

MINUTES

F. F. A. NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

HOTEL BALTIMORE

KANSAS CITY, MO.

OCTOBER 19 - 26, 1934

(Note: Since the Board of Trustees were in session at various times during the period indicated, these minutes represent merely a summary of the actions taken but no attempt was made to keep the actions separated by days or sessions.)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. on October 19th by the President, Bobby Jones. Other members present were Alex Alampi, Robert Stewart, Marion Winge, Morrison Lowenstein, Carl Shopbell, Henry Groseclose, J. A. Linke and W. A. Ross.

The first item of business was in regard to the vocational banquet to be held on Wednesday evening, October 24th. It was explained by Mr. Linke and Mr. Ross that the Chamber of Commerce would only stand the expense this year on 650 plates and that, with the number entitled to come to the banquet, attendance would likely run over that figure. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that the number of plates (at \$1.25 each) in excess of the 650 be guaranteed from the national F. F. A. treasury. This emergency action taken thus safeguarded unnecessary disappointment and dissatisfaction.

The next item discussed was the F. F. A. participation in awards for the National Vocational Judging Contest. After some deliberation it was moved, seconded and carried to recommend to the delegates an award of \$50.00 to the high individual in judging dairy

cattle with the understanding that satisfactory evidence be given showing this amount would be invested in farming. It was agreed that the evidence should be submitted to the Executive Secretary and passed on to the Treasurer who would issue the check drawn on the national treasury. It was also moved, seconded and carried that a recommendation be made to the delegates that the F. F. A. award felt banners to the high judging teams on horses, beef cattle, swine, and sheep.

The matter of honorary American Farmers was discussed at some length but it was finally agreed that the following individuals should be recommended to receive the honor for 1934:

1. Paul W. Chapman, Athens, Georgia
2. R. W. Reynolds, Chicago, Illinois.
3. Ed. Oneil, Chicago, Illinois
4. H. B. Swanson, Washington, D. C.
5. L. H. Dennis, Washington, D. C.
6. W. W. Beers, Honolulu, Hawaii
7. Walter Atwood, Roosevelt, Utah

It was moved, seconded and carried to recommend appropriate certificates to be provided by the national organization and awarded to all active and honorary American Farmers and national F. F. A. officers of the past, present, and future.

By unanimous action it was agreed that the following active American Farmer candidates should be recommended to the delegates to receive the American Farmer degree for 1934:

Edd Christian
Chester T. Senteney
Austin Ledbetter
Sam McMillan
Raymond Pitts
Joe E. Williamson
Jacques Waller
Deaz Floyd
C. W. Grant, Jr.
Leonard Arrington
Clarence Akin
James R. Dunseth
Beryl Rutledge
Edwin A. Bates
Milbourn F. DeMunn
John Garrott
Kenneth Fulk
Alfred Taylor
Allan Nottorf
John Reisz
Paul Moulard
C. A. Duplantis, Jr.
Lyman F. Getchell, Jr.
William H. Wildesen
Jay H. Morris
Donald Piper
Aubrey L. Pulliam
Charles Lampkin
Harold Benn
Ralph Smith
Charles H. Wood
Emory I. Waterman
James B. Outhouse
David O. Swank
Robert Bernard
Thomas M. Gardner
John Paul Watt, Jr.
Stanley L. Algire
George Harrison
Paul Astleford
George M. Myers
Kenneth W. Hunter
Andrew Sundstrom
Stanley Ezell
Carl Baird
Tillman Hutchings
Jack Calhoun
William Cude
Cecil C. Cope
Avery D. Palmer

