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JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARDS OF STUDENT OFFICERS  
AND DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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January 24 (Morning)

The meeting of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 10:30 a.m., in Room 3025 of the GSA Building, 7th and D Streets, S. W., by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Those present, in addition to Mr. Hunsicker, included:

Board of Directors

- N. D. Andrew, State Director, Agricultural Education, Concord, New Hampshire;
- \*B. P. Dilworth, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Auburn, Alabama;
- C. C. Eustace, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Topeka, Kansas;
- P. B. Kirk, State Director, Agricultural Education, Cheyenne, Wyoming;
- H. E. Edwards, Office of Education, Chicago, Illinois;
- M. C. Gaar, Office of Education, Atlanta, Georgia;
- J. A. Taft, Office of Education, Boston, Massachusetts;
- W. P. Gray, Office of Education, Washington, D.C.

Board of Student Officers

- Howard L. Williams, National FFA President, Olin, North Carolina;
- Joseph B. Detrixhe, National FFA Student Secretary, Ames, Kansas;
- Larry E. Craig, National FFA Vice President, Midvale, Idaho;
- Norman Gay, National FFA Vice President, Sumner, Georgia;
- William M. Kelly, Jr., National FFA Vice President, Winchester, New Hampshire;
- James Stitzlein, National FFA Vice President, Ashland, Ohio.

Others present were J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, Richmond, Va.; James Durkee, President, NVATA, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming; W. T. Johnson, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C.; E. M. Norris, Head Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Prairie View A. & M. College, Prairie View, Texas; Wilson Carnes, Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine; Howard Carter, Associate Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia; E. J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia; W. F. Skinner, Supervisor, Order Department, Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia; John J. Farrar, Director of Public Relations for the FFA; John C. Foltz, Information Specialist for the FFA; and the three Massey-Ferguson Fellowship Students, Earl L. Boardman, Peter E. Edgecomb, and Bob R. Stewart.

\*Mr. Dilworth represented T. L. Faulkner, who was ill.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silent meditation.

Mr. Hunsicker made a brief statement on the responsibilities and duties of the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers. Among other things he stated that in the National Organization of FFA the members have an active voice. Although Public Law 740 states that the final responsibility rests with the adult Board, nevertheless, the students, themselves, play a great part in the business proceedings, in accordance with their National FFA Constitution. In the case of Joint Board meetings, Mr. Hunsicker explained that the student officers act first on each item on the agenda; then, final action is taken by the adult members of the Board of Directors.

The Chairman then called upon each member of the Board of Student Officers for brief remarks. Their comments dealt mostly with their experiences since assuming national office. They were also appreciative of being able to participate in the Leadership Training Workshop for State FFA Officers from seven States, which was held in Washington, D.C., January 21-23. They all agreed that ~~this experience was most helpful~~ to them in developing leadership abilities.

Mr. Hunsicker welcomed Messrs. W. T. Johnson and E. M. Norris, former National Adult Officers in the New Farmers of America, who were present as consultants. He stated that he would call upon them later for a report on the progress being made in closing out the final phases of the NFA, due to its recent merger with the FFA.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -- It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Joseph Detrixhe and carried, that the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with, and the Minutes be accepted as mimeographed and distributed. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

The Chairman then called for the reading of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Governing Committee, of November 9, 1965; November 30, 1965; December 28, 1965; and December 29, 1965. (NOTE: Copies of the Minutes of these four meetings are attached.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF GOVERNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS -- It was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by Larry Craig and carried, that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Governing Committee held on November 9, 1965; November 30, 1965; December 28, 1965; and December 29, 1965 be approved. It was moved by Mr. Eustace, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

#### January 24 (Afternoon)

The Chairman called on the members of the Boards for any additional items that they wished added to the agenda.

Mr. Dilworth read two letters addressed to Mr. Faulkner. One letter was from Mr. J. G. Bryant, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Georgia, suggesting that there be more official representation at the National Convention from States of larger membership; more voting delegates; and more representation from the Southern Region on the National Board of Directors.

The first page of a letter from Mr. George Hurt, Director, Agricultural Education, Austin, Texas, was read proposing:

1. Each State have a minimum of one official voting delegate.
2. Additional official voting delegates be allocated to States on a 5,000 membership basis or major fraction thereof above the first 5,000 membership.

The following visitors were introduced: Mr. Floyd Johnson, Vice President of the AVA; Mr. James Durkee, President of NVATA; Mr. W. E. Gore, Asst. State Director of Vocational Education in South Carolina, and Dr. Lowery H. Davis, Head of the Agricultural Education Department at Clemson University.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA -- The following questions were added to the agenda:

1. Enlarging number of candidates presented to delegates.
2. Provision of desks for delegates at the National Convention.
3. Increasing funds for National Public Speaking Contest. Tri-State Public Speaking Awards.
4. Providing of travel funds for participants in the national contests at Kansas City and Waterloo on a mileage basis rather than on a zone basis.
5. Reapportionment of delegates to National Convention and to Board of Directors.
6. Reimbursement for talent participants through State offices.
7. Raising (amount of Labor Income) standards for State and American Farmer Degrees.
8. Eligibility for National Awards.
9. Cooperative relationships with other youth organizations.

COURTESY CORPS -- Mr. Eustace suggested that at Kansas City consideration be given to having someone on duty at the Courtesy Corps office who could give more information about Kansas City and help people to find their way around the area.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM NATIONAL GRANGE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION -- It was recommended by Joseph Detrixhe that the National Grange and other youth organizations be invited to send representatives to the National FFA Convention.

