May 1st, which were not in transit by April 20th, not be recommended to receive the Degree.

Executive Secretary Ross brought up the matter of State associations not getting their dues in by May 1st.

The Monday afternoon session opened at 1:20 p.m. with all student officers present along with the Executive Secretary and National Adviser. At 1:30 Past National President D. Harold Prichard arrived.

Further action in connection with American Farmer applications was deferred until the following day by unanimous consent.

A summary report on State F.F.A. conventions attended by student officers to date revealed that:

California - 1. Held a 2-day convention.
2. Wants a 5th degree.
3. Wants the 2d degree name changed.

Nevada - 1. Very good convention.
2. Was well organized.
3. Has possible national officer material in Verl Hendricks.

Utah - 1. Has rather loose association.

Montana - 1. Wants a new officer designated as Sergeant-at-Arms instead of Watch Dog.

Iowa - 1. Confusion on length of time a boy can be active. Confusion on length of part-time membership; and whether a boy can become a member without ever having taken agriculture.
2. Had outstanding leadership training program.

Wyoming - 1. Splendid convention.
2. Encouraging leadership training.

Oklahoma - 1. Leadership training is a problem but a program has been set up.
2. Interested in raising State association standing.
3. Had $51,000 worth of bonds on April 1st.
4. Needs to have a closer relationship with the national organization.
5. Held a 2-day convention with no banquet.

Michigan - 1. Good convention with 2,500 present.
2. Question raised - Should an F.F.A. member be a 4-H Club leader?

Vermont - 1. Held a 2-day convention.
2. Too many contests.

Indiana - 1. Held a 3-day convention.
2. Things coming along better.
3. Many departments without chapters.

Nebraska - 1. Convention and judging at the same time.
2. Enthusiastic.
3. Boys not earning 2/3 of their money on farming program while in school.

Kansas - 1. Held a 2-day meeting.
2. Delegate session was too brief.
3. Too much judging.
4. Officers are not selected carefully enough.
5. Convention not well organized.

Minnesota - 1. Judging and convention at same time.
2. 1,000 attended banquet.
3. Good band.

Officer material suggested included: George Steller, Kansas; Wilber Waller, Oklahoma; and Herbert Hoover, Iowa.

Some problems suggested for discussion by those present were:

1. Service from official merchandising concerns and supplies.
2. Upgrading and improving efficiency of State associations.
3. Improving State convention programs.
4. Improving travel arrangements for national officers.

It was moved by Sisk that we approve the request in letter 282

written by Adviser W. W. Beers of Hawaii permitting the Hawaiian Association to waive their annual convention for the duration of the war.

It was moved by Sisk, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees go on record as favoring the action of the National Adviser and Executive Secretary concerning the use of the F.F.A. emblem in relation to the Union Pacific emblem on the announcement of Carl Raymond Gray scholarships.

It was moved by Duvall, seconded and carried, that we continue the policy of designating official companies for F.F.A. merchandise.

It was moved by Sisk that the suggestion of the Executive Secretary be followed and that the Hodges Badge Company be notified to have a representative present at the next national convention and present their case with regard to badges and ribbons; motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Sisk in answering the letters of the Russian War Relief, Inc. that we continue our policy of not espousing causes with regard to this and similar movements as we have previously done; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that we accept the Executive Secretary's suggestion to put up release number 2 on wartime activities of the F.F.A. in printed form, unless the cost is prohibited; motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Giacomini that we go on record as favoring all national officers who can making application for the 1942 American Youth Foundation Camp; motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Giacomini that Lester Poucher be contacted and thanked for his interest in getting together manuscript for a handbook on parliamentary procedure, but to inform him that at the present time we cannot publish it; motion was duly seconded and carried.

Upon motion by Giacomini the meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

- May 19 -

The second day's session of the National Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Irvin Schenk. All members were present. Revisions of the national constitution were considered and discussed by the group.

At the Tuesday night meeting reading of the constitution continued and suggestion was made to add quorum to the By-Laws and set a date on dues.

- May 20 -

The third session of the National Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by President Irvin Schenk. All the student officers, the Treasurer, Executive Secretary, and National Adviser were present. Treasurer Howard gave a report on the financial situation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, with respect to the treasury. States having no dues in by May 1st were: Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, Wyoming.

It was moved by Giacomini that we reconsider late American Farmer applications and dues affecting them and that both kinds of applications be considered on the same basis; motion duly seconded and carried.

Moved by Fought that we accept late American Farmer applications; that we also accept American Farmer applications from States making late payment of national dues; and that States be entitled to consideration of the number of American Farmer applicants to which total dues entitle them when paid by June 30; motion lost for want of a second.

Moved by Giacomini that we reject all applications from States that did not have dues in by May 1st, and from which applications were not received by May 1st; motion duly seconded and carried.

