

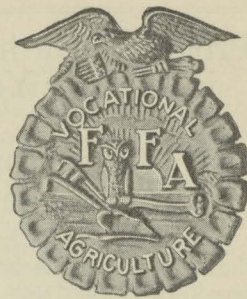


Chapter Chats

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No. 1.

1930 F. F. V. Rally To Be Held in June.

Here's the answer to the riddle. A great number of you Future Farmers and agricultural teachers have been wondering when you would receive some news as to when the next annual Rally would be held. This has caused the State Executive Committee some concern, and we have found ourselves in somewhat of a dilemma.

We were faced with the facts that the authorities at V. P. I. and the athletic association there have of course sponsored the annual Rally and have acted as host while we were at the institution. We realized further that, regardless of the dates set for the Rally, that all Future Farmers and instructors would be loyal and do their utmost to attend in large numbers. It was quite evident, however, that any date set would work a hardship against some chapters. If the date decided upon falls within the school term, the school officials and some parents are not anxious to have the boys and teachers away from school for practically a week. If the Rally is held in the summer months, farm work is bound to interfere with the attendance of some boys from certain sections, regardless of the time decided upon.

Inasmuch as the college and athletic association are really inviting us to the institution, it was finally decided that a committee of the board of directors would meet with representatives of the college and attempt to arrive at some date that would be agreeable to the college and, we hope, to the majority of Future Farmers. Late in December, Ernest Mapp Dunton, Sam Hardwick, Henry C. Grose-close, E. C. Magill and Walter S. Newman met with Dr. Julian A. Burruss, Mr. C. P. Miles and Mr. Henry Redd. The question of the time for the Rally was discussed at considerable length, and the committee was almost ready to give up in desperation when it became very evident from statements made by the officials of the institution that it was not practical or possible to take care of from eight hundred to one thousand visitors during the regular session of the institution. Enrollment at the college this year closely approaches 1,500, and all available rooms are in use. Of course, the war memorial building might be used to house some of the boys, but again we found that the dining-hall was taxed beyond its limits and that certain students

were now being granted permission to take their meals out in town. To impose upon the hospitality of the college by asking them to house and feed a large number of boys when their present facilities are as crowded as indicated above, did not seem to be fair.

Henry (Puss) Redd finally saved the day with what we think is a very sensible suggestion. Henry said: "Why not hold the Rally just as soon after the college closes as is possible? The high schools close a little sooner than the college, and this will give the boys an opportunity to put in some work on the farm before taking time off to come up here. It will also favor those boys who wish to participate in the track events, in that they will still be in good training and will be able to participate in the

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Basket Ball Tournament Is to be Held at V. P. I.

Four basketball teams, one from each of the four administrative regions of Virginia, will meet in Blacksburg on February 8th to determine the champion Future Farmer basketball team in Virginia. Mr. C. P. Miles, director of athletics at V. P. I., has made this possible. Mr. Miles states that any reasonable traveling expense will be defrayed by the V. P. I. Athletic Association.

The first game will be called on Saturday, February 8th, at 1:30 P. M. Four eight-minute quarters will be played. The second afternoon game will follow immediately after the first.

The final game of the tournament will be called at 7 P. M. Four eight-minute quarters will be played, and the rules that apply to Northern Virginia will also apply in the State tournament.

Visiting teams will be housed in the athletic rooms of the World War Memorial Hall. Meals will be furnished at the college dining-hall.

Those taking part in the tournament will have a chance to see a wrestling meet between the varsity team at V. P. I. and a team representing Davidson College. This wrestling meet will be held immediately after the last game of the State basketball tournament.

Prizes to be Awarded Best Virginia Chapters.

"Come and visit the best chapter in the State" is the invitation often received at the State Office. Needless to say, this invitation has been extended from quite a number of different chapters. Concrete and conclusive evidence was submitted, substantiating this fact, last year when the Holland Chapter was awarded the first place among Future Farmers chapters of the United States.

We feel, however, that there were a number of chapters possibly almost as good as Holland who did not participate in this national contest. We want every chapter in Virginia to feel that they have a chance to represent Virginia in the next national contest sponsored by the Farm Journal, of Philadelphia.

We want every chapter to realize, however, that it is only upon their own initiative and work that they can win this honor. By this we mean that each chapter should keep very careful records of its activities and happenings, and should be on the alert to secure good pictures of chapter activities and supervised practice programs and should secure a copy of the rules of the Farm Journal contest and see to it that their objectives are in line with the contest rules.

