

MINUTES OF THE F.F.A. NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Washington, D. C. July 11-13, 1944

The meeting was called to order in the office of the Executive Secretary by President Bowman at 3:30 p.m. Those present were: President Robert Bowman; 1st Vice President O. Beverley Roller; 2nd Vice President Ralph H. Salzman; 3rd Vice President Arthur E. Clifford; 4th Vice President Robert Barthelmess; Student Secretary Byron Freeman; Past President Marvin Jagels; Adviser W. T. Spanton; and Acting Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney.

Following the opening ceremony the minutes of the January 1944 meeting were read by Secretary Freeman and adopted as read. The minutes of the 1943 Kansas City Board of Trustees meeting were approved as read. The minutes of the July 1943 Board of Trustees meeting were approved as read.

The situation regarding the establishment of F.F.A. chapters in Indian Schools and Japanese War Relocation Centers was discussed but no definite action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

- July 12, 1944 -

The meeting was called to order in the office of the Adviser by President Bowman at 9:45 a.m. All national officers and Mr. Isidore Rosenblatt were present. Also present were Regional Agents Clements, Pearson, Johnson, and Swanson.

It was moved by Vice President Roller, seconded and carried, that the following boys from the Southern Region be recommended to the delegates at the National Convention to receive the American Farmer Degree. (See attached list)

It was moved by Vice President Roller that we reject Alton Alexander of Georgia because of no evidence on F.F.A. degrees held; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that the following candidates from the Southern Region be rejected; motion seconded and carried:

James Pay of Arkansas
Alton Alexander of Georgia
Louis Samuel Hovis of North Carolina
J. T. Moss of North Carolina
John Isaac Myers of Tennessee
Charles Ray Brown of Texas
Milton L. Honza of Texas
Glen Rogers of Texas
Frank Campbell Ott of Virginia

It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and carried, that the following candidates from the North Atlantic Region be recommended to the delegates at the National Convention to receive the American Farmer Degree. (See attached list)

It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and carried, that the application of Wilson W. Webb of Delaware be rejected because of inadequate experience in leadership and cooperation.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and carried, that the application of Philip Comings of New York be accepted.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and carried, that the application of R. Nathan Mosher of New York be accepted.

It was suggested by Regional Agent Pearson that an explanation be made of Column F, page 2 of the American Farmer application, if a boy includes additional money above labor income.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and carried, that the application of George C. Tucker of New York be rejected because of inadequate supplementary and improvement practices and inaccurate records.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and carried, that the application of Elwood Fox, Jr. of New Jersey be accepted.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and lost, that the application of John Freeman Hill, Jr. of Vermont be rejected. It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and carried, that the application of John Freeman Hill, Jr. of Vermont be accepted.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and passed, that the application of Leander E. Hardy of New Hampshire be rejected because he has not been out of school for 12 months.

It was moved by Vice President Roller, seconded and carried, to reconsider the application of J. T. Moss of North Carolina. It was moved by Vice President Roller, seconded and carried, to accept the application of J. T. Moss of North Carolina.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman that the following boys from the North Central Region be recommended to the delegates at the National Convention to receive the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded and carried. (See attached list)

It was moved by Vice President Salzman, seconded and carried, that the following candidates who are now in the armed forces be accepted:

Clair Wayne Canterbury of Illinois
Henry R. Kaiser of Illinois
Robert G. Rhoades of Illinois
David Noller of Iowa

It was moved by Vice President Salzman, seconded and carried, that the following candidates who did not sign their applications be accepted:

Lynn Daris Kirkpatrick of Missouri
Robert H. Haile of Wisconsin
Paul De Roy of Wisconsin

It was moved by Vice President Salzman, seconded and carried, that the application of Herbert Walter Klein of Wisconsin be rejected because of inaccurate records.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman, seconded and carried, that the application of Harry Earl Case of Illinois be rejected because of inadequate participation in cooperative activities.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman that the application of Donald Duff of Indiana be rejected because of inadequate cooperative activities; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman that the application of Lynden McClurg of Wisconsin be rejected because of an inadequate supervised farming program; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Barthelmess, seconded and carried, that the following boys from the Pacific Region be recommended to the delegates at the National Convention to receive the American Farmer Degree. (See attached list)

It was moved by Vice President Barthelmess, seconded and carried, that the application of Vernon Stokes of Washington be rejected because of inaccurate records.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman, seconded and carried, that Acting Executive Secretary Tenney be authorized to prepare a service flag to be unveiled at the 17th National Convention.

