

W. B. Gray

AGENDA

National FFA Boards of Student Officers and Directors

January 30-31, 1958

1. Reading of Minutes (Past Meeting). Correction of Paragraph 2 - Top of Page 2.
2. Reports from each of the four regional representatives.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report on The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, and National FFA Calendar - Mr. Carnes.

- A. Present status
- B. New personnel
- C. Financial report
- D. Advertising Status (Letter from Frank Finn & Associates
Re: Serving as Advertising Agents)
- E. Subscription Status
- F. Future planning - long-time planning, trends, etc.
- G. Present policies and possible changes
- H. Complimentary copies - *make list available to our office.*

5. FFA Calendar.

- A. Present status
- B. Financial report
- C. Suggestions for improvement
- D. Future plans

6. Future Farmers Supply Service - Mr. Hawkins

- A. Financial Report
- B. Status at present - operation, etc.
- C. New items
- D. Old items to drop
- E. Redesign - chapter award medal #M-1165
- F. Use of "jacket tag"
- G. Service plaque

Statement of Policy

7. FFA Property and Building

- A. Operation, Care, Maintenance - Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Carnes
(See July 1957 Minutes)
- B. Sale of FFA property - Dr. Tenney
- C. Custodian house
 - a. Build new one
 - b. Possibility of purchasing extra lot in front with house

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- D. Landscaping
- E. Old house
- F. Curbing on circle drive
- G. Dedication plans

~~8.~~ National FFA Week - Mr. Farrar

~~9.~~ 1958 Good-Will Tour - Mr. Gray

~~10.~~ Contests and Awards - Mr. Johnson

- A. Waterloo
- B. Kansas City
- C. Form Changes - Eligibility Requirements

11. Pilot form for combined FFA Report and Chapter Award Report form. Farrar

12. 1958 Convention - Mr. Gray

- ~~A.~~ Total cost report - Mrs. Coiner
- ~~B.~~ Montgomery Foto Service
- ~~C.~~ Set maximum number on Band and Chorus
- ~~D.~~ Recommendations for Improvements
 - 1. Courtesy Corps
 - 2. Ushers
 - 3. Early Security by Police
 - 4. Registration - ~~far off~~ "ID" card for boy.
- ~~E.~~ Set up "theme each year" for State Exhibits
- ~~F.~~ 1958 Pageant plans

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G. Bulletin Board
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but telephone.

13. FFA Constitution

- ~~A.~~ Clarification of meaning of Service in Armed Service
(Record shows Boards to be prepared July 1958 to discuss this)
- ~~B.~~ Poll representatives relative to "Standards for American Farmer Degree" p. 8 (Oct)

Remind

C. Eligibility for Rules

14. Travel and representation of National Staff members to State FFA Conventions, etc. - Dr. Tenney

A. National Executive Secretary

~~15.~~ Service Awards - Mr. Gray

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16. George Washington Grist Mill - Mr. Gray

- A. Present status
- B. Public Relations
- C. Plans

~~19.~~ Llyman letter
in State of Washington
~~20.~~ Cox's Letter.

~~17.~~ Letter from Cleveland Press - Re: Malabar Farm Project

~~18.~~ Letter from Consumers Co-op - Re: "Hall of Fame for Agriculture" at Kansas City.

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

Washington, D. C.
January 30-31, 1958

January 30, 1958

The meeting of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room G-755 A, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building, by W. T. Spanton, Chairman. Those present included:

Board of Directors

Mr. George F. Sullards, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Little Rock, Arkansas;
Mr. Byron J. McMahon, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Sacramento, California;
Mr. Harold F. Duis, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State Board of Vocational Education, Lincoln, Nebraska;
Mr. Walter Jacoby, Consultant, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Hartford, Connecticut;
Mr. E. J. Johnson; Mr. H. N. Hunsicker; Mr. R. E. Naugher; and Dr. A. W. Tenney, all of the Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Board of Student Officers

Howard Downing, National FFA President, Nicholasville, Kentucky;
Jerry D. Rulon, National FFA Vice President, Arcadia, Indiana;
Leon C. Smith, National FFA Vice President, Rome, New York;
Royce Bodiford, National FFA Vice President, Millsap, Texas;
Jerry W. Cullison, National FFA Vice President, Phoenix, Arizona; and
Nathan Reese, National FFA Student Secretary, Mooreland, Oklahoma.

Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary was also present. Due to illness, Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer, was unable to attend.

The first item of business concerned an error in the Minutes of the October, 1957 meeting of the Boards. Page 2, paragraphs 2 and 3, read as follows:

"Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, appeared before the Boards and gave a report on the Supply Service. Because of increased manufacturing costs, he recommended a 25 cent increase in the price of the official FFA jacket, effective January 1, 1958, and also recommended that the 10% discount on 10 or more jackets be discontinued.

"After considerable discussion, it was moved by Jerry Ringo, seconded by Pete Knutson and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the recommendations made by Mr. Hawkins, concerning the increase in price of FFA jackets and the discontinuance of the 10% discount be adopted. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers."

These two paragraphs should be changed to read as follows:

"...he recommended a 25 cent increase in the price to be paid to the manufacturers, to cover increased manufacturing costs of the official FFA jacket, effective January 1, 1958; and also recommended that the 10% discount on 10 or more jackets be changed to 5% discount on 10 or more jackets.

"...concerning the increase in price of the FFA jackets to be paid to the manufacturers and the 10% discount on 10 or more jackets be changed to 5% on 10 or more jackets, be adopted. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers."

It was moved by Jerry Cullison, seconded by Royce Bodiford and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and that the minutes as corrected above be accepted. It was moved by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Spanton called for reports from the four regional representatives of the Board, concerning any matters, which they wish to present.

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Mr. Sullards read four letters he had received from supervisors in the Southern Region, which gave their reactions to the Report of the Committee of Supervisors from the Central Region, which had been appointed to study the possibility of additional FFA Foundation awards. These letters were received from Mr. A. G. Bullard, North Carolina; Mr. W. E. Gore, South Carolina; Mr. H. E. Wood, Florida; and Mr. S. L. Sparkes, Tennessee. After some discussion, it was agreed that no definite action be taken at this time, but that the material for the awarding of additional Foundation awards be studied carefully and a questionnaire be prepared and sent to all States, so their reactions can be obtained before undertaking any specific changes. It was further agreed that this should be discussed at the various regional conferences, and should be called to the attention of State Supervisors and Executive Secretaries, if they have separate sessions at the conferences.

It was moved by Jerry Rulon, seconded by Leon Smith and carried that the States be canvassed by questionnaire to obtain their reactions before any changes are made in Foundation awards. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

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Mr. Duis read a letter from Mr. Harry E. Nesman of Michigan. Mr. Nesman, after reading the October minutes of the Board, was not clear as to the selection of participants in the exchange with the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain. It was explained that a policy had been adopted at a previous Board meeting that any member participating in the exchange is not to be considered for a national office, and that preference be given to those who have not previously held a national office. 1/c

Mr. Nesman in his letter also noted that consideration was going to be given to the raising of standards for the American Farmer Degree. In his opinion, he considered it more important that the standards for the State Farmer Degree be raised or the quota increased. Dr. Tenney pointed out that the raising of standards or increasing the quota for the State Farmer Degree had been discussed several times in the past. In fact, a few years ago Michigan submitted an amendment to the National FFA Constitution on this and it was not approved by the delegates at the national convention. At the October meeting, Dr. Spanton raised the question as to whether the standards for the American Farmer Degree should be raised, and asked that the members of the Board give serious consideration to this. X

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Jerry Rulon, seconded by Nathan Reese and carried that the standards for the State Farmer Degree and American Farmer Degree remain the same. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

SL A letter from Mr. H. E. Urton of South Dakota, was read by Mr. Duis, in which Mr. Urton suggested that the authorization to attend the National FFA Convention, which appears on the back of the registration card be put on a small card which the boys could keep in their possession. It was agreed that this could be done, and that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Duis work together on this. check on

Mr. Urton also suggested that the Thursday activities at the national convention be eliminated and that the convention close on Wednesday night. He indicated that this would be welcomed by school administrators, since the boys would not miss as much time from school. The same amount of time could be covered by having a business session on Monday. Those not wishing to attend this business session could go on tours. This would also make it possible to have a more impressive ceremony on Wednesday evening for the installation of new officers. After considerable discussion it was agreed that more specific suggestions be made at the July meeting.