Your State Executive Committee has decided that prizes of \$35.00, \$25.00, and \$15.00 should be awarded in June, at the time of the annual Rally, to the best three chapters in the State.

Awards will be made on the same score-card as used by the Farm Journal in selecting chapters in the national contest. This score-card, as used last year, is as follows:

	Quality of Program	Accomplishment
1. Supervised practice	50	200
2. Co-operative activities	35	140
3. Community service	25	100
4. Leadership activities	20	80
5. Earnings and savings	20	80
6. Conduct of meetings	20	80
7. Scholarship	15	60
8. Recreation	15	60

Total perfect score..... 200 800

Within a few days, complete explanation on this score-card will be sent your chapter and the entry blanks provided by the Farm Journal will also be sent you.

Bear in mind that the report from your chapter in attractive form must be in the State Office by June 5, 1930.

Progress You have Made in Making Your Chapter a

KEYSTONE CHAPTER

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

(Reports received by January 20th.)

100% of Members who have Paid Annual State Dues

(Sent to State Office.)

*Apple Grove	*Lincoln
*Appomattox	*Madison
*Atlee	*Manassas
*Axton	*Marshall
*Berryville	*Max Meadows
*Blacksburg	*Maywood
*Broadway	*Mica
Buchanan	Middletown
Buckhorn	Montrose
Burke's Garden	*Mt. Jackson
Burkeville	*Nassawadox
Castlewood	*New London
Center Cross	*New Market
*Charlotte C. H.	Newsoms
*Chilhowie	Nokesville
Cleveland	Pamplin
(Russell Co.)	*Pennington Gap
*Cleveland	Pearisburg
(Washington Co.)	*Poquoson
*Climax	Rich Valley
*Clintwood	*Rural Retreat
Clover	*Salem
Cobb's Creek	South Hill
*Criglersville	Sparta
*Dan River	*Spring Garden
Dinwiddie	*Stephens City
Disputanta	*Strasburg
*Dublin	*Sugar Grove
Ed. Pendleton	*Syringa
*Elk Creek	Tazewell
Ewing	Timberville
*Floris	Toano
*Front Royal	Turbeville
Glade Spring	Unionville
*Gloucester	*Upperville
*Grassy Creek	Wakefield
*Great Bridge	*Wallace
*Hamilton	Weyers Cave
*Hardin-Reynolds	Whitmell
Hickory	Wicomico
*Hillsville	Willis
Ivor	*Winchester
Independence	Windsor
*Ivy Depot	Wise
John Randolph	*Woodlawn
*Kenbridge	*Woodstock
*Lebanon	*Wytheville
Liberty Hall	

*Annual dues paid on or before October 1, 1929.

2,432 Paid-Up Members to Date.

1 Father and Son Banquet

(The eating season is just beginning.)

Axton	Center Cross
Blacksburg	Charlotte C. H.
Burkes Garden	Chilhowie
Castlewood	Cleveland

Climax	Lincoln
Clintwood	McKenney
Criglersville	Mica
Darvills	New Hope
Dublin	New London
Ewing	Poquoson
Glade Spring	Rural Retreat
Great Bridge	Sunnyside
Hamilton	Tazewell
Hardin-Reynolds	Toano
Honaker	Unionville
Ivor	Wicomico
John Randolph	Willis
Lebanon	Windsor
Liberty Hall	

100% of Members with Savings Account

Buchanan	Pennington
Burkes Garden	Mt. Jackson
Central	New Market
Elk Creek	Poquoson
Ewing	Strasburg
Floris	Toano
Grassy Creek	Woodlawn
Kenbridge	

1 Summer Camp or Farm Tour

Achilles	Max Meadows
Atlee	Maywood
Axton	McKenny
Bridgewater	Mt. Jackson
Buchanan	New Market
Burkes Garden	New London
Burkeville	Pearisburg
Chase City	Poquoson
Climax	Rural Retreat
Criglersville	South Hill
Darvills	Sugar Grove
Disputanta	Sunnyside
Dublin	Tazewell
Elk Creek	Turbeville
Floris	Unionville
Grassy Creek	Whaleyville
Hardin-Reynolds	Wicomico
Ivor	Willis
Ivy	Woodlawn
Kenbridge	Woodstock
Lincoln	Wytheville

Co-operative Buying or Selling

Achilles	Lebanon
Amherst	Lincoln
Apple Grove	Mt. Jackson
Atlee	Maywood
Blacksburg	Mica
Burkes Garden	Middletown
Chase City	New Market
Climax	New Hope
Clintwood	Rural Retreat
Criglersville	South Hill
Gloucester	Tazewell
Grassy Creek	Whaleyville
Ivy	Whitmell
Kenbridge	Woodlawn

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Apple Grove	Tazewell
Burkes Garden	Woodlawn
Poquoson	Rural Retreat
Sugar Grove	Ewing
Salem	New London

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTER AND INDIVIDUALS IN ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THRIFT BANKS.

Chapters Leading in Total Investments in Savings and Farming.

Mt. Jackson	\$8,723.88
Floris	8,711.75
Grassy Creek	7,727.60
Kenbridge	6,700.00
Rich Valley	5,422.40
Sugar Grove	5,188.00
Lebanon	4,716.40
Axton	4,448.00
Elk Creek	4,341.00
Willis	4,234.75
Whaleyville	3,724.25
Ivy Depot	3,679.25
Rural Retreat	3,461.80
Front Royal	3,454.00
Climax	3,432.00
Dayton	3,262.50
Atlee	3,258.00
Dublin	3,258.00
Lincoln	3,228.10
Wicomico	3,180.00
Broadway	3,180.00
New Market	3,150.80
Woodstock	3,057.30
Unionville	3,047.50
Sunnyside	2,768.00
Bridgewater	2,566.80
Buckhorn	2,322.00
Burkeville	2,219.40
Hardin-Reynolds	2,219.00
Ivor	2,179.40
Chase City	2,114.10
New Hope	2,000.00

Members with the Largest Investment in Farming.

Dale Porter, Grassy Creek	\$2,365.00
Jeter Lamkin, Wicomico	2,000.00
Billy Bierer, Front Royal	1,690.00
Phelps Payne, Mt. Jackson	1,600.00
Wm. Buchanan, Rich Valley	1,383.00
Joseph Tisinger, Mt. Jackson	1,300.00
Francis Hardwick, Dublin	1,278.00
Preston Poland, Floris	1,060.00
Steve Harris, Axton	1,000.00
Stuart Thomas, Atlee	840.00
Hunter Blevens, Floris	820.00
Alvon Harmon, Willis	814.00
Garlen Ross, Sugar Grove	755.00
Jack Jesse, Lebanon	717.50
Hershel Richardson, Sugar Gr.	711.00
Frank Hanson, Jr., Lebanon	625.00
Austin Branner, New Market	600.00
Calvin Jones, Sunnyside	500.00
Paul Byrd, Elk Creek	500.00
Nathaniel Via, Ivy	484.80
J. Sam Buchanan, Rich Valley	463.00
Joseph Gill, Buckhorn	454.00
Kenneth Sledd, Rural Retreat	435.00
Charles Johnson, Buckhorn	430.00
Godwin Lohr, Unionville	400.00
Homer Freeman, Ivor	360.00
Bentley Tucker, Atlee	350.00
William Patterson, New Hope	350.00
Andrew McGuire, Tazewell	350.00
Willard Stone, Elk Creek	350.00
R. McCulloch, Buchanan	300.00
Herbert Brown, Lincoln	287.50
Benj. Pearee, Whaleyville	285.00
Kenneth Stephenson, Ivor	275.00
Henry Erbe, Lincoln	275.00
Carroll Haun, Woodstock	275.00
George White, Tazewell	275.00
Walter Heatwole, Dayton	240.00
George Olinger, New Market	235.00
William Marks, Disputanta	225.00

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST FOR
F. F. A.'s.

We have been very much impressed in visiting certain chapter meetings and in hearing of other meetings in the interest that has been manifested in debates and talks by the members. The farmer of tomorrow must, of course, be able to stand on his feet and express himself intelligently, in order that he may become the leader he should be to aid in establishing his vocation among the other professions.

In our various contests within the State and the national contests, too, for that matter, we have given considerable recognition to a boy's ability to judge livestock, crops, etc. Of course, in the State and American Farmer degrees, his ability to speak in public has been considered, but not to any great extent. Our observation leads us to conclude that there are a large number of farm boys who are interested in improving themselves along the lines of "talking on their feet." We are delighted, therefore, to announce that the National Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America have arranged for a national public-speaking contest to be held in connection with the National Congress of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City, next November. National prizes of \$500 for the first place, \$300 second place, \$200 third place, and \$100 for fourth place, have been arranged for. It also appears that the expenses of the contestants will be paid. It is also indicated that a national hook-up of thirty-five radio stations will be arranged to broadcast this national contest.

When we think of national contests, however, we sometimes feel that they are so far removed from us. Remember that the Holland Chapter of the Future Farmers of America won a national contest last year, and that some of the other of our chapters within the State ran Holland a very close race for this honor. Other contests which we have held have not required very much in the way of elimination contests. With a national public-speaking contest, however, the finals of which will be limited to four boys, one from each of the four grand divisions of the United States, it will be necessary to have both State and regional elimination contests.

Within the State we are vitally interested in each member's participating in a contest within his chapter, and then if there are several chapters in one county, that these chapters arrange for a county contest. We have taken the matter of district contests up with Mr. Chas. Kauffman, executive secretary of the Virginia Literary and Athletic League. Mr. Kauffman is endeavoring to secure permission from his board of directors to allow us to run off the district elimination contests at the same time that the district contests sponsored by the Virginia Literary and Athletic League are held. The board of directors of this association has not formally held a meeting as yet, but we shall pass on their decision to you in the near future.

Every boy who participates in the contest in his chapter should have in mind the possibility of his winning in his chapter, his county, his district, his State,

his region, and therefore be entitled to the trip and prizes at Kansas City. It is, therefore, quite evident that in preparing your talks you should adhere to the topics which have been selected for use in the national contest. These subjects are as follows:

1. "What the F. F. A. may mean to American agriculture."
2. The relation of the farmer to the success of the Federal Farm Board."
3. "Co-operative marketing as a solution of farm problems."
4. "The opportunities for the limitations of corporation farming."
5. What my home project work in vocational agriculture has taught me about farm operation and management."
6. "Equalization of taxes as a farm-relief measure."
7. "The machine age and its effect on American agriculture."
8. "The value of the Federal farm-loan system to the American farmer."

If there is any further information which you desire relative to this contest, please write to the State Office, and we shall do our best to supply any request for information.

No definite State prizes have been arranged for as yet, but appropriate medals will be given to the winners in the State contest.

HARRELL AND CAMPBELL COMPETE IN REGIONAL CONTEST.

Nearly 200 Future Farmers last spring indicated their intention of competing in the State crops contest sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau. You will recall that, in addition to the State contest, the bureau fostered a regional contest on corn and cotton. To be eligible to participate in the regional contest, the scope of the enterprise must be not less than three acres, and all other rules of the State contest must be adhered to.

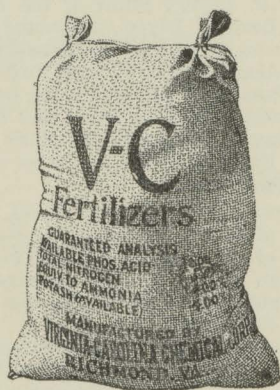
The winners in the State contest have not been determined as yet because records and applications are still coming in. January 15th, however, was set as the final date for receiving entries for

the regional contest on corn and cotton. Just prior to this date, two very excellent reports received on corn and cotton and the records of Staley Harrell, of Holland, Nansemond County, and Carroll Campbell, of the Handley School, of Winchester, have been forwarded to the regional committee, as Virginia's entries in the regional cotton and corn contest.

We wish to congratulate these two boys on their very successful enterprises and on the diligence with which they have applied themselves to the production of these crops. Carroll Campbell, of Winchester, realized a yield of 274 bushels of corn on three acres. You will see that his average yield per acre is better than 91 bushels. Considering the season which was not altogether favorable, we feel that this was a very, very creditable showing. Carroll found this enterprise to be profitable, when we consider the fact that he realized a net profit of \$196.12 on the three acres. You can see from this that while he used improved methods and proper fertilizer practices, yet he was able to realize a handsome profit from his corn enterprise.

Staley Harrell, of Holland, Nansemond County, realized a net profit of \$388.57 from five acres of cotton. Staley secured his cotton seed from the experiment station and every practice that he used in the production of his crop was backed up by experiment station recommendations. He produced a total of 11,374 pounds of seed cotton on the five acres, or an average of 2,275 pounds of seed cotton per acre. This total poundage of seed cotton was delivered to the gin, and after ginning it was found that the lint cotton weighed 3,791 pounds. His yield, therefore, in terms of lint per acre was 758 pounds, which, when we consider the season, which was not very favorable to cotton, was a very, very excellent yield for his section.

We hope to be able to announce in the very near future the various individuals who are to be awarded cash prizes for winning in the several districts of the State, and also to be able to announce what chapters won the radios, all of which are to be given by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau.



OLD FRIENDS

and New

Farmers who are still in their prime can remember helping their fathers haul V-C FERTILIZERS to the springtime fields of long ago. Now their sons are helping them—and V-C remains a family institution. Could V-C be otherwise than trustworthy with such traditions behind it?

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matter at Post-office, Richmond, Va.,
pending.

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE SECOND AN- NUAL CONGRESS AT KANSAS CITY.

Ross Reynolds and Ernest Reynolds, of
Newport, were taking the second train
trip of their lives when they boarded the
Pocahontas at Bluefield en route to Kan-
sas City. These boys acquitted them-
selves in fine style and helped to make
the broadcasting of the first-degree cere-
mony a success.

Clay Wright, of Liberty Hall, broke
the monotony of the long train trip
from Cincinnati to St. Louis by giving
exhibitions of plain and fancy yo-yo
throwing. All of the boys agreed that
they would like to have enough of that
black Illinois dirt to top dress their
farms.

Enough corn is wasted in the fields be-
tween Cincinnati and St. Louis to feed
China and the Balkan states. At least
this appears so to the casual observer
from the train window.

Kansas City, with her fire sirens, am-
bulance sirens, and police patrol sirens,
is a city of hideous noises and hub-bub.
There is something about the town, how-
ever, that appeals to the spirit of youth.
There is a snap-and-go, a dash-and-fire
about everything that is quite in con-
trast with the quietude of such towns as
Cincinnati and Memphis. This young
western town is a fit place to cradle the
youngest and most successful boys' or-
ganization in the world.

Thirty directors, supervisors and teach-
er trainers attended the second annual
congress at Kansas City. The increase
in the number over last year shows the
growth in interest and enthusiasm that
this organization is arousing in the
States.

The delegation from Iowa chartered a
special cabin plane and flew down to
Kansas City, landing at the municipal
airport. Incidentally, this is the largest
municipal airport in this country. It was
a rainy morning, but the boys enjoyed
the trip.

The delegation from Oregon joined
hands with the delegation from Florida
before the photographers, and a very
interesting picture was the result.

There has been so much work done by
Future Farmers in this country that it
took two days to read the reports of work
in the States, including the work of the
outstanding chapters.

Approximately two thousand Future
Farmers paraded in the arena before ten
thousand assembled stockmen and farm-
ers from the Middle West. The parade
was a wonderful thing and the agricul-
tural education and home economics su-
pervisors and teacher trainers in Mis-
souri are due the thanks of every Future
Farmer for the hats that were made and
distributed to all who took part in the
parade. Broadcasting during the pa-
rade took longer than had been antici-
pated, and the crowd got a little restless
before it was over. Many in the audi-
ence did not know that a speech from
the Secretary of Agriculture was being
read.

The girls' band from Parsons High
School, in Kansas, headed the parade.
They were all dolled up in gold and white,
and any Future Farmer would have fol-
lowed them all the way across the coun-
try.

At the banquet which was given at the
Baltimore Hotel by the Kansas City
Chamber of Commerce, Paul W. Chap-
man, director of vocational education in
Georgia, was heard to remark, "Look at
all of these Future Farmers. They fill
this big banquet hall. I want you to
know that this is the most inspiring
thing that I ever saw in my life."

All the world knows that Holland won
the chapter contest. Yet the world does
not know that one of the most modest
Virginia gentlemen now living went to
Kansas City to receive the reward for
his chapter. We refer to Wilton David-
son, president of the Holland Chapter
last year.

Wade Turner, of Lillington, N. C., was
elected president of the Future Farmers
of America. Wade is a real leader and
has a personality that is hard to down.
We hope it will be possible for him to
attend the State Convention of Future
Farmers at Blacksburg in June and make
a talk to the Future Farmers in Virginia.

Dr. C. P. Taylor, editor of the Agri-
cultural Leaders Digest, addressed the
second annual congress at Kansas City.
Among other things, he said that the
Future Farmers of America is the bridge
that connects 4-H Club work and other
junior organizations with the Farm Bu-
reau, the Farmers' Union, and other adult
farm organizations.

Mr. Henry, of the Federal Board, told
the boys about the future of the Future
Farmers of America. According to Mr.
Henry, the future of this organization
is as bright as the rising sun that ap-
pears on the emblem.

Bill Ross, specialist in subject matter
of the Federal Board for Vocational Edu-
cation, is one of the best radio an-
nouncers we know anything about. In-
cidentally, Mrs. Ross is a singer of note
and was in Kansas City on her way to
Cheyenne and Denver to give a couple
of concerts.

HENRY C. GROSECLOSE.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

Broadway.

The Knights of the Golden Horseshoe
Chapter of the F. F. A., Broadway, Va.,
held a school fair on December 6, 1929.
We exhibited at this fair 28 chickens,
ten-ear exhibits of corn, and 8 single-
ear exhibits, 6 exhibits of potatoes and
dozen eggs. The premiums given were
as follows: \$9.00 cash, 400 pounds laying
mash, 75 pounds baby chick starter,
100 pounds growing mash, and half-bushel
certified seed corn.

Each grade of the graded school and
each class of high school displayed some
of the work being done in the grades
and classes. The school also gave a very
interesting program, which was attended
by at least 600 patrons and friends.

PRESTON MOYERS,
Secretary.

Burkes Garden.

The first meeting of the agriculture
class was held October 17, 1929. New
officers were elected, and we decided to
adopt the State objectives and adopt
the following community objectives:

1. Aid in conducting a school and com-
munity fair. After all expenses had been
paid, we turned over to the general school
fund \$57.00, and won \$25.00 for our in-
dividual exhibits.
2. Have a F. F. V. basketball team.
3. Improve the school grounds.
4. Have at least three enterprises for
each of our projects.
5. Operate a moving-picture show for
aid in financing chapter.
6. Hold public debates on agricultural
subjects.

To date we have reached three of our
objectives.

JAMES COX,
Sec'y and Reporter.

Center Cross.

The agricultural boys of Center Cross
High School are giving a Father and Son
Banquet in the high school on Friday
night, January 17th, at 8 o'clock. The
banquet is to give the boys and their
fathers a chance to come together and
have a general good time. The father
of every boy taking agriculture is cordi-
ally invited.

P. E. RAWLS.

Castlewood.

The agriculture boys of Temple Hill
High School met October 15th and orga-
nized the Temple Hill Chapter of the F. F. V.'s. We elected the following of-
ficers: Tanner Gose, president; Francis
Self, vice-president; Robert Saddler, sec-
retary; Jennings Dorton, treasurer;
Woodrow Bratton, reporter; Fred Wil-
liams, "watch dog"; advisory committee-
Winfield Saddler, Robert Quillen, Calvin
Clay.

We have 100 per cent membership.
Three boys of the chapter bought some
dairy heifers co-operatively with the other
chapters of Russell County.

The chapter held their Father and Son
Banquet November 20th. The banquet
was held in the agriculture room. There
were about fifty fathers and sons present.
The feast was prepared by the home ec-
nomics class. Prof. B. C. White and Mr.
W. T. Dickenson were honorary guests.

The members of the chapter sold part of their tobacco crops co-operatively with the members of the other chapters of Russell County. We will sell the rest of our crop co-operatively January 19th.

- Some of our objectives are:
1. Buying and selling co-operatively.
 2. One hundred per cent membership.
 3. Each boy carry some supplementary project.
 4. Select and store seed corn properly.
 5. Test seed corn in the spring.

Some of the boys have been mixing their concentrate feeds to feed their cows and sheep.

WOODROW BRATTON,
Reporter.

Kenbridge.

The Thrift Club of the Kenbridge F. F. V.'s held their December check-up on thrift work last Friday morning. At this check-up it was found that the 35 members of the club had a total in savings in the bank of \$4,490, or an average of \$127.86 per member (this does not include money in bank on check account). A further savings of \$2,345 was found to be invested by the boys in bonds, stocks and notes at 6 per cent interest, and about \$200 in life insurance. This gave an average of \$68.19 per member invested in securities, which, added to the \$127.86 in savings account, makes a total savings per member of \$196.05.

As for the farming investments of these boys, we find that the club has a total invested in farming of \$2,209, which gives an average per member of \$63.11.

In considering the above figure, we find that the thirty-five members of the club have a combined savings and investment of \$11,572, or an average per boy of \$330.63.

Poquoson.

Instead of a Father and Son Banquet, the F. F. V. of Poquoson High School held a "Parents and Son Banquet" on Friday, November 8th. The menu consisted of oysters, candied sweet potatoes, cold slaw, cocoa and cakes. The oysters were secured by the boys and the potatoes were donated by the parents. The other expenses were met from our share of the proceeds from the play, "Two Days

to Marry," which Mr. Kirchmier coached. We had an informal evening, with no set speeches. However, short talks were made by Rev. H. L. Hastings, Prof. I. J. Stanley, Prof. Traynham Topping, Dr. and Mrs. E. P. White, Rev. W. H. Crofts, a former missionary to China, who told of the agricultural needs of China. Harold Moore, president of the F. F. V., made a speech of welcome. Elvin Freeman presented the F. F. V. objectives, and Robert Moore the class objectives.

Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Hastings, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Crofts, Prof. and Mrs. I. J. Stanley, Prof. and Mrs. Traynham Topping, Dr. and Mrs. E. P. White, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Quinn, Mrs. H. J. Phillips, R. R. Rollins, Mrs. J. E. Carmines, Mrs. W. T. Freeman, Mrs. S. J. Moore, Mrs. B. C. Smith, Mrs. Estelle Page, Mrs. H. J. Forrest, Mrs. Sallie Freeman, Mrs. Wallie Dryden, Mrs. W. F. Lawson, Mrs. Annie White Freeman, Mrs. Ivoe Freeman, Mrs. Lessie Topping, Misses Annie Ward, Bertha Hunt, Nellie Carmines, Madeline Hastings, Mrs. T. C. Holloway, Harold Moore, Osborne Evans, Samuel Moore, James Phillips, Johnnie Smith, Aubrey Rollins, Ballard Quinn, H. Melvin Forrest, Frank Carmines, Elvin Freeman, David Hopkins, Melvin Holloway, Robert Moore, Joseph Freeman, and C. E. Kirchmier.

Sparta.

At our first meeting of F. F. V., held in November, the following were elected as officers: Samuel Bell, president; Lewis Motley, vice-president; Roland Chenault, treasurer; Willard Andrews, secretary; Mr. Cole, adviser; Roger Moore, reporter; Winsted Wright, farm watch dog; Raymond Moore and Wesley Kidd, conductors.

At the next meeting, which was held on December 5th, we set up the following objectives:

1. School-ground improvement.
2. Father and Son Banquet.
3. Sending at least 20 exhibits to the grain show.
4. Securing \$3 in ad for Chapter Chats.
5. Financing a judging team to Blackburg.

ROLAND CHENAULT,
Treasurer.

Stephens City.

We had our second meeting and decided to have a chapter store to meet needs of the chapter. We also decided to initiate Greenhands December 9th.

We have improved our athletic field, and by spring hope to have a real playing field.

DAVID HALL,
Sec'y and Reporter.

Tazewell.

The agriculture class of Tazewell High School met October 20, 1929, organized its F. F. V. Chapter, and elected the following officers: president, Dan Harman; vice-president, Bill Corell; secretary, Paul Mundy; treasurer, Leece George; reporter, Sam Thompson; adviser, Mr. Cornett.

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Executive committee—Henry Kincer, Simon Bourne, Oscar George. Honorary members—Dr. J. W. Witten, W. L. Painter.

Mr. Fowler was present and gave us a very interesting talk on dairy cattle and equipment. Our annual banquet was held December 23rd.

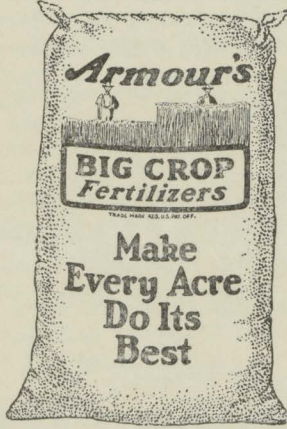
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Toano.

The regular meeting of F. F. V. was held January 7, 1930. Important features of the meeting were the decisions to hold two meetings a month and the setting of dues at 10 cents a month. Another feature of every meeting will be refreshments. We hope to have 100 per cent in savings by Friday, January 10th; also will have 100 per cent State dues paid.

Woodlawn.

Although the F. F. A. boys of the Felts Chapter have laid low for the last few weeks, still they have not been idle. They have gotten up a set of initiation exercises equal to or surpassing any we have had at Woodlawn for a number of years.

Beginning at 8 P. M. December 13th, the following twelve Greenhands were given this initiation: Arthur Jennings, Edgar Mabe, Jessie Jennings, Wade Montgomery, Kyle Jackson, Olan Robinson, Lonnie Ward, Ray Marshall, Augustus Marshall, Willard Felts, Clyde Farmer, Kenneth Ribinson.

The exercises were well carried out, and were enjoyed by all, the Greenhands included. Some of those present said they had not laughed so much in one night for a year. After the initiation exercises were over, Mr. Creasy presented the Greenhand badges to the new members.

Two honorary members were present—Prof. R. S. Gardner and W. B. Collins.

EDGAR C. MABE,
Reporter.

FUTURE FARMER RADIO PROGRAM.

The Future Farmers of Eastern Virginia were heard again over the radio on Wednesday, January 8th. Their program started at 11:15 and lasted until 11:45 o'clock.

The program this week was known as an Eastern Shore program and was presented by Future Farmers from Temperanceville, Central and Franktown-Nassawadox. The boys had advertised their radio appearance very extensively in their home counties, and everybody who could get to a radio that morning was listening

in. The program was presented on WTAR, Norfolk.

The following Future Farmers participated:

Carl Jones, Temperanceville—Raising turkeys.

John Warren, Central—Co-operating in buying and selling.

Browning Kellam, Central—Chapter objectives.

Ernest Dunton, Franktown-Nassawadox—Chapter objectives.

John Badger, Franktown-Nassawadox—My four years in Agriculture.

Hallet Mapp, Franktown-Nassawadox—Putting on a community fair.

Edmund Henderson, Franktown-Nassawadox—Summer tour and summer camp.

Alvah Marshall, Temperanceville—Chapter objectives.

Slater Turner, Franktown-Nassawadox—Responsibilities of a Future Farmer.

Prof. Dunham, Central—Eastern Shore Future Farmer organization.


SPLENDID RECORD IN JUDGING AT KANSAS CITY.

At the time the November issue of Chapter Chats went to press, the livestock judging team, made up of Eugene Bane, of White Gate; Ernest and Reynolds, of Newport, and Howard Wright, of Liberty Hall, were engaged in judging livestock in competition with 125 other boys at Kansas City. At the time we did not know what the final outcome of the judging contest would be, but we were so bold as to state that the team would live up to the high reputation of other Virginia teams and would make a showing of which the Future Farmers could be justly proud.

That prophecy was fulfilled, because in just a few days we received a wire from Mr. Hargis that the Virginia team stood first out of thirty teams in judging beef. Southwest Virginia has for years been producing good beef and good judges of beef cattle.

The Virginia team did exceptionally well also in judging sheep, inasmuch as the team placing was fifth out of the 30 teams participating. You will not doubt recall that in the contest at Kansas City it was necessary for the contestants to judge too classes each of beef cattle, sheep, horses, hogs and meats. Our team won third place in the entire contest among teams representing the Southern States, and stood tenth on total score among all teams competing.

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contest here with very little lapse of time between the county meets and the State meet."

The committee discussed this compromise rather fully and was of the unanimous opinion that this was the best suggestion that had been offered. We realize of course that the dates, June 17th, 18th and 19th, will not suit every chapter, but it does appear that when we consider the fact that a part of the program of

the Rally is devoted to athletics, this seems to be a better time for holding the track meet than in August. Indeed, we are inclined to believe that this is a better time than April, as our chances for good weather are much better in June than earlier in the season. One of the main features of the Rally is of course the judging contest, and boys and instructors have generally considered the winning of a place on the judging team, to represent the chapter as an award for a well-rounded-out year of agriculture.

The last of May or the first of June as a rule, marks the closing of school, and it likewise, in most cases, marks the termination of a year's work of Future Farmer chapters. It would seem, therefore, that the logical time for holding the State Convention of Future Farmers would be as soon after a year's work has been completed as possible. The objectives set up by the State Committee for the next year can then be taken home and during the summer very definite plans can be made by each chapter for putting into effect these new objectives.

Inasmuch as the contest between chapters described on another page of this issue has been inaugurated, it seems quite fitting that the best chapters in the State should be chosen at this season of the year and appropriate awards be given them. This will then allow several months

The selection of teams to represent the State in the national judging contest in June rather than in August will enable the team members and coaches to participate in more practice judging and study before time for them to leave the State to participate in the national contest.

As stated above, your Executive Committee realizes as well as do the officials of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute that no date can be selected that is entirely agreeable to all chapters. The institute is inviting all Future Farmers and their instructors to be present with them and to partake of their hospitality while engaging in the various activities to be arranged for during the three-day annual Rally to be held in June.

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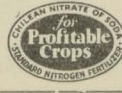
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