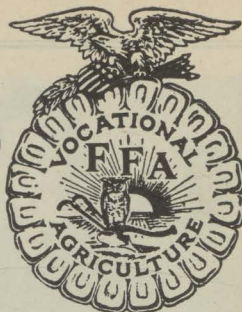




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State Membership Hits Post-War Top of 7,552

Wilson Memorial (Augusta) Leads State With 129 Members; Randolph-Henry is 2nd With 127

PERMITS 8 AMERICAN FARMERS

Augusta Tops Counties in Number of Vo-Ag Students—326; Lee County Is Runner-Up With 263

Current membership in the Virginia Future Farmers of America stands at 7,552, the highest since 1941-42 when the war years brought a reduction in high school enrollment, according to R. E. Bass, executive secretary-treasurer. The 1949-50 membership is 196 ahead of last year and 1,045 more than were enrolled in vocational agriculture in 1943-44 when the number of boys in high school was at a low ebb.

The 3-year-old Wilson Memorial Chapter in Augusta County after Middlebrook was added to the Consolidated Wilson Memorial High School upped its membership from 77 last year and ninth place to 129 members topping all other chapters in the State in the number of boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. Randolph-Henry in Charlotte County, on top last year, is a close second with 127 members. Spotsylvania, sixth last year, moved up to third with 92, Hillsville retains fourth place though its enrollment dropped from 95 last year to 90.

The 15 Virginia Chapters having the largest enrollment, a combined total of 1,345 and 17.81 per cent of the State membership, are:

1. Wilson Memorial (Augusta) .. 129
2. Randolph-Henry 127
3. Spotsylvania 92
4. Hillsville 90
5. Virginia-Carolina 89
6. Wytheville 84
7. Andrew Lewis 82
8. Woodlawn 80
9. North River 76
10. Christiansburg 74
11. Madison 74
12. Hardin Reynolds 72

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CHAPTER CHATS TO FEATURE "PROJECT OF THE MONTH" PIX

The "Project of the Month" selected from pictures sent to the state office will be featured in Chapter Chats beginning in the March 1949 issue. The idea, suggested by the staff is to recognize outstanding supervised home project work of vocational agriculture students.

Pictures of projects—livestock, crops, poultry or other type supervised practice enterprises—to be considered for "Project of the Month" should be sent, through instructors of vocational agriculture to R. E. Bass, assistant state supervisor of agricultural education, State Board of Education, Richmond, Va., not later than February 15. Pictures should be at least 4 x 5, preferably 8 x 10, and must be glossy prints. The picture selected will be featured in the State FFA publication with appropriate information about the project.

The picture that best tells a story of superior accomplishments in home project work will be accepted for publication. Pictures need not necessarily show an entire project. For example, one cow from a herd and a sample of corn from a field may be better than a picture of 20 cows or a 10-acre field of corn.

New FFA Chapter at Rocky Gap In Bland County Is Chartered By State Association

The Rocky Gap Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was organized shortly after the opening of the 1949-50 school term and has already accomplished many of its objectives. The officers and members of the executive committee were initiated into the organization by the Bland Chapter in the new agricultural building on November 23. "Interest in the organization, its ideals and aims is at a high pitch and we shall never permit it to lag," says Jimmy Davidson, chapter president.

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State Officers, Council Meet in Richmond

Recommend Va. FFA Send Principals and Instructors of 2 Top Chapters to National Convention

PLAN STATE MEETING JUNE 19-22

Ask Application for Foundation Awards Be Sent to Area Supervisor By April 15

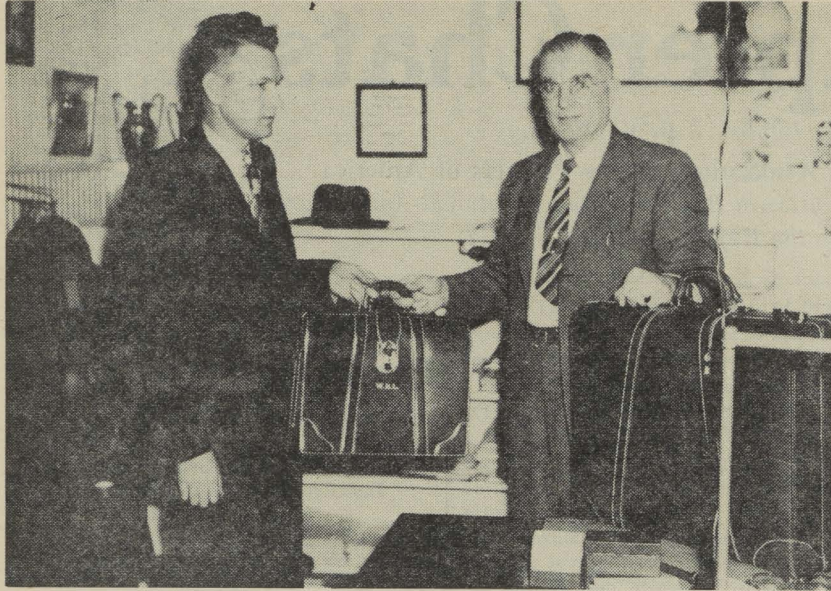
State Officers and Advisory Council of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America held their annual executive session in Richmond, December 28, to review work of the State organization to date and plan the program for the remainder of the year. Most of the meeting was devoted to plans for the 24th annual State convention scheduled to be held at VPI, June 19-22.

Topmost among the action of the officers was the decision to recommend to the delegates at the next State convention that the Virginia Future Farmers organization send to the national FFA convention the high school principal and the instructor of vocational agriculture whose FFA Chapters place first and second in the State chapter contest. The two top ranking chapters in the State will become Virginia's entrants in the national chapter contest and the officers felt that the high school principal and adviser of such chapters should be accorded the recognition of a trip to the national FFA convention with expenses paid by the State Association.

Applications Due April 15

Applications from vo-ag students for FFA foundation awards—dairy farming, soil and water management, farm electrification and farm mechanics—are to be submitted to appropriate area supervisors by April 15, the officers decided. Final chapter contest reports, State Farmer degree applications and chapter forestry contest records were also scheduled by the officers to be submitted to area supervisors by April 15. The State Advisory Council will again select the State winners.

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LEGGE BACK, GETS BAGS—When W. R. Legge, area supervisor of agricultural education in Northern Virginia returned to work last month from sick leave he was presented with a handsome two-suiter and matching brief case by the instructors of vocational agriculture in his area. Shown making the presentation is Henry M. Davis (left), district supervisor, on behalf of the instructors "as an expression of appreciation for his cooperation, interest, and help to the men in the past and as a token of hope and good luck for a speedy recovery from his recent illness."

CHAPTER NEWS

Greendale and Cleveland's 30 Future Farmers last fall took a four-day tour of Virginia and attended the Atlantic Rural Exposition in Richmond. While in Richmond the group visited the State Capitol where they met and talked with Governor Tuck. Among other places of interest visited was the famous Houdon statue of George Washington and the State Museum. The boys cooked and prepared their own food while on the trip.

Willis FFA and FHA Chapters held a joint picnic at Smartview Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway recently. Sixty-seven members and guests attended. The recreation program included softball and horseshoes.

Two Robert E. Lee Chapter members attended the national FFA convention in Kansas City. Riley J. Stewart received the American Farmer degree and Lewis Harvey represented the Hub Federation at the convention. According to Richard Robins, chapter reporter, the following chapter officers were elected at a recent meeting: Lewis Harvey, president; Sam Davidson, vice-president; Harold Stratton, secretary; Duvall Guill, treasurer; Richard Robins, reporter; Ralph Smith, sentinel; and H. B. Pack, adviser.