At the July, 1957 meeting Mr. Ernest L. DeAlton of North Dakota, had requested that consideration be given to the Supply Service stocking light-weight, light-colored dress trousers at a reasonable price--something that would go well with the official jacket and would dress up the band, chorus, State officers and other FFA members. Mr. Hawkins said that since the meeting he had done some research on this and believed the trousers could be stocked. Mr. Hawkins was authorized to look further into the matter of stocking trousers at the Supply Service, and that he make recommendations at the July meeting of the Board.

Copies of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of the Future Farmers of America for the six-month period from July 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957, were distributed by Mrs. Pauline D. Coiner, Secretary to Mr. R.E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer. This statement was reviewed in detail.

It was moved by Nathan Reese, seconded by Jerry Cullison and carried that the report of the National FFA Treasurer be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Some discussion was held on the small buttons used at the national convention. It was moved by Leon Smith, seconded by Royce Bodiford and carried that the use of the small button at the national convention be discontinued and that it be replaced by an identification card of high quality, also, that the button used by State Advisors be improved. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. W. A. Ross, former National FFA Executive Secretary, was introduced.

Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine made the mid-year report on the magazine. Copies of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Income and Expenses, and the Budget Analysis for a six-month period from July 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957, were distributed and reviewed. Advertising and circulation of the magazine were reviewed. A break-down by States on the circulation follows.

The National FUTURE FARMER
Circulation, December 1, 1957

Region	State	Subscriptions Received	July 1957 FFA Membership	Percentage of Membership Subscribed
CENTRAL:	North Dakota	2,020	2,316	87.21
	South Dakota	1,943	2,799	69.41
	Nebraska	6,244	5,682	109.89
	Kansas	5,382	7,260	74.13
	Minnesota	11,978	11,608	103.18
	Iowa	13,396	10,542	127.07
	Missouri	6,679	12,080	55.28
	Wisconsin	3,218	13,761	23.53
	Illinois	6,861	17,020	40.31
	Michigan	11,953	10,961	109.15
	Indiana	1,621	9,976	16.24
	Ohio	11,801	11,519	102.44
	Kentucky	12,065	11,664	103.43
		95,161	127,188	74.81

Region	State	Subscriptions Received	July 1957 FFA Membership	Percentage of Membership Subscribed
NORTH	Maine	1,407	1,114	126.30
ATLANTIC:	New Hampshire	153	340	45.00
	Vermont	1,039	688	151.01
	Massachusetts	760	985	77.15
	Rhode Island	59	182	32.41
	Connecticut	655	591	110.82
	New Jersey	971	1,502	64.64
	New York	2,055	6,540	31.42
	Pennsylvania	6,027	10,578	56.97
	Delaware	381	754	50.53
	Maryland	1,026	2,422	42.36
	West Virginia	4,585	5,115	89.63
		19,118	30,811	62.04
PACIFIC:	Washington	3,001	5,713	52.52
	Oregon	2,149	3,683	58.34
	California	4,242	11,838	35.83
	Idaho	1,709	3,169	53.92
	Hawaii	398	1,124	35.40
	Nevada	446	426	104.69
	Montana	2,226	2,158	103.15
	Wyoming	1,373	1,512	90.80
	Colorado	1,902	2,143	88.75
	New Mexico	2,234	2,127	105.03
	Utah	3,465	2,779	124.68
	Arizona	1,147	1,543	74.33
		24,292	38,215	63.56
SOUTHERN:	Oklahoma	14,162	15,557	91.03
	Texas	2,795	36,007	7.76
	Arkansas	1,094	13,020	8.40
	Louisiana	5,119	9,999	51.19
	Mississippi	11,249	10,223	110.03
	Tennessee	3,668	15,525	23.62
	Alabama	6,838	13,666	50.03
	Georgia	4,877	17,267	28.24
	Florida	4,979	8,426	59.09
	South Carolina	7,393	7,444	99.41
	North Carolina	14,555	22,317	65.21
	Virginia	3,936	7,944	49.54
	Puerto Rico	-0-	5,787	-0-
		80,665	183,182	44.03
Total Subscriptions		219,236	379,396	54.78

NOTE: This does not include foreign subscriptions, single copy order, or non-paid circulation.

In the absence of Mr. Cedric Lafley, Managing Editor of the Magazine, Mr. Carnes also made a report on the Official FFA Calendar. Calendar sales by States and a break-down by months follows.