A suggested list of persons to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1944 was presented to the Board. The list is as follows:

Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.
Albert Goss, Master, National Grange
Edwin J. Sommer, President, Mid-States Steel &
Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana
H. W. Railsback, Director of Advertising, John
Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois
Edwin F. Flato, Texas
A. Larraviere, Asst. State Supervisor, Louisiana
Russell L. Guin, Vice President, The Interstate,
Danville, Illinois
R. A. Manire, State Director of Agricultural Educa-
tion, Austin, Texas
Robert Reed, Editor, COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, Independence
Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Letters recommending candidates for the Honorary American Farmer Degree were read. The letters had been sent by Mr. S. M. Jackson, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education from Louisiana and Mr. J. B. Rutland, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education from Texas.

It was moved by Past President Jagels, seconded and carried, to recommend

to the delegates that the Honorary American Farmer Degree be bestowed on Secretary Claude R. Wickard if he appears at the 1944 National Convention.

It was moved by Vice President Barthelmess to recommend that the Honorary American Farmer Degree be bestowed on Mr. Goss at the 1944 National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman to recommend that the Honorary American Farmer Degree be bestowed on Mr. Railsback at the 1944 National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman that Mr. Flato be nominated for the Honorary American Farmer Degree; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman to employ Mrs. Dunwoody as stenotype reporter at the National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Past President Jagels, seconded and carried, to increase Miss Souder's salary to \$2,000.00 per year starting July 1, 1944.

It was moved by Past President Jagels, seconded and carried, that the F.F.A. emblem not be used by chapter subsidiaries.

It was moved by Past President Jagels, that the F.F.A. emblem not be used in the General Mills booklet unless they withdraw all statements of a nature pertaining to the advertisement of their products; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Barthelmess that Mr. H. O. Sampson of New Jersey be presented with a Past National Officer's pin at the 1944 National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Secretary Freeman, seconded and carried, to allow the North Carolina Association to make an F.F.A. State Award plaque.

It was moved by Secretary Freeman, seconded and carried, that the National Advisor, with the National Advisory Council and Acting Executive Secretary, draw up a detailed plan of recommendation for hiring a publicity agent to be used for F.F.A. work; and this plan be presented at the next National Executive meeting, before the convention at Kansas City, for discussion.

- July 13, 1944 -

The meeting was called to order in the office of the Adviser by President Bowman at 9:30 a.m. All national officers, including Treasurer Howard, and Regional Agents were present.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that Executive Secretary Tenney write to Trinity F.F.A. Chapter and ask them to refrain from using the suggested letterhead submitted to the French-Bray Printing Company; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees go on record as recommending that Gold Emblem Award winners in the National Chapter Contest not compete the following year.

Upon the written request of Mr. D. J. Howard of the Virginia Association, it was moved by Past President Jagels, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates at National Convention that the time limit of chapters without teachers be extended from 12 to 36 months. (See attached copy)

It was moved by Vice President Roller that the Board of Trustees go on record as objecting to the use of the emblem on the South Carolina Cooperative; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Barthelness that only official delegates and members of the National Board of Trustees be permitted to participate in the discussions of the National F.F.A. Convention.

It was moved by Secretary Freeman that a national Vice President be designated by the Chair to assume the chair of the National Treasurer at the National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

The tentative program for the Seventeenth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was presented by Acting Executive Secretary Tenney. The program was approved as read.

It was agreed that the following changes should be made in the Annual Banquet Program:

1. An "honor guest list" should be obtained by writing to the individuals, organizations, and companies that may be represented at the banquet. This list should be printed and placed on the tables with the program folders.
2. The "head table" should be reduced in size. The only individual introductions made should be of those seated at the "head table".
3. A representative of the Chamber of Commerce should serve as Chairman. He should open the meeting, introduce the toastmaster, and close the meeting. The past National F.F.A. President should serve as toastmaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Tenney

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