

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
STAFF MEETING MINUTES

November 1-3, 1966
State Education Bldg.
Sacramento

Present

S. L. Barrett	R. E. Matthews
J. E. Beckett	W. J. Maynard
K. B. Cutler	R. H. Pedersen
E. D. Graf	L. H. Ruth
G. A. Hutchings	W. D. Reed
E. M. Juergenson	J. E. Walker
Byron Harrison	R. Regan
H. H. Burlingham	

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 1st by Donald E. Wilson, Chief of the Bureau.

Specialist Program:

Wilson announced that we have received approval on a contract with Cal Poly for specialist assistance in the field of Ornamental Horticulture. This man will be available by January 4. He indicated that our immediate problem is to implement the program for the remainder of this year. Regional Supervisors should give consideration as to how this specialist will be used in their area. They should get their request in to the Sacramento office by December 1st. Wilson said that there is some possibility of an additional man to work in this area after February 1. Also, at the March staff meeting, we need to be ready to determine our Specialist needs for next year's program.

Governor's Youth Conference:

Reed reported that he had attended a joint meeting of the California Council on Children & Youth and the California Council of Youth - October 7, 8 and 9 at Yosemite.

He described the California Council on Children & Youth as an adult group primarily interested in youth and the California Council of Youth as one made up of young people ages 16-24.

In an effort to evaluate the conference, he said that he discussed the activity with former State FFA president Dan Chatman. Chatman, who is now chairman of this youth group, indicated that it was a case of not what FFA contributes to this session. FFA members are providing valuable leadership to this group. Reed's recommendation was that we continue to participate in this activity.

New California
Exposition:

Wilson reported that there is a meeting scheduled for November 10. At this time he, along with Vella, Jamison, and Little will again meet with the management of the new State Fair and Exposition. This will be for the purpose of discussing FFA fair dates ahead of the already scheduled meeting on November 21st of Assemblyman Belotti's legislative committee and the State Fair executive committee.

The staff agreed that Wilson should hold out for the approximate dates of August 27 to September 1, or that week prior to Labor Day. Also, we should continue to ask for an FFA Market Animal Sale in connection with our show.

Sears-Roebuck Program: Ruth asked the regional supervisors to get the information in for Sears requests as in the past. He pointed out that market animal grants are no longer going to be made. All requests should be in by December 1.

After some discussion on the value of the Small Project Fund, Ruth was instructed to contact Dave Hurford about the possibility of re-establishment of a fund.

Walker requested that the minutes spell out how to handle Sears grant requests. The procedure is as follows: Upon receipt of the application and approval at the regional level, the regional supervisor is to send it on to Dave Hurford, Vice-President, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Pacific Coast Area, 2650 Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles 90054. This should be done along with a letter of transmittal. Hurford has agreed that at the time payment is made, a copy of the letter to the teacher will be sent to the Bureau office and to the Regional Supervisor. Ruth was instructed to follow up to make certain that in all cases this is being done.

Ruth asked regional supervisors to send in follow-up information on all of the projects in this region for the past year so that the records may be brought up-to-date.

A question arose as to our policy on using money from de-activated projects to establish projects of a new type. The discussion that followed indicated that there was a need for the Sears Committee to work on this subject and be ready to make a recommendation at the next staff meeting.

Changes in National
FFA Constitution:

Ruth reported the following as major changes
in the National FFA Constitution:

1. FFA Chapters may now be established in public high schools which offer vocational agriculture classes that qualify for Federal reimbursement under any of the National Vocational Education Acts. (No reference to Smith-Hughes - George Barden in constitution)
2. Money earned through agricultural occupational experience may now be used to meet the entire monetary requirement for the Chapter Farmer, State Farmer and American Farmer degrees.
3. The preparation of briefs is no longer required for State Farmer candidates.
4. The occupational or FFA test requirement has been eliminated for State Farmer degree applicants.