MR. BEAUMONT SPEAKS -- Mr. John A. Beaumont, Assistant Director, State Vocational Services, was introduced and spoke of the challenges that are facing youth of today and stressed the need for cooperative relationships with other youth organizations and especially those in Vocational Education.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER -- A copy of the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Future Farmers of America, July 1, 1965 through December 31, 1965, was distributed and explained by Mr. Julian Campbell, National FFA Treasurer. It was agreed that requests for payments in excess of \$10.00 be submitted in the form of an official invoice or letter.

INSURANCE -- Mr. Gray stated that a study was being conducted at the present time to see if all the insurance could not be lumped into one package for the FFA; that is insurance on the FFA Building, contests, liability insurance, etc.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT ACCEPTED -- It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by Larry Craig and carried, that the report on the Financial Statement of the FFA be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Eustace, seconded by Mr. Kirk and carried that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers, with a special commendation for the Treasurer and his Secretary for the fine manner in which the financial records of the FFA are kept.

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE -- Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine reported in detail on the operations of the Magazine for the period ending December 31, 1965. It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by William Kelly and carried that the report on the FUTURE FARMER Magazine be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Taft and carried, that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

REPORT ON OFFICIAL FFA CALENDAR -- Mr. Howard Carter gave a report on the FFA calendar and explained proposals for improving the calendar program in 1968. He stated that the FFA had a very encouraging year with the calendars in 1965 and actually was unable to fill the orders from three chapters. There was general agreement that thought should be given to putting the painting on the inside cover of the calendar for 1968. We now have 16 paintings on hand Mr. Carter stated. The possibility of using 12 of these paintings in the home-type calendar was suggested.

Mr. Kirk stated that the National Officers should be encouraged to talk about the FFA calendars when they attended State conventions. It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by William Kelly and carried that the report of Mr. Carter on the FFA calendars be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Carter distributed a report showing the growth in participation by local chapters and State Associations in the FFA calendar program.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF NFA -- Mr. W. T. Johnson gave a Financial Summary of the NFA Treasurer as of January 21, 1966. Mr. Johnson is in the process of completing the financial close-out of NFA. Mr. Johnson stated that \$12.00 had been sent to each of the former official NFA chapters of last year to help them purchase FFA paraphernalia.

HISTORY OF NFA -- Mr. Johnson stated that he and Dr. Norris would like to have a history of the NFA prepared and suggested that some of the money should be earmarked for that purpose. Mr. Hunsicker suggested that a request be made by some university or college for a 4-C Contract for this purpose.

It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by William Kelly and carried that the report of Mr. Johnson be accepted as read. Mr. Kirk moved, and Dr. Gaar seconded, that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. Mr. Hunsicker commended Mr. Johnson and Dr. Norris for their work in effectively merging the NFA with the FFA.

It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by James Stitzlein and carried that Mr. Johnson and Dr. Norris be authorized to continue their efforts in closing

out the business of the NFA, and that the Governing Committee be empowered to work with them in seeing that this be accomplished at the earliest possible date, but not later than June 30. It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

The meeting was recessed at 4:15 p.m. so that the National Officers might visit the National Grange Headquarters.

#### January 25 (Morning)

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. with all members of the Boards present.

NATIONAL CHORUS -- A discussion relative to a national chorus, which was held the afternoon of January 24, between the Board of Directors, Mr. W. T. Johnson and Dr. E. M. Norris was reviewed for the benefit of the national officers. It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by James Stitzlein and carried that a national chorus be set up in the same manner as the national band, with States submitting applications for the national chorus to the director, who will review them and make selections; and, that in the tradition established at the 1965 convention, Mr. I. S. Glover of Sylvester, Georgia, be asked to serve as the national director. It was moved by Mr. Taft, seconded by Mr. Dilworth and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

REPORT ON PEACE CORPS PROJECT -- Dr. A. W. Tenney next reported on the status of the Peace Corps Project in West Pakistan. Dr. Tenney has been serving as director of this project, which will terminate July 1, unless the Peace Corps gets an official request that it be continued. It was moved by William Kelly, seconded by Larry Craig and carried that Dr. Tenney continue to serve as director of the FFA Peace Corps Project in Pakistan until July 1. It was moved by Mr. Taft, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE REPORT -- Mr. Hawkins presented and reviewed the mid-year report of the Future Farmers Supply Service for the period July 1, 1965 through December 31, 1965. It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Larry Craig and carried that the report on the Supply Service be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Dilworth and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE LAPEL PIN -- Because of requests to have a lapel pin to supplement the Distinguished Service Plaque, which is given only on the national and State levels, Mr. Hawkins showed three designs for such a pin. It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by James Stitzlein and carried that design No. 2, be approved for the Distinguished Service pin. It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Joseph Detrixhe and carried that this pin be available only to individuals who have received the Distinguished Service Plaque. It was moved by Mr. Eustace, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

CHAPLAIN STATION MARKER -- Mr. Hawkins asked the Boards if they would like for him to obtain artwork for a chaplain station marker, since he had received several requests for such a marker. It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by James Stitzlein and carried that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to obtain artwork on a chaplain station marker, and that he report back to the July meeting of the Boards. It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Taft and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

PARLIAMENTARIAN STATION MARKER -- Mr. Kirk stated that many chapters have a parliamentarian, and he would like to see the same consideration for this station. It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by Norman Gay and carried that Mr. Hawkins also be authorized to obtain artwork on a station marker for the parliamentarian and that he report back to the July meeting of the Boards. It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

SELLING OF OFFICIAL FFA JACKET -- Mr. Hawkins requested a ruling on exactly to whom he should sell the official jacket. He indicated that he receives orders for approximately 50 jackets per year for girls who are members of local FFA chapters. It was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by Joseph Detrixhe and carried that the Supply Service be authorized to sell the official jacket to all bonafide FFA chapter members. It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

SUB-REGIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS -- Mr. Gray gave a report on Sub-Regional Leadership Workshops involving State FFA Officers. He stated these workshops started about six years ago as a result of a very successful conference held in Washington, D.C., in 1959. One conference was held January 21-23 at the 4-H Center in Washington. Similar workshops, each involving officers from eight to ten States, are being planned for Missouri and Montana in July, and in Massachusetts in August. It was suggested that as many national FFA officers as possible, and at least three, attend these conferences.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon.

