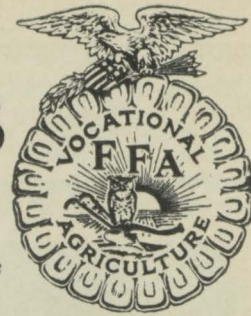




Chapter Chats

Published Bi-Monthly by

The Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America
The State Organization of Boys Studying Vocational Agriculture
In the High Schools of Virginia



Vol. XII.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER, 1939.

No. 5.

Season at Swift Creek Successfully Concluded

Campers Total 287

The annual F. F. A. Camp at Swift Creek Recreational Area in Chesterfield County closed the second week in August. The year's encampment, beginning July 17, was in operation for four weeks and showed the results of careful planning by the camp committee and efficient operation by the camp staff.

There was a total of 287 campers this year. During the first week 86 boys and girls, and 16 teachers attended; the second week there were 57 boys and girls, and 12 teachers; the third week, 52 boys and girls, and 15 teachers attended; and the fourth week, 39 boys and girls, and nine teachers were in the camp.

During the entire encampment 12 staff members were in attendance. This year's staff consisted of Captain J. C. Anthony, director; Mel Henry, activities director; Miss Catherine Bausserman, dietitian; Miss Ellen Easterly, girls' activities director; Joe Adams, crafts director; Pope Nash, waterfront director; Lee Bean, secretary; Easley Howard, Robert Abernathy, and George Wash, aides-de-camp; and Junius Perkins and Thelma Lewis, chefs.

According to a report from Lee Bean, camp secretary, it is likely that this year's camp will prove to have little or no deficit. This is due mainly to rental paid for F. F. A. equipment by groups using the camp after the Future Farmers had gone.

The good financial showing and general enthusiasm evinced, indicates a larger attendance for next year. Lee Bean asks for an average of 100 campers per week.

Future Farmers Soon to Convene Twelfth Annual National Session

Annual Meeting Begins on October 14

Future Farmers all over America are preparing for the biggest week of the Future Farmer year—the National Convention at Kansas City. The Twelfth Annual Convention will start Saturday, October 14, and end on Friday, October 20, 1939.

lightening strikes the same place three times in succession.

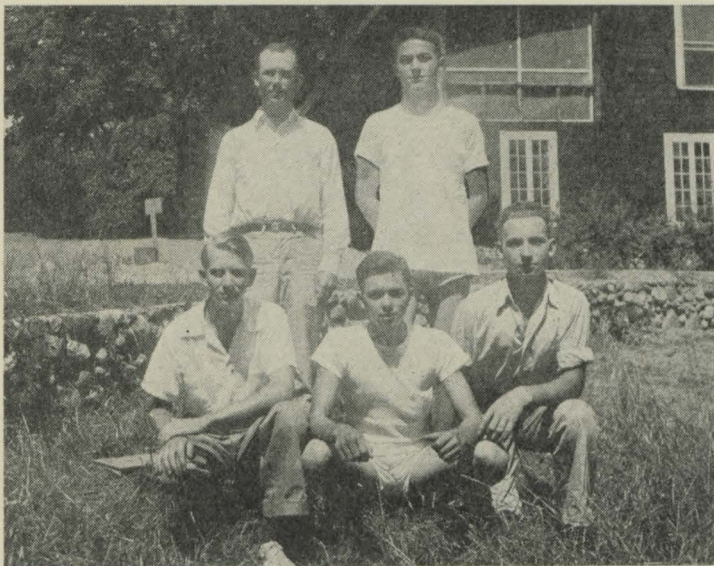
As customary, the official delegates to the convention will be the new and retiring State presidents—Jack McAboy of Stephens City and Marcus Oliver of Kempsville. The out-of-state teams for dairy, crops, poultry, and livestock judging will of course go with their coaches to represent Virginia in their respective contests.

This year, as before, the Chilean Nitrate of Soda educational bureau will send an outstanding third-degree member from each of the four districts of the State and the instructors of the winning chapters of the districts. These awards have been made to the following students: Churchill Digges, Boyce, Northern Virginia; Virgil Miller, Syringa, Eastern Virginia; Joe Nicholls, Powhatan, Middle Virginia; and Lloyd McGrady, Hillsville, Southwest Virginia.

