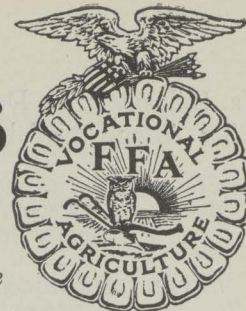


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123 Vo-Ag Boys Get State Farmer Degree

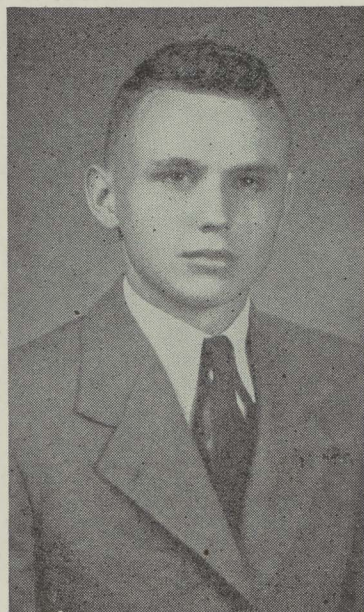
14 State Leaders in Agriculture and Education are Awarded Honorary "State Farmer" Degree

The 20th State Convention of the Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America saw 123 boys receive the degree of State Farmer in recognition of their outstanding achievements in vocational agriculture.

Candidates for the State Farmer degree must meet the requirement of ability as farmers, the capacity to wisely invest earnings, and important qualities of leadership throughout the community and State.

Honorary Degrees Conferred

In recognition of their contributions to education in vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America, the honorary State Farmer degree was conferred upon: Dr. Paul D. Sanders, editor, The Southern Planter, Richmond; Charles T. Moses, Senator, 11th State senatorial district, Appomattox; W. N. Neff, Senator, 15th State senatorial district, Abingdon; W. C. Dudley, district supervisor, agricultural education, Appomattox; C. M. Bradley, division superintendent of schools, Fauquier County, Warrenton; F. J. Critzer, division superintendent of schools, Pulaski County, Pulaski; R. L. Lacy, division superintendent of schools, Halifax County, Halifax; F. F. Jenkins, division superintendent of schools, Southampton County, Franklin; W. A. Scarborough, division superintendent of schools, Dinwiddie County, Dinwiddie; J. S. Clingenpeel, instructor of vocational agriculture, Burkeville High School, Burkeville; W. H. Elliott, instructor of vocational agriculture, Buckhorn High School, Union Level; J. A. Hardy, instructor of vocational agriculture, Draper High School, Draper; G. R. Kinzie, instructor of vocational agriculture, Beverly Manor High School, Staunton; and A. T. Sowder, in-



CARNICE E. MANNON

In accepting the presidency of the Virginia Association, F. F. A., at its 20th State convention, Carnice Mannon said, "I feel that this is the greatest honor I have ever received in my life.

"It is with a deep realization of the many responsibilities and duties that are before me that I accept this position, remembering the ideals, aims, and purposes for which this great organization was founded.

"May I assure you that my greatest interests are in the F. F. A., and for what it stands; therefore, I willingly and humbly move to devote my wholehearted efforts toward the building and advancement of the Future Farmers of America."

structor of vocational agriculture, Surry and Dendron High Schools, Surry.

Virginia Future Farmers awarded the State Farmer degree, with the name of their chapter are: Tuck Adams, Turbeville; Melvin S. Anderson, Willis; Lucian Anders, Valley Institute; Kenneth Anderson, Amelia; Malcolm Anderson, (Continued on page 3.)

Other Officers Named at 20th Virginia State Convention at Blacksburg July 29-August 1, 1946

Carnice E. Mannon, 16-year old senior of Floyd High School, an outstanding student of vocational agriculture and president of the Floyd FFA chapter, was elected president of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America at the 20th State convention in Blacksburg, July 29-August 1.

Other officers named to direct affairs of the Old Dominion Future Farmers for the new year are:

Billy Ward, Turbeville High School, vice-president.

Kenneth Anderson, Amelia High School, secretary.

Hudson West, Battlefield Park High School, treasurer.

Paul Vargo, Disputanta High School, reporter.

R. Edward Bass, State Department of Education, executive secretary-treasurer.

F. B. Cale, State Department of Education, adviser.

Elected to the executive committee were Edward Goode, Rocky Mount; William K. Brower, Fishersville; and Billy Wampler, Dayton.

The State executive committee met Monday afternoon, July 29, prior to the opening of the convention that night to review and select nominees for the State Farmer Degree, the appointment of committees, and to make final plans for the meeting.

Dr. Newman; Miss Oliver Speak

Dr. Walter S. Newman, vice-president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, former State Supervisor of agricultural education, and one of the founders of the FFA organization, spoke before the convention July 31 at the personal request of Governor Tuck, who had to cancel his plans to attend the meeting. Dr. Newman told the group that the relations of agriculture with government and labor would be one of the most demanding problems they would have to face as

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Va. Delegates; 4th Degree Boys To Attend Nat'l Convention

Edward Goode and Carnice Mannon Are Delegates to Victory Convention in Kansas City Oct. 21-24

SEVEN AMERICAN FARMER CANDIDATES

Virginia F. F. A. Federations Will Send Representatives. Party to Leave Oct. 18, Return Oct. 26

Edward Goode, retiring president and Carnice Mannon, president, of the Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America, will be Virginia's official delegates to the national victory convention of the FFA in Kansas City October 21-24. The most extensive convention program in the 19-year history of the FFA is planned according to A. W. Tenney, National FFA executive secretary.

Present estimates indicate that over 15,000 FFA members from all over the U. S., Puerto Rico and Hawaii will attend the four-day session of the largest national convention held since before the war. The program will include an address of welcome by Mayor W. E. Kemp, of Kansas City, a memorial program honoring the more than 4,000 FFA members who lost their lives in World War II, a tribute to FFA foundation donors, the national public speaking contest, a parade to the American royal livestock show, a victory pageant, election of officers for 1946-47, and entertainment.

American Farmer Degree Candidates

Seven American Farmer degree candidates from Virginia will accompany the state delegation to receive the highest honor bestowed upon its members by the national organization in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments in vocational agriculture and the Future Farmer program. Virginia boys who are candidates for this degree are: Joseph Alexander Barlow, Jr., Shumansville; Galen Flora, Boones Mill; David S. Farmer, Jr., Halifax; Edward Goode, Rocky Mount; J. L. Hopkins, McGaheysville; William Robert Perrow, Concord; J. Claude Whitmore, Jr., Dendron.

Federation Representatives.

In addition to the official delegates and American Farmer degree candidates, several FFA federations in the state are paying the expenses of representatives to attend the convention. The names of federation representatives are not available, but the Piedmont and Hub federations have indicated that individuals will be selected and sent to the national convention. The party will leave Virginia October 18, arriving in Kansas

City the night of October 19, and will return to Virginia October 26.

American Farmer Records

Accomplishments of Virginia's American Farmer degree candidates for 1946 follows:

Joseph Alexander Barlow, Jr., Sumansville, is 20 years old, a graduate of Caroline High School in June, 1943, with four years of vocational agriculture. He received the State Farmer degree in November, 1944. Joseph and his brother operate and manage their father's farm of 161 acres on a half-share basis. Joseph is older than his brother, and assumes the major share of the managerial duties. He carried a total of 18 enterprises while in school from which he realized an income of \$812.44. At the time of applying for the American Farmer degree he had invested in farming and other assets \$2,126.62. In addition to the 18 enterprises, he carried

NATIONAL FFA DAY MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Monday, October 21, the first day of the 19th National Convention, has been designated as National FFA Day for 1946. Local FFA chapters are asked to develop plans for some appropriate observance in their home town on that date.

Forms of observance may include such activities as the following:

- Special chapter meetings.
- Special school assemblies.
- Luncheons, dinners, banquets.
- Radio broadcasts.

while in school 16 improvement projects and 25 supplementary farm jobs. Joseph's leadership activities include: member of program of work committee for chapter, federation and State association; chairman of cooperative committee for chapter; delegate to the State Convention; member of judging teams; president of Sunday school class; assistant superintendent of Sunday school and many other offices.

Joseph's father has been sick for years and for the last six years Joseph and his brother have done all the work on the farm and have had full management

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Galen Flora, Boone Mill, is 20 years old and a graduate of Boone Mill High School. He completed four years of vocational agriculture in high school and received his State Farmer's degree in August after graduating in 1943.

He is in partnership on a one-fourth basis with his father on a 177 acre farm.

The main enterprises on this farm are poultry, dairy, orchard, corn, wheat and mixed hays. His total labor income on the farm since entering high school is \$3,602.43. The value of crops, livestock, and poultry now owned is \$1,900.00. Total cash in bank at present time from farming is \$2,664.10. Galen carried a total of 22 enterprises in high school, amounting to 1,748 self hours devoted to supervised practice. He completed 50 supplementary farm jobs, and carried out 60 improvement practices during high school. Galen was outstanding in farm shop, making such articles as trailers, harrows, limespreaders, etc. His farm shop experience has been an asset in carrying on his farm program.