Riner FFA Chapter held a crops exhibit and judging contest at Auburn High School in November. Forty-eight members entered 173 exhibits including

corn, small grains, potatoes, hay, eggs, fruits and vegetables. All of the chapter members participated in the judging contest. Elbert Naff, Marlin Duncan, Billy Greear, Billy Bishop, Harold Chafn and Michael Altizer were individual winners in the contest. Twenty-eight freshmen received the Green Hand degree at a special chapter meeting. Following the regular initiation ceremony the Green Hands participated in games and were served sandwiches, cookies and punch. The Riner Chapter sponsored the organization of two "Keep Virginia Green" crews and 20 members received training in forestry management, fire prevention and fire fighting according to Elbert Naff, chapter reporter.

Andrew Lewis (Salem) FFA and FHA members jointly participated in a fashion show held at the school recently. "Our boys certainly did make those new clothes look outstanding," says Jim Peters, instructor of vocational agriculture. According to Ellwood Peterson, chapter reporter, the following boys, selected by popular vote of the boys and girls, were models for the show: Randolph Mitchell, George Bowling, Harold Morris, Jack Hartman and Norris Martin.

Dayton FFA Chapter initiated two Green Hands and seven Future Farmers into the chapter at the December meeting. Christof Wedemeyer and George Kalschmidt, two German students, received the Green Hand degree. Roy Bodkin, Wayne Cupp, Beverly Harpine, Johnny

Howe, James Liskey, Everette Rivercomb and Junior Young received the Chapter Farmer degree. A home shop jobs contest and chapter farm show are included in the chapter program of work according to Donny Cupp, chapter reporter.

Floyd Chapter has a membership of 63 active members. The Green Hand and Future Farmer candidates were initiated at the November meeting. The chapter officers for this year are David Bowman, president; John Kelley, vice-president; Rufus Reed, secretary; Allen Rakes, treasurer; Clyde Hylton, reporter and Frankie Sowers, sentinel.

South Hill FFA Chapter cooperated with other school organizations and local churches in providing Christmas cheer for the needy in the community. It is the plans of the chapter to have the local banquet jointly with the FHA's this year. A special committee has been appointed to make plans and arrangements for the joint banquet. One week and expenses to the FFA-FHA Camp will be awarded to the winning public speaker in the local chapter and also to the boy who conducts the best supervised farming program this year, according to David Upton, chapter reporter.

The Herndon Chapter of the Future Farmers of America officers for 1949-50 are: Dick Harrison, president; Nigel Preece, vice-president; Joe Money, secretary; Gary Bradford, treasurer; Jack Niswander, reporter; and Bill Chastang, sentinel. There are 23 members in the chapter. Mr. C. C. Beam, the chapter's agriculture instructor, also serves as the adviser. At the last meeting of the Northern Piedmont Federation held at Leesburg, Virginia, two boys from the Herndon Chapter were elected to the following offices: Dick Harrison, vice-president; and Jack Niswander, secretary.

Eleven Linville-Edom Chapter members received the Green Hand degree at the November Chapter meeting. Those initiated were: Eugene Blosser, Nathan Bolton, Randolph Bolton, John Glick, Donnie Roadcap, Lewis Sevier, Bruce Thompson, Marion Thompson, Marion Wampler, Norwood Zirk and Nelson Payne. In an effort to increase the earning power of the chapter and participate in the livestock improvement program the chapter has purchased eight pure bred Cheviot sheep, three pure bred Hampshire gilts and one Hampshire boar. The chapter held a seed and grain show in December, according to Shirley Smith, chapter reporter.

Marshall Chapter officers this year are: Carl Nalls, president; Thomas Moffett, vice-president; Thomas Budd, secretary; James Plaskitt, treasurer; Archie Bohon, reporter; Thomas Poe, sentinel; James E. Hall, adviser. The chapter has 28 members enrolled this year. Some of the

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63 Members at Chilhowie Is Largest in History of 20-Year-Old Southwest Chapter

The Chilhowie High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, rounding out 20 years of service to farm boys and adults in the community, this year has its largest membership in history, a total of 63 students in vocational agriculture under A. B. Farmer, instructor. The Smyth County Chapter in Southwest Virginia was chartered in 1929-30 and R. E. Bass, assistant State supervisor of agricultural education and executive secretary-treasurer of the State Association FFA, was its first adviser.

1949-50 Officers Named

Chapter officers are William Buchanan, president; Joe Duncan, vice-president; Joe Walker, secretary; Laxton Eller, treasurer; Tommy Tilson, reporter; Jimmy Stamper and Frankie Berry, assistant reporters; Everett Walton, sentinel and Louis Heath, executive committee member at large.

A chapter program of work listing 53 objectives is well on the way toward completion. One of its members, Laxton Eller, was high scoring individual in the State livestock judging contest last summer and won the silver (second) emblem recognition in the national contest. A. B. Farmer, chapter adviser since 1938, was coach of the Virginia livestock team that rated silver emblem in the 1949 national judging contest.

The chapter entered both livestock and dairy judging teams in the State contest. Those on the livestock team were Gene Moser, Laxton Eller and Joe Walker. Members of the dairy team were Clyde Haga, Allen Johnson and Neal Stuart.

Another feature of the vo-ag program at Chilhowie is the food conservation program in which 344 individuals have received instruction while canning 39,000 cans of food in the school community cannery since July 1—an almost phenomenal increase over previous years. Last year 293 persons canned 28,625 cans whereas the year before 257 persons enrolled in the Chilhowie program, canning 22,078 cans. New equipment added in the Chilhowie cannery this year includes a steam jacketed kettle, food chopper with juicer-puree attachment, a new closing machine for No. 3 cans and another one for No. 10 cans plus various smaller items adding to the efficiency of the instruction and keeping up to date with the use of more mechanized equipment in the home.

SPOTTSWOOD IS ACTIVE

Over 850 farm and home exhibits and over 300 educational exhibits were shown at the Spottswood community fair sponsored jointly by the FFA boys and FHA



HIGH SCORERS—J. H. Johnson, chief forester, Chesapeake Corporation, is shown congratulating the highest scoring individuals in the Tidewater Federation forestry judging contest held at Port Richmond, December 2. They are (l to r): Mr. Johnson, Adam Wajciechowski, West Point; Max Healey, Botetourt; Donald Thomas, King William and Edward Kopacki, West Point.

girls. The chapter crops judging team composed of Leroy Bradley, Henry Black and Winifred Ramsey placed second in the BARH Federation contest. Phill Morris and Leroy Bradley were the two top winners in the co-op quiz contest and will represent the chapter in the federation contest.

The chapter's pest eradication program is arousing much interest in the community and many harmful pests have been destroyed. A KVG crew has been organized, a needy family was helped at Christmas and the chapter has raised money by shucking corn and selling Christmas trees.

In addition to the above activities the chapter members have painted the classroom and shop, purchased a stove and shades for the classroom, rearranged the shop and classroom and constructed a bulletin rack writes Arthur Smiley, chapter reporter.

MEADOWS OF DAN BANQUET

Dwight Shelor, chapter president, served as toastmaster of the Meadows of Dan annual father-son banquet held in the home economics building at the high school on November 22. The meal was served by the local FHA girls.

The toastmaster welcomed the fathers, sons and guests, after which the group enjoyed several musical numbers by Otto Shelor, Layne Cockram and Marvin Cockram, and jokes by Kenneth Barnette. Glendel Cock outlined the accomplishments of the Meadows of Dan Chapter. J. P. Via, Hardin Reynolds Chapter member and the Fairystone Federation repre-

New Vocational Agriculture Building Being Erected At Andrew Lewis High School

Work has begun on the new agricultural building which is being erected at Andrew Lewis, Salem. The contractors say that with good weather it may be finished by the middle of February. The 109-foot building will cost approximately \$33,500 and will consist of a classroom, office, storage room and a large shop. The architectural lines will be similar to the present industrial arts building.

The shop will be equipped with the most modern machinery, including an arbor saw, drill presses, lathes, both wood and metal, band saw, electric welder, acetylene welder, forge, other equipment and hand tools. Both wood work and metal work will be stressed.

Eighty boys are now enrolled in vocational agriculture and 30 veterans are enrolled in institutional on-farm training. A class in farm machinery repair will be conducted for farmers in the community.

representative to the national FFA convention, gave the highlights of his trip to Kansas City.

Special guests at the banquet included C. F. Prillaman, principal, Meadows of Dan; N. C. Terry, agriculture instructor, Critz; C. W. Spencer, agriculture instructor, Blue Ridge; A. E. Spencer, agriculture instructor, Woolwine; W. A. Cockram, member of the board of supervisors, Patrick County and W. H. Underwood, veterans instructor, Meadows of Dan.

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OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FFA

By W. C. Dudley

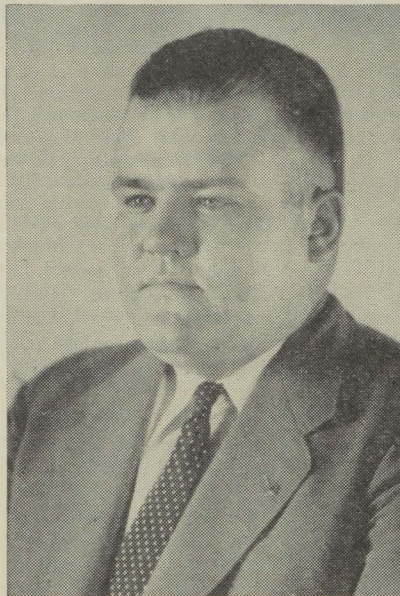
There are few more inspiring scenes for supporters of the Future Farmers of America than watching delegations to the national convention depart for the annual sessions in Kansas City. When one steps inside the special railroad coach in which a Virginia delegation travels he is impressed by the record of accomplishments which has caused each member of the delegation to be selected for this thrilling experience. Seated in the front of the car we find the president and the immediate past president of the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America who are attending as official delegates. In other sections of the coach are foundation award winners, out-of-state judging team members, federation representatives and representatives of local chapters.

To one who has seen many of these groups start to the meeting which symbolizes the pinnacle of achievement in the Future Farmers of America, there is always the disturbing thought that too many boys who might qualify for high FFA honors never receive these awards because they do not believe they can achieve the high standards required. When we really think about it, success in

FFA activities comes easily to the member who is making a genuine effort to become established in farming. We must therefore keep in mind that establishment in farming is the fundamental objective of all Future Farmer and vocational agriculture activities.

For example, let us see how this principle applies to a few of the opportunities which are available to Future Farmers. Everyone agrees that a good farm should make use of labor saving devices made possible by the use of electrical installations and appliances. The Future Farmer who takes as one of his personal objectives to develop the best electrical system possible for his farm may be surprised in his senior year to find that his

Guest Editor . . .



W. C. DUDLEY

It is a privilege for Chapter Chats to present as our guest editor of this issue W. C. Dudley, area supervisor of agricultural education in Southside Virginia.

"Bill," as he is known to his friends, was born and raised on a farm in Montgomery County. He graduated from VPI in 1936 and from his graduation to 1941 taught vocational agriculture at Amherst High School. From 1941 to 1946 he was instructor of vocational agriculture at Appomattox and Pamplin High Schools. In addition to teaching vocational agriculture, during the war he managed the Appomattox warehouse which distributed tools and equipment to schools during the defense program.

Mr. Dudley was appointed area supervisor in 1946 replacing F. B. Cale who was named State supervisor of agricultural education. His exemplary character, genuine friendliness and efficiency coupled with his whole hearted belief and

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work which was accomplished for the improvement of his home farm may make him a strong contender for the foundation award in farm and home electrification.

All of us realize that a good farm shop is absolutely essential in mechanized farming. There are few home farm shops in Virginia that could not be improved and in too many cases no shops at all are found on the home farms of students of vocational agriculture. Students of vocational agriculture who follow up the possibilities for establishing or improving their home farm shops have an excellent opportunity for receiving the foundation award in Farm Mechanics.

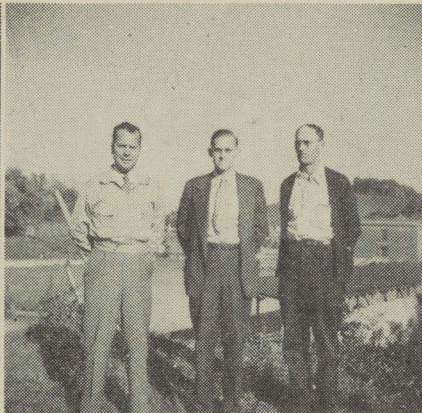
Good supervised farming involves proper soil and water management. After taking this problem into consideration in the supervised farming program and following up the practices that are needed on our home farm, we may find that our accomplishments make us eligible for the Foundation Soil and Water Management award. To be a good farmer one must not only understand and practice scientific agriculture but he must also possess leadership. A command of parliamentary procedure and the ability to speak in public are invaluable assets to the modern farmer. The FFA public speaking contest and FFA degree team competition offer interesting opportunities to develop these qualities.

The Star Farmer award, as well as the Star Dairy Farmer award, is based on

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devotion to his work is admired by his fellow workers.

He has been active in civic affairs and is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Appomattox Lions Club and other civic and professional organizations. Married last May to Miss Margaret Ligon, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley live in Pamplin.



GRAIN SHOW—Shown at the left above (l to r) are Jack Childress and Everette Cox who were top winners in tobacco at the Dickenson Memorial grain show held at the vocational agriculture department recently. Pictured in the center are (l to r) C. D. Baker, E. C. Smith and F. L. Colley, instructors of vocational agriculture at Dickenson Memorial High School. Right are a group of students reviewing the 500 exhibits displayed by FFA boys and veterans enrolled in institutional on-farm training.

Dickinson Memorial Holds Harvest Show; Vets—FFA's Display 500 Exhibits

Dickinson Memorial Future Farmers and veterans enrolled in institutional on-farm (Veterans) training displayed 500 exhibits in the harvest show sponsored by the local department of vocational agriculture recently. Sixty-four exhibits of corn and 75 potato exhibits were entered in the show. Other exhibits consisted of small grain, hay, tobacco, eggs, vegetables, nuts, honey, fruits and miscellaneous exhibits.

Eldridge Mullins, a veteran, took top honors in the show by winning 59 prizes on the 89 exhibits which he entered. Jack Childress and Bennie Fleming, both FFA boys, took second and third honors.

Everett Cox took top honors in the sweepstakes corn classes and Fred Stanley received the same award in the potato classes. Jack Childress and Everette Cox took top honors in the tobacco exhibits. Prizes were awarded by Clintwood Farm Supply Co.

The veterans and FFA boys also participated in a judging contest which was held in connection with the show. Burns Willis was the high individual in the contest and was awarded a silver cup.

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Supervised farming programs and to attain these and other awards in the FFA one must start early in his FFA career to develop the enterprises, supplementary farm jobs and improvement projects that will best establish him in farming. It is too late to begin work which will justify applying for the many awards in the FFA after one has reached his final year of membership. The supervised farming program and participation in the activi-



HIGH INDIVIDUAL—Shown above with his registered Hereford calf is Ben Hale Muncy, Bland FFA Chapter member and high individual scorer in the Atlantic Rural Exposition FFA livestock judging contest last fall.

ties of the local chapter should begin when one joins the FFA and be continued with growing scope and quality throughout the four-year training period.

Outstanding opportunities in the Future Farmers of America are available to every local member. Most important, is to believe in ourselves, start sound programs early in our FFA experience and to take advantage of each opportunity as it becomes available.

Front Royal FFA-FHA Chapters Sponsor Warren County Farm and Home Show

Front Royal Chapters of Future Farmers and Future Homemakers of America jointly sponsored the Warren County Farm and Home show held at Warren County High School gymnasium, Front Royal, Virginia, November 17. Sixty-eight local business firms supported the show by purchasing ads and contributing prizes and prize money.

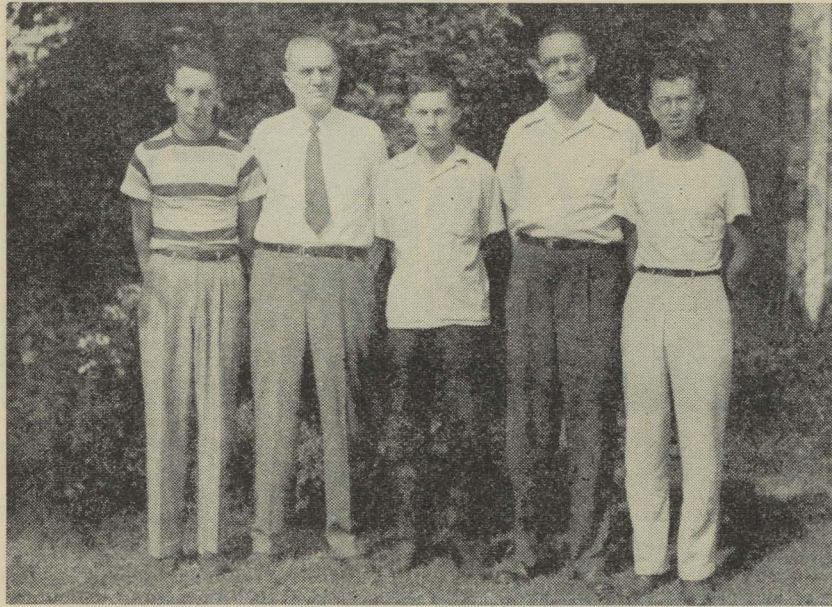
Billy Trenary was FFA superintendent of the farm section. Blyden Robinson was assistant superintendent and Charles Lake superintendent of entries. Jo Ellen Butler was FHA superintendent of the home section with Patsy Collins and Betty Lyle assisting.

The Front Royal FFA Chapter was organized in 1927 and now has 29 active members. Officers of the chapter are: Billy Trenary, president; Billy Royston, vice-president; Hollis Manuel, secretary; Billy Mathews, treasurer; Blyden Robinson, reporter; Phillip Jennigs, sentinel and J. J. Foster, instructor of vocational agriculture, adviser.

MARRIOTT BOYS TAKE TOUR

Members of the Marriott Future Farmers of America Chapter took a one-day tour and visited many of the historic points of Yorktown and Williamsburg. The boys were given a relief map of the Yorktown area and a member of the National Park Service told them about the battle of Yorktown, surrender of Cornwallis and showed them the defense lines and other points of interest.

At Williamsburg the group visited Bruton Parish Church, the capitol and the Governor's palace.



HOLIDAY LAKE WINNERS—This picture, received too late for the September issue and crowded out in November by national convention news, shows members of the Mt. Jackson FFA Chapter forestry judging team who won the State forestry judging contest at Holiday Lake last August. Above (l to r): Dick Miller, top individual scorer in the contest; W. R. Legge, area supervisor of agricultural education; Harry Lutz; Lawrence D. Bowers, instructor of vocational agriculture and coach of the team; and James Foltz.

Dayton Sponsors Crops Show and Judging Contest; Winners Announced by Cupp

Corn exhibits, showing careful selection, were outstanding in the crops show and judging contest sponsored recently by the Dayton Chapter Future Farmers of America.

Winners in the various classes, announced by Donny Cupp, chapter reporter, were:

Corn—Richard Swope, first; Beverley Harpine, second; Roy Swope, third; Glenn Heatwole, fourth; Everette Revercomb, fifth.

Wheat—Donny Cupp, first; George Koltzschmidt, second; Elvin Strobble, third; Richard Swope, fourth; James Liskey, fifth.

Barley—James Liskey, first; Chris Wedemeyer, second; Donny Cupp, third; Richard Swope, fourth, Harry Harmon, fifth.

Potatoes—Junior Young, first; Donny Cupp, second.

Wayne Cupp, with a perfect score of 300, easily won the chapter crops judging contest placing classes of corn, wheat and barley. Harry Harmon and Sverette Revercomb were close behind with a score of 284 each, tying for second honor. Judges for the show were W. L. James and P. P. Teats, grain and hay inspectors in this area and A. G. Moffett, local supervisor of the division of markets.

NEW FILM CATALOGUE OUT

Copies of the new State Board of Education film catalog, "Educational Motion Pictures for Virginia Public Schools" listing 1,288 titles of films available to schools is being distributed through division superintendents and school principals.

A feature of the new publication, a revision of the bulletin issued in 1947, is a listing of films especially suited to use in eighth grade exploratory classes says W. H. Durr, supervisor, bureau of teaching materials. Also, films are listed by subject areas to correlate with developments in the State course of study. Some 100 or more films are useable in vo-agg classes.

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boys are writing an essay to enter in the contest sponsored by Swift & Company. Carl Nalls of Marshall Chapter is the newly elected president of the Blue Ridge Federation.

Eagle Rock Chapter has just completed sponsoring a magazine sale campaign in which \$345.15 worth of magazines were sold in the community. A profit of \$124.85 was realized from this project. The chapter also donated a box of food to a needy family in the spirit of Christmas, according to Harrison Smith, chapter reporter.

Wilson Memorial (Halifax County) FFA Chapter forestry judging team

placed second in the Southside Federation contest held at Chase City recently. The chapter members assisted the county forest warden gather 3.5 bushels of pine cones to be used in the state nursery. With the help of the FHA chapter the boys presented a play at the high school recently entitled "Deacon Dubbs." The chapter cleared \$24.50 for its treasury, according to J. E. Hughes, chapter reporter.

Clover Future Farmers initiated ten Green Hands at the December meeting. The boys initiated were Bill Blanks, Earl Conner, Raymond Francisco, Wayne Moorefield, Carl Neal, Clyde Wayne Nichols, Homer Nichols, Claudia Sanders, Rick Whitlow and Vernon Williams. KVG membership cards have been presented to David Buchanan, Buddie Conner, Nelson Crews, Bill Doss, Garland Heath, Marvin Overstreet, Ed Edmondson, Jack Neal, Samuel Lacks, Earl Conner, Rick Whilton, Vernon Williams and Wayne Moorefield. Chapter members are taking an individual interest in the program of work and some of the goals have already been reached.

Hardin-Reynolds—A total of 94 members and guests attended the annual father and son banquet at the high school December 14. Mr. J. V. Law, division superintendent of Patrick County Schools, was guest speaker of the occasion. Mr. Law stated in his address that "the Future Farmers of America organization has amazed educators throughout the country in effectively developing a program that meets the needs of rural youth." Fred Gillay, chapter president and president of the Fairystone Federation, presided at the banquet. Bruce Ayers recited the FFA creed and Ted Rea, Jr., discussed the activities of the local chapter. Among the guests were W. H. Tatum, chairman of the school board, who introduced the guest speaker and Rev. Glen Yates who gave the invocation.

Bland—Thirty FFA boys showed up in their best suits and ties for the Bland FFA-FHA Christmas party at the high school recently. Seventeen boys received the Green Hand degree at the regular chapter meeting December 14. The chapter members cooperated in a money-making activity and netted the chapter treasury \$96 by selling 225 boxes of Christmas cards in the community. The honorary chapter farmer degree has been conferred upon Mr. Eugene Smith, principal of Bland High School; Mr. Muney, publisher and local business man and Mr. Brown, local forester and farmer. Chapter members showed 46 exhibits at the chapter grain show held recently. Eldon Trickle took top honors in the chapter crops judging contest and James Thompson placed second. Twenty-two chapter members are making weekly deposits in the chapter thrift bank.

With the Federations . . .

Approximately 130 members of the Rockingham Federation, their advisers and guests attended the fourth annual federation banquet held recently at the Broadway Fire House. Rev. F. L. Fulk, superintendent of the Virginia E. U. B. Conference, was the speaker. Lawrence Roller of Broadway reported on his trip to the national FFA convention and J. T. Tusing told of his trip to the national poultry judging contest in Waterloo, Iowa. Several Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation awards were presented by Leroy Thompson, assistant public relations worker from the Philadelphia office.

An attractive FFA handbook was recently prepared by the Rockingham Federation. Included in the handbook is the federation program of work, rules and regulations of the contests and plans for other activities to be conducted during the year. The federation program of work includes the following activities: poultry, dairy, shop, forestry judging and public speaking contests; dairy, sheep and swine improvement projects; corn and grain show; banquet and tours.

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Top honors in the ABCD-Square Federation were won by the Riner FFA Chapter team, according to Elbert Naff, federation reporter. Members of the winning team were Randolph Altizer, Charlie Roop and William Teel. Aster Richardson, Christiansburg, was the high scoring individual in the contest. At a recent federation meeting the following activities were planned for the year: public speaking, degree team, crops and shop judging and essay contests; basketball tournament and a purebred hog sale for 1950. "Scholarship" was the topic of discussion led by C. E. Richard, associate professor of agricultural education, VPI, at the December federation meeting. In summarizing the discussion the following suggestions were made to help the boys attain good scholarship: (1) Have a desire to do a thing well. (2) Learn to get facts and not just memorize. (3) Learn to read—then read. (4) Think for yourself. (5) Keep in good physical condition.

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Seventeen teams competed in the Floyd-Carrol-Grayson Federation forestry judging contest held recently in Carrol County. The Floyd "C" team placed first, Woodlawn "B" team second, Check "A" and Woodlawn "A" teams tied for third place. The winning team was composed of Curtis Bower, Clyde Reed and Jimmie Graham. High individuals in the contest were Harold Haga, Elk Creek; Robert Allen, Check; and Elendor Whitlock, Check. Chapters entering one or more teams in the contest were Check, Floyd,



SHOW WINNERS—Pictured above are the first prize winners in each of the classes in the L-A-N-D Federation corn and grain show held at Blackstone Armory. They are (front row, L to R): Stirling Adams, Dinwiddie (flue cured cutters); Richard Drinkwater, Blackstone (sweet potatoes); Alvan Tisdale, Victoria (lespedeza hay); Willford Lucy, Dinwiddie (mixed hay); Terry Ragsdale, Kenbridge (flue cured cutters.) (Back row, L to R): Charles Ritchie, Blackstone (wheat); Charles Powers, McKenny (yellow corn); Alvin Yeatts, Burkeville (white corn); Ernest Beasley, Amelia (white potatoes) and P. D. Mitchell, Dinwiddie (soy bean hay).

Willis, Coal Creek, Woodlawn, Elk Creek and Virginia-Carolina.

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Flag Federation—Thirty FFA boys from Goochland, Louisa, Fluvanna, Crozet, Greenwood, Meriwether-Lewis, Scottsville, Unionville and Madison Chapters participated in the federation forestry judging contest at Fluvanna recently. The three high individuals in the contest were Paul Cameron, Louisa; David Harmon, Meriwether-Lewis and Steve Jordan, Goochland. The three high teams in the contest were Meriwether-Lewis, Goochland and Louisa.

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Thirteen teams representing nine schools participated in the Bath-Augusta-Rockbridge-Highland Federation crops judging contest. North River "A" team took top honors, Spottswood second and Wilson Memorial "C" team third. Wilson Memorial entered four teams; North River two; and Brownsburg, Effinger, Mt. Sidney, Spottswood, Weyers Cave and Fairfield, one each. Members of the North River winning team were Raymond Diehl, Paul Huffman and Richard Reeves.

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The Piedmont Federation forestry judging contest was won by Buckingham Chapter. The Randolph-Henry team placed second and Cumberland third. Members of the winning team were Charles Duty, Jr., James Blackwell and James Davis.

L-A-N-D FEDERATION SHOW

The L-A-N-D Federation held its first corn and grain show in the Armory at Blackstone on September 20 and 21 with boys competing from nine FFA chapters in Lunenburg, Amelia, Nottoway, Dinwiddie and Powhatan Counties.

There were 157 exhibits of tobacco, corn, small grain, hay, Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes shown. In addition, educational exhibits were displayed by the Soil Conservation Service, Virginia Forest Service, State Commission of Games and Inland Fisheries and the State Department of Education.

The second day of the show consisted of a grain judging contest. All FFA boys from Kenbridge, Victoria, Burkeville, Blackstone, Dinwiddie, Midway, McKenney, Amelia and Powhatan Chapters were brought to the show by the advisers and were allowed to compete. This contest consisted of judging two classes of corn, two classes of small grain and one of Irish potatoes. The high three boys from each chapter represented the team. Blackstone team won top honors, Burkeville placed second and Dinwiddie, third.

The high individuals in the contest were Joe Longmire, Blackstone, first; George Echols, second; and Thomas Inge, Blackstone, Whit Hamilton, Burkeville, Norman Payne, Burkeville and Richard Bacon, Kenbridge all tied for third place.

The show was sponsored by the local Ruritan Clubs and merchants within the area covered by the L-A-N-D Federation.



TOPS IN SOUTHWEST—Pictured above are members of the Riner FFA Chapter forestry judging team who won top honors in the Southwest district forestry judging contest. The Riner team will compete in the State contest in April. They are (1 to r): William Teel, Randolph Altizer and Charlie Roop.

Chase City, Riner, Gainesboro, Burkeville Have Top Teams in District Forestry Contests

Top honors in four district FFA forestry judging contests held in December were won by the Chase City Chapter team in the Southside district contest; Riner in Southwest; Gainesboro in Northern and Burkeville in Central Virginia's district contest. Eastern district contest will be held in January.

Each of the teams participating in the contests had previously won in their respective federations. Top winners from each of the five districts will compete in the State contest to be held in April.

Competitive events in the contests included estimating board feet in standing timber; estimating cubic feet of pulpwood and fuelwood; area measurement; tree identification; selective cutting and log scaling.

Members of the Chase City winning team representing Southside Federation in the Southside district contest were Hal Boldin, Harold Boldin, Alton Hipps, and W. R. Payne, assistant instructor of vocational agriculture, coach. Teams from Hardin-Reynolds, Whitmell, Buckingham and Amherst also participated.

The Riner team members who won the Southwest district contest were William Teel, Randolph Altizer, Charlie Roop and G. C. Guilliams, instructor of vocational agriculture, coach.

Members of the Gainesboro team winning in the Northern district contest were Bruce Whitacre, Jimmy Hottle, Walter Baker and J. L. Givens, instructor of vocational agriculture, coach. Other participating teams included Brownsburg,

STATE OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEET IN RICHMOND

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Judging to Feature Full Program

The State livestock, dairy, poultry and crops judging contests will highlight a full program of activities during the State Convention. Each chapter will be permitted to enter one judging team for the first 35 active members or less and an additional team for an additional 35 members or major fraction thereof but no more than two teams in the State

Mt. Clinton, Woodstock, Leesburg and Remington.

Burkeville team members, winner in Central district contest, are Norman Payne, Harold Johnson, Thomas Hamilton and J. S. Clingenpeel, instructor of vocational agriculture, coach.

judging contests. A team may enter any one of the judging contests; two teams from the same school competing in the same or separate contests. The winning chapter team will constitute the out-of-State judging team rather than the three high scoring individuals in accordance with the decision of the delegates at the last State convention. The top ranking team in each contest will represent Virginia in national judging events and the second high team will represent the State at the Atlantic Rural Exposition. The officers recommended that the out-of-State crops team be sent to the International Livestock and Crops Exhibition in Chicago.

The VPI Collegiate Chapter of FFA was asked to assume the responsibility for a recreational-leadership training program during the convention involving parliamentary discussions and such athletic activities as swimming, bowling, basketball and softball. The degree team winning the State contest will be scheduled to perform at one of the night programs. Stunts and individual presentations by FFA members in a "Talent Night" program is expected to add local interest to the convention.

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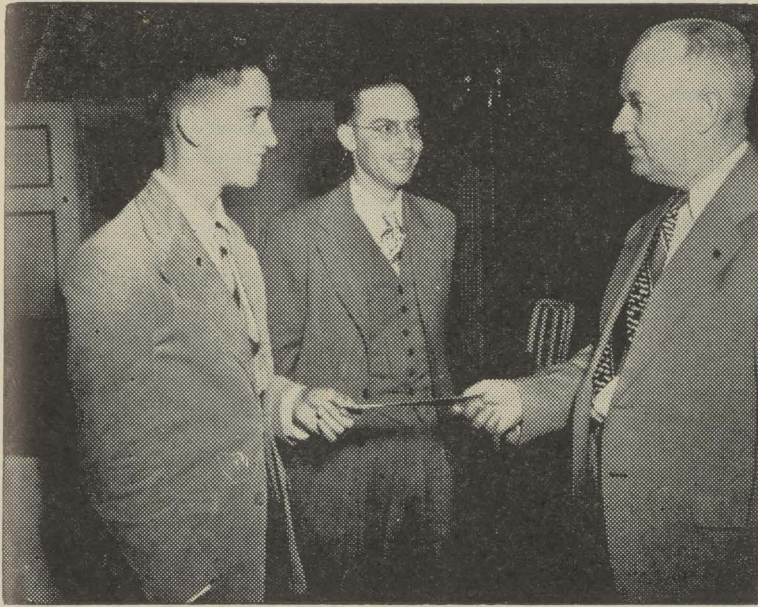
Revised regulations for the 1950 State Convention are being prepared and distributed by the teacher training department at VPI under the direction of C. S. McLearen.

Those in attendance were: State Officers—Eric Robinson, president; David Meyerhoeffer, secretary; Powell Anderson, treasurer; Bruce Chalfin, reporter; Jimmie Dodd, sentinel; Sidney Brown, executive committee; and W. H. Groseclose, executive committee. Advisory Council—H. D. Seal, J. R. Gardner, J. A. Whitmore, L. L. Beazley, J. E. Peters, C. S. McLearen, F. B. Cale and R. Edward Bass.

Forestry Judging Contest Winners



FIRST IN NORTHERN—Members of the Gainesboro forestry judging team shown above are congratulated by W. S. Campbell, area forester, on winning first place in the Northern District forestry judging contest held recently at McGaheysville. They are (1 to r): Mr. Campbell, Jimmy Hottle, Bruce Whitacre, Walter Baker, members of the winning team; J. L. Given, agricultural instructor, coach; and H. M. Davis, acting area supervisor of agricultural education.



BLAND WINS—Shown above is Mr. Green (right) of the Virginia Conservation Commission in Roanoke presenting to Bobby Bane (left), president of the Bland FFA Chapter, a check won by the chapter members in the State chapter forestry contest. Shown also is Ralph Reynolds, instructor, vocational agriculture and adviser of the Bland Chapter. The Bland Chapter has won an award in this contest for two consecutive years.

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Most farmers will find their products selling at lower prices and at smaller profits in 1950. Cotton, wheat and probably corn will come under production control next year. With the prospect of larger supplies of most food products a small decline in retail food prices is expected. This may be reflected in an improvement of consumer diets and a decrease in total food expenditures. Foreign currency devaluation may bring some decline in agricultural exports.

An increase in meat production may bring lower prices, particularly for hogs. Total milk production increased in 1949 but consumption of fluid milk and cream declined resulting in more milk being used for manufacturing purposes and larger government holdings of manufactured dairy products. This trend is expected to continue in 1950.

The new method of calculating tobacco parity and the likelihood of no substantial decline in tobacco exports will hold tobacco prices up in 1950. Marketing quotas for cotton will probably be approved and support continued at 90 per cent of parity.

WEST POINT TEAM WINS

West Point FFA forestry team composed of Edward Kopaeki, Adam Waj-

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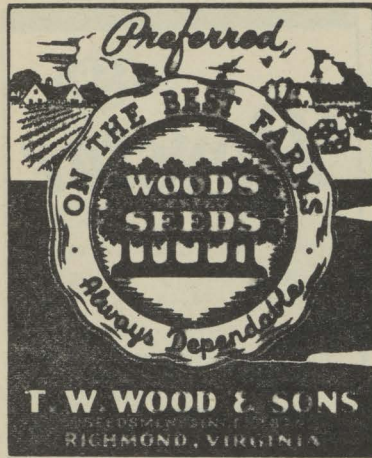
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ciechowski and Roland Haynes won the Tidewater Federation forestry contest held near Port Richmond, December 2. The contest which was set up by J. H. Johnson, forester, included tree identification, estimating board feet of lumber in standing trees, estimating cubic feet of pulp wood in standing trees and improvement in cutting.

Adam Wajciechowski, West Point, was high scoring individual in the contest. Max Healey, Botetourt, placed second; Edward Kopaeki, West Point, third and Donald Thomas, King William, fourth.

Judges for the contest included J. H. Johnson and "Bud" Smith of the Chesapeake Corporation, West Point, Virginia; O. W. Draine, veterans' instructor at King William High School and Nelson Brown, fire warden of Gloucester County.

Following the judging each school elected one boy to enter the wood cutting contest. Wallace Bowes of West Point won the contest by cutting a seven-inch white oak log in 51 seconds with Fuller Bunting, Botetourt placing second and Donald Thomas, King William, third, according to Thomas Garber, federation reporter.



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STATE MEMBERSHIP HITS POST-WAR TOP OF 7,552
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13. Lebanon	71
14. Volens	71
15. Goochland	67
16. Rich Valley	67

By counties, Augusta with 326 vo-ag student members of FFA again, as last year, leads in membership. Lee County, fifth last year, moved up to second place pushing Rockingham from its second position in '48-'49 to third in '49-'50.

The 15 counties with the largest enrollment in vo-ag and corresponding membership in FFA, in order, are:

1. Augusta	326
2. Lee	263

3. Rockingham	249
4. Russell	205
5. Pittsylvania	204
6. Smyth	195
7. Carroll	192
8. Montgomery	190
9. Shenandoah	177
10. Patrick	172
11. Giles	167
12. Campbell	164
13. Wythe	164
14. Mecklenburg	159
15. Halifax	152

The largest jump in membership by districts occurred in Central Virginia although the Southwest continues to lead the State with approximately one-third of the State membership in FFA. Membership by vo-ag districts follows:

1. Southwest	2,474
2. Southside	1,594
3. Northern	1,498
4. Central	1,156
5. Eastern	829

FFA membership by counties and schools follows. Those chapters marked with an asterisk (*) paid dues on or before October 1, 1949.

ALBEMARLE—99

Crozet	18
Greenwood	19
*Meriwether-Lewis	35
*Scottsville	27

AMELIA—47

*Amelia	47
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AMHERST—27

Amherst	27
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APPOMATTOX—72

Appomattox	41
*Pamplin	31

AUGUSTA—326

*Churchville	32
*Mt. Sidney	22
*North River	76
*Spottswood	45
*Weyers Cave	22
*Wilson Memorial	124

BATH—18

*Millboro	18
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BEDFORD—67

*Montvale	27
*New London	40

BLAND—139

*Bland	53
*Ceres	42
*Rocky Gap	44

BOTETOURT—117

*Buchanan	40
*Eagle Rock	21
*Fincastle	38
*Troutville	17

BRUNSWICK—81

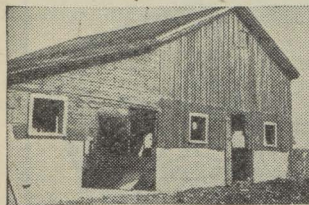
Alberta	41
*Lawrenceville	40

BUCKINGHAM—45

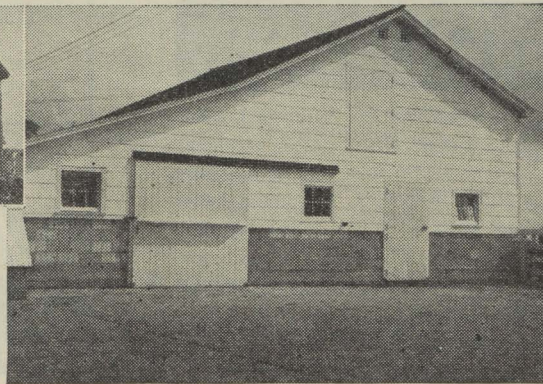
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CAROLINE—58

*Caroline	37
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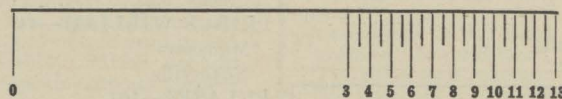
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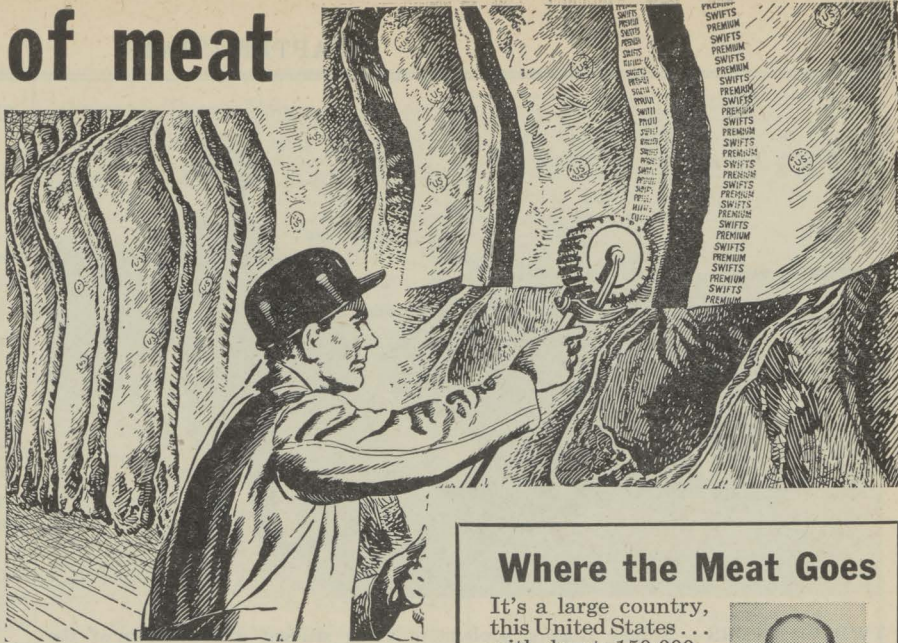
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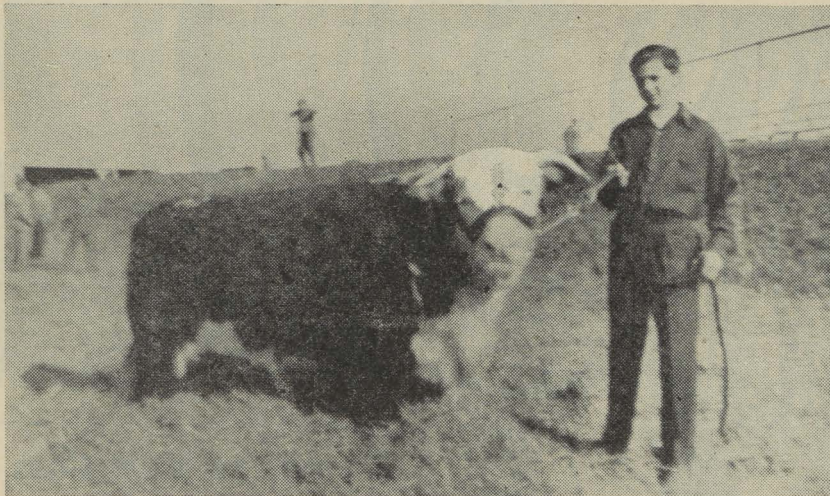


That's a man-size job To handle it takes the services of over 4,000 meat packers (including Swift & Company) and 14,000 other commercial slaughterers of livestock in the United States. The average 1000-mile gap between where the livestock is produced and where the meat is eaten must be bridged. One end of our "bridge" reaches west of the Mississippi, where two-thirds of the meat animals are produced. The other end reaches the markets to the east, where two-thirds of the meat is consumed.

But that's only one of the jobs we do. Another important one is to match up the nationwide supply against the nationwide demand. From day to day the numbers and grades of animals marketed vary greatly (which accounts largely for the day-to-day ups and downs in livestock prices). Also from area to area the people's meat preferences vary greatly. In New York and Boston they want heavy beef cuts. Pork eaters in Los Angeles and Baltimore prefer the lighter, leaner cuts. And so it goes, all over the map. It's an important part of our job to see that the various grades of meat and kinds of cuts go where there is the highest preference and most demand for them. Thus Swift & Company renders a twofold service—both by bringing to consumers the kind of meat they want, and by bringing to producers the benefit of a nationwide demand.

F.M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Dept.



TWO WINNERS — Sidney Rogers, sophomore vo-ag student and member of the Gainesboro FFA Chapter, is shown above with one of the purebred herefords raised by him and his father farming in partnership in Frederick County. The calf shown, a prize winner at half dozen shows last summer, is the product of one of the herd of 30 purebred Hereford cows on the Roger's farm that have won recognition throughout the State.

"Sidney's success as a producer of top animals has influenced other Gainesboro Future Farmers to carry out a program of livestock improvement on their home farms," says J. L. Givens, Gainesboro instructor of vocational agriculture.

The calf shown above was exhibited at the Frederick County Baby Beef Show, Frederick County Agriculture Fair, Atlantic Rural Fat Stock Show and the Atlantic Rural Exposition. He did not place lower than second at any of these shows. Sidney exhibited and sold the calf at the Eastern National Livestock Show held at Timonium, Maryland. At this show he placed fourth in a class of 33, the first and second place steers later judged junior champion and reserve champion of the show. After the show the steer sold for 43 cents per pound.

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NEW CHAPTER AT ROCKY GAP, BLAND COUNTY, CHARTERED
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The chapter has sponsored two old-fashioned square dances and a fiddlers contest. A Christmas party was jointly sponsored by the FFA boys and FHA girls. The chapter forestry judging team placed third in the Bland-Smyth-Wythe Federation forestry contest. Jimmie Davidson, Billy French and Irvin Looney made up the team and the chapter members feel that they made a good showing, considering the short period of time they had been enrolled in vocational agriculture.

An FFA basketball team has been organized and has already had several good workouts at the Bland gym. The boys are anxious for a good FFA schedule and are planning to enter the FFA federation tournament. Regulation FFA basketball uniforms have been purchased and the chapter has published two issues of FFA News.

Rocky Gap Chapter officers for 1949-50 are: Jimmy Davidson, president; Richard DeHart, vice-president; Billy French, secretary; Arlie Sutphin, treasurer; Ralph Stowers, reporter; Marvin Burton, sentinel and Bruce Robertson, adviser.

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CHASE CITY CHAPTER FIRST AT MECKLENBURG FAIR

The Chase City FFA Chapter won first place on their chapter booth exhibit at the Mecklenburg County Fair under the direction of J. E. Brame, instructor of vocational agriculture.

The exhibit, in competition with other chapters in the county, consisted of a wide variety of quality vegetables, hays, poultry products, swine products, canned fruits and vegetables, tobacco, cotton and display of forestry products.

Chase City Veterans Class No. 1, taught by John Kizer, won first place in competition with other veterans' classes in the county. This exhibit was very similar to that exhibited by Chase City's Veterans Class No. 2, taught by W. T. Watson, which won second place. These veterans' exhibits related future objectives of veterans receiving training in their respective classes. Kizer's class exhibited a realistic dairy farm which consisted of 25 dairy cows, each producing 10,000 pounds of grade "A" milk, one brood sow producing 17 porkers, 700 baby chicks producing 500 fryers and roasters, and 100 laying hens. The farmstead illustrated modern buildings that were carefully planned and arranged for the convenience of the operator. Crops were placed in a three-year rotation producing sufficient feeds for the various livestock on the ideal farm for Mecklenburg County farmers.

Watson's veterans class exhibited a general farm with four acres of flue-cured tobacco as the main cash crop for the farm; other than tobacco, the farm produced 20 baby beeves, one brood sow producing 17 porkers, and 100 laying hens. These two booth exhibitions were placed in adjoining booths with the partition removed to illustrate the comparison of an ideal dairy farm with a model general farm for Mecklenburg County farmers.

The total exhibits produce approximately \$160 to Chase City Department of Vocational Agriculture. Braxton Bell of the Chase City FFA received the greatest number of prizes of any individual in Mecklenburg County, he won six blue ribbons and two reds which made a total of \$27 for his effort in exhibiting excellent quality articles.

Mr. Eubank of the Mecklenburg Fair Association said that "Vocational agriculture had been very faithful in informing the public of its activities by displaying products of its sincere efforts in teaching vocational agriculture; and there would be very few agriculture exhibits at the fair if vocational agriculture failed to enter their exhibits, because 10 of the 11 booth exhibits were exhibited by Veterans Classes and FFA Chapters; the 11th was exhibited by the 4-H Club."

Warrenton Chapter Has String Band; Members Take Part in Many Activities

In addition to an extensive program of work during 1949-50 the Warrenton FFA Chapter has organized a string band that furnishes entertainment at regular chapter meetings. Among chapter activities a forestry team was trained and competed in the Blue Ridge Federation forestry contest; chapter members entered exhibits and judged in the Marshall corn show and judging contest; educational tours have been made to the Atlantic Rural Exposition and the Warrenton-Angus show and sale, and the chapter is sponsoring a farm safety program.

Chapter officers are: Magee Ramsy, president; Harry Swain, vice-president; Billy Benner, secretary; Kenneth Kerck, treasurer; Elwood Wines, reporter; Carrol Hawkins, sentinel, and J. A. Whitmore, adviser.

Calverton Team Wins Fauquier County Corn Judging Contest at Marshall High School

The Calverton FFA Chapter comprised of Bradford Douglas, Douglas Gouldthorpe, and James Miller with Robert Cropp as alternate and J. A. Whitmore, instructor of vocational agriculture, coach, won the Fauquier County corn judging contest last month at Marshall High School. Twelve FFA and 4-H Club teams participated. The top team prize money was \$8.

In the individual scoring Bradford Douglas placed first winning a ribbon and \$5; Douglas Gouldthorpe, second, \$3. Beryle May and Stanley Heflin, Calverton FFA members placed second and third respectively with their corn exhibits. Another Calverton vo-ag student placed third in the corn shelling contest.

The show, sponsored by the Marshall National Bank featured exhibits and judging of hybrid corn.

WARRENTON JUNIOR FARMERS CLUB MEMBERS TAKE HONORS

Angus and Archie Myers, members of the Warrenton Junior Farmers Club, made 140.62 bushels of corn per acre on a four-acre plot to win the Fauquier County 25-barrel corn club contest sponsored by the banks of Fauquier County. The Myers brothers, leading Fauquier County farmers, are farming partners with their father, Mr. A. B. Myers. Both are former FFA members and Angus holds the American Farmer degree.

Douglas Green, also a former member of the Warrenton FFA chapter and a member of the vo-ag Junior Farmers Club, placed second in the contest with an average yield of 116.37 bushels of corn per acre on a 17-acre field. Douglas owns and operates his farm of 200 acres and is an outstanding community leader.

The Warrenton Junior Farmers Club is the organization of young farmers enrolled in vocational agriculture classes. J. A. Whitmore, instructor of vocational agriculture, is adviser.

Approximately 150 FFA members in the Northern Triangle Federation, veterans and young farmers in vo-ag classes attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisonburg, Pennsylvania, January 13.

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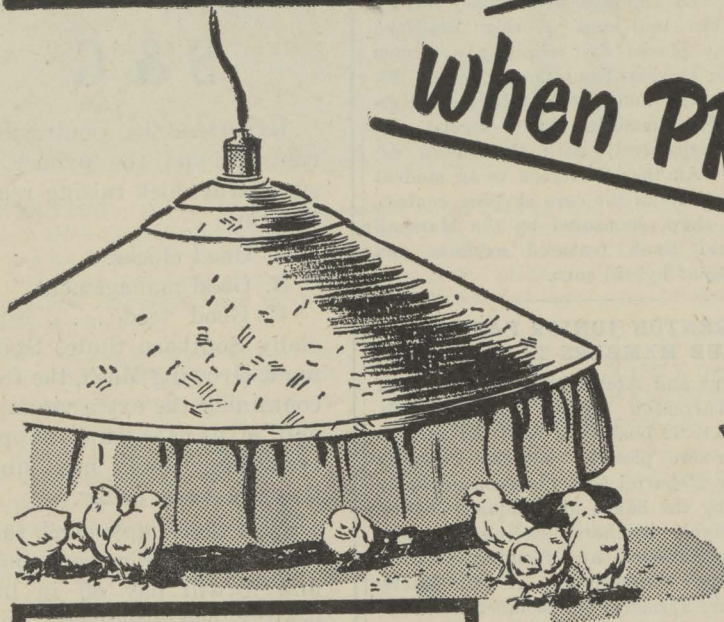
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