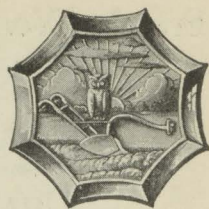


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F. F. V. Judging Team Visits Memphis, Tenn.

By Fred Mills, Charlotte Courthouse, Va.

(Fred didn't miss seeing much.)

Charles Johnson, William Dunnivant, and I left Farmville, Va., Thursday, October 11th, for Memphis, to compete in the National Dairy Judging Contest and see the National Dairy Show. We stopped over at Christiansburg, where we were to do some practice work and meet Mr. Creasy, the coach, and Curtis Jennings, the other member of the team. When we arrived at V. P. I., after riding a bus from Christiansburg to Blacksburg, Mr. Magill had everything ready for us. We took supper in the college mess hall and spent the night in the new war memorial hall.

Friday morning we judged several classes of cows. In the afternoon Prof. Holloway gave us a very instructive discussion on "Milk Judging." At 7 P. M. all of us again boarded the train at Christiansburg and were as happy as a bunch of kids over the prospect of a long and interesting trip, with a keen contest at the end.

We reached Bluefield, W. Va., about 10 o'clock. Here we took a sleeper and immediately went to bed. This was the first time some of us had ever spent a night on the train, and it proved a very pleasant experience.

When we opened our eyes Saturday morning we were way out in Ohio, having passed through Welch, Elkhorn and Crumpler, W. Va., and McVeigh, Kenover, Ironton, Portsmouth and Sardinia, Ohio, during the night. By the time we were dressed, we came into Cincinnati, Ohio, where we were to change trains. We had breakfast in Cincinnati and then looked around over the town for about an hour. The Ohio River is very pretty at Cincinnati.

At 10 o'clock we boarded the Pan-American, on the L. & N. line. This is an all-Pullman train and is the most up-to-date and best-equipped train in this part of the country. It has about fourteen passenger cars, two or three observation parlors, a drawing-room, a radio room, with a big set of twenty headphones, all of the latest magazines, smokers, and every convenience and comfort one could want.

We were soon out of Ohio and into Kentucky. We passed many small places, but no large places until about 1 P. M. We stopped a few minutes at Louisville. From Louisville we headed southwest and went by Mammoth Cave and numerous other places to Bolling Green. Here we changed cars. We were still on the L. & N., but on a day coach on a different train. This time we headed straight for Memphis. We were soon in Tennessee. Stops were made at Clarksville, Paris,

DAD AND MOTHER.

"School has begun. The children were a great help on the farm this summer. They worked hard—too hard, perhaps—but the farm folks played a little, and how they did enjoy the long summer days together! Monday morning came with a warning of frosts not far away, and the silo filling to be finished, and the potatoes to be dug, and the fall plowing coming on, and lots of canning to do, and the weekly round of labor that John and Mary had been helping with—now left for Dad and Mother to carry on alone."—E. M. Thrifty, in Wisconsin Farmer.

McKenzie and Humboldt. We crossed the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers, which are both very pretty. The corn and hay along the banks of the Tennessee were very good.

At 10 o'clock the conductor shouted, "Memphis!" and we were mighty glad to hear him, for we were all very sleepy, and I was even sound asleep. We caught a street car in front of the station and rode through Memphis until we came to the Hotel Claridge, the nicest in Memphis. The streets were beautifully decorated in honor of the Tri-State Fair and National Dairy Exposition.

Sunday morning we arose late, and after breakfast walked down to the old Mississippi. A big ship was in, and we

Contract Awarded for Pins

After an unavoidable delay of several months, the contract for furnishing the members of the Future Farmers of Virginia with pins, lapel buttons, etc., has been awarded the L. G. Balfour Company, Ninth and Marshall Streets, Richmond.

The new pins carry the insignia of the Future Farmers of America, which is made up of the owl, plow, rising sun and cross section of an ear of corn. All members who have paid their annual dues will receive the pin to which their degree of membership entitles them. We feel sure that shipments of pins can be expected within the next three to four weeks.

Greenhands will be sent bronze pins, and Virginia Farmers silver pins. The Constitution and By-Laws of the F. F. A. sets up a gold pin for the second degree, but all of the jewelers have advised that gold-plated pins will soon tarnish to such an extent that it will be very difficult to tell them from bronze pins in the space of several months. Of course, it is out of the question to attempt to furnish solid gold pins to all Virginia Farmers when we consider the amount each member pays in State dues.

It has been decided, therefore, that we should adhere to our original plan and send silver pins to the members who have been awarded the Virginia Farmers degree. Any Virginia Farmer, however, who has paid his annual dues and who wishes to secure a ten-carat gold pin is eligible to wear it and can secure the same by sending to this office \$1.30, this being the difference in price between the silver pin and the solid gold pin. Members who have not sent in their annual dues should send \$2.30 if they wish to purchase the 10-carat gold pin.

W. S. N.

went aboard and inspected it. It was named the "Idlewild," and was a very pretty vessel. We then boarded a huge ferry boat and rode across to Arkansas. After staying in Arkansas a while we returned to the Tennessee side. A man took us riding on a speed motorboat. This was a sure 'nuff thrill! He told us before we started that if we had a weak heart to stay off. We saw a big tug, loaded with large hogs, float past on its

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Progress You Have Made in Making Your Chap- ter a

KEYSTONE CHAPTER

The following Chapters report that they have reached the following State objectives:

100% of Members with Savings Account

Elk Creek	Mt. Jackson
Ewing	New Market
Great Bridge	Pennington Gap
McKenny	Strasburg
Lincoln	Woodstock
Manassas	Temperanceville
	Wytheville

90% of Supervised Prac- tice Enterprises Com- pleted

(No information can be secured on this objective at this date.)