Galen has had a large part of the responsibility of managing the farm during the past two years. His father broke his leg in a car wreck two years ago and Galen took over the operation of the farm and also the marketing of the farm products, which are retailed on a route in the city of Roanoke, Virginia.

During high school Galen was very active in leadership. He was secretary of his local chapter during 1942; president of his chapter in 1943, and president of the junior class his junior year. Since school Galen served on the State FFA executive committee. He is president of the young people's department of his church. At present he is assistant Sunday school superintendent. In scholarship Galen ranks in the upper 20 per cent of his class.

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David S. Farmer, Halifax, a graduate of Wilson Memorial High School in Halifax County, Virginia, is 19 years old, was awarded the State Farmer degree in 1943, graduated from high school in 1944, having completed 30 supervised farming enterprises during his four years in high school. At the time of applying for the American Farmer degree, David was enrolled in agricultural education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is, however, carrying on his farming operations and is spending his summer on the farm. The crops grown on the home farm are tobacco, corn, wheat, oats, and hay. Besides income from the crops he realizes considerable income from a herd of six registered Jersey cows and a brood sow.

David served one year each as secretary and president of the local FFA chapter. He was secretary of the Southside FFA federation for one year and was treasurer of the senior class. He graduated, ranking first in a class of 17. While in high school, he won fifth prize in a Chilean Nitrate contest, was awarded a registered Jersey bull by the Jersey Cattle Club, won two awards from

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123 Vo-Ag Students Get "State Farmer" Degree

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Amelia; Harry Newton Arey, North River; William Thomas Arthur, New London Academy;

Jimmy Baker, Mt. Sidney; John C. Baker, Surry; Bill Bowen, Warsaw; Billy Bowman, Port Republic; Richard Beck, Churchville; Ray Blanton, C. T. Smith; Austin Bradley, Herndon; Thomas T. Bradshaw, Dendron; Wesley Brankley, Chase City; Noel R. Brooking, Goochland; Donald Y. Broswell, Whitmell; William K. Brower, Fishersville; Junior Bryant, Woodlawn; Andrew W. Bullock, C. T. Smith; James D. Burley, Amherst; Dice Burnett, Woodlawn; Howard O. Butler, Turbeville;

erly Manor; Hart Hudson, South Hill; Lester D. Hylton, Willis; Donald Ingram, Dan River; Leon W. Jones, Great Bridge; Robert L. Jones, LaCrosse; John J. Jordan, Mt. Jackson; Mark Kemp, Luray; Robert Lee Koontz, Bridgewater; Arthur L. Layne, Scottsville; John O. Lee, Blackstone; William M. Lindsay, Draper; Keith Loftis, Turbeville; James S. Love, Blue Ridge;

Carnice E. Mannon, Floyd; Samuel P. Massie, Amherst; Henry S. Mayberry, Willis; Kay Michael, North River; Donald E. Millier, Draper; Holbrook A. Miller, Mt. Jackson; William M. Miller, Brownsburg; Keith Moore, Turbeville; Ralph V. Necessary, Eagle Rock; Roy Old, Great Bridge;

Henry T. Patrick, Rustburg; Glynn

Massanutten Chapter Elects Bob Neff President for '46-47

Newly elected officers of the Massanutten (Mt. Jackson) Chapter for the year 1946-47 are: Bob Neff, president; Frank Heishman, vice-president; Richard Orndoff, secretary; Odell Dellinger, treasurer; Bobby Early, reporter; Marvin Polk, Jr., sentinel; Lawrence Bowers, adviser.

Committee chairmen for the year are: Bobb Neff, executive; Odell Dellinger, objective; Calvin Showman, supervised farming; Mervin Smith, cooperation; Marvin Polk, Jr., community service; Raymond Estep, leadership; Frank Heishman, earnings and savings; William Fadley, scholarship; Marvin Polk,



1946 STATE FARMERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE 20TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FFA.

Wallace Campbell, Ashland; Lewis E. Carson, Concord; Richard B. Carter, Appomattox; Thomas W. Carter, Turbeville; William M. Carter, Montvale; Willard Cline, New Hope; Clarence Coker, Woodlawn; Rawley Collins, Churchville; Gilbert E. Counts, Bridgewater; Beryl Covington, Appomattox; C. T. Covington, Jr., Clover; Marion Lee Cox, Calverton; Frederick S. Crittenden, Syringa; Kemper Croft, Beverly Manor; Harold Crowder, Buckhorn;

Thomas C. Davis, Great Bridge; Amos Dunn, Stony Creek; Berkley Drinkard, Appomattox;

Charles Ellett, Burkeville; Roscoe Epperson, Blue Ridge; Francis Farmer, Draper; Harold M. Foglesone, Ceres; Ralph Gardner, Woodlawn; Terry Garrette, Appomattox; William Earl Gee, South Hill; Marvin A. Glover, Pamplin; William A. Gwaltney, Windsor; Junior Haley, Whitmell; Pierce Hanks, Farnham; Paul Harper, Mt. Clinton; William A. Headley, Jr., Farnham; Albert F. Heischman, Mt. Jackson; William Edgar Hennage, Montross; Edlon DeWitt, Bev-

S. Plyborn, Rocky Mount; Robert Pollock, Disputanta; Hubert Pratt, Spencer Penn; Lindsay Puryear, Buckhorn; Victor W. Quesenberry, Willis; Avery Adolphus Rash, Kenbridge; Weldon G. Rhodes, Fincastle; William R. Roach, Pamplin; Melvin Salmons, Brosville;

John Sayers, Draper; Rhea Shields, Spring Garden; Robert Garden; Robert Simmons, North River; William L. Simmons, North River; Bruce Slusser, Brownsburg; Charles Smiley, Beverley Manor; Stanford A. Smith, Port Republic; Arnton Snead, Jr., Floyd; Curtis H. Stanley, Willis; Newell Stoneman, Woodlawn; Stuart Tabscott, Scottsville; William T. Tanner, Rustburg; Dale D. Teal, Willis; David Thompson, South Hill; William Tucker, Goochland; Junior L. Tusing, Mt. Jackson; Clarence Urser, Great Bridge; Paul V. Vargo, Disputanta; Melvin Vernon, Dan River;

Donald H. Wampler, Dayton; William V. Ward, Turbeville; Marvin K. Warthan, Dendron; Billy Wells, Buckhorn; Hudson West, Battlefield Park; Wayne Whetsel, Mt. Clinton; James Wilkerson,

Jr., conduct of meetings; Ray Baker, recreation; Donald Rinker, refreshment.

The chapter canvassed the town September 11, collecting clothing for foreign relief.

The chapter, in cooperation with the home economics department, is sponsoring a two-day and night fair which will be held on October 12.

Various fair committees are busy with their plans for the fair.

Frank Heishman and Melford Moomaw have been chosen to represent our chapter at the Shenandoah County Federation of FFA.

Chase City; Baxter Wilson, Wilson Memorial; Gene Williams, Floyd; Jack H. Williams, Pamplin; Stanley Wine, Mt. Sidney; Billy Wonderley, Weyers Cave; John W. Yates, Rustburg.

The right use of leisure is no doubt a harder problem than the right use of our working hours. The soul is dyed the color of its leisure thoughts. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.—Dean Inge.

3 Officers; Instructor Attend Camp Miniwanca in Michigan

Carnice E. Mannon, president; Billy Ward, vice-president; and Kenneth Anderson, secretary, of the Virginia Association, FFA, with J. Byron Rockwell, agriculture instructor at LaCrosse, attended the American Youth Foundation Leadership Training Camp through the sponsorship of the Danforth Foundation at Camp Miniwanca, on Lake Michigan, near Shelby, Michigan.

As an indication of the value derived by the Virginia campers, we are publishing below reports recently received from them:

"We grow corn by the acre, but up here it is grown by the mile. Most of the fields had a hybrid sign by them. The corn was really fine looking till we got to Michigan where dry weather had caused the corn and pastures to dry up.

On our way home we crossed over into Canada at Port Huron, spent the night in New London, Canada. Next day we went to see the Niagara Falls. We viewed the falls on the Canadian side and the American side. We went on top of the falls, underneath the falls, beside the falls, and in the middle of the falls.

Traveling through New York State we saw one of the most beautiful dairy farms anywhere on our trip. We spent a short while in Washington, D. C.

ing. For the physical side they had swimming, boating, and athletic games; Social included training in leadership; Mental training was given by some of the most outstanding men in their field; for the Religious side they were given a class in religious leadership. On the grounds was the beautiful church of the dunes, and in the evening we had vesper services on vesper dune overlooking the sunset across Lake Michigan.