OFFICIAL 1958 CALENDAR SALES

<u>State</u>	<u>No. FFA Chapters</u>	<u>*Chapters Covered</u>	<u>*FFA Orders</u>	<u>FFA Sales</u>
Alabama	263	10	9	\$ 1,037.65
Arizona	33	19	18	2,136.05
Arkansas	282	2	2	130.00
California	228	25	14	2,388.00
Colorado	66	7	7	755.35
Connecticut	19	3	4	404.85
Delaware	21	1	1	65.00
Florida	144	1	1	45.50
Georgia	272	17	16	2,255.40
Hawaii	25	1	1	65.00
Idaho	65	15	6	834.01
Illinois	500	30	23	2,086.15
Indiana	364	22	18	2,095.00
Iowa	298	20	20	2,077.50
Kansas	213	22	22	2,216.25
Kentucky	207	12	8	1,232.47
Louisiana	236	1	1	66.60
Maine	39	5	5	477.20
Maryland	46	-	-	-
Massachusetts	27	1	1	66.60
Michigan	243	22	24	1,742.20
Minnesota	278	20	21	1,958.70
Mississippi	275	-	-	-
Missouri	273	5	5	389.00
Montana	64	1	1	65.00
Nebraska	146	11	11	686.86
Nevada	13	-	-	-
New Hampshire	19	-	1	22.00
New Jersey	34	2	2	177.10
New Mexico	59	4	4	479.85
New York	289	38	24	3,396.86
North Carolina	450	21	6	1,086.44
North Dakota	54	-	-	-
Ohio	344	30	23	2,418.15
Oklahoma	366	11	9	1,036.36
Oregon	88	10	6	722.37
Pennsylvania	291	23	24	3,220.17
Rhode Island	7	-	-	-
South Carolina	204	1	1	1,240.00
South Dakota	73	5	6	426.50
Tennessee	278	3	3	225.40
Texas	907	24	22	2,332.10
Utah	46	7	8	739.55
Vermont	25	1	1	66.60
Virginia	187	14	11	1,457.35
Washington	147	8	8	969.25

<u>State</u>	<u>No. FFA Chapters</u>	<u>*Chapters Covered</u>	<u>*FFA Orders</u>	<u>FFA Sales</u>
West Virginia	109	7	7	\$ 995.90
Wisconsin	276	14	14	1,444.15
Wyoming	<u>54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTALS	8,947	496	419	\$47,732.44
FFA National Office				216.00
The National FUTURE FARMER				<u>136.64</u>
TOTAL				<u>\$48,085.08</u>

*The numbers for "chapters covered" and "FFA orders" varies because some orders cover more than one chapter.)

BREAKDOWN BY MONTHS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Home & Office Calendar</u>	<u>Indoor Poster Calendar</u>	<u>Monthly Sales</u>
January	4,350	400	\$ 2,848.30
February	4,650	885	4,335.69
March	10,535	1,075	7,463.70
April	4,430	500	3,475.91
May	7,450	614	5,368.83
June	2,200	250	1,876.15
July	3,100	500	2,732.85
August	3,665	439	3,077.69
September	5,850	915	5,127.25
October	5,060	675	4,323.91
November	6,991	715	5,305.45
December	<u>1,963</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>2,149.35</u>
TOTALS	60,244	7,518	\$48,085.08

It was moved by Royce Bodiford, seconded by Leon Smith and carried that the reports made by Mr. Carnes be accepted. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Spanton reminded the group that it had been suggested by the Board of Directors that Mr. Carnes and Mr. Hawkins work with the Boards in setting up policies in regard to the operation, management, etc. of the magazine and Supply Service. Since there was not sufficient time for this, it was believed this could be worked out by Dr. Spanton and his staff.

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July-1959*

January 31, 1958

The meeting was called to order in Room G-755 A, by the Chairman at 9:30 a.m., all members of the Boards being present.

Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, appeared before the group and gave the Operating Statement of the Supply Service as of December 31, 1957. Mr. Hawkins said that he believed that the total sales at the end of this fiscal year would go well over a million dollars.