Fern Bank, Alabama
Weiner, Arkansas
Malvern, Arkansas
Santa Rosa, California
Selma, California
Bridgeville, Delaware
Plant City, Florida
Bowman, Georgia
Leslie, Georgia
Twin Falls, Idaho
St. Francisville, Illinois
Modesto, Illinois
LeRoy, Illinois
Carlinville, Illinois
Capron, Illinois
Battle Ground, Indiana
Clarinda, Iowa
Winfield, Kansas
Abilene, Kansas
Owensboro, Kentucky
Marksville, Louisiana
Houma, Louisiana
Limestone, Maine
Oakland, Maryland
Grand Ledge, Michigan
Bangor, Michigan
Adrian, Missouri
Appleton City, Missouri
Ord, Nebraska
Newfield, New Jersey
Little Valley, New York
Forestville, New York
Canandaigua, New York
Fredericktown, Ohio
New Vienna, Ohio
Georgetown, Ohio
Greenfield, Ohio
Fredericktown, Ohio
Kingfisher, Oklahoma
Newburg, Oregon
Greencastle, Pennsylvania
Washington, Pennsylvania
Beresford, South Dakota
Antioch, Tennessee
Brush Creek, Tennessee
Sparta, Tennessee
Sherman, Texas
Beeville, Texas
Arcadia, Utah
Charlotte, Vermont

Joel Holland Chapman
Graham James, Jr.
Andrew Jackson
Clarence Lowe
Harry Born
Eugene Wissink
Henry Bartelt
Glenn Macy

Smithfield, Virginia
Herndon, Virginia
Laurel Fork, Virginia
Whaleyville, Virginia
Reedsville, West Virginia
Baldwin, Wisconsin
Omro, Wisconsin
Pine Bluffs, Wyoming

The matter of recognizing national adult officers was discussed, and it was the sense of the meeting that a national F. F. A. plaque, properly inscribed, should be awarded each adult officer by the national organization at the time of his termination of office.

Considerable time was taken up with the matter of "F. F. A. Alumni" organizations or "Activities for members out of school". Attention was directed to the fact that we had a very serious problem to face in connection with these activities due to the possible national proportions and the possible effect on the present national F. F. A. organization. The following resolution covering the situation was, therefore, adopted to be recommended to the delegates for action:

"That in States where there appears to be a need for some sort of organization designed primarily for the purpose of bridging the gap between active membership in the F. F. A. and active membership and participation in adult farm organizations, encouragement by the F. F. A. should be given to pioneer this field in harmony with the ideals of the F. F. A. and according to their own specific needs.

"Furthermore that in light of present conditions it seems to be the part of wisdom, from the national standpoint, to continue to

focus the attention of F. F.A. members and the public on the existing national organization of F. F.A. with its local chapters and State Associations.

"Furthermore, that local chapters should be encouraged to give more attention to the matter of holding a larger percentage of members during the three-year period following completion of high school work as specified in the Constitution."

Attention by Mr. Ross was called to the fact that some difficulty had arisen with certain companies attempting to use the F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest as a medium of advertising for commercial products. It was pointed out that in some instances effort had been made to offer inducements to the boys to speak on "one-sided" subjects just to win a prize. It was generally agreed that there was danger in this proposition and that State Associations should be warned. It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommend that no company be permitted to use the F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest purely as an advertising medium. This was interpreted to mean that all subjects used should have two sides to them and not be stated in a prejudiced manner.

Relationships with national farm organizations was taken under consideration. Mr. Ross read a letter, from Ray Fife of Ohio, suggesting representation at the annual national meetings of the Grange and Farm Bureau Federation. It was moved, seconded, and carried, after a brief discussion, that we recommend to the delegates that official representatives

be sent, at the expense of the F. F. A., to these two meetings.

Delegate travel to the National Convention was a source of considerable deliberation. It was the sense of the meeting that if the national organization pays the transportation expense of one delegate, the State Association should pay the expense of the second delegate in all instances. However, no definite recommendation was formulated on this particular matter.

The Mississippi Constitution was displayed and attention called to a few minor changes which should be made. Mr. D.L. Williams, State Adviser, was called in to the meeting and agreed to see that the changes pointed out by the Executive Secretary were made. With this consideration it was moved, seconded, and carried that the Mississippi Charter be presented to the delegate at the opening session of this convention.

