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F. F. A.'s To Attend Convention At Kansas City, October 15-21

**SPECIAL RAILROAD CAR AND LOW
FARES WILL ENABLE LARGE
GROUP TO MAKE TRIP.**

Taking advantage of the lowest transportation rates ever secured, a large group of Virginia F. F. A.'s will attend what promises to be the most attractive of all the conventions held at Kansas City.

offers \$10.00 to any Future Farmer as an aid in paying his way to the Convention City. Any boy wishing to make use of this offer should communicate with the State Office immediately.

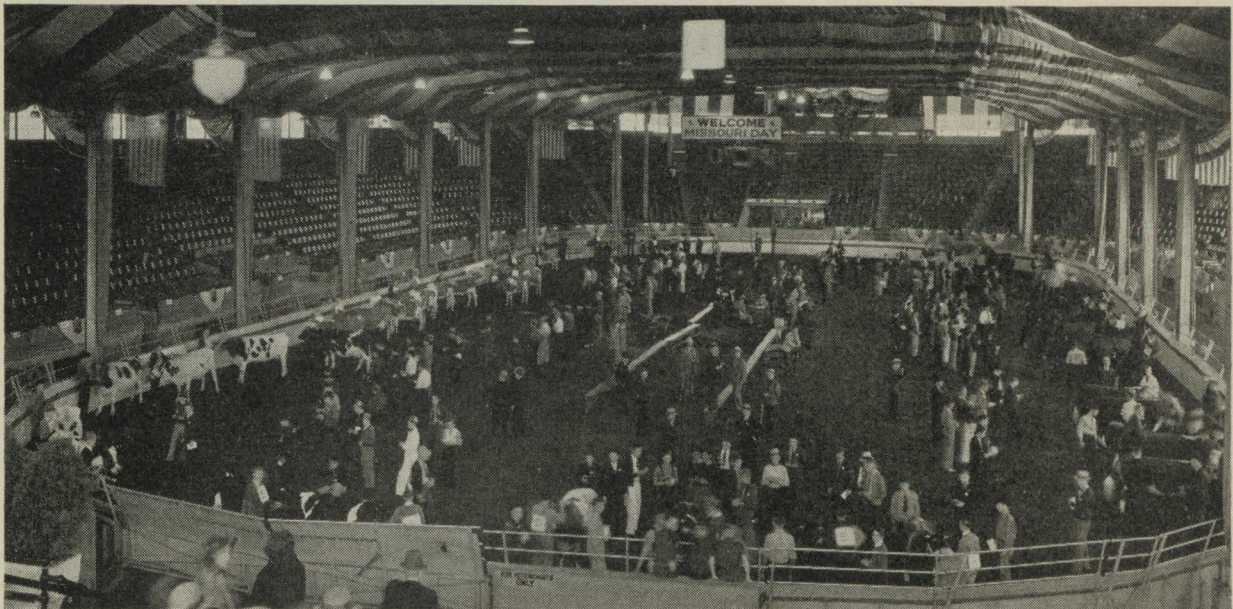
The program of the convention, which will be held in conjunction with the Thirty-ninth American Royal Livestock Show, is filled with events of great interest and educational value. Livestock

Student Membership Exceeds 6,000 Goal Set for Last Year

**CHAPTERS REPORT INCREASE OF
TEN; NUMBER OF SAVINGS
BANKS DECREASES.**

By H. C. Groseclose, State Adviser.

The grand total membership in the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America reached 6,864 during the school session of 1936-37. Of these, 6,163 were active members. The goal for last



Judging in the arena of the Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City where Virginia F. F. A. Teams compete next month.

A special F. F. A. air-conditioned day coach will leave Christiansburg, Va., the night of October 15, and go all the way through to Kansas City. It will stay on the tracks there and then handle the Virginia crowd on the return trip, leaving Wednesday night, October 20, and arriving in Christiansburg on Friday morning. If more than fifty boys attend the convention, two special cars will be chartered.

The round-trip railroad fare for this 2000 mile trip is \$30.10 from Christiansburg for each passenger, a saving of almost \$20.00 over arrangements made in the past. The State Office this year

exhibits, horse shows, banquets, dinners, judging and public speaking contests, convention meetings, and tours of Kansas City industries, are among the features on the six-day program. Radio broadcasts will be held daily and concerts given by bands from Utah, Texas, and Missouri, as well as a special concert by the Kansas City municipal orchestra. On the return trip Virginia F. F. A.'s will have a four hour sightseeing tour in St. Louis, Missouri.

Future Farmers who have been to Kansas City in the past have always spoken highly of the value of the trip. They

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year was 6,000. The increase of active membership was 488. There are at present 212 Future Farmer Chapters in Virginia, an increase of 10 chapters for the year. Since there were 221 agricultural schools, the Future Farmer movement has reached practically every boy studying vocational agriculture. Of the 212 chapters established only one failed to have 100 per cent of the boys taking vocational agriculture as members of the Future Farmers of America.