The proposal to delete the word "male" from the National constitution failed. The vote was 68 no - 31 yes.

The proposal to reapportion delegates on the basis of state membership failed. The vote was 67 no - 32 yes.

National FFA
Convention Trip:

Ruth reported that, in general, all plans and scheduling for the national convention trip worked out to his satisfaction. The assistance from Frank Lawhorn, John DeJong and Ed Leal proved of great value and he complimented them on a job well done. In planning next year's trip he recommended giving consideration to the following:

- Travel to Kansas City by train - have the side trip en route - fly back.
- Stay over Friday night in Kansas City - fly back during the day.
- Cut out the Kansas City tour - allow all trip participants to attend the business session.
- Hold a pre-trip orientation session during the October FFA Executive Committee meeting.
- Explore ways of giving group leaders more responsibility.

Bureau Committee
Assignments:

Wilson asked that the following Special Committees take action and be ready for a preliminary report at the January staff meeting.

- Establish policy relative to Girls in Vo-Ag Activities (Chairman: E.J. LaSalle)
- Improving State Convention (Chairman: L. Ruth)
- Develop incentive program for Non-Farm Youth (Chairman: E.M. Juergenson)

Final reports due from these committees at March staff meeting.

Cow Palace:

Pedersen reported that the Cow Palace management is worried about the current operating loss on the Junior Show. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 4. At this time the discussion will center around the possibility of shortening the length of the show to four days.

The staff agreed that the idea of a shorter show, providing that none of the major events were eliminated. Pedersen was instructed to ask that we be continued to be allowed to make use of the main arena for showing livestock.

Farm Foreman Training: Beckett announced that, to this date, he had attended two sectional meetings this fall and had a number scheduled for November and December. He indicated that he would like to cover those missed during the next two months during the spring.

Beckett told the group that there were programs in operation now at Santa Barbara, Exeter, Watsonville and Los Banos. He asked the regional supervisors responsible for these areas to help keep him informed as to how they function.

He also said that preliminary plans are being made to bring a group of teachers together that have taught this unit. The purpose is to develop lesson plans suitable for high school use.

A recommendation was made by the staff that a session be organized at Skills Week to train teachers in this area.

Major Master
Premium List
Changes:

Ruth reported that the following major changes have been made in the Master Premium List:

- A. The grading system for Beef was changed.
Group I (remained as it was)
Group 2-A & 2-B were switched. (the animals with excessive finish will now be 2-B; the animals grading USDA choice or better, with average or below conformation, will grade 2-A)
Group III Animals grading USDA Good (remained as it was)
- B. New weight range for feeder pigs established:
Lightweight 60 - 100 lbs.
Heavyweight 101 -179 lbs.
- C. Definition of "Farmerettes" accepted.
"This Division is open to girls enrolled in regular high school vocational agriculture classes whose projects are under the direct supervision of the local vocational agricultural instructor".
- D. FFA Show Uniform change accepted.
See May, 1966 constitution revision
- E. A new division was established in the Junior Section of the Master Premium List for FFA in Horticulture-Floriculture.

Farm Improvement
Contest

Pedersen reported that, in general, the winners in this year's Young Farmer Farm Improvement contest were stronger than last season. They saw a great number of very good projects. In all, he described them as being a "sharp" group.

Juergenson commented that candidates had outstanding programs and that outsiders certainly should have been impressed. He suggested that we consider a change in judging whereby a Young Farmer from each of the six regions would serve as a judge. None would be allowed to rate their own region.

Hutchings commented that we need to spread the interest to more local chapters and that there needs to be more people involved.

Reed suggested that more time be allowed to judge each participant.

Wilson summarized by saying all arrangements are good. He suggested that we give consideration to expanding the sources of judges to junior colleges. He pointed out that the activity is of great value from a public relations standpoint.

