

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS
OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

July 21, 22, and 23, 1952

The meeting was called to order by Donald Staheli, National President of the Future Farmers of America. The following members were present: Gerald M. Reynolds, Dallas M. High, Duane Drushella, and Charles Ocker. Billy Howard was unable to attend because he is representing the FFA in Great Britain. Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Advisor, and A. W. Tenney, Executive Secretary, also attended the meeting.

The major purpose of the meeting was to review the applications for the American Farmer Degree. Dr. Spanton explained to the Board that one State had submitted applications for the American Farmer Degree too late to arrive in Washington on the date required in the National FFA Constitution. It was moved by Dallas High, seconded by Charles Ocker and passed, that we refuse applications for the American Farmer Degree that are not received in accordance with the requirements in the Constitution. The State that submitted the applications that arrived late was Nebraska.

After due consideration, it was moved by Dallas High, seconded by Gerald Reynolds and passed, that the following applicants for the American Farmer Degree not be approved:

Billy Don Sargo, Arkansas
Floyd Bernard, Louisiana
F. A. Hoshman, Jr., Louisiana

Reports were made by each of the National FFA Officers on their visits to State FFA Conventions.

A report was made by the National Advisor on the steps that were taken to protect the national emblem of the Future Farmers of America. Attention was called to the action taken by the delegates at the 1951 FFA Convention requesting that suits be brought, if necessary, against firms that use the emblem illegally. A motion, passed by the National Board of Directors authorizing that steps be taken to bring suit against the Chapter Supply Company, was read and discussed. The National Advisor explained that every effort had been exerted to eliminate the necessity of filing a suit, and that as a last resort, a law firm had been contacted. A letter was read from the law firm giving estimated cost of such a suit.

It was moved by Charles Ocker, seconded by Duane Drushella and passed, that the law firm of Davies, Richberg, Tydings, Beebe and Landa be authorized to proceed in the case against the Chapter Supply Company.

Mr. Lano Barron, Editor of the NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER, gave a progress report on the development of the national magazine. It was moved by Duane Drushella, seconded by Gerald Reynolds and passed, that the progress report of Mr. Barron be accepted.

Dr. Howard and Mrs. Coiner appeared before the Board and gave a financial report. This report was accepted as read.

Mr. E. C. Field and Mr. Walter Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company gave a report on the FFA jewelry situation. These men explained that a satisfactory inventory of FFA merchandise was being built up during the summer, so that prompt delivery can be made during the school year. These men also stated that when the jewelry items were open to competitive bidding, the Balfour Company will be glad to cooperate in every way.

Mr. Frederick S. Wilson, Vice President of the Osborne Company, appeared before the Board and showed a pencil sketch of a proposed painting to be used on the 1954 National FFA Calendar. The painting is to feature a father and son. A number of recommendations were made for improving the sketch. Mr. Wilson explained that the FFA was due a royalty of approximately \$7,000 on the sales of the National Calendar during 1951. He said that the check would be sent to the National Treasurer the following week.

Candidates for the Honorary American Farmer Degree were recommended and discussed. Due to the fact that a number of the members of the Board had to leave, authority was given to Donald Staheli to represent the Board at the meeting of the Board of Directors the following day.

Plans for the 1952 National FFA Convention were reviewed by the Executive Secretary. These tentative plans were approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



A. W. Tenney, National
Executive Secretary