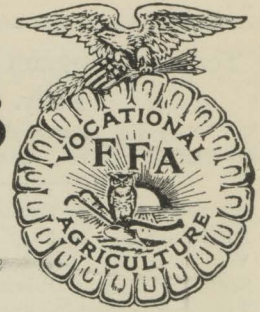


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The Summer Camp At Morgart's Beach

PLANS FOR F. F. A. CAMP OFFER
LIVELY TIMES.

The F. F. A. Camp is going to be salty and sea-going. The campers are going to be "Sailors" and "Sailorettes" and speak in the terms of the sea on their cruise at Morgart's Beach, according to the program of activities outlined by "Commander" W. D. "Bill" Altman.

It appears that as soon as you have signed "the articles" it will be Ho! for the life of a sailor until the ship is back in port and you are "beached" again to take up like as a land lubber.

In short, the camp director has planned that this summer's camp will have the sea as its theme. Sea names and titles will be used in keeping with this theme and there will be many surprises to enliven camp routine. In the camp "lingo" a bed will be a "bunk;" the floor, "the deck;" going to camp will be "putting into port;" going to activities will be "putting out to sea;" program will be "cruise;" front will be "fore;" back will be "aft;" and the hotel will be the "ship."

Miss Betty Taylor, graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, and a native of Vinton, has been secured to direct music at camp. Miss Taylor is experienced in choral work, piano, and drama.

It has just been learned that Mr. Joe Adams will be back with the F. F. A. campers to direct handicraft, and he will have with him Mrs. Adams—an addition since last camp.

The morning programs, according to preliminary plans will include: archery, basketball, bolo ball, boating and fishing, croquet, dramatics and music, hikes, scouting, and ping pong for boys Tuesday and Thursday, for girls Wednesday and Friday. In addition boys will have self-defense and wrestling.

Activities for girls Tuesday and Thursday mornings and boys Wednesday and Friday mornings will include badminton, softball, crafts, leather work, handicrafts,

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Future Farmer Convention Plans For Annual Rally Well Under Way

1940 Sessions Will Be Held June 18, 19, 20, 21

The Rally entries are piling in upon the State Adviser at Blacksburg. It looks as if there will be the largest crowd gathered for an annual Rally this year. Future Farmers from all over the state will be making the trek to the hilltop on Tuesday, June 18, where the first evening meeting of the convention will be called to order by President Jack McAboy at 6:45 o'clock. Judging and other activi-

al dormitories have been built on the campus since last year and our dining hall will accommodate 2,400 per meal. Approximately 1,900 Future Farmers and instructors can be here if they turn out according to rules.

It stacks up this way. Approximately 798 boys as judges from 266 chapters, 532 delegates, 266 extra boys to judge in the shop contest, approximately 200 applicants for the State Farmer Degree, and 210 local advisers would make a grand total of 1,906 to say nothing of the members of the band, the choral group, the athletes, the public speakers, and the contestants in the degree team contest.

The college hospital will be open as usual with Dr. Woolwine in charge and a competent nurse on the job. Sick call will come at 5:00 P. M. as in the past. The swimming pool will be open at the usual hours which will be shown on the program and in all probability that will make up for the lack of other facilities such as tennis.

The big change in the Rally will be in the night programs. Free moving pictures will be shown each night immediately following the meetings in the auditorium. Professor H. W. Sanders, in charge of moving pictures, has selected some ideal programs. The supper hour is 6:15, with the evening sessions beginning at 6:45. Short, simple, evening meetings will be the order of the day, after which picture shows will be run so that every Future Farmer can get to bed early and be ready for the next day's events. A tentative Rally program is shown elsewhere in Chapter Chats. It is a little too early to give the names of the speakers but we can count on either the president or one of the vice-presidents of the national organization being with us as Bradley Twitty was with us last year. Twelve former Future Farmers will be with us as usual to act as leaders and

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ANNUAL REPORTS DUE JUNE 1

Mr. Groseclose has mailed to all chapters the forms to be used in making the annual reports of chapter activities. Attention is called to the fact that this report must be in Mr. Groseclose's hands by June 1 in order that a chapter be eligible to participate in the Rally.

Unfortunately, last year, several chapters failed to get their reports in and their teams were ineligible for participation.

ties such as Schools for Leadership, will begin on Wednesday, June 19, and run through the three-day Rally as usual.

The local advisers and boys who plan to attend the Rally should get out the current copy of the Rally Regulations and go over them carefully. Attendance at the Rally is limited as explained on pages 2, 3, and 4 of the Rally Regulations. The three mistakes that occurred in making up the Rally Regulations have been explained by Dr. Newman in the March issue of Chapter Chats. Be sure to review those also. The usual arrangements have been made for accommodations for those who are qualified to attend the Rally. Our accommodations this year will be adequate, we feel sure. Addition-

Tentative Program of F. F. A. Rally.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute,
Blacksburg, Va., June 18-21, 1940.

Present new officers.

Members of State Executive Committee.
President, Jack McAboy, Stephens City.
Vice-President, John Cruise, Hillsville.
Secretary, Ryland Dodson, Dan River.
Treasurer, Robert Walton, Powhatan.
Reporter, James White, Herndon.
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Walter S. Newman, Richmond.
Adviser, Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg.
Executive Committee:
Marcus Oliver, Kempsville.
Thomas Scott, John Randolph.
William Hounsell, Rural Retreat.

Prayer for Use in Mess Hall.

God is great and God is good,
And we thank Thee for this food;
By His Grace shall we be fed,
Give us, Lord, our daily bread.
Amen.

State Board for Vocational Education,
Virginia Association Future Farmers
of America, Virginia Polytechnic
Institute, cooperating.

ALL NIGHT MEETINGS OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC.

Monday, June 17th. 16
Afternoon.

2:00 Executive Committee meeting.
Dairy Building, Room 402.

Tuesday, June 18th. 17
Morning.

9:00 Meeting, State Executive Committee. Dairy Building, Room 402.

Afternoon.

2:00 Rally Committee.
Registration, Registration Booth.
Campus.

3:00 Swimming, College Pool.
4:00 Meeting of Rally Sub-Committees
with Heads of Departments.

5:00 Sick Call, College Infirmary.
6:15 Supper, Dining Hall.

Evening.

6:45 "State Farmer Night." First Session, ~~Fourteenth~~ Annual State F. F. A. Convention. Auditorium.

Music and Singing. Dr. Richman.
Short Business Session.
Nominations for State Farmer Degree. Dr. Newman.
Election of Candidates. *Heads of Departments*
Announcements of Committee Appointments.

8:30 Miss Eugenia Dawson—H. E. Remarks. President McAboy.
Movie. *Cape Fear*

Meeting, Instructors of Agriculture.

11:00 Lights out in Barracks.

Wednesday, June 19th. 18
Morning.

6:15 Showers.
7:15 Breakfast, Dining Hall.
8:00 Judging Contests, Barns and Gymnasium.

School for Leadership (Sections follow).

Reporters, Agricultural Hall, Room 300. Prof. R. H. McNeil.

Presiding Officers, Dairy Building, Assembly Room, R. A. Wall.
Athletics, War Memorial Hall.

9:00 Track and Baseball Classes. Prof. S. D. Tilson.

10:00 Swimming Class, Beginners. Prof. M. B. Blair.

Choral Club, Dr. Richman, Auditorium.

Afternoon.

12:15 Radio Broadcast. Dinner, Dining Hall.

1:15 Degree Team Contest, Auditorium.

2:00 Inter-District Baseball Game, Miles Stadium.
Inter-District Softball.
Committee Work.

3:00 Public Speaking Contest.
Swimming Meet.

3:30 Swimming, College Pool (All).

4:00 Sick Call, College Infirmary.

6:15 Supper, Dining Hall.

Evening. *Fifteenth*

6:45 Second Session, ~~Fourteenth~~ Annual State F. F. A. Convention. Auditorium.

Music and Singing. Dr. Richman.
Public Speaking Contest Winner.
Demonstration by Winning Degree Team.

8:00 Recreation.

8:30 Movie.

11:00 Lights out in Barracks.

Thursday, June 20th. 19
Morning.

6:15 Showers.
7:15 Breakfast, Dining Hall.

8:00 Agricultural Contests, Barns and Gymnasium.

School for Leadership (Sections follow).

Shop Contest.
Reporters, Agricultural Hall, Room 300. Prof. R. H. McNeil.

Presiding Officers, Dairy Building, Assembly Room, R. A. Wall.

Athletics, War Memorial Hall.
Choral Club, Dr. Richman, Auditorium.

Track Class, S. D. Tilson.

10:00 Swimming Class, Beginners. Prof. M. B. Blair.

11:00 Life Saving Class. Prof. Blair.

Afternoon.

12:15 Radio Broadcast. Dinner, Dining Hall.

1:15 Agriculture Contests. Review of classes judged first day. At location judging was done. Shop.

1:30 Athletic Contest. Preliminaries, 100, and 220 at Stadium.

3:00 Swimming Meet.
3:30 Swimming for everyone. College Pool.

Inter-District Baseball Game, Miles Stadium.

Inter-District Softball.

5:00 Sick Call, College Infirmary.

6:15 Supper, Dining Hall.

Evening.

6:45 "Recreation Night." Third Session, ~~Fourteenth~~ Annual State F. F. A. Convention. Auditorium.

Group Singing.

Amateur Hour.

Band Concert.

Address by Dr. Julian A. Burruss, President of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

8:30 Movie.

11:00 Lights out in Barracks.

Friday, June 21st. 20
Morning.

6:15 Showers.

7:15 Breakfast, Dining Hall.

8:00 Agricultural Contests. The highest 12 individuals in each of the five contests (first day's judging) report at Barns and Gymnasium under guides assigned.

9:00 "Business Meeting." Fourth Session, ~~Fourteenth~~ Annual State F. F. A. Convention, Auditorium. Business session for delegates.

1. Call to order and opening ceremony.

2. Reading of digest of the minutes.

3. President's annual address.

4. Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Committee on Program of Work.

b. Auditing Committee.

c. Budget Committee.

d. Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

6. New Business.

7. Closing Ceremony.

Afternoon.

12:15 Radio Broadcast. War Memorial Hall. Participants take west stairway to parlors.

1:30 Ballot on Officers. Registration Booth.

Track Meet, Miles Stadium.

3:30 Championship Inter-District Baseball Game, Stadium.

5:00 Swimming, College Pool.

6:15 Supper, Dining Hall.

Evening.

6:45 "Achievement Night." Fifth Session, ~~Fourteenth~~ Annual State F. F. A. Convention, Auditorium. Report of Elections Committee. Music.

Third Degree Ceremony.

Resolutions Committee.

Judging and Track Awards.

8:30 Movie.

11:00 Lights out in Barracks.

MICA CHAPTER ONE OF THE EARLIEST TO BE ORGANIZED

By EMMET FARMER.

The Mica Future Farmers of Virginia was one of the first F. F. A. Chapters to be organized in the United States or even in the world, it being organized in October, 1926, with Willard Gray, who now resides on his farm at Woodford, Va., as the first president; Henry Broadus, now farming near Smoots, Va., as vice-president; and George Washington, a direct descendant of the brother of the "Father of Our Country," as the first secretary-treasurer.

(It is significant to note at this point that George Washington, the "Father of Our Country," is one of the cornerstones of the Future Farmers of America organization. His picture adorns the chapter room of every good F. F. A. Chapter and his principles of living and working are held up before our F. F. A. boys.)

Credit for the idea of an F. F. A. organization and for nurturing it through its early career goes to Mr. Henry C. Groseclose, now of Blacksburg, Va., and Dr. W. S. Newman of Richmond, Va. There were 19 agriculture students at this first meeting and all became members in due form. Our local chapter was first known as the Future Farmers of Caroline, then in 1929 it was chartered as a local of the Future Farmers of Virginia. In 1933 the Future Farmers of America came into being and our local and State organization became affiliated with this larger movement known as the Future Farmers of America.

In 1929, a judging team composed of Luther Kay, Carrol McKenney and Edgar Russell won the State judging contest at Blacksburg, Va., and for outstanding judging Carrol McKenney and Edgar Russell were selected to represent the State of Virginia along with two other Virginia boys on the State team which judged in the national F. F. A. judging contest at the National Dairy Show at St. Louis in the fall of 1929. L. C. Daughtrey was selected as the coach of this team. The out-of-State team acquitted itself with honor, Carroll and Edgar winning several individual awards for their outstanding judging of dairy cows, poultry and milk at St. Louis.

The F. F. A.'s of 1931-32 laid a concrete walk up to the entrance of the school building and another walk from the school over to the agriculture building at a cost of about \$80.00. They also set a large number of shrubs down the walks and around the front of the building.

In the fall of 1937 the F. F. A.'s helped remodel two basement rooms into a light, clean, up-to-date lunchroom. They leveled up the floor and poured a three-

inch concrete floor over the entire two rooms, also pouring concrete steps leading into the basement and a concrete walk leading to the basement door and helped to lathe and plaster the walls of the two rooms. The same group also ran a water line over to the agriculture building and put in a sink. The same year they bought and installed an electric rip-saw, and lathe in the shop room, took care of the wiring of agriculture building and installed a six-inch jointer bought by the school board. In the spring of 1939 the chapter paid for hauling some gravel and the members hauled some themselves and graveled the entire school driveway at a cost of over \$12.00 to the chapter.

The chapter has always taken an active part in the State track contest, winning this contest two years in succession in 1932 and 1933. One notable collegiate track star in recent years, Ivan Mothershead, received his early training at Mica in the F. F. A. track contests. He holds one or two State and Southern Conference records in the mile and half-mile runs. He was also good enough in the mile to try out for the Olympics, actually reaching the American semi-finals before being eliminated.

We have always assumed the responsibility of caring for the lawn, shrubs, and driveways around the school and other improvements in our agriculture department. The chapter, although not a very large one, has six of its members listed among "Who Is Who," with the State organization. In other words six members, Carrol McKenney, Ivan Mothershead, Charles Bruce, Rowe Phillips, Herbert Broadus and Charles Powers in the last few years have been awarded the very much coveted "State Farmer Degree."

The Mica F. F. A. Chapter is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, F. F. A. chapter in America or the world. Nevertheless, the membership of 17 at present is looking to the future, with bigger and better objectives for our organization.

ADAPTED HYBRIDS INCREASE CORN YIELD.

The April Bulletin of the Virginia Department of Agriculture suggests that farmers try several of the adapted hybrids that showed up well in Virginia experiment station tests. Last year 64 hybrids were tested against a leading local variety.

Hybrid Golden Prolific made the highest increase in any of the tests, 26.9 bushels more per acre more than the local variety. Hybrid White Dent made the greatest increase of any white hybrid. These two hybrids were developed and grown in Virginia, showing the importance of adaptation in hybrid corn. Only 6 out of 56 hybrids from other states gave satisfactory increases in the Williamsburg test.

For several years many farmers have planted Virginia-grown hybrids with great success. Mr. A. C. Horton of Charles City County, says, "For two years Hybrid Golden Prolific yielded 70 to 80 bushels per acre on land that never produced over 50 bushels before."

J. L. Maxton, V. P. I. Agricultural Economist, says the advantages of hybrid corn will force out of corn production farmers who do not shift to adapted hybrids in the near future.

DEHORNING CALVES.

One of the most satisfying ways to dehorn small calves is by the use of caustic potash, which should be applied when the calves are about a week old, or as soon as the horn "buttons" can be felt. The earlier the job is done after the location of the buttons are noticeable the more sure and the better the results will be.

Put a little grease on the skin around the horn button to prevent the caustic running down on the skin and blistering. Of course, the place where the caustic is to be applied should not be greased.

The caustic stick must be moistened before using, but by all means do not get it in contact with the lips or fingers. A heavy piece of paper should be wrapped around the caustic potash to avoid getting it on the fingers as it will burn severely.

The caustic potash comes in a small stick about the size of a lead pencil. Most drug stores have it at the cost of a few cents. It should be kept in a tight stopped bottle so that it does not take up water.

This operation is not a hard one to do. Any boy can easily do it, and you will find the method a very satisfactory one.—The American Farm Youth.

QUALITY PAYS ON THE FARM.

We've seen business concerns come and go—we've known farmers to get twice the price for certain products as other farmers—we've seen folks pass up products of certain farmers regularly and buy from the neighbor. Quality is the key-stone of every successful business and service. Sell high quality seeds; the best butter you know how to make, and only that kind; make for yourself a dependable reputation, and you'll come out ahead of the other farmer every time.

NITRATE TONIC FOR SLOW GARDENS.

Slow-growing home gardens, held back by unreasonable weather, can be sped up by a side-dressing of nitrate of soda. Get a hundred pounds and sprinkle it along the rows of your beans, sugar corn, melons, and tomatoes. Rake it in and watch them grow. Hen house manure is another quick stimulant.

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Marcus Oliver (Kempsville), Lynnhaven.

Thomas Scott (John Randolph), R. F. D. 1, Farmville.

William Hounsell (Rural Retreat), Rural Retreat.

*Name of school appears in parenthesis.

FARM FUTURE.

The future is always good material for guessing contests. You doubtless have your guesses as to what the future offers in agriculture. Maybe you will be willing to compare them with mine.

Who would have guessed, 20 years ago, that last year's crop of soybeans harvested for seed would have passed 80 million bushels? Who would have guessed, 30 years ago that the weed, sweet clover, would become a highly valued crop? So, who would guess now that in the years ahead we will see no new crops in America's fields?

For thousands of years crops have been grown to supply the eat-and-wear needs of mankind. There was no reason to think of any other purposes as important.

But within a few years organic chemistry, physics and other sciences have made enormous advances. Never before could industry squeeze an atom of water out of the castor oil molecule and make it into a drying oil fit for the finest enamels. Never before could industry extract lecithin from soybeans, or furfural from oat hulls—both important businesses now. Never before could a bean be used both for paint and gear-shift knob.

With modern technique that uses undreamed-of heats and once impossible pressures, scientists can take a plant

apart and put the parts together again in wholly new forms. So food and clothing no longer are the only markets for farm crops.

Wonderful are the things that have been done with our common old crops. Probably they are nothing to what will be accomplished when scientists really begin to comb the earth for crops especially suited to industrial raw material needs. Some of us now are urging that every state experiment station be provided with about \$25,000.00 a year for a special new crop research unit. The work of these units will not be confined to searching the earth for exotic plants, although they may want to examine the globes flora as part of their jobs. They may find their richest pickings in weeds in which we now see no value. For, in the light of new knowledge, every plant that grows needs to be re-examined. The weed that we can neither eat nor wear may be highly valuable for some form of chemical manufacture.

My guess is that many of you who read this will, within 20 years, be working with crops that neither you nor I know the names of now.—Guest Editorial in "American Farm Youth."

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Members of the Botetourt Future Farmers of America are sponsoring a community improvement project, which will include each of the vicinities in over half of Gloucester County in which these students live, with a prize being awarded to the student who gets the largest number of improvements.

Two students are assigned to each section to check the homes and offer suggestions for improvements and to encourage and assist those who may need help.

The improvements to the homes will include painting or whitewashing the dwellings, painting or whitewashing the out-buildings and fences, cleaning the roadsides by removing undergrowth, beautifying the yard by pruning trees, keeping grass cut, laying walks, etc., and beautifying and improving driveways by setting out shrubs and keeping undergrowth down and by repairing and constructing new building.—Gloucester-Gazette Journal.

(In printing the above the editor of the paper added the following comment):

"Three cheers for the Future Farmers. This is a splendid idea and points out one plan which might be followed by the By-County Town and Roadside Improvement League. Why not call in the young people of the community assist them in organizing a campaign that will touch every section of the two counties? They are full of energy. They have imagination. After school they will have time to work on the project. What better training could our future citizens

have than they would get from the organization and prosecution of a comprehensive clean-up and beautification campaign under efficient direction?"

NATIONAL FARM SCHOOL INFORMATION RECEIVED.

Dr. Walter S. Newman, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, has received a letter from Mr. H. B. Allen, President of the National Farm School, Bucks County, Pa., containing information in the event that some F. F. A. members in Virginia might be interested in attending the school.

According to Mr. Allen's letter, the school is purely vocational and carries its students to the point of specialization in a number of branches of agriculture.

The school is designed for young men of limited means and there is no tuition charge for instruction or maintenance. Incidental fees amount to \$150.00 the first year and about \$100.00 each of the other two years. It is pointed out however, that each student should have from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a month spending money.

The principal objective of the National Farm School is to enable the city boy to become an efficient practicing farmer, but the school president says that country boys are always welcome.

The school is non-sectarian in character and open to individuals of all faiths. The school president states in this connection that they "desire particularly to give young men of the Jewish faith opportunity to train for agricultural vocations and enter rural life."

Graduates of an approved four-year course in vocational agriculture receive credit for one year in the school. The school year begins April 1, but June graduates will be able to enter through special provisions.

DANVILLE COMPANY ISSUES ANNUAL SPECIAL EDITION.

The Register Publishing Company of Danville, publishers of "The Danville Register" and "The Bee," two daily papers, issued its annual agricultural edition March 12.

The 16-page supplement is of tabloid size and carries many articles by F. F. A. members telling about their home and school enterprises, besides articles of general interest to farmers. The supplement is well illustrated with pictures of the boys and their projects.

The supplement is captioned on the front as "A Salute to the American Farmer." In a dedication, also on the front cover, it is stated that "This agriculture edition is dedicated jointly to the interest of the farmers and to the people of this community (Danville). Through it they will see that both have much in common."

MAKE THE FARM MAKE THE LIVING.

While it is true that a certain amount of cash is necessary for the farmer and farm woman for the purchase of things that cannot be raised on the farm, such as staple groceries, clothes, education, etc., it is equally true that practically every farm owner or operator spends money for things that can be raised on the farm, or in the orchard or garden. A live-at-home campaign has been one of the objectives of the extension division for the last few years and has been a means of saving money for farmers and housekeepers in some sections of the state, but there are still entirely too many farm folks who are paying out good money for necessities, and even luxuries, they can raise at home if they will only give a little time and thought to it.

To help this all-important aid to better and more comfortable living the extension division has just had printed bulletin No. 145, "Make the Farm Make the Living." In a foreword to this bulletin Director John R. Hutcheson says: "During the last quarter of a century the business of farming has become increasingly speculative. To the old hazards of insect pests, diseases and weather have been added the hazards of foreign trade, monetary policies and regulation of production by industry and labor. Farming is particularly speculative this year, due to the wars in Europe and Asia, and already our markets for tobacco and fruits have been seriously affected.

"Due to these factors, at planting time this year, few Virginia farmers will have any idea what their crops will bring at upon the money received from the sale of harvest. Therefore farmers who depend on one or two crops to purchase food for the family or feed for the livestock may find themselves next fall without sufficient funds for such purposes. Such a condition would result in malnutrition, inefficiency and unhappiness. Members of such families will either go in debt, go on relief or go hungry.

"However, this is a condition which most Virginia farmers can prevent if they plan intelligently. Even on very small farms there is enough land for a good garden, a small flock of poultry, two cows and three hogs. Larger farms can produce fruits, the family bread supply, and ample hay pasture for livestock. Although our farmers may have a small share of the national wealth, it is within their power to have the largest share of the national health.

"Fortunately the AAA program for 1940 is well adapted to a live-at-home program and it is suggested that every Virginia farmer carefully study this program in making his plan for this year. General participation in the AAA program will not only insure better living

conditions in farm homes but at the same time build up our soils and help fit production to consumptive demands.

"The purpose of this bulletin is to call forcibly to the attention of Virginia farmers the desirability of making ample provision for food and feed supplies this year and to give helpful suggestions as to how such supplies may be provided on the average farm. Further information may be secured through the county farm and home demonstration agents, or by writing to the Extension Division, Blacksburg, Va."

CRIMSON CLOVER A MONEY-SAVER CROP.

Recommendations by V. P. I. agronomists that farmers save crimson clover seed this year, due to a prospective increased demand at fall seeding time, fit nicely into the Agricultural Conservation program of the state, say AAA officials.

Agronomists recently pointed out that if farmers save crimson clover seed this season, they will have them on hand when seeding times comes, and they will not have to go to the inconvenience and expense of buying them. Furthermore, home-grown seeds are acclimated to the section where grown, and farmers very probably can dispose of excess seed at a fair price.

AAA officials say that an increased emphasis will be placed on the seeding of crimson clover and other winter cover crops this fall, and that it is a practice that may qualify for soil-building payments under the program. Consequently, they advise, there will likely be a considerable demand for crimson clover and other cover crop seed, and the grower who saves his seed will have little to worry about from the standpoint of a possible scarcity and an accompanying rise in price.

Under the AAA program, the farmer may use crimson clover to a distinct advantage, say officials. Credit is given in the fall as a seeding practice for planting the crop. The clover keeps green roots in the soil over the winter and serves as a cover crop to prevent erosion and leaching of plant food. In the spring, the farmer may harvest seed to supply his own fall needs and probably have additional seed to sell as a cash crop.

Crimson clover, therefore, provides the farmer an opportunity to earn soil-building payments, a winter cover crop, and a supply of home-grown seed, with possibly an additional cash income from the sale of seed, without seriously interfering with the normal crop rotation.

Agronomists have also recommended that farmers save hairy vetch seed this season. Vetch is another of the crops that will be stressed under the Agricul-

tural Conservation program as a winter cover, and farmers may effect considerable savings in time and money by saving home-grown vetch seed.—Exchange.

KANSAS CITY DATES SET—JUDGING CHANGES MADE.

Word has just been received that the new dates of the American Royal Live Stock Show at Kansas City have been set for November 9-16, thereby fixing the dates of the National Convention as November 11, 12, 13, and 14.

According to a release from the national headquarters there have been two important changes in the rules and regulations relative to the national livestock show and judging contests for students of vocational agriculture, held at Kansas City.

In the livestock show and sale there will be a weight classification instead of an age classification in the fat market cattle. The tentative weight division has been set at 950 pounds and will no doubt be final, according to the information received.

A change has been made in the placing card for draft horses. The new placement divisions are: general appearance, body, feet and legs, and action.

GOLD PINS AVAILABLE FOR HONORARY MEMBERS.

The L. G. Balfour Company, official jewelers, have prepared a gold emblem pin for honorary members. According to information from the National Executive Secretary's office, these pins will be available for purchase through local advisers of such recognized chapters as wish to give these pins to honorary members.

Especial attention is called to the fact that the pins may not be worn by active members.

The pin is in the identical size and style of the present Greenhand and Future Farmer pin, and is made up in 10-carat gold and will sell for \$2.75 each.

CHAPTER SECRETARY'S BOOK IS ENLARGED; PRICE SAME.

According to a release from the office of W. A. Ross, National Executive Secretary, the chapter secretary handbook has been enlarged in order to accommodate 100 names rather than 50 as does now.

The enlargement of the handbook was made in accordance with action taken by the Twelfth National Convention.

Mr. Ross' release states that the price of the new book is 30 cents, the same as the old edition has been. The books are printed by the French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Md., official F. F. A. printers.

: : NEWS FROM FEDERATIONS : :

Junior Farmer - F. F. A. Joint Meeting.

The Blue Ridge Federation sponsored a joint meeting of F. F. A. Chapters and Junior Farmers' Clubs of Prince William and Fauquier Counties at Manassas, February 26. The meeting, presided over by the Federation president, Freddie Harpine, was opened with the F. F. A. ceremony and then turned over to Gerald Herring, chairman of the program committee.

The Address of Welcome was delivered by Mr. R. Worth Peters, principal of the Osbourn High School. This was followed by reports from the chapters on various activities.

One of the most interesting phases of the program was an amateur contest in which every chapter in the Federation was represented. Billy Merchant, representing the Manassas Chapter, was the winning contestant, with a selection on the piano. Earl Fife, from the same chapter, was judged second with a selection on the accordion.

Following the amateur contest, Mr. D. J. Howard, Assistant State Supervisor, was introduced by Gerald Herring. Mr. Howard made a few remarks emphasizing attendance at the State F. F. A. Camp, located near Smithfield on the James River. He in turn introduced Dr. R. W. Gregory, Specialist in Agricultural Education and Mr. D. M. Clement, Agent for the Twelve Southern States. Both men made many remarks of interest to the group. Dr. Gregory's address was directed mainly to the Junior Farmers.

CHARLES ADAMS,
Reporter.

Northern Triangle and Junior Farmers Meet.

The Northern Triangle Federation and the Junior Farmers of Clarke and Frederick Counties held a joint meeting in the Handley gymnasium, Winchester, February 22.

Chapters represented included: Handley, Boyce, Berryville, Stephens City, Middletown, Front Royal, Gainesboro, Washington, and Sperryville.

Since the meeting was held on George Washington's birthday, Mr. W. R. Legge talked on this "First American" and his many contributions to agriculture. Mr. D. J. Howard, Assistant State Supervisor, discussed the new F. F. A. State Camp near Smithfield, Va.

A balloon blowing contest was won by the Sperryville Chapter. Carroll Rowe of Handley won the foul shooting contest, sinking 7 out of 12 free shots. The Sperryville Chapter won a bushel of apples for having the largest percentage of its members present.

The six boxing matches between the

Stephens City and Middletown Chapters highlighted the evening's entertainment.

MAURICE O'BANNON,
Reporter.

Federation to Hold Rally May 21.

The Northern Neck Federation will hold its annual rally May 21, at the Warsaw High School.

Contests to be held at the rally, to prepare the students for the State rally, will be as follows: Five classes in poultry judging, two classes in dairy cattle, one class in hogs and two classes in farm crops. The dairy cattle class and farm crop class will be held on the farm of J. M. Gouldin, near Tappahannock. The other classes will be held at the Warsaw High School.

In addition, there will be public speaking contests and a degree team contest. The Agricultural Extension Service of the Northern Neck counties through their club leader, Douglas Lanford, is cooperating in this rally and will have entries from the 4-H Clubs in the Northern Neck.

Reporter.

Botetourt Wins Judging Contest.

Botetourt Chapter of Gloucester took first place in a judging contest sponsored by the Saluda Chapter and held at Saluda on April 16. The line-up, with points made out of a possible 1,500, was as follows:

1. Botetourt	1,010
2. Matthew	930
3. Saluda	890
4. Syringa	785
5. Achilles	710

Everett Rich of Botetourt was high score man with 360 points. Harold Lewis of Mathews was second, with 345 points. Walter Miller of Botetourt was third, with 335 points.

The members of the judging teams were, as follows: Botetourt—Charles Bristow, Walter Miller, Everett Rich; Mathews—Soles Howlett, Harold Lewis, Jack Ward; Saluda—Ralph Belknap, Richard Burroughs, Geo. Daniels; Syringa—Winfred Fary, Archie Grinnels, Addison Walker; Achilles—Nolton Ambrose, Bertram Corr, Albert Green.

Reporter.

Smythe-Wythe Federation Tournament.

The Smythe-Wythe Federation basketball tournament was held on March 15 and 16 in the Chilhowie gymnasium.

Teams from Jackson Memorial, Rich Valley, Atkins, Marion, and Chilhowie competed. In addition, girls' teams from Rural Retreat, Atkins, Marion, and Chilhowie played. Chilhowie won the boys'

tournament and Marion won in the girls' competition.

The winning teams were awarded cups. Each of the eight members of the winning F. F. A. team was given a bronze basketball. The best sportsman, highest scorer, and best player were given medals. In the girls' contest, the best forward, best guard, and best sportsman were given medals.

JOHN WILLIAMS,
Reporter.

Northern Triangle News.

The last meeting of the Northern Triangle Federation for the 1939-40 session was held at Gainsboro May 13.

Trophies were presented to Boyce for the basketball championship; to Handley, winners of the rifle match; and ribbons were presented to the winners of the Federation boxing match.

Federation officers elected for the 1940-41 session are: Nelson Beard, Gainsboro, president; Grayson Cullos, Front Royal, vice-president; Henry Kline Handley, secretary; Allen Emmert, Berryville, treasurer; Conrad Roystor, Boyce, reporter; Henry Carbough, Stephens City, watchdog; and Mr. Coles, Gainsboro, adviser.

CONRAD ROYSTOR,
Reporter.

Northern Neck Federation News.

The Northern Neck Federation held its May meeting on the 21st, at Warsaw High School. This meeting was held in connection with the "Little Rally" sponsored by the Warsaw Chapter to select the judging teams of each chapter to go to Blacksburg.

Those present at the meeting were the regular federation members; the contestants for judging; the instructors; and representatives from Lloyds, Tappahannock, and Center Cross Chapters.

In the discussion of an out-of-state trip, it was decided that another visit would be paid to the World's Fair.

The chapters were urged to send in reservations as soon as possible for places at the State Camp.

The Farnham Chapter degree team gave a demonstration.

After the meeting the judging contests were held. There were three classes of poultry, two classes of eggs, several classes of cattle, and one of corn.

LAWRENCE LUTTRELL,
Reporter.

"Listen to me, now, or you'll never learn how to handle a plane. Just do as I tell you, and you'll be all right. Keep 'er straight now. Don't let 'er go sideways. Push 'er a little harder and keep your front end up a little. . . . Now level 'er off. That's the way. Say, I'll make a carpenter out of you yet!"—London Evening News.

: : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

C. T. Smith News.

The C. T. Smith Chapter held a meeting May 7 and discussed plans for a trip to Curles Neck Farm May 25.

It is planned that the party will tour the farm in the morning and in the afternoon hold a judging contest and watch the milking operations.

George Scott was elected at this meeting to attend the Rally and participate in the Shop Judging Contest. James Houck was elected to attend the Leadership School.

It was voted that the chapter enter contestants in the George Washington Federation Track meet to be held at King George May 16 and to enter the judging contest at Sherwood Farm June 1.

JAMES HOUCK,
Reporter.

Warrenton News.

The Warrenton Chapter and the Home Economics girls held their annual Father and Son, Mother and Daughter banquet April 25 in the school auditorium. The auditorium and tables were decorated with flowers and the colors of the clubs. The banquet program was handled by Lester Ruffner, president of the chapter, who acted as toastmaster.

The program was as follows: Invocation, Rev. J. S. Johnston; Welcome to Visitors and Parents, Lester Ruffner; Toast to Mothers, Ann Robinson; Toast to Fathers, Carlson Booth. Home Economics Accomplishments, Roberta Trow; F. F. A. Accomplishments, Archie Myers; Four Training Program, Stephen Green; Rules for Handling a Husband, Jimmy Poe; Tap Dancing, Pearl Utterback; Music Selections, Carmichael Brothers, accompanied by Miss Rogers; Movie of School Scenes, Dr. Ferneyhough; Song by F. F. A. Boys and Home Economic Girls; Awarding of American Farmer's Degree, W. H. Thomas, Superintendent of Schools; Talks, Mr. P. B. Smith, J. P. Jenkins, John Benner, and Mrs. Yelliot.

The Warrenton accomplishments for the year include: the construction of six banquet tables, 20 saw horses, and ten bulletin cases. The chapter has improved the school grounds by sowing 55 pounds of grass seed, 1,000 pounds of lime, and 500 pounds of fertilizer. Ten green hands have been initiated. A camping trip to Fairview Beach was sponsored. The chapter won first place in the Blue Ridge Federation track meet.

One of the chapter members made the Out-of-State Dairy team to Springfield, Mass. The Corn Judging team placed first at the Corn Show sponsored by Marshall National Bank, winning \$28.00 in prizes. A Hen Day netted the chapter

\$14.00. The Livestock Judging Team won the judging contest sponsored by the Brandy Rock Farm. A member was awarded the American Farmer Degree. An educational trip to the State Fair was sponsored. And plans are being made for participation in the Rally and the Tri-Federation track meet at Fairfax.

THOMAS BEACH,
Reporter.

Fincastle News.

The Fincastle Chapter held its monthly meeting April 30, in the local chapter room.

Roual Cyphers, chapter president, presided. A committee was appointed to arrange for a trip that the members are planning to take this summer. William Clarkson was elected to represent the chapter as delegate at the State Rally. June 5 was set as the date for the chapter weiner roast. The next chapter meeting will be May 31.

Mr. Marshel and Mr. Brugh, representatives of the Southern States Cooperative, showed a movie at the meeting on the plants and how they operate. Mr. Brough talked on Self-Control and Cooperation.

RAY RUMBURG,
Reporter.

Greendale News.

The vocational agriculture boys of Greendale High School sponsored a radio program over WOPI in Bristol, March 28.

The chapter has organized a baseball team and expect to have a successful season.

Many field trips have been accomplished this year. One of the more important men was the visit to Brooks Chicken Hatchery at Abingdon.

J. W. DAVENPORT,
Reporter.

Calverton Chapter.

During the year 1939-1940 some of the Calverton Chapter activities have been as follows:

Won second place in the Livestock Judging Contest sponsored by Brandy Rock Farm.

Won second place in the Corn Judging Contest sponsored by the Marshall National Bank.

Entered four contests sponsored by the Blue Ridge Federation.

Initiated eleven green hands.

One of our members was awarded the American Farmer Degree.

Our chapter has sent in one application for the American Farmer Degree and two applicants for the Third Degree.

Have cooperatively bought 2,000 baby chicks and five bushels of certified Johnson County white corn.

Sponsored a camping trip to Fairview Beach.

Sponsored an educational trip to the State Fair.

Have spent six weeks in shop work—constructed feeder, wheel barrows, single trees, double trees, etc.

Have set out ten shrubs as part of our school ground improvement.

Plans have been made to enter the State Rally, conduct a Father and Son banquet, and enter the Federation Judging Contest.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,
Reporter.

Blue Ridge Chapter News.

The following activities are among those which have been carried out during the current school session by the Blue Ridge Chapter:

1. Organized a farm practice contest offering prizes to the boys carrying out the first and second best farm practice programs.

2. Entered two corn exhibits and one poultry exhibit in the county fair.

3. Bought cooperatively five purebred Poland-China gilts, two bushels of certified seed corn and a \$60.00 block of books for the F. F. A. library.

4. Raised money to finance chapter activities by selling candy.

5. Entered Federation basketball tournament.

6. Entered Degree Team Contest. Won county and Federation contests. Plan to enter District contest at Powhatan on May 18.

7. Entered Federation Judging Contest. Won first place.

8. Framed the F. F. A. creed and charter and the picture of Washington.

9. Secured and installed light globes in the agriculture classroom.

10. Secured silverware for chapter use when serving banquets.

11. Three boys started saving accounts.

12. Held Father and Son banquet.

LAWRENCE HAWKS,
Reporter.

The Shenandoah Federation News.

The Shenandoah Federation held their regular monthly meeting in the chapter room of the Mt. Jackson High School April 8. The chapter members voted to hold the tournament in Harrisonburg April 26, provided alleys can be secured at this time.

The winning team is to receive a cup, teams are expected from all six of the schools in the county.

Toms Brook Chapter won the county F. F. A. basketball tournament, and received a cup.

EDDIE ORTZ,
Reporter.

Port Republic Chapter.

The Port Republic Chapter has a co-operative chick project in operation. Members have 350 chicks, being brooded by an electric brooder in the shop.

Hatcheries donated the chicks and feed companies have supplied about 1,200 pounds of feed. Two members are assigned to the feeding and management of the chicks each week. The best practices in the care and management are being studied and records are being kept on the chickens.

The chapter has as one of its community projects the improvement of the school lawn. Members are busy getting lime, fertilizer, and seed for this project. They are being assisted this year by the local Ruritan Club.

Edward Smith and Eugene Pirkey have been selected to represent the chapter at the State Camp. The chapter will pay a part of their expenses.

Three prizes are being offered in the shop work this year. The awards will be based on quality of work, attractiveness of exhibit, and use of time in shop periods. The first prize will be a two dollar hunting knife; second, a dollar and a half scout knife; and the third, a dollar and a quarter scout knife.

RUSSELL WILLIAMS,
Reporter.

Whitmell Introduces Beef Cattle.

The Whitmell F. F. A. Chapter has introduced a new cash enterprise. The chapter, with the help of Mr. J. Powers Pullen, has placed in the community a supply of purebred Angus cattle.

The cattle, bought from several neighboring counties, are being financed through the American National Bank of Danville.

The cattle have been placed on approximately 40 farms. This project created so much interest that the Whitmell Farmers' Club has consented to assist the F. F. A. chapter in making this new enterprise a predominant one in the community.

The American National Bank has assisted the boys in other ways. The bank is planning to hold a banquet for the chapter. Plans are being made to allow the boys to enter their cattle in the next county fair.

CALVIN BRYANT,
Reporter.

Manassas - Haymarket Banquet.

The Manassas and Haymarket Chapters held their annual Father and Son banquet, March 28, in the Haymarket gymnasium.

The Invocation was given by the Rev. Carpenter of the Episcopal Church of Haymarket. The dinner was served by the Haymarket Home Economics girls, under the supervision of Miss Trueheart. It consisted of baked chicken, dressing,

gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes and dessert of ice cream and cookies. After the meal members introduced their parents and guests to the audience.

Earl Fife, of Manassas, played the piano accordion, and John Carter, Jr., of Haymarket, played the harmonica.

The Junior Farmers present were introduced by Ralph Rollins. Mr. Percival Lewis thanked the members on behalf of the parents and guests. Buddy and Walter Merchant sang two selections, accompanied by Walter on the piano. The ten points of the F. F. A. were then given by William Russ. Mr. Eutsler introduced the teachers of Haymarket followed by the introduction of the Manassas teachers by Mr. Litwin.

The Creed of the F. F. A. was recited by John Wood of Haymarket. Mr. Haydon was the speaker of the evening. In conclusion Mr. Shutes exhibited his ability in felt drawing, reading, and singing, accompanying himself on the piano accordion. He also played several accordion solos.

EARL FIFE,
Reporter.

Lacrosse Banquet.

The Lacrosse Chapter held its annual Father and Son banquet March 30 in the Home Economics department of the school. George Taylor, president of the F. F. A. of Lacrosse, delivered the welcome address and L. M. Raney, cashier of the Lacrosse Bank, gave the response.

Judge Tisdale of Clarksville gave a talk on "Partnership of Father and Son," and C. B. Green, superintendent of the public schools of Mecklenburg County, talked on "Live-At-Home Program." G. Barham Fleetwood, principal of the Lacrosse School introduced the speakers.

There were more than a hundred persons present at the banquet served by the Home Economics department of the Lacrosse High School, under the direction of Miss Ruth Montgomery, the instructor of this department. Other guests included E. Y. Noblin, agricultural instructor of South Hill High School; J. M. Huffman, instructor at Lawrenceville High School, who previously had this work at the Lacrosse High School; and R. D. Cook, the Mayor of the town of Lacrosse.

Reporter.

Franktown - Nassawadox Chapter.

The Groseclose Chapter of the Franktown-Nassawadox High School held a regular meeting April 17 at which time officers for the coming year were elected.

Carroll Ames was elected president; Charles Downing, vice-president; Lee Nottingham, secretary; Arthur W. Joynes, treasurer; Fred Floyd, reporter; Allen Somers, watch dog. Ames, because of his election as president will get a trip to

the State Rally. All of the officers will assume regular duties at the May meeting.

A committee composed of Henry Badger, Lee Nottingham, and Frank Bell was appointed to meet with the Hi-Y to discuss plans for the annual barbecue.

The question "Resolved, that tractors are more profitable and practical than horses for the Eastern Shore farmer" was debated by Carroll Ames and Harry James, Jr., affirmative, and Frank Bell and Billy Hopkins, negative. Charles Downing, Dicky Tilghman and Baker Scott adjudged the negative side winners.

Henry Badger won first place and Charles Downing second in a shooting match held at this time.

FRANK W. BELL,
Reporter.

Ervinton Chapter.

The Ervinton Chapter met April 10 for the election of officers and to invite other students in the high school to enroll in agriculture classes.

James Mooney was elected president; Byron Counts, vice-president; Theo Yates, secretary; Noah Bowman, treasurer; Lannis Kiser, reporter.

There were 23 boys present who are taking agriculture this year who wish to enroll next year.

JAMES MOONEY,
Reporter.

Newsoms Trip.

The Newsoms Chapter went on a sight-seeing tour April 12.

Points of historical interest in Williamsburg and Jamestown were visited after which the group went to the Mariner's Museum and the Newport News Shipyards.

The party came back over the James River bridge and stopped for a show at Suffolk. On the way home from Suffolk the party ran through the unseasonable snow storm.

JAMES COGSDALE,
Reporter.

Buckingham Chapter.

Buckingham's first Father and Son banquet was held in the Central High School gymnasium with approximately one hundred fathers, sons, and specially invited guests present. Carl Rosen, president of the chapter acted as toastmaster.

Kendrick Garret explained the meaning of F. F. A.; James Foster gave the aims and purposes of F. F. A.; John Wright recited the F. F. A. Creed. The annual objectives of the chapter were outlined by Ray Ingle.

Toasts were given to the County Agent, School Board, and to the school faculty.

Carl Rosen recently competed in the District public speaking contest at Charlottesville.

On May 3 the Buckingham Chapter won the Central Piedmont Federation track meet, held at Hampden-Sidney College, with a total of 48 points. Six first places out of a possible ten were won by the chapter.

ELWOOD ROSEN,
Reporter.

Syringa Elects Officers.

At a regular meeting held April 22, the following officers were elected for the Syringa Chapter: Randolph Payne, president; Freeman Johnston, vice-president; Lewis McNamara, secretary; C. L. Wilkins, Jr., treasurer; Roland Walker, reporter; Hunter Blake, watch dog.

A committee reported that the 3,000 egg incubator, installed for the practice work of the chapter members and evening class groups, has been unable to take care of all the available hatching.

It was recommended that all the members attempt to have their flocks certified by the State Department of Agriculture next year.

Other matters discussed at the meeting had to do with the proposed trip to the World's Fair, the Rally, and the chapter baseball team.

ROLAND WALKER,
Reporter.

McGaheysville News.

Randolph Life and Richard McGalis were selected in the April meeting of the McGaheysville Chapter as delegates to the State F. F. A. Cmap.

The chapter is sponsoring a number of contests for members. The contests will be in shop, degree team, and sow and litter. Prizes will be awarded to boys carrying enterprises and to the one showing the best leadership. Emblems will be awarded to the boys who score 300 points or more on supervised practice program and F. F. A. work.

The F. F. A. chapter is assisting again this year with the planting, care, and management of the school garden for the cafeteria. Two local women will gather and can the vegetables during the summer for later use in hot school lunches.

FRED SIPE,
Reporter.

Best Student Selected.

Everett Rich has been selected the best all-round student of the Botetourt Chapter of Gloucester County and Charles Bristow received second honors for the year.

Rich was awarded 50 baby chicks as the first award and Bristow received a bag of feed for the second place prize.

Rich turned out sixty laying hens, one litter of pigs, 200 baby chicks, half an acre of sweet corn, 100 pullets, three acres of corn and one-eighth of an acre of strawberries, from which he received

\$174.61 as profit. He spent 428 hours working on his program, invested \$215.00 in farming, made an average of 90 on all subjects at school, carried out 24 improved practices, raised and completed an outstanding quail project last fall and is vice-president of the F. F. A. Chapter of Botetourt School.

Reporter

Buy Shrubs and Baseball Equipment.

The Pleasant Hill Chapter recently accomplished one of their main objectives when they purchased \$30.00 worth of shrubbery. While the P. T. A. were beautifying the new high school building the agricultural boys decided then to do the same for the agricultural department.

The shrubs bought by the chapter were as follows: two globe arborvatae, two stricta Juniper, six Lucidum, two elaeagnus pungens, two biota orientals, and 24 flowering shrubs assorted.

These shrubs were purchased from the Watkins Nurseries and every member of the chapter is very well pleased with the selection.

In addition to purchasing shrubs, the young farmers bought about \$25.00 worth of baseball equipment.

BENTLEY R. WALTON,
Reporter.

Chilhowie News.

March 21 the Chilhowie members put on a radio program over radio station WOPI, Bristol, from 2:00 to 2:30 P. M.

The following talks were given: "Sanitation as a Factor in Swine Production," Roy Palmer; "The Importance of Crop Rotation as a Factor in Soil Fertility Maintenance," Bobby Colley; "My Poultry Project," Herbert Catron; "A History of the Future Farmers of America," Richard Crutchfield.

Charles Ratcliffe, Roy Palmer, and Richard Crutchfield sang several songs and Roy Colley played the accompaniments. A. B. Farmer, instructor, acted as announcer.

The chapter plans to be represented at the State F. F. A. Camp at Morgart's Beach.

JOHN WILLIAMS,
Reporter.

Maywood Pasture Experiment.

Two years ago the Maywood Chapter of Craig County obtained a donation of 400 pounds of 20 per cent phosphate for a two-acre plot of pasture land. The owner of the land bought four tons of lime and enough fencing for this plot and a check plot of equal size.

The members of the chapter sowed the lime and built the fence. The owner drilled the fertilizer. The first season extra growth could be seen and it grazed twice the number of livestock as the check plot.

Last year 400 pounds more of fertilizer was applied and about the same results observed. This spring plant growth started two weeks earlier on the treated land than the check plot.

The chapter hopes to have fertilizer donated three more years. The present experiment is being carried out on bottom land, and fertilizer has been promised for a similar project to be started on upland pasture this year.

JOHN W. HYPES,
Reporter.

Rustburg Father-Son Banquet.

The club room of the agriculture department of Rustburg High School, April 18, was the scene of a banquet given by the F. F. A. boys to their fathers and a few friends.

The room was decorated with club colors of purple and gold and these colors were carried out in the flowers and the menu. The dinner was served by the Home Economics girls, under the direction of Miss Anne Holden, Home Economics teacher.

Bob Jones, president of the club, presided and the program presented was as follows: "America," sung by the entire group; Invocation by Rev. Graham Gilmer; Welcome Address by Sonny Meryman; Response by Mr. DePew; solo by Miss Irene Gough; Talks on Phases of Work, by Hatcher Watkins, Jewel Edwards, Samuel Perrow, George Arthur Mason, and Aubrey Venable.

The address of the evening was delivered by J. A. Burke, superintendent of schools of Appomattox County. There was special music, short talks by visitors, and other features of interest. About 60 persons were present.

HATCHER WATKINS,
Reporter.

Randolph Henry Banquet.

The Father and Son Banquet at Randolph Henry High School April 12, was the first to be held by the chapter. About 150 persons attended.

The banquet program was as follows: "America," entire group; Invocation, by Dr. A. C. Hopkins; Opening Ceremony, officer of the chapter; Address of Welcome, Stanford Vassar; Toast to Fathers, Harry Parsons; Introduction of Guests, C. E. Telson; Music, string band composed of James Dodd, Hugo Ryan, Joe Pollard, Clinton Moore; Grades of Membership in F. F. A., Bernard Smith; Green Hand Initiation, officers of the chapter; Talk, T. H. Williams, principal of high school; Accomplishments of Randolph Henry F. F. A., H. A. Glenn, adviser.

The banquet was served by the Home Economics girls of Randolph Henry.

EARL MARTIMER,
Reporter.

Timberville F. F. A. News.

Timberville Chapter won first place in the Rockingham Federation track meet, held at Bridgewater, on April 22, and second place in Rockingham Federation degree team contest held at Linville-Edom on May 9.

Other chapters competing placed as follows: Mt. Clinton, first; Broadway, third; and Linville-Edom, fourth.

ALLEN SPITZER,
Reporter.

Father and Son Banquet.

The Agriculture students of Dryden High School were hosts to their fathers at a Father and Son banquet held in the Home Economics cottage April 19. The girls of the Home Economics department prepared and served the meal to 35 diners.

Frank Flannery acted as toastmaster and Robert Ely was guest speaker of the evening. C. F. Smith, instructor in Vocational Agriculture, outlined the program of work of the F. F. A. for the benefit of the fathers present. Other speakers were S. J. Shelborne, superintendent of schools; and S. L. Carpenter, former agricultural teacher, both of whom gave short but interesting talks.

ERNEST WHITE,
Reporter.

Elk Creek News.

The Elk Creek Chapter has organized a Junior Wildlife Club with dues of 10c to be paid upon entering the organization.

Some of the objectives of the organization are: to discourage fishing and hunting on Sunday. Each member is expected to buy licenses. To encourage lawful hunting and fishing and discourage the practice of killing game out of season. Each member familiarize himself with the game laws of his county and state. To cooperate fully with the officers of this organization. To feed birds during heavy snows.

The club will meet once a month and plans are being made to re-stock streams in this community.

ROBERT J. FIELDER,
Reporter.

Brookville Chapter Banquet.

The Brookville Chapter held a Father and Son banquet May 1 in the school hall. There were about 75 persons present, including guests, fathers, and members. The meal was prepared and served by the Home Economics students of the school.

The members answered to roll call by introducing their fathers and guests. After the meal the following program was given: Welcome, Buddy Deacon; Response, Mr. D. L. Hudnall; Music, by Leslie Dunford and Isaac Salmon.

Special guests were introduced by the

toastmaster, Lester Walker. Short talks were given by Howard Ore, Charlie Ashwell, and Carlton Maddox, members of the chapter.

The principle address was given by Dr. Walter S. Newman, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

BOB HUDNALL,
Reporter.

Blue Ridge Chapter Banquet.

The annual Father and Son banquet of the Blue Ridge Chapter was held March 28, in the Buchanan High School auditorium.

The Invocation was by the Rev. D. E. Murray. Guest speakers were Dr. S. S. Obenshain of V. P. I.; J. O. Hoge, district supervisor of vocational agriculture; Hugh McClung of Eagle Rock, member of the Botetourt school board; Dr. E. W. Dodd, Buchanan; and L. C. Staples, principal of the Buchanan High School. Paul Williamson, president of the chapter, welcomed the gathering, and Paul Wallace was toastmaster.

Members of the chapter who spoke were Curtis Wheeler, John Ayers, and William Rieley.

HAROLD KESSLER,
Reporter.

Troutville Father and Son Banquet.

The agricultural students of Troutville High School were hosts at a Father and Son banquet held in the high school auditorium March 22. Covers were laid for 130 and the girls of the Home Economics department served a meal of four courses. Samuel Crumpacker presided and acted as toastmaster.

Mr. J. O. Hoge, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, was the chief speaker of the evening. He spoke on "Out of School Youth."

Mr. Garber, instructor in vocational agriculture, summarized the results of the supervised farming that the students have been doing under his direction.

Others who made short talks were: Warren Brugh, Randolph Piner, Everette Langford, Billy Stevens, John Ed Shanks, Mr. McClung, and Billy Lyne.

MILTON HICKS,
Reporter.

Dan River News.

The Home Economics girls and the F. F. A. boys of Dan River held a chicken fry May 3, honoring their mothers and fathers. There were about 100 persons present.

Six boys from the chapter participated in the county judging contest at Chatham May 2. Lester Tate won first place for Dan River.

The chapter degree team won the county Federation degree team contest and expects to compete in the district contest at Powhatan May 18.

April 15 the track team competed in

the county track meet at Spring Garden and won eight points.

Two chapter members, Oscar Giles and Watson Mays, are conducting fertilizer demonstrations on wheat and several expect to conduct demonstrations on corn.

WALLACE MOTLEY,
Acting Reporter.

Rosehill and Ewing Chapters.

The Rosehill and Ewing Chapters have a joint garden of 2 1-2 acres to raise vegetables for hot lunch projects in the two schools.

Corn, beans, peas, and potatoes have been planted. Other vegetables to be grown are tomatoes, spinach, mustard, carrots, cabbage, swiss chard turnips, and onions.

The garden products will be canned and stored for use this winter. The land for the garden was donated by the school trustees and an interested patron of the Rose Hill School.

Two days' work was hired for the plowing of the land. Eight hundred and seventy-five pounds of fertilizer was used on the soil and nine and one-half bushels of potatoes were planted. The garden is being worked by the members of the two chapters.

A total of \$32.69 has been contributed by patrons and teachers for the purchase of seed, fertilizers, and spray materials.

The vegetable garden at Ewing last year was successful in spite of the severe drought. Over 500 cans, most of which were half-gallons, were filled for the lunch room. This work was done under the supervision of Miss Gladys Crumley. In speaking of the garden Miss Crumley had this to say: "I do not see how we could have gotten the necessary food for the children without the garden. It certainly has been our salvation." The teachers of the two schools say that the students getting the hot lunch at noon daily are doing more and better work. At the present time approximately 120 school children are being given lunch at the two lunch rooms.

Mrs. Vida Flanary, who is in charge of the lunch room at Rose Hill, will supervise the preserving and canning this year. Miss Crumley who is the present supervisor at Ewing will do likewise.

FRED FLANARY,
Reporter.

Amelia Chapter Activities.

The Amelia Chapter has improved agricultural grounds and seeded them with grass. A rough hillside was leveled and the two-acre plot so formed, was fertilized and treated for grass production.

In starting the project, Leonard Moyer, president of the chapter, called a special meeting of the chapter. The project was presented, discussed, and planned. Committees were placed in charge of various phases of the project.

One committee secured from the dairy-men of the county donations of 25 tons of manure.

Lime was donated by the Liberty Limestone Company, and fertilizer was furnished by a local dealer. A farm implement dealer supplied a tractor to prepare the land. Other tools were furnished by the F. F. A. boys.

The Amelia Chapter recently won the public speaking contest and degree team contest in the Richmond Federation.

The Amelia members have secured for their projects 142 tons of lime and certified seed costing \$85.00. The boys have made and repaired in shop a large variety of things for their own use, and have constructed a number of tables, cabinets, and bookcases for the county schools.

A joint banquet with the Home Economics girls will be held soon. This will be the first Mother-Daughter and Father-Son banquet to be held at Amelia. Approximately 125 persons are expected to attend. Judge J. G. Jefferson will speak to the group.

JOE WILLSON,
Reporter.

Callaway Banquet.

The Callaway Chapter Future Farmers held their Father and Son banquet at the S. & W. Cafeteria in Roanoke, Friday evening, May 10. The banquet was attended by 81 fathers, sons, and guests. The meeting was opened and closed with the F. F. A. ritual in which the following officers took part: Paul W. Webb, president; John Shepherd, vice-president; John Carrell, secretary; Edward Shepherd, treasurer; James Renick, reporter; Gordon L. Baldwin, adviser.

Toastmaster Bruce Young presided during the program in which Paige Stanley recited the F. F. A. Creed. Jack Stanley followed with a reading entitled "The F. F. A.; What It Is; What It Does." O. T. Jamison gave the chapter objectives for the current year, and Edward Shepherd followed with the major accomplishments of the chapter for this year.

The program was concluded with an address by Earle M. Forsythe, publisher of the Franklin News-Post, who stressed the importance of good farming and good citizenship.

JAMES RENICK,
Reporter.

Churchville Banquet.

The Churchville Chapter and the F. H. A. girls held their annual Mother and Daughter, Father and Son banquet April 4, in the high school auditorium.

The banquet supper was served by the Parent Teacher Association. The Invocation was given by the Rev. W. S. Thomas. The Address of Welcome was given by

Forrest Hamilton and the Response was given by R. E. Layman.

The F. F. A. Creed was recited by S. C. Liggett, Jr. Meredith Leach gave the objectives and accomplishments of the F. F. A. Dr. T. S. Shuey, the speaker, was introduced by the toastmaster, Glen Harris.

There were about 75 persons present for the banquet. Guests included were: Mr. H. I. Willett, Mr. Charles Brown, Mr. C. K. Brown, and Mr. McChesney.

R. LESTER SNYDER,
Reporter.

Dinwiddie News.

The Dinwiddie Chapter held its Father and Son banquet April 29 in the high school building. The banquet meeting was opened in the school auditorium.

The meal was served in the gymnasium by members of the Parent-Teachers Association and the Home Economics department.

Between courses, John Chambers gave the Welcome Address. At this time the toastmaster and president asked each boy to stand and tell his, and his father's, name.

After dessert, the toastmaster introduced the guests, who were: W. A. Scarborough, superintendent of schools; Ivan Butterworth, principal at Dinwiddie; Willis Bakerville, chairman of the school board.

T. V. Downing, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, was the principal speaker. Mr. Downing's talk dealt with the current farm situation and the prospects of the young man who wishes to establish himself on a farm.

Brief talks were made by G. V. Nelson, instructor at McKenny; Edward Kell, instructor at Midway; R. M. Ritchie, instructor at Dinwiddie; and Frank Gregory, a former student and now instructor at Holland.

The Dinwiddie Chapter baseball team, having defeated the Sussex and Surry champions, is the champion team of the Federation.

The degree team of the chapter won the Petersburg District eliminations and will represent that district at Williamsburg May 25.

JAMES LEE,
Reporter.

Mathews Chapter.

Two lots of chickens have been donated to the members of the Mathews chapter, with two brooders.

When the chickens are marketable they will be sold and the money used to help defray expenses of the chapter's sight-seeing tour to Washington and to send an outstanding student to the Rally.

As a part of the program for the May Day and dedication exercises of the Mathews County new \$100,000 high school

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building on May 10, members of the chapter held a poultry exhibit and judging contest. The events were open to all members of the chapter, to 4-H Club members, and farmers of the county.

Reporter.

Boyce - Berryville.

The Boyce and Berryville Chapters of the Future Farmers and Home Makers held their annual banquet April 25. There were over 100 fathers, sons, mothers, and daughters present.

J. C. Digges, Jr., acted as toastmaster. After a program, put on by the two chapters, Mr. John Watson of the Chilean Nitrate Company gave a short talk and showed motion pictures of the F. F. A. Convention.

HAMPSON DIGGES,
JIMMY LIVINGOOD,
Reporters.

Fluvanna Presents Chapel Program.

The Fluvanna Chapter presented a program at chapel April 5. The officers, in their respective stations, conducted a regular meeting.

The curtain rose and Thomas Bugg, president; Winston McGehee, vice-president; Louey Parrish, secretary; Thomas

Payne, reporter; and Hr. France, adviser, were at their regular stations on the stage.

The regular opening ceremony was followed by this program: string music, F. C. Edwards, Thomas Payne, Philip Sheperd, and Melvin Ball; "Purpose of the Agriculture Class," Warren Leonard; Historical Sketch, John May; Creed, William Bragg; and Degrees and Their Qualifications," Orville Shepherd.

Fluvanna's first Father and Son, Mother and Daughter banquet was sponsored by the chapter and the Fluvanna F. H. A. March 22. The banquet was held in the high school cafeteria and about 150 persons were present.

Those at the speaker's table included: Mr. J. B. M. Carter; Thomas Bugg; Ruth Kesler; Mr. George M. Bashaw, chairman of the school board; Mr. Aaron Seay, chairman of the board of supervisors; Col. N. J. Perkins; and Mr. France.

THOMAS PAYNE,
Reporter.

Max Meadows News.

The Max Meadows Chapter held their annual Father and Son banquet on April 12, in the dining room of the Methodist Church.

The program was as follows: J. D. Ayers, Jr., toastmaster; "America," sung by all; Invocation, Rev. Neil McKimmon; Selection by members of the glee club; Welcome Address, James Clark; Talk by G. A. Lee; Talk by H. L. Firebaugh; Report, Ben Dunford; Selection by members of glee club; principal speech, J. O. Hoge; song by the entire assembly.

The banquet was served by the Ladies Aid Society. Miss Allison gave several musical selections during the meal.

BEN DUNFORD,
Reporter.

McKenney Elects Officers.

The McKenney F. F. A. Chapter met May 16 and elected officers for 1940-41, as follows: Jack Snead, president; Robert Owen, vice-president; Odell Williams, secretary; J. C. Ogburn, treasurer; Glauss Tucker, reporter; Gordon Lewis, watch dog.

The following boys were elected to represent the chapter at the state F. F. A. rally at Blacksburg on June 18, as the judging team: J. C. Ogburn, Jack Snead and William Phipps. Two other boys that will represent the chapter are: Robert Owen, who will attend the F. F. A. School of Leadership, and Raymond Strange, who will compete in the shop contest.

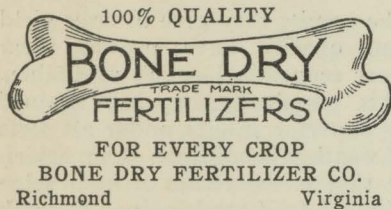
Mathews Wins Third Straight.

Mathews Chapter defeated Syringa Chapter recently 13 to 5.

Mathews previously defeated Syringa and Botetourt, and as yet have not tasted defeat. Garrett and Lewis were batteries for Mathews. Waller and Selby were the batteries for Syringa. Harold Lewis, Norman Sutton and Willard Garrett made three hits each for Mathews. Garrett was in good form in allowing Syringa only five hits. The last game on the schedule will be played with Botetourt.

Amelia Wins District Contest.

The Amelia Chapter of Future Farmers of America came out first in the degree team work and parliamentary procedure contest held by the Middle Virginia District at Powhatan May 18. Taking part were Leonard Moyer, Joe



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The team recently won in the Richmond Federation contest when they competed with South Hill, Rustburg, Blue Ridge, Lochleven and Dan River Chapters. The boys will go to V. P. I. in June to meet teams from the Northern, Southwestern and Eastern sections of the State.

C. T. Smith News.

The C. T. Smith Chapter has done a great deal of shop work this year, in spite of the fact that they did not have tools until after Christmas.

Some of the repair jobs include soldering, putting in hammer handles, sharpening saws, fixing plows, single trees, and repairing a wheat fan. They also rearranged the shop, building a lumber rack overhead instead of having it on the wall. This change gives the students more room to work.

The members have made a total of 24 lawn chairs, 16 ironing boards, 11 flower boxes, besides such articles as nail boxes, milk stools, feed hoppers, tie racks, double porch chair, wheel barrows, a handy shelf and tables.

Reporter.

Mica News.

Emmett Farmer, the only senior boy at Mica High School, has been awarded the first prize of \$3.00 by the Mica Chapter for having the best supervised practice work in vocational agriculture last year.

Emmett carried five acres of corn, one dairy cow, one brood sow, and five acres of peas for hay and seed. From these he earned a total of \$294.29 labor income spending 311 hours' labor on the enterprises, which averages 94c per hour for all time spent on the enterprise.

Emmett also pruned 30 young peach and apple trees and cared for them during the season. Emmett produced 250 bushels of corn on five acres of land; 40 bushels of peas and nine tons of hay on five acres of land.

Second honors and \$2.00 in cash went to Davis Trice, a freshman at Mica last year. He carried one acre of corn, one brood sow, one-half acre sweet potatoes and one acre peas for seed, which gave him a return of \$106.57 or a return of 35c per hour for each of the 304 hours he spent working and looking after his enterprises.

Third honors and \$1.00 in cash went to B. M. Skinner, Jr., for earning a total of \$79.05 from his four enterprises of one brood sow, five acres corn, 125 broilers and one acre cucumbers. "B. M." also culled his home flock hens. He learned through experience that it pays to have a

good clover sod to turn under for corn and also that it should be supplemented with a small amount of fertilizer. About his chickens, "B. M." says: "I attribute my success in the chick enterprise to buying strong, healthy chicks and feeding them on a good grade of fresh feed."

The above awards were made on the basis of total project income, amount of management and work assumed by the student, and completeness, neatness, and accuracy of records kept and turned in at the end of the year.

Washington-Henry Banquet.

The vocational classes of Washington-Henry High School held their annual Father-Son and Mother-Daughter banquet on March 21 at 7:30 P. M. in the high school auditorium. Dr. Walter S. Newman, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, was the principle speaker of the evening.

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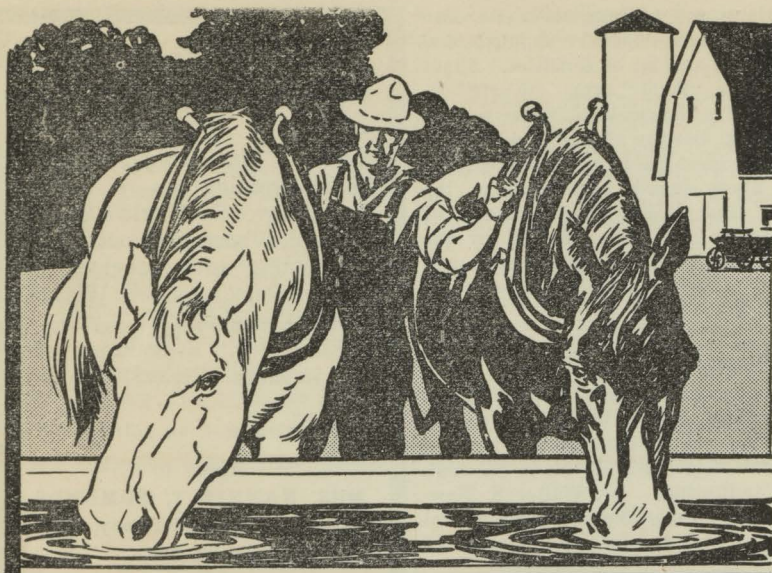
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Myrtle Wilson Club, and Charles Alexander, president of the F. F. A. Chapter, were toastmistress and toastmaster. Mrs. James Mann was guest of honor and gave a talk on "What My Seven Daughters Learned in Homemaking at Washington-Henry High School."

Mr. J. Walton Hall, Superintendent of Hanover County Schools, responded to the welcomes by the toastmistress and toastmaster. Mr. E. C. Thomas, principal of the school also addressed the group.

Special guests included Mr. H. D. Seal, agricultural instructor at Ashland; Mr. Robert Eager, agricultural instructor at Beaverdam; Mr. Robert Sadler, agricultural instructor at Battlefield Park; Miss Duggins, home economics instructor at Montpelier; Miss Weaver, home economics instructor at Ashland; and Miss Rogers, home economics instructor at Beaverdam.

There was a total attendance of 139. All of the homemaking girls and their mothers attended, all of the agricultural boys and their fathers attended except three. The high school faculty and also Miss Williams, third grade teacher who played the piano, were guests.

The program consisted of the welcome by the toastmistress and toastmaster; a musical selection by the F. F. A. boys; impersonations by Cecil Robertson; a selection by the girls quartette; recitation of the F. F. A. Creed by Clifford Lane and Charles King; a whistling solo by Mary Taylor.

The banquet was served by the homemaking II and IV girls, under the supervision of Miss Julia Balderson, homemaking instructor at Washington-Henry.

At the close of the banquet the girls' quartette led the group in singing "God Bless America."

JAMES KELLEY,
Reporter.

Franklin F. F. A.'s Meet with Home Ec. Girls.

The F. F. A. boys held their last regular meeting jointly with the Home Ec. girls in the school gym. The girls were in charge of the meeting, emphasizing etiquette and politeness, telling how a boy should walk down the street with a girl and how they should eat.

Mr. McCann gave a brief talk on the new Future Farmer-Home Ec. Camp, which will be at Morgart's Beach this summer.

After the meeting, games were enjoyed by all who attended. There was also a dance, and at its close, refreshments were served by the girls.

HARVEY LANKFORD, Jr.,
Reporter.

The true sage is not he who sees, but he who, seeing farthest, has the deepest love for mankind. He who sees without loving is only showing his eyes in the dark.—Maeterlinck.

NATURE HAS METHOD OF BUILDING SOIL.

Nature has a method of soil-building and making available the elements necessary for plant growth. Though this process is slow the plants that grow in the summer take elements from the air and soil and when they die and decay the elements are deposited in the soil available to future plants.

Nearly all plants that grow wild increase the fertility of the soil because plants that would not do this have been eliminated by nature.

Even broom sage will increase the fertility. It will increase the fertility, however, only when it is allowed to decay on the land and if it is burnt it will not and cannot help the soil. Though this is only common sense the farmers of this country, with Caroline County as no exception, seem to think if broom sage grows on their fields it must be burnt to allow the grass to grow. If they continue to burn off (as it is called) each spring soon their land won't be capable of growing broom sage. This practice of burning off is done most to permanent pasture to make it look better and give the grass a chance but whenever it is carried on it is a bad practice and there is no place in a field for a fire.

The Salway Process Company uses the smoke from coal to get these elements to sell farmers in commercial fertilizers. The farmers burn up their fertility in the organic material on the ground and buy these fertilizers. Though this will help the Salway Process Company, the farmers will do well to look out for No. One.

The soil must contain bacteria which are simple plants to grow more complex plants. In order for the bacteria to live and multiply the soil must contain organic material. Nature produces her own organic material to be consumed by the soil and if the farmers of Caroline will not burn this organic material but will rather turn it under or allow it to fall back on the land they will have attained one of the steps necessary for success in farming.

JOHN HOUCK.

SPECIAL F. F. A. EDITION.

"The Caroline Progress," a weekly paper published in Bowling Green, issued a special F. F. A. edition April 25, featuring the activities of the Mica, Caroline, and C. T. Smith Chapters.

The edition carried feature articles written by the members of the three chapters and was illustrated with pictures of the boys. The paper was attractively made up and a liberal amount of space was given over to reading matter.

What a man does for others, not what they do for him, gives him immortality.

—Daniel Webster.

FUTURE FARMER CONVENTION PLANS WELL UNDER WAY.

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help with the Rally. The members of the F. F. A. will be able to tell these fellows by some identification mark and we hope you will take advantage of their presence here, asking them for advice or for discussions. All of these fellows have won their laurels in the Future Farmer work and are outstanding boys in Virginia.

Everybody at V. P. I. is looking forward with pleasure to the coming of you splendid young men and the instructors who are, for the most part, V. P. I.

alumni. Provisions will be made for those of you who are interested in coming to V. P. I. to look over the department in which you are interested.

H. C. GROSECLOSE,
State Adviser and
National Treasurer.

GRANGE AGAIN GIVES MEDAL.

The Virginia State Grange will again award a medal to the Future Farmer who holds membership in the Grange and ranks highest among the applicants for the State Farmer Degree at the 1940 Rally, according to Z. M. K. Fulton, lecturer of that organization.

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SUMMER CAMP AT MORGART'S BEACH.

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dramatics and music, hikes, horse shoes, and volley ball.

Special demonstrations for boys will include: Tuesday, softball; Wednesday, six-man football; Thursday, self-defense; Friday, basket ball. Special events for girls are to be planned by the Girls' Recreation leader.

All activities will be available to both girls and boys every afternoon. The after-supper programs will include a volleyball league and a track meet.

From dark to taps each night there will be a deck party with singing, games, historical narration, current events, discussions, dramatics, stunts, and dancing. On Friday there will be a "South Sea Island Party." This event will remain a mystery until supper time of that day.

The program which has been prepared by "Commander" Altman is elastic to allow for tours to the many points of interest near the camp. Schedules for these tours will be worked out at camp in order that the desires of the boys may be given full consideration.

The one thing the camp will lack will be lawn chairs and seats. The large beautiful camp lawn affords a wonderful view up, down, and across the James River. A good number of seats for the lawn would be a fine addition to the camp equipment.

It has been suggested that each chapter construct a yard chair or seat and send it by their instructor to the conference to be held at camp the week before the camp opens for the boys and girls. These chairs and seats could be brought in a knocked-down condition and put up after arrival.

Requests for reservations have been received for 447 campers. Between 90 and 100 campers will be taken care of each week. As the reservations now stand there is limited space for the week beginning July 15 and August 5. There is still a good deal of available space for the weeks beginning August 12 and 19, but chapters should get their requests in if they want reservations.

WITHOUT RHYME OR REASON.

A customer once called the photographic department of Macy's, New York City, to ask if it would enlarge a snapshot of her son. Of course it would. Then she wanted to know if they could remove his hat—she would rather have the enlargement without it. That, too, could be done; but on which side did he part his hair, and was it straight or curly?

"Don't be silly," snapped the woman. "You'll see that when you take his hat off."—Ruth Parsons.