January 25 (Afternoon)

REPORT OF INFORMATION SPECIALIST FOR THE FFA -- The Chairman called upon Mr. John C. Foltz, Information Specialist for the FFA, for a brief report. Mr. Foltz stated that in keeping with the wishes of the Board a job description has been prepared for him, specifying that approximately 80% of his duties should be devoted to publicity and up-dating information on the FFA; and 20% to miscellaneous duties. He stated that, actually, his present duties seem to be almost the exact opposite -- and he feels the need for further clarification of his duties. It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Larry Craig and carried that the Board of Student Officers accept the report presented by Mr. Foltz. It was moved by Mr. Andrew, seconded by Mr. Taft and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

PROGRESS REPORT OF FFA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARDS COMMITTEE -- The next matter on the agenda was the Progress Report of the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees Awards Committee. This report was given by Mr. B. P. Dilworth,

of Alabama, on behalf of Mr. T. L. Faulkner, Chairman of the Committee, who was ill and unable to attend the meeting. The report consisted of Minutes of the meeting held by the Foundation Awards Committee at Miami Beach, Florida, on December 4, 1965, and was reviewed in detail by Mr. Dilworth. (NOTE: A copy of the Progress Report is attached.)

It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by William Kelly and carried, that the FFA Board of Student Officers accept the Progress Report of the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees Awards Committee, held in Miami Beach, Florida, on December 4, 1965. It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers. Appreciation was expressed for the fine work done by this Committee. It was suggested that they continue their work and have a final report ready for presentation to members of the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees at their meeting in July.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF FFA PUBLIC RELATIONS -- Mr. John J. Farrar, Director of FFA Public Relations, was present and gave a report on his responsibilities and duties in the FFA Office. This includes attendance at various meetings throughout the year representing the FFA; the preparation and distribution of FFA Week materials; the preparation of several bulletins, booklets and promotional pamphlets; the revision and printing of application forms, when necessary; and the preparation of news releases on Regional and National Foundation award winners. Kits of the news releases are assembled and mailed to representatives of the press, radio and TV well in advance of the National FFA Convention, for publicity purposes. Similar kits are mailed to the Head State Supervisors of Agricultural Education and FFA Executive Secretaries for use in their respective States. He also serves on the Council for Farm-City Week. In addition, Mr. Farrar maintains records on the Retirement Plans for employees of the FFA, which involves a considerable amount of time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING PUBLICITY -- Members of the Board offered some constructive suggestions for the improvement of publicity for the FFA. Mr. Hunsicker stated that we realize the need for more assistance from this office, but we are handicapped by lack of staff. He stated, further, that he believes the States would like to receive news releases, or materials which could be used for publicity purposes which they could use, almost verbatim, changing only the names and addresses of the award winners. This would require, however, a lot of time and extra work. Members of the Board agreed that this type of publicity would be most helpful to the States.

PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED FOR MORE ADEQUATE PUBLICITY PROGRAM IN 1967 -- Mr. Andrew suggested that it might be advisable to review the entire FFA publicity program with a view to "streamlining" procedures in order to provide more adequate assistance to the States. He proposed that a specific plan for 1967 be set down, in writing, with a supporting budget to adequately finance the program -- and that this plan be presented for consideration at the July, 1966, meeting of the FFA Boards. He also suggested that this should apply to the Magazine and Supply Service, with respect to public relations.

BOOKLET: "AGRICULTURE IS MORE THAN FARMING" -- Mr. Farrar next gave a report on the results of a Questionnaire sent to the States on January 14, 1966, with reference to the booklet, "Agriculture Is More Than Farming". This booklet, published in 1963, was prepared cooperatively

by the American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture, the National Association of Agricultural Education Supervisors, and the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., coordinated through the AVA. The FFA underwrote the cost of printing, and the booklets were sold through the Future Farmers Supply Service. About 150,000 copies have been distributed, yet the basic need for this type of promotion is still with us. The current supply is low and a revision and reprinting should be considered. The answers to the Questionnaire would indicate that the majority of the States believe that this booklet should be reprinted, or a similar type booklet, with up-to-date information, should be prepared and printed for distribution. The consensus of opinion was that a good quality of paper for the booklet should be maintained. The question was raised as to whether or not the FFA should continue to finance such a booklet, or whether it should be published by the Office of Education since it concerns Educational Opportunities in Agriculture. Mr. Hunsicker thought perhaps it could be financed from 4-C funds. The Board members agreed that before any action was taken, we should consult with representatives of the three organizations originally involved in the preparation of the booklet "Agriculture Is More Than Farming". Members of the Board finally agreed that the matter of reprinting, or developing a new booklet similar to "Agriculture Is More Than Farming" should be discussed with the three sponsoring organizations; then, take appropriate action by either having the publication financed by the Office of Education, under contract, or some movement started that would lead to its development. This matter could then be discussed at the July meeting of the FFA Board of Directors.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS ACCEPTED -- It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by Norman Gay and carried that the Board of Student Officers accept the report given by Mr. John Farrar. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained by the Board of Directors.