100% of Members who Have Paid Annual State Dues

Amherst	Lebanon
*Apple Grove	*Lincoln
*Axton	*Marshall
Blacksburg	*Maywood
Bridgewater	*Mt. Jackson
Broadway	*New Market
Buchanan	New Hope
*Criglersville	*Pennington Gap
Cumberland	*Rural Retreat
*Dan River	*South Hill
*Spring Garden	Spencer Penn
Dinwiddie	*Strasburg
Dublin	*Stanardsville
Elk Creek	Temperanceville
Ewing	*Weyers Cave
*Fincastle	*Wicomico
Front Royal	*Willis
Grassy Creek	Winchester
Hamilton	*Woodlawn
Upperville	*Wytheville
Hillsville	*Max Meadows

*Annual dues paid on or before October 1, 1928.

\$250,000 Invested in Sav- ings and in Farming by July 1, 1929

The following Chapters report that they have reached their quota:

Appomattox	Front Royal
Axton	Gloucester
Blacksburg	Darvills
Burkeville	Lincoln
Elk Creek	Marshall

McKenny	Sunnyside
Mt. Jackson	Temperanceville
New Market	Whaleyville
Rural Retreat	

1 Father and Son Banquet (Too early for the "eating sea- son" as yet.)

1 Summer Camp or Farm Tour

Axton	Mt. Jackson
Dinwiddie	New Market
Dublin	Pennington Gap
Elk Creek	Poquoson
McKenny	Rural Retreat
Hardin Reynolds	Strasburg
Lincoln	Woodstock
Manassas	Sunnyside
Marshall	Whaleyville
Max Meadows	Wytheville

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUALS IN ACTIV- ITIES CONNECTED WITH THRIFT BANKS.

(Data compiled from chapters reporting before November 13th.)

Chapters Leading in Total Investments in Savings and Farming.

Burkeville	\$7,022.50
Lincoln	5,238.96
Appomattox	4,939.97
Elk Creek	4,829.65
Front Royal	3,914.68
Gloucester	3,859.65
Marshall	3,715.60
Axton	3,715.00
Rural Retreat	3,649.52
Manassas	3,402.40
Temperanceville	3,185.80
Rich Valley	2,815.28
Darvills	2,784.72
Sunnyside	2,708.60
Great Bridge	2,664.52
Mt. Jackson	2,462.76
Buchanan	2,340.69
Whaleyville	2,120.54

Members with the Largest Investments in Farming.

Billy Bierer, Front Royal...	\$1,954.00
Ward Sutherland, Elk Creek..	1,795.00
Howard Smith, Burkeville...	1,300.00
Stephen Ford, Gloucester...	1,000.00
Robert Leach, Front Royal...	750.00
Robert Martz, New Market...	748.00
Fred Oliver, Gloucester.....	600.00
Gibson Waddell, Marshall....	600.00
Billy Farrar, Burkeville.....	550.00
J. N. Gibson, Ewing.....	500.00
Steve Harris, Axton	500.00
Otis Snead, Sunnyside.....	500.00
Wm. Buchanan, Rich Valley..	460.00
Garnett Huddle, Rural Retreat	450.00
T. Meetze, Marshall.....	428.00
Thomas Taylor, Lincoln.....	425.00
Paul Arehart, Mt. Jackson...	355.00
Edward Smith, Lincoln.....	350.00
George Fultz, Dinwiddie.....	300.00
John Thompson, Dublin	300.00

Members with Largest Savings Accounts	
R. Crenshaw, Marshall.....	\$ 970.60
Earl Clarke, Ewing	785.00
Otis Snead, Sunnyside.....	750.00
Taylor Meetze, Marshall....	680.00
Steve Harris, Axton.....	642.00
Cumming Tucker, Sunnyside..	610.00
Boyd Bullington, Axton.....	512.00
John Thompson, Dublin.....	500.00
Carter Martin, Appomattox..	375.00
James Cole, Lincoln.....	351.00
Willard Stone, Elk Creek....	350.00
Thomas Taylor, Lincoln.....	325.00
Ward Sutherland, Elk Creek..	303.60
Holden Stephenson, Ivor....	300.00
Carter Prophet, Mt. Jackson..	251.00
Crawford Fadely, Mt. Jackson	251.00
Cary Carson, Appomattox....	251.00
Oscar Pierce, Rural Retreat..	238.00
Walter Echols, Darvills.....	230.00
Reade Miles, Temperanceville.	213.00

F. F. V. JUDGING TEAM VISITS MEMPHIS, TENN.

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way to New Orleans. We took it easy Sunday afternoon and retired early Sunday night and were soon dreaming of judging cows.

Monday morning at 5 o'clock we were up and dressing. It was raining and was awfully dark. We hurried through with a little oatmeal and light breakfast and started for the Tri-State Fair Grounds. We arrived just in time to get all the instructions. They first numbered us 1 and 2 and 3. We were placed in different groups, with a leader for each group and were given eight scorecards with the names of the different classes on them and also our contestant's number. The man in charge explained that no talking would be allowed, and that no contestant at any time would be allowed to touch a cow.

At 8 o'clock the first three classes were led into the huge tent where the judging took place. Each group judged a different class in different parts of the ring at the same time. The animals were led around for two minutes; they were then lined up, head to tail, and seven minutes were allowed for inspection, at a distance and of not less than ten feet from the animal. Four minutes were allowed for close inspection, and then two minutes for dis- tant inspection (not less than ten feet) from the classes. The classes were hard, and especially hard to us who have always judged large animals by touch. The competition between the animals was extremely close, as they were all of the finest quality. After all the first contestants handed in their cards, the judges gave us their placing and their reasons for their placings.