The following chapters, ranking highest in their respective districts, have

earned for their instructors free trips to the convention: Mt. Jackson, J. M. Sheen, Instructor, Northern Virginia; Dinwiddie Chapter, R. M. Ritchie, Instructor, Eastern Virginia; Amherst Chapter, W. C. Dudley, Instructor, Middle Virginia; and Willis Chapter, R. A. Noell, Instructor, Southwest Virginia.

The program at Kansas City will have features each day of interest to the Future Farmers. The first day, Saturday, October 14, will begin with the judging of calves, swine, and sheep, exhibited by boys taking agriculture. There will be a horse show in the afternoon, a parade of



Virginia F. F. A. members who attended Camp Miniwanca in Michigan. Standing: J. C. Green, instructor, Powhatan; Marcus Oliver, 1938-39 State President. Sitting: Jack McAboy, State President; Ryland Dodson, State Secretary; and John Cruise, State Vice-President.

The Virginia Association will have eight applicants for American Farmer degrees. These candidates, designated by the national organization, are W. Homer George of Catlett; Ralph O. Hamilton of West Augusta; Fred Jackson of Cleveland; Angus Meyers of Warrenton; Ronald William Paulette of Appomattox; Lyle H. Pond of Wakefield; Harvey Smith of Whaleyville; and Samuel Spangler of Harrisonburg.

For two consecutive years a Virginia member has been named Star Farmer—the highest honor possible for a Future Farmer—but it is indeed seldom that

vocational agriculture livestock, a banquet for vocational agriculture livestock exhibitors and judges for the evening meal, and a horse show at night at which vocational agriculture exhibitors and members of the judging teams will be guests.

for national F. F. A. officers and delegates, meeting of coaches of judging teams, and a concert by the Pennsylvania F. F. A. Band.

Monday there will be livestock and dairy cattle judging. This will be the day of the first session of the National

judging contest will be held and the viewing of ear-lot fat and feeder cattle, and a tour of the stock yards is scheduled. After the second session of the convention there will be a horse show, a meat judging contest, a meeting of the coaches of the milk judging teams, and that night the national F. F. A. public speaking contest.

Tuesday, October 17, is Vocational Agriculture and Future Farmer Day. In the morning will be the third session of the National F. F. A. Convention, the milk judging contest, meat judging contest, and the National Farm and Home Hour broadcast. In the afternoon there will be a parade of F. F. A. officers, delegates, American Farmers, contestants, and winners of awards, led by the Pennsylvania and Texas F. F. A. Bands. Following this the Future Farmers will attend the American Royal Matinee Horse Show as "Official Family" guests of the American Royal. In the evening there will be a special F. F. A. program. The Pennsylvania and Texas F. F. A. Bands will play; the state association and chapter winners will be announced; honorary American Farmer degrees will be conferred; and awards, prizes, and certificates will be given.

Wednesday, October 18, the fourth and fifth sessions of the National F. F. A. Convention will be held, the Farm and Home Hour broadcast, an afternoon horse show, and that night the annual vocational agricultural banquet.

The sixth session of the F. F. A. Convention will be held Thursday, October 19, in the morning, and in the afternoon the closing session and the joint executive session of the 1938-39 and 1939-40 National F. F. A. Board of trustees.

Lambs and fat calves exhibited by vocational agriculture students will be sold at public auction Friday, October 20, as the last event of the schedule.

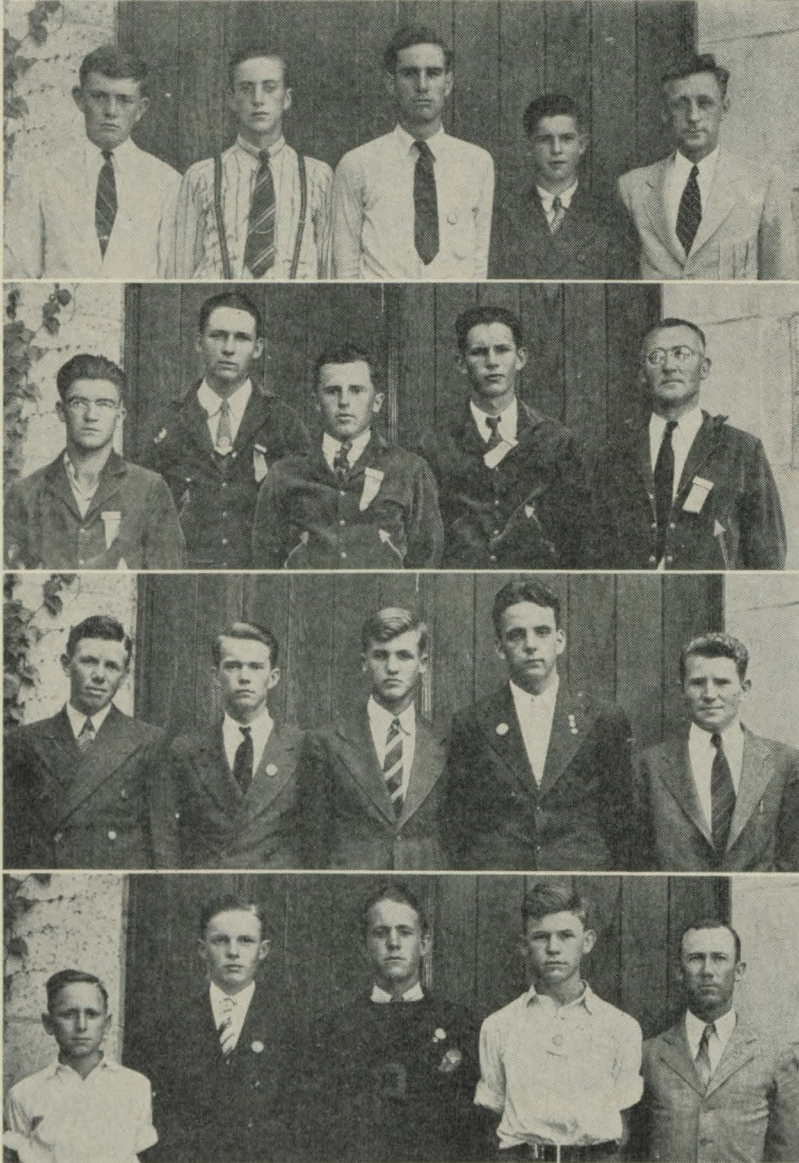
F. F. A. ALUMNI CLUB FORMED.

A part-time class is being conducted at Dickenson Memorial for members of the F. F. A. Alumni Club. These young men meet once a month.

At a recent meeting there was a talk on the work of the Farm Security Administration and a motion picture shown entitled "The Blind Spot in Science." There has been a gradual increase in attendance since the beginning of these activities. Plans are being made for the wives of the Alumni Club members to meet in the Home Economics Cottage and receive training under Miss Isabelle Buckley, Home Economics Teacher.

The membership of the group will not be limited to former agriculture students and all of the young men of the vicinity are being urged to attend the discussions.

B. B. BAKER,
Secretary-Treasurer.



OUT OF STATE TEAMS.

Livestock—Ned Tyler, Aldie; James Board, Check; Omar Harrison, Woodlawn; Rambert Simmons, North River; E. B. Craun (Coach), North River.

Poultry—Luther Vaught, Sugar Grove; G. W. Brown, Warsaw; Jennings Morris, Port Republic; John Howlett, Cobbs Creek; Frank A. Buchanan (Coach), Warsaw.

Dairy—Vernon Cothran, Kenbridge; Carson Flory, Dayton; Dick Latham, Washington; Gerald Herring, Nokesville; A. L. Fry (Coach), Washington.

Crops—Ford Harris, Powhatan; McGuire Morris, Powhatan; Burnell Williams, Dan River; Frank Worsham, Renan; Jesse C. Green (Coach), Powhatan.

The program for Sunday, October 15, will include: an executive session of the National F. F. A. Advisory Council, luncheon meeting of the National A. V. A. Committee for judging contests, meeting of State F. F. A. Advisers, dinner

F. F. A. Convention. The N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour will be broadcast from the convention floor. In the afternoon the second session of the national F. F. A. Convention will be held. In the time between the two sessions the poultry

CAMP MINIWANCA.

By J. C. Green,
Powhatan Instructor.

It was the privilege of the writer to accompany four officers of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers to camp Miniwanca, located near Shelby, Michigan. This camp, which ran from August 14 through the 27, is sponsored by the American Youth Foundation for the purpose of promoting youth leadership.

The four boys: Marcus Oliver, Jack McAbey, Ryland Dodson, and John Cruise, met me at the appointed places Saturday, August 12, and our journey was begun. We traveled by car through Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, arriving at camp Monday, August 14.

Upon our arrival, each camper was given a chart, showing the entire layout of the camp. The camp was divided into six tribes, each having an Indian name, with about ten tents to a tribe. Accommodations were provided for six or seven campers in each tent. In every case, tent mates represented different states. Forty-two states and two foreign countries were represented. Tent mates also ate at the same table.

The purposes of the Foundation is **Four Fold Development or Balanced Living.** The program centers around an equal emphasis on the mental, physical, social and religious phases of life, all four being essential if a person is to live a well-balanced life. On arrival, each new camper was required to fill out a questionnaire, regarding his actual participation in these activities. These questionnaires were then scored by the Camp Faculty, after which a member of the Faculty interviewed each new camper in the light of his questionnaire. His participation in each of the four branches was discussed, along with his problems, and suggestions were made for improvement. If a camper was found to be high in one point, an effort was made to raise the other three up to this one rather than pull down the high point.

Camp classes were taught by professional and business men from all walks of life. An effort was made to get the tops in each field to offer the courses. A regular four-year course is offered, and a diploma given upon satisfactory completion of certain prescribed courses.

Life at camp was filled with activity from the rising bell at 6:30 until bedtime. Flag raising followed in five minutes after the rising bell, and then a dip in Lake Michigan—and was that water cold! The next fifteen minutes were allowed for dressing and cleaning up tent for inspection. Then, there was a fifteen minute quiet devotional period. Following this, thirty minutes were devoted to breakfast and announcements. Four one-hour classes and a thirty-minute Chapel period filled the morning schedule. Thir-

ty minutes were allowed for dinner and a one hour rest period followed. (This time was usually devoted to special meetings, though.) One regular class was held from two until three o'clock. Tribal games consisting of soft ball, volley ball, soccer, track, tennis, etc., were from three until four. Swimming came from four until five and supper at five-thirty. Meal time was always a happy time, for in addition to good food, there was always singing, pranks and jokes.

Vesper services were held each evening about 7:30 up on top of a tall sand dune, overlooking Lake Michigan into a gorgeous sunset, which no one can appreciate who has never seen it. A different faculty member, assisted by certain campers led the service each evening.

Following vesper services, which were usually over by 8:30, a program of entertainment was staged each evening. These programs consisted of council circle meetings, state stunt night, a rodeo, flash light relay, and many other activities. All contests were between tribes or members of tribes, and points were allowed for every activity. Total scores were given each day. There was a keen rivalry in that every one did his best to see that his tribe made a good showing. The Miniwanca spirit of loyalty was present at all times.

A certain element of surprise existed throughout the entire camp program in that something new was always in store, but the campers never knew what was to be staged in the way of extra activities until the time had arrived. No one ever failed to respond when called on. Excuses were never accepted.

In the words of William H. Denforth, president of the Foundation, the camp "dared you to be your own self at your very best all the time." There was always a reverence which inspired campers to want to live the **Four Fold** way.

TRIP TO WORLD'S POULTRY CONGRESS.

By Alfred Clarke.

The judging team representing the Virginia F. F. A. at the World's Poultry Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, left Harrisonburg at 6:30, the morning of August 1. Members of the team were: Wampler Whitmore of Linville-Edom; Marvin Switzer of North River; Calvin Bausserman, of Mt. Jackson; and Alfred Clarke of Emmerton. Mr. R. E. Moore was unable to make the trip because of illness and Mr. E. W. Roller of Broadway acted as coach for the team.

We traveled through the northwestern part of West Virginia and the southwestern part of Maryland and Pennsylvania, into Ohio, and arrived at the Youth Camp in Berea, Ohio, at about 5:30.

The next morning we went to the Congress. Although we were prepared for a

There's a Reason Why Farmers Demand

Royster

FIELD TESTED FERTILIZERS

The results they give in crop yield and quality have proved them more economical—more profitable. This popularity has been gained by superior results under all sorts of weather conditions—a superiority that is the result of knowledge of plant food needs gained through experience and extreme care in manufacturing.

For your crop this year be sure it's —ROYSTER'S!

The Royster Agent in your neighborhood will be glad to supply you with any of the popular Royster brands. Stop in and see him.

F. S. ROYSTER GUANO CO.
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

wonderful display at Cleveland, it was beyond our expectations. Live poultry of every kind from many countries was on display and everything one ever thought about in connection with the poultry industry was shown. These exhibits, in themselves, were educational, but in addition a great deal of educational literature was distributed.

Many states of the Union and foreign countries had elaborate displays. These exhibits showed, besides the activities in poultry, other agriculture in the state.

Great crowds attended the congress. Sunday there 119,000 persons in attendance, Monday 90,000, and 75,000 each day Tuesday and Wednesday.

There were 36 states represented in the judging contest. We regret that we did not place in the "superior" or "excellent" divisions, but are glad we placed in the "good" division and not down in the "fair" or "poor" division. We wish to thank all the F. F. A. members for our trip.

DINWIDDIE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FEATURED.

The accomplishments of the Dinwiddie Chapter, whereby it was adjudged the best in Eastern Virginia, and won for R. M. Ritchie, instructor, a free trip to Kansas City, were featured in a news article appearing in the "Southside News" of September 14, 1939.

CHAPTER CHATS

Published Bi-Monthly by
THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF
THE FUTURE FARMERS
OF AMERICA.

Address all communications to the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America, care of State Department of Education, Richmond, Va.

MEMBERS OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—1939-1940.

President, Jack McAboy (Stephens City), Brucetown.

Vice-President, John Cruise (Hillsville), Willis.

Secretary, Ryland Dodson (Dan River), Ringgold.

Treasurer, Robert Walton (Powhatan), Ballsville.

Reporter, James White (Herndon), Herndon.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Walter S. Newman, Richmond.

Adviser, Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg.

Executive Committee:

Marcus Oliver (Kempsville), Lynnhaven.

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

William Hounsell (Rural Retreat), Rural Retreat.

*Name of school appears in parenthesis.

CHAPTER TREASURERS.

By Robert Walton.

"I keep records of receipts and disbursements just as Washington kept his farm accounts—carefully and accurately."

Mr. Groseclose, the national treasurer, said, "The treasurer should be 'good at figures' and interested in finances. He must be accurate, prompt, and resourceful."

Some of the duties of the treasurer are:

1. To keep the financial record of the chapter.
2. Collect dues and assessments.
3. Receive and look after the chapter funds.
4. Develop means of financing chapter activities.
5. Assist in preparing an annual budget of expenditures.
6. Pay out chapter funds as authorized.
7. Cooperate with the secretary in keeping an accurate membership roll.
8. Prepare financial statements and reports.
9. Encourage systematic savings; and individual and chapter thrift.
10. Build up the chapter's financial standing.

There may also be other duties depending on the local constitution, by-laws, or chapter policies,

For some time the need of a chapter treasurer's book has been recognized and at last one has been printed that should meet the needs of every chapter. (One may be procured from the French-Bray Printing Company, Candler Bldg., Baltimore, Md., for 25c plus 6c postage.)

Many chapters would not think of doing without a chapter secretary's book, but have never had a treasurer's book. In my opinion the treasurer's book is just as important. Have one on hand the first meeting and record all financial transactions as they occur. Follow the suggestions in the book and let's have a creditable set of records for every chapter in the State.

SECRETARIES' DUTIES.

By Ryland Dodson.

My first duty, as Secretary of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America, is to thank you in behalf of the Virginia Delegation of F. F. A. to the American Youth Foundation Camp at Shelby, Mich., for making it possible for us to attend this conference. We gained a lot of valuable information, which will

ADVISER'S PINS.

Chapter advisers are entitled to wear the Collegiate F. F. A. pin. Those advisers who do not have pins may place their orders when ordering pins for the other members of the chapter.

equip us for better service to the Virginia Association. It is my sincere hope that more of you may attend this camp next year.

Since I am your new secretary, I want to tell you—especially the secretaries—of the duties of my office, those of the chapter secretaries, and the federation secretaries.

The secretary is the recording officer of the assembly and the custodian of its records, except those assigned specifically to other officers. These records are open to inspection by any member at any reasonable time. In addition to keeping records of the meetings, it is the duty of the secretary to keep a roll of the members and call it when required; to notify officers, committees, and delegates of their appointments; to furnish committees with all papers referred to them; and supply delegates with credentials.

The secretary should keep a copy of the constitution and by-laws and make changes as are required by new amendments. It is also the duty of the secretary to send out notices of called meetings and any other meetings that notices are necessary.