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES-----GREAT BRITAIN, SCOTLAND, MEXICO -- The next matter on the agenda was a discussion on International activities. Mr. Gray reported that the exchange program between the FFA and the Young Farmers' Clubs in Great Britain and Scotland was reactivated in 1965 and proved to be very successful. Plans are underway for the same type of program in 1966. The States who had unsuccessful candidates for national office have been invited to submit candidates for the exchange program. Mexico has invited the FFA to participate in an exchange program with them during 1966. The Assistant Director of Vocational Education in Mexico, and two Future Farmer representatives from that country attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last fall, and arranged for an exchange program as a result of their experiences. The State of Indiana has agreed to again cooperate in this exchange program with Mexico.

Mr. Gray also reported that Mr. H. G. Kettle, Director of Public Relations for Massey-Ferguson, has expressed interest in using members of the FFA in seminars in connection with FAO -- and Mr. Harry M. Feigen, of the International Minerals and Chemical Corporation, reports that they may be interested in sponsoring FFA activities in the Far East and South America.

REPORT OF NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT ON CONFERENCE IN LONDON -- The National FFA President, Howard Williams, gave a very interesting report on his participation in a youth conference in London, England, December 27 - January 10,

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which was sponsored by the United Nations. The conference theme was "Race Against Time". There were 107 American students in attendance. The second week of his stay in England was spent outside London, visiting in farm homes and participating in community activities. Another conference is being planned for next year.

(At this point, members of the two Boards went into Executive Session for the remainder of the afternoon.)

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The report of the National FFA Committee to Study Salary Schedules of the Future Farmers of America Organization staff members was given by Mr. Julian Campbell, Chairman.

After much discussion and a few modifications in the report, it was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by Larry Craig and carried that the Report of the National FFA Committee on Salary Schedules be adopted, as amended. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by Norman Gay and carried, that there be inserted in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors, a brief condensation of the policies in the report. It was moved by Mr. Andrew, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers. (See Attached.)

It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by James Stitzlein and carried that the salary adjustments in the report go into effect beginning the first pay period in February. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Taft and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

#### January 26 (Morning)

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ACCEPTED -- It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by Norman Gay and carried that the report by Wm. Paul Gray on International Education be accepted. It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES -- Mr. Gray reported on two letters he had received, one from Colombia stating that their Future Farmer organization had been reactivated. He was in Colombia two years ago and helped with the formation of their organization. It was reported in the letter that they hoped to initiate a request for someone from the FFA to come to Colombia to assist them in putting on their first national convention. Mr. Gray suggested we should consider fulfilling this request if it comes. The other letter pertained to a seminar for rural youth leaders in Germany this summer. The FFA was extended an invitation to send a representative to this seminar.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL -- Mr. Hunsicker proposed three items for consideration by the Boards as a result of the Executive Session on Tuesday afternoon:

1. The Governing Committee be given authority to employ E. J. Johnson as a consultant for the FFA on a part-time basis.
2. Mrs. Craine be paid for extra days of employment when she is available to work.
3. To employ part-time secretarial help, especially this summer, if needed.

It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by Norman Gay and carried that Mr. Johnson be employed as an FFA consultant on a part-time basis at Grade 13 for a period of one year at a salary not to exceed \$3,000; further that Mrs. Craine be hired to do additional work whenever she can; and that additional secretarial help be hired to assist in the preparation of various Foundation forms and other work when needed. It was moved by Mr. Dilworth, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried to sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

There was some discussion as to what duties would be performed by Mr. Johnson but this was left to the discretion of the National Advisor.

There was some discussion on the feasibility of employing an Associate FFA Executive Secretary, but no action was taken.

FFA CENTER -- There was considerable discussion on the possibility of having a National FFA Center. Joseph Detrixhe said he would like to see in the Center a Board room, rooms as a residence for National Officers, or FFA boys visiting here and for leadership conferences. James Stitzlein thought the idea had tremendous merit.

It was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by William Kelly and carried that the National Advisor be authorized to appoint a committee to look into the possibilities of an FFA Center on the organization's land at Alexandria.

It was moved by William Kelly, seconded by Norman Gay and carried that the previous motion be amended to include that a progress report be given at the next Board meeting. It was moved by Mr. Taft, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried that the Board of Student Officers' action on the motion and amendment be sustained.

REPORT ON PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTING NATIONAL DUES -- Mr. Carnes, Editor of the Magazine, was asked to make a report on the procedures for collecting National Dues for 1966-67.

Mr. Carnes distributed to members of the Boards a copy of a proposed memo to go to State FFA Advisors from the National Advisor explaining the procedure that had been worked out on National Dues and Membership Lists. It was agreed that the memo should also be sent to the Executive Secretaries of the FFA.

Mr. Carnes also distributed copies of a proposed form "National Membership Roster". It was proposed that three copies of this form be sent to the local advisor. One copy of this completed form to be retained by the local chapter,

one to go to the State Association, and one to the Magazine. A few suggestions were made for revising the form and some suggestions were made in regards to improving the memo.

Mr. Dilworth read a letter from Mr. George H. Hurt, Director, Agricultural Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas, dated January 20, 1966, addressed to the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the Future Farmers of America, which posed several questions pertaining to national dues and the magazine subscriptions.