The dairy judging contest was over by 1 o'clock, and after a bite to eat we boarded the street car and rode across town to a cold-storage plant to enter the milk contest. The milk was scored according to three things: the flavor, bottle and cap and sediment. There were three classes of seven samples each. Fifteen minutes were allowed to each class. We

were in different groups in this, as we were in the cow judging, and as we had never judged any milk before it proved to be rather a difficult thing. The milk-judging was over by 4:30, and we went to the hotel completely worn out. Mr. Creasy had to help grade the cards, and he, too, was very tired. We all went to the best show any of us had ever seen Monday night, and this revived us.

Tuesday morning we went back to the fair grounds and watched some experts judge, and later looked over some of the exhibits. The exhibits were wonderful, and so much and so many that it was utterly impossible to see them all.

At 12:40 all the teams and coaches formed in line in front of the grandstand and, led by the band, paraded through the fair grounds with our respective State banners, with motorcycle cops opening the way. Immediately after the parade a couple of Buses took part of us for a tour of Shelby County, the most progressive county in the United States. We visited the schools and stopped at one school where they had good sandwiches and coffee all ready for us. We had had a light dinner, and this delicious food was greatly appreciated. We shall always remember Collierville, Tenn., for two things: first, the good food, and second (but not least) the pretty girls, who are very numerous. While we were eating we had the opportunity to meet some of them, and they certainly were nice. This was one among many pleasant experiences of the trip. We stopped at the cotton gins and the boys from up North were very much interested in cotton. Cotton is the chief agricultural crop around Memphis. We gave a green persimmon to a boy from Wisconsin, who had never seen one, and told him to eat it. He tried, but when he bit into it he went into a fit. He did not like it because we laughed, but it was very amusing.

Tuesday night came the exciting time. The big banquet was to be held in the gold room of the Claridge Hotel. The winners were to be announced. Everything was fixed up nicely and each team and the coach had a table with the name and of their respective State on it. A little bell, representing a cow bell, was at each place. Music was furnished by a band from Arkansas composed entirely of vocational students. When they struck out the lively chords of "Dixie" everybody stood up and cheered for several minutes. The food was served in four courses, the first a dainty fruit salad, the second beef roast with hot rolls and olives, the third a vegetable salad, and last but not least good ice cream and cake. The dinner was highly enjoyed by every one and we thank those who made the banquet possible.

After every one had finished, a fellow from Vermont led out on several familiar songs and the entire crowd sang and cheered until Dr. Lane, of Washington, the toastmaster, called us to order. After a few words he introduced the speakers.

Several spoke, among them being a lady who went so far as to say that if the United States Congress would consult the vocational students of the country on some of the important questions which came before them, we would have better laws today. Among the speakers also was Mr. J. C. Penny, head of the J. C. Penny Stores, and a noted livestock producer, gave us a short history of his life. How he started as a poor boy and had not only poverty but ill health to overcome, and how today he is wealthy and one of the big men in the business world. His talk was very inspiring. There were numerous other speakers, and all of them made good talks and were very generous in their praise of the agricultural students.

Then Dr. Lane said that he was very much impressed and pleased with the way the boys had conducted themselves, and especially was he impressed with the earnestness and determination shown by the boys during the contest. He said that he was sorry every one could not win. He then read out the winners. Kansas State came first in dairy cattle, with New Jersey second. Raymond Cohorst, of Kansas, won the \$400 scholarship for making highest individual score in judging all breeds. Clarence Greer, of Illinois, won the other \$400 for making highest individual score in judging Holstein. New Jersey took first place in the milk contest, with California second.

After the prizes had been awarded, most of us went to our rooms. A lot of the boys walked the streets, some celebrating their victory and others regretting their defeat. It was pretty tough not to get some of those treasured medals, but the contest was over and it was too late to do better.

After a sort of restless night, we arose Wednesday at 5:30 A. M., not a very happy bunch, but there were still lots of things to be proud of. We had breakfast and at 7 A. M. caught the train for Bowling Green. The ride to Bowling Green was uneventful, but after we changed at Bowling Green and met some girls, things began to look brighter and we had a pleasant ride as far as Cincinnati. At Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meighan, the famous movie actor, boarded our train and caused quite a lot of excitement. We told the girls good-by at Cincinnati and we caught the N. & W. for Bluefield. It was about 9 o'clock, and as soon as we got on we took a sleeper and retired.

Mr. Creasy, our thoughtful coach, waked us up in the upper edge of West Virginia, in order that we might see the mining towns and mines of West Virginia. They are very interesting and the mountains are wonderful. We got some breakfast in Welch, W. Va., and arrived at Bluefield about 8 o'clock. We took a day coach here and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. At Walton Junction, Mr. Creasy and Curtis left us. It was indeed a sad parting. We had had such a won-

derful trip together, and had become attached to each other so much, together with the fact that our eventful trip was about over, made it pretty tough. William, Charles and I came on by Christiansburg, Roanoke and Lynchburg, arriving at Farmville about 3 o'clock. We waited there until 5 and got home late that night.

We wish to thank all those who made the trip possible. We express our deep appreciation to Mr. Newman, who showed so much interest in the team and who has so faithfully worked with us. We are grateful to Mr. Magill for his helping us while at Blacksburg. We think that one big reason the trip was such a pleasure was the fact that we had one of the best sports I ever expect to see with us as our coach. Mr. Creasy was all any one could ask for. He was one of us, and I cannot begin to thank him for his kindness, interest and patience. We all had a most wonderful time, and Mr. Creasy deserves the thanks of us all who enjoyed the trip. We are sorry that this trip can only be made once, but we are glad that four boys and a coach from Virginia will have an opportunity to make the trip next year.

I want to tell every boy taking agriculture that it is more than worth working for. You'll never regret studying harder and doing the little more thinking that is required to make the team. It is as educational as any trip you can take. I dare say it will be worth as much to you as one month of regular school work. I have not told near all we did and saw. The only way to find out what a splendid trip it is is to make it yourself.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING LOCAL MEETINGS.