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, THE WORLD'S GUIDING LIGHT.

By Carnice E. Mannon

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works."—(Matthew 5:16.) This was the challenging subject of the Sunday school lessons at Camp Miniwanca. Throughout the two weeks of leadership training, the leaders were continually stressing to us the great motto of the camp, "To be my own self, at my very best, all the time."

The operation of the camp was very well arranged. With the the rising bell at 6:30, a refreshing dip in Lake Michigan, quiet period of fifteen minutes for meditation on the theme, "Pathways to God," and breakfast at 7:30, the days were always off to a good start.

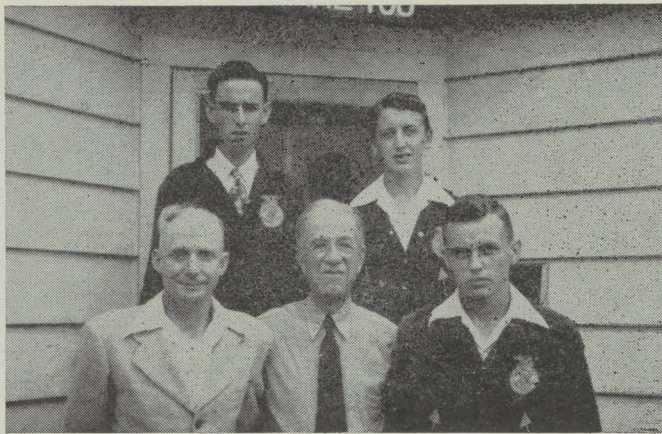
All activities of the camp led toward the development of a four-fold personality, physical, mental, social, and religious. All classes were led by men who through the years have become experienced with the problems which all youth must face. Training was very interesting and worthwhile. Organized recreation was well planned and always brought encouragement to the camp.

Every day, after the evening meal, a quiet vesper service was held on vesper dune. The significance of the Lake Michigan sunset will long be remembered by those who sat and listened to the inspiring messages each evening, as we gazed across the waters, while the sun was slowly disappearing in the horizon.

The night activities always came in the form of a surprise, as no one knew what was going to happen. That made it interesting and more enjoyable for everyone. There was always time for a period of fellowship with others. The manner and order by which all activities of the camp were carried on helped each individual to judge for himself his ability to go forward and build on the foundation so carefully laid by great leaders of the past.

The scenery at the camp was beautiful. Log cabins, winding trails, crystal clear lakes, and tall forests of oak, hemlock, white birch, and maple made the camp very eminent and a most desirable place to be.

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AT MINIWANCA—(1 to r) front row: J. Byron Rockwell, LaCrosse, instructor of Vocational Agriculture; William G. Danforth, St. Louis, president, American Youth Foundation; Carnice E. Mannon, Floyd, president, Virginia Association, FFA. Back row: Kenneth Anderson, Amelia, secretary, Virginia FFA; Billy Ward, Turbeville, vice-president, Virginia FFA.

STATE OFFICERS ATTEND CAMP MINIWANCA.

By J. Byron Rockwell.

Three State officers, Carnice Mannon, William Ward, and Kenneth Anderson, accompanied by J. Byron Rockwell, vocational agriculture instructor, went on the other side of jump branch to represent Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America at the American Youth Foundation Camp at Camp Miniwanca, near Shelby, Michigan.

Our first night was spent in a Roanoke tourist home and the Roanoke police station. Having never gone very far beyond jump branch we did not know what the faded yellow lines on the curb meant—so we parked Kenneth Anderson's new 1946 Studebaker beside one of these lines. Result: \$2.00 fine. The mountain scenery through West Virginia kept us looking from one beautiful scene to another. From the tops of the mountains we had an aerial view of the farm land in the valley below. Going through Ohio and Indiana, Carnice said,

I would like to say something of Camp Miniwanca and the National Youth Foundation. Camp Miniwanca is built on the sand dunes on the east shore of Lake Michigan. It contains about three hundred acres of land. To the east of the camp is Stony lake. Our swimming events were held here. We also enjoyed the pleasure of sail boating on this lake. The camp is divided into two parts, the older boys and older girls camp and the younger boys and younger girls camp. The camp was started in 1913. It now has fifteen large and well equipped buildings, beautifully located among the dunes. The boys stayed six in a tent with a leader. Attending this camp were 260 of the finest boys from 43 States and Canada. Of this group Virginia had three of the finest.

The American Youth Foundation with Mr. Wm. H. Danforth (Minisino—Indian name), president, was founded to train youth for leadership through four-fold living. P. S. M. R. stands for Physical, Social, Mental and Religious train-

Billy Wampler Wins Virginia FFA Public Speaking Contest

Billy Wampler, 17-year old graduate of Dayton High School and a four-year student of vocational agriculture, won the Virginia FFA public speaking contest held in Burruss Hall, V. P. I., July 30, during the 20th State convention of the Virginia Association, FFA. Billy's subject was, "Why I Took Turkeys for My Enterprise." Having won in his local chapter, federation, and district contests, Billy was representing the Northern Virginia District in the State competition.

Places 2nd in Tri-State Meet

In the Tri-State public speaking contest held at Blacksburg September 6, to select a representative from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina to compete in the Regional public speaking contest at Memphis, Billy Wampler placed a close second to Lacy Harwell, of Florence, South Carolina, who was declared the Tri-State winner. Ed Swanson, the North Carolina representative from Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, placed third.

Other Virginia Winners

John Cleaton, representing Southside Virginia, speaking on the subject, "Save the Soil and Save All," was a close second in the State competition at the State convention. Ralph Gardner, Woodlawn, representing Southwest Virginia, speaking on "The Four Freedoms of Farming," was third; Johnny Tomlin, Holland, Eastern Virginia, whose subject was "Forestry," placed fourth; and Douglas Snead, McKenney, Central Virginia, placed fifth with his talk, "The Importance of Soil Conservation."

Foundation Awards Committee Report for 1947 Contests OK'd

In considering the plans and policies of the FFA Foundation in making awards to FFA members, the Foundation Awards Committee made the following plans:

- 1. Public Speaking\$ 100.00
- 2. State Star Farmers 100.00
- 3. Successful American Farmer
Candidates \$25 each 175.00
- 4. Farm Mechanics 100.00
- 5. Farm & Home Electrification 100.00

\$ 575.00

Development of plans for awards in farm forestry, hybrid seed corn, and purebred breeding stock was also suggested and approved.

Members of the committee were Billy Bowman, William M. Miller, Billy Ward, Avery Rash, chairman, D. J. Howard and F. B. Cale, ex officio.

Rally Camp Committee Asks Increase in Contributions

"It will be necessary for the FFA chapters to increase their contributions if we are to raise our part of the \$4,000 needed for the maintenance and improvement of the camp for the coming year," the camp committee of the 1946 rally stated in recommending an increase in FFA membership dues to \$1.75.

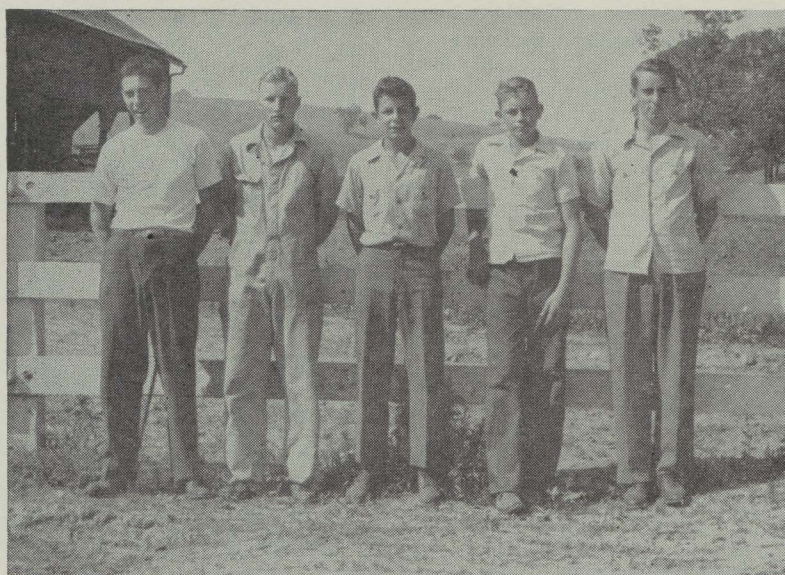
The report, which was adopted unanimously by the delegates, also recommended that the cost of attending camp be raised from \$9 to \$10 per camper per week; that the Board of Trustees secure the services of a landscape architect to prepare plans for a long time

Smyth-Wythe Fed. Holds Livestock Judging Contest

The Smyth-Wythe F. F. A. Federation Livestock Judging Contest, in which Bland County participated, was held at the farm of Robert Laprelle, Cedar Springs, Virginia, on Tuesday, June 11th, according to Welford Overbey, Federation Reporter.