FFA Membership Requirement
75% Paid

Wilson made a general statement regarding the FFA membership situation. After presenting a chart to the staff showing comparative figures by region over a five-year period, he opened the entire subject for discussion.

The idea of establishing a fixed rate, based on Vo-Ag enrollment as a basis for determining good standing was presented and received considerable discussion.

Walker suggested the following as a possibility:

<u>Vo-Ag Enrollment</u>	<u>Minimum Dues</u>
Up to 20	?
21 - 30	\$ 25.00
31 - 40	34.00
41 - 50	42.00
51 - 60	51.00
91 -100	85.00
Over 100	90.00

These figures are based on the premise that if 100% of the eligible students paid up, the minimum dues would come in. He proposed that the chapter try to obtain as many dues as possible and that, if they are not able to obtain 100%, the difference be taken from the chapter treasury. The idea was discussed but no staff action taken.

Walker moved that a moratorium be declared on the 75% membership rule for the school year 1966-67 and that an Ad Hoc committee be appointed to discuss this problem. Seconded by Barrett.

Pedersen moved to strike out the section of the motion referring to moratorium. Motion failed for lack of a second.

The staff then proceeded to vote on the main motion. The motion was defeated.

Barrett moved that we make every effort to reach 75% membership and that an Ad Hoc committee be appointed to study the problem. Motion carried. 7 yes - 2 no.

Graf moved that we report and reimburse all eligible classes of vocational agriculture conducted during the school year 1966-67. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried 11 yes - 1 no.

As a general guide the staff agreed to follow the Brooktrail decision regarding payment of FFA dues.

Adjournment:

Monday's session adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday, November 2nd. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Donald E. Wilson. Warren Reed was named to take minutes for the Wednesday session.

FFA Membership:

Discussion continued on the 75% of Vo-Ag enrollment requirement. The discussion culminated in a motion by E. D. Graf that --- " The Bureau staff recommend that for the purposes of review and study the FFA Constitutional requirement of 75% Vo-Ag enrollment for chapter good standing determination, (FFA Constitution, Article VII, Section B), be set aside for the school years 1966-67 and 1967-68. This matter to be made an item for the agenda of the 1968 FFA State Convention, at which time it will be determined what further action needs to be taken in this regard." Seconded, passed. This subject will be put on the agendas of the mid-year FFA executive committee and CATA Governing board meetings.

Work Study:

S. L. Barrett reported that work study funds are all allocated. No more projects will be funded this year. Wes Smith has directed that regional supervisors are to check on work study projects in schools that they visit. Copies of field visit reports on these projects should be sent to the Regional Coordinator and Wes Smith. (Refer to Circular Letter sent by Wes Smith 14-6, date Oct. 1, 1966).

Permit Teachers:

It was reported that the present State Plan does not authorize the issuance of any sort of permit for teachers not meeting regular requirements. In the past, permits have been issued primarily to teachers who will be teaching agricultural mechanics classes. Now there is one in agricultural science and another request is pending. Some classes being taught by permit teachers do not appear to be vocational in content or technique. Supervisors need to keep in mind that permit teachers may not be allowed next year. Check out schools that are using them and get them ready. Classes taught by these teachers might be written up in VEA projects and submitted for approval.

Farmerette Committee: Chairman La Salle has called a meeting for 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 9, 1967.

Teacher Training
Committee:

Given two assignments:

1. Look into ways and means of bringing into approval under the State Plan permit teachers. Possibly through special training sessions.
2. Look into means of making possible routes to supervision credential through Vo-Ag teacher training.

New Programs
Committee:

The minutes of the committee's September 30, 1965 and February 23, 1966 meetings were submitted and are attached. There was a discussion on what should be the function of this committee. It was determined that the committee is to report at the March staff meeting with recommendations as to its future. The next meeting of the committee was called for the evening of January 10, 1967.