Every F. F. V. chapter should aim to become a Keystone Chapter. Unless you have a good, wide-awake chapter you cannot attain this standard.

Each chapter should try to improve its own meetings by: reorganizing as soon as school begins; electing the best and most interested boys in this type of work; also having as members those that will join on their own accord and not require every one to become members.

There should be regular meetings, and try to get all the members to attend. A well-gotten-up program should be the aim of every meeting; also insist that those put on the program do their very best.

When the local objectives are set up, these should be brought up in the meeting to see what is being accomplished. If they are not being done, see what the cause is and remove it if possible. It may be well to set up new objectives at some of the meetings.

One other suggestion might be offered: conduct the meetings correctly, so far as parliamentary procedure is concerned; in other words, conduct the meetings the way they should be conducted.

CECIL SPENCER.

Hardin Reynolds Memorial School.

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ANNUAL DUES.

Forty-one local chapters of the Future Farmers of Virginia have sent in the annual dues of \$1.00 from every member of their chapter. Twenty-three of these chapters sent the money to this office before October 1st. We think this is a splendid showing and one which indicates the zeal and spirit of the F. F. V's.

To a brand-new chapter, Maywood, in Craig County, goes the honor of having been the first chapter to send in 100 per cent membership dues. This is a small chapter, with only fifteen members, but apparently what they lack in quantity is made up for in "pep" and quality. The Handley Chapter, of Winchester, was not to be outdone because of lack of time, and their assessment came in by wire on October 1st, the money having been sent September 30th.

In all, 1,150 Future Farmers of Virginia have paid their annual dues, and we feel that we cannot be too strong in our praise and congratulations concerning the wonderful way in which these members have responded to the new plan for financing and meeting the obligations of the organization. The payment of dues makes one a boni fide member of the organization, and one who is willing and eager to carry his part of the burden in order that the State body may continue as a live, wide-awake, active organization.

Perhaps some reader may say, "What are they doing with the money? We sent ours in and have received no report." Such a question is entirely in order, and we feel that at this time perhaps some explanation should be made as to funds which have been paid out and expenses that will have to be met in the near future. As stated above, approximately \$1,150 has been paid in in membership dues to date. The main expenditure so far has been the expenses of the dairy-

judging team for the Memphis trip. We are attempting to list below the obligations that are yet to be met and are making an effort to be conservative in our figures.

Expenses of dairy judging team (Memphis) paid.....	\$ 400.00
Expenses of livestock judging team (Kansas City).....	600.00
Membership dues in the National F. F. A.	220.00
Expenses of crops team and prizes at State Grain Show.	200.00
Pins, buttons, etc., for members	600.00
Virginia Planter Keys, judging medals, etc.	180.00
	\$2,200.00

What do these figures mean? Simply that 2,200 Future Farmers of Virginia must pay their annual dues if our organization is to "stand on its own feet." There are a few more than 2,200 boys enrolled in our classes, and every boy studying vocational agriculture is not getting the most out of it unless he is an F. F. V.

Every cent of the \$2,200 is being and will be spent on and for members of the organization. We must in the next several months receive an additional \$1,050 if we are to meet expenses. It is urgent that every member pay his dues now for the following reasons:

1. We have only enough money on hand to send our livestock judging team to Kansas City and pay the annual dues for our members in the National Association of Future Farmers of America.

2. The contract for the new pins has been let, but we will have no money to pay for them after settling for the above expenses unless members who have not paid their dues come across quickly. The pins will cost about \$600.

3. We must send the crops team to the Grain Show in January, and about \$200 will be needed for them.

We realize that it has not been convenient for all of the chapters and members to pay annual dues previous to this date. We hope, however, that your plans will soon materialize to such an extent that we may receive your dues in the near future. You can easily see that they are needed.

WALTER S. NEWMAN.

OBJECTIVES OF LOCAL CHAPTERS.

Live chapters are those that are accomplishing things. Carefully laid plans are essential to a real program of activities. The local chapters of the Future Farmers of Virginia that will be most successful during the current year are no doubt those that have made up very carefully thought-out programs of work or list of objectives.

We have received from a good many chapters copies of their objectives for the year. It has been quite interesting to read these and to attempt to surmise how energetic the members of the various chapters are, judging from the program

of work mapped out. Every one seems to be falling in line and adopting the State objectives as their own. Some chapters seem to think that the objectives set up by the State Executive Committee are all that should be attempted, but others have used these simply as a starting point and are planning to enter into other activities.

Space will not permit the publishing of the objectives of all of the chapters, but we feel that attention should be called to certain chapters that have mapped out some real work. All of the chapters mentioned below have planned the following activities in addition to reaching the 6 State objectives.

Amherst.

1. Send stock-judging and track team to Blacksburg next August, with expenses paid.
2. Give stock-judging team a trip to Southwest Virginia prior to Blacksburg contest, the purpose being to make team more efficient in judging.
3. Continue operating F. F. V. store on school grounds, giving a detailed account at end of every month showing amount of business handled during each month.
4. Co-operate with Home Demonstration Club in every way possible to help in improving school grounds.
5. Make at least one co-operative purchase during year.
6. Conduct some kind of judging contest on school grounds, with prizes given by outsiders for boys making best showing.

Elk Creek.

1. Help complete agricultural building.
2. Arrange for the showing of the Rally Film.
3. Assist in putting on a "Community Day."
4. Assist in school-ground improvement program.
5. Help build sewage-disposal tank for Home Economics Cottage.

Lincoln.

1. Continue to purchase poultry feeds co-operatively.
2. Plant shrubbery on school grounds.
3. Recommend two boys for Virginia Planter Degree.
4. 100 per cent of boys attend State Corn and Grain Show at Leesburg.
5. Boys to enter 8 exhibits in this State show and 10 boys to enter corn-judging contest at State Grain Show.
6. Send judging and athletic teams to Rally at Blacksburg.