Mr. Gray read from the Minutes of the 1965 FFA Convention taken by the stenotypist at Kansas City in which the motion was made and passed to make the dues and the magazine subscription "a package deal".

Mr. Campbell brought out some problems that the Magazine staff and the National Treasurer must resolve in this matter. He stated that the States send in dues from September until May and this could delay subscriptions getting to the Magazine for a number of months.

In regard to the first question raised in the letter by Mr. Hurt, it was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by Norman Gay and carried that in accordance with the action of the National Delegates in 1965, a member must have paid dues of 50¢ in order to be a member in good standing. It was moved by Mr. Taft, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Campbell suggested that local chapters be encouraged to submit dues with a membership list and that we encourage the States to forward the dues to the National Treasurer, and that the two offices coordinate this work to insure an efficient operation.

Mr. Durkee of the NVATA was asked to help in providing information to the teachers on this question of dues and magazine mailing lists after the detailed plan is worked out.

It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by William Kelly and carried that the National Advisor be authorized to prepare a letter and mail it to the State Advisors and Executive Secretaries explaining the procedure for collecting the national dues and for obtaining national FFA membership lists, as discussed by the Board of Directors; and that further suggestions in the procedure be obtained by Board members and FFA representatives at the Regional Conferences; that the Editor of the Magazine and the National Treasurer be authorized to summarize the suggestions and to prepare the final form and letter which will be sent to all States prior to June 1. It was moved by Mr. Dilworth, seconded by Mr. Kirk and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

The Chairman introduced Mr. A. O. Duncan, Associate Professor of Agricultural Education, University of Georgia, and Mr. George Toben of the Agricultural Engineering Department, West Virginia State University, Morgantown, who attended part of this session of the meeting.

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MAILING OF FFA MAGAZINE DIRECT -- A discussion was held as to whether the National FFA Magazine should be sent direct to the student's home or in bulk to the agriculture department. It was agreed that the present direct mailing should be continued except on special request. No formal action was taken.

REPORT ON FFA JUDGING CONTESTS -- Mr. E. J. Johnson, retired member of the Office of Education, discussed the activities and operational procedures of the national FFA judging contests, and outlined plans for the 1966 events. It was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by James Stitzlein, and carried that the report of Mr. Johnson be accepted.

It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by Larry Craig that Mr. Johnson be commended for his fine work through the years and for his dedication and the example he has set in leadership. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried that the National FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken in these two preceding motions by the Board of Student Officers.

TAPE RECORDING OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST -- The next item, introduced by the executive secretary, was the matter of making available tape recordings of the National Public Speaking contests. Mr. Gray stated that for several years the Farm Journal has used official FFA supplies as awards to FFA chapter members and advisors in the promotion of their subscription program. Prizes were awarded on the basis of subscriptions sold for the Farm Journal. One incentive to chapters has been the provision of a tape recording of the National FFA Public Speaking contest. Only participating chapters receive the tape at present. It was felt that such tapes should be available to all FFA chapters.

It was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by Norman Gay and carried that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to look into the matter of a tape recording being made available to all FFA chapters and report to the July Board meeting. It was moved by Mr. Andrew, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried that the National Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

WORKSHOP FOR STATE FFA EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES DISCUSSED -- Mr. Hunsicker told of requesting approval of a 4-C project for holding a workshop for State FFA Executive Secretaries. The request for payment under this program was rejected.

It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by William Kelly and carried to authorize a leadership development workshop for State FFA Executive Secretaries, coordinated with State FFA camp directors, to be held in 1967, and that a 4-C project be submitted by a State University for this purpose. It was moved by Mr. Eustace, seconded by Mr. Dilworth and carried that the National FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS AT FFA CONVENTION -- The next item on the agenda was a report on educational exhibits at the national convention for 1966. Mr. Foltz reported on the matter of providing an opportunity for agricultural trade associations and professional societies to have a part in the convention.

It was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by Larry Craig, and carried to accept and endorse the report given by Mr. Foltz, and to authorize the implementation of the educational exhibits by agricultural trade associations and professional societies at the 1966 FFA convention. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Taft that the National FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers. Motion carried.

REPRINTING OF BULLETIN, "FFA AT WORK FOR SAFETY" -- The Executive Secretary reported on the bulletin "FFA At Work For Safety", which has served as a handbook for students and teachers. He stated that at present we have requests for 3500 copies of the booklet and we have less than 1000 on hand. The matter of having it reprinted was discussed. The bulletin would need to be brought up to date on accident facts, and change in the name of the National FFA Advisor. Also, there are new films and safety helps which would go into it. The bulletin would be distributed - one per chapter - at no cost to the State.

The first reprinting of this bulletin was underwritten without cost to the FFA. Mr. Andrew suggested that we might contact the previous sponsor and let them know that the supply is depleted and that it will be reprinted. If they wish to do so, they should be allowed to underwrite the cost.

Mr. Foltz felt that we should publish our own materials, show no favoritism and give no credit.

It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by James Stitzlein and carried to authorize the reprinting of the bulletin, "FFA At Work For Safety", and the FFA to pay the cost if the previous sponsor does not wish to continue to make it available. It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried that the National Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

RE-APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES ON BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP -- Mr. Hunsicker presented the matter of re-apportionment of delegates on the basis of State membership. He stated that the floor was open for discussion on this subject. He suggested that there were various things that could be done, and asked for suggestions from the group. There was considerable discussion and various proposals presented by the Student Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by William Kelly and carried that the matter of re-apportionment of delegates be referred to a special study committee on the FFA Constitution. It was moved by Mr. Andrew, seconded by Mr. Dilworth, that the National Board of Directors, sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers. Motion carried.

