

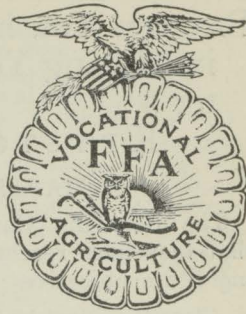


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## Future Farmers In Virginia Celebrate Fifth Anniversary

Future Farmers in Virginia may celebrate this year, 1931, as their fifth anniversary. The moment of actual birth is difficult to determine. One might choose it as that hot afternoon in early September, in 1925, when four men met in the Department of Agricultural Education at V. P. I. and determined that an organization was not only needed, but such an organization was going to be made a reality during the year. Those four were Walter S. Newman, Supervisor of Agricultural Education, who most strongly voiced the need, and H. C. Groseclose, H. W. Sanders, and E. C. Magill, of the Department of Agricultural Education.

Or again it might have been during a three-day period when two of the above sat in on a conference in October, 1928, with Henry Groseclose, to whom the responsibility had been delegated for formulating the scheme. The writer can well remember the struggle for a name. A large number had been listed, but none seemed satisfactory. On the morning of the second day, in came Henry Groseclose, smiling and happy. "It will be the F. F. V.—Future Farmers of Virginia." While being in a hot bath the night before, the name had been born at the sudden realization that Washington, Jefferson and other Virginians had been not only farmers, but represented the First Families of Virginia.

But more likely, Future Farmers, we can consider the date of our birth as being in April, 1926, when Mr. Walter S. Newman presented to those attending the Rally the thought of having a State-wide organization of vocational students. Enthusiastic approval greeted the suggestion. This represented the first official action. April can well be recognized by every chapter as a time for retrospection on the one hand as to the past, and to tell over the beads of accomplishment for your group, and on the other hand you

can look forward not only to the successful completion of this year, but to envision the goal for the next five years.

A Chinese sage once said, "A journey of a thousand miles began with a single step; and a tree which needs two arms to span its girth, sprang from the tiniest shoot." Here is our tremendous young



H. C. Groseclose and W. S. Newman, founders and organizers of Virginia's F. F. V., embodying the principles upon which the National Organization of Future Farmers was founded.

oak, the F. F. A., with over 43,000 members located in every State except one, and the Territory of Hawaii, and your own historic branch now numbering over 3,300 members in 150 chapters in the Old Dominion. Future Farmers in Virginia, you have a heritage you should know. The tiny acorn was planted here in Virginia by Henry Groseclose and Walter Newman, but that is not all. Many acorns are planted, but the acorn must find fertile soil and it must be so favored as to dip its roots deep into mother earth.

At Burkes Garden, in 1921, Mr. F. X. Credle organized the Junior Farm Bureau, which continued actively up until the time of the F. F. V., having as its

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## Looking Forward To The 1931 Rally

PLANS AND SUGGESTIONS.

In order that instructors of agriculture and Future Farmers may know definitely the plans regarding the 1931 Rally, certain regulations and suggestions are set down here in **Chapter Chats** at this time in order that all who plan to attend the Rally may become familiar with them.

Further definite regulations and directions will be featured in the May issue of **Chapter Chats**. No forms or other mimeographed material will be sent out from the Department of Agricultural Education at Blacksburg. Instructors of vocational agriculture should acquaint themselves and their boys with the following facts, and should send their team entries to Henry C. Groseclose, Box 223, Blacksburg, Va., on or before **May 15th**. Instructors should indicate to Mr. Groseclose the time of arrival of their parties and the probable time of departure from Blacksburg, the number in the party, and the number entitled to free meals according to the 1930 regulations. This is important if you wish accommodations. **Rally to Be Held in June.**

The 1931 Rally will be held June 16, 17 and 18, 1931, at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Judging teams, athletes, and other Future Farmers should make it convenient to arrive in Blacksburg on the afternoon of June 15th, and should not plan to leave Blacksburg until Friday morning, June 19th.

### Type of Boy to Bring.

The following resolution was adopted by the Annual Conference of Vocational Teachers at V. P. I. last summer:

"That discipline responsibility in barracks be placed upon district supervisors. That each district be lodged in same quarters and supervisor be directly responsible for discipline and his district chapters. This in no way relieves the instructor from the responsibility of staying with his group."

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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 follow-  
ing State objectives:

(Reports received by March 10th.)

## Chapters Paying All or Part of Their Annual State Dues

(Sent to State Office.)

Achilles	Herndon
*Amherst	*Hillsville
Apple Grove	Honaker
Appomattox	*Independence
*Atlee	Ivor
*Axton	*Ivy Depot
*Bealeton	John Randolph
Blacksburg	Kenbridge
Blue Ridge	Keysville
Boyce	Lebanon
Bridgewater	Liberty Hall
*Broadway	*Lincoln
*Buchanan	Madison
*Burke's Garden	Manassas
*Buckhorn	Marshall
Brookville	*Maywood
Callao	McKenney
*Calverton	*Mica
Cannaday	Middlebrook
Capron	*Middletown
*Carrsville	*Midway
Carson	Montross
Castlewood	*Mt. Jackson
Charlotte	*Max Meadows
Chase City	Mendota
*Check	Nassawadox
*Chilhowie	*New London
Chuckatuck	Nokesville
*Cleveland	New Hope
(Washington Co.)	New Market
Cleveland	*North River
(Russell Co.)	Oakton
Center Cross	Oceana
Central	Pamplin
Climax	Pearisburg
*Clintwood	*Pennington Gap
Cople	Phoenix
*Dan River	*Poquoson
Dayton	*Powhatan
*Dinwiddie	*Red Hill
*Disputanta	*Riner
Drake's Branch	Rich Valley
Dublin	Rural Retreat
Dungannon	*Salem
Edmund Pendleton	Smithfield
*Elk Creek	*South Hill
Ewing	Sparta
Fincastle	Spencer-Penn
Fishersville	*Spring Garden
*Front Royal	Stafford
Glade Spring	*Stephens City
Gloucester	*Strasburg
*Grassy Creek	*Stuart's Draft
Great Bridge	Sugar Grove
Greendale	Surry
*Greenwood	*Syringa
Hamilton	Tazewell
Hardin-Reynolds	*Temple Hill
Haysi	Temperanceville

Timberville	*Whitmell
Turbeville	Wicomico Church
Upperville	*Willis
*Unionville	*Winchester
Varina	*Woodlawn
Wakefield	*Woodstock
*Wallace	*Wytheville
*Weyer's Cave	Windsor
Whaleyville	

\*Annual dues paid on or before Octo-  
ber 1, 1930.

3,372 Paid-up members to date.

## Thrift Bank Reorganized

Achilles	Ivor
Amherst	Ivy Depot
Apple Grove	Lebanon
Appomattox	Liberty Hall
Atlee	Lincoln
Axton	Madison
Bealeton	Manassas
Berryville	Marshall
Boyce	Max Meadows
Bridgewater	Maywood
Broadway	Mendota
Buchanan	Middlebrook
Buckhorn	Middletown
Burke's Garden	Montross
Callao	Mt. Jackson
Carson	Nassawadox
Castlewood	New Market
Center Cross	New Hope
Check	Nokesville
Chilhowie	Oakton
Cleveland	Oceana
(Russell Co.)	Pamplin
Cleveland	Pennington Gap
(Washington Co.)	Poquoson
Clintwood	Red Hill
Cople	Rural Retreat
Dan River	South Hill
Dinwiddie	Spring Garden
Disputanta	Stephen City
Dublin	Strasburg
Elk Creek	Stuart's Draft
Ewing	Sugar Grove
Fincastle	Syringa
Fishersville	Temple Hill
Front Royal	Timberville
Glade Spring	Unionville
Gloucester	Wallace
Grassy Creek	Weyer's Cave
Greendale	Whaleyville
Greenwood	Wicomico Church
Hardin-Reynolds	Willis
Herndon	Woodlawn
Hillsville	Woodstock
Honaker	Wytheville

## Co-operative Buying or Selling

Amherst	Clintwood
Apple Grove	Cople
Atlee	Dan River
Bealeton	Dayton
Bridgewater	Disputanta
Buchanan	Dublin
Buckhorn	Dungannon
Carson	Front Royal
Castlewood	Grassy Creek
Charlotte	Hardin-Reynolds
Chase City	Haysi
Check	Honaker
Chilhowie	Ivy Depot
Cleveland	John Randolph
(Washington Co.)	Lincoln

Madison	South Hill
Manassas	Sparta
Max Meadows	Spring Garden
Maywood	Stephens City
McKenney	Strasburg
Mica	Sugar Grove
Middletown	Sunnyside
Montross	Surry
Naruna	Temple Hill
New Hope	Unionville
Nokesville	Wallace
North River	Woodlawn
Oceana	Woodstock
Poquoson	Whaleyville
Rural Retreat	Wicomico Church
Scottsburg	Wytheville

## Summer Camp or Farm Tour

Apple Grove	Max Meadows
Atlee	Maywood
Axton	Mica
Chase City	Montross
Cleveland	Mt. Jackson
(Russell Co.)	New Market
Cleveland	Nassawadox
(Wash'n Co.)	Poquoson
Clintwood	Powhatan
Cople	Rich Valley
Dan River	Rural Retreat
Disputanta	Salem
Dublin	South Hill
Dungannon	Sugar Grove
Elk Creek	Unionville
Fincastle	Wakefield
Grassy Creek	Weyers Cave
Hillsville	Whaleyville
Ivor	Whitmell
Ivy Depot	Wicomico Church
Lebanon	Willis
Madison	Woodlawn
Marshall	Wytheville

## Father and Son Banquet

Axton	Lebanon
Bealeton	Lincoln
Berryville	Manassas
Blacksburg	Marshall
Boyce	Max Meadows
Capron	Mica
Castlewood	Middlebrook
Charlotte	Middletown
Check	Nassawadox
Cleveland	Nokesville
(Washington Co.)	North River
Climax	Pennington Gap
Clintwood	Poquoson
Ewing	Rural Retreat
Darvills	Stephens City
Disputanta	Stuart's Draft
Dublin	Sunny Side
Dungannon	Temple Hill
Grassy Creek	Unionville
Hardin-Reynolds	Wallace
Herndon	Woodlawn
Ivy Depot	Wytheville
John Randolph	

## \$3.00 "Ad" for C. C.

Apple Grove	Poquoson
Axton	Powhatan
Burke's Garden	Rural Retreat
Cleveland	Salem
(Washington Co.)	Sugar Grove
Ewing	Temple Hill
Ivor	Woodlawn
Madison	



## Chapters with 100% of Members Having Savings Accounts.

Axton	Ivor
Burke's Garden	Max Meadows
Check	Montross
Cleveland	Nassawadox
(Russell Co.)	Pennington Gap
Cleveland	Poquoson
(Wash'n Co.)	Strasburg
Cople	Tazewell
Disputanta	Wallace
Ewing	Wicomico Church
Gloucester	Woodstock
Grassy Creek	Wytheville

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THRIFT BANK ACTIVITIES.