High School -
Junior College
Articulation:

The subject was introduced by Ralph Mathews who who presented Ernie Tarone of Modesto Junior College and Sandy Beck of Yuba City High School. Discussion was as follows:

Tarone: There should be an official avenue of liaison between high school and junior college to deal with problems of articulation --- most high school Vo-Ag students are lopsided in their abilities in terms of kinds of subject matter --- high school agricultural mechanic students seem to be lacking in their perfection of fundamental skills but adept at practical application ---- Modesto Jr. College makes its agricultural department instructors available to high school teachers as consultants --- student's transition from high school to junior college is an important period and he needs attention during this time --- high school agricultural students are strong in activities but not so much in are strong in activities but not so much in subject matter.

Beck: 60 Yuba City high school agricultural department graduates in 1966 and not one in agriculture at Yuba City Junior College ---- the students think of junior college as being no different than high school ---articulation is made difficult because of the wide variation in kinds of students --- perhaps J.C. classes should be on a higher level than at present to encourage high school students to continue --- high school agricultural departments may be offering a kind and level of instruction not suitable to their purposes --- perhaps J.C. agricultural personnel should meet with high school agricultural staff members within their district and study articulation and integration.

Tarone: Since J.C. is not required education, it must be made attractive to students ---25% Modesto J.C. agricultural students are not graduates of high school agricultural programs --- separate board for J.C. Must not be allowed to hinder J.C.-H.S. cooperation ---age and maturity of the student probably has a bearing on whether or not a student can benefit from technical training; probably some kinds of technical training are "beyond" H.S. students. High School student from multi-man department is usually better prepared in subject matter --- greatest variation in level of training of H.S. students is in Agric. Mechanics --- H.S. students still seem to be best prepared in Animal Science and this is not where most of the opportunities are --- maybe the pattern of agricultural education should be grades 9 through 14, rather than 9 through 12 plus 13 & 14.

Wilson: Articulation as promoted by J.C. & Bureau effort must be subtle, in order to avoid the implication that H.S. are having articulation forced upon them --- most successful examples of H.S. - J.C. articulation are to be found where J.C. staff members maintain and exhibit interest in H.S. programs.

Tarone: Why can't H.S. VEA projects be written to show that training carries through 2 years of J.C.; especially in programs that are not oriented to agricultural production.

Regan: There has been good articulation in L.A. system schools --- with change in J.C. organization this may become difficult.

Barrett: Articulation from one-man H.S. departments to one-man J.C. departments is meaningless because both programs are going to fit the teacher that handles them --- Bureau influence should be to encourage specialization in J.C. agricultural programs on area basis with inter-district agreements.

Tarone: H.S. can offer a wide range of subject matter and in specialized classes but should be on a simpler, more fundamental level ---H.S. agricultural instruction is more technical just as J.C. agricultural instruction is more technical; all because agriculture itself is more technical.

Mathews: Articulation efforts can be on a formal or an informal basis; organized and off-hand.

Wilson: Statewide efforts in articulation cannot be as effective as local or regional efforts, partly due to the many small J.C. agriculture departments and the need for crossing district lines.

Tarone: Student teachers must be oriented to the need for J.C. level training for technical employment and to the fact of life that most H.S. agricultural graduates are going to terminate their agricultural education in J.C.; not in H.S. or not in 4-year colleges.

Beck: Regional supervisor can initiate through J.C. agricultural staff a meeting of J.C. agricultural staff members with agricultural teachers of H.S. agriculture departments within the J.C. district.

Tarone: The J.C. can ask the H.S. for help; this depends on good relations between the two groups.

Wilson: For remainder of 1966-67, supervisors should look into H.S. - J.C. articulation in their regions and help out wherever and however they can. For next year more specific assignments in articulation will be made. Additional orientation to this need must be provided during teacher training period.

Review and Evaluation of V.E.A.:

The report given by E.D. Graf is attached. It is felt that past heavy emphasis on O.H. projects under V.E.A. was needed but should be tapering off by now. Those VEA projects that are well started should require less capital to keep them operating so VEA requests can be smaller. California gets about 10% of the nation's VEA funds. R. Mathews submitted a priority list for J.C.