DETERMINING SIZE OF OFFICIAL MANUAL -- The next item presented was the matter of determining the size of the Official FFA Manual, whether to leave it at its present size or change it to notebook size. Mr. Gray stated that the cost of changing over to notebook size would be tremendous.

It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by James Stitzlein and carried that due to the convenience in handling in ceremonies, and other uses, the Official FFA Manual should be left at its present size. (He stated that the National Officers had discussed this previously.) It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried that the National Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

WORKSHOP FOR FFA OFFICERS -- The matter of a possible National Workshop for State FFA Officers, similar to the one held several years ago in Washington was discussed. It was pointed out that such a workshop would provide an opportunity for State Officers to get acquainted, and would help to unify the aims and purposes of the FFA as well as promote a better working relationship among State Associations. It would also provide an opportunity to meet distinguished leaders in Government. Mr. Gray stated that he was willing to begin formulating plans for such a workshop to be held in 1967 but would advise that the National Organization underwrite it in the amount of \$25,000 or \$30,000.

It was brought out by Mr. Farrar that this would not replace the regional workshops except for the year in which the National one was conducted.

There was considerable discussion as to the various possibilities in connection with such a workshop, the possible areas in which we could work together with other youth groups, the advantages and disadvantages.

It was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by Larry Craig, and carried, that the Governing Committee take steps in making plans for such a workshop for 1967, with final action to be taken at the meeting of the Board of Directors in July. It was moved by Mr. Eustace, seconded by Mr. Dilworth, and carried, that the National Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

REPORT ON FFA BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS -- A report on the FFA Buildings and Grounds was given by Mr. Hawkins. He suggested that in light of the difficulty of the well providing a sufficient quantity of water for the needs at the FFA Building, that a six inch water main and fireplug be installed. This would lower the insurance rates on the building, give adequate water for the present facilities, make certain ample water is available should additional facilities be constructed, and would allow the present well to be used for irrigation. He estimated the total cost of this to be approximately \$2,000.

CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND FLOOR AT WAREHOUSE -- The second item was the construction of a second floor at the present warehouse to provide additional space needed by the Supply Service. Should this floor be constructed, it would relieve the space in the present building now occupied by the administrative offices for a temporary archives and would also provide the Magazine with space for storage. He estimated that the total cost of this would be approximately \$60,000.

It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by William Kelly, and carried that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to hire an architect to do the preliminary planning, also to transfer funds to the National Organization when the plans have been approved by the Governing Committee and to authorize Mr. Hawkins to proceed as soon as possible in the installation of the facilities to provide an increased water supply. It was moved by Mr. Andrew, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried that the National Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

The meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

January 27 (Morning)

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. All members of the Boards were present.

PILOT PROGRAMS IN FFA AWARDS -- A discussion was held relative to the developmental (pilot) programs in FFA awards submitted by States. A number of the projects submitted did not have detailed plans, and several States had not yet submitted plans. Therefore, it was questioned whether or not all should be approved. It was agreed that plans now in and those submitted by March 1, be approved and they then be turned over to the Special Awards Committee for study at its meeting prior to the July sessions of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

REQUESTS TO FFA -- Mr. Gray stated that he had been approached by a former agriculture teacher who wanted to set aside a sum of money to be used by the FFA, and asked what the opinion of the Board was regarding accepting bequeaths of this type. If accepted, what kind of recognition should be given to the person? It was the feeling that this money should not be used to build an FFA Center or Archives. After some discussion, it was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Joseph Detrixhe and carried that Mr. Campbell work with a bank official and set up a policy on how bequeaths to the FFA should be handled. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

FFA ARCHIVES -- It was suggested that a portion of the FFA Building be set aside for the display of historical FFA items, and that an architect submit plans for an archives within the Building. It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by James Stitzlein and carried that a long-range planning committee for a National FFA Center include recommendations for a national archives, but that a temporary archives be established at the FFA Building, and that Mr. E. J. Johnson or some other individual from the National FFA Staff sort through the materials that have accumulated and decide what is of historical value. It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE -- A discussion was held on how to obtain good candidates for national office. In past years, there has been difficulty, especially in two regions, in getting boys to run for a national office. It was brought out that in some States only one boy has been eligible for the American Farmer Degree. The boys are reluctant to apply for the degree until their third year out of school in the hope of being selected as Regional Star Farmer. It was felt the national officers could do much to encourage boys to run for office when they attended State conventions and leadership conferences throughout the year. At the same time, they could spot a number of good FFA members who will not be running for office to serve on the nominating committee. It was suggested that a brochure be prepared and sent to the States on what it takes to be a national officer. It was also recommended that a discussion of the prerequisites for national officers be included on the program for leadership training workshops.

FFA WEEK THEME -- The theme for 1967 National FFA Week was discussed and a number of themes were suggested.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 noon.

January 27 (Afternoon)

INTRODUCTION OF MESSRS. GRIM AND WEINSTEIN OF THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION --

The afternoon session was opened by the Chairman who introduced Messrs. Ray W. Grim and Emanuel Weinstein, Administrative Officer and Occupational Analyst respectively, of the Division of Vocational and Technical Education, Office of Education. The Chairman thanked these gentlemen, on behalf of both Boards, for the valuable assistance they have rendered to the FFA and the program of vocational education in agriculture. He expressed appreciation for their efforts in establishing job classifications in agriculture and agriculturally related occupations, and for serving on special FFA review committees.