Strasburg.

1. Deposit a minimum of 25 cents weekly per member in savings account.
2. Beautify school grounds.
3. Put on demonstrations and exhibits at the Woodstock and Winchester Fairs.
4. Organize and support a basket-ball team.
5. Buy seed and fertilizers co-operatively.

Ewing.

1. Each member to put one-third of his project income in savings account.

2. Give a play or minstrel show before Christmas.

3. Each member to read "Tom of Peace Valley" and "The Brown Mouse."

Apple Grove.

1. 100 per cent members of agriculture classes to become members of local chapter.

2. Have judging and athletic teams at Rally in August.

3. Total of \$2,500 in savings and farming by July 1, 1929.

4. Secure an ad. for Chapter Chats. Axton.

1. To carry out a program of school-ground improvement this year.

2. Attend annual Rally, August, 1929, at Blacksburg.

3. Increase attendance at the evening classes and enrollment in day classes by keeping the agricultural department of Axton High School before the citizens of this community.

Toano.

1. Secure one \$3.00 advertisement for Chapter Chats.

2. Raise money to pay chapter dues.

3. Set out evergreen trees and improve the school grounds.

4. Visit the Williamsburg Experiment Station.

Such objectives as outlined above, in addition to the State objectives, should keep any live chapter busy and make them prouder of themselves and their chapter. Programs of work of similar nature will also make inactive chapters active and insure every member having something to do and his part to play in making his chapter one of the leaders.

A BOY'S IDEA OF THRIFT.

Carnegie said, "If you have not learned to save, the seeds of success are not in you." Then, every one should learn to save if he wishes to be successful. The temptations of today are greater than they were many years ago. Civilization has advanced, and so have the arts of the store-keeper. He knows how to display his products so they will look tempting to the buyer. If the boy can overcome the temptation once, it will be easier the next time, and so on until he finds that the articles displayed in the show-windows have scarcely any lure for him. Then the boy can save the money he would have spent so foolishly, and by so doing he acquires the habit of thrift.

Thrift is an old thing. Way back when the Jewish kingdom was at the height of its power, King Solomon gave the Jews good advice when he said, "Consider the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise, for she layeth up store for the winter." King Solomon was simply giving the Jews an example of thrift.

Again in 172, when the Germans overran France, it was the well-filled woolen stocking of the thrifty peasants which enabled France to pay off the enormous war debt in three years.

Thrift makes for prosperity. The boy

who learns to save early in life may well expect to be a prosperous man. Those who learn early in life will have something to invest when the opportunity presents itself, thereby increasing their wealth and making better and more prosperous citizens. If a boy acquires the habit of thrift in youth, this habit will stay with him, for the habits formed in youth stick with us.

In our high school, the boys are taught to save. Every boy who belongs to the agricultural classes has a savings account. He adds to this savings account every week, and by so doing he acquires the habit of saving. Three years ago the thrift club was organized in our school. Since then it has spread to a large number of rural schools in Virginia. This thrift club is, I think, the greatest movement ever started in Gloucester, for it teaches the boy to save as well as to make.

Boys who have gone from this school find the money saved in the thrift club very useful to them. This money is helping some through college and others to get a start in life. The habit of thrift taught here in the agricultural classes has been of great value to them. There is nothing that braces up and gives a boy a higher estimation of himself than to own some property or have a nice bank account. Each parent should provide some means by which the boy can control some property. They should encourage the boy not by giving him money at his request, but should provide some enterprise by which he can earn and save a portion of the products of his labor. In doing this, the parents are laying the foundation for a prosperous and useful man.

In this day of fast living and fast transportation, we are gradually but surely acquiring the habits of the squanderer. What it will lead to, we do not know, but level-headed thinkers are beginning to feel that a halt should be made, as the progress of civilization, the happiness of our people, and the extension of Christianity depend upon the thoughtful con-

servation and spending of our resources. Untold millions have been wasted in our country. Much of this has been due to ignorance and lack of training in the great virtue of thrift. One of our great writers said, "Any fool can make money, but it takes a wise man to save it."

WILLIAM HARWOOD.

Botetourt H. S., Gloucester, Va.

YOUNG TARHEEL FARMER STATE CAMP.

For several years, teachers and students of vocational agriculture have realized the need for a State camp owned and operated by students of agriculture; therefore, such a project was one of the first undertakings of the organization. The camp, which opened June 4th, was made possible through a gift of land for the camp site, a gift of \$500 for equipment, the co-operation of the local chapters, and the untiring efforts of J. S. Howard, district supervisor, who is in charge of the camp.

The layout of the camp consists of six cottages to accommodate twenty-five to thirty boys each, a dining and assembly hall and directors' cottage. The camp site, which contains five acres in addition to the athletic field, is located on the beach of White Lake, in Bladen County. A staff composed of a superintendent, assistant superintendent, athletic director, nurse, dietician and two cooks, are employed for the entire three months that the camp is in operation.

The entire layout of the camp was erected at a cost of about \$6,000, and is financed by a charge of two dollars per year from each boy that attends the camp. The total cost per boy for a week's stay at the camp is \$4, in addition to the food which is brought from home. The boys from six to eight chapters attend the camp each week. Eight hundred and ninety-one boys from seventy-one schools attended the State camp this summer. —Tarheel Talks, North Carolina.

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NEWS FROM THE LOCAL CHAPTERS.

Achilles.

The boys in vocational agriculture class of Achilles High School realize the value of good fruit and they are convinced that the peach tree properly cared for is a valuable asset to any farm. They are now pooling their orders for trees. So far, several hundred trees have been ordered. They are buying one-year-old trees, and by buying them in large numbers are getting them for 15 cents each.

Amherst.