Mr. Hawkins presented a white, washable corduroy jacket which could be used as a sweetheart jacket. After the Boards examined the jacket, it was moved by Nathan Reese, seconded by Leon Smith, and carried that the Supply Service be authorized to stock and sell this white corduroy jacket as a sweetheart jacket. It was then moved by Mr. Duis, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Hawkins stated that at the July 1957 meeting of the Boards he was requested to obtain information on a burwood plaque for superior chapters. He then showed the group a penciled sketch of a plaque which would cost from \$2.75 to \$3.00. This plaque would eliminate the certificates for superior chapters, which are being used at the present time. It was moved by Jerry Cullison, seconded by Royce Bodiford and carried that this burwood plaque for superior chapters be handled by the Supply Service, but further details regarding the plaque be considered at the July Board meeting. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Hawkins stated that at the October 1957 meeting, he was authorized to secure an appropriate plaque for presentation to retiring members on the Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America, the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation, and Past National FFA Officers. Mr. Hawkins displayed a plaque which will be used for this purpose and stated that the cost will be approximately \$9.75 each. After some discussion, it was moved by Royce Bodiford, seconded by Jerry Rulon and carried, that this plaque may also be purchased by the States to be given to members on the Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America, the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation, and Past National FFA Officers, who served prior to 1957. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. McMahon, and carried that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. Gray read a letter which he had received from Mr. Paul P. Mechling of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., suggesting that a statement on "The Proper Use of the Official FFA Jacket" be attached to the zipper of each jacket before it is shipped from the factory or Supply Service. After a short discussion, it was moved by Leon Smith, seconded by Nathan Reese and carried, that a statement

on the proper use of the jacket be used. It was then moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

A letter was then read from Mr. Kortesmaki, FFA Executive Secretary in Minnesota, suggesting that the Supply Service stock "thank you" notes having the FFA emblem on them. It was moved by Jerry Rulon, seconded by Royce Bodiford and carried, that the Supply Service be authorized to stock and sell these "thank you" notes. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. *mc*

Mr. Hawkins wanted to know whether or not the FFA Christmas Cards should be stocked, and also advertised in the Supply Service Catalog. It was moved by Jerry Cullison, seconded by Nathan Reese and carried, that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to stock, and also illustrate the FFA Christmas Cards in the Supply Service Catalog. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. *mc*

Mr. Hawkins then presented to the two Boards for acceptance, a letter opener which would cost about \$1.00 each, but could be sold cheaper if purchased in larger quantities. It was moved by Royce Bodiford, seconded by Nathan Reese, and carried that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to stock and sell this letter opener as an official FFA item. It was moved by Mr. Duis, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. ✓

Mr. Hawkins stated that in the July 1957 Board meetings he was requested by the Boards to look into the matter of redesigning the chapter award medal (#M-1165), which appears in the Supply Service Catalog. He suggested eliminating the ribbon on the medal, and that a smaller medal be used. It was the general agreement of the two Boards to eliminate the ribbon on the chapter award medal and replace the present medal with a smaller one. *done ok*

Mr. Hawkins also presented a variety of bolo ties, or western style ties, with the FFA emblem on them to be worn with sport shirts that would sell for around \$1.00 apiece. After looking over the various types of bolo ties, it was moved by Jerry Cullison that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to try stocking the bolo ties for a year to see how they would sell, but the motion died for lack of a second.

July Mr. Hawkins stated that in the July 1957 meeting he volunteered to look into the matter of stocking ribbons for presentation of awards at fairs, and livestock shows, and that he would give a report of his findings at the January meeting. After looking into the matter, he felt that action should be deferred. He said that he would report on the matter at the Board meetings in July.

It was then moved by Jerry Rulon, seconded by Jerry Cullison, and carried that Mr. Hawkins' report be accepted and that he and his staff be complimented for their fine work. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

A discussion was held concerning the FFA property and the new building. It was moved by Royce Bodiford, seconded by Jerry Cullison and carried that authorization be given to the Governing Committee to act as they saw fit in regard to the dismantling of the old buildings, clearing of the lots, landscaping around the new building, and the construction of a circular driveway from the highway to the building. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sullards, and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

July Dedication plans were discussed and it was moved by Nathan Reese, seconded by Royce Bodiford, and carried that the dedication of the FFA Building be set for July of 1959. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Duis, and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Gray read a letter he received from Mr. A. R. Cox, executive secretary in Florida, concerning the awarding of the Honorary American Farmer degree to one of the area supervisors in Florida. It was recommended by the Boards that Mr. Gray write Mr. Cox suggesting that he submit complete information on this man's accomplishments and work in the FFA and vocational agriculture, and further consideration would be given to him at the July meeting when the Honorary American Farmers are selected. *dry*

