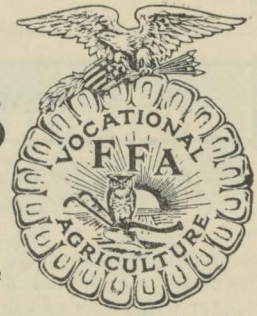


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Future Farmers to Meet June 17-20 Changes Made in Rally Regulations

By HENRY C. GROSECLOSE.

The 1941 Rally of the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America will be held at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, on June 17, 18, 19, 20. Members, delegates, and local advisers will register on the afternoon of June 17. The first meeting of the Convention will be held that evening in the college auditorium. The various contests for Future Farmers will be run off as in former years beginning on the morning of June 18.

Last year, 1,502 individuals were registered for the Rally. This included instructors of vocational agriculture. The attendance at the Rally has been increasing at the rate of over 100 per cent for the last three or four years.

All signs point toward another successful Rally. Future Farmers will journey to Blacksburg from points north, south, east, and west to take part in the agricultural contests, the athletic contests, the Farm Shop Judging contest, Public Speaking contests, and to receive the coveted third degree awards.

Some changes have been made in the arrangements for the 1941 Rally. Most of these changes are set forth in the 1941 Rally Regulations which have been sent out to the teachers of agriculture. Attention should be called to the fact that various committees of instructors who serve in connection with the contests at the Rally will meet at 7:00 P. M. on Tuesday evening rather than at 4:00 P. M. on Tuesday afternoon as heretofore.

Fifteen high individuals in the agricultural judging contests instead of twelve will judge additional classes on the third day of judging. Boys who have been contestants in the Farm Shop Judging contest will not be allowed to compete in this contest the second year. This regulation provides for an entirely new group of boys to have this judging experience each year. A swimming meet will be run off during the Rally as well as a softball contest. The softball con-

test will be governed by the same rules as are the baseball contests with district teams competing for the state championship. The school for presiding officers has grown so large that has been decided to divide this class into four groups in order to provide for individual participation.

Schools planning to represent their districts in the Degree Team contests should give careful study to the new F. F. A. Manual. Changes in room arrangement and in wording of the ceremonies should be studied carefully and taken into consideration in planning the Degree Team competition.

A few slight changes have been made in the classes to be used in some of the agricultural judging contests. A careful study of Rally Regulations will put instructors and Future Farmers in line for this competition.

Members from Southeast Working on Camp Property

Each Saturday, beginning March 15, the members from the chapters in the Southside region near Morgart's Beach are working constructing a porch on the back of the building, building a short pier on the beach, tearing down old chimneys, painting the building, and cleaning up the grounds.

As this issue goes to press the porch across the back of the building is more than half completed and the paint for the building has been sent to the camp, ready to be applied to the building. It had been planned that the painting be done by a contractor, but the members of the Southside area insisted that this money be saved and they do the painting.

Members of the Courtland, Franklin, Boykins, Midway, Dinwiddie, Carson, Whaleyville, Cypress, Great Bridge, Hickory, Kempsville, Windsor-Isle of Wight, Smithfield, Disputanta, Chuckatuck,

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Collegiate Chapter Holds Annual Banquet at V. P. I.

D. J. Howard, Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the V. P. I. Collegiate Chapter held February 12, in the Sunday school room of the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church. The banquet was served by the Blacksburg Woman's Club.

The master of ceremonies was Jack Walker of Bedford, a senior in vocational education at V. P. I. and chairman of the program committee of the chapter. Following the invocation by A. T. Lewark, agriculture teacher at the Blacksburg High School, Raymond Scott, chapter president, gave the address of welcome.

Following the meal, which consisted of tomato juice, roast turkey, candied sweet potatoes, peas, cranberry jelly, waldorf salad, hot rolls, coffee, and ice cream and cake, several seniors took part on the program. A poem was read by C. M. Vaughan. Douglas Briggs and Jim Thweatt were on the program with "Selected Short Subjects" and "Previews of Coming Attractions." In these they presented the Vocational Education faculty and senior class members in caricatures.

Robert Taylor read a poem. He did not, however, compose it; it was forced on him by the members of the program committee and was read to the enjoyment of all those present except Mr. Taylor. B. K. Boone read a set of resolutions of the senior class.

The entire staff of the Department of Vocational Educational was present. The faculty members are Harry W. Sanders, Henry C. Groseclose, C. E. Richard, W. B. Coggin, E. Y. Noblin, O. W. Wake, T. J. Waweman, A. T. Lewark and J. H. Copenhaver.

Guests present included Capt. W. H. McCann, agriculture teacher on leave of absence and now serving in the V. P. I. Military Department; R. H. McNeil, Tech Director of Publications; Cabell Love, assistant agriculture teacher at Blacksburg; Robert Copenhaver, president of Virginia Association and a freshman in mechanical engineering at V. P. I.; and the chapters at Riner and Newport.

: : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

Warrenton Chapter Wins First Place.

The Warrenton Chapter judging team won first place at the Marshall Corn Show. A member of the team was high individual scorer, and members of the chapter won prizes on exhibits.

Members of the chapter judging team were: Randolph Beach, Frank Winkler, Herbert Kendricks and Thomas Beach. The team won \$5.00 for first place.

Randolph Beach was high man of the meeting and was awarded the \$10.00 first prize. The other three members of the team were placed in the high 10 individuals.

Archie Myers placed two prize winning samples of corn in the show. His samples took first place in each of the classes entered and his prize money amounted to \$10.00. Randolph Noland placed second and third in two classes and won \$4.00 in prize money. The total chapter winnings amounted to \$29.00.

January 7 the members of the chapter were invited to attend a banquet held by the Production Credit Association held in the school. The members were able to observe business methods during the meeting which followed the meal, at which records for the past year were summarized. After the meeting five numbers were drawn. The first number won \$5.00, the second \$4.00 and down to \$1.00. Thomas Beach won \$4.00 and Ralph Leach won \$3.00.

The chapter basketball team won over Calverton, but lost to Nokesville in the semi-finals by a score of 24-8.

The father-son banquet is planned for the middle of April. Randolph Beach has been elected assistant reporter to fill the vacancy occurring in that post. The chapter members have started working on the new building being constructed.

RANDOLPH BEACH,
JOHN SMITH,
Reporters.

Middletown Chapter News.

The Middletown Chapter sent a judging team to the Shenandoah County Grain Show to judge grain. The members of the team were Malcolm Brumback, James Judy and Arthur Shipe. Arthur Shipe was fifth high individual in the contest.

The members of the chapter helped the local Grange to sell tickets and prepare for the Annual Farmer's Banquet served by the Grange. The proceeds from the banquet were used to pay for a moving picture projector which will be used by the chapter as well as by other agricultural groups in the county.

The chapter is cooperating with the

Stephens City Chapter in buying certified Maine-grown Irish Cobbler seed potatoes. The Middletown members will buy about 75 bushels. Every member carrying potatoes as an enterprise will plant certified seed.

ARTHUR SHIPE,
Reporter.

Millboro Notes.

The Millboro Chapter held a regular meeting March 11, in the agriculture building. A movie, sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service, was shown at the meeting.

Since the last meeting the chapter members have sold two loads of scrap iron and paid for an electric grinder. Plans are being made to buy an electric post drill and to build a walk from the high school building to the agriculture building in the near future.

Under the improvement project the chapter will build a backstop for the baseball diamond. At the present time members are engaged in cleaning the walls of the classroom.

Although the date has not been definitely set, a dance is planned to be given in April, which will be held in the high school auditorium.

RICHARD DURHAM,
Reporter.

Mt. Sidney Holds Banquet.

March 11, the Mt. Sidney F. F. A. and Ruritan Club held a banquet. Charles K. Brown, editor of "Stanton Evening Leader," gave the principal address at the meeting. A ham dinner was served by the Mt. Sidney Parent-Teacher Association.

Ruel Crutchfield, president of the chapter, opened the meeting officially assisted by other officers of the club. Group singing was led by Winston Wine, song leader of the Ruritan Club, after which the invocation was given by the Rev. J. M. McBryde.

A short welcome on behalf of the Future Farmers addressed to the dads was given by Orville Byers.

The response for the dads was given by Everett Wampler, and Dr. I. M. Nuckols gave a brief welcome address on behalf of the Ruritan Club.

Palmer Wine recited the poem, "My Dad and Me," and Calvin Baker outlined the chapter's accomplishments for the school year.

Others who addressed remarks to the group were W. J. Clem; Frank S. Driver; F. C. Reid, President of the Staunton and Augusta County Chamber of Commerce; Supervisor W. I. Grove; Superintendent

A. C. Gilkerson; O. S. Crute, Principal of Mt. Sidney High School; A. T. Adams, Agricultural Instructor.

MALCOLM GARBER,
Reporter.

Timberville News.

The Timberville and Broadway Chapters held a banquet with the Ruritans at the Church of the Brethren in Timberville, March 11. The fathers of the boys were invited. Other guests were Mr. Edwin Will, Principal of Timberville High School; Mr. Frank Hillyard, Principal of Broadway High School; Mr. J. C. Myers, Superintendent of Schools in Rockingham County; Mr. Dowell J. Howard, Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture; and the Governor of the 186th District of Rotary.

The meeting was opened by a meal served by the Ladies Aid of the Brethren Church. Following the meal the Ruritans had their roll call, which was followed by a program given by the two chapters.

C. N. Wine acted as toastmaster, and several of the boys gave accomplishments of the chapters. Mr. Howard then gave a talk.

ALLEN SPITZER,
Reporter.

Floyd Holds Second Father and Son Banquet.

The Floyd father and son banquet was held March 14, in the Floyd High School auditorium with 36 members, 18 fathers and 21 guests attending.

The following program was given: Doris Turman—Toastmaster; Opening Ceremony—Chapter; Invocation—Archa Vaughan; Welcome to Dads—Maurice Slusher; Response—E. L. Turman; Music—Al Williams and His Royal Seven; Last Year's Supervised Practice Program—Oliver Linkous; This Year's Supervised Practice Program—Allen Jett; Objectives—Paul Sowers; Accomplishments—Robert Sumpter; Music by Al Williams and His Royal Seven; Introduction of Guests—H. P. Jennings; Speaker of the Evening—Professor H. W. Sanders, Professor of Agricultural Education, V. P. I.; Closing Ceremony—Chapter; Music by Al Williams and His Royal Seven.

The meal, consisting of tomato cocktail, fruit salad, green beans, ham, deviled eggs, creamed potatoes, pickles, rolls, coffee, cake, ice cream and peanuts, was prepared by the boys mothers and served by the Beta Club girls.

Professor Sanders spoke on the subject: "Where Do We Go from Here?"

He mentioned the fact that the public schools, as well as colleges and other institutions of higher learning are sometimes criticized for the money spent on education, the physical plant, etc., where-

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FEDERATION NEWS.

New Federation.

A district federation of the Future Farmers of America, consisting of the chapters in Prince George, Surry, Sussex and Greenville Counties has been organized. Merle McCann was elected president of the new federation.

REPORTER.

Federation Meeting.

The Mathews F. F. A. and Home Economics Clubs were hosts to the Gloucester, Mathews and Middlesex Federation members March 10.

A scavenger hunt occupied the first part of the recreational hour and an oyster roast completed it. Approximately 100 agricultural boys and home economics girls with their teachers attended.

During the evening Mr. C. L. Wilkins, adviser at the Syringa club, presented a silver cup to the Mathews club, which they recently won in the annual basketball tournament.

REPORTER.

Shenandoah Federation News.

The Shenandoah Federation held its regular meeting February 24 at Woodstock. Several reports were given: Woodstock, on chapter accomplishments to date; Edinburg on accomplishments; Strasburg on the results of the County poultry and egg show, in which there were over 250 entries.

Plans were completed for sponsoring a benefit show in the various theatres in the county. A boxing tournament and plans for the degree team contest were discussed.

JOHN PANGLE,
Reporter.

Smyth-Wythe Federation News.

The Smyth-Wythe Federation held its monthly meeting February 13, at Sugar Grove. Each chapter was required to give a five minute talk on the activities or objectives carried out during the past month.

The Rural Retreat Chapter reported that they had been looking up deeds to see if they were clear, but the object of this was to learn how to abstract deeds.

ELMER OAKES,
Reporter.

Central Piedmont Federation a Banquet.

Eight chapters were represented at the second annual father and son banquet of the Central Piedmont Federation held in the cafeteria of the Randolph-Henry High School, Charlotte Court House, on February 21.

Carl Rosen, vice-president of the Federation, presided. Mr. Barbbet led the

singing of "America." The Invocation was given by H. A. Glenn.

Talks were given by Wesley Burnett on "How Vocational Agriculture Has Helped Me Since I Left School" and David Walker on "My Reasons for Choosing Farming." The Worsham string band played several pieces. Following the music Carl Rosen spoke on "Farmers and Defense." William Payne gave a recitation. Frank Slaw played a trumpet solo.

PETER TRAINER,
Reporter.

Weyers Cave Banquet.

The Weyers Cave Chapter held their annual father and son banquet February 20. Dowell J. Howard, assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, was the principal speaker and there were 10 persons in attendance.

The chapter president, Beverley Roller, acted as toastmaster. Junior Eavey gave the welcome address and responses were given by F. W. Wampler for the fathers and Joe Craun, president of the Ruritan Club, for that group. Ralph Wonderly, a freshman, read the poem, "Dad and Me," and a report F. F. A. activities was read by Junior Downs, chapter vice-president.

The meal was prepared by the F. H. A. girls under the supervision of Miss Julia Simms, instructor.

After the banquet, remarks were made by C. T. Riddle, Jr., principal and A. T. Adams, agriculture instructor. Before the speaker's talk, Mr. Riddle sang, "On the Road to Mandalay."

In his talk Mr. Howard counselled his listeners to be optimistic as there were too many people in the world blowing out unexisting lights. He praised the meeting as a type which helped bring about better understanding between fathers and sons and the community as a whole. He said our founding fathers realized that laws must be made and enforced for the good of the individual, and upon this basis the democratic nation has become the strongest in the world. He expressed confidence that it would prove strongest in the end. Whether or not the future will bring joy or tragedy, he said depended largely upon the individual.

JUNIOR EAVEY,
Reporter.

NOTICE.

Word has just been received from the United States Patent Office to the effect that the name "Future Farmers of America" and the emblem of the organization have been duly registered for trade mark (No. 384,056) under date of January 7, 1941.

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CREDIT FOR DUES NOT GIVEN.

Notice has been received from the Live-ly Chapter that the dues from that chapter were sent in before October 1 and that credit was not given accordingly in the list of paid up dues. It is regretted that proper credit was not given.

SUGGESTED USE OF EMBLEM WITH LOCAL F. F. A. NEWS.

In order that F. F. A. news will appear to a greater advantage in the newspapers of the State, it is suggested that chapters consider the purchase of cuts of the official emblem to be used by the newspaper to head a weekly column of F. F. A. news or to be used when F. F. A. material is available for use in the paper.

These cuts will be available from the French-Bray Printing Company in the near future and the chapters will be notified of prices either through the mail or in the next issue of Chapter Chats.

In many localities one newspaper serves several chapters. Where this is the case it is suggested that the chapters concerned purchase the cut jointly and loan it to the newspaper for use in heading a column of news from the several chapters.

Those chapters that have cuts should know that the emblem was registered as a trade mark on January 7, 1941, and wherever it is used the following legend should appear under it in small type, "T. M. Reg. U. S. Pat. Off." You should not use your old cut without the legend.

The new cuts now being made will carry the legend and for that reason prices are not available at this time.

PURE BRED BULL CALVES ARE OFFERED IN CONTEST.

The March issue of "The Southern Planter" announces an essay contest for young people between 13 and 20 years of age offering as first prizes five registered bull calves. The calves will be given for the best essays on each of the five breeds represented and suitable second and third prizes will be awarded for each breed. The breeds represented are Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein-Friesian and Jersey.

The contest which will open March 1 and end May 31, will be governed by the following rules:

1. Contest shall start March 1 and end May 31, 1941.

2. Contestants may be either boys or girls.

3. The age limit shall be 13 to 20, inclusive.

4. The subject for essay shall be any one of the five following titles:

a. "Why Dad Should Keep Purebreds and Why He Should Keep Ayrshires."

b. "Why Dad Should Keep Purebreds and Why He should Keep Brown Swiss."

c. "Why Dad Should Keep Purebreds and Why He Should Keep Guernseys."

d. "Why Dad Should Keep Purebreds and Why He Should Keep Holstein-Friesians."

e. "Why Dad Should Keep Purebreds and Why He Should Keep Jerseys."

5. Only one essay may be submitted by each contestant.

6. Teacher, county agent or group leader must also sign the contest entry, to indicate that rules have been followed.

7. Work must be original without copying from any source.

8. Entries must be typewritten or carefully written in ink on one side of the paper only.

9. Essay shall not exceed 1,000 words in length.

10. All essays must be mailed to "The Southern Planter," Richmond, Va., not later than May 31, 1941.

"The Southern Planter's" Suggestions for securing material for your essay are:

"If you need additional information to aid in the preparation of the essay, mail a postal card direct to the association headquarters of the breed of your choice and request free literature. Their names and addresses follow:

"Ayrshire Breeder's Association, Brandon, Vermont.

Brown Swiss Breeders' Association, Beloit, Wisconsin.

"American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

"Holstein-Friesian Association, Brattleboro, Vermont.

"American Jersey Cattle Club, 324 W. 23rd Street, New York, N. Y.

"Another piece of reference literature that all contestants will find helpful is Farmers' Bulletin No. 1443 entitled, "Dairy Cattle Breeds." This 34-page bulletin giving general information on all breeds of dairy cattle can be obtained without cost by mailing a request to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

"These calves are valuable. They carry the best blood lines of their breed and are worth working for. Registration papers will accompany each calf. Winning essays will be entered in a national contest to compete with contributions from other sections of the United States. The national winner will get in addition to his or her registered bull calf, an all-expense trip to the National Dairy Show at Memphis, Tenn, this fall and will be featured on the National Farm and Home Hour."

CHILEAN NITRATE OF SODA SALES FOR YEAR REVIEWED.

World sales of Chilean nitrate of soda for the year ending June 30, 1940, amounted to 1,984,833 short tons, which is the largest figure in recent years, according to the annual review published today by the Chilean Nitrate Sales Corporation. Shipments to United States territory, which is the largest single market, amounted to 720,709 tons after deducting trans-shipments to other countries. The bulk of all these shipments was for agricultural purposes.

"World sales can hardly stay at this level in the current year, however," the Review states, "because the war has closed the greater part of the European market. On the other hand, commercial sales to the United States and other markets are expected to increase, and no difficulty is anticipated in arranging for supplies to meet any demand from American farmers.

"Chilean nitrate has not only proved its value over a short-term period; it has proved it in practical application in this country for over a hundred years. It has been used on practically every crop under practically all conditions. At the Delta Experiment Station in Mississippi, it has been applied continuously for 20 years on cotton and corn. At the Pennsylvania Experiment Station it has been used continuously on apples for almost 30 years, and for over 50 years on a rotation including corn, oats, wheat, and hay. At the world-famous Rothamsted Experiment Station in England it has been applied continuously for 97 years on a similar rotation. Over these relatively long periods of time, the yields and quality of the various crops have been substantially maintained."

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as, on the other hand no thought is given to the millions of dollars spent on war materials, etc. Professor Sanders stressed the point that in order to have peace through our defense programs we must first educate for peace and also educate our youth to use the resources we have. We must educate the 85 per cent that do not go to college, vocationally so that they may fit into their plans in agriculture and industry.

Mr. Sanders read a poem entitled, "Dad and I," which emphasized the need for cooperation between father and son and the need for more responsibility to be placed on youth as they grow up if they are to fit into our ever complex and intricate mechanized society without any interruption of the vital machinery. This cooperation is also needed to keep more of the well trained youths on the farm.

FRED DICKERSON,
Reporter.

Marriot Initiates Greenhands.

The Marriot Chapter held its regular meeting March 3 and the next day the chapter members went to Shanghi to initiate green hands.

Of the 13 candidates only two were present. The two candidates were initiated and given pins.

JOHN B. CLARKE,
Reporter.

Axton Chapter News.

The Axton Chapter held its regular meeting February 25, and a minstrel was planned for March 7 to raise funds for the benefit of the chapter treasury.

The chapter voted to enter the Degree Team contest which will be held at Criz on March 13. Reports were made by the baseball committee and the athletic committee. Carroll Bryant was elected as a member of the baseball committee.

The program presented by the program committee was as follows: Bible Reading—Forest Warren; Talk—Thomas Starling; Poem—Marshall Lawrence; Talk—Billie Belcher.

BILLIE BELCHER,
Reporter.

Mathews News.

Sixteen boys of the Mathews Chapter are purchasing this month a total of 1,600 baby chicks. The majority of the chickens will be Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds and Leghorns.

The members will raise about 800 for broilers and capons and the remaining 800 will be kept for egg production.

A total of \$1,766.67 was made by the boys of the chapter as shown in the completion of the report of the enterprises carried out last year. In field crops en-

terprises completed, 3 acres earned \$608.33; in truck crops, 24 members earned a total of \$382.09 on 11¾ acres; and in livestock enterprises, 33 members cleared a total of \$778.25.

REPORTER.

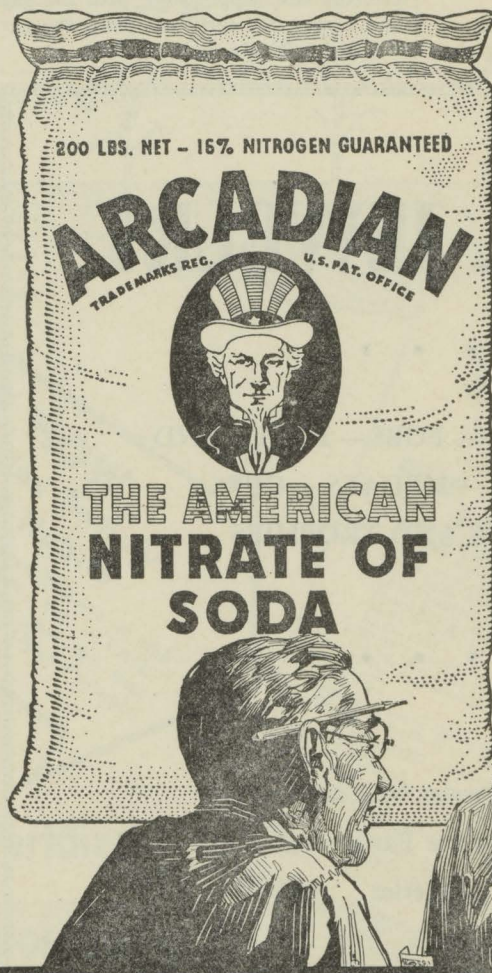
Strasburg News.

The Strasburg Chapter held a regular meeting on March 6. At this time plans for the chapter's participation in the boxing tournament, sponsored by the Shenandoah Federation, were discussed. Also plans for cooperative buying of seed

potatoes and seed corn. Members of the chapter were given tickets to sell for the benefit movie sponsored by the federation.

At the meeting the question, Resolved, that horse power is better than tractor power for the average farmer, was debated. Clovis Bucher and Harold Ralph upheld the negative side, while John Pangle and Douglas Mowery were on the affirmative. After the program movies of tractor power were shown.

DOUGLAS MOWERY,
Reporter.



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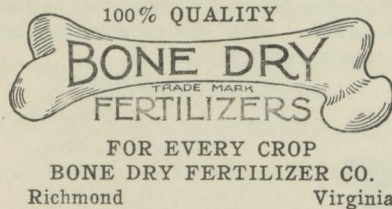
The C. T. Smith Chapter has had a very active year since its organization early in September and the payment of dues by September 13.

The chapter secured one half unit of books for the agriculture library. The chapter sponsored a play with the Home

Economics Club, held a father and son banquet with the Caroline Chapter, initiated the members of the Spottsylvania Chapter, sponsored a chapel program for the high school.

The shop program is being distributed over the entire school session. The instructor, H. A. Dean, took five of the third and fourth year boys to the home of Grayson Satterwhite and sawed oak material for single trees, double bars, and handles for various tools.

The chapter members have been working on a demonstration garden. The members will supply seed, plan the garden, furnish the fertilizer, plant the garden, and cultivate the vegetables.



F. F. A. JEWELRY

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One of the biggest problems which has arisen in regard to the garden is the disposal of the vegetables. Several means of using the products have been considered. The sale of the vegetables and the money used in the chapter treasury has been considered. A plan for the division of the products among the members is also being considered. A third plan being considered is to have the Home Economics class members can the vegetables and use them for under-nourished pupils.

REPORTER.

Stephens City Chapter News.

The Stephens City Chapter has organized a Purebred Swine Club. Roland Snapp is president; Richard Boyd, vice-president; Maurice Carpenter, secretary; Richard Cather, treasurer; Billy Sandy, reporter.

Any member of the chapter who has a purebred hog on his home farm is entitled to be a member. If a member buys a purebred hog any time this year he is automatically taken in as a member of the club. The chapter has purchased a purebred Poland-China boar, which has been named Stephens Gold Model. The hog is the grandson of Top Row and also of Pure Gold, grand champions of the National Swine Shows of 1937 and 1938. Any member can breed a sow or gilt owned by the chapter to this boar free of charge. The animal is being kept by Henry Carbaugh, chapter treasurer.

The chapter sponsored a rifle match for the chapters in the Northern Triangle Federation. The affair was in the Stephens City shop on February 14. The Front Royal team won the match and Glynn Moore of the Stephens City team was high individual scorer.

The chapter members are buying about 125 bushels of certified Irish Cobbler seed potatoes cooperatively from a local seed firm and will purchase fertilizer cooperatively from the same firm. All of the members carrying potatoes as an enterprise will plant certified seed.

The chapter donated the food for the Farmers' Banquet, held March 7, in the chapter room, for the purpose of raising funds for a moving picture machine to be used by the chapter and other civic and farm organizations in the community.

FRANKLIN BRUMBACK,
Reporter.

Shorthorn Chapter News.

The Shorthorn Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on February 21. The chapter members voted to have an oyster fry on Wednesday, February 26, and the date for the annual father and son banquet was set as March 21.

The question, Resolved that the United States should give aid to Great Britain, was debated at the meeting. Shirley Call and Edward Phipps debated the af-

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firmative and Roy Taylor and Eugene Olinger the negative. The negative side won the debate. Frank Taylor told jokes.

EDWARD PHIPPS,
 Reporter.

South Hill Banquet.

The South Hill Chapter held its annual father and son banquet in the school cafeteria February 20. The banquet hall was decorated in the chapter colors, with streamers of blue and gold crepe paper

festooned from the ceiling. Places were laid for 100 guests and a three-course dinner was prepared by members of the South Hill Parent-Teacher Association and cafeteria managers. The dinner was served by eight girls of the Home Economics class under the supervision of Mrs. Ruth Martin, instructor.

After the regular opening ceremony, tribute was paid to the late Willie H. Copley, and the Rev. W. E. Cullers asked the blessing. Hunter Gee, president of the chapter and toastmaster, welcomed

the guests. The Rev. R. W. Grant gave the response.

Speakers of the evening were Mr. O. H. Morgan, Supt. C. B. Green, Dorris Harris and George Wells. Music was furnished by the Dixie Ramblers.

James Walker was presented a Wal-
 tham watch by Mr. J. W. Copley for sub-
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D. B. TAYLOR,
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Washington County Wins Judging Contest.

Jack Atwell and Curtis Tillison of the Greendale Chapter and Robert Lester of the Liberty Hall Chapter made up the high ranking crop judging team of the State Seed Show held at Abingdon, January 30 and 31. The team's total score was 1,130 out of a possible 1,200 points.

Jack Atwell was high member of the team and ranked the fourth high individual in the contest.

J. W. DAVENPORT,
 Reporter.

Criglersville Chapter News.

The ceremony for raising green hands to Future Farmers was finished in Jan-

uary. Five members received their pins. The first year boys were initiated before Christmas. This Chapter had 10 boys to enter exhibits in the County Corn and Grain Show at Madison. There were 17 exhibits from the chapter. Several won prizes.
 HARVEY COPPAGE,
 Reporter.

Ceres Chapter Initiates Green Hands.

The Ceres Chapter held its regular meeting January 15 and initiated the following boys as green hands: Claude Davis, Joe Groseclose, Wayne Bruce and Orville Repass. Initiation included the following: Cutting hole in pants, blowing for water at the water tank, drinking hogs blood, painting the hand green, the funny box, kissing the book, and the branding iron.

There were 22 boys raised to the degree of Future Farmer.

A committee consisting of Max Harner, Harry King, and Herbert Cooper were appointed to buy the pigs for the Chapter Pig Project.

BILLY HUBBLE,
 Reporter.

Jonesville Chapter Banquet.

The Jonesville Chapter held a father-son banquet March 8 in the high school library. W. L. Davison and John A. Richmond were featured speakers for the evening.

Forty-eight fathers and sons, and three guests were present. The opening ceremony was held at 7:00 P. M., and seven green hands were initiated.

The menu for the meal, prepared by the Home Economics class, consisted of fruit cocktail, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, pickles, celery, olives, ice cream and cake.

The entertainment was supplied by Adviser C. F. Smith, toastmaster and three members who played string music.

DEWEY JOHNSTON,
 Reporter.

WORKING ON CAMP PROPERTY.

(Continued from page 1.)

Carrsville, Holland, Ivor and Surry Chapters are helping with the work.

Plans for 11 weeks of camp have gone out to the chapters beginning June 16 and ending with the week of August 25. As in years past a new group is expected each week and facilities are available for approximately 100 persons.

A deposit of \$1.50 is required with each reservation and the balance of \$5.50 for a week in camp is due on arrival at camp.

The title to the camp property was transferred to the Future Farmer-Home Economics Association as of February 15 as was expected and the first installment on the property was paid as of that date.