Classes judged consisted of beef cattle, horses, swine, and corn, furnished by Mr. Laprelle; Hampshire ewes from Seth Bennington's farm, Blue Springs; and a class of Guernsey cows contributed by Lewis Lindamood, Cedar Springs.

Following are the team ratings and scores: Sugar Grove, 1564.8 points;



SUGAR GROVE JUDGES—(l to r) Abie Slempe, Rex Roberts, and Charles Phillippi, composing the Sugar Grove FFA chapter livestock judging team which won the Smyth-Wythe FFA Federation Judging Contest with a total score of 1564.8 points; high men James Lindamood, Rural Retreat, 552.4 points; and Billy Ray McAllister, Rich Valley, 521.5 points. High man in the contest was Charles Phillippi, center, who scored a total of 563.7 points.

improvement program; that 25c of the \$1.75 membership dues be transferred to the Camp Association for maintenance and improvement of the facilities; that an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures of the camp funds be published in "Chapter Chats" and the Board of Trustees make improvements at the camp based upon recommendations submitted from instructors of vocational agriculture and home economics who attended the camp during the summer of 1946.

Members of the committee were: Louis Carson, chairman; Harold Foglesong, Billy Arthur, Tuck Adams, Dice Burnette and Frank Husheman, and L. L. Beazley, and W. C. Dudley, ex officio members.

Rural Retreat, 1485.8; Rich Valley, 1483; Ceres, 1357.6; and Chilhowie, 1305.2.

The four highest individual ratings were: Charles Phillippi, Sugar Grove, 563.7 points; James Lindamood, Rural Retreat, 552.4 points; Billy Ray McAllister, Rich Valley, 521.5 points; and Rex Roberts, Sugar Grove, 503.5.

Official judges were Smyth County Agricultural Agent H. B. Eller, and Assistant County Agent C. F. Simpson.

Asked why he was going to marry a glamour girl from the city, instead of some woman his own age, Granpappy opined: "I'd a heap ruther smell perfume than liniment!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Guest Editorial . .

YOUTH AND EDUCATION.

By J. E. Brame.

The conviction that the future of our State, Nation, and the entire world depends upon the education of our young people is the reason I have chosen this subject. Having worked with young people a majority of my life, and loving this work as I do, I feel that I have learned a few things which may be helpful to others.

1. There are four very important training forces for our youth—the home, the church, the school, and the community. If our young people are properly trained in these, the world to tomorrow will be safe.

2. I believe that well balanced training should include physical, mental, and spiritual training. If one wants to be of the greatest service to mankind, it is necessary to be well trained in each of these.

3. Education is a responsibility which each of us must accept. If we enter the profession, it will become our main interest. No matter what our vocation, we cannot escape this responsibility as parents and citizens. Therefore, I am listing here some of the things which I feel necessary to a well rounded education.

In training the young, we should show our love for them by unselfish interest in their success,

We must understand their problems by visits to their homes and by personal interviews regarding their plans. Gain their confidence and they will give you this information.

We must be "one of them" as far as practical, by joining in their games and other pleasures; sympathize with them in their troubles.

We must be lenient in our judgment and correction of them. It is not necessary to compromise where principle is involved. Be firm and loving. Be sure that the example we set is such that we want them to follow. Whether you be parent, teacher or citizen, the young will judge life to some extent by your life.

Guest Editor . . .



J. E. BRAME.

It is a rare privilege to know, work and associate with a person like J. E. Brame, instructor of vocational agriculture at Chase City High School, who is our guest editor for this issue. In years of service and age, he is the eldest of our group. In wisdom, righteousness and character in all its manifestations he long ago reached heights few of us will ever attain.

Born on a farm in Mecklenburg County September 3, 1875, Mr. Brame received his academic training in one- and two-room schools in the county, Southside Academy and Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Virginia Polytechnic Institute) in the class of '93. Mr. Brame and his son, J. E. Brame, Jr., now own and operate as partners the farm where he was born and which was owned by his father and grandfather. Our guest editor farmed there himself until 1913 when he entered public service and taught in a one-room public school for three years.

What kind of training are we giving by our example? When Woodrow Wilson, as president of Princeton College, was asked by parents why the college did not make more out of their sons, his reply was, "It is because they are your sons."

The real foundation of a child's life should be laid in the home. If this home looks after the physical, mental, and spiritual well being of the child, a solid foundation has been made which will hold up a good structure. The other training forces have something to build on. Training in the church should not only include the spiritual, but the physical and mental. We cannot afford to neglect either force. One of the greatest opportunities to be of real service to young people and through them to future generations is offered to teachers. How shall we meet this challenge.

We often forget that every citizen of a community has something to do with the training of the young people in a community. From the time "the little tot" can run around the neighborhood until his life's work is done, the people of the community are helping to build that human structure. What are we doing to make it a good structure? Give them that which will develop a strong body, an intelligent mind, and a bright spirit.

Mr. Brame began teaching vocational agriculture at Chase City High School in 1919 and has served in this capacity ever since. Prior to that time, he was County Agent in Mecklenburg County for six years. He served 11 years in the Virginia Volunteers, retiring with the rank of Captain. He has been a Steward in the Chase City Methodist Church for 52 years. He has three children living, one dead; eight living grandchildren, one dead.

Brame has been an influence for good in his community and the vocational agriculture organization. In an address to the 1946 annual conference of Virginia instructors of vocational agriculture Dowell J. Howard, assistant superintendent of public instruction said, in emphasizing the influence instructors of vocational agriculture should have in their home communities, "If J. E. Brame did no more actual work on vocational agriculture, his influence in his community and among this group would be worth more than the salary he is paid."

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

By Edward Goode.

The time is arriving all too soon for me to close my duties as a State officer. This year, serving as President of the Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America, has been the richest and most challenging year of my life. I

have had the experience and pleasure of meeting the finest group of workers in the whole world, and this experience will forever linger in my mind. Visiting various chapters over the State and working with the other officers and leaders has been a real experience and joy to me. To each and every Future Farmer of the Virginia Association I am ever grateful for the splendid cooperation and hospitality you have given me. I only wish that more of you could have had the experience I have had in serving as a State officer.

When I was elected to this position, I truly believed that I would be able to pay the organization back in part for what it had done for me, but now I find myself more in debt to the organization than ever before.

At the nineteenth convention of the Virginia Association I made the following statement, "We must work together as an organization to build an ever stronger FFA, an FFA that will provide superior training for our farm boys and render greater service to rural America. Yes, we must work together for the betterment of the world, our country, our organization, and ourselves." We find ourselves and our Allies victorious nations, militarily speaking. The Future Farmers of America played a vital part in winning the victory in every respect; on the battlefield, by producing food and lending Uncle Sam dollars, but our job is far from complete. If you will look back to the early days of the war, Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard, made the following statement, "Food will win the war and write the peace." The war is won, but today we have millions of people in Europe, Asia and Africa who are literally starving to death and millions more facing starvation. They have turned to America for food and more food. Yes, we find ourselves shipping more food overseas than ever before in our history, but that fails to meet the needs of a starving world. The Future Farmers of America have produced untold amounts, but we must continue to produce, for food has become the pleading cry of the world, and we realize that it is the basis upon which the involved complexities embodying civilization today depends. A starving world must be fed, and I am confident that we will do our part.

The Future Farmers of America is a great organization, but its greatness can be extended. Our progress has been excellent and now is no time to slacken. In 1927-28 there were 2,250 Future Farmers of Virginia; look at the number today, approximately three times as many. As I look into the future, I see a bright one for the Future Farmers of America. I sincerely believe that we,

IN MEMORIAM



EMBRA YANCEY NOBLIN

With the untimely and sudden death of E. Y. Noblin, Saturday, September 21, the entire program of vocational agriculture, the Blacksburg community and the State lost one of its very best men. His family and hundreds of friends mourn their loss of a devoted husband, father, and friend—a man of excellence in all its manifestations.

Yancey believed in young people and in farming "with a faith born not of words but of deeds." His life was exemplary of his sterling character and an example for all of us.

For the past five years he was associate professor of agricultural education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Prior to this he was instructor of vocational agriculture at South Hill High School for 14 years. A native of Noblin, North Carolina, Yancey had lived in Virginia since he was 10. He attended Hargrave Military Academy, graduated from the University of Richmond in 1917, and received his MS degree in Agronomy at V. P. I. in 1921.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in Blacksburg Tuesday morning, September 24, and burial was in Oakwood Cemetery at South Hill.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Webster Noblin; two sons, E. Y. Noblin, Jr., and Webster Noblin, all of Blacksburg; and a brother, Homer Noblin, of Hopewell, county agent of Prince George County.

as an organization, can accomplish as much or more in the next twenty years as we have in the past twenty. I challenge you, Future Farmers, not to slacken but to live up to and build on the foundation given us by our organizer, Dr. Walter S. Newman, and founder, Mr. Henry C. Groseclose. To these men and many others we are ever grateful for their untiring effort toward a great FFA. The challenge is ours, there is no royal road, so whether we be a farmer or choose another profession, the FFA can do something for us and we can do something for it.