THEME FOR 1967 FFA WEEK -- The next matter for consideration was the selection of a Theme for FFA Week in 1967. Several slogans were submitted by members of the Boards for consideration. Notification of the final theme selection will be sent to the States in the near future.

EXPLANATION OF INCREASED TAX ON REAL ESTATE NEAR MT. VERNON -- A discussion was held on the drastic increase in the 1965 real estate tax on the property owned by the National Organization of FFA, near Mt. Vernon, Virginia. The tax bill for 1964 was \$701.63, and for 1965 it was increased to \$2,310.53. Upon investigation it was learned that this increase was the result of a recent reassessment of the property, which is conducted every third year by the Fairfax County Board of Assessment. Apparently this land, which is zoned commercial, is increasing in value each year. This led to further discussion of the opportunities in the past for sale of a portion of the land near the FFA Building. These offers have been rejected, and it was the consensus of opinion that this land should be retained by the FFA indefinitely.

REQUEST FOR PLAN FOR AWARDING HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE TO STATE STAFF MEMBERS -- Next on the agenda was discussion on the possibility of establishing a plan whereby State staff members (State Supervisors, Assistant State Supervisors, District Supervisors, Executive Secretaries, and Teacher Educators) might earn the Degree of Honorary American Farmer -- under a plan similar to the one already in effect for vocational agriculture teachers. This suggestion has come from several States. Mr. Gray explained the present procedure allows for awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree only to qualified persons within the professional field of education (with one exception - i.e. the Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee) -- and the Distinguished Service Plaque to persons in Business and Industry, or outside the professional educational fields.

SUGGESTIONS ON CRITERIA FOR AWARDING HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE TO STATE STAFF MEMBERS -- It was noted that certain State Supervisors and FFA Executive Secretaries have submitted the following views and suggestions on developing such a plan:

1. That consideration be given to the number of points earned on the present score card for vocational agriculture teachers.
2. That a candidate for the Honorary American Farmer Degree be nominated, or recommended, by his supervisor.

3. That it would not be possible to develop a score card that would fit all circumstances, or occasions. It was felt that a State Supervisor would be rated differently than a Teacher Educator -- and the same would be true of an Executive Secretary.
4. That consideration should be given to the development of a list of activities, relationships, and services rendered rather than basing the rating on point values.

Mr. Dilworth stated that the District Supervisors, and others in this group, would very much appreciate having the opportunity to receive this award. Joseph Detrixhe was fully in favor of extending this honor to men who devote their lives to the work of vocational education in agriculture.

It was pointed out that there is an element of urgency to this -- since candidates for the Honorary American Farmer Degree are selected at the July Board Meeting. Several suggestions were offered for implementing the plan of extending this honor to State staff members.

MOTION ON PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING STATE STAFF MEMBERS FOR HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE -- After considerable discussion, it was moved by Larry Craig, seconded by Norman Gay and carried that Mr. Edwards be named Chairman of a committee, to be selected by him, to develop the necessary criteria for awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to State staff members; that his committee then contact the States for their suggestions and recommendations; and submit the final results to the FFA Governing Committee for use in obtaining information about those persons from State staffs who should be recommended for the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1966. It was moved by Mr. Eustace, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

DISCUSSION: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PLAQUE - VERSUS THE HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE -- Further discussion took place on the present practice of awarding the Distinguished Service Plaque, rather than the Honorary American Farmer Degree, to persons outside the professional educational field. Several incidents were cited which would indicate that recipients of the Distinguished Service Plaque would have preferred to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The opinion was expressed that perhaps it has not been made sufficiently clear that the two awards are of equal importance. Also discussed was the present criteria being followed for selecting these persons. Some members thought the candidates should be nominated by a State Supervisor, and be supported by at least two other supervisors within the region; that length of service to the vocational agriculture program and the FFA should be considered; that the recipient should be required to be present to receive the plaque, etc.

AWARDS COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND GUIDELINES RE: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PLAQUE VERSUS HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE -- After careful consideration of the matter of extending the Honorary American Farmer Degree to include adults outside of the vocational agriculture field, the general consensus of the two Boards was that they favored this to a limited degree. It, however, was decided that this matter should be referred to the FFA Committee on Awards and Recognition and that this committee be asked to recommend guidelines which could be followed in respect to this matter.

AUTHORIZATION FOR AD HOC FFA ORGANIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE -- The Chairman next commented briefly on recent trends and developments which concern the FFA. He expressed the need for an over-all committee, with sub-committees as necessary, to make a thorough study of the National Organization of FFA and make recommendations concerning its organization, constitution, policies and procedures. He suggested that the committee, to be known as The FFA Organization Study Committee, be selected to review and recommend needed modifications in such areas as:

- a. Constitution and Bylaws
- b. Rituals and Degrees
- c. Recognition (of adults)
- d. Post High School - FFA
- e. Operating Procedures

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It was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by William Kelly and carried, that the National FFA Advisor be authorized to appoint an ad hoc FFA Organization Study Committee, comprised of ten to fifteen persons representing a cross section of agriculture, including persons in agricultural education and the FFA; to meet at a time and place specified by the National Advisor; and that the expenses of these individuals be paid from FFA funds. It was moved by Mr. Eustace, seconded by Mr. Dilworth and carried that the FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

DESKS FOR DELEGATES -- Next on the agenda was the suggestion that desks be provided for use by the delegates at the National FFA Convention. It was pointed out that they need space for their materials, and a place where they can write. The cost of such a purchase, as well as storage space, was considered. It was suggested that perhaps tables could be used, instead of desks, and that the tables might be rented.