A discussion on adjustments in the national budget was led by the Executive Secretary. It was agreed that whenever possible savings should be effected. The suggested adjustments agreed upon were as follows:

Adjusted Budget for 1941-42

Anticipated Revenue

Membership dues	$24,000.00
Royalties	3,000.00
Interest	150.00
	$27,150.00

		Possible Savings to be made
Anticipated Disbursements		
Officer Travel	$ 4,000.00	(+ 500.00)
National Council Travel	500.00	(+ 300.00)
15th National Convention	4,000.00	(+ 800.00)
American Farmer Keys	900.00	(+ 400.00)
National Prizes and Awards	1,700.00	(+ 500.00)
Exhibits to States		(+ 500.00)
Printing	2,250.00	(+ 250.00)

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		Possible Savings to be made
Radio	$ 300.00	(+ 200.00)
National Office	800.00	(+ 100.00)
Clerical Assistance	3,220.00	(+ 280.00)
Camp and Old Mill	4,000.00	(+ 2,000.00)
Contingent Fund	500.00	
Totals	$22,170.00	$ 5,830.00

It was moved by Giacomini that authority be granted to the Shenandoah Valley National Bank of Winchester, Virginia to honor checks numbered 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512 drawn by Dowell Howard, National Treasurer, without the signature of Irvin J. Schenk, National President; motion duly seconded and passed.

- May 21 -

The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m. The principal business at hand was the discussion of doubtful American Farmers.

It was moved by Prichard that the application of Bob McCreight from Arizona be recommended pending action on matter of late dues.

It was moved by Duvall that we accept Forrest Harris, Jr. as an American Farmer applicant from California; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Fought that Bob Dickson of California be voted in as an American Farmer; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that we reject Jack Swanson of California for the American Farmer Degree; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Fought that we accept the application of Arthur Jackson of Washington; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved that we do not recommend Robert Griffin of Washington for the American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Giacomini that James J. Payne of Alabama be recommended for American Farmer Degree, not considering dues; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that Charles Zinner of Alabama be recommended for the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Fought that Francis Nicholas and A. F. Caley, Jr. of Alabama be recommended for American Farmer Degree, without consideration of dues; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Giacomini that Bob Smith of Arkansas be accepted except on late application; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that Charles Heath of Mississippi be recommended for the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Fought that L. L. Branscome, Jr., Ernest Clyde Lindsey, and Richard B. Prichard of Mississippi be recommended for the Degree of American Farmer; motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that we accept the application of Valentine Everhart of North Carolina for the American Farmer Degree; motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Fought that James Boone of North Carolina be accepted for the American Farmer Degree; motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Giacomini that Donald Beard of North Carolina be recommended for the American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Duvall that Pruitt Martin and Bill Austin of North Carolina be recommended for the American Farmer Degree; motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Giacomini that Lidy Lopez of Puerto Rico not be recommended for the American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Giacomini that Clarence Safley of Tennessee be recommended for the American Farmer Degree; motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

- May 22 -

The fifth session of the National Board of Trustees was called to order by National President Irvin Schenk promptly at 9:30 a.m. All members of the Board of Trustees were present. American Farmer applications were again considered.

It was moved by Giacomini that we not accept Carl Harbison of Texas for the American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Giacomini that we not accept applicant J. C. Oswald of Texas for the American Farmer Degree. Motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that we accept William E. Scott of Texas for the American Farmer Degree; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that we accept Ross Foster of Texas for the American Farmer Degree; motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Sisk that we accept Charles Bristow of Virginia for the American Farmer Degree; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that we accept James Garland of Virginia for an American Farmer, pending verification of the length of Virginia school year.

It was moved by Sisk that George Busey of Kentucky not be recommended for the American Farmer Degree; motion was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Giacomini that applicant William LeGrand of Kentucky be accepted for the American Farmer Degree; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Sisk that Mac A. Carpenter of Michigan not be accepted as an applicant for the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Sisk that applicant Wendell Brown of Minnesota not be recommended for the American Farmer Degree; motion duly seconded and carried.

A summary of the situation with regard to 1942 American Farmer applications is as follows:

	Regions				Total or average percent
	North Atlantic	North Central	Southern	Pacific	
Applications submitted	36	64	106	25	231
Applications rejected	5	9	23	5	42
Applications acceptable	31	55	83	20	189
Percent applications rejected	13.9%	14.1%	21.7%	20.0%	18.2%
Late dues - applicants	4	9	8	7	28
Late applications - applicants	--	--	30	--	30
Successful applications - net*	27	46	45	13	131
Percentage of successful applications - net*	75.0%	71.9%	42.5%	52.0%	56.1%

*The indicated net is below the actual figure in some instances because an applicant could be counted out under more than one condition. Example: The Wyoming applicant was rejected for an error involving more than 5 percent of the labor income. The same applicant is also counted among the 7 in the Pacific Region which were rejected because of late dues. The following

number of duplications in rejections may exist by regions: North Central, 1; Southern, 9; Pacific, 2.

Ignoring late dues and late applications, also anticipating that dues will be sent in to cover all extra applications submitted, a total of 189 qualify, or 81.8 percent.

It was moved by Fought that all applicants who were eligible and passed the minimum qualifications be recommended for the American Farmer Degree; motion duly seconded and carried.

During the afternoon discussion was continued on American Farmer applicants and the constitution.