In closing, my request to you is that you give the officers for the ensuing year the same unselfish cooperation that you have given me, and I feel confident that 1946-47 will mark a great year for the Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America.

PREVENT FARM FIRES.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, and the prevention of farm fires, Hugh R. Roberts, Regional Farm Engineer, Portland Cement Association, in Atlanta, Georgia, submits the following Do's and Don'ts:

1. Use fire-safe materials in building and repairing important buildings.
2. Provide an adequate supply of water for fire protection.
3. Keep chimneys clean and in good repair. Use fire resistive roofing on important buildings.
4. Protect important buildings from lightning with proper lightning conductor equipment.
5. Keep matches away from children and do not permit smoking in service buildings.
6. Do not use kerosene or gasoline in starting fires, and keep all inflammable liquids in safe storage away from other buildings.
7. Be alert to dangers of spontaneous ignition of hay and other products.
8. Keep stoves and furnaces clean and in good repair. Protect combustible floors and partitions with suitable shields or insulators to prevent over heating.
9. Have electrical wiring installed and inspected by individuals skilled in this work.
10. Keep collars or basements and attics clean by periodically removing and destroying rubbish.

In all the affairs of human life, social as well as political, courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones that strike deepest to the grateful and appreciating heart.—Henry Clay.

"Bad Lands" Into

Vision and resourcefulness in the rebuilding of various kinds of abandoned and unproductive lands may pay dividends. The return of such "bad lands" to profitable use is equally important to producers and to us at Swift & Company. Because "what helps agriculture helps all of us." Here is a story of such vision. Here is an example of one man's initiative.

Like a farm torn up by a giant's plow, 600 acres of Illinois strip mine land stood bare. It was apparently worthless. That was in 1938. Today those once-bare ridges are knee-deep in grass and clover. Each rugged acre makes more than enough grass for one steer. And it's getting better each year.

The year after the land was mined for coal, a few volunteer sweet clover plants took root. They flourished in the lime-rich soil. Byron Somers of Canton, Illinois, who farmed adjacent land, noticed them. He bought the "bad land" for \$5 an acre. With a hand seeder, he walked the ridges and sowed sweet clover. The next year he had a good stand. This added some nitrogen and humus to soil already rich in phosphorus and potash. Further seeding of a grass-legume mixture is done each year by airplane. Brome grass has got a start, and now his pastures will be even more productive. In addition to grass, plenty of drinking water for the cattle is held in the little valleys.

Since being returned to usefulness, this land has averaged a net profit of \$7 an acre each year. Similar Illinois land has recently sold for \$25 an acre.

This is only one example. *Every state has unproductive lands.* Many other men have returned them to use—and profited. Huge areas still offer a challenge and an opportunity to American producers everywhere. Your opportunity, too, may be indicated by such a little thing as sweet clover growing on abandoned land.



Soda Bill Sez:

... He who aims high, shoots ahead.

Martha Logan Recipe for INDIVIDUAL SWISS STEAKS

3 to 4 pounds round steak (cut 2 inches thick)	½ cup lard
Salt, Pepper	2 onions
	2 cups cooked tomatoes
	1 cup flour

Cut steak in serving size portions. Season meat and place on well floured cutting board. Cover with flour and pound with meat hammer or edge of heavy saucer. Continue to turn, flour and pound meat until all flour is taken up. Brown sliced onions in lard in heavy skillet. Remove onion and brown steaks on both sides. Place onions on top of meat. Add tomatoes. Cover and bake slowly in a moderate oven (350°F.) 2½ to 3 hours. Diced vegetables may be cooked in with the meat during the last half hour. Serves 6 to 8.



You BET There's Competition!

Recently I spoke to a meeting of livestock producers. When I had finished talking, the chairman asked if any persons in the audience wanted to ask questions. Immediately one livestock man stood up. "Is there any competition in the buying of our livestock?" he asked. Naturally, my answer was, "Yes." I went on from there to an explanation...

One of the best evidences of competition is found in United States Government figures. They show that there are more than 3,500 meat packers in the United States. Also there are 22,500 other commercial slaughterers of livestock. Surely this means much competition. Of course, Swift & Company does not come in competition with every one of these 26,000 slaughterers at every point at which it buys livestock. However, there is no place in the United States but what Swift & Company does come in competition in the buying of livestock with one or more of the 26,000 slaughterers.



26,000 slaughterers compete for livestock



He buys for plants in many parts of the country

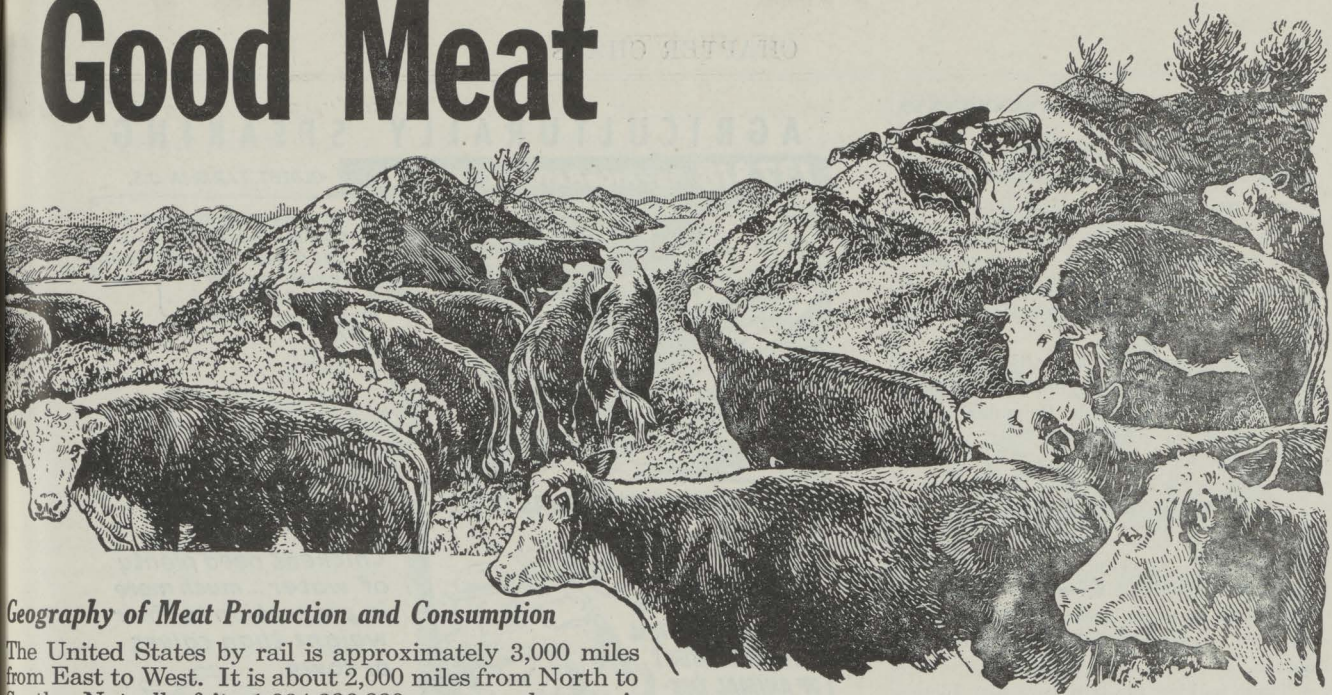
Here's another fact about competition. At practically all markets in the country there are order buyers. During a year they buy for up to hundreds of meat packers. No individual buys for several hundred on any one day. But when the meat packers whom they represent need livestock, these order buyers are out competing with Swift & Company and every other buyer in the market.

The foregoing are just two examples of the many to be found indicating the ever present competition in our business.

F.M. Simpson,

Agricultural Research Department

Good Meat



Geography of Meat Production and Consumption

The United States by rail is approximately 3,000 miles from East to West. It is about 2,000 miles from North to South. Not all of its 1,934,326,280 acres produce agricultural products. Neither do all of its square miles have the same number of people. The western part, including the Corn Belt, is the great food producing area. The East is the section in which most of the people live.

Approximately two-thirds of the livestock is produced west of the Mississippi River. Approximately two-thirds of the people live east of it. More specifically, about one-third of the people live in the area from Pennsylvania northeast into New England. Thus there is a great distance between the producers of livestock and the consumers of meats. This makes it necessary to have national concerns like Swift & Company in the slaughtering of livestock, processing, handling and selling of meats. The products handled by meat packers average to move more than one thousand miles from producer to consumer.