In connection with the emblem of the F. F.A. it was brought out that there was considerable confusion about when and where the complete emblem of the F. F.A. (with the eagle on top) was appropriate and when the plain emblem was appropriate. It was pointed out that the Constitution was not clear in this respect and that a change should be made sometime to clarify that particular section. The possibility of using bronze, silver, and gold to distinguish the degree pins was also discussed. It was finally moved, seconded, and carried that consideration of a change in the Constitution with reference to the section on "Insignia" be recommended and that consideration of bronze metal

for Green Hand pins, silver for Future Farmer pins, and gold for State Farmer keys be also recommended to the delegates.

Mr. W. M. Tolan of the Universal Uniform Company, Van Wert, Ohio, was requested to appear before the Board and present his proposition on the matter of a blue corduroy jacket and cap as the new F. F.A. uniform. Prices were as shown below, but it was explained that some raise, in view of the rise in the general price level, would have to be made if the contract were secured:

	F.O.B. Van Wert	F.O.B. Detroit
Jacket	\$3.90	\$4.20
Overseas Cap	.90	1.00
Military Cap	2.00 plus metal emblem	2.25 plus metal emblem

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the matter of uniforms be left to the delegates.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the "Hail the F. F. A." song and "The F. F. A. March" be put on a double disc phonograph record if the expense was not too great. The Executive Secretary was directed to find out about prices.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates the purchase of a prize vocational fat lamb for President Roosevelt.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommend the following resolution to the delegates as a temporary measure in connection with the Massachusetts situation:

"WHEREAS the Future Farmers of America is fundamentally a boys' organization; and whereas, the national constitution of that organization

specifically states that membership shall be confined to male students; and whereas, it has come to the attention of the National Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America that due to circumstances within certain States, girls have been admitted to certain local and State organizations.

"Now therefore, be it resolved, that the National Board of Trustees recommends to the F. F. A. delegates in annual convention at Kansas City, Missouri, October 23, that this practice be confined to local and State membership only and with the permission of the National Board of Trustees based upon satisfactory evidence. It is further recommended to the delegates that no national dues be collected from girls and that no national or regional membership or recognition be extended to them. F. F. A. chapters with girls as members are not eligible for participation in the National F. F. A. Chapter Contest, nor is a State with girls as members entitled to participate in the State Association Contest."

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the section of the constitution referring to length of active membership be referred to the delegates for interpretation.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommend a delay in action on a national F. F. A. publication until a later date.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommend to the delegates present that appropriate gifts be presented to Captain William J. Stannard and the U. S. Army Band.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that we recommend to the delegates that contracts be made for jewelry with the L. G. Balfour Company and for felt goods with the Staunton Novelty Company. Mr. Anderson of the Balfour Company and Mr. Warner of the Staunton Novelty Company appeared before the Board.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to refer the request of the Hollywood Felt Goods Company to the delegates without recommendation.

Plans for the use of the Utah Band, submitted by the Executive Secretary, were checked and approved. The same was true of the plans for the Public Speaking Contest, the radio broadcast, the arena parade, the banquet, and the convention sessions.

The following bills were approved and the Treasurer directed to pay them:

Ruth E. Nicalo	
Mrs. Ann Fitzsimmons	
L. G. Balfour (keys)	476.50
Telephone calls	5.30
Photo-Craft Shop	7.60
V. H. Wohlford (radio)	50.00
St. Louis Button Co. (badges)	75.50

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the audited expense accounts of the national officers in connection with the trip to Kansas City be paid.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all other outstanding bills when approved by the Executive Secretary.

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The bill of \$11.40 from J. W. Wellington of Stanford, Montana in connection with the appearance of the Montana Association on the August radio program was presented and it was agreed to allow \$100 reimbursement in this instance as provided for under radio activities last year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday, October 25, 1934.

W. A. Ross, Executive Secretary