Occupational Training Programs

- Landscape maintenance
- Farm Machinery Service
- Agric. Sales and Service
- Agric. Inspection

A list of Desirable kinds of VEA projects include the Areas of:

- Farm Machinery maintenance and service
- Supervision of agricultural work experience

- Time for supervision of productive projects
- Sales & Service
- Young Farmer or Adult Programs
- Farm Foreman Training
- County vocational director in-service workshops for agricultural teachers

Jim Beckett's
Church Council
Meeting:

This group gathered to discuss the farm labor problem. There were no significant results though both sides of the question were given a good airing.

More on
Jim Beckett:

- Jim is new editor of Agricultural Briefs
- Jim is added to the new Programs Committee
- Jim suggested that the position he holds might be expanded to include a visiting of schools to gather, compile, promote new programs in agricultural education.

Master Chapter -
Deadline Date for
FFA Dues:

This date was set as December 1, 1966. It was also decided that, due to slowness, fourth class mailings should be avoided if there is any element of time, (such as deadlines), involved. When possible, heavy mailings should be distributed at regional or sectional meetings rather than through U.S. mail. Under some circumstances it may be necessary to use first class mail.

Mathews Report -
J.C. Agriculture:

- J.C. agriculture enrollment is up.
- J.C. overall enrollment is down.

Items for November
and December
section meetings:

Supervisors are to survey their schools to determine if there is interest on the part of H.S. and J.C. agricultural students for work experience in farm machinery dealers' business establishments. This information is due to D. E. Wilson by January 1, 1967.

Sears Committee
Report:

The report is attached. It deals with the transfer of Sears foundation grants within a chapter. The amended report was accepted. It was also decided that any applications for funds from the emergency replacement loan fund would be handled through the State FFA office.

Staff Evaluation
of Young Farmers:

S. L. Barrett asked the question, "what is the purpose of a staff meeting evaluation of Young Farmers?" Some answers were:

- to consider the study made by Central Region J.C. young farmer chapters
- to consider possibility of area chapters rather than school chapters
- to determine what direction current Young Farmer program should take
- to determine what areas should be emphasized in Young Farmers
- to review the new Sears Foundation program for Young Farmers
- to give consideration to the appropriateness of the current Young Farmer program in light of current needs

S. L. Barrett seemed satisfied that he got more answers than he wanted.

Another Committee
Meeting:

There is scheduled, for Tuesday, November 29, in Oakland, a meeting of E. M. Juergenson's committee to consider the problems of developing incentives for non-farm youth, including beautification, and work experience and off-farm supervised practice.

Committee members are:

E. M. Juergenson
K. B. Cutler
R. H. Pedersen
W. D. Reed
L. H. Ruth

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

The third session of the November staff meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Donald E. Wilson on Thursday, November 3, 1966.

Placement:

Mr. Graf asked for information regarding any openings that might occur at the semester break. He was informed that there will be at least four.

In checking on people available to fill these jobs; one will complete his work at Cal Poly and six at Davis. Graf asked that these people be contacted to determine whether or not they want their names referred to these schools as potential applicants.

Reports Committee
Recommendations:

Maynard asked the committee secretary, Sam Barrett, to review the committee's recommendations.

R-1 Form Revision --- after staff discussion the item was referred back to committee for further study. It is now re-scheduled for the January staff meeting.

Guide for Establishment of Local Advisory Committee
Staff recommended that 1,000 copies be run and made available. Project assigned to LaSalle to be handled through Cal Poly office.

B-2 Report Revision --- Committee recommended that the form be revised to allow collecting of information one time per year. Also, that teachers complete the form as of December 31 but not fill out the May 1 report. Walker moved that we accept the committee's recommendation - seconded by Cutler. Motion carried unanimously.