The Amherst Chapter of F. F. V. met October 1st to appoint the different committees necessary for the progress of the organization. A committee was appointed to work up objectives for the year 1928-'29. One of the State objectives is that each chapter shall put on an exhibit at the local fair. In order to fulfill this, the local chapter put on an exhibit which consisted of a miniature Amherst High School ground with the two school buildings on it. This miniature showed the school grounds as they will look when the proposed improvements have been added by the Home Demonstration Club and the F. F. V.'s. This won many favorable comments from the people who visited the fair.

The Future Farmers of Virginia have already begun some of these activities by plowing up the land between the two school buildings. Rye will be sown there this fall and turned under next spring, then cowpeas or soybeans will be planted in the late spring to be turned under and sown in grass in October.

The grass will add greatly to the appearance of the school grounds and will make the school look a little more attractive to the visitor, onlooker or student.

A good many F. F. V.'s received prizes at the County Fair on corn, chickens, livestock, etc.

Since school started, on September 6, 1928, the F. F. V. Store has been in operation. During this time an average daily profit of \$1.46 has been realized. Taking everything into consideration, the coming year looks very bright for this organization of the county.

Appomattox (Robt. E. Lee).

The Robert E. Lee Chapter did not have their annual summer camp, due to the fact that we were rained out twice after very definite plans had been made. We, however, were able to put on an exhibit at the county fair and have fixed two new basket-ball courts. Plans for the best Father and Son Banquet we have ever attempted are in the making. We hope in the near future to have the money raised for our State dues.

NOLLIE LEWIS, Secy.

Apple Grove.

The Apple Grove Chapter held its regular meetings for September and October.

Our State objectives were adopted at the October meeting, and already two of the objectives have been accomplished.

Our chapter put on exhibits at two fairs this fall, one a local community fair and the other the Orange District Fair. At the Orange there were twenty-four entries. Three first, three second and one third prizes were won in this competition.

E. B. PENDLETON, JR.,

Secretary

Atlee.

Fourteen boys from the Atlee High School were elected to membership in the Atlee Chapter of F. F. V. at a meeting of the chapter at Atlee High School on Friday, November 9th.

Initiation will be held on November 22nd at Agricultural Building of Atlee High School. Grant Thomas, of Atlee, was elected reporter for the year. Clyde Aubrew Morrison, of Ellerson, Va., and James Crowe, of Mechanicsville, Va., were elected to the executive committee. There was no other business, so the meeting adjourned to meet again November 22.

W. G. THOMAS,
Chapter Reporter

Axton.

The chapter entered exhibits of corn and tobacco at the Martinsville Fair and a prize of \$10 was won by George Richardson for the best exhibit of tobacco. Harvey McDonald received second prize of \$5.00, and Everett Roach, third prize of \$2.50. Prizes for yellow and white corn were won by Fletcher Minter, P. H. Barker and George Richardson.

We expect to give a minstrel show about Christmas time to replenish the funds in the treasury.

P. H. BARKER, Secy.

Blue Grass (Liberty Hall)

Blue Grass Chapter, of Liberty Hall High School, during the fall of 1928 has accomplished the following: 100 per cent have paid their dues, several of the boys are buying pure-bred heifers and are going to join the Calf Club. Our class has been preparing to send a judging team to the State contest (Rural Retreat) and we do not expect to win the cup, for our team has already determined to win. We have improved our club room by painting it and securing more tables. Our camping trip to Blacksburg last summer (August) proved to be a great success. Last year we had fifteen members, and now we have nineteen.

Blue Ridge (Buchanan).

The Blue Ridge Chapter of F. F. V. met October 6, 1928, and elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: president, Joe Reid; vice-president, Edwin Reynolds; secretary, John Montgomery; reporter, S. P. Brewbaker; adviser, Mr. H. A. Steward (instructor).

We are very much pleased with our new instructor, Mr. H. A. Steward, B. S., of had

at the University of Maryland. The chapter is
the very proud to have reached the goal of
100 per cent savings accounts.

tw The majority of the chapter are in fa-
favor of the Father and Son Banquet, which
Ave hope to make a great success.

JOHN MONTGOMERY,
Secretary.

Boykins.

The Boykins Chapter Future Farmers
of Virginia, after several heated argu-
ments as to when, where and how a pos-
sum hunt should be staged, finally secured
in the dogs of night hunters Elvin Story
and Dick Ricks. It proved to be a hard
crowd on "Mr. Possum," as by 9:30 three
eight-pounders had fallen prey to the
good trailing of the dogs and the squir-
rel-like climbing of Thomas Boothe, Paul
Jordan Garris and Sam Smith. Otho
Wells Gray served as head guidesman of
the crowd and led them out of the woods
after a good soaking rain had set in.

The chapter, under the leadership of
Officers Thomas Booth, Edward Ferguson,
William Powell and Paul Jordan Garris,
has already become active in carrying out
part of its year's program by grading
the athletic field and painting the agri-
cultural building. They are now looking
forward with much interest and anticipa-
tion to the night of initiation.

Clintwood.

The Clintwood Chapter has elected new
officers for the coming year. Our thrift
bank has been reopened, with several new
saving accounts. School ground improve-
ment has been started, which is among
our chapter objectives. During the Coun-
ty Fair we put on an educational exhibit
and ran a stand to furnish money for
buying necessary equipment for the foot-
ball team. On October 31st we staged
a tacky party to raise money for the chap-
ter to send a team to Blacksburg next
year.

NORMAN CLAY, Sec'y.

Courtland.

Our chapter was practically inactive
during the summer months. We, however,
reorganized in October and set up ob-
jectives for the current session. We feel
that we have much to do ahead of us,
and expect to get down to it in order to
put our objectives across.

So far, since school began, we have
equipped our school library with neces-
sary tables and shelves. We also put on
a chapter exhibit at the Four County Fair
held at Suffolk. A number of boys en-
tered private exhibits consisting of corn,
peanuts and cotton.

WM. DAVIS, Reporter.

Criglersville.

The F. F. V. of Criglersville High
School organized on October 1st with 23
charter members. The chapter has work-
ed on the following problems since being
organized: paid dues to Chapter Chats;
had toilets cleaned and made sanitary ac-

cording to State requirements; made
plans to keep toilets clean; worked out
an initiation ceremony for new members;
started thrift bank; judged at the Madi-
son County Fair; put up poultry demon-
stration at Orange County Fair; entered
shop exhibits in Orange County Fair;
working on plans for Father and Son
Banquet.

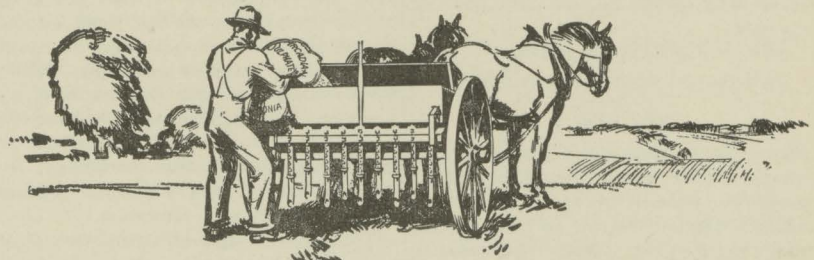
HOLDEN HENSHAW,
Reporter.

Critz (Hardin Reynolds).

A large group of boys from Critz at-
tended the Farmers' Institute at V. P. I.
last August. The scenery in crossing the
Blue Ridge Mountains was very beautiful.
The F. F. V.'s had as their project last
spring the building of a concrete walk
across the campus, connecting the school
buildings.

RICHARD CLARK,
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Darvills.

The F. F. V. of Darvills High School made a good showing at the Sunnyside Fair. Walter Echols took second prize on dark tobacco, and William Brandon took first on yellow corn. The boys also made a good showing in athletic events, especially in the relay won by four boys—Walter Echols, Clyde Tally, Lennie Coleman and Clifton Chandler.

Dublin.

One of our objectives for the year is to have one hundred per cent of the students taking agriculture members of the F. F. V. Chapter. The boys now are busy selling candy to help pay part of their dues.

FRANCIS HARDWICK,
Secretary.

Elk Creek.

The F. F. V. Chapter of Elk Creek met November 5, 1928, and elected the following officers: president, Fred S. Dill; vice-president, Clifton Burris; secretary, T. J. Vaughn; treasurer, Ward Southerland; reporter, Paul Hash.

The chapter has been very busy erecting the new agriculture building and improving the campus.

PAUL HASH, Reporter.

Ewing.

The agricultural students of Ewing met October 23rd and reorganized for the year. Each member seemed to be enthusiastic about the work of the chapter and agreed to carry out the following objectives:

1. Each member agreed to put in savings one-third of his profit.
2. Stage play or minstrel show before Christmas.
3. Father and Son Banquet will be held in January.
4. Improve school grounds during year.
5. Every member to read "Tom of Peace Valley" and "The Brown Mouse" during the school year.
6. Every member to complete all enterprises in his project and turn in a satisfactory report.

J. N. GIBSON, Reporter.

Front Royal.

The Front Royal Chapter held a snappy meeting on November 2nd for the purpose of initiating new members into the organization. Four boys were made Greenhands after passing through several exciting and interesting stunts. The program was presented in the presence of several agricultural instructors and our district supervisor, Mr. D. J. Howard, who were having a conference at our school.

LESTER CARROLL, Secy.

Great Bridge—Hickory.

At our last meeting we initiated all but five or six of the Greenhand candidates, and the remaining will be entertained

during our next meeting. Members of the chapter have deposited nearly \$100 in savings account since school opened.

M. B. FUSSELL.

Ivor.

The agriculture class of the Ivor High School, on October 30, 1928, met in the agriculture building for the purpose of organizing an F. F. V. Chapter.

Mr. T. V. Downing gave the boys a very interesting talk on the F. F. V. Chapter work. The Constitution and By-Laws were read and explained to the class. The boys agreed to adopt the Constitution and organized our class as an F. F. V. Chapter.

The following officers were elected: president, Holden Stephenson; vice-president, Ashby Brantley; secretary, Wilroy Stephenson; treasurer, Stanley Brantley; recorder, Sam Stephenson; executive committee: Raby Cornwell, Charles Holt, Homer Freeman; objective committee: Holden Stephenson, Ashby Brantley, Wilroy Stephenson, Homer Freeman.

The class set up eight temporary objectives, the committee to select five for discussion by the chapter at their next meeting.

Lincoln.

We have just ordered two tons of our F. F. V. Special Egg Laying mash. This mash is gaining in popularity with poultry raisers outside the school. We have set up our objectives for the following year, elected a new bunch of officers, so we are ready to give our Greenhands a warm reception and begin work for another year.

TOM TAYLOR, Secy.

D. S. Lancaster (Blacksburg).

At a meeting held Monday, October 15th, at 2:30 P. M., the following objectives were adopted for the coming year:

1. To carry out, as far as possible, the State objectives.
2. To continue the school ground improvement begun last year.
3. To mix and sell poultry feeds for members and to sell outside.
4. To raise money by entertainments, picture shows, lunch stands and other means for the benefit of the chapter.
5. To organize a thrift bank.
6. 90 per cent of the enterprises to be finished by the end of the year.
7. To hold a Father and Son Banquet November 28th.
8. To have a total investment in farming and savings of \$3,500 by July 1, 1929.
9. To make a sight-seeing tour.

Profits of the F. F. V. from the lunch stand on community day was \$6.56.

HAVEN SLUSSER, Secy.

Max Meadows.

The Fort Chiswell Community Fair was held at the Max Meadows High School building October 12th and was considered by all attending a great success, be-

ing larger and better and handled in a more systematic way with the assistance of the F. F. V. than last year.

In working up the plans of the fair and getting things ready for the final day, the F. F. V.'s were untiring in their efforts. In the first place, we secured sufficient advertisements to finance the catalogue. We built stands for the different things being sold on fair day, such as novelties, Coca-Cola and ice cream, and fixed rooms for exhibits. On the day of the fair we were always ready when needed, being on hand early to check in the exhibits and helping in every possible way.

GARNETT MOORE, Reporter.

McKenny.

Our chapter had a booth at the Sunnyside Fair. Some of the boys won prizes on chickens, corn, tobacco and calves.

Mt. Jackson.

The Massanutten Chapter of the F. F. V. met on November 1st for the purpose of organizing a thrift bank. Every boy has a saving account, the total of which amounted to \$933.51, and \$1,529.25 were invested in farming. Each boy has decided to deposit a dollar or more in the thrift bank at the next meeting. We decided to have the Father and Son Banquet some time in December.

JOSEPH A. TISINGER, Secretary.

New Market.

On the afternoon of October 26, 1928, our chapter met and reorganized the thrift bank, and it was agreed that our cashier was to be elected every month. Robert Smith was elected for the month of November.

The chapter agreed to invest 25 cents the first investment and a minimum of 10 cents every week thereafter. Every Wednesday ten or fifteen minutes are given to accepting deposits.

Rich Valley.

Our F. F. V. Chapter began work in September with an enrollment of thirty-two boys. Most of our work has been in the shop, which is well equipped, and in improving our school grounds.

Our exhibit at the Smyth County Fair in September was very much praised. We have met with success in our projects and each boy seems very much interested in the ones they have undertaken. We are anticipating a successful year.

WILLIAM BUCHANAN, third Secretary.

Rural Retreat.

The agriculture boys put on an exhibit at our recent community fair. The exhibits included small grains, apples, vegetables and corn, being a fair representation of our projects. We also used Ray's chart showing some knots useful on the farm.

arm. Plans are now being made for our Father and Son Banquet next month.
JAMES H. COPENHAVER,
Secretary.

Spottswood (Stanardsville).

This year a new exhibit was put on at the Orange Fair known as the F. F. V. exhibit. The Fair Association was anxious to heartily co-operate with the vocational agricultural departments in the neighboring schools in the adjoining counties. A stone hundred and fifty dollars was offered as prizes and to defray the expenses of putting on this exhibit by the Fair Association.

The F. F. V. exhibit was put up by the vocational agricultural departments from these schools: Craiglersville, Madison County; Blue Ridge Industrial School and Stanardsville, Greene County; Meriwether, Lewis, Albemarle County; Louisa, Louisa County, and Unionville, Orange County. The exhibit consisted of poultry, corn, wheat, oats, fruit, potatoes, sweet potatoes and shop work. The crop exhibits were selected mainly from the boys' projects, and the shop exhibit articles were made in the school shops. Prizes were offered on the following shop work: set of double and single-trees fully equipped, dry mash hopper (V. P. I. plan), step-ladder, nail and staple box, tool box, rope halter, and milk stove.

Practically every boy from Stanardsville took some interest in getting up the exhibit, either in agriculture products or making something in shop. There were only a few in the agriculture class who did not exhibit something. The boys were rewarded for their earnest efforts, as our chapter captured the honors from the other five schools competing and came back with first place and the large banner for the school making highest score. Our members, with thirteen first places, ten second places, and nine third places—a total of thirty-two ribbons—scored a total of sixty-eight points to give us first place.

Ribbons were won as follows:

Poultry: Pen Barred Rocks—first, second and third; Barred Rock cockerels—first and second; pen White Leghorns, first.

Corn: Six stalks with ears (selected in field as seed corn), first; single ear white, first and third; ten ear white—first, second and third.

Wheat: Peck smooth, first; peck bearded, first and third.

Oats: Best peck any variety, first and second.

Potatoes: Cobblers—first, second and third; early rose, first and second; sweet potatoes—first, second and third.

Pears: Plate Keiffer pears, third.

Shop: Double-tree and single-tree fully equipped, second and third. Step-ladder, second and third. Rope halter, first and second.

The boys winning the above prizes were Ray Breeden, Clarence Eddins, Guy Estes, Harold Estes, Cecil Haney, Paul Keyseer,

Claude Mallory, Ivy McMullen, James Shelton, Charlie Sims, Cecil Wetsel and William Wetsel.

The fair officials expressed themselves as being pleased with the exhibit, and much favorable comment was heard from the spectators during the fair. It is hoped this exhibit can be continued each year.

Strasburg.

The Strasburg Chapter of F. F. V. re-organized September 24th, with many of our last year's members still enrolled with us. We have an exceptional number of new members, the actual count being thirteen, who were initiated into the chapter during the week of October 25th.

At our first business meeting, the State objectives were adopted and the following local objectives were set up:

1. To deposit a minimum amount of 25 cents weekly per member.
2. To beautify the school grounds.
3. To put on demonstrations and exhibits at the Woodstock and Winchester Fairs.
4. To organize and support an F. F. V. basket-ball team.

With these objectives in view, we look forward to a busy and prosperous year.

BILL WAKE, Reporter.

Sunny Side.

The Sunny Side Chapter of F. F. V. made a good showing against farmers of the community at the fair. Several of the boys took first prizes on some of the major enterprises of the community, taking first on tobacco, yellow corn, calves, pigs and poultry.

MARVIN ROBERTS,
Secretary.

Temperanceville.

The Spud Chapter is proud of having 100 per cent of its members with State dues paid. Part came from our treasury and part from each of us. We are also proud of our increased enrollment of all-day pupils.



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