### Chapters Leading in Total Investments.

Herndon	\$25,318.86
Axton	13,473.00
Temple Hill	11,626.95
Rich Valley	10,902.71
Rural Retreat	9,127.00
Boyce	8,440.70
Appomattox	6,115.16
Disputanta	5,958.95
Whaleyville	5,559.78
Oakton	5,396.54
Mt. Jackson	4,932.40
Charlotte	4,369.54
Broadway	4,139.00
Grassy Creek	4,097.23
Dublin	3,817.40
Berryville	3,565.00
Climax	3,401.47
Atlee	3,331.92

### Members with Largest Investment in Farming.

Hunter Blevin, Herndon	\$9,700.00
Clark Blevin, Herndon	8,335.00
Warner Moore, Berryville	2,500.00
T. V. Barnett, Berryville	2,000.00
J. Dabney, Dublin	1,500.00
Robert Quillen, Temple Hill	1,250.00
B. A. Rucker, Jr., Upperville	1,145.00
David Naff, Blacksburg	1,000.00
Max Timberlake, Powhatan	750.00
Hershel Richardson, Sugar Gr.	700.00
Samuel Buchanan, Rich Valley	674.00
Woodrow De Bord, Rich Valley	567.00
Walter Hulsey, Grassy Creek	440.00
James Chick, Mt. Jackson	437.00
G. Green, Atlee	426.00
Hoyle Garber, Mt. Jackson	425.00
Elbert Womble, Whaleyville	411.00
Ernest Eastridge, Sugar Grove	400.00
Joseph Dillon, Lincoln	379.00
Austin Branner, New Market	369.00
Henry Keller, Cleveland (W.)	365.00
Carey Carson, Appomattox	350.00

### Membership with Largest Savings Account.

Brook Neville, Boyce	\$5,000.00
Carlton Russell, Axton	4,000.00
Montgomery Frye, Rich Valley	1,000.00
Parke Brinkley, Whaleyville	800.00
Charles Neff, Rural Retreat	751.34
Loring Shockby, Hardin-Reyn's	612.00
Harmon Huddle, Rural Retreat	600.00
Earl Clark, Ewing	600.00
Earby Catron, Wytheville	534.00
Hoyle Garber, Mt. Jackson	516.00

Emmet Hulbert, Pennington G.	500.00
Samuel Earle, Front Royal	500.00
John Smith, Climax	500.00
Garner Whitmer, Broadway	500.00
Ernest Eastridge, Sugar Grove	416.00
A. Gatt, Dublin	400.00
Samuel Moore, Poquoson	370.00
R. A. Rucker, Jr., Upperville	350.00
Walter Hulsey, Grassy Creek	318.53

## V. P. I. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CLUB BECOMES F. F. A. CHAPTER.

Future Farmers in Virginia may not be aware of the contribution of the Agricultural Education Club, V. P. I., to our own State organization. The annual agricultural contests were held in conjunction with the Virginia State Fair until April, 1924, when they were brought to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at the request of the Agricultural Education Club. The club worked hard in preparing plans and in circularizing the instructors of agriculture to secure the change. The club continued its good work in making a success of the first agricultural "Rally." This is one of their gifts to we F. F. A.'s in Virginia.

In 1926 this same club undertook to conduct an exhibit contest for agricultural departments as a feature of the Agricultural Show held at V. P. I. every fall. With the coming of the F. F. A., this became a chapter contest. The club has sponsored this movement since, and the Department of Agricultural Education has given a plaque, which annually is awarded to the winner. The plaque was won by the Bridgewater Chapter for 1930 and the Fincastle Chapter for the preceding two years.

The Agricultural Education Club, as far back as 1927, considered the problem of being identified with the F. F. A. During the college year of 1928-'29, a study was made of the possibilities of affiliation of college chapters similar to our Agricultural Education Club. Three plans for affiliation were submitted. Every supervisor and teacher-trainer was written and every "Ag. Ed." Club in the country located. The sentiment nationally was against the movement, and at Kansas City the petition of the club was turned down. The Agricultural Education Department encouraged the club to persevere, and the author presented the plan to the Southern Regional Conference of workers in vocational agriculture in Biloxi, Miss., in April, 1930. It was accepted unanimously, and at the past F. F. A. Congress was petitioned. The Future Farmer Congress adopted the plan.

Now the Agricultural Education Club of V. P. I. has gone on record as petitioning for a charter and will soon be with you as an F. F. A. Chapter. As associate members, we will not be able to vote or hold office, but will now be able to provide membership in F. F. A. for those college students who are training to become your chapter advisers. As the club dates back to the year 1920 and has a history to be proud of, it will not drop its old name, but, having a dual personality, will hereafter carry under its present name "V. P. I. Chapter, Future Farmers of America."

The officers are: President, J. K. Ab-

ernathy; vice-president, T. J. Wakeman; secretary, F. L. Delp; treasurer, J. H. Mansfield; reporter, T. R. Cox; and Prof. H. C. Groseclose has been elected chapter adviser. Mr. J. E. Givens has worked hard as chairman of the club committee to perfect a plan suitable to the F. F. A. and suitable to the "Ag. Ed." Club. We will be glad to be with you and hope you, in turn, will feel that we are welcomed. We pledge you one hundred per cent support. E. C. M.

## WHALEYVILLE TRIMS TIMBERVILLE TO WIN TOURNAMENT.

Whaleyville beat Timberville High School, 19-17, in the finals to win the State agricultural high school tournament, sponsored by the Future Farmers of America. Timberville led at half-time, 8 to 5, but a brace of long shots by Smith early in the third period put the Whaleyville team back in the running.

The second half was close, with both teams alternately in the lead. M. Summers and R. Cline did most of the scoring for Timberville, and looked best on the court. E. Womble and Smith starred for the winners, the latter taking high-point honors, with six field goals.

### Staged Comeback.

In the semi-final games, Whaleyville High came from behind in the last half to nose out Pearisburg, 22 to 21.

Timberville High School took the measure of Sparta, 15 to 13, in the other semi-final contest. With the count knotted at 13-all, R. Cline, stellar forward from Timberville, tossed the ball through the hoops in the last two minutes of play and kept his team in the running for the championship.

## YOUNG FARMERS MAKE RADIO DEBUT.

The Princess Anne Chapter of F. F. A. made its radio debut Wednesday over WTAR. The members got a great "kick" out of hearing their chapter broadcast, especially those who had the opportunity of standing before the microphone.

The program which was put on was as follows: (1) Introduction, by W. H. McCann; (2) "The History of Our Chapter," by William Padon; (3) the selection, "Washington and Lee Swing," by the Oceana High School Orchestra; (4) "Our F. F. A. Room," by Wayne Bowman; (5) mandolin duet, "Moonlight on the Colorado," by Evelyn Land and Dorris Maldon; (6) "What I Have Gained in Preparing to Carry Out One of our Objectives," by Herbert Fentress; (7) the selection, "Assembly," by the orchestra; (8) reading and explaining of the objectives, by Curtis Mast; (9) harmonica solo, by Randolph Peterson; (10) music by the orchestra; (11) Randolph blew them away with the train which he produced on his "how powered" harmonica.

The members were highly pleased with the results of the program, especially after such a short notice as to when they could use the station. Upon being notified four days before putting on the program, the boys taking part got busy and prepared their respective parts. The whole program was managed by the members, or students, belonging to F. F. A.



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### TO F. F. A. ADVISERS.

Particular attention is called to the  
 plans for the 1931 Rally included in this  
 issue. Note carefully the fact that this  
 information is to replace the mimeograph-  
 ed material usually sent out from V. P. I.

It is the desire of every one to make  
 the 1931 Rally the best we have ever had.  
 With your continued co-operation, this  
 should be assured. Final plans will be  
 announced in the May issue of "Chapter  
 Chats."

I wish to urge that your plans be made  
 well in advance, and that you carefully  
 observe rules pertaining to all contests.

Forms for use in making application  
 for Third Degree are being mailed to  
 you from this office as soon as possible  
 after you indicate the number needed.  
 Give all eligible boys every chance to win  
 this honor. Mail the applications to H.  
 C. Groseclose, State Adviser, V. P. I., be-  
 fore May 1, 1931.

Do not fail to give your chapter an  
 opportunity to win the distinction of be-  
 ing the best chapter in Virginia. Last  
 year very few chapters entered this con-  
 test. We want more this year. Now is  
 the time to begin putting the finishing  
 touches on your chapter record.

Note announcement included in this  
 issue concerning public-speaking contest.  
 D. J. HOWARD.

### AWARDS MADE IN THE CHILEAN NITRATE OF SODA CONTEST.

#### Plans Made for Another Year.

The individual and chapter crop con-  
 tests, sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate  
 of Soda Bureau, have recently closed. All  
 awards have been made, and chapter  
 members are planning for another year.  
 The rules of the contest are such that  
 encourage sound methods of farming.

One of the most important reasons in  
 conducting supervised practice with crop  
 enterprises is to teach the proper man-  
 agement and treatment of the soil on  
 which the crop is grown. This naturally  
 involves the question of crop rotations,  
 and no project is ever entirely successful  
 unless it is carried through the recom-  
 mended rotation.

Our Agricultural College recommends  
 that crops be grown in rotations. There-  
 fore, the first requirement is that con-  
 testants plan a regular rotation suitable  
 to the land to be used and the crops to  
 be entered in the contest. Any crop  
 grown in a rotation recommended by the  
 State Agricultural College or the Exper-  
 iment Station is eligible to compete  
 against other entries from that section  
 only. In other words, a contestant in  
 any section can enter with any crop suit-  
 able and recommended in the section if  
 it is grown in rotation, and have as good  
 a chance to win in one crop as another.  
 An evaluating scheme will be applied to  
 the several crop projects, so that each  
 crop can be graded on the same basis.

Detailed instructions have been sent to  
 all agricultural teachers. F. F. A. mem-  
 bers are urged to study the rules of the  
 contest and take advantage of the awards  
 offered to those who do outstanding su-  
 pervised practice work in crop enter-  
 prises. We should have more entries in  
 both individual and chapter contests.

#### Winners for 1930.

**Southwest Virginia:** First—Hershel  
 Richardson, Sugar Grove; one acre corn.  
 Second—Howard Hutton, Sugar Grove;  
 one acre corn.

Third—Charles Neff, Rural Retreat;  
 one acre corn.

No chapter in Southwest Virginia was  
 eligible for award.

**Middle Virginia:** First—Chester Sed-  
 ivy, Midway; one acre corn.

Second—Lunsford Butterworth, Din-  
 widdie; one acre corn.

Third—Raymond Mayo, Midway; one  
 acre corn.

Dinwiddie Chapter, \$75.00.

**Eastern Virginia:** First—Alvah Con-  
 ley, Wicomico Church; one and one-half  
 acres tomatoes.

Second—Jeter Lamkin, Wicomico  
 Church; one and one-half acres tomatoes.

Third—Warren Henton, Wicomico  
 Church; nine acres corn.

Wicomico Church Chapter, \$75.00.

**Northern Virginia:** First—Godfrey  
 Adams, Ivy Depot; three acres corn.

Second—Ermine Michael, Bridgewater;  
 one acre corn.

Third—Robert Kibler, Woodstock; one  
 acre corn.

Woodstock Chapter, \$75.00.

Appreciation is expressed to Mr. B. T.  
 Brothers, district manager of Chilean Ni-  
 trate of Soda Educational Bureau, for  
 his co-operation in making these contests  
 possible.  
 D. J. H.

### THE PUBLIC-SPEAKING CONTEST.

#### Make Your Plans Now.

Rules for the public-speaking contest  
 were outlined in the January issue of  
**Chapter Chats**, on Page 16. Several sub-  
 jects were suggested, and your attention  
 was called to the fact that any other  
 timely agricultural subject may be se-  
 lected.

In counties where there is only one  
 agricultural instructor, the matter of se-  
 lecting the winner of the chapter is left  
 to the instructor's judgment.

In counties where there is more than  
 one chapter of F. F. A.'s, the winner will  
 be selected at the same time other county

Literary and Athletic League winners  
 are selected. Talk this matter over with  
 your principal and superintendent and  
 make certain that the winner of your  
 chapter contest has an opportunity to  
 compete for county honors.

If the high schools of your county are  
 not competing in the Virginia Literary  
 and Athletic League contests, arrange  
 with other agricultural instructors in  
 the county for a contest that will deter-  
 mine who shall represent your county in  
 the district meet.

Mr. Chas. H. Kaufman, secretary of  
 the Virginia High School Literary and  
 Athletic League, has been most co-opera-  
 tive in making the F. F. A. public-speak-  
 ing contest possible. Every agricultural  
 instructor will receive from him certain  
 information concerning plans for the dis-  
 trict contests. The dates are April 24th  
 and 25th. Keep in close touch with your  
 principal, and be ready well in advance  
 of the district meeting.

The following list of books which will  
 be helpful to you may be borrowed from  
 the Bureau of Package Libraries, Uni-  
 versity of Virginia. In making requests,  
 write Mr. C. H. Kaufman, Extension  
 Department, University of Virginia:  
 "Mechanics of Reading," Samuelson and  
 Beglinger; "English in Action," Tressler;  
 "The Art of Expression," Burt; "Public  
 Discussion and Debate," Baird; "Fundam-  
 entals of Debate," Covington; "The  
 Speech Arts," Craig; "A Handbook of  
 Public Speaking," Dolman; "Elements of  
 Debating," Lyon; "Argumentation and  
 Debate," Reeves; "Manual of Debate and  
 Oral Discussion," O'Neil; "Joining in  
 Public Discussion," Scheffield; "Practi-  
 cal Public Speaking," Blanchard, and  
 "Speech Training for Children," Blanton.  
 D. J. H.

### EVERETT MAY, OF BROADWAY, WINNER.

#### Junior Judging Contest.

Everett May, a member of the Broad-  
 way Chapter, F. F. A., and 4-H Club  
 member of Bergton, won first place in  
 the junior judging contest held in con-  
 nection with the State Corn and Grain  
 Show at Harrisonburg in January.

The contest was open to F. F. A. and  
 4-H Club members of Virginia. Approxi-  
 mately one hundred and fifty boys from  
 different counties of Virginia were in  
 competition, and Everett's accomplish-  
 ment is one of which he should feel very  
 proud.

The rank of the leading ten contest-  
 ants was as follows:

First—Everett May, Broadway Chap-  
 ter.

Second—Richard Hanger, Middlebrook  
 Chapter.

Third—Marvin Summers, Timberville  
 Chapter.

Fourth—Taylor Fox, Middletown Chap-  
 ter; Morton Coleman, Unionville Chap-  
 ter; Woodrow White, Dayton Chapter  
 (tie).

Fifth—Dwight Estep, Dayton Chapter;  
 Harold Craun, Bridgewater Chapter (tie).

Sixth—Freeman Messick, Timberville  
 Chapter; Stuart Thomas, Atlee Chapter  
 (tie).  
 D. J. H.



**LOOKING FORWARD TO RALLY.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

Discipline is not a problem at the National Congress of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City. The reason that boys are well behaved at the national congress is found in the method of their selection. Only outstanding boys who have surpassed the other boys in a State are eligible for trips to Kansas City. Would it not be well for you as an instructor to select that type of boy to bring with you to the Rally rather than to select boys for skill in judging? May we suggest that you set up some such score-card as this:

I. Supervised practice .....	20
1. Kind and scope of enterprises .....	6
2. Managerial responsibility..	8
3. Working capital and equipment available .....	6
II. Ability as a judge .....	30
1. Accomplishment in judging classes .....	20
2. Other judging experience..	10
III. Earnings and investments....	20
1. Earnings from farming....	15
2. Investments in farming....	5
IV. Ability to work with others....	10
V. Leadership (office and positions held, etc.) .....	10
VI. Scholarship (85 or above)....	10

Using this score-card, score your boys in an unbiased way and determine which boys are best suited to attend the State Convention of Future Farmers of America. We feel that the boys who attend will, in large measure, be officers of the local chapter or leaders who can be trained to judge livestock or do any other thing well. We have come to the point where we must pause and ask ourselves what the purpose of the Rally is. If our purpose is the training of judges, then the suggestion as to a score-card is wrong. On the other hand, I believe that you will agree that our purpose is training for leadership. Therefore, bring only material that can be trained for leadership.

**Eligibility.**

**Track Teams.**—The track team may be selected from any one school in which the instructor works. All members of the track team, however, must come from that one school.

1. List of events and regulations are the same as formerly. One mistake has been made in listing the relay as one mile when it should have been "four-man, half-mile relay."

Pole vault	100-yard dash
Broad jump	200-yard dash
High jump	Half-mile run
Discus	Mile run
Half-mile (4-man) relay	Shot-put

2. Since athletics are not a function of peculiar significance to an F. F. A. chapter, and since contests in agriculture are distinctly an F. F. A. function of major importance, eligibility for local team membership for the 1931 Rally is limited to bona fide members of Future Farmers of America who are in good standing with their respective chapters, except that athletic teams may contain not more than one non-F. F. A. contestant.

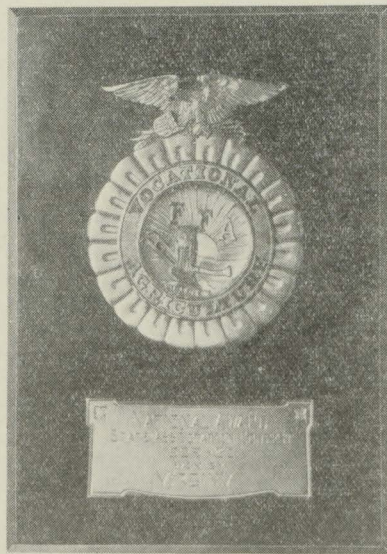
**Judging Teams.**—All members of judging teams must be bona fide, paid-up

members of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America.

**Eligibility of Agricultural Boys for Judging Teams.**—This year, one team can be sent for each chapter of Future Farmers of America. There is some question as to what constitutes a chapter, and the following standards were set up at the summer conference and must be satisfied before an agricultural team can be entered:

**Standards of Eligibility.**

1. Chapter must have been organized, with duly elected officers and a Constitution and By-Laws, before January 1, 1931.
2. The chapter must have had at least one meeting before January 1st.
3. The chapter must have been rendering reports to the State office before January 1st.
4. The chapter must have paid all dues for the fiscal year 1930-'31 by May 15th.

**NATIONAL AWARD.**

The above plaque was presented to Virginia by National Organization for best State F. F. A. program—1929-'30.

**Each F. F. A. Chapter is Entitled to One Judging Team.**—Chapters having twenty-five members or more may enter an additional judging team for each additional twenty-five boys or major portion thereof, based on paid-up membership.

**Classes to Be Judged.**

(From 1930 Conference Minutes.)

1. **Classes to be judged.** Recommend that four teams be selected, namely: dairy, livestock, crops and poultry. An outline of classes is submitted.

Tentative outline—

Dairy.		Livestock.	
First Day.		First Day.	
Jersey heifers	2	Beef	
Jersey cows	1	Sheep	
Guernsey heifers	2	Hogs	
Guernsey cows	1	Horse	
Holstein heifers			
Holstein cows			
Second Day.		Second Day.	
Corn		Corn	
Culling		Culling	
Gilts		Dairy cows	

**Crops.****Poultry.****First Day.**

2 Corn	2 Leghorns
2 Potatoes	1 Red
Soybeans	1 Barred Rock
Peanuts or	1 White eggs
Tobacco	1 Brown eggs

(One of the three)

**Second Day.**

Gilts	Corn
Culling	Gilts
Dairy cows	Dairy cows

2. **Selection of teams and high individuals.** Boys must judge entire column of nine classes, and winning teams, as well as high individuals, be based on total score of nine classes.

3. **Awards.** The trophy formerly offered for high teams in all contests shall be eliminated. Instead, trophies shall be awarded for high teams in dairy, crops, livestock and poultry groups. Medals previously offered for high individuals in double classes shall be eliminated, and instead a gold, silver and bronze medal be awarded the high three individuals in each group judging nine classes.

4. **System of handling contestants.** A system of rotating team members has been worked out by the committee whereby no two members of same team shall judge at same time, thereby eliminating crowding of classes on certain hours and the intermingling of contestants. (See page 47, 1930 Conference Minutes.)

5. **Review of classes.** We ask for a review of classes and that schedule of review be posted.

6. All contestants, visitors and instructors shall not visit barn or Aggie Hall, where judging is to be, before contest or while classes are being made up. Instructors and non-contestants of judging shall not be in vicinity of judging during judging hours.

7. In case there are less than five teams entered in any group by May 1st, that this group be eliminated and the instructors be notified immediately.

Agricultural teachers and Future Farmers have ample time to familiarize themselves with these rules and regulations. In the event that there is any question in your mind regarding the meaning of any regulations, please write direct to Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg, Va.

**Applicants for Third Degree.**

Every chapter should go about selecting its applicants for the Third Degree at once. Secure application forms from Supervisor D. J. Howard, State Office Building, Richmond, Va. Fill in these forms, supplementing them with newspaper clippings, photographs, kodak pictures and the like. Work up the application so that it is really attractive. Send it to Henry C. Groseclose, State Adviser, Blacksburg, Va., not later than May 1st. Applications put in the mail after midnight of April 30th will not be considered. A good way of determining whether your applicant is the type of boy that should receive the State Farmer Key is to score him by the score-card set up for measuring the accomplishments of candidates for the Fourth Degree. You will find this score-card in a mimeograph on contests which was sent from V. P. I. to all instructors.



**Very Important.**

Owing to the fact that there are approximately 160 chapters of Future Farmers in Virginia, it will be necessary to limit the number of boys who come from any one chapter to five. By a simple process of arithmetic, it can be readily seen that 160 chapters, with five boys each, at the Rally will total 800 boys. Add to this number about 110 agricultural instructors, and the capacity of V. P. I. will be taxed to the utmost as regards both beds and meals. Remember, therefore, that in no case will the management at V. P. I. be responsible for the accommodations of more than five boys and an instructor from each chapter. The only exception to this rule is in the case of chapters having a membership of thirty-eight or more boys. Such chapters are entitled to two judging teams, and arrangements will be made to accommodate ten boys and an instructor at the Rally from such chapters.

Arrangements have been made whereby all members of judging teams, delegates, and contestants in athletic events will be given free meals and free lodging accommodations at V. P. I. Applicants for the Third Degree will be accommodated free also, but, as stated above, judging team members, delegates, athletes and Third Degree applicants must not aggregate more than five from any one chapter unless that chapter has thirty-eight or more bona fide, paid-up members, in which latter case the number may be extended to ten boys and an instructor.

V. P. I. wishes to extend every accommodation and every evidence of hospitality to the visitors on the campus. The Rally has grown to such an extent, however, that it seems wise to discourage those who come merely as visitors. Every Future Farmer attending the Rally should come in an official capacity, either as a delegate from his chapter, a judging team member, or an athlete. Boys who have done outstanding work in vocational agriculture, or in connection with the Future Farmer Organization should be given the preference when instructors are selecting those who are to attend the Rally.

**Tentative Program.**

Tuesday, June 16th.

8:00 A. M. Livestock judging begins.  
3:00 P. M. Preliminary athletic contests.  
7:30 P. M. F. F. A. meeting.

Wednesday, June 17th.

8:00 A. M. Crops judging begins.  
3:00 P. M. Final athletic contests.  
7:30 P. M. F. F. A. meeting.

Thursday, June 18th.

9:00 A. M. F. F. A. meeting.  
2:00 P. M. F. F. A. meeting.  
7:30 P. M. Banquet and award of prizes and honors.

It will be noticed that the tentative program provides for more time for Future Farmer activities than has been had heretofore. This is in line with the changed objective of the Rally. Most of the older men will remember that the Rally started as an athletic contest, later on the agricultural contests were added, and now we find these two old standbys supplemented by Future Farmer activi-

ties, with the leadership note predominating throughout the whole Rally.

The final program will be published in the May issue of **Chapter Chats**. Look for changes in that issue. At that time and in that issue definite information will be given as to speakers, entertainment, and other features of the Rally that have not been finally allowed for at this writing.

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**FUTURE FARMERS CELEBRATE.**

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main function the Burkes Garden Agricultural Show and Stock Sale. This seems to be the first permanently successful attempt. The next seems to have been the Alpha Gamma Club at Nassawadox, formed by Mr. T. V. Downing, District Supervisor. Then followed the Thrift Club at Gloucester, which, under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Hambrick and W. L. Creasy, proved so successful that similar clubs were formed at Holland, Windsor, and Disputanta. Thanks are due to these that the thrift idea was embodied into a workable plan in vocational agriculture and was the first objective ever set up in a Future Farmer program. May it never be abandoned in future programs. The Holland and Disputanta Clubs were continuously active with agricultural programs, sending teams to the Rally, and the organizing of seed and agricultural shows.

One other organization existed for but a short time, but paved the way for the Caroline Seed Growers' Association and the Virginia Crop Improvement Association. This was the group of vocational students at Sparta, under Mr. Frank B. Cale, now a district supervisor, whose agricultural club, formed in 1923, aimed mainly at the production of soybeans. They did such excellent work that fathers insisted on joining. A big evening school developed, which soon became the Caroline Seed Growers' Association. The club was swallowed up, so to speak.

The success of these clubs and their influence, along with the many failures not mentioned, produced that fertile soil in which the acorn, the F. F. V. idea of Henry Groseclose, was planted.

**The Nation was Ready.**

Now, Future Farmers, other States were having the same experience as Virginia. Practically every State in the Union had local clubs in existence previous to 1928 when we became a national organization, and some even had State organizations. Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Delaware had a good many clubs or junior farm bureaus. In Ohio there were in existence over one hundred junior branches of the Townsend Agricultural Society previous to the F. F. A. Utah had a State-wide "Junior Farm Bureau Federation," organized in 1925. California had a State-wide organization, but this was later disbanded. New York had its "Association of Young Farmers' Clubs," organized in 1926. The oldest successful State organization was called "The Young Farmers' Association of New Jersey," formed in 1923. Most interesting it is to find that their first publication, an excellent production, was a handbook, published in 1924, bearing the title "The Future Farmer."

We can surely see the picture. Clubs came and went. Many were born of an enthusiastic vision that there must be a club to do some one piece of work, a school fair, an agricultural tour, or to promote landscaping of school grounds. Soon there seemed to be no justification for existence, and cease to exist most of them did. Yet every thoughtful young farmer and every sincere instructor felt unless we were organized we would never be any better off as adults in steering the ship of agricultural development than our fathers. The soil was ready—the right strain of acorn seed had been planted. It needed to be a strain adapted to the varying needs nationally. It needed protection from adversity as the seed of Henry Groseclose's vision sprang into being even in a favorable soil. The story is a romance to which justice can not be done in a single article.

**The Formation of the F. F. V.**

New Year's Day, 1926, found Henry Groseclose ill, and the work on your organization to which he had been assigned came to a standstill. He had to be removed to a hospital, where he was confined for six months. In April of that year, however, the idea was presented by Mr. Newman to some five hundred boys assembled for the Rally. They were for it. With convalescence at hand, Mr. Groseclose's attention returned to the F. F. V., and on June 14th there was mailed out to every instructor "The Proposed Constitution and By-Laws for a Boys' Organization of Vocational Agricultural Students in Virginia." It is amazing how much of the F. F. A. organization of today is to be found in that production. No word short of beautiful can describe it. If illness ever did a good turn, it happened in this case. With quiet and contentment, free of pressure, in two months' time he had produced something that you and I take for granted now. But the Constitution, F. F. A.'s, is romantic.

A diamond, despite its hidden value, is appreciated only in its final, lustrous form, the result of careful shaping and polishing. Every instructor studied the proposed Constitution, and many ideas were advanced by correspondence and in the conference of instructors that summer of 1926. These suggestions are interesting. One came from J. O. Hoge, now district supervisor: "And why not a national fraternity to be known as the Future Farmers of America?" In that historic conference, instructors set up an objective of an F. F. V. Chapter in every agricultural high school, and that meant faith and hard work for all who were serving. It was a difficult task in many schools. Perhaps your present instructor may be among those who served with Mr. Groseclose that year in further perfecting the plan. They were H. M. Love, Ernest Hambrick, W. L. Creasy, G. C. Frazier, J. W. Miller, J. P. Pullen, J. J. Gwaltney, and J. O. Hoge, along with the supervisors and teacher-training staffs.

In December, 1926, appeared the first F. F. V. publication from the Agricultural Education Department in Richmond, a nameless one, with an offer of a five-dollar reward for the best name. Who do you suppose gave us "Chapter Chats"? It was Sidney Williams, of the



Powhatan Chapter. Chapter Chats continued in mimeograph form until July, 1927. That nameless mimeograph has something else of interest. From where did the first applications for chapters come? Well, here they are, meaning they had to be fully organized before applying:

Rural Retreat	September 28
Dublin	October 7
Axton	October 12
Clintwood	October 21
Mica	October
Turbeville	October
Woodlawn	November 12
Unionville	November 13
Greenfield	November 13
Charlotte	November 19
Lincoln	November
Climax	November
Blacksburg	December 2
Wakefield	December 3

It seems that the charters were not sent out in this order, it being said that Number One went to Weyer's Cave. The charters had to be delayed until 1927 because it was hoped that the national seal for vocational agriculture could be used, and there was disagreement as to its design. Rural Retreat made the first application.

#### The F. F. V. Lives.

Throughout the remainder of the school year, 1926-'27, a determined drive was under way for more chapters and active chapters throughout the State. Walter Newman and his supervisors visited school after school, forming chapters and invariably leaving behind a set of worthwhile objectives. In April of that year, at the Rally, 73 of the even 100 chapters had representatives at the first State meeting. The Constitution was revised and ratified. The first officers were elected and the first Virginia Planters, or Third-Degree members, were recognized. The bronze pins for Greenhands and the silver pins for Farmers had been made. The keys for the Third Degree were almost identical with the present one for the State Farmer Degree, except that the outline was square in place of the cross-section of an ear of corn. We should be interested in remembering our first officers and Virginia Planters elected in 1927: President, Joseph Turner, Chase City; Vice-President, R. B. Story, Courtland; Secretary, William B. Claggett, Berryville; Treasurer, Joseph Beard, Floris; Reporter, Edwin Givens, Newport; Adviser, Henry C. Groseclose. Executive Committee—Basil Long, Weyer's Cave; Stuart Cassell, Rural Retreat; Lewis Gray, Gloucester.

It is interesting to notice that every one of these young men, except one, are still in agriculture, and all of them either engaged or further preparing to engage as agricultural leaders. The first eighteen Virginia Planters were: Joseph Beard, Floris; Curtis Turner, Axton; Russell Gladding, Temperanceville; R. B. Story, Courtland; Gilbert Presgrave, Floris; Frank Cecil, Dublin; Joseph Turner, Chase City; Walter Wildman, Chase City; Samuel Roane, Gloucester; Lewis Gray, Gloucester; John Pickerel, Middletown; Basil Long, Weyer's Cave; Stuart Cassell, Rural Retreat; Edwin Givens, Newport; Emmett Holder, Varina; Renford Thornton, Climax; William Badger,

Nassawadox; Thomas Miller, Bridgewater.

The Honorary Virginia Planters elected were five, as follows: Harry Flood Byrd, Governor; Robert D. Maltby, Regional Agent for the South; Dabney S. Lancaster, Secretary of the State Board, previously teacher-trainer and supervisor, and now dean of men at the University of Alabama; Henry C. Groseclose, Professor of Agricultural Education and founder of F. F. A.; Walter S. Newman, Supervisor of Agricultural Education and organizer of F. F. A.

#### The Idea Penetrates the South.

Mr. Robert D. Maltby, Southern Regional Agent for Vocational Agriculture, was so elated with the amazing success of the idea that he saw to it that Virginia's scheme was presented to the Southern Regional Conference at San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Maltby was the first individual outside our State to see the significance of this new movement. His encouragement and counseling should never be forgotten by you Virginians. Mr. Newman gave an excellent presentation at the Regional Conference, and attending delegates were enthusiastic and pledged themselves to set up like organizations in their own States. This was done within three months in Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina and Oklahoma. Mr. Groseclose made trips in the interest of the movement to three Southern States, and others soon followed.

Nationally, the movement was hindered for several months because of varying ideas prevailing as to the form of organization and nature of it. However, the next impetus came under the leadership of Mr. W. T. Spanton, and his Pacific Coast Region went on record as favoring the F. F. V. plan of Virginia for that region and for the nation. This was at Denver in May, 1928. It is interesting to note that Mr. W. A. Ross, who now is the National F. F. A. Executive Secretary, was chairman of the Pacific Coast Committee which led that region into pledging itself to the plan.

#### The F. F. A. Becomes a Reality.

The Third National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students was held in conjunction with the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City in November, 1927, and it was decidedly in advance of anything nationally which had ever been held. The Virginia story was told by Dr. C. H. Lane to that tremendous gathering at their annual banquet on November 19, 1927. The Congress approved the idea, and, in the main, supervisors and teacher-trainers were convinced of the need and looked favorably on the Virginia plan. Dr. Lane became an enthusiast for the movement, and has remained so to this day.

When the Fourth Vocational Congress assembled, much had been done. The Virginia plan had been developed and revised to suit national needs. Mr. Groseclose and Mr. Newman worked in co-operation with a national committee. It required patience. It required that Virginia give up several important features of her organization, particularly the term "F. F. V.," which had so much of significance to us. The Congress lost no time in acting on the plan. The representatives worked day and night, altering

the plan here and there, securing compromises and explaining away objections. The fact that such a workable plan evolved, with every vocational leader and all student representatives satisfied, is sufficient proof that the vocational leadership was in good hands nationally. Almost amazing is the fact that the F. F. V. in 1928 had successfully handled a budget of \$3,300.00, publishing their own magazine, and had paid off expenses for representatives and teams to Kansas City, St. Louis, and the Virginia Grain Show.

There were eighteen States represented at this Congress. Of these, the following were organized on a State-wide basis and applied for charters as shown by the minutes of this momentous meeting: Arkansas, Arizona, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Virginia. Other States not represented, but which were organized and applying, were Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Ohio and New York had State organizations, but no action had yet been taken towards F. F. A. affiliation.

Immediately at the close of the Congress, with the authorization necessary, Mr. Groseclose went to work on the problem of securing incorporation. Much had to be done, but before December of 1928 had closed, he had completed incorporation under the laws of Virginia, with the following Board of Directors: C. H. Lane, J. A. Linke, H. O. Sargent, A. P. Williams, W. T. Spanton, Robert D. Maltby, all of the Federal Board for Vocational Education; H. O. Sampson, New Jersey, and W. S. Newman and H. C. Groseclose, of Virginia.

When the next national meeting had rolled around, the Future Farmers of America was a reality. Its permanence and progress during one year was incredible. What would have been the Fourth National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students, now had become the Second National Congress of the Future Farmers of America, held at Kansas City in November, 1929, at the time of the American Royal. Thirty-four States and Hawaii were identified with the movement, with a membership of 23,000. Phenomenal? Yes. Controversies had largely disappeared. Even the problem of the emblem, essential to the pin, key and charters, had been settled. For some reason, this had been the most vexatious problem. But it can be truly said that where there was controversy it was based on sincerity of beliefs and a happy solution was invariably found. Much of this is due to the influence of Henry Groseclose, who saw the real goal and who patiently and enthusiastically persevered.

But from 1928 on through to September of 1930, another less spectacular influence must not be overlooked. You F. F. A.'s in Virginia have even more reason to be aware of this, and proud of it, too. It was the unselfishness of the whole Virginia program. The author, perhaps more than any one else, through five, yes six, years of service behind the scenes, can see it. It was the devotion and red-blooded co-operation of all Virginia workers. This story alone would justify a volume. For over two and a half years it went on intensely. First, the whole supervisory staff, under the leadership of Walter Newman, with the rank and file



of instructors and F. F. A.'s, struggled to make the Virginia Association a living, throbbing thing—and they did.

Second, half of the time of Mr. Groseclose, when not under national salary, and later almost full time when receiving half-salary from the F. F. A., along with that of a secretary, made his services financially possible. No one on the outside can realize the amount of mail, the vexatious problems, and the misunderstandings that would appear in a single day from instructors, State and national leaders and commercial firms.

Third, this meant much assistance and time of Mr. Groseclose's co-workers in counseling and even in carrying his Virginia load as best it could be done when the national load was too heavy. Finally, the task was so great that Mr. Groseclose's health broke under the strain and his entire load, national and State, had to be carried by his co-workers in Virginia as best it could be done for some months. All this was done gladly, even at the sacrifice of a Virginia teacher-training program over two years in succession—all for the sake of an ideal that your leaders in Virginia believed in. Future Farmers, here is a lesson in real co-operation for you of today. May your own chapters succeed as well.

#### Virginia Is the Mother State.

The fact that Virginia received State Charter Number One is no reason that Virginia might be called the mother State. Why is it?

Your own Henry Groseclose can well be called the founder, because it was he who gave us the reality of a plan embodied in the original Constitution. There was the name; the idea of progressive membership based on achievement (taken from the Boy Scout plan) and the names for the degrees; the emblem, the key, the seal almost identical with that of today, except for the cross-section of corn. He perfected the induction ceremony for the Greenhand, utilizing the idea of the materials of which the pin for the Third Degree were made, and utilizing the symbols on the present pin (except for corn) and emphasizing example set by the national agricultural leaders of the past. He was our own first Executive Secretary, and wrote the first handbook. To him is due the credit of arranging the financing of the handbooks with the Farm Journal Company; of securing the plow emblems from the John Deere Company, and of accomplishing incorporation of the national organization. He was justly awarded as the first one to secure the Fourth Degree of Honorary American Farmer. His achievement is sufficient proof that Virginia, for the second time in history, might well be called the mother State.

But one other Virginian must be mentioned. He is Walter Newman, who more largely than any one else was responsible for guiding us to financial independence, with a budget and State-wide program of which no one dreamed, in 1925. It was, no doubt, due to his suggestion in 1925 that something must be done, that we have the organization today. He ably presented the Virginia program to others. Therefore, he can well be regarded by us as the organizer.

The achievements above were not pos-

sible without the whole-hearted and unselfish co-operation of all in Virginia. What was done under their leadership was made possible by the co-operation of the thousands of F. F. A.'s and your own local leaders, who have preceded those of you who are now active members. The result was the demonstration of a working State program in Virginia which may not have been the first nationally, but which unquestionably was one of sufficient worth to attract serious attention and emulation nationally. Yours, then, is the mother State. May we be worthy of the thought.

#### Recognition of the F. F. A.

The past two years of development have appeared miraculous, not only to we members of the F. F. A., but to others. The co-operation of such firms as the Farm Journal Publishing Company, the John Deere Plow Company, the American Royal Livestock Show of Kansas City, the National Dairy Exposition of St. Louis, the Kansas City Star and its American Farmer Contest, Senator Capper's underwriting of the F. F. A. Public-Speaking Contest—all these and other evidences in the process of developing attest to the fact, Future Farmers, that you belong to a going concern of national importance. Mr. William J. Stannard, leader of the U. S. Army Band, wrote a march, "The March of The Future Farmers of America," and broadcasts it frequently over the Columbia network on Monday nights. Mr. C. P. Taylor, in the Agricultural Digest, says: "This organization is the bridge that connects the extension club work with the adult farm organizations." Mr. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, characterizes our organization "as the most hopeful sign on the horizon of the national agricultural situation." Our friend, Mr. Poe, who was present as guest at our State organization in 1926, said, "We look soon to see vocational agriculture boys in every Southern State definitely organized and regularly trained for the duties of community leadership—and community leadership is about the greatest need of the rural South today."

#### Whither Now, Future Farmers?

The successful operation of the Future Farmers of America is not the ultimate goal, however necessary that may be. Many things are being done. School grounds are improved; money is earned and saved; the chapters and States are self-supporting, and not dependent on solicitations; Father and Son Banquets, tours, camps, radio programs, and ad finitum. But these are not the ends. We have done well—but whither now?

First and foremost, the F. F. A. shall remain forever an organization of young farmers, and through it they will promote better agriculture. It will continue just as long as all of you Future Farmers meet your responsibilities and cherish the heritage which your predecessors have passed on to you. Our program must be essentially agricultural if it is for young farmers. Activities that are not agricultural must not predominate, even though athletic tournaments and similar activities have their place. "The tail must not wag the dog." It means making vocational agriculture a personal responsibility and opportunity of yours,

not an obligation confined to you. Even now vocational agriculture is less of a high school credit course than formerly.

Second, you must produce your own leadership, and, in so far as it is sincere, wise and progressive, your organization will thrive and function without undue supervision nor exploitation of others. It is imperative that you local leaders make the best of your opportunities. You can not lead without faith, patience, perseverance and vision, plus study and thoughtfulness far in advance of your fellows. To all F. F. A.'s, leadership can not lead except by your willingness to be led. The time is past for mob action, which has been all too common in rural America. Leadership of another does not entail subservience or submergence of individuality of those led. Rather, it allows expression of ourselves in a common cause, the cause becoming more important than one individual's opinion.

Third, the ideals, attitudes and beliefs in co-operation must be ingrained in our beings. It is the need today of rural America. No great civilization or movement has dawned on the pages of history without it. In the presence of big business, no less a person than Glenn Frank has stated it will be organized co-operative farming on the one hand or big corporations on the other, with the agricultural worker an employee only. Instead, it must be big farming and efficient farming. So far, every big co-operative has succumbed because the farmer was not yet prepared for real co-operation. There is every evidence that we are learning to work together. May the Creator help us to do a better job than our fathers in this respect.

Fourth, our programs must continue to be definite, tangible ones. This has been true from the beginning, and undoubtedly has had much to do with our success.

Fifth, we must continue to keep advancement and election to leadership in the organization based on actual achievement. This has been a fortunate feature of our organization from the beginning.

Sixth, we must remember that while national and State affiliations are of advantage, the final success of the organization will depend upon the local chapter. The successful achievement or the pitiable failure or indifference of your local chapter will seriously affect the national or State organization.

On this, our fifth anniversary in Virginia, let us set aside April as a month for accounting and inventorying of our accomplishments in the past five years. The public will be interested. On the other hand, traditions and history are valuable only in so far as they excite a better vision of the future and inspire us to new zeal.

Whither now, F. F. A. ? E. C. M.

"The possibilities of the Future Farmers of America are immeasurable, and through their leadership we may expect a new agriculture—an agriculture lighted by science and organized to demand an equal share with industry in the country's general prosperity. There is no more hopeful sign of progress among our population. Rural leadership is the outstanding need of the hour."—Arthur Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture.



## NEWS FROM CHAPTERS.

## Atlee.

The agricultural students of the Atlee High School were host to their dads at a Father and Son Banquet, held in the home economics department, on the school grounds, on the 26th of February. Covers were laid for seventy-two, and the girls of the home economics department served a meal of three courses.

Walker Campbell presided and also acted as toastmaster. Mr. Howard, the State Supervisor of Agriculture, was one of the chief speakers of the evening; Mr. Buck, supervisor of high schools of Virginia; Mr. J. Walton Hall, superintendent of Hanover public schools, were also speakers at the banquet. Mr. Seal gave a talk on the progress of the chapter and the work done by the boys.

FLOYD PALMER,  
Secretary.

## Bealeton.

The members of the Bealeton Chapter, F. F. A., were hosts to their fathers at the Father and Son Banquet held in the high school auditorium of the Bealeton High School on February 13, 1931. The meeting was opened in due form by the usual opening ceremony of the club, after which the boys joined their dads at the table. Covers were laid for fifty, and the ladies of the community served the meal. Mr. H. M. Pearson, principal of the school, acted as toastmaster. After the meal, interest centered in discussion of the members of the chapter. Speakers other than the members were E. L. Preston, county agent; B. H. Hays, of the chief justice, and Mr. J. P. Jenkins, who spoke on the importance of project work in agriculture. Several of the fathers spoke on various subjects.

The Bealeton Chapter has recently purchased an F. F. A. Banner, and we are planning to hold a community fair some time in the late spring.

STANLEY F. ARMSTRONG,  
Reporter.

## Burkes Garden.

The Burkes Garden Chapter, F. F. A., Basket-ball Team journeyed to Chillhowie February 7th to compete in the tournament with teams representing Honaker, Chillhowie and Liberty Hall. Burkes Garden defeated Honaker, Liberty Hall defeated Chillhowie, and Liberty Hall defeated Burkes Garden by a small margin in the final game.

At the last F. F. A. meeting it was decided that the amount necessary for the ad. in Chapter Chats should be contributed by the members of the chapter.

Last year's project work was completed last month.

C. G. FOX, JR.,  
President.

## Capron.

All members of our chapter of Future Farmers of America are Greenhands. This can be explained by the fact that this is the first year that agriculture has been taught at Capron High School. Although our chapter is very young, all of us are very much interested in our organization and are anxious to get ac-

quainted with fellow-members throughout the State.

Some of the things our chapter has done so far this session are:

1. Sent exhibits to the Eastern Virginia Seed Show, at Ivor, Va.

2. Sent a judging team to the Eastern Virginia Seed Show.

3. Aided in putting on an educational exhibit at the Four-County Fair at Suffolk, Va.

4. Sent exhibits to the Holland Seed and Poultry Show, at Holland, Va.

5. Sent exhibits to the State Corn and Grain Show, at Harrisonburg, Va.

6. Participated in the Eastern Virginia Basket-ball Tournament, held at Chuckatuck, Va.

7. We held our first Father and Son Banquet on Friday night, February 20th.

We are planning a trip to Richmond as soon as the weather gets sufficiently warm and the days get longer. We are also looking forward anxiously to the judging contest at Blacksburg in June.

L. P. WILLIAMS, JR.,  
Reporter.

## Castlewood.

The members of the Temple Hill Chapter of the Future Farmers of America sold their tobacco co-operatively. The boys are planning to buy all their seed corn and other seeds for their crop projects co-operatively. They are planning to buy only certified seed for their projects.

The members of the chapter have been setting some more shrubs around the school building. They went to the mountains and got some native shrubs and set them out. The chapter has ordered 600 trees from the State Nursery to distribute among the school children.

WOODROW BRATTON,  
Reporter.

## Chase City.

The F. F. A. of Chase City High School held a night meeting on February 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. At this meeting eighteen Greenhands were initiated and plans were made to have a banquet during the latter part of March.

We have a terracing club of thirty-nine members organized. Mr. Waller, of the agricultural engineering department at V. P. I., is conducting the instructions of this club. We enjoy these meetings and believe they will result in great good. Our section surely needs something to prevent soil erosion.

Our chapter hopes to be instrumental in getting terracing done on at least twenty farms.

NOEL LEACH,  
Reporter.  
WOODROW BRADSHAW,  
Secretary.

## Check.

The agricultural students of Check High School were hosts to their dads at a Father and Son Banquet, held in the agricultural department of the high school, Friday, February 20th. Covers were laid for sixty. The girls of the high school, assisted by the teachers and other friends, served the meal of three courses. Brammar Poff presided, and

Lee Lucas acted as toastmaster.

Interesting talks were made by several of the boys between the courses of the banquet. Music was furnished by the Floyd County Ramblers. Mr. J. O. Hoge was the chief speaker of the evening.

A large per cent of the fathers were present, as well as a number of the local advisory committee and the local member of the school board.

LEE LUCAS, Reporter.

## Check—Cannaday.

The F. F. A. of Check and Cannaday Schools left Check about 9 o'clock Monday morning, February 16th, headed for the Experiment Station at Blacksburg. All students, with one exception, took the trip. We were given an excellent opportunity to see what can be accomplished through careful selection and breeding, for the most of our time was spent in the animal and poultry departments. We spent some time in judging and studying the records of some of the best animals.

After lunch we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. H. C. Groseclose. Mr. Groseclose talked to us about the organization of the F. F. A. work and told us of some of the rewards we may receive if we put ourselves into our work.

We enjoyed every minute that we spent in Blacksburg, and feel that it was a great help to us at this time of our work. We are planning on another trip to the crop section of the Experiment Station a little later this spring.

LEE LUCAS, Reporter.

## Chillhowie.

Tuesday night, December 9th, the Chillhowie Chapter, F. F. A., held its monthly meeting and conferred the First Degree upon twelve new members. The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Carter, with all officers at their stations. The applications for membership were presented by the secretary, Wm. H. Copenhaver, Jr., and voted on by the chapter. The following students were initiated as Greenhands: Walter Copenhaver, Elmer Johnson, John McCormick, Marshall Umbarger, Leon Surber, Robert Powers, Hamilton Rich, Willis Buchanan, Eugene Goodman, Ernest Tilson, Harry Ferguson, and Sherman Frye.

After the ceremony the meeting was closed in due form, and the refreshment committee—J. H. Greaver, Wm. H. Copenhaver, Jr., and Lynwood Ramsey—served ice cream and apple pie.

J. H. GREEVER,  
Reporter.

## Cleveland—Wallace.

The Cleveland Chapter, F. F. V., met the first Monday in January and decided to have a Father and Son Banquet during January.

On the night of January 24th, most of the boys in our chapter and their fathers met on the roof gardens of the First National Bank Building in Abingdon for their annual banquet. A delicious meal was served by the Cleveland Chapter of Parent-Teacher Association, consisting of fruit cocktail, roast chicken, gravy, sweet potatoes, oysters, cream potatoes, peas, ice cream and cake. Our principal, Mr.



C. A. Jones, of the Cleveland Chapter, served very ably as our toastmaster.

The program consisted of piano music between courses by Miss Virginia Clarke, of Martha Washington College, welcome by I. W. Pendleton, instructor and adviser, and short talks by Mr. J. Nick Jones, formerly agricultural agent of the Chamber of Commerce, Bristol; Mr. F. S. Hurt, agricultural agent at First National Bank, Abingdon; Superintendent Edmondson, of our county; Rev. McChesney, local pastor of Presbyterian Church, and E. L. Gardner, instructor at Greendale and Mendota High Schools.

Wallace Chapter entered the basketball tournament, which was played at Emory, to decide the county championship January 17th. Those playing on the team were Herman Haga, Garland Gibson, Hermie Pippin, Roscoe Bowers and Clifton Rankin.

Two samples of seed corn were sent to the State Corn and Grain Show by Horace Lowery, Cleveland, and Alton Matherly, Wallace.

ANSON GARRETT,  
Reporter.

#### Darvills.

The Darvills, F. F. A., Basketball Team journeyed down to South Hill and got beat their first game by South Hill. Although the Darvills team put up a wonderful defense against their much-larger opponents, they could not penetrate the South Hill defense. South Hill seemed to have an outstanding team.

#### Disputanta.

Since the last Chapter Chats, our Father and Son Banquet has been held. We also took part in a basketball tournament which was held at Chuckatuck. We won three games, but lost the fourth.

Due to the fact we lacked equipment for holding our Father and Son Banquet, the chapter has purchased a set of dishes to use on such occasions and are having an oyster supper March 5th to help defray expenses.

On account of low prices of farm products, we have not been able to make as much progress with our thrift bank as we would like. We are using a barometer system of scoring the members of our chapter. This has created a good deal of interest and has enabled us to get better projects and more standard practices planned.

J. E. BISHOP,  
Reporter.

#### Dublin.

The boys of the Agricultural Club of the Dublin High School, under the supervision of their instructor, F. H. Jordan, held their annual Father and Son Banquet in the dining-hall of the Methodist Church Friday evening, February 6th.

A bountiful turkey dinner was prepared by the mothers of the class, who were assisted in serving by the high school faculty. Rufus Copenhaver, as toastmaster, welcomed the fathers, and W. H. McLeod made the response. F. H. Jordan spoke briefly of his work and the splendid co-operation of the patrons of the school. Evert Farris, Craig Riggle, Frank Jordan, Jr., and Hicks Milli-

rons, of the first-year agricultural class, told of their different enterprises in a most interesting and entertaining way. C. D. Glendy, of the advisory board, and C. J. Walsh, scoutmaster, made brief talks, which were enjoyed.

Sam and Francis Hardwick and Robert Copenhaver, former members of the agricultural class, who are now attending V. P. I., were guests for the occasion, and Messrs. West, Pope, Young and Myers, of the senior class of V. P. I., were guests from a distance.

#### Dungannon.

The Dungannon Chapter has begun work on helping improve the school grounds. This was one of our objectives for the year, and we hope to build a walk and plant some trees or shrubbery this spring.

We are planning to treat seed potatoes for the farmers and to treat our own seed this year. Several of our members will enter the pumpkin contest sponsored by Dobyns & Taylor Hardware Company.

#### Edmond Pendleton.

The Edmond Pendleton Chapter, F. F. A., has had a very busy winter. We had a very successful initiation and are planning our Virginia Farmer ceremony. We have visited the Richmond tobacco market, WRVA Radio Broadcasting Station, and other interesting points in Richmond. Our dues are 100 per cent paid up. We are planning a social in the near future. Our basketball team was placed second in the Ashland tournament.

ROBERT BOWERS,  
Reporter.

#### Ewing.

Lester and Chester McDaniel are studying vocational agriculture in Ewing High School. Their father recently built a modern poultry house. The boys have made and installed sanitary drinking-fountains and self-feeders. This equipment was made in the school shop at Ewing. These boys are making good in their agricultural work. In addition to the poultry-house equipment, they have fitted handles in tools and have made some good single-trees.

#### Fincastle.

The members of the Fincastle Chapter held their annual Father and Son Banquet Wednesday evening, February 18th, in the class room, about thirty-two being present. Some members of the chapter were kept away on account of sickness.

Enjoyable talks were made by some of the fathers, the superintendent and members of the school board and members of the chapter on different subjects, such as "Tomato Growing as a Project," "The Wheat Outlook," "The Purpose of Supervised Practice," "Dairy Projects," "The Purpose of the F. F. A. and What It Aims to Do," and "Growing Certified Seed Corn."

The supper was served by three of the mothers, a member of the high school faculty, and county home demonstration agent. This was a real treat. Those present voted the banquet a great success.

JOHN CRONISE,  
Reporter.

#### Hambone.

The Hambone Chapter, F. F. A., of the Surry High School, made a tour of various industries in Richmond on Monday, February 23rd. A tour was made of the following places during the day: Richmond Dairy, the News Leader plant, the City Water Works and Filtration Plant, and the City Power Plant.

Later in the year the chapter will make a tour of the famous farms on the James River.

BARHAM HUNNICUTTE,  
Reporter.

#### Haysi.

Our F. F. A. Basketball Team made a fine showing for its first year by winning out in the county and the fourth section, but lost to Liberty Hall at Emory and Henry for championship of Southwestern Virginia.

The first real co-operative work has been in the purchasing of seed for spring seeding, in which we have got a number of local farmers to see where they can secure the best of seed at a low price.

We have greatly improved our building and surrounding grounds by numerous plantings, fencing and walk-building. The class room has been equipped with new lights, so it can be used for evening classes and other events at night.

Project work is beginning to get into full swing for the summer.

WALKER SUTHERLAND,  
Secretary.

#### Honaker.

The tobacco, corn and potato show conducted by the Honaker Future Farmers of America at the Honaker Hardware Store for the farmers and F. F. A., was a success in every respect. A large number of people attended the show and remained for the lectures given in the afternoon by Mr. Jeff Cozart of the Cozart Tobacco Warehouse, in Abingdon, and Mr. C. C. Bundy, prominent Russell County farmer. Mr. Cozart judged the tobacco and Mr. Bundy the corn and potatoes.

Forty-four dollars in premiums were donated by the firms and individuals of Honaker. The premiums were awarded as follows:

Corn: First, Clinton Taylor, Gardner (agriculture boy); second, J. C. Hurt, Gardner (farmer); third, James Honaker, Gardner (agriculture boy).

Potatoes: First, James Honaker, Gardner (agriculture boy); second, J. W. Hurt, Gardner (farmer); third, Winfred Musick, Penny (agriculture boy).

Tobacco: First, Ellis Belcher, Blackford; second, H. E. Sauls, Blackford (farmer); third, Henry Davis, Blackford (farmer).

A spirit of rivalry existed between the farmers and F. F. A.

As a result of the show, a number of farmers and F. F. A. are now planning to win next year. A number of the Honaker F. F. A. are buying pure-bred Jersey heifers in co-operation with the evening school members. The evening school members have organized a Jersey Cattle Club and their committee is leaving February 23rd for western Kentucky to purchase twenty-five head of pure-bred cows and heifers. The F. F. A. and evening

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## NEWS OF THE CHAPTERS.

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school members are planning to hold a pure-bred Jersey cattle show in August. There are already seven pure-bred Jersey bulls in New Garden district. They were purchased last spring.

The F. F. A. Chapter has recently set a hedge around the front lawn of the high school building. The chapter will hold its Father and Son Banquet during the spring months.

CARL BOYD, Secretary.

## Ivor.

The Ivor Chapter, F. F. A., held its annual Father and Son Banquet Friday night, February 13th, in the Masonic Hall, which was decorated, along with the tables and place-cards, with St. Valentine decorations.

The president of the F. F. A. Chapter was toastmaster and presented the following men to give short talks as the entertainment for the evening: Mr. B. T. Watkins, acting superintendent of schools in Southampton County, expressed his appreciations for his invitation and made a short talk on the relation of father and son to each other in every-day life. Following Mr. Watkins came Mr. T. V. Downing, supervisor of Eastern Virginia agricultural schools; his topic for discussion was, "Accomplishments of the Ivor F. F. A. Chapter and the Future Responsibilities of the Boys as Farmers." Then the toastmaster presented Mr. F. T. Joyner, principal of Ivor High School; his short talk was along the line of vocational education for high school boys and girls. Mr. J. H. Gardner, second vice-president of the F. F. A. organization, gave a complete description of his trip

to Kansas City, which was very interesting to every one. Mr. Gardner is one of the two boys from the State of Virginia to receive the honor of a free trip to Kansas City.

## Lincoln.

Since the last issue of *Chapter Chats* our chapter has accomplished four of its annual objectives. We sent two boys to the State Grain and Corn Show to enter the junior judging contest, and also sent twenty-six exhibits to this show. The exhibits won a large number of prizes, among which was the championship ten ears of corn grown in Virginia, by Mr. John Ward, for the third successive year.

On February 25th we held our annual Father and Son Banquet, to which we invited the Lincoln Junior Farmers' Club members. These club members are a part-time group of former agriculture students, now farming. There were forty-nine present at the banquet and every one seemed to enjoy himself.

During the last few days our chapter has been busy repairing the drive leading into the school grounds.

JOSEPH DILLON,

Reporter.

## Madison.

Our news item for the month is taken from the "Madison Echo," our local high school publication. The "Echo" states that a trip was made by the second-year vocational class to the government experimental farms at Beltsville, Md., for the purpose of studying farming in a large way. This trip also afforded the students an opportunity to visit the various departments at the University of Maryland en route. The boys also visited the Academy at Annapolis before returning. The boys had some tall stories to tell on their return, and as Robert Louis Stevenson would say, "They saw many things that they had never seen before."

But what we would like to know is has any one settled the "pot-liquor-corn-pone" argument yet?

KENETH AYLOR,

Secretary.

## Manassas.

We have made the following progress on our objectives:

1. Had four boys at State Corn and Grain Show.
2. Ranked second in F. F. A. tournament at Upperville.

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3. Projects larger this year than last.  
4. All but two boys with two or more projects.

5. Making plans for tour to Eastern Shore of Virginia in June.

6. Department buying a new filing system, including bulletin-case and four-drawer letter-file. This will mean that we will have to raise \$64.00.

The chapter is also making money for our judging team to be sent to the Rally at Blacksburg.

CHARLES ROBERTSON,

Secretary.

## Maywood.

The members of the Maywood Chapter are now constructing a unique store building of logs in which to carry on their business affairs more effectively. The structure will be eight feet by ten feet and will house school supplies and confectioneries for the school trade. Plans are under way for the third annual old-time fiddlers' convention, which has been sponsored so successfully by the local agricultural students for the last two years.

The new water system, which employs about fifteen hundred feet of pipe, a ram, water from two springs and a concrete storage tank, is nearing completion. The project was engineered and the concreting and pipe-fitting done by members of the chapter. The construction work is fitting into our program of farm engineering perfectly and the boys are getting experience on a life-size scale.

## MAYWOOD CHAPTER.

(Don't bother to look for the name of an individual; we are all for one and one for all. We have become 'we'-minded, you see.)

## Middlebrook.

Richard Hanger, of the Middlebrook agricultural class, made the exceptional record of placing second out of over fifty F. F. A. and Four-H Club boys from all over the State who judged at the State Corn and Grain Show.

The judging team from Stuarts Draft and Middlebrook High Schools was coached by the agricultural instructor, L. O. Brumback, and it consisted of the following boys: Richard Hanger and Cecil Bowman, Middlebrook; Billy Brooks, Joe Humphries and Lyle Henkle, Stuarts Draft.

Richard Hanger is a senior at Middlebrook High School and is an outstanding member of the class. He is also carrying a large project in agricultural work.

The medals for the junior grain-judging contest were awarded by the American Cyanamid Company.

Many exhibits were also made by the Middlebrook and Stuarts Draft people in the grain show. Some sixteen entries were made in corn, wheat, oats, barley and potatoes.

Second place in the potato show was won by Mr. Henry Aerheart, of Middlebrook, and third place by Howard Farver.

L. O. BRUMBACK,  
Instructor.

## Middletown.

The Middletown Chapter, at its last meeting, decided to give a play for the

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benefit of the chapter. This play is to be given some time in the near future. The money received from this play will go to pay for the track that the F. F. A. boys are now building, and also to equip the track team. The chapter has also co-operated with the Stephens City Chapter in purchasing seed and plants for this year. To date, the two chapters have purchased co-operatively over 15,000 onion and cabbage plants.

#### Mt. Jackson.

The Mt. Jackson Chapter, F. F. A., entertained their fathers and friends at a delightful banquet Friday evening, February 20th, in the High School auditorium. Ford Brill, president of the F. F. A. organization, acted as toastmaster. He spoke very highly of the co-operation the newspapers have been giving him so far during the year. Waldo Zerkel, the secretary, outlined the objectives for the year. William Payne gave the thrift bank report, in which he stated that over \$1,200 had been put on savings by the boys during the year 1930.

The Future Farmers' Creed was given by Elwood Baker. Braden Miller gave a summary of his project work the past year and his plans for the coming year. Harold Getz gave a very interesting account of the prizes won by the chapter during the past year. Besides many fair prizes of medals and money, he stated the chapter won the first prize, a large banner, for having sent the first farm display to the annual agricultural show at V. P. I., in which the agricultural high schools all over the State of Virginia had an exhibit.

Prof. C. E. Richards, instructor, gave the summary of the boys' project work for the year ending 1930. He spoke of the outstanding work done by the chapter. He also asked the fathers to give their co-operation to the boys during the coming year in their project work.

Five boys were given prizes for doing outstanding work during the past year in project work, school work, and work in their chapter. Ford Brill, standing high, was presented a \$10.00 gold piece by Mr. P. M. S. Bird, cashier of the People's Bank, the money being donated

by the bank. Braden Miller and Waldo Zerkel were each presented \$5.00 in gold by Mr. J. W. McDonough, cashier of the National Bank, the money being donated by the bank. William Payne was given \$5.00 in gold by Mr. E. Z. Dingledine. Glenn Estep was given a check for \$3.00 by Mr. J. C. Clark.

Prof. H. M. Painter, principal of the school, made a very interesting talk. Many other interesting talks were made, congratulating the chapter for their splendid work done during the year.

The banquet was served by the boys' mothers and sisters, and a delicious menu was enjoyed by the eighty-five people present.

HAROLD GETZ,  
Reporter.

#### New Hope—Fishersville.

When the New Hope Chapter, F. F. A., set up their objectives for the coming year, one was to have a minstrel show. At last this objective has been reached, as have some of the others. The show was given on Friday, February 27th, with successful results. The proceeds amounted to about seventy-five dollars, of which about sixty dollars was clear. The boys expect to use this money to take a tour to points of interest in and around Washington next summer.

On February 19th the agricultural boys of the above schools attended the one hundredth anniversary of the invention of the reaper. The boys left school about 9:30 A. M. on a school bus, loaned through the kindness of Mr. Gilkenson. In the morning a picture was shown at the New Theater on the development of the reaper up to the present time. In the afternoon there was a demonstration of various kinds of farm machinery.

#### Nokesville.

The annual Father and Son Banquet was held December 18, 1930, at 7:45 P. M., in the B. D. H. S. auditorium, in honor of the fathers and sons of the Nokesville Chapter, F. F. A. The banquet was attended by the high school teachers—Miss Elizabeth Q. Morris, Miss Marjorie Graybill, Mr. C. O. Bittle—and two agriculture instructors were also present, Mr. J. P. Pullen, of Manassas and

Nokesville, and Mr. Crabill, of Floris and Herndon. The presidents of both Manassas and Floris were present.

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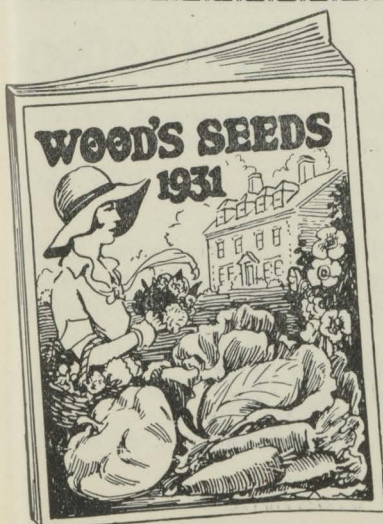
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The majority of the fathers and sons of the Nokesville Chapter attended the banquet, the total attendance being forty-one. The president of the Nokesville Chapter, Hermon Swank, presided, and a very interesting program was given.

We, the Future Farmers of America, of the B. D. H. S., wish to thank the Woman's Club of Nokesville, who showed interest enough in the chapter to prepare the turkey dinner, which was appreciated by all present.

The F. F. A. Basketball Tournament was held January 21, 1931, at Upperville. The following teams competed: Floris,

Lincoln, Manassas, Upperville and B. D. H. S.

The State Grain Show was held at Harrisonburg January 23, 1931. A judging team of the following competed: Eugene Herring, Harold Neff, Sidney McLaren, and Ivan Fountain.

IVAN FOUNTAIN,  
Secretary.

#### North River.

The North River Chapter, F. F. A., held its regular monthly meeting February 14th. The most important business matter was the question of buying our seed potatoes and fertilizer co-operatively. The chapter also made plans to help grade the athletic field.

After the business session, a very interesting program was rendered, as follows: Recitation, "Down On the Farm," Brisco Landes; debate, "Resolved, That horse power is more valuable than mechanical power to Virginia farmers," Carl Zimmerman and S. Sangar; a negro sermon, Otho Smith. The sermon was very interesting and humorous.

A short talk on the value of complete records on our project work was given by our instructor, Mr. P. H. France, after which the meeting adjourned.

EDWARD BURTNER,  
Reporter.

#### Oceana—Kempsville.

The Princess Anne Chapter of the Oceana-Kempsville High Schools met for its monthly meeting in its chapter room

at Oceana recently. The meeting was very interesting and enjoyed by all who were present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Harold Kellam. All of the officers reported their stations in proper form without the manual.

The business part of the meeting was first discussed, the first thing being the reading of the objectives and the checking of those that have been accomplished. The objectives were read by Mr. McCann from the chart on the wall. It was found that over half of the objectives had been met and the objective to be worked on for the next month was selected. It was co-operative buying. The group decided that they were going to buy baby chicks together.

A committee of three were appointed to investigate the prices and to make a report at the next meeting. The framed charter was submitted to the chapter by Otto Manning, who was appointed chairman of the committee at the last meeting.

After all the business was transacted, the meeting was turned over to the program committee, of which Wayne Bowman was chairman. The subject for debate was, "Determine Which is Better to Grow, Hogs or Poultry." Carl Johnson and Oscar Edmondson upheld the negative side, while Otto Manning and Wm. Padon took the affirmative. The whole meeting was kept in a laugh at the points which were submitted by the two sides. After the debate, jokes were read by Lewis Peach, and later by Ben Murder. The group then resorted to playing games, such as pulling across the line and blowing balloons across the floor, etc.

After refreshments were served, as a gift of the lunch room, the meeting was adjourned till the February meeting.

H. FENTRESS, Reporter.

#### Red Hill.

On the second Friday night in October, the F. F. A. Chapter of Red Hill High School organized its thrift bank. It was decided that Friday in every week should be "banking day," and that every member should put in at least 10 cents.

The F. F. A. meets the second Friday in every month. They are now thinking over a way to raise money to finance their

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Father and Son Banquet, which they hope to have some time in March.

#### Reynolds.

The members of the Will Reynolds Chapter, of Hardin-Reynolds Memorial School, have held their Father and Son Banquet, which proved to be the most successful ever had.

All boys enrolled in agriculture belong to the F. F. A. organization except two. These expect to become members later. This year we have the largest membership in the history of the school. We are striving to have a Keystone Chapter.

BILL WOOD,  
Reporter.

#### Rural Retreat.

The department is now conducting an evening class on dairying at the Huddle School. At the present, twelve members are enrolled and much interest is evident as each promised to bring a new member next meeting.

Part-time instruction is being given to ten boys in the Rural Retreat section. The class was organized and started work on farm management January 26th.

#### Spencer—Penn.

We have paid 100 per cent of our F. F. A. dues and have met all State objectives except two. We hope to meet these soon.

WILLARD SMITH,  
Secretary.

#### Stafford.

The Stafford Chapter, F. F. A., is very busy at this time making plans to help beautify the school grounds. Plans for this work have been secured from the Commission on Conservation and Development. The ground is now being prepared and plantings will be made very soon.

#### Stephens City.

The Stephens City Chapter held its regular monthly meeting in the agriculture building Wednesday night, March 4th. The meeting was opened in regular form by George Wright, the president.

The chapter organized a track team. George Wright was elected captain and Isidore Bolen, manager. It was also decided at this meeting to purchase a shot and discuss for the team.

The secretary reported, twenty-two out of the twenty-four members present, after which the meeting closed in regular form and refreshments were served.

#### Sugar Grove.

Five F. F. A.'s of the Sugar Grove Chapter enrolled in the Chilean Nitrate contest last spring. Due to the severe drought experienced, two boys did not carry out their nitrate projects. However, three boys completed the work and turned in reports last fall. We were delighted to receive information from the State Supervisor that the president of the chapter, Hershel Richardson, won first prize in southwest Virginia, and former Vice-President Howard Hutton won second prize.

The entire chapter, and especially the winners, were very much pleased to win.

ERNEST EASTRIDGE,  
Secretary.

#### Sunnyside—McKenney—Darvills.

Sunnyside, McKenney and Darvills are planning a trip together for Friday, March 6th. Jake Sturt, of McKenney Chapter, has made a bargain with the members of Darvills Chapter to take all members of both chapters to Petersburg and back for the sum of 25 cents. While in Petersburg the F. F. V. will visit Swards Dairy Farm, R. L. Jones Hatchery, and South Side Co-operative Produce Exchange. The trip will be topped off with the movies that night.

#### Turbeville.

The Turbeville Chapter is closing out a fair set of project records, considering the poor crop year. Nine of our members have purchased a pure-bred Duroc sow each to add to their enterprises. We have sold candy and other refreshments this year very successfully. As a result, we have ordered a banner and a flag for our class-room, and still have some money left.

At our last meeting we put several ex-Greenhands through the mill and awarded them the Degree of Future Farmer. Our president, Elbert Ward, is a candidate for the State Farmer Degree. Our minstrel show, February 18th, netted us \$33.80 for our baseball team. We are planning to hold our Father and Son Banquet March 13th.

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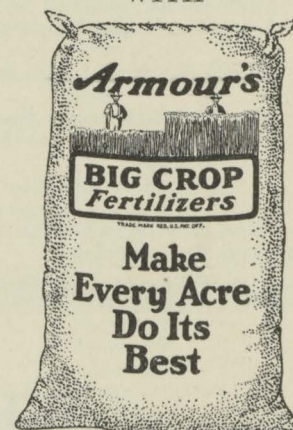
#### Weyers Cave.

The White Owl Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held the annual Father and Son Banquet in the Weyers Cave High School auditorium Friday night, February 21st. More than 100 fathers and sons were present. The main speaker of the evening was Capt. Chas. J. Churchman, prominent attorney of Staunton.

After the invocation by the Rev. C. E. Long, Elwood Rowe, president of the local chapter, gave an address of welcome. L. E. Long, one of the fathers present, responded to this address of welcome.

Prof. Ernest B. Craun, head of the agricultural department at the Weyers Cave High School for the past five sessions, traced the agricultural development in the local school. F. F. A. sweater em-

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blems, indicative of outstanding work, were awarded to Harry Long, M. G. Miller and James Shank.

One of the outstanding events of the evening was the recommendation by Prof. Craun of the elevation of Lurty Craun to the Third Degree in the F. F. A.

Lurty Craun's work in the local organization has been very outstanding. Recently he made a record in Harrisonburg at the corn-judging contest, where he scored 1388-10 out of a possible 140 points, winning first place.

The delicious banquet was served by girls of the home economics class of the high school, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Ott, instructor. Music for the evening was furnished by the Augusta Military Academy Orchestra.

#### Wicomico.

The school-ground improvement committee met with Mr. Farmer on March 2nd to discuss the plans they had drawn up to improve the grounds. Some of the things to be carried out are:

1. To plant shrubs in front of the home economics and agricultural building.
2. To fill in holes around agricultural building.
3. To plant flowers and some grass in space between concrete walk and building.
4. To secure fertilizer and lime for plot to be sown in grass.
5. To solicit flowers and bulbs from owners of local flower gardens.

6. To clean off, work and replant old flower garden.

We hope to get to work on this in a few days. ERNEST DAMERON, Reporter.

#### Woodlawn.

We have been laying special emphasis on better methods in crop production. We recommend decreased acreage, with selection of better land, better seed, and fertilizer that will give increased production per acre with lower cost per unit of production.

We have been devoting more time this year to our enterprises for the coming year. We selected our land early, and from eighty to ninety per cent of the boys have their land plowed. All the boys taking bean enterprises have purchased their beans co-operatively. We are now buying our seed-corn and making plans to buy our fertilizer co-operatively.

We plan to use eighty to ninety tons of lime. Each boy in class is to lime his land, manure and fertilize according to the recommendations studied in class for each crop. ERNEST WORRELL, Reporter.

#### Woodstock.

The Woodstock Chapter entered thirty of the sixty-five exhibits displayed at the Shenandoah County F. F. A. and 4-H Club egg show held at Woodstock on February 13th and 14th.

The Woodstock boys won five of the six prizes offered in the brown-egg class, two

of the six prizes offered in the white-egg class, and ranked second in the egg-judging contest.

Orrin Stickley won the prize offered for the best dozen eggs in the show, and ranked fourth high individual in the egg-judging contest.

We sent six exhibits to the State Corn and Grain Show. Richard Bowman won second place in the potato class.

#### Wytheville—Max Meadows.

The Wytheville and Max Meadows agricultural classes held their annual Father and Son Banquet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church house Friday night from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

Elmo Milgrim presided over the meeting as the toastmaster representing the sons, while his father, F. J. Milgrim, was the dad toastmaster. Frank Stephens welcomed the dads and visitors; James Taylor told of the Future Farmers of America activities; J. C. Moore, the instructor, told of the departmental activities and objectives, and Frederick Graham expressed the appreciation of the sons to several of the mothers, who managed, and with the aid of several high school girls, served the supper. Mr. E. R. Price, of Blacksburg, was the main speaker of the occasion.

Out of the thirty-seven boys in the three classes of agriculture, only four were absent. Practically every one of them was accompanied by his father or his uncle.

H. G. B., Reporter.

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