It's extra care that cuts shipping fever losses among feeder cattle. Vaccination also will produce a measure of immunity. After cattle reach the feedlots, provide them with shelter from cold winds and rain. Give them light, bulky feeds such as whole oats and roughage. Cattle fall easy prey to shipping fever when they are run down, due to fatigue, exposure, or irregular feeding. If animals do fall sick, isolate them promptly and call a veterinarian.

OUR CITY COUSIN

City Cousin ran away
When he heard
the farmer say,
"Tomorrow will be
thrashing day."



Call your ewes now to save feed and boost profits. Keep only good producers, the ones that raised one or more thrifty lambs last spring. Market those with poor fleeces, excessive wrinkles, broken mouths, jaws of uneven length, or unsound udders.

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Cottonseed Meal and Hulls vs. Legume Hay and Shelled Corn

by L. V. Starkey
Clemson Agricultural College

The Southern ration of cottonseed meal and hulls proved equal to the Corn Belt ration of legume hay and shelled corn for fattening two-year-old steers in dry lot. The experiments were conducted by E. G. Godbey.

A total of 282 medium grade steers were divided into two groups. The steers in lot one were fed shelled corn and legume hay (alfalfa or lespedeza). Those in lot two were fed cottonseed meal and cottonseed hulls.

When fed to 200-pound gain, the steers on corn and hay made an average daily gain of 2.01 pounds. They consumed 437 pounds of corn and 1,068 pounds of hay per 100 pounds of gain. The steers on meal and hulls made an average daily gain of 2.15 pounds. They consumed 423 pounds of meal and 1,079 pounds of hulls per 100 pounds of gain.

When fed in the above combination for short feeding periods, cottonseed meal was approximately equal to shelled corn. And the cottonseed hulls were approximately equal to legume hay.

An interesting observation was that the cattle consumed all of the hulls offered. But in the hay lot a part of the roughage was refused. This occurred even though the quality of hay was well above the average.

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CHAPTER NEWS

The Bland chapter met September 17, and elected Fred Tate, Jr., president for 1946-47; Harry Rudder, vice-president; Garland Morehead, secretary; M. H. Bowen, Jr., treasurer; and Harold Sifford, reporter.

The program of work for the year was discussed and each of the 46 members was encouraged by R. R. Reynolds, chapter adviser, to suggest at least one objective by the next meeting.

Isle of Wight and Smithfield students of vocational agriculture recently visited the Holland Experiment Station to observe the results of experiments with fertilizing peanuts, tests of hybrid corn, and the production of soy beans and cotton.

Those making the trip were Rea Johnston, Horace Jones, Allen Thacker, James Watkins, Wiley Wilson, John Spruil, Charles Milby, Dan Delk, Louis Delk, Bernard Griffin, Melvin Gwaltney, Royce Holdsworth, Quennon Hundley, Bradford Stanley, Leslie Thacker, Shelton Thacker, Randolph West, William Turner, Everette Bridd, Wesley Holland, Bobby Holland, James Manning, Clarence Whitley, Ralph Godwin, Robert Norris, and Moss Lees Norris.

The Amelia chapter held its first meeting of the year September 9, and elected Haynes Easter president; Willie Wills, vice-president; Rodney Anderson, 2nd vice-president; Donald Chumney, secretary; Buddy Brandon, treasurer; Clyde Bishop, reporter; Claude Hardy, sentinel; Garfield Dillard, librarian; and Romy Merchant, chaplain.

The chapter has an enrollment this year of 53 members, a considerable increase over the past few years. President Easter appointed the program of work committees now busy setting up the objectives of the year. All shop equipment is now being rearranged by the chapter members and new work benches and wall cabinets constructed to provide more space for the crowded condition.

A WEEK AT CAMP.

Three boys and their adviser from Meadows of Dan FFA chapter started in the adviser's car at 2:00 a. m. August 5 on the 300-mile trip to the Virginia FFA-FHA Camp, near Smithfield, Va.

Coan Agee, new chapter president; Dwight Shelor, new reporter; Bishop Spangler, former reporter; and Mr. Thomas, chapter adviser, arrived at Suffolk about 11:00 a. m. Knowing there would be very little activity in camp un-

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til mid-afternoon, we decided to go on to Norfolk and out to Virginia Beach. Here we visited the many resorts and ate lunch.

We reached Morgarts Beach during the mid-afternoon after which we registered, unpacked, and went swimming before the evening meal.

During the following days at camp we went swimming twice daily in the James River, besides playing basketball, softball, tennis, volley ball, archery, and pitching horseshoes. Lights were out at 10:00 p. m. and the rising whistle was at 6:30 a. m. During the evening there was a general meeting of all in the dining room which was used also as a recreation hall.

We also had a chance to go sight-seeing to Newport News, Williamsburg, and Yorktown. If there were those who desired they could go fishing on a fishing

boat. These trips seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all who took advantage of them.

Saturday morning as soon as we had eaten our breakfast we left for home and arrived home late in the afternoon, which ended a very pleasant trip.

DWIGHT SHELOR,
Reporter.

IT ALL DEPENDS.

"Dad!"

"Well, what is it?"

"It says here, 'A man is known by the company he keeps.' Is that so, Father?"

"Yes."

"Well, Father, if a good man keeps company with a bad man, is the good man bad because he keeps company with the bad man, or is the bad man good because he keeps company with the good man?"

Franklin-Henry-Patrick FFA's Reorganize Federation for Year

The Franklin-Henry-Patrick FFA Federation held its first meeting of the year at Martinsville, September 27, with seven chapters represented and reorganized for the 1946-47 program of work with David Ramsey, Glade Hill, president; Troy Washburn, Ridgeway, vice-president; Emmett Cox, Ridgeway, secretary; James Stuart Love, Blue Ridge, treasurer; Coan Agee, Meadows of Dan, reporter; C. C. Tucker, Rocky Mount, adviser.

The federation dues were set at \$1.50 per chapter. It was decided that the federation would sponsor a public speaking contest, judging contest, basket ball tournament, and a degree team contest.

Each chapter was urged to enter the National Chapter Contest.

The next meeting will be held at Martinsville November 22.

Emmerson Burgess Is Elected President Courtland Chapter

The Courtland FFA chapter held its regular monthly meeting September 19 in the agriculture room of the high school and elected Emmerson Burgess, president; Lewis Babb, vice-president, according to Leonard Whitehead, reporter; other officers are: Lewis Bryant, secretary; Ryland Beale, Jr., treasurer; Leonard Whitehead, reporter; Marks Turner, sentinel; Jimmie Vick and S. V. Camp, members of the executive committee.

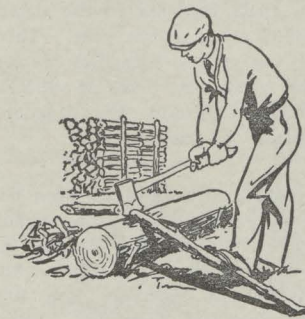
The new president stated that he would appoint his standing committees in a few days, and that the yearly program of work would be submitted to the chapter at the October meeting for their approval.

The initiation of Green Hands will highlight the October meeting.

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Use a chopping block; if possible, anchor wood so that ends will not fly up when the axe strikes. Use short strokes when chipping ice in water tanks and troughs or when killing chickens.

Don't use the axe as a maul.

Store the axe properly when not in use. Place it where it cannot be stepped on or bumped and where it won't fall.

Keep your eye on the point where you want the axe to strike.



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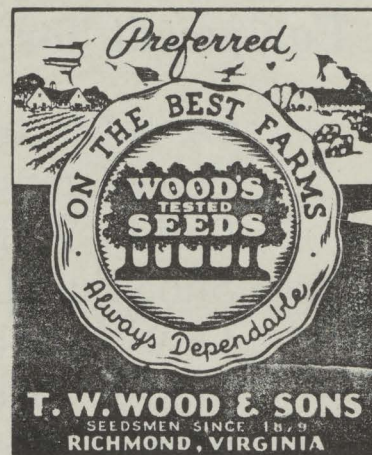


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SUCH GALLANTRY.

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"P. S.: I'll be over to see you Sunday night if it doesn't rain."

N-E-W-S F-L-A-S-H-E-S

By A. W. Tenney
National Executive Secretary
Future Farmers of America

Texas: "The shop must go on" is the slogan of the 51 Future Farmers at Munday, Texas, who are now operating the Farm Shop which had been operated by the Vocational Agriculture Department of the high school during the war out of Federal money appropriated for the Food Production War Training Program. As you drive down Highway 222 through the west side of Munday you see a sign on the side of a school building which says Vocational Agriculture Department, Community Shop and Canning Center. Here the Vocational Agriculture Department of the high school operated a farm shop where more than a hundred farmers of the community came to repair their own farm machinery, trucks, cars, etc., when repair work was not available at commercial shops and thus keep up their production during the war. Eighty-six tractors were overhauled, 19 trailers, 33 go-devils, 17 stalk cutters, 24 self-feeders, and other necessary farm equipment was built during the war. Soon after V-E Day, however, the Government funds were cut off

and money was not available from any source to keep the shop open. The Future Farmers, however, decided the shop must go on anyway and appointed committees to keep the shop open. The second and third year boys are divided into committees who have charge a week or two at a time. They open and close the shop, check in and out tools, do acetylene and electric welding on jobs where the farmers have not learned to do this kind of work for themselves and in other ways help with the work. A few of the boys can now do complete over-all jobs on tractors, trucks and cars, and most of them can do minor cutting and welding jobs.