It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Joseph Detrixhe and carried, that Mr. Gray and Mr. Hunsicker, while in Kansas City in the Spring, investigate the possibility of renting desks, or tables, for use by the delegates at the National FFA Convention, and report back at the July meeting of the Boards. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors approve the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

AUTHORIZATION FOR "INFORMATION BOOTH" AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION -- Mr. Eustace reported on correspondence he has received, pointing up the need for more direction and information for guests attending the National FFA Convention. The Courtesy Corps does a magnificent job, but apparently there is a real need for a central location in the Auditorium where correct information on all aspects of the convention can be obtained. This matter was discussed at some length.

It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by Norman Gay and carried, that the National FFA Executive Secretary make the necessary arrangements to provide for an "Information Booth" at the National FFA Convention. It was moved by Mr. Andrew, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY FOLLOWED BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Eustace presented a suggestion, received from one of the States in his Region, that two names be submitted by the Nominating Committee for each National Office. This matter was discussed but no change was recommended in the present procedure for nominating National Officers. Mr. Eustace was asked to inform the State submitting the suggestion.

MOTION - RE: INCREASING MEMBERSHIP ON FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- The next item considered by members of the Boards was the suggestion, submitted by one State, that membership on the FFA Board of Directors should be increased -- in order to better represent the Regions. It was pointed out that this could not be done without changing Public Law 740.

It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Joseph Detrixhe and carried, that the suggestion of increasing membership on the FFA Board of Directors be referred, for study, to the Sub-committee on the Constitution and Bylaws. It was moved by Mr. Taft, seconded by Mr. Dilworth and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

FFA FOUNDATION AWARDS COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER UNIFORM PLAN FOR COMPUTING TRAVEL FUNDS -- Some dissatisfaction was expressed concerning the method of computing reimbursements to the States covering travel expenses of their participants in various FFA contests and awards activities, held in Waterloo and Kansas City. In some cases a zone system is used, while in others the travel is based upon actual mileage traveled. It was felt that this often creates inequities. Most members of the Boards favored basing the travel on actual mileage. It was pointed out that any change in this procedure would necessitate action by the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

After further discussion, it was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Larry Craig and carried, that the matter of devising a uniform system for computing travel funds for participants in all FFA Foundation contests and awards programs be referred to the National FFA Foundation Awards Committee for study and recommendations. It was moved by Mr. Andrew, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

MOTION TO DISCONTINUE TRAVEL FUNDS FOR TALENT AT CONVENTION -- The Talent Program, held during the National FFA Convention, was next discussed. The present practice is to reimburse the participants for their travel expenses, based upon the zone system. There was some question as to whether this practice should be continued.

It was moved by Joseph Detrixhe, seconded by William Kelly and carried, that, as of the next convention, reimbursement no longer be continued for FFA Talent, due to the additional cost of the FFA Chorus -- but that the States be encouraged to send their top talent to perform at the convention. It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

MOTION -- FFA TO CONTINUE COOPERATIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER YOUTH GROUPS -- Next discussed was the subject of cooperative working relationships with other youth organizations.

It was moved by William Kelly, seconded by Norman Gay and carried, that the National FFA Organization continue to cooperate, as an independent organization, with other youth groups in promoting worthwhile activities. It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Andrew and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING FFA CONVENTION -- The Chairman then asked for suggestions for improving the National Convention. The following recommendations were made:

1. Appoint an Evaluations Committee.
2. Request the States to submit suggestions for improving the convention.
3. Request full cooperation of the Kansas City Police Department.
4. Insist that FFA members wear their jackets at all times while in Kansas City.
5. Reorganize and enlarge the Kansas City Advisory Committee.

It was agreed that this subject would be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

MESSRS. EUSTACE AND ANDREW COMMENDED -- On behalf of members of the two Boards, Mr. Hunsicker expressed appreciation to Messrs. Eustace and Andrew, whose terms as members of the FFA Board of Directors end with this meeting. They have worked diligently as members of the Board, both in Washington and in Kansas City. Responses were made by both gentlemen.

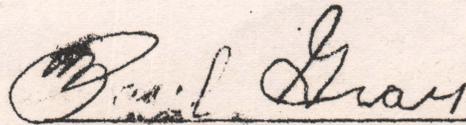
It was moved by James Stitzlein, seconded by Larry Craig and carried, that the Board of Student Officers go on record as commending Messrs. Eustace and Andrew for their service, counsel and advice while serving on the FFA Board of Directors. It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Kirk and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors approve the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

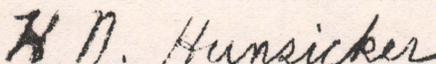
EXPRESSION OF THANKS - MR. DURKEE -- Mr. Durkee, National President of the NVATA, expressed his thanks, on behalf of himself and his organization, for the invitation to attend and observe the proceedings of the two Boards.

THANKS FOR TOUR THROUGH FFA BUILDING -- Members of the Board of Student Officers expressed their thanks to Messrs. Hawkins, Carnes and Carter for the informative tour through the FFA Building, near Mt. Vernon.

SECRETARIES COMMENDED -- It was moved by Norman Gay, seconded by Joseph Detrixhe and carried, that the Board of Student Officers commend the secretaries, who recorded the proceedings of the Board meeting, for their efforts in having the Minutes prepared and distributed to the Board members before leaving Washington. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Taft and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
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Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

  
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H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman