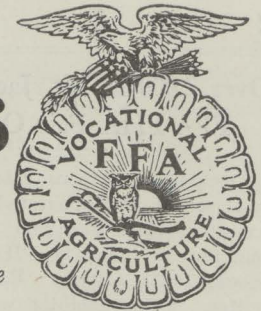




Chapter Chats

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NUMBER 1.

Hillsville Tops State Enrollment With 102

Christiansburg Is Second With 85 FFA Members; Clintwood Has 81; Grassy Creek, 76

With 102 members the Hillsville (Carroll County) Chapter Future Farmers of America is the largest in Virginia this year. The combined enrollment of Hillsville, 102 and Woodlawn, 73 (also in Carroll County) exceeds the membership in any other two FFA chapters in the State. The two schools are only six miles apart. Coal Creek, the only other chapter in the county, has 16 members making the total FFA membership in the county 191.

The 15 Virginia FFA chapters having the largest membership, a combined total of 1,010, and 15.29 per cent of the total membership in the State, are: (Complete list of chapters on page 11.)

Hillsville	102
Christiansburg	85
Dickenson Memorial (Clintwood) ..	81
Va.-Carolina (Grassy Creek)	76
Willis	74
Woodlawn	73
Lebanon	71
Wytheville	70
Whitmell	67
Rich Valley	63

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Washington Chapter Wins FFA Federation Corn Shucking Bee

The Washington FFA chapter team from Rappahannock County won first place in the Northern Triangle Federation corn shucking contest December 4 near White Post, Va., it is reported by Phillip Grim, federation scribe. Teams from Handley, Washington, Front Royal, Middletown, Stephens City, Gore, Gainsboro, and Boyce participated.

Individual prize winners were Harry Pugh, Gainesboro, first; William Printz, Washington, second; Edward Clark, Washington, third; Clyde Brumback, Middletown, fourth and Beverly Peyton, Boyce, fifth.

Officers OK Vo-Ag Forestry Project; Plan for 600 Members at State Rally

North River "The Winner" Lists Accomplishments During '45-46

The North River Chapter Future Farmers of America earned the title, "The Winner," last year by winning the federation judging contest, the State chapter contest, the district degree team contest, the Atlantic Rural Exposition livestock judging contest, the federation basketball tournament and bronze emblem recognition in the national chapter contest. In addition, William Simmons, now treasurer of the chapter, won the State farm mechanics award offered by the FFA Foundation.

To find out what a chapter does to merit such recognition "Chapter Chats" wrote Mr. E. B. Craun, instructor of vocational agriculture at North River for a record of accomplishments. In the reply from Bernard Young, chapter reporter, and William Simmons, treasurer, we found the key to the success of the chapter—although Mr. Craun is the power behind the success of vocational agriculture at North River, the boys do the work, all of them, with the advice and inspiration which he is able to instill in them.

The 48 chapter members last year came from 35 farms, having a total acreage of 4,597, of which 1,336 acres was in cultivation, 2,379 in pastures, 764

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SALEM WINS FEDERATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Andrew Lewis (Salem) chapter won the Botetourt-Roanoke-Bedford federation basketball championship by defeating Troutville in the final game of the tournament December 6, according to Kenneth Simmons, federation reporter. The tournament was held at Montvale.

Plans are being made by the federation to hold a seed and grain show in January.

Executive Committee Reviews Entire Program; Members Plan Visits to Chapters

Taking advantage of funds allotted to Virginia by the Future Farmers of America Foundation for a state initiated project the state officers in executive session in Richmond December 30-31 voted to conduct a state-wide forestry project in vocational agriculture and to recognize individual accomplishments by vo-ag students with cash awards in each district.

Forestry education in vocational agriculture was given added emphasis several years ago under a program launched by the State Forestry Education Committee and a number of chapter and individual forestry projects are already in progress. The Forestry Education Committee of which G. Tyler Miller, superintendent of public instruction, is chairman, includes representatives of the State Department of Education, the State Conservation Commission, the State Forestry Service, the V. P. I. Extension Service, Virginia Forests, Inc., and wood industries.

The FFA State forestry project will add impetus to the program already functioning and promote interest in educational home farm forestry work by students of vocational agriculture. Although definite plans are not complete it is anticipated that attractive cash awards will be made to students of vocational agriculture in each district who have done the best job in farm forestry work by the years end.

Program of Work Reviewed

Reviewing the State program of work the executive committee strongly recommended more emphasis on supervised practice work of vo-ag students—a long time, planned, well balanced farm program with a workable business agreement between parent and student and accurate, neat project records. They urged more participation in FFA federa-

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Over 2,000 at Mt. Jackson FFA-FHA Fair October 19-20

Over 2,000 persons attended the annual school fair sponsored by the Masanutton (Mt. Jackson) FFA chapter and the Mt. Jackson FHA chapter October 19-20, Bobby Early, reporter, writes. "The exhibits were of better quality and larger in number than in previous years," Bobby says.

Climaxing the first day of the fair the elementary grades gave a miscellaneous program followed by a manless wedding by the high school girls. A beauty contest in which Miss Patricia Saum won the title, "Miss Triplett High School," was the high point in the second day's program. Miss Doris Ryman was runner-up.

The fair netted the department of vocational agriculture and homemaking \$750. Judges of the agriculture products were Pete Gouldman, H. M. Hawkins and Boyd S. Roller, instructors of vocational agriculture. Frank Heishman and Janet Miller were joint managers of the fair; Janice Smoot, secretary; and Bob Neff, treasurer. Mr. Bowers and Mrs. Coffman were advisers.

The Mt. Jackson FFA chapter basketball team headed by Bob Neff, captain, and Medford Moomaw, manager, have a schedule of twelve games with neighboring schools in Rockingham, and Shenandoah Counties. The team has recently been outfitted with new uniforms in the FFA colors.

The Community Service Committee of the chapters was busy during December with a pest eradication contest, collecting and repairing toys, shoes and clothing for distribution through the welfare department and co-sponsoring a Christmas party with other community organizations December 19.

Recent shop improvements include the addition of new work benches, re-wiring and painting the shop room. During the past few months, the chapter members have visited Shenk's Electric Hatchery, the State Poultry Federation meeting at Harrisonburg and Mark Logan's farm at Bridgewater where they saw a house where 2,000 turkeys are raised in confinement. The junior and senior classes in vocational agriculture recently helped one farmer select turkey hens from his flock for layers next year.

THOMAS WALKER CHAPTER REPORTS ACTIVE PROGRAM

The 55 students of vocational agriculture at Thomas Walker High School are practicing what they study in the classroom with 130 farm enterprises at home, including 69 acres of crops, 72

hogs for pork, 14 broodsows, 12 ewes, 9 dairy cows, 13 beef calves and 500 baby chicks.

James Brooks, member of the chapter says, "Each FFA member should fully realize that we 'earn to live and live to serve.'" James is doing just this and reports the following success with his home project program last year. He made a net profit of \$245.10 on hogs; produced 38 bushels of potatoes from

100 pounds of seed which he sold for \$83.60. The cost of producing these potatoes was \$14, leaving a net profit of \$69.60. James says, in my vocational agricultural work, "I learned how to feed and care for broodsows and litters and that it pays to plant potatoes early, the proper way to prepare seed for planting, and that good cultural and harvesting methods are essential in large yields of potatoes."

A FUTURE AGLOW

THOUSANDS OF BOYS FROM OVER COUNTRY
ARE REAL SYMBOL OF AMERICA

Nation Will Be Safe With Their
Spirit at the Reins of Tomorrow

By ROY A. ROBERTS
Managing Editor, The Kansas City Star

My faith in my country's future has been renewed. The American Royal has done it.

It has not been the fine horses, the great bulls and steers and calves. Nor the huge hogs, so large and so fat you wonder that they can stand the heat and travel—what luscious pork chops in the making!

All that and more has been paraded before the Middle West on a scale and grandeur that marks this revival of the American Royal as the greatest ever—the forerunner of still greater to come.

Soul Is Something Else

The real soul of the American Royal, however, is not all this, which has been so proudly paraded and exhibited before the tens of thousands. The soul of the American Royal has been the crowds, especially the thousands upon thousands of farm boys.

The Future Farmer organization is just about the finest collection of young Americans that could be gathered together. They typify the real spirit of these United States. They are the hope for the future of the nation.

The writer probably was particularly impressed because he was just back from a several week's trip along the seaboard. The disunity, the ideologies he heard expressed, the wrangling and the jangling over Old World divisions and problems, most of them centuries old, were depressing. A spirit of hate and intolerance could be felt. You heard far more talk and discussion and division on voting lines, upon Old World problems than upon our own domestic ones, except for the meat shortage, which struck at every home.

A Question Arises

You wondered about the future, if these United States were going to hold together. Communism, Palestine, Poland, Italy, the cleavage in groups was so marked, the economic clash so bitter, you were forced to wonder if the common American denominator ever could be found in the future.

Then you come home to these thousands of young farm boys, not just Middle-West farm boys, but from every state of the Union, North, South, East and West. They typify America. They were not out looking for government subsidies or government help. They were on their own.

Thousands of them had projects of their own, maybe some calves or some hogs, and some of them even running farms of their own. All they wanted was a chance to do for themselves. They symbolized the spirit that made America, carving their own future in their own way.

As Best Behaved Crowd

Thousands and thousands were here, yet they were the best behaved crowd Kansas City ever has seen. They slept on cots. They slept in the straw by the side of their prize calves. A little roughing, it was just part of the experience.

In these thousands were the future leaders of their communities. And the boy from Alabama had the same spirit, ambition and sound thinking as the boy from Pennsylvania or Utah. That's national unity for you.—Reprinted from Page 1 of the Kansas City Star, Oct. 25, 1946.

63 Attend Blue Ridge Father And Son Banquet December 11

Sixty-three chapter members, fathers and guests attended the annual father-son banquet of the Blue Ridge chapter, held in the library of the Blue Ridge High School, December 11, 1946, it is reported by Sonny Scales, chapter reporter. The banquet was prepared and served by the Future Homemakers of the Blue Ridge High School.

James S. Love, president of the chapter, was toastmaster and Mr. Sam Levering, well known orchardist, gave an interesting talk on World Peace. Arnold Jarrell and Sam Bateman, chapter members, outlined chapter accomplish-

NORTH RIVER LISTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

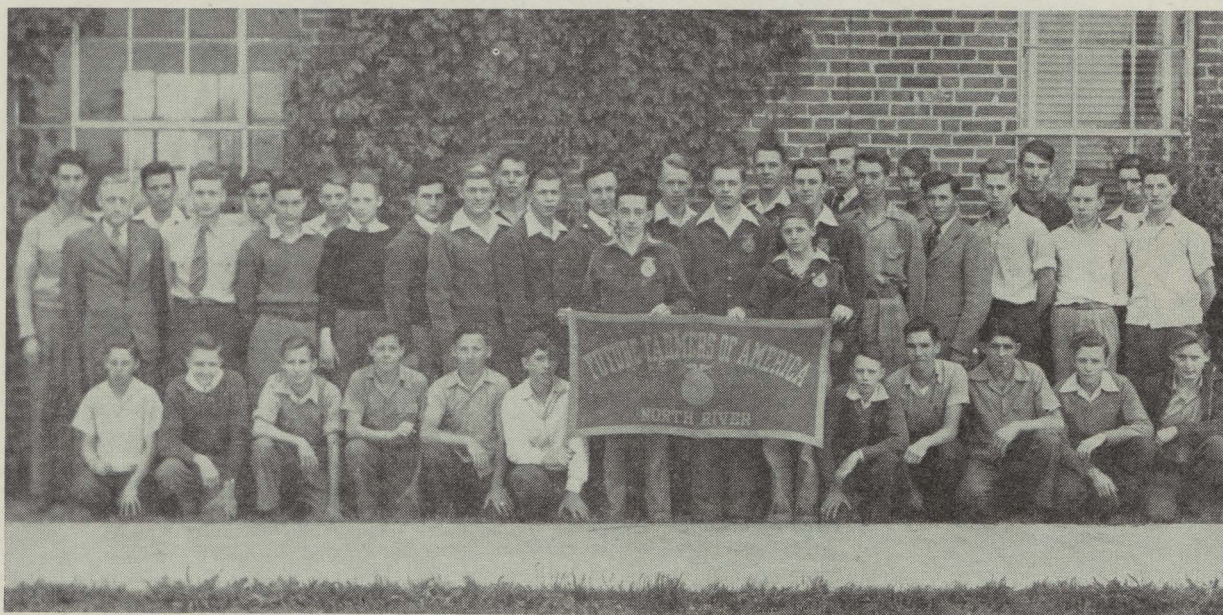
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in woodland. Each student of vocational agriculture mapped his home farm and planned his farming program according to the type of soil on it. Conservation practices were studied and followed through sound films, visits to farms and actual practice at home.

Home project work included 34 acres of hybrid corn, 31 beef animals and a number of sheep, hogs, gardens, legume crops and poultry. Using the latest recommended practices the boys increased legumes on their farms by growing alfalfa. Five boys had definite pasture improvement projects and the entire group made a study of grasses and

During the year, 111 farm implements were repaired, 7 hog feeders, 3 farm gates, 15 mash feeders, 11 milk stools, many flower boxes, and tool boxes were constructed. There were 64 hand tools repaired and 5 leather halters made. Chapter members remodeled and repaired 170 chairs, made a catcher cage for the baseball field and improved the school grounds by seeding and mowing the lawn, trimming and replacing shrubbery. The classroom was painted and a new tool room made for the shop.

The chapter has \$6,650 invested in farming and financed its activities last year with \$269.85 raised from the receipts of athletic contests, seed corn sales, movies, a stand at the fair and the sale of garden seeds. Recreational



NORTH RIVER FFA CHAPTER, MT. SOLON, VA.

ments for the past year and proposed activities for the current year. Music was rendered by Zeb Scales, Posy Boyd, John Viperman and Horace Gates. Guests introduced by C. W. Spencer, agriculture instructor and chapter adviser, were: Mr. C. J. M. Kyle, superintendent of Patrick County Schools; Mr. J. M. Tignor, principal of Blue Ridge School; Rev. Charles Ruff, Ararat, Va.; and Mr. O. K. Merritt of Mt. Airy, N. C.

A teacher in a New England grammar school found these facts in a composition about the poet Longfellow, written by a fifteen-year-old girl:

"Henry W. Longfellow was born at Portland, Maine, while his parents were traveling in Europe. He had many fast friends, among whom the fastest were Alice and Phoebe Carey."—The National Grange Monthly.

weeds found in pastures and made plans for pasture improvement at home. The chapter members purchased 160 bushels of certified seed potatoes cooperatively—90 per cent of the boys with potato enterprise used certified seed. Improved, treated garden seeds were bought cooperatively in bulk for 134 gardens in the community.

Sheep raising was made more profitable for the students through the control of parasites, rotation of pastures and dipping in the portable vat owned by the chapter. Hog production in the community has improved as a result of the chapter's efforts in placing four registered boars and sows in the community and the use of 51 purebred hogs by chapter members in their supervised practice work.

In community service activities the chapter made its greatest contribution through their farm shop at the school.

activities during the year consisted of attendance at the FFA-FHA camp, the basketball tournament, three socials and a joint father-son, mother-daughter banquet.

Chapter officers this year are Harry Lee Simmons, president; Glenn Vanlear, vice-president; Harry N. Arey, secretary; William Simmons, treasurer; Bernard Young, reporter, Grant Simmons, sentinel and Tommy Michael, member of executive committee.

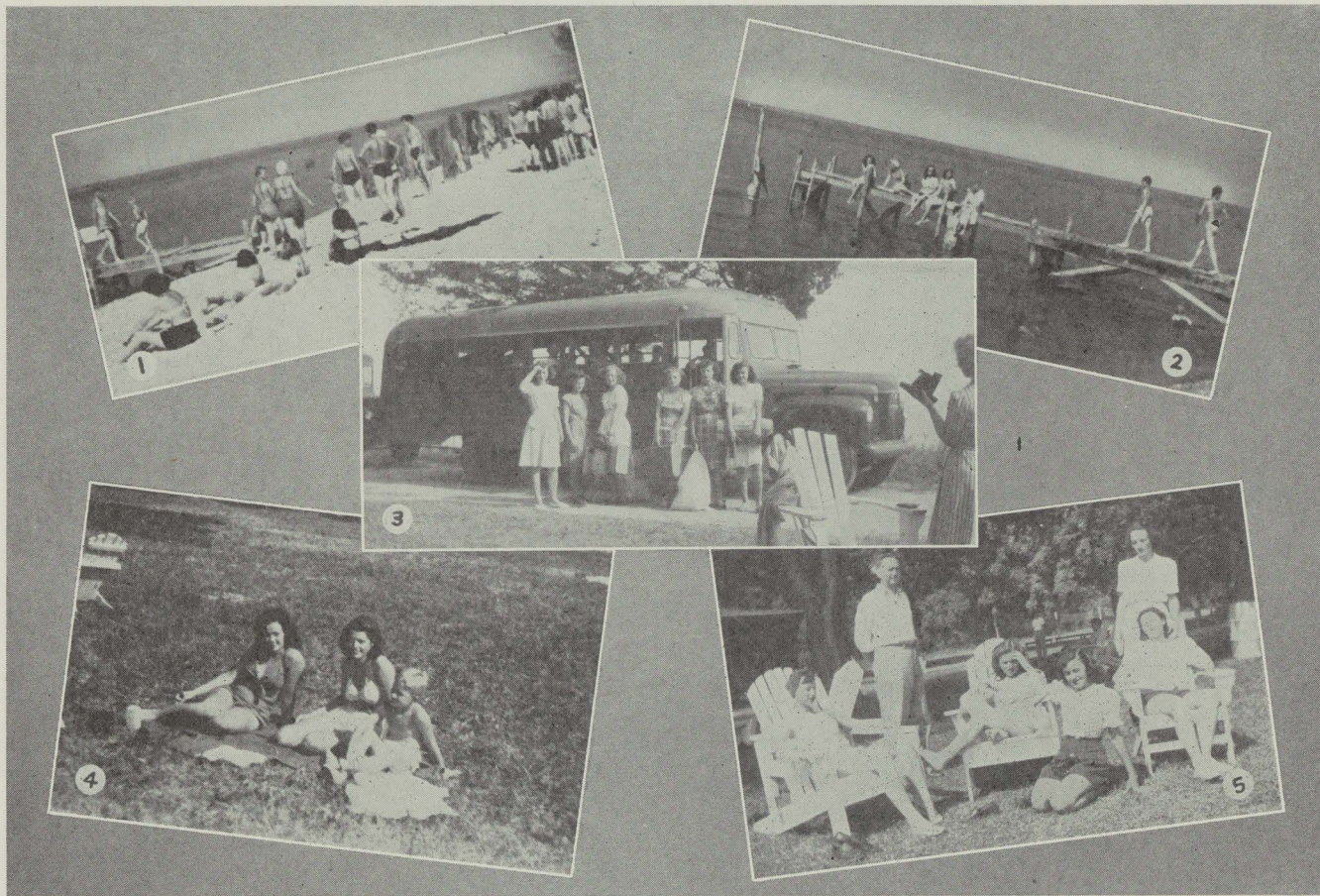
"Did you notice Laura is getting a double chin?"

"Yes, I guess it was too much work for one."

"Say, how about returnin' that corn sheller of mine you borrowed six months ago?"

"Sure, feller! Just loan me your horse and wagon and I'll fetch it right over."

FFA-FHA 1946 CAMP ENDS EIGHT WEEKS OF SUCCESSFUL OPERATION



LAST SUMMER AT THE CAMP—(1) FFA boys and FHA girls enjoy swim period. (2) The pier constructed last summer provides a walkway over the rough coral at the water's edge and prevents lots of cut feet. (3) A bus load arrives at camp for a week of fun and play. (4) Campers on the lawn. (5) Some of the Weyers Cave group enjoy the chairs constructed by FFA chapters. (Cuts courtesy of "Homespun Yarns.")

Camp Operating Fund Balance Is \$1,263.79 End 1946 Camp

The FFA-FHA camp operated a successful 8-weeks last summer and after all bills were paid had \$282.68 more than the \$981.11 balance at the beginning of camp, or a total balance of \$1,263.79.

In compliance with requests from the FFA and FHA an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures for the operating period June 24 to August 17, is published below.

Receipts.

Balance beginning of camp ..\$	981.11
Tuition, Campers and Guests .	8,742.50
Store	1,061.13
Miscellaneous:	
Change, refunded	\$200.00
Food sold ..	115.76
Infirmery supplies sold	2.63
Express, refunded	1.33
Salary Payment cancelled	2.00
Smithfield Ruritan Club	69.02
Insurance Refund	126.00
	516.74

Total\$11,301.48

Expenditures.

Camp Doctor	\$ 100.00
First Aid Supplies	23.90
Food, Ice & Fuel	3,790.76
Wiring in Food Mixer	14.19
Kitchen Range	275.00
Oil Tank Installed	67.48
Kitchenware	178.10
Steam Table	2.00
Hauling Food Mixer, stove ..	120.00
Registration Fees Refunded ..	123.00
Accident Insurance	560.00
Change to Start	200.00
Newspaper Subscriptions	3.65
Express and Repairs	22.50
Rent Ruritan Cottage	155.00
Refund FHA Contributions ..	15.00
Hardware	111.40
Miscellaneous Items	40.91
Gravel and Grading	87.50
Repairs Septic Tank	26.92
Bldg. Fund, erroneous credit .	69.02
Power and Light	37.55
Recreation Equipment	210.98
Labor Recreation Area	100.80
Mowing Grounds	33.00
Chairs for Lawn	83.40
Phonograph	80.00
Salaries, Staff	2,469.51
Store—Supplies & Booth	822.03
Telephone	16.59
Travel, Staff	22.50
Pier Construction	175.00

Total\$10,037.61

Balance December 11, 1946 1,263.79

Grand total\$11,301.48

"Its Wonderful," Say FHA Girls In Describing a Week at Camp

Mary Anne Heatwole and Helen Pence, members of the Weyers Cave FHA chapter, describe a week at the FFA-FHA camp in the following letter reprinted from "Homespun Yarns," publication of the Virginia Association Future Homemakers of America:

"Dear F. H. A. Girls:

"We may sometimes feel a little in doubt about contributing to our camp maintenance and up-keep fund, but after spending an enjoyable week there, members of the Weyers Cave Chapter find it very worthwhile.

"It was a large group of FFA boys and FHA girls from our school who boarded the school bus which was to take us to our camp at 'Morgart's Beach.'

"The 'big moment' at last arrived, and we were there. We were taken to the office to register, and then we were sent to our room to put on our bathing suits for a physical examination and a swim in the James River.

"The first night was an eventful one as our camp directors had to give instructions regarding the activities of the week, and following this, we played games. We were asked to wear 'tags,' a slip of paper with our name and the name of our school on it, so everyone could get acquainted. We had such a good time that the time flew by quickly and it was soon bedtime. We were so excited over gabbing about the new friends we had met, especially the boy friends, that when 'taps' sounded at 10:30, we were not nearly ready for bed, but with the aid of flashlights, we soon rolled up our hair and crawled in bed.

"The rest of the days we followed a similar routine except each day proved a little more exciting.

"Reveille sounded at 7:00 a. m. We were ready to hit the floor and get dressed for the day's activities. Next was breakfast. Boy, oh Boy! Following this, we had to clean our rooms for room inspection. After room inspection, we could play ping pong, croquet, basket ball, softball, horse shoes—which ever game we preferred. One day, we even went on a treasure hunt. And did the swim following these activities in the morning and evening feel good! Daily trips to interesting places were also provided. Each of us could choose one of the following trips, a fishing trip, a trip to Williamsburg or to the Mariners Museum, near Newport News.

"Each night we danced after a very interesting program. These programs consisted of a costume ball, dramatic night, and tall tales night. Mary Anne

394 Girls, 474 Boys Attended FFA-FHA Camp Last Summer

A total of 868—394 FHA girls and 474 FFA boys—attended the 1946 FFA-FHA camp between June 24 and August 17. The group came from all sections of the State—some from as far as west as Richlands and Bluefield.

Attendance by weeks is indicated below:

Week	Girls	Boys	Total
June 24-29	49	57	106
June 1-6	43	64	107
July 8-13	57	34	91
July 15-20	52	58	110
July 22-27	53	64	117
July 29-Aug. 3 .	60	60	120
August 5-10 ...	41	72	113
August 12-17 ...	39	65	104
Total	394	474	868

OK FORESTRY PROJECT; PLAN FOR RALLY.

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tions, more study of parliamentary procedure, the establishment of home farm shops and community service activities.

Planned State Convention

The executive committee discussed plans for the 1947 State convention tentatively scheduled to be held at V. P. I., Blacksburg, the week of June 23 with an attendance of approximately 600. The plans now provide for two delegates from each chapter to attend the convention; a judging team from each federation; approximately 75 instructors of vocational agriculture; 50 State Farmer degree candidates; district public speaking contestants and State officers. The committee recommended a registration fee of \$2 per person attending the convention to partly defray the cost of the meeting. In addition to the regular business, judging and public speaking contests, the officers asked that invitations be extended to the national FFA president and a representative of the American Youth Foundation.

Heatwole of Weyers Cave was holder of first prize at the costume ball. She was dressed as 'Huckleberry Finn.' Weyers Cave and Mt. Sidney won first prize on dramatic night, and we must not leave out our advisers, Miss Symms and Mr. Adams who won first place in croquet.

"We left camp around 9:00 a. m. on Saturday, after bidding farewell to our camp directors and our many new friends; we made a speedy trip home except for a brief stop at our State capitol. We are already looking forward to going back next summer. It's Wonderful!

MARY ANNE HEATWOLE and
HELEN PENCE."

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Editorial . . .

THE FEDERATION

ANOTHER VITAL PART OF THE
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
ORGANIZATION

By Edward Goode
Past State President

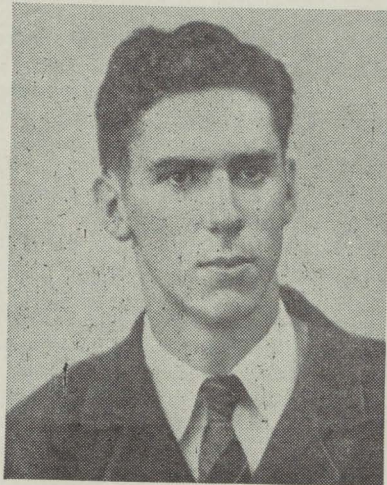
When anyone says that federations are not a vital part in the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America, I believe they are wrong. Maybe some federations don't accomplish much, but that does not mean that they aren't a vital part of the organization, it only means that not enough has been put into the thing.

The Future Farmers of America is truly a great organization, its aims, purpose, principles and ideals are outstanding and every phase has sound functions. In my estimation the federation is one of the vital parts of our organization which helps to link it together and promote sound and proper functions.

The Virginia association has about 250 chapters and here is the "backbone" of our organization, because in the local chapters we find the real work of the organization going on. These 250 chapters make up approximately 32 federations, which are in turn organized by districts. We start with the boy in the local chapter, go to the federation and on up through the various branches of

the FFA in which every branch has a program and goals which it strives to carry out. The federation is one more branch which tends to link the organization together. How can the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America function to its maximum unless every branch is in full swing and how can every branch be in full swing unless we have a strong federation striving to its utmost.

During the war years this was not true—many of our federations failed to function due to circumstances beyond our control. The chapters in the various federations are often many miles apart and during the war restricted years they could not get together. That being past, let's look into the future and make our federation a strong one, one which



EDWARD GOODE.

we will be proud of and one which our fellow FFA members admire. We should not only restore the old pre-war activities, but do much, much more.

Out of approximately 12,000 boys in attendance at the past national FFA convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, only 12 of these were from Virginia. Is that a record that we can be proud of or are we going to send more boys to the national convention where they can really see what a great organization the FFA is and will continue to be. Yes, I say let's put our shoulders to the wheel, push our federation on, and send a representative from each federation to the national convention in Kansas City, Missouri. We need to do this for the State, our federation, for the organization as a whole, and for ourselves.

I am only one out of about 7,000 FFA boys in Virginia. I cannot do much, but I am one who believes in every phase of the Future Farmers of America and one who desires to see every chapter and every federation in the Virginia association a great one. I challenge every

federation in the State to be a strong one, a representative to the national convention and to really go forward for the Future Farmers of America.

THE THINGS THAT IMPRESSED ME MOST DURING MY TRIP TO KANSAS CITY.

By Thomas Tanner.

My trip to the 19th annual FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo., was indeed the greatest experience of my life. It is a rare privilege for any boy to have the pleasure of being with such a fine group of men as I was for eight days.

Our trip began Friday, October 18. We slept that night from Roanoke, Va., to Cincinnati, Ohio. We changed trains the next morning and reached St. Louis, Mo., that evening about 4:30, just in time for the train to Kansas City. I don't think any of us slept much the first night we were there, because we were too anxious to look the town over.

Sunday we went on sightseeing tours over the city. Eight of us took a plane ride and got a good view of this beautiful midwestern city.

That night we attended the officer-delegate dinner at Hotel President and later went over to Municipal Auditorium to hear a concert by the Utah State Band.

The most impressive part of Monday's program was the memorial service for over 7,000 FFA boys who were killed in world War II.

Tuesday was highlighted by the American Farmer and delegate parade in the American Royal Livestock Show arena. We also attended the horse show which followed.

Wednesday's program consisted mostly of committee origination. These committees adjourned until Thursday when they gave their reports. The reports of the national officers on Thursday was also a very sad occasion. The convention was officially closed on Thursday night with a farewell banquet, at which all the Virginia delegation was present.

We left Kansas City early Friday morning and arrived safely home Saturday.

In my memory the trip to Kansas City shall forever remain. I wish to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Virginia delegation for the kindness and consideration shown to me while we were together.

It is well to read up everything, within your reach about your business; this not only improves your knowledge, your usefulness and your fitness for more responsible work, but it invests your business with more interest, since you understand its functions, its basic principles, its place in the general scheme of things.

—Daniel Willard.

OTHER STATES

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

Ohio—Members of the Fayette chapter treated over 900 bushels of seed wheat for farmers of the community this year. Many farmers took a loss in yield last year because of smut in their wheat and were pleased to receive the new treating service. A rotating barrel and cerasan were used to do the job. A charge of five cents per bushel was made to pay for the cerasan.

—FFA—

Wisconsin—The annual farm skills contest of the Berlin FFA chapter was held late in the fall with a program including poultry culling, tractor handling, corn husking, clean plowing, contouring, chicken picking and clean dressing, rope splicing, horse harnessing and animal throwing. All of the chapter members took part in at least three of the contests.

—FFA—

Tennessee—A community dairy improvement program conducted by the Baileyton FFA chapter reached a milestone recently with 100 registered dairy animals in the community. The program was started eight years ago with the purchase of a registered Jersey bull by the chapter. Through the chapter activities and adult farmer classes the community was led to see the advantage of dairy program to improve the quality and quantity of milk and to supplement the cash income of local farms.

—FFA—

Minnesota—As a means of financing chapter activities and as a community service, members of the Brookston FFA chapter are testing milk and keeping butterfat records for local farmers. Future Farmers are offering a bi-monthly test at the rate of five cents per sample per month and can handle about 200 cows per month.

—FFA—

Michigan—Over 350 FFA members from 20 schools attended the second annual West Central Michigan Potato Marketing School and Sale held recently at Greenville. Twenty-seven FFA members and eight chapters prepared 39 exhibits for the show. Members of the Greenville FFA chapter were hosts to the visiting Future Farmers.

—FFA—

Oklahoma—Future Farmers of the Calvin Chapter used a school improvement project for experience to supplement their farm shop work. Studying such subjects as concrete mixing, brick-laying, stone masonry and woodwork-

ing, the boys put their study to practical use in constructing a large brick incinerator on the school grounds.

—FFA—

Texas—The Whitesboro FFA chapter recently completed the building of two fertilizer distributors for use by farmers in distributing AAA superphosphate. Designed by a member of the Soil Conservation Service, the distributor was constructed from two old cultivator wheels and an axle, around which a box was built. Fertilizer is distributed through one-inch holes twelve inches apart in the bottom of the box. An agitator was welded on the axle and when the wheels turn, the fertilizer is forced out through the holes in the bottom.



CARNICE MANNON.

We Practice Thrift

By CARNICE E. MANNON
State President, Virginia Association
Future Farmers of America

Now that the war is over, we are hearing less of the slogan, "Buy U. S. Bonds and Stamps." To the thousands of Future Farmers who invested in bonds and stamps, certainly your investment has been an intelligent one.

In getting adjusted to the practices of our peace time program of work, we must remember the factors that have contributed to our success in the past. Each year, the chapter and state programs of work are revised according to the conditions and circumstances existing within each individual chapter or state association.

The programs now in operation include, or should include, under the "Earnings and Savings" division, an ob-

jective relative to the practice of thrift. Many chapters throughout the state now have in operation what is known as thrift banks, an economical and systematic plan of savings for the members. These thrift banks have been set up in accordance with the proposed plan and have proven very successful in former years. Details on the operation of a chapter thrift bank may be found on page 72 of the official FFA manual.

The wise and economic use of money should be an important step toward greater achievements. Taking part in the thrift activities of your local chapter and depositing your extra nickles and dimes, and more if convenient, in your local chapter thrift bank will bring for you many opportunities for advancement. Not only are you saving money for the times when it will be most needed, but you are establishing a habit that will be beneficial and long lasting.

Thrift activities are simple and the opportunities gained thereby are great. Saving money economically and spending wisely is a habit well worth developing. Many Future Farmers are thinking in terms of a college education, others are planning to go into farming, in brief, we're preparing for the future. To fulfill our plans, certainly we must have adequate financial support. Only through the practice of thrift and by our savings are we able to meet our financial responsibilities.

To those chapters which have not established thrift banks, you are missing on a real objective for your program of work. Why not give the thrift bank a try and experience the valuable habit of savings it develops.

Fellow Future Farmers, our future is before us, so let's develop the habits that will carry us far as we build for the future.

147 EXHIBITS ENTERED IN GREENDALE CROP SHOW

A total of 147 exhibits were entered in the second annual FFA crop show held at Greendale High School December 6. Warren Harless of the Greendale FFA Chapter won the prize for having the most exhibits—18. There were 73 exhibits of corn, 39 of which were hybrid varieties. Junior Ogle, a freshman, won the sweepstakes prize in the corn classes.

Warren Harless was winner in the yellow hybrids classes; Bobby Hamilton, white hybrids; Jacob Scypheres, yellow open pollinated and Junior Ogle, white pollinated varieties.

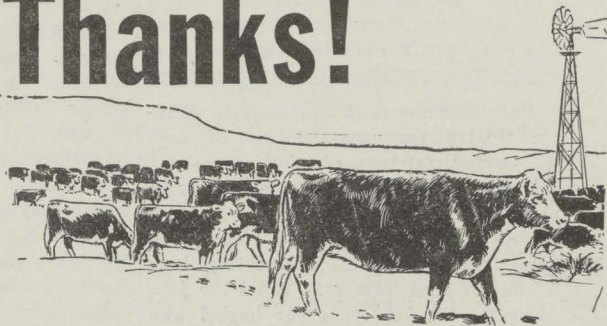
Garnett Duncan won first prize in wheat; Lindberg Clear, potatoes and Earl Scypheres, tobacco. E. L. Gardner and V. J. Rector were judges.

To America's Producers, America's Thanks!

As this new year begins, America's ranchers and farmers are busy with their winter work—feeding and caring for their livestock. And all America is again properly grateful to you who produce the food to keep us the world's best fed people.

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Vital as it is, production is only part of the nutri-



tional job. Food must be processed. It has to be transported from surplus-producing areas to the markets where there are great numbers of people to eat it. Here is where Swift & Company comes into the picture. It's our job to provide many of the services required in bringing the foods which you produce to the dinner tables of the nation. Together we are in a vitally important industry. Because nutrition is our business and yours, together we can help build a stronger, healthier America.

Martha Logan's Recipe for

Navy Bean Soup

1 pint dried navy beans	½ tablespoon salt
2 quarts water	⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 cup sliced onion	¼ teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup diced celery	2 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons butter	4 frankfurters

Soak beans in water for several hours or overnight. Drain, add water. Fry onion and celery in butter. Add to beans, simmer 3 to 4 hours or until beans are soft, adding more water as water cooks away. When tender, save out 1 cup beans. Rub other beans through sieve. Reheat to boiling point. Add seasonings and flour mixed with ¼ cup water. Garnish with hot sliced frankfurters and whole beans. Yield: 4 servings.

Things are NOT always as they seem



A 1-inch pipe and a 4-inch pipe run water into gallon pails. It *seems* as if the 4-inch pipe would fill 4 times as many pails in a given time. The truth is that it will fill 16 gallon pails while the 1-inch pipe is filling one.

When you read something like this: "Meat in commercial storage on January 1 was about 590,000,000 pounds*", it sounds like a lot of meat. But this big country consumes about 50,000,000 pounds of meat every day. So when you figure it out, this reserve supply in commercial storage is only enough to last 12 days.

Yes, some meat is frozen during months of peak production and stored until months of low production. But practically all of the beef, veal and lamb that is in storage is the kind preferred for meat loaves, sausage, prepared meats—not the kind that goes over the butcher's block as steaks, roasts, chops, etc. Also, the amount frozen is relatively small, as it has never exceeded 1.9% of the annual beef production, 9/10 of 1% of the lamb, less than 6% of the pork.

*The five-year average for 1941-1945. Does not include meat owned by the government.

OUR CITY COUSIN



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by Tyrus R. Timm, Texas A. & M. College

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The research took more than two years. The Swift people consulted with leading doctors, child specialists. They agreed that special meats for babies would be a good thing. Many methods of preparing various kinds of meats were tried. Hundreds of feeding tests were made by families with small children. Finally, six kinds of meat were approved by the doctors, nutritionists, mothers, and the babies themselves. Placed on the market in test cities, these products won immediate acceptance. They are now being sold in many cities, and facilities for their manufacture are being expanded.

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F.M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Department.

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Right Eating Adds Life to Your Years—and Years to Your Life

V P I TEACHER TRAINING F F A COLLEGIATE CHAPTER

By J. E. Goode, Reporter

One of the major activities of the chapter during the fall quarter was that of joining with the Montgomery County FFA Federation in sponsoring an FFA Fair, which was held November 23, 1946, at Riner. Although our chapter was limited to the showing of educational exhibits, the interest and participation shown by the members contributed materially to the success of the fair. The VPI seniors and graduate students also served as judges for the exhibits shown by the FFA boys.

The first place educational exhibit illustrated the advantages of culling poultry by using charts and actual specimens of good and poor hens to clinch the point. It was the result of much thought and diligent effort on the part of Peyton Rowe, Robert Hunter, Marvin Ham and Gavin Bristow. A pasture improvement exhibit, which was prepared by Charles Shuler, Edgar Bolte, Mitchell Shell, and David Halsey, took second place honors.

Since all of the seniors and graduate students participated either in showing educational exhibits or in judging, they received an immeasurable amount of practical experience which will be of untold value when they begin teaching.

The last meeting of the quarter was held December 3, 1946 in the chapter room of the Blacksburg High School. A report on the Montgomery County FFA Fair by Charles F. Shuler and the election of a new president and vice-president were among the more important items of business brought before the meeting.

Charles F. Shuler of Elkton was elected president for the remainder of the school year to succeed Edgar C. Bolte who graduates at the end of the fall quarter. Rolfe Robertson of Gainesville was chosen in a like manner to succeed Mitchell Shell as vice-president. Other officers who will continue to serve throughout the school year are: H. E. Carter of Madison, N. C., secretary; C. D. Cox, Galax, treasurer; J. E. Goode, Huddleston, reporter; W. M. Scott, Vinton, sentinel; Prof. C. E. Richard, Blacksburg, adviser.

Visitor: "My, what pretty hair you have, little girl. You get it from your mother, don't you?"

Little Girl: "I guess I must a' got it from Daddy; his is all gone."

MARSHALL FFA AND FHA HOLD GALA CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Marshall FFA and FHA clubs banded together on December 16 and held one of the best parties ever staged in the Marshall High School, according to Leroy Bohan, chapter reporter. A total of 250 members and guests attended, including members of the commercial club.

Entertainment was provided in the form of short skits, group singing of Christmas carols, a movie, and string music by the Free State Ramblers. Refreshments, which were provided by the FHA girls, included sandwiches, cakes, ice cream, and soft drinks. The auditorium was decorated with running pine, and a lighted Christmas tree occupied the center of the stage.

SALEM HEARS WARDEN.

Reanoke County Game Warden, Sam Harman, made a very interesting talk to Andrew Lewis FFA chapter at the regular monthly meeting reports "Pinky" Wilbourne. The Warden explained the

Federal, State, and County laws, and also made it very plain to always remember to be a good sport when hunting. The Warden stressed safety throughout the evening, giving many helpful suggestions and hints on handling guns, game, and crossing fences. Everyone was very surprised when he told the group "it is unlawful to shoot across a stream."

SMITHFIELD CHAPTER AIDS FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS.

The Smithfield Ham chapter made and collected toys for the children in the lower grades of our school. These toys were distributed to the children who would not have had anything for Christmas. The teachers and many of the pupils cooperated with us. Many pupils donated old and broken toys which we repaired and decorated. Total number of toys made in the shop and repaired was over 300. We also gave a basket of fruit and canned goods to a large family which would not have much for Christmas.

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Keeping Right Side Up



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Stopping: Slow down to four and one-half miles per hour by closing the throttle before using brakes, then apply evenly and slowly.



6,613 Virginia Members FFA Have Paid Dues for 1946-47

A total of 6,613 members of FFA chapters in the Virginia Association paid annual dues for 1946-47 by January 1 according to R. Edward Bass, executive secretary-treasurer. This is 168 more members than the 6,445 who paid dues by January 1 last year.

The largest chapter membership is predominantly in the southwestern part of the State but in the county enrollment the larger counties are out in front. Augusta with 10 chapters, leads the list with 357 Future Farmers. The 10 counties in the State with the largest enrollment in vocational agriculture, a combined total of 2,158, make up approximately one-third of the State FFA membership. They are:

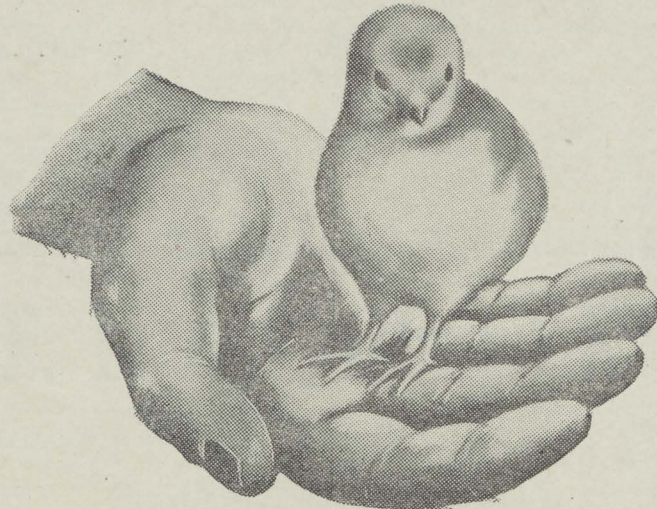
Augusta	357
Rockingham	324
Pittsylvania	282
Carroll	191
Russell	178
Montgomery	176
Dickenson	172
Floyd	172
Lee	160
Botetourt	152

A complete list of chapters paying dues by January 1, by counties, with the number of members per county and per chapter follows. Those marked with an asterisk (*) paid dues on or before

October 1:

County & Chapters	No. of Members
Accomac—17	
Atlantic	9
Central	8
Albemarle—116	
*Broaduswood	11
*Crozet	22
*Greenwood	17
*Meriwether-Lewis	28
*Scottsville	38
Amelia—54	
Amelia	54
Amherst—30	
*Amherst	30
Appomattox—50	
*Appomattox	36
*Pamplin	14
Augusta—357	
*Beverly Manor (Staunton) ...	48
Churchville	37
*Fishersville	28
Middlebrook	38
*Mt. Sidney	18
*New Hope	41
*North River	56
*Spottswood	35
*Stuarts Draft	35
*Weyers Cave	21
Bath—15	
*Millboro	15

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*Montvale	44	*Lawrenceville	41
Bland—76		Buckingham—27	
*Bland	47	*Buckingham H. S.	27
Ceres	29	Campbell—148	
Botetourt—152		*Brookneal	29
*Buchanan	51	*Brookville	35
*Eagle Rock	37	Concord	20
*Fincaastle	42	Gladys	13
*Troutville	22	*Naruna	29

*Rustburg 22
Caroline—54
 *Caroline Cons. H. 18
 C. T. Smith 36
Carroll—191
 Coal Creek 16
 Hillsville 102
 *Woodlawn 73
Charlotte—43
 *Randolph-Henry 43
Clarke—34
 *Berryville 19
 *Boyce 15
Craig—76
 *Maywood 21
 New Castle 55
Culpeper—32
 Culpeper 32
Cumberland—33
 *Cumberland H. S. 33
Dickenson—172
 *Dickenson Memorial 81
 Ervinton 33
 *Haysi 58
Dinwiddie—66
 *Dinwiddie 40
 *McKenny 26
Essex—25
 *Tappahannock 25
Fairfax—58
 *Fairfax 41

Herndon 17
Fauquier—114
 *Bealeton 25
 *Calverton 16
 *Remington 20
 *Marshall 21
 *Warrenton 32
Floyd—166
 Check 31
 *Floyd 61
 *Willis 74
Fluvanna—38
 Fluvanna Co. 38
Franklin—135
 *Boone Mill 37
 *Callaway 26
 Glade Hill 30
 Rocky Mount 42
Frederick—113
 *Gainesboro 27
 *Gore 19
 *Middletown 22
 Stephens City 45
Giles—121
 *Eggleston 24
 *Narrows 23
 *Newport 26
 Pembroke 48
Gloucester—25
 Botetourt 25
Goochland—39
 Goochland 39
Grayson—130
 *Elk Creek 35
 *Independence 19
 *Va.-Carolina (Grassy Creek) . 76
Greensville—46
 Greensville Co. 46
Halifax—137
 *Clover 26
 Scottsburg 15
 *Turbeville 28
 Volens 51
 *Wilson Memorial 17
Hanover—118
 Beaverdam 35
 Henry Clay 45
 Montpelier 21
 Washington-Henry 17
Henry—78
 Axton 40
 *Ridgeway 38
Isle of Wight—80
 *Carrsville 29
 Isle of Wight 9
 *Smithfield 22
 *Windsor 20
King and Queen—52
 Marriott 33
 *Pleasant Hill 19
King George—29
 King George 29
King William—25
 *King William 25
Lancaster—30
 *Lively 14
 *Whitestone 16
Lee—160
 *Dryden 30

*Jonesville 23
 Pennington Gap 51
 *Thomas Walker 56
Loudon—78
 *Aldie 14
 *Leesburg 26
 *Lincoln 30
 *Lovettsville 8
Louisa—56
 *Louisa Co. 56
Lunenburg—54
 Kenbridge 28
 *Victoria 26
Madison—63
 *Madison 63
Mathews—15
 *Mathews Cons. 15
Mecklenburg—146
 *Buckhorn 23
 *Chase City 50
 *La Crosse 34
 *South Hill 39
Montgomery—176
 *Auburn (Riner) 30
 *Blacksburg 61
 *Christiansburg 85
Nansemond—49
 Chuckatuck 28
 *Holland 21
Norfolk—39
 *Great Bridge 26
 *Deep Creek 13
Northampton—23
 *Northampton 23
Northumberland—74
 *Callao 34
 *Heathsville 27
 *Wicomico 13
Nottoway—51
 *Blackstone 23
 *Burkeville 28
Orange—33
 Unionville 33
Page—41
 *Luray 41
Patrick—109
 Blue Ridge 31
 Hardin Reynolds 32
 *Meadows of Dan 16
 Stuart 29
Pittsylvania—282
 *Brosville 45
 *Callands 19
 *Climax 34
 Dan River 40
 *Renan 37
 Spring Garden 40
 *Whitmell 67
Powhatan—37
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Prince George—44
 *Carson 18
 *Disputanta 26
Princess Anne—51
 *Creeds 28
 Kempsville 23

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 *Andrew Lewis 73
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 *Bridgewater 43
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 *Dayton 54
 Elkton 25
 Keezletown 26
 *Linville-Edom 37
 *McGaheysville 17
 *Mt. Clinton 44
 *Port Republic 28
 *Timberville 20
 Russell—178
 *Cleveland 16
 *Honaker 38
 *Lebanon 71
 *Temple Hill (Castlewood) ... 53
 Scott—54
 *Shoemaker (Gate City) 54
 Shenandoah—149
 *Edinburg 16
 *New Market 18
 *Strasburg 27
 *Tomns Brook 21
 *Triplett (Mt. Jackson) 44
 *Woodstock 23
 Smyth—150
 *Chilhowie 45
 *Rich Valley 63
 *Sugar Grove 42
 Southampton—66
 *Boykins 15
 *Courtland 17
 Franklin 7
 *Ivor 12
 *Newsoms 15
 Spotsylvania—63
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 Stafford—43
 Falmouth 24
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 Surry—39
 *Surry 39
 Sussex—21
 *Stony Creek 21
 Tazewell—87
 *Burkes Garden 11
 Richlands 35
 *Tazewell 41
 Warren—34
 Warren Co. 34
 Washington—147
 *Cleveland 13
 Glade Spring 39
 *Greendale 48
 Liberty Hall 27
 *Valley Institute 20

Westmoreland—42
 *Cople 11
 *Oak Grove 16
 *Washington-Lee (Montross) . 15
 Wythe—135
 *Jackson Memorial 35
 *Rural Retreat 30
 *Wytheville 70
 York—18
 *Poquoson 18
 Winchester City—27
 *Handley 27

Virginia Future Farmers—Your mother and father will enjoy reading "Chapter Chats." Don't forget to take your copy home.

FFA-FHA BANQUET.

The Future Farmers and Future Homemakers of Andrew Lewis (Salem) High School had an interesting and entertaining evening December 13, 1946, at their annual banquet and dance held in the home economics department, writes "Pinky" Wilbourne, reporter.

About 65 attended the banquet which was centered around the Christmas theme.

Jack Crawford, FFA president, served as master of ceremonies. The guest speaker, Rev. Wark Curry, made an interesting and informational talk on "The Origin of the Christmas Tree."

"He who promises runs in debt."

F. F. A. JEWELRY

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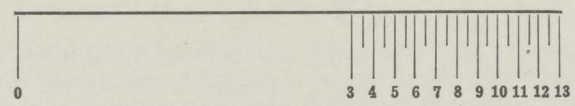
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CHAPTER NEWS

The Riner Chapter FFA held its regular meeting December 6 and a public community service December 24. Members contributed clothing, food and mon-

ey to needy persons of the community at Christmas time through the Montgomery County Welfare Association.

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Leesburg FFA Chapter has appointed committees to plan their annual father and son banquet for February 6, according to Thurman Costello, chapter reporter. Edgar Tillet is president of the

chapter; Jim Kirkwood, vice-president; Hunter Watson, secretary; Richard Taverner, treasurer; Thurman Costello, reporter; Billy Smith, sentinel and A. L. Hutton, adviser. The chapter has decided to sell its FFA truck and use the proceeds from the sale to buy machinery for the shop. At the December 10 meeting the chapter treasurer reported a balance of \$108.62.

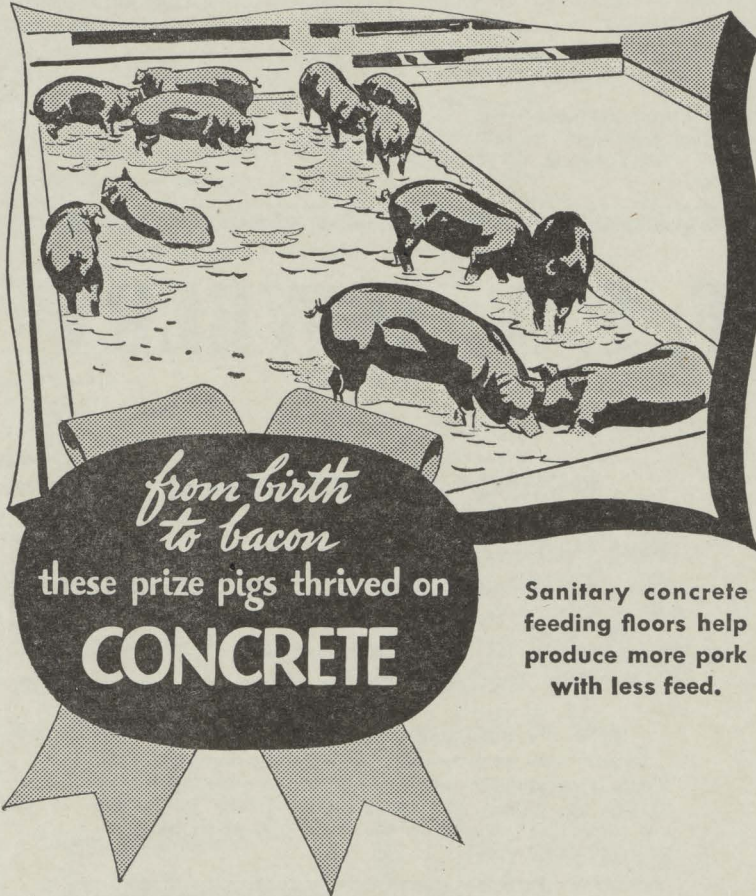
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The Aldie FFA Chapter has initiated 13 new members and rendered service to the community by vaccinating and culling over 300 hens for farmers. Officers of the chapter are Richard Robertson, president; Karlton Kirk, vice-president; Keith Byrne, secretary; Billy Bodmer, treasurer; Jack Spindle, reporter; Walter Byrne, sentinel and A. L. Hutton, adviser.

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Eagle Rock, with 36 members, recently initiated 16 Green Hands and raised 12 outstanding chapter members to the Chapter Farmer degree. Treasury funds were replenished with the proceeds of an auction sale and bingo stand at the annual Hallowe'en party October 31. Robert Bryant is chapter president; Henry Schlott, vice-president; Eugene Wilhelm, secretary; Kenneth Simmons, treasury; Gordon Noffsinger, reporter; Charlie Simmons, sentinel. The executive committee consists of J. W. Zell, Jimmy Brooke, Richard McClung, Charles Buhrman and Linden Reid.

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Bridgewater Future Farmers Hold Parent-Son Banquet

The annual parent-son banquet of the Bridgewater FFA chapter, discontinued during the war years was resumed November 22. The meeting opened with the official ceremony led by Donald Huffman, chapter president. The dinner was prepared and served by members of the chapter in cooperation with parents and the school cafeteria. The chapter members had their parents as guests. Other guests were Paul Estep, W. H. Sanger, Leonard Hollen, high school teachers, and Richard Hogshead, a former FFA member and veteran of World War II.

At the banquet, honorary Chapter Farmer degrees were awarded D. C. Craun, Elmer Jordan, Joseph H. Miller and Boyd Glick in recognition of their outstanding services in the community and school life and for their cooperation with the vocational agriculture program. The active Chapter Farmer degree was awarded Fred Cromer, Chas. Lam, David Duffy, Raymond Wheeler, Ray Wimer, Nelson Gardner, John Miller, Lewis Layman, David Henry, Chas. Wright, Minor Beverage, Garland Simmons, Roland Michael, Douglas Hassler, Carl Mongold, Stanley Wine and Gordon Rodgers.

HILLSVILLE TOPS STATE ENROLLMENT WITH 102.

(Continued from page 1.)

Madison	63
Spotsylvania	63
Floyd	61
Blacksburg	61

Noel Leads Hillsville.

R. A. Noel, instructor of vocational agriculture at Hillsville since 1940, is adviser of the Hillsville chapter. Mr. Noel was instructor of vocational agriculture at Willis High School in Floyd County from 1924 through 1939. He has been outstanding in vocational agriculture work and FFA activities during his entire teaching career. In recognition of his outstanding contributions at Willis he was named master teacher of the South in 1928. Students of vocational agriculture in FFA chapters under his direction and guidance have consistently won State and national awards.

Jeffrey Quessenberry is president of the Hillsville FFA chapter. Other officers are Fred Alderman, vice-president; Jack Hicks, secretary; Marlin Dalton, treasurer; Edward Rotneizer, reporter and Donald Smith, sentinel. Rex Hancock, Olen Marshall and Carl Marshall are members of the executive committee. Fifty-one members of the Hillsville chapter are Green Hands. There are only 13 seniors in the group and for this rea-

son Mr. Noel anticipates a larger enrollment in vocational agriculture next year than he has now.

Woodlawn First in U. S.

The Woodlawn chapter with its 73 active and 12 associate members is the oldest FFA chapter in the world. Woodlawn was the first vocational agriculture department established in the United States, having started under the Smith-Hughes Act in 1917-18. Fred Kirby was the instructor of vocational agriculture. Carroll County Superintendent of Schools Roy E. Kyle recalls that he was a member of the first class in vocational agriculture and that his brother, Z. T. Kyle, former principal of Andrew Lewis High School at Salem and now assistant supervisor of secondary education, State department of education, was then principal at Woodlawn.

Officers of the Woodlawn chapter under the direction of Earl P. Mitchell, instructor of vocational agriculture, are: Billy Felts, president; Erving Lawson, vice-president; Ralph Gardner, secretary; Harry Williams, treasurer; Ted Bartlett, reporter and Jean Shepherd, sentinel.


Community Backs Hillsville

Community interest and civic support of the department of vocational agriculture and FFA chapter is largely responsible for the success of the program at Hillsville. The Carroll County Bank at Hillsville has for several years offered prizes to the most successful students of vocational agriculture in corn growing projects. Last year Bernard Horton won the first prize of \$10 offered by the bank by producing 68 bushels per acre with his corn enterprise. James Smith who averaged 60.25 bushels per acre won the second prize of \$7.50. Third prize of \$5 went to Jeffrey Quessenberry who grew 60 bushels of corn per acre. The Hillsville Lions' Club offers a prize of \$5 for the most outstanding Hillsville student of vocational agriculture each year. Edward Horton won this distinction last year.

The Hillsville FFA chapter has produced some outstanding individuals who attribute a major portion of their success to their training in vocational agriculture. Troy DeHaven, a prominent farmer and member of the school board, is a former FFA member. Lelan Largen has achieved distinction for which he credits his leadership training in FFA. Lelan graduated at Hillsville in 1942, led his class at V. P. I. in pre-med (he started in agricultural education) and is now leading his class at the Medical College of Virginia. He holds the State Farmer degree.

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ture practice what they learn in the classroom amounted to \$20,818.37 for the Hillsville students of vocational agriculture last year. The students received \$17,531.01 of this total. In addition to a number of smaller enterprises 53 students produced 5,343 bushels of corn on 118 acres; 16 students raised 162,232 pounds of cabbage on 13½ acres; 19 boys cared for 710 laying hens that produced 8,007 dozen eggs; 44 dairy cows, managed by 39 students, produced 211,838 pounds of milk and 35 students made 15,320 pounds of pork with 46 hogs.

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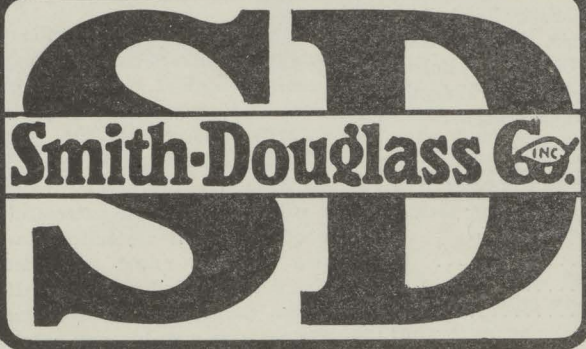
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