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Pennsylvania: Thirty-eight purebred Hampshire bred gilts sold for Western Pennsylvania FFA Hampshire Swine Association members for a total of \$3,577.50, an average of \$92.20 on bred gilts and \$35.00 per head on the two open gilts that were sold. Bidding was most active on gilts bred to the new Stoneboro FFA owned boar, Royal Mixer 2nd, whose sire has recently been sold for a reported sum of \$2,000. The sixteen gilts bred to this boar sold for an average of \$115 per head.

Kentucky: The Kentucky Future Farmer Co-operative, Inc., handled \$168,742 worth of business for its members during the first two years of its operation. The Co-operative has assisted chapter members in procuring 5,121 breeding ewes, 299 dairy calves, 1,327 breeding beef heifers, 462 beef steers, hybrid seed corn and phenothiazine.

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Nevada: The Mason Valley Chapter located at Yernington visited the State Experimental Farm located at Fallon. The chapter made the trip by school bus and spent the day observing and studying results of different alfalfa varieties, small grains, and other experimental work. The group also visited Registered Holstein Dairy Farm at Fallon where they had an opportunity to see the results of improved breeding practices in dairy production.

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Wyoming: The Lovell Chapter bought cooperatively two carloads of dry beet pulp, four tons of calf manna, five tons of soybean pellets, twenty tons of general concentrate feed, and one forty-five ton car of Nebraska shelled corn. They also purchased the following livestock: 980 feeder lambs, 17 registered ewes, 3 fattening pigs, 6 registered bred sows, one chapter registered Chester White boar, 106 feeder steers or show calves. The total cost for this livestock amounted to \$14,360.62. The chapter financed boys on their projects to the extent of \$8,245.63, during the year. This was not all out at one time, but revolved during the year. A total of \$21,449.30 was handled through the chapter treasury during the past year.

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Ohio: Ft. Loramie boys finished the local pest hunt with a grand total of 46,754 points. The average number of points per boy was 1,669. The chapter divided its members into two groups, the East and West side. The East won with a total of 31,504 points compared to 15,250 points for the West side. The West side treated members on the East side by giving them a party.

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Florida: The value of dusting string beans was clearly demonstrated in experiments conducted by the Belle Glade Chapter. Planting beans on a 10-acre tract, members of the chapter divided it into four plots, applying no dust to one, sulphur to the second, sulphur and manganese to the third and mineralite to the fourth. Although all plots dusted showed better production and quality than the non-dusted plot, the one on which mineralite was used proved far superior in quality with a yield of 200 hampers per acre against 70 per acre from the plot that was not dusted.

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State Association Increases Membership Dues to \$1.75

Taking into consideration the need for additional funds to meet increased costs of the organization and to provide for the payment in one sum amounts previously paid for dues, camp fees and record books separately, the Budget Committee of the 1946 State convention recommended, and the delegates approved Virginia FFA membership dues of \$1.75 per member for 1946-47.

Actually, the increase in the amount formerly paid is very small—basically, the committee provided for collecting in one payment of \$1.75 the amounts previously paid for dues, record books, camp fees, pins, manuals and general association expenses. Of the \$1.75, \$1 will still be called dues; 20 cents will go for record books; 25 cents for maintenance and repairs at the State FFA-FHA Camp; 10 cents for national dues, and 20 cents for the increased cost of publishing "Chapter Chats," manuals for members, miscellaneous expenses, etc. The \$1 dues the Budget Committee intended for such items as the cost of the State convention; membership pins; medals, plaques, etc., for local, federation and State contests; travel of state officers; and the expenses of delegates to the national convention.

With these items in mind and the anticipation of 7,000 members this year, the following budget was submitted and approved for 1946-47.

Receipts.

Balance July 1, 1946	\$ 2,754.94
Dues	7,000.00
Advertising	900.00
National Treasurer	65.00
Record Books	1,650.00
Camp Fees	1,750.00
Miscellaneous	1,500.00
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	\$15,619.94

Expenditures.

State FFA Camp Operation . \$	100.00
Camp Improvements	100.00
FFA-FHA Camp	1,750.00
Delegates to Kansas City ...	700.00
Annual Rally	1,700.00
Membership Pins and Manuals	1,500.00
National Dues	700.00
Chapter Chats:	
Publishing	1,500.00
Mailing	750.00
Keys, Pins, Medals, Plaques .	600.00
Public Speaking	250.00
Chapter Contests	60.00
Expenses State Officers	300.00
American Youth Camp	300.00
Accident Insurance Rally ...	150.00
Record Books	1,000.00
Refunds	125.00
Expenses of Executive Secretary-Treasurer	125.00

Contingent Fund	3,609.94
Miscellaneous	300.00
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	\$15,619.94

The budget committee was composed of Kenneth Anderson, chairman; Lester D. Hilton, John C. Baker, Billy Wonderley, Melvin Salmon, James Love, R. E. Bass and H. D. Seal, ex-officio.

VO-AG INSTRUCTORS WIN LINCOLN WELDING AWARDS

G. C. Guilliams, Riner, and E. D. Patterson, News Ferry, instructors of vocational agriculture, were among the

winners in the agricultural education and services division of the James F. Lincoln are welding Foundation awards, it is announced by Dr. E. E. Drees, chair of the foundation's board of trustees. Agricultural educators and farmers in 40 States were winners of cash awards totaling \$30,000.

With a grinding of brakes, an Army officer pulled to the side of the road. "Say, sonny," he called to a small boy, "have you seen an airplane come down anywhere near here?" "No, sir," declared the boy, hiding his slingshot behind his back, "I've just been shooting at a bottle."—Agricultural Digest.

F. F. A. JEWELRY

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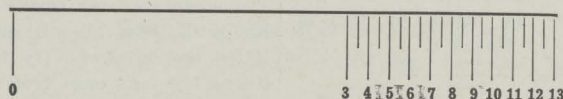
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Rally Executive Committee Recommends Full Rally in '47

The 1946 rally executive committee strongly recommended, and the 20th State convention approved, a full rally for 1947 complete with judging contests, degree team contests, a shop judging contest, and chapter representation on the same basis as before the war.

The complete committee report follows:

1. Five judging contests, namely: Crops, Dairy, Livestock, Poultry, and Shop.
2. A degree team contest consisting of five teams, one from each of the districts.
3. A public speaking contest consisting of five boys, one from each of the districts.
4. A school for leadership be conducted during the rally.
5. That each chapter send one judging team for each 35 active members, or less. An additional judging team be sent for each additional 35 active members or major fraction thereof.
6. That the shop judging team consist of one member and to be selected on the above basis.
7. All athletic events be discontinued for the 1947 rally.
8. In order for a chapter to qualify, the annual State and National chapter reports are to be submitted to the state adviser by January 1 of each year.
9. The details for conducting the rally be worked out by the teacher training department and supervisory staff be published and gotten into the hands of the instructors by March 1.

OUR OBJECTIVES.

By Millard Sandrige,
McGaheysville F. F. A. Chapter.

Each of our objectives
In the F. F. A.
Are set up for the purpose
Of teaching the boys the way.

First is Supervised Practice,
And it gives the boys a start
In the many ways of farming,
And gives them each a part.

The next objective is Leadership,
It teaches the boys to lead
The rural areas of the nation
And all its problems heed.

Cooperative activities,
Or, work with everyone
In making our best much better
Until our goals are won.

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NEW START AS CIVILIANS
THEY SO RICHLY EARNED

AND
AVERAGED
OVER 53
MINUTES OF
PLAYING
TIME IN
EACH
GAME
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The Recreation Committee
Has many different ways
That every boy may have some fun
On certain special days.

The committee for conducting meetings
Keeps the boys all working,
Helps the boys who try to study,
Keeps the lazy ones from shirking.

Last is Earning and Savings
That teaches the boys to save
To buy War Bonds and Stamps
So the boys can say, "I gave."

But when we get our committees
We can't sit back and rest,
For we are following the slogan
"Try to Better the Best."

THE SERGEANT AND THE ROOKIE.

"Com-pa-nee, atten-shun," bawled the drill sergeant to the awkward squad. "Com-pa-nee, lift your left leg and hold it straight in front of you."