Proficiency Award Form --- All action deferred until January staff meeting.

Vo-Ag Student Record Card --- Committee recommended minor revision. (Strike out reference to farming - reverse heading). Accepted by staff. It was also decided that 20,000 cards would be needed to be printed for use statewide.

Revision of State Farmer Application --- The committee presented their recommendations for revision of the State Farmer Degree application.

LaSalle moved to take 5 points from Activities and add 5 points to record books - seconded by Reed. Motion carried. Walker moved to re-consider vote on previous motion. Seconded by Barrett. Motion to reconsider passed. Discussion was again opened on LaSalle's motion.

Barrett moved to amend the main motion by substituting "take 5 points from personal responsibility." Seconded by Graf. Motion to amend carried.

Staff proceeded to vote on the motion as amended, which read, "take 5 points from personal responsibility and add 5 points to record books. Motion carried - 9 yes - 4 no.

Cutler moved that we adopt the revised State Farmer application form - seconded by Maynard. Motion carried - 15 yes - 1 no.

Maynard moved that the revised form and procedure be instituted this school year. Seconded by LaSalle. Motion carried.

Summer Conference Plans:

Burlingham, in review, indicated that attendance has been increasing in Skills Week and Summer Conference for the past two years. He pointed out that we need to begin plans for next summer's conference. He asked the question, "in what area do we want to place our emphasis?" He asked supervisors to obtain the feeling of the teachers at regional and sectional meetings. Staff should be ready to present their thoughts at the January meeting.

Skills Week:

The staff discussed briefly possible areas of emphasis for the 1967 Skills Week Program. The following were mentioned:

Farm Foreman Training; Soils; Ornamental Horticulture; Vo-Ag Teachers' Records; Role of Horticulture in Economy; Natural Resource Programs; Special Training Session for VEA teachers that want to be FFA chapter advisers.

The regional supervisors were asked to survey the need for special training sessions in FFA for VEA teachers in their areas and be ready to report by the January meeting.

Fresno Teacher Training Workshop:

Wilson commented that we should look forward to the possibility of implementing those recommendations that are feasible that were presented by the Fresno committee. He said that the teacher training committee should review the report and make their recommendations to the staff at our January meeting. He also pointed out that we need to proceed with plans for the next workshop in this area.

Guide to Farm Mechanics Program: Burlingham indicated that this material needs to be updated. In the meantime, he needs extra copies for class use.

FFA Insurance Policy: Action on this item deferred until January.

Policy on Farmerettes: Referred to LaSalle's "Girls in Vo-Ag Committee" for further study.

Farm-City Week Policy: The staff agreed that we should cooperate whenever possible in forwarding the objectives of this activity.

Announcements: Juergenson --- Ag Teachers' Day - Monday, Dec. 19 - U.C. Davis --- Everyone invited.

Wilson --- January staff meeting - Jan. 10-11-12. The meeting on the 11th will be at the University at Davis.

Pedersen --- Young Farmer dues are now due and payable.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon Thursday, November 3, 1966.

Submitted by
Leland H. Ruth

TRANSFER OF SEARS FOUNDATION GRANTS WITHIN A CHAPTER

1. We recommend that a local chapter may transfer existing or previously funded Sears Foundation funds from one type of loan to a livestock breeding project or to livestock equipment with the consent of the regional supervisor and the proper records submitted to show the transfer. When Sears Foundation funds cannot be used for breeding livestock or for livestock equipment, these funds must be submitted to the State F.F.A. Office to be used in emergency replacement loan fund.

ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT LOAN FUND

2. We recommend that out of each year's Sears Foundation grants for livestock breeding projects or livestock equipment there be retained by the State F.F.A. Office the sum of One Thousand (\$ 1,000.00) to be used to rebuild livestock breeding projects.

SIGNED --- STAFF COMMITTEE, SEARS PROGRAM
