

SPECIAL MEETING
NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

St. Louis, Missouri
May 14, 1968

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Those present, in addition to Mr. Hunsicker included:

Board of Directors

D. C. Aebischer, Chief, Agricultural Education, Madison, Wisconsin;
H. E. Edwards, Office of Education, Chicago, Illinois;
M. C. Gaar, Office of Education, Atlanta, Georgia;
V. B. Hairr, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Raleigh, No. Carolina;
B. F. Rawls, Office of Education, Kansas City, Missouri;
J. W. Warren, Office of Education, Charlottesville, Virginia;
W. H. Wayman, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Charleston, W. Va.;
Carlos Moore, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Phoenix, Arizona
(alternate for the Pacific Region).

Others present were John W. Lacey, Office of Education, Denver, Colorado; Jesse A. Taft, Office of Education, Boston, Massachusetts; Tom L. Devin, President, NVATA, Dumas, Texas, E. D. Graf, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Sacramento, California; Wilson Carnes, Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER, Alexandria, Virginia; Greg Bamford, National FFA President, Haxton, Colorado and Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hunsicker indicated that it was important this special meeting be called at this time because of a request from Congressman Emanuel Celler, Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the U. S. House of Representatives for clarification of audits on the division of the 50¢ membership dues and subscription cost of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine as paid by each FFA member. After reading the letter and some discussion, during which Greg Bamford said he had talked to the other national officers and felt certain they would support the Board of Directors in any action taken*, it was moved by Mr. Hairr, seconded by Mr. Wayman and carried that the National FFA Organization allocate 80% (40¢) of each FFA member's national dues for 1967-68 to pay for a one-year subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine; that this sum be set aside in a special fund and paid to The National FUTURE FARMER as subscription lists are received and that the Magazine inform the National Treasurer's office of the amount due, that payment for other 50¢ subscriptions received by the National Treasurer be handled in a like manner and this money for magazine subscriptions will not appear in the income and expense statement of the National FFA Organization.

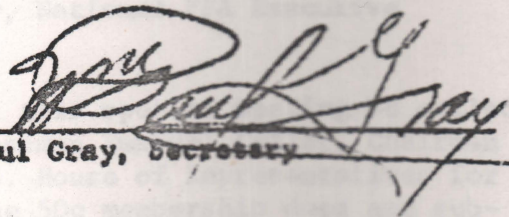
The following recommendation from the Future Farmers Supply Service to the Board of Directors was read:

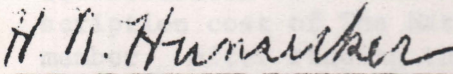
"The experience of the Future Farmers Supply Service over the past indicates approximately 40% of the orders from States and chapters are on a 'rush' basis with some deadlines so close it requires special delivery or air mail charges. This situation will be compounded with an anticipated increase in postal rates on July 1, of approximately 11% for packages and 15% for catalogues. Unless the Future Farmers Supply Service is permitted to add shipping costs, and special service charges, which require overtime in many cases, the Supply Service will operate at a loss the next year. Therefore, it is recommended that 50¢ handling charge be added to each order less than \$15.00. This would also reduce the growing number of individual small orders which studies show usually could be combined into single larger orders.

"Because of the excessive number of 'rush' orders both by mail and by phone, which require removing staff from regular duties in filling routine orders; to perform special handling and the involvement of extra costs in shipping, it is recommended that \$2.00 be added to each order requiring special 'rush' handling (rush orders to be interpreted as orders requested to be shipped by the Future Farmers Supply Service within five working days of receipt of order)."

It was moved by Mr. Hairr, seconded by Mr. Aebischer and carried that the above recommendation be approved.

The meeting was adjourned.


Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary


H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman

*Mr. Gray contacted each national officer by phone, and each officer supported the action taken by the Board of Directors.