It was moved by Fought that we leave the scholarship requirement in the national constitution the same as it was before - 40%; motion was duly seconded and carried.

The next item of business that came up was considering the Linke Award. It was moved by Sisk that we accept the suggestion made by the Executive Secretary and recommend to Mr. Linke a rotating plaque award to go to the school from which the Star Farmer comes each year.

It was moved by Sisk that Mr. Ross's recommendation regarding the proposed award from the Meredith Publishing Company for State F.F.A. publications be accepted; motion duly seconded and carried.

At 5:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

- May 23 -

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Giacomini. Three members of the Board were absent.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve checks #158 to 512 (October 11, 1941 to May 18, 1942) inclusive, written by the National F.F.A. Treasurer for justly contracted debts against the organization.

It was moved by Sisk, seconded and carried, that under present conditions the large F.F.A. national exhibit be left in Kansas City.

It was moved by Duvall to give Mr. Ross the power to make arrangements for having a band at the 1942 National Convention.

It was moved by Sisk that Mr. Ross be given power to secure a new set of State flags if possible, and that we spend not more than $75 for this set; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that we defer action on the small F.F.A. exhibit to be prepared for shipping to States; motion duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Sisk that the following goals in the 1942 national program of work be adjusted as necessary in light of present conditions: 13, 19, 20, 22, 23, 28; motion was duly seconded and carried.

In discussing plans for the 15th National Convention, it was suggested that, if possible, any program planned include at least the following events:

Delegate Session - 3 days (if possible.)
Farm and Home Hour Radio programs.
Some special speakers.
Sunday night - Officer-Delegate Dinner.
Monday night - Public Speaking Contest (4 contestants).
Tuesday night - Award night
Star Farmer Awards
State Association Awards
Chapter Contest Awards
Linke Award
Meredith Award
Talent performance if talent can be found among the delegates
Wednesday night - New and Old Board of Trustees meeting.

It was moved by Sisk that we attempt to have at least the above program at the 15th National Convention in Kansas City; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Duvall that the State reports at the 15th Convention include the wartime activities and report on number of former F.F.A. members in the Service.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Signed S. PENNEWILL ISAACS
National Student Secretary

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

For Period - November 1, 1941 to May 19, 1942

REVENUE	ANTICIPATED REVENUE	COLLECTED	UNCOLLECTED BALANCE
Dues	$ 25 000 00	$ 23 185 12	$ 1 814 88
Royalties	4 500 00	1 036 16	3 463 84
Camp and Mill	2 000 00	--	2 000 00
Miscellaneous	200 00	200 00	-0-
Total - Revenue	$ 31 700 00	$ 24 421.28	$ 7 278 72

EXPENDITURES	BUDGET APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
I - TRAVEL			
National Officers	$ 4 500 00	$ 2 084 30	$ 2 415 70
National Advisory Committee	800 00	220 21	579 79
Total - Travel	$ 5 300 00	$ 2 304 51	$ 2 995 49
II - CONVENTION	$ 4 800 00	$ --	$ 4 800 00
III - AMERICAN FARMER KEYS	$ 1 300 00	$ --	$ 1 300 00
IV - PRIZES, AWARDS, AND EXHIBITS	$ 2 200 00	$ 73 09	$ 2 126 91
V - PRINTING			
Literature	$ 1 800 00	$ 1 536 40	$ 263 60
Stationery, Forms, etc.	700 00	511 46	188 54
Total - Printing	$ 2 500 00	$ 2 047 86	$ 452 14
VI - NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM	$ 600 00	$ 133 36	$ 466 64
VII - NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE			
Telephone and Telegraph	$ 200 00	$ 133 73	$ 66 27
Postage, Express, etc.	75 00	23 81	51 19
Bond Premiums and Taxes	75 00	63 00	12 00
Publicity Materials	75 00	32 50	42 50
Supplies and Equipment	150 00	35 23	114 77
Miscellaneous	325 00	103 56	221 44
Total - National Office	$ 900 00	$ 391 83	$ 508 17
VIII - CLERICAL ASSISTANCE			
Regular Salaries	$ 3 220 00	$ 2 015 00	$ 1 205 00
Extra Help	280 00	--	280 00
Total - Clerical	$ 3 500 00	$ 2 015 00	$ 1 485 00

EXPENDITURES	BUDGET APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
IX - NATIONAL CAMP			
Salaries and Wages	$ 1 700 00	$ 650 00	$ 1 050 00
Insurance, Taxes, Rent, etc.	400 00	93 71	306 29
Light and Power	200 00	45 16	154 84
Fuel and Oil	150 00	131 35	18 65
Telephone	60 00	46 00	14 00
Maintenance and Improvement	3 490 00	915 42	2 574 58
Total - National Camp	$ 6 000 00	$ 1 881 64	$ 4 118 36
X - EXHIBITS	$ 500 00	$ --	$ 500 00
XI - CONTINGENT	$ 4 100 00	$ 4 035 27	$ 64 73
Total Expenditures	$ 31 700 00	$ 12 882 56	$ 18 817 44

BANK BALANCE - $ 15 038 40