Dr. Spanton read a letter from the Cleveland Press requesting him to serve on a special committee to be known as the National Development Committee of the Louis Bromfield Institute. On Dr. Spanton's recommendation, it was agreed that he not accept this invitation regardless of its merit, since it was assumed that one of the responsibilities of the Committee would be that of encouraging contributions to the fund for supporting the Institute. It has always been the policy of the FFA to refrain from engaging in such activities, either directly or indirectly, as an organization, or through its offices.

Dr. Spanton then read a letter he had received from Mr. Durward DeWitt, of the Consumers Cooperative Association, regarding a proposal to develop a "Hall of Fame for Agriculture", probably to be located in Kansas City, Missouri. It was the general feeling of the Boards that Dr. Spanton write Mr. Cowden and express the thought that we would be delighted to have him present this proposal at the general session of the FFA Convention in Kansas City, in October 1958, except for the fact that we have always had a policy against the presentation of any proposals for a particular cause or activity at our National Convention which might be interpreted as soliciting the support of the FFA organization, either financially or otherwise, regardless of its merit. If one group were

permitted to promote their particular interest, then we would be under obligation to accept all comers, so to speak. This would take up entirely too much of the time during the convention. Mr. Naugher suggested that the proposal might be discussed before the State Supervisors. Mr. Hunsicker suggested that Mr. Cowden present this matter before the two Boards in Kansas City in October.

Dr. Spanton read a letter he had received from Frank W. Finn and Associates regarding their serving as advertising agents for The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. After a short discussion Dr. Spanton was requested to write to Mr. Finn telling him that for the present, the magazine would continue to employ advertising representatives, as they have done during the past few years, rather than turn the solicitation of advertising over to any of the various agencies.

Dr. Spanton also read a letter he received from Mr. Moehring of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., proposing selling bags of lightbulbs as a fund raising activity for Future Farmer Chapters. It was suggested that Dr. Spanton write to Mr. Moehring stating that the National Organization has always refrained from endorsing such activities on the national level, but that if the States wanted to try the activity to raise funds they could, but that the National Organization neither approved nor disapproved the proposal.

Membership in the Rural Youth of the U. S. was discussed and it was the general feeling of both Boards that the National Organization of FFA no longer be officially represented in that organization.

July Mr. Sullards stated that he had received a number of letters requesting that Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee be asked to speak at the 1958 national FFA convention. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Royce Bodiford, seconded by Nathan Reese, and carried that the selection of convention speakers be postponed until the July meeting. It was moved by Mr. Hunsicker, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Gray stated that due to complaints he has received from the States regarding the poor quality of pictures purchased from the Montgomery Foto Service in Kansas City during the national FFA convention, some definite action should be taken about severing our relations with them. After a short discussion Mr. Gray was delegated to write Mr. Montgomery stating that his services would no longer be desired, since he had failed to comply with previous warnings about this matter. *done*

Mr. Farrar gave a report on activities of National FFA Week. He stated that enough FFA Week posters and stamps were sent to the States so that each chapter would receive 4 posters and 3 sheets of stamps.

Mr. Johnson gave a report on the National FFA Judging Contests and awards. He said that the dates for the contests this year will be:

Dairy Cattle Contest-----Sept. 29, Waterloo, Iowa
Dairy Products Contest-----Sept. 30, Waterloo, Iowa
Meat Judging Contest-----Oct. 15, Kansas City, Mo.
Poultry Judging Contest-----Oct. 15, Kansas City, Mo.
Livestock Judging Contest---Oct. 16, Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that this year livestock showmen in the Dairy Cattle and Livestock Judging Contests will be judged and appropriate medals will be awarded including Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, and Bronze Emblem to the most outstanding holders. He stated that the new Bulletin No. 4 giving the official rules and regulations for National FFA Judging Contests 1958, '59, '60 has been sent out to all the States.

Mr. Hunsicker suggested that we look into the matter of securing a plaque to honor ladies who have rendered outstanding service to the FFA. Mr. Hawkins stated that he would look into this matter.

There being no further business to come before the two Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary



W. T. Spanton, Chairman