Due partly to economic conditions there were only 95 thrift banks in Virginia chapters last year. Both the

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EGG LAYING CONTEST IS WON BY SYRINGA; MIDWAY SECOND

Final reports on the F. F. A. Egg Laying Contest sponsored by the Future Farmer Chapter at Nassawadox, in the cooperation with the Northampton County School Board and the Virginia Future Farmer Association, show that the hens entered by the members of the Syringa Chapter in Middlesex County, stood first for the 270 day period with an average production of 147 eggs per hen. The Midway Chapter in Dinwiddie County was second with an average production of 142.1 eggs per hen. Farnham in Richmond County was third, followed by Lloyds in Essex County.

This contest started December 7, 1936 and closed Aug. 31, 1937.

Alwyn Barrack of Farnham had the best pen in the contest. His hens averaged 187 eggs each. Second place went to the pen belonging to Raleigh Kiser of Haysi, Dickenson County, with an average production of 182 eggs per hen. Third place went to Joe Sedivy of Midway, followed by Barnett Whaley; Stephen Hart, Apple Grove; James Massey, Nassawadox; and Wood Brothers and Muse Barrack of Syringa.

Joe Sedivy of Midway took first place in the "Best Hen" division of the contest. His hen No. 10 laid 206 eggs during the 270 day contest period. Second place was taken by hen No. 79, belonging to Dick Nottingham of Nassawadox with 204 eggs. Tied for third were the hens belonging to Muse Barrack of Syringa; Chas. Turnbull, Montrose; and Alwyn Barrack, Farnham.

The 1937-'38 contest will start October 1, 1937.

MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS GOAL.

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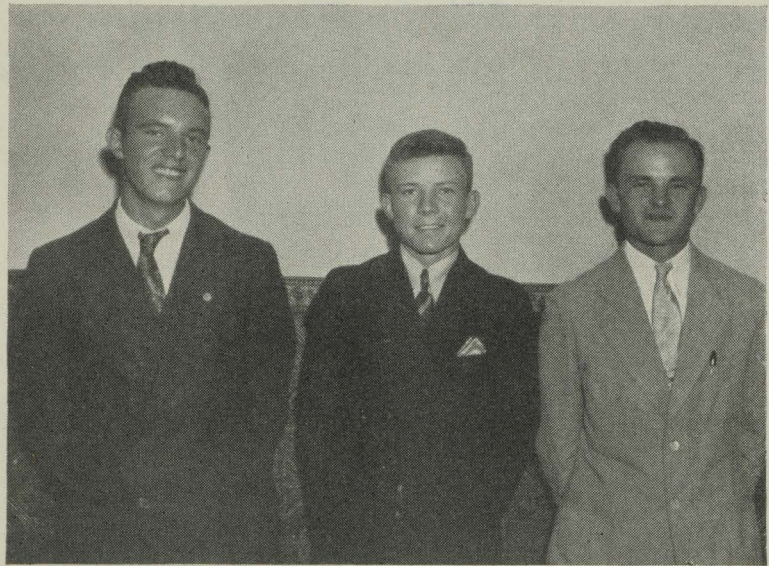
number of thrift banks and the total savings decreased. Total savings and investments fell off approximately \$41,000 as compared with 1935-36, but these 95 thrift banks reported savings amounting to \$98,863.94. The investments in farming totaled \$324,661.59. The grand total in savings and in farming was \$423,525.53. For various reasons local advisors should make an attempt to halt this falling off of money in thrift banks and in investments and encourage the boys to organize banks and save their money. A Future Farmer chapter has very little chance of earning any State or National recognition unless there is a substantial amount of savings and investments in farming.

Some interesting highlights of the State Association activities may be mentioned such as the following: 150 chapters engaged in cooperative buying and selling; 171 raised money to finance the chapter

delegation to the Rally; 201 had 100 per cent enrollment in F. F. A.; 195 report officers using the opening and closing ceremonies; 177 chapters keep up-to-date records of all former students of the local chapters; the full quota of American Farmer candidates were elected to that degree; 180 chapters took parts of class periods to study Chapter Chats; 86 per cent of the members owned 4,889 manuals. There were 4,517 members with long-time farming programs in operation,

182 chapters had chapter libraries. Chapter Chats was printed as usual. The annual State Convention was a success and for the first time this summer the Virginia Association began to operate a State Camp.

All in all it has been a wonderful year. It should serve as an inspiration during the years to come and no Virginia Future Farmer need feel humble as he faces the boys from other states at Kansas City this fall.



Left to right: C. Y. Avery, of McKenney, Arnold Boswell, of Bailey, North Carolina, and George Jones, of Walterboro, South Carolina, who competed in the public speaking contest held at South Hill. Boswell was the winner. Victor in the State contest held at the Rally, Avery represented Virginia.

NORTH CAROLINA BOY WINS THE TRI-STATE SPEAKING CONTEST

C. Y. Avery, of McKenney, winner of the Virginia F. F. A. public speaking contest, competed in the Tri-State meet held at South Hill, September 8th, but lost to Arnold Boswell, of Bailey, North Carolina, who won the right to participate later this month in the Southern regional contest, the winner of which will take part in the National contest scheduled for Kansas City in October.

Boswell's speech was on the subject of "Soil Erosion." Avery spoke on "Soil Erosion and Conservation," while George Jones, of Walterboro, South Carolina, the third entry in the meet, had as his topic, "Farm Tenancy."

The judges at the meet were Dr. Thomas Eason, of the Virginia State Department of Education; Dr. P. D. Sanders, editor of the Southern Planter; and John F. Watson, of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Education Bureau. Dr. Walter S. Newman, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, presided.

A dinner meeting, sponsored by the

State F. F. A. Association, preceded the contest. E. Y. Noblin, instructor of vocational agriculture at South Hill, handled the arrangements. Twenty-two guests were present, including the contestants, their advisors, the judges, several members of the families of the contestants, representatives of South Hill High School, and of civic organizations of the town, and other individuals such as Roy Thomas, Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture for North Carolina. Mayor L. L. Bean, of South Hill, spoke briefly in the form of a welcome.

At 7:30 p. m. the speaking began in the high school, following a welcome by Charles H. Morgan, principal. Although tobacco work was heavy at the time and it was a rainy night, more than a hundred Future Farmers of the Southside Virginia Federation attended. The contest was conducted according to rules that will prevail at the regional and national meets. Each contestant spoke for ten minutes. At the conclusion of his speech the boy was questioned for five minutes by the judges. The speaker's stance, delivery, as well as his knowledge of the subject were considered in determining the winner.

: : NEWS FROM FEDERATIONS : :

**Farm Show and Rally Highlights of
"Hub" Federation Year.**

The Lynchburg Farm Show and the Federation Rally and Judging Contests were highlights of the "Hub" Federation program for 1936-'37.

The first event held was an all day outing or "Rally" at Big Island, Virginia. Delegates and fathers from Amherst, Appomattox, Brookville, Naruna, New London, Pamplin, Rustburg, Brookneal, Concord, and Gladys enjoyed track events, baseball, volley ball, swimming and fishing. All of the chapters were very active in entering exhibits in the Lynchburg Farm Show in November. This was one of the largest and most successful shows of its kind held in Virginia last year. The annual stock-judging contest was held at Rustburg in May. The trophy was won by the team representing the Amherst Chapter. Regular meetings were held throughout the year with a planned program of business and recreation for each meeting. The officers for 1936-'37 were: Kenneth Walker, Rustburg, President; Julian Campbell, Amherst, Vice-President; James Coates, Gladys, Secretary; Mervyn Williamson, Appomattox, Treasurer; Haywood Wingfield, Naruna, Reporter; Kenneth Martin, Concord Depot, Watch Dog; Mr. W. P. Wilkins, Brookville-New London, Advisor.

**Shenandoah Federation Adopts
New Work Program.**

The Shenandoah County Federation of Future Farmers of America held a special meeting at New Market on August 11th, to draw up and adopt a program of work for the coming year.

Graden Gochenour, acting as chairman of the program of work committee, presented the following program which was unanimously adopted.

1. Put on a special F. F. A. exhibit at the Shenandoah County Fair.
2. Promote judging contest at the Grain, Egg and Poultry Show.
3. Hold county F. F. A. basketball elimination contest.
4. Hold Bi-Federation track meet, the winners in each event to enter the district track meet.
5. Conduct a camping trip or farm tour.
6. Each F. F. A. chapter member pay 10 cents dues to county treasurer by October 1st.
7. Have county F. F. A. public speaking contest, and award gold, silver and bronze medals.
8. Encourage the sending of a delegate to the Northeastern States Poultry Producers Exposition,

9. Cooperate in the publishing of the County Youth Echoes Publication.

10. Continue to purchase cooperatively certified seed corn through the Massanutten Bank at Strasburg.

11. Put on at least one good radio program.

12. Have a well worked out program for each meeting.

13. Sponsor a program of work contest and an award to be given to the individual in each of the four classes of agriculture in the county who submits the best record of achievement.

14. Have a copy of F. F. A. Program of Work on wall in classroom of each chapter.

15. Sponsor a F. F. A. get-together of some sort on or about the National F. F. A. Day.

16. Sponsor a softball tournament this fall among the chapters.

Immediately after adjournment the refreshments were served by the New Market F. F. A. Chapter.

Past presidents of all the chapters were present, and they were appointed a nominating committee to recommend officers for coming year.

**RANDOLPH F. F. A.'s
TRAVEL 4,212 MILES,
BUT PAY ONLY \$8.57**

The Randolph F. F. A. boys at John Randolph High School in Cumberland County, have traveled a total distance of 4,212 miles in the last 13 months. The two trips were made in 15 days at a total cost of \$8.57 per boy. The first trip was made in July, 1936, which covered a distance of 1,700 miles and the cost per boy was \$3.68. The second trip was made in July, 1937, which covered a distance of 2,512 miles and the cost per boy was \$4.89. On the first trip there were 24 in the party, while on the second trip there were 20.

On the first trip the party left Farmville, Virginia and journeyed to Washington, D. C. by way of the Skyline Drive on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains. At Washington the party visited the capitol of the United States, Washington Monument, the Congressional Library and other points of interest. Upon leaving Washington the party went to Baltimore, Maryland, and on up through the fertile farming region of Pennsylvania by way of Harrisburg. The delegation then passed to St. Mary's, New York to see the extensive vineyards of that section.

After an inspection of Niagara Falls

for one-half day and night, the delegation went on into Canada. Canadian agricultural practices were observed, especially the numerous fine horses and beautiful grain fields. Agricultural practices were observed in Essex County, which apparently is the best agricultural spot in Canada.

Re-entering the United States at Detroit, the Ford plant was visited. The party headed homeward through the wheat and corn section of the Middle West. In Ohio the boys for the first time saw large combines at work. The route then led through parts of Kentucky and the coal fields of West Virginia.

On the second trip the party left Farmville Virginia, and journeyed to the Smoky Mountain National Park by the way of Winston-Salem and Asheville, North Carolina. Just before the party entered the National Park they stopped at Cherokee which is on the Indian Reservation and were entertained by the Indians and their tall stories for a little while. The party spent one-half day in the beautiful Smoky Mountains observing its beautiful trees, trout streams, high cliffs, gorges, and other beautiful scenery that is found there. Upon leaving the Smoky Mountains the party journeyed on to Knoxville.

After an inspection of Norris Dam and its power house the delegation went on to Nashville and from there to Memphis and crossed the Mississippi River into Arkansas. In Arkansas the first thing that was very noticeable was a section where the grasshoppers were eating up practically every kind of crop, particularly the corn and soybeans. Observed in this state were huge cotton fields, large droves of mules, and thousands of very poor looking and poorly constructed tenants' houses. Upon leaving Little Rock the party then journeyed on down to Louisiana and again crossed the Mississippi at Vicksburg.

Upon crossing the Mississippi the party headed homeward through the cotton, peach, and tobacco section of the South, which brought them through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. The trip carried the boys through six of the capital cities in the South and West.

The school board has cooperated to the fullest extent in making both of the trips possible by furnishing the boys with a bus. Two bus drivers were carried each time, one of which was given a free trip.

The \$8.57 cost included each person's proportionate share of the expenses of traveling 4,212 miles, including such things as 420 gallons of gasoline, 18 quarts of oil, food camping, ferry tolls, custom fees, bridge tolls, and incidentals,

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MEMBERS OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1937-1938.

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Pete Hope, Abingdon.

THE CHAPTER SECRETARY.

With the opening of schools this month the local Chapters of the Future Farmers of America will again resume school-time functioning. The boys chosen to office should be outstanding in their school work in general and should be recognized for their loyalty to the F. F. A. work.

While all of the officers are important, it is the purpose of this article to point out of the work of the Chapter secretary in particular. In order to perform the duties of this office with credit the boy elected must be willing to learn and work. His instructor or his English teacher will give valuable information. The fundamentals of parliamentary procedure must be mastered and followed. Every local secretary will find it helpful to study the sample Chapter minutes found on page 45 of the F. F. A. Manual. A thorough study of this page as to form, accuracy and content will be of value to the beginner. The Secretary should be present at every meeting of the Chapter. There is no surer way than learning through participation. While the meeting is going on note pages are handy and the pencil will do. Entries in their final form should be clear, concise, legible and in ink. Complete minutes include every official act of the Chapter, reports of all committees, a roll of the membership with degree classification. There needs to be a complete list of the officers and committees and the names of all visitors and speakers should be recorded. In short this is the Chapter's history and should be up to date and on the Secretary's table at every meeting. It is never wise to delay writing up the minutes until time for the next meeting. The write-up can

NEWS FROM YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Junior Farmer Clubs of Shenandoah County Organize Association.

A county association composed of members of the Mt. Jackson, Woodstock and Strasburg Junior Farmer Clubs the first of its kind in Virginia and believed to be the first in America was organized Friday evening, August 27th in the Woodstock school building.

The following officers were elected: Fred Fadel of Mt. Jackson, president; Gilbert Bushong of Woodstock, vice-president; J. Warren Good of Mt. Jackson, secretary; J. Calvin Reynolds of Woodstock, treasurer; and Carl H. Frael of Strasburg, reporter.

Although no name has as yet been selected for the new organization it is likely it will be styled the Shenandoah Junior Farmers.

At the meeting a round table discussion participated in by D. J. Howard, Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture of Winchester, the three agricultural teachers, C. E. Richard, D. L. Myers and Stanley Rhinehart, and the representatives of the different clubs in the county, discussed the vast possibilities which the new group possesses for service to its members and to the county.

The next meeting will be held October 5th at which time a constitution will be adopted and a county program of work adopted.

Mt. Jackson Club Outlines Program For the Coming Year.

The Mt. Jackson Junior Farmers' Club has outlined its program for the next year. Objectives have been listed as have topics to be discussed at regularly monthly meetings. Recreational activities have also been planned.

The work program follows:

1. Cooperate with and support with exhibits the county fair, county grain and poultry show and other agricultural demonstrations.

best be accomplished shortly after the meeting while details are in mind.

The Secretary's work can be simplified and made more accurate by using the Official Chapter Secretary's Book, which can be secured from the French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland. This book costs twenty-five cents and can be afforded by every chapter. A simple folder should be provided for all correspondence of Chapter. This along with the Secretary's book may be filed in the F. F. A. section of the Instructor's filing cabinet.

CARROLL GATHRIGHT, Jr.,
State Secretary.

2. Send exhibits to and attend if possible the State Seed Show.

3. Affiliate with and send a delegate to the American Country Life Convention.

4. Put on a farm program in cooperation with the F. F. A. Chapter at some regular P. T. A. meeting.

5. Strive to have 75 per cent of former students now farming in community as members of this organization.

6. Cooperative marketing.

7. Cooperative buying.

8. Cooperate with the F. F. A. association in staging a school and community fair or horse show or both.

9. Cooperate with the county agent and agricultural departments in county in promoting the soil conservation program.

10. Cooperate with other county Junior Farmers' clubs in organizing Junior farmers' organization.

11. Sponsor a series of meetings some time during the year on the soil conservation program and invite adult farmers

12. Each member to conduct some farm enterprise with a complete set of records and improved practices during the year.

Topics to be discussed at the regular monthly meetings are as follows:

1. How to become established in farming.

2. Economic principals involved in good management (relationship of crops to livestock.)

3. Fertilizing the rotation.

4. Discuss the merits and demerits of the Mt. Jackson Lamb shipping association.

5. The amount, kind and maintenance of legumes on farms in this community.

6. Purebred sires and certified seed.

7. Permanent pastures and improvement.

8. Taxes farmers have to pay and how they are used.

9. Feeding and care of farm work horses.

10. Rural organizations (their purposes and benefits to a community).

11. Parliamentary procedure.

12. Feeding livestock.

13. Health discussion (alternate).

The chapter has also listed a number of recreational activities to be carried out. These are:

1. Have refreshments at each regular meeting.

2. Have some entertainment feature at each regular meeting.

3. Take a farm tour or camping trip during the year.

4. Cooperate with F. F. A. chapter in staging father and son banquet.

5. Cooperate with F. F. A. chapter in county in staging a boxing tournament.

RICHARD FADELY,
Reporter.

F. F. A.'s TO ATTEND CONVENTION.

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have said it gives a boy a new outlook on what will be his life work. This year, with the enlarged program being offered, the State Office has made special arrangements in order that more boys can attend.

From advance indications Virginia will be well represented. James Via, past State F. F. A. president, and Jonas Chamberlain, the new president, will be the official State delegates. The four

Ross Lilliard, Stephens City; Fred Jackson, Cleveland; Bernard McLaurine, Powhatan. Instructors—J. J. Gwaltney, Emporia; C. E. Richard, Mt. Jackson; J. L. Reynolds, Rural Retreat; and Harvey Seal, Ashland.

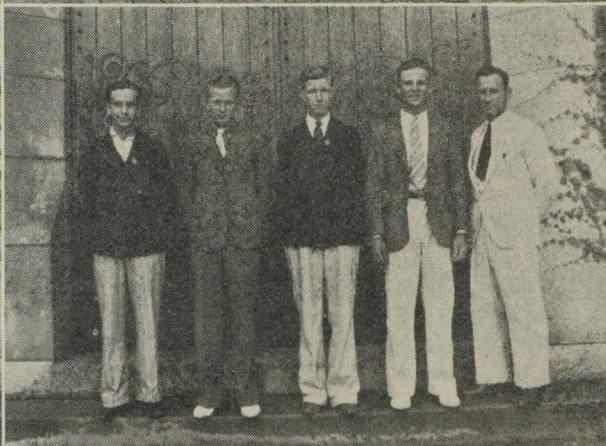
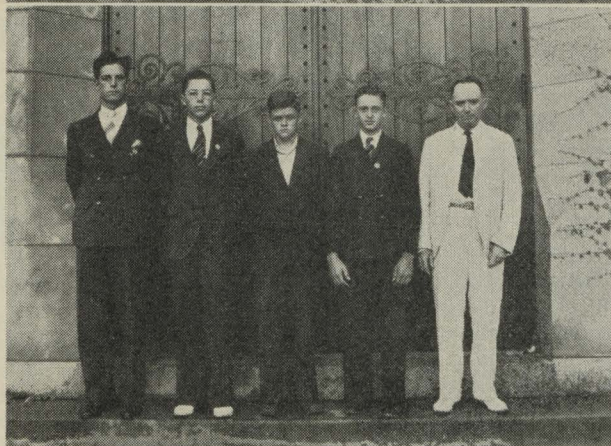
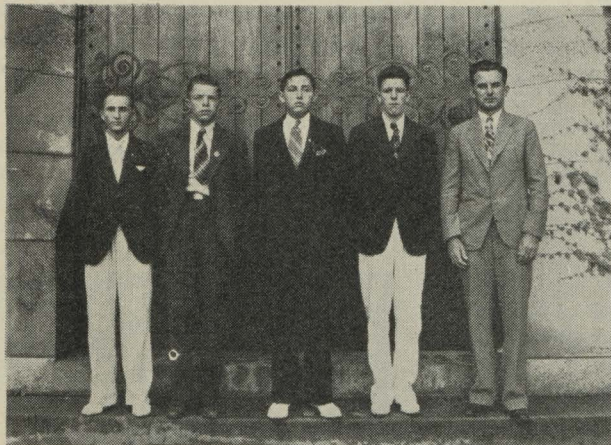
Among other F. F. A.'s going are Berta Owen, president of the King George Chapter, two boys from Rockingham, and a party of five from Shenandoah County. The B-A-R Federation will send Ralph Hamilton, Federation presi-

and join the Virginia delegation. The trip is one which every F. F. A. should at some time experience. On to Kansas City!

RANDOLPH F. F. A.'s TRAVEL.

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The party camped and cooked on the entire trip in both cases, and carried most of their food along, a goodly portion of which was brought back.

**OUT-OF-STATE POULTRY JUDGING TEAM.**

Left to right: Robert Kipps, Bealeton; Johnny Propst, North River; Mackall Pangle, Strasburg; Warren Harlow, North River; Paul France, coach, North River.

OUT-OF-STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM.

Left to right: Allen Gardner, Hillsville; Boyd Roller, Weyer's Cave; Whitney Grove, Fisherville; Joe Phipps, Rich Valley; F. R. Kirby, coach, Hillsville.

OUT-OF-STATE DAIRY JUDGING TEAM.

Left to right: Fred Williamson, Buchanan; Charles Lynn, Manassas; Marcus Oliver, Kempsville; Frank Schaffer, Sperryville; A. L. Fry, coach, Washington.

OUT-OF-STATE CROPS JUDGING TEAM.

Left to right: David Francis, Whitmell; W. Brown, Ivor; Gene Wagner, Port Republic; Marion Armstrong, McGaheysville; J. M. Kline, Jr., coach, Port Republic.

judging teams, pictured on this page of this issue, will of course go. Except for \$15.00 from each team member and coach, the State Association will pay the expenses and each coach should send the total amount for his team to the State Office by October 1st. Augmenting the Virginia party will be F. F. A.'s who were outstanding third degree candidates in their districts, and four instructors, whose chapters were the winners in each district. These individuals are: Students—Harvey Smith, Whaleyville;

dent, and R. W. Moffett, president of the Stuart's Draft Chapter. Henry C. Grose-close, State Advisor, will accompany the delegation. Because of the unusual interest being shown in 1937 Convention, the State Office will send an official motion-picture photographer to record the events. M. F. Nuckols, agricultural instructor of Wicomico Church will take the pictures. Previously he has photographed F. F. A. activity all over Virginia.

F. F. A.'s are urged to make a special effort to take advantage of the low rates

It is almost impossible to picture the results of the trips recreationally or educationally. The boys now realize that farming is an industry, tremendous in size and remarkable in its variety and intensiveness. Belief in their own occupation is more firmly established. Industry, geography, and history have become more real. The chapter is already talking about a trip to the New England States for next year as these and Florida are the only states East of the Mississippi that they have not visited.

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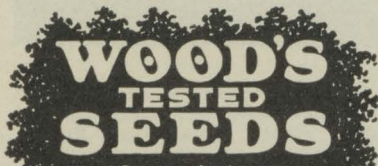
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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Amherst Holds Last Summer Meeting.

The final summer meeting of the Amherst Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was held in the Chapter Room of the High School, Thursday evening, at 7:30 P. M. The meeting was attended by about thirty boys who are students of Vocational Agriculture in the Amherst High School.

Reports on summer activities were made during the business meeting by Joe Dinwiddie, Kinckle Jennings and James Joyner. Mr. W. C. Dudley, Advisor, spoke on exhibiting Farm Products at Fairs. The business session was followed by a short entertainment program and refreshments.

ADRIAN CASH,
Reporter.

King George F. F. A.'s Report Fine Week at State Camp.

The week of August 9 to 14th five of the King George boys accompanied by Mr. Coleman attended the State F. F. A. camp. Although the weather was unfavorable that week we are unanimous in the opinion that our time was both profitably and pleasantly spent. We surely hope to be able to repeat that experience again next summer. To those who unfortunately were unable to go to camp this summer, we simply say "you missed something real."

Berta Owens, president of our local chapter is personally conducting a commissary at The Cooperative Cannery here now in operation. He will use the proceeds to help defray his expenses to Kansas City this fall.

A large number of our boys did well with cucumbers this year. This is a new cash enterprise for this community. Receipts of around \$200.00 per acre were not uncommon.

BILLY BRANDENBURG,
Reporter.

Woodstock Host to Maine F. F. A.'s

The Woodstock F. F. A. Chapter was host to a group of 16 F. F. A. boys from Limestone, Maine, Friday night, August 6th at a called meeting held in the Woodstock chapter room.

The meeting was called to order by President Roy Didawick of Woodstock, with Mr. Thornton, of the Limestone chapter acting as advisor. The stations of vice-president and treasurer were also filled by visiting boys.

Members of the Woodstock chapter were very much interested in the account of their trip as given by several of the visiting boys and instructor. Main points

of interest to the visitors were New York City and Washington, D. C. Many interesting comparisons were made between this section and Maine, including farming practices project work, athletics and F. F. A. work in general. Maine being a large potato producing state, the Woodstock boys were much interested in their guests' account of yields, fertilization and cultural methods of potatoes.

After adjournment refreshments were served by Miss Mary Lee Dovel, County Home Demonstration Agent, with the assistance of several 4-H members.

The group then left for Shenandoah Caverns where they were taken through the cave and spent the night as guests of the Shenandoah Caverns Hotel.

Guests of the joint meeting at Woodstock were: C. V. Shoemaker, Superintendent of Schools, G. G. Dickenson, County Agent, Gilbert Bushong, Harry Clower, Calvin Wisman and Ford Wright, former members of the Woodstock chapter.

Massanutten Plans Horse Show.

The members of the Massanutten chapter are making plans to hold the second annual Horse Show and Riding Tournament shortly after the opening of school. This Horse show includes participation in by the Junior Farmer members, the F. F. A. members, other school students, and any one in the community interested in the show. Last year approximately forty horses were exhibited and fifteen riders participated in the riding tournament. The largest crowd ever to attend a school and community affair in Ashby district assembled last year to witness the riding tournament and see the exhibition of the fine farm horses.

Five members of this Chapter attended the State F. F. A. camp the week of August 16th. All members expressed themselves as having a most enjoyable time while there and are hoping to attend next year if at all possible.

WINSTON RYAN,
Reporter.

Baker Heads Dickenson Chapter.

Work of the Dickenson Memorial chapter started at the opening of school, August 5th. Officers were elected and objectives were set up for the coming year. The chapter holds meetings the first and third Thursdays of each month. The objectives approved by the chapter include supervised practice, cooperative activity, community service, leadership activities, thrift, conduct of meetings, scholarship, recreation, and general ac-

tivities. The objectives were divided so that each month of the year there would be several to accomplish.

The officers for the coming session are: Joe Baker, president, Derald Barrett, vice-president, Austin Swindall, secretary, Elmer Newberry, treasurer, James Kendrick, reporter, Cecil Mullins, farm watch dog. The chapter has enrolled twenty-two first year boys, sixteen future farmers and eleven old members. The F. F. A.'s have secured from the county fair association a special department in the fair and prizes offered for the best entries from project work.

JAMES KENDRICK,
Reporter.

Buckhorn, Palmer Springs On Tour.

Twenty-eight agricultural students of the Buckhorn and Palmer Springs F. F. A. chapters returned Saturday, July 24,

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from a two day tour of Eastern Virginia. Places of educational interest and entertainment visited were the Norfolk Truck Experiment Station, Ocean View, Seashore State Park and Virginia Beach.

The visit to the experiment station included a tour of the farm and a talk by Dr. Zimmerely, Director, on the work being done at the station. Among many other things the station is doing valuable work in the testing of soils for available plant food and plant requirements. At the beaches the boys had a fine time enjoying the swimming. Salt water swimming was a new thing to many of those making the trip. The following boys made the trip: Claude Crews, Thomas Tackett, Jack Watson, Wilson Pearce, Wilson and Marvin Bowers, Gene Maxwell, Pomeroy Gordon, William Gill, Drusy Evans, Arthur Clark, Ryland Gwaltney, Elvin Queen, Buster Morgan, James Wells, Stafford Roberts, Marshall Snead, William Farrar, H. T. Thompson, Benjamin Ogburn, John Hightower, Joe Hendrick, Pettus and Clifton Watkins, Louis Williams, Creed Satterwhite, Thomas Matthews, and Irvin Mustin. Mr. W. H. Elliott, advisor accompanied the group.

WILLIAM GILL,
Reporter.

Toms Brook Chapter Elects Officers.

At a regular meeting of the Toms Brook chapter of the Future Farmers of America which was held at the Toms Brook High School on July 29, 1937, the following new officers were elected for the following year: Luther Kohne, Jr., president; Don Crabill, vice-president; Earle Miley, secretary; Joe Burner, treasurer; Cletus Fauber, reporter; and Richard Ward, watch dog.

Four members of our chapter have decided to attend the F. F. A. camp near Richmond. Many more boys expressed their desire to attend, but were unable to do so because of conflicting plans.

The following boys were appointed to serve on the objective committee: William Hottle, Raymond Ritenour and Tom Sweeney, chairman. These men will draw up a list of new objectives to be brought before the chapter at the next meeting.

We wish to thank the old officers for their untiring service and devotion to the chapter during their tenure of office.

CLETUS FAUBER,
Reporter.

Haysi Names 24 Objectives.

On Friday, August 13th, the Haysi Chapter held their first meeting of the new school term and elected the following officers for the 1937-'38 session: Quentin Robinson, president; Garnie Anderson, vice-president; Nolan Kiser, secretary; Raleigh Kiser, treasurer; Francis

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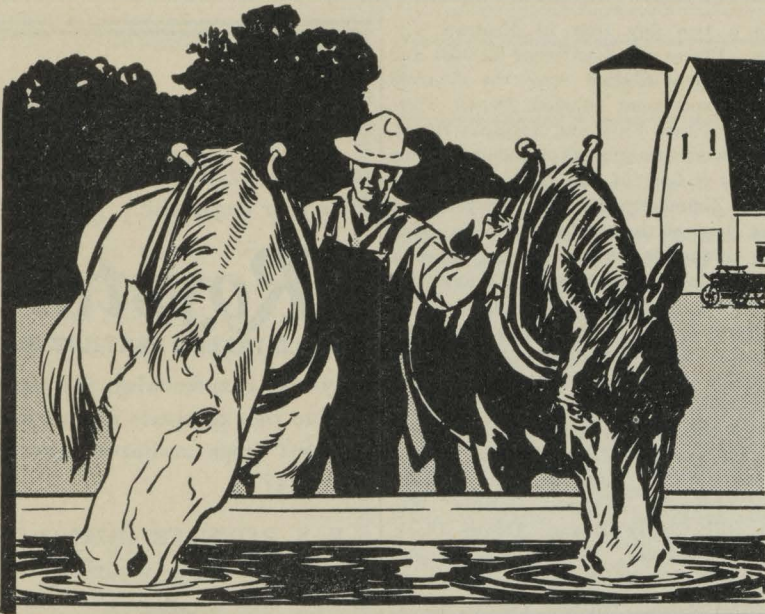
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Some of the outstanding objectives of the 24 adopted by the twenty-eight members are as follows:

1. Have poultry educational exhibit at County and local fairs.
2. Hold some get-together for fathers and sons.
3. Nominate one boy for State Farmer's degree.
4. Have 100% student project ownership.



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5. Sponsor F. F. A. Achievement Contest.

6. All boys participate in Public Speaking Contest.

7. Have at least ten boys attend State F. F. A. Camp.

BERT COCHRAN,
Reporter.

LaCrosse-South Hill Serve Stew.

The boys of the La Crosse and South Hill F. F. A. Chapters were hosts to their families, a few friends and co-workers at a Brunswick stew last Thursday afternoon. The stew was served in the beautiful pine grove at the La Crosse High School and about 250 guests were present. This is an annual affair of these chapters, planned to get the entire families of every member together to further intercommunity fellowship.

BOBBY TUCKER,
Reporter.

Smithfield Boys Attend Camp.

The boys from the Smithfield Ham Chapter planned to go to the F. F. A. Camp in Chester this summer instead of the usual trip to Washington.

Those who attended the camp report that they spent a very enjoyable week. One of the main pleasures of the camp was the contact with other F. F. A. boys from various parts of the state.

The members of the chapter are at work on objectives for the current year so that these can be adopted at the first meeting of the new session, which will be held in September.

Our chapter is planning to have one member apply for the fourth degree this fall and four members apply for the third degree next spring.

BILLY GILLIAM,
Reporter.

Greenville to Raise Money.

During July the budget committee for the chapter met and mapped plans for raising about one hundred dollars to use this year for financing the activities. They also made recommendations as to what the money should be spent for.

A business meeting of the chapter was held and the budget was adopted. The chapter has decided to send the most outstanding member to the Rally next year to attend the school of leadership with all expenses paid. A score card has been adopted to select this member.

During the month of August the chapter held one business meeting, three members of the chapter visited the State F. F. A. Camp for one day and had a picnic and chicken muddle one afternoon. A large number of boys and their parents were there. Swimming, games and contests were the order of the day with plenty of good things to eat.

RANDOLPH SYKES,
Reporter.