By mistake, one member held up his right leg, which brought it out side by side with his neighbor's leg.

"And who is the galoot over there holding up both legs?" shouted the hard-boiled sergeant.

Bridgewater FFA Chapter Begins New Year Activities

The Bridgewater chapter of Future Farmers of America reorganized September 9 and elected Donald Huffman, president; Bobby Koontz, vice-president; Gordon Rodgers, secretary; Richard Miller, treasurer; Leo Miller, reporter; Ward Lee Trobaugh, sentinel; Alvin T. Kline, Sr., adviser.

The chapter contributed \$31.66 to the community wheat project for European relief. The members assisted in loading the wheat on the railroad car.

A survey is being made to determine the number of pure bred hogs needed by the members.

A 26-foot addition has been added to the shop and some new equipment purchased.

New members for this year are: Ersel Campbell, Bill Lewis, Owen Wright, Carl Perry, Danny Hollen, Marshel Garst, Weldon Riddleberger, Paul Waggy, Joseph Rhodes, Elwood Hensley, John McCurdy, and Dale Driver.

By merit, not favoritism, shall we attain our ends.—Plout.

CARNICE E. MANNON OF FLOYD ELECTED STATE PRESIDENT.

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adults. There was never a time when agriculture needed leaders as it needs them now, and during the next ten years, he said.

Miss Mary Lee Oliver, Gloucester, president of the Virginia Association Future Homemakers of America discussed the FHA program at Wednesday night's session of the convention and outlined plans for the cooperation of FFA and FHA in the improvement of community life for rural people.

Dr. John R. Hutcheson, president of V. P. I., welcomed the 200 delegates representing FFA chapters all over Virginia to the V. P. I. campus. It takes more brains to farm successfully than to succeed in almost any other profession, Dr. Hutcheson said.

Marion F. Baumgardner, national third vice-president of the Future Farmers of America, who came all the way from Wellington, Texas, to attend the FFA convention, addressed the delegation Wednesday morning, July 31, and urged the organization of adult farmers' having as much representation in our government as other organized groups. "If we Future Farmers are to continue to safeguard our rights as American farmers, we must prepare ourselves to be leaders in adult farm organizations," he said.

Leadership Schools Held.

Leadership training conferences were held Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, July 30 and 31, in four groups, directed by J. P. Pullen, J. R. Gee, A. T. Adams, and K. W. Lindsay, instructors of vocational agriculture; and a choral group was instructed by Dr. Luther Richmond, State supervisor of music, State Department of Education.

Entertainment during the convention consisted of softball games and swimming between 4:30 and 5:00 each afternoon and movies following the night programs.

OFFICERS; INSTRUCTOR ATTEND CAMP MINIWANCA.

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Miniwanca is a Christian leadership camp, designed to train the youth of America for the problems to be faced in any vocation in life. Today, as never before, the world is in the utmost need of Christian leadership. Those who possess any qualities of leadership will find themselves more outreaching and their lives more fully developed on a four-fold basis by the training offered at this camp. It was a pleasure and a great experience for me, and anyone should welcome the opportunity to attend Camp Miniwanca.

"HARD TO TELL."

By Kenneth Anderson.

I find it hard to tell of the many wonderful experiences I had on the trip to Miniwanca, especially the fine teaching at camp which has meant and will continue to mean so much to those of us who attended. The camp had "everything," and a full program of worthwhile training, and spiritual development made for a great time.

Among the classes taken were "Balanced Four-Fold Living," "The Art of Effective Living," "The Life and Teachings of Jesus," and "Social Hygiene."

One of the most impressive of the camp activities was "the quiet time" held each morning. This time was considered devotional and was treated as such by the majority of boys.

I greatly enjoyed Camp Miniwanca

and the fellowship in travelling with Mr. Rockwell and the other boys. Altogether I think we covered about 1,964 miles.

RINER FFA's ELECT BILLY DULANEY PRESIDENT.

The Riner FFA chapter held their first meeting September 23, 1946, and elected Billy Dulaney, president; Bobby Ratcliffe, vice-president; Don Altizer, secretary; Laddy Phillips, reporter; Frank Sale, treasurer; Wendell Teel, sentinel; Arnold Naff, chairman of executive committees.

The Riner chapter includes 29 paid up members. All of these members have been appointed to a committee and have about completed a program of work for the coming year.

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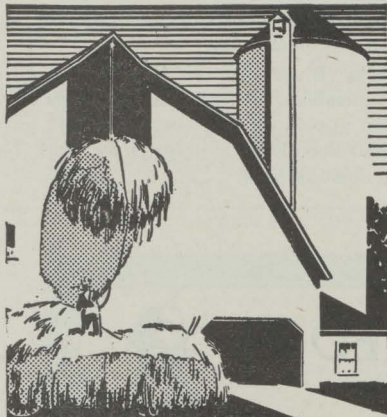
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VIRGINIA DELEGATES TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION.

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Sears, Roebuck & Company, and was a member of the local chapter degree and judging teams.

Since David has been at Virginia Polytechnic Institute he has served as vice-president of the agricultural club, treasurer of the Collegiate FFA chapter, and was elected to represent V. P. I. at the American Youth Foundation Camp in Michigan this summer.



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Edward Goode, Rocky Mount, is 18 years of age, and graduated from the Rocky Mount High School in June, 1944. He completed two years of agriculture in high school—all that was offered—and is working on his second year as a part time student. He received the State Farmer degree in 1945. Edward carried 13 enterprises in his high school program, stressing dairying. He owns nine good Guernseys. Six are pure breds. He started the Poland China pig ring that is being carried on by the chapter. His net worth is \$1,980. He has \$1,360 invested in livestock. He has carried out many improvement projects and supplementary farm jobs averaging more than four improvement projects per year and 10 supplementary farm jobs per year.

Edward lives within six miles of Ferrum Junior College and has found time to complete two sessions of work there plus carrying out a good farming program. He has had a definite wage plus his project earnings for the last two years.

Edward has held the following offices in the FFA: president of the Rocky Mount chapter, secretary and president of the Franklin-Patrick Henry Federation, and president of the Virginia Association, FFA.

Edward was in the upper fourth of his class in high school and made honor roll at Ferrum Junior College. He has been very active in extra curricular activities. He was a member of the basketball team, won chapter and federation public speaking contests. He is a very active church worker and is a junior deacon in his church. Edward expects to enroll at Virginia Tech this fall and study agriculture.

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J. L. Hopkins, McGaheysville, age, 18 years, graduated from high school in June, 1944, and received the State Farmer degree in August, 1943. At the time of applying for the American Farmer degree he is farming in partnership with his father. While in school he carried a total of 33 enterprises, 22 improvement projects and 23 supplementary farm jobs. The labor income from his in-school program was \$3,241.93. The labor income received from his supervised farming program for the year after leaving school was \$4,434.10. His major enterprises were turkeys, corn, wheat, lespe-

deza and broilers. The value of livestock and crops owned is \$3,160.00. While in high school he was active in leadership activities, having served as reporter of the chapter, chairman of the cooperative committee, member of band; represented chapter four times in public speaking; editor of school paper; member of judging teams; president of church young people's guild and received award for "character and leadership" in high school graduating class of 1944.

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William Robert Perrow, Concord, 20 years of age, graduated from the Concord High School with four years of vocational agriculture. He received his State Farmer degree in August, 1944. William owns in partnership with his father 227 acres of land on which he plans to continue farming. In the near future he plans to purchase his father's interest and take over the entire farm. He conducted a total of 19 enterprises, realizing an income of \$1,577.42 for the four years. At the time of applying for the American Farmer degree he had invested in farming and other assets \$11,696.25. William was reporter and treasurer of the local chapter, secretary of his federation, handled finances of the chapter cooperative activities, member of chapter and federation judging and degree teams, president of the junior class, president of Science Club, president of Sunday school class and associate teacher, and steward in church. He is a member of the Farm Bureau.

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J. Claude Whitmore, Jr., Dendron, is 18 years of age, and graduated from high school in 1944 with three years in vocational agriculture. He received the State Farmer degree in June of 1944. Claude carried sixteen enterprises in his high school program, realizing a labor income of \$2,236.17, with a total of 1,167 hours of self labor. His enterprises consisted chiefly of peanuts, corn, dairy and hogs. In addition he completed 17 improvement projects and 13 supplementary farm jobs. Since graduation he has operated a 600 acre farm in partnership with his father. He has invested in farming \$1,167 with other assets making a total of \$5,271.25. In leadership Claude has the following accomplishments to his credit: secretary, president and vice-president of the local chapter; chairman of the State FFA camp committee; delegate to the federation and State convention; secretary, freshman class; vice-president, sophomore class; reporter, junior class; president, sophomore class; secretary, youth fellowship; president, youth fellowship; member of debating team and treasurer of Tri-County Union. He expects to continue farming.

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