The secretary's desk should be near the presiding officer's station and he should prepare a schedule for each meeting. The secretary should have at each meeting a list of all committees, the constitution and by-laws, and the minutes.

The secretary keeps a record of what is done—not what is said—at the meeting. This record, known as the "minutes," is read at the next meeting of the chapter.

In order that records may be kept in order, it is helpful if an official secretary's book is purchased. On the inside of the book's cover are instructions as to its use. I am sure if these few rules are followed you secretaries will do a good job.

MY TRIP TO THE TRI-STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST.

By Morris Costello.

My agriculture instructor, Mr. J. F. Potts, and I left home Sunday morning, August 13, about eight o'clock for Raleigh, N. C., to compete in the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest. For several hours we traveled through our own section consisting chiefly of large race horse farms. Gradually, we entered a section of the country unfamiliar to me. We reached Richmond at noon and the heat was intense, but our lunch refreshed us. The section of the State south of Richmond differed greatly from our native northern Virginia. The country-side was covered with pines, tobacco and cotton. I had never seen cotton growing before, and it was very interesting. We got to Raleigh about eight in the evening, secured a room at a hotel, and looked around the town until time to go to bed.

The next morning we had breakfast and visited the historical State Capitol of North Carolina. A guide gave us an interesting account of the history of the building and its paintings. We then went up to the capitol dome for a view of the city. We went from the capitol to the State College where the contest was to be held, and arrived early enough to visit the grounds.

At eleven o'clock we went in Pullen Hall and drew places in the contest. I drew third place and had the opportunity to hear two speakers before it became my turn. I am not yet sure whether this was an advantage.

At any rate, when the judges announced their decision, the representative from South Carolina won the contest. His topic was "Wastes of Dixie Land." He is a good speaker, with a great deal of personality, and I am sure will represent us well in the Southern Regional Contest.

Another way to keep cookies and doughnuts safe from juvenile hands is to lock them in the pantry and hide the key under the soap on the washstand.

FEDERATION NEWS.

Clinch Federation.

The Executive Council of the Clinch Federation met at Clintwood August 18, to set up plans for the current year. The following activities were planned:

1. To sponsor a Federation Fair to be held at Nora, September 30.
2. To sponsor a soft ball tournament sometime in October.
3. To hold a Federation Corn and Grain Show in December.
4. To sponsor a basketball tournament in February.
5. To sponsor a track meet at Clintwood in April.
6. To hold a public speaking contest, and degree team contest in conjunction with track meet.
7. To take a farm tour soon after schools close.

At the request of the county superintendent, the place of the fair has been changed to Haysi. The catalog is now being mimeographed, and will be ready for distribution soon. A poultry judging contest and a shop judging contest will be held in connection with the fair.

A. M. WEST,
Adviser.

Rockingham Chapters Leave B A R Federation.

The separation of the Rockingham County chapters from the B A R Federation and the addition of the Rockbridge chapters became final on September 18—the last meeting of the old federation.

Three new chapters had been accepted into the federation, and it had become the largest in the State. The division will form a federation of the Rockingham chapters and will place Rockbridge with Bath and Augusta Counties to form the new B A R Federation.

The Rockingham chapters have selected a nominating committee, consisting of Roy Richie, Dayton; Ray Lee Messiel, Mt. Clinton; Joe Kyger, Elkton; Randolph Life, McGaheysville; and Allen Spitzer, Timberville. This committee will meet September 26 in the Dayton High School to select candidates for federation officers. The names of these candidates will be brought before the federation at its first meeting, October 3, at Broadway High School.

ALLEN SPITZER,
Reporter.

GROWTH IN SUGAR INDUSTRY.

A hundred years ago, sugar was so rare and expensive that the average American consumed only 10 pounds a year. Today, the average consumption for

F. F. A. JEWELRY

* * *

PINS — RINGS — FOBS — BELTS AND
BUCKLES — MEDALS — CUPS
PLAQUES AND TROPHIES

* * *


Official Jeweler by Contract to
the Future Farmers of
America

* * *

L. G. BALFOUR COMPANY

Manufacturing Jewelers and Stationers
ATTLEBORO, MASS.

100% QUALITY



FOR EVERY CROP

BONE DRY FERTILIZER CO.
Richmond Virginia

every man, woman and child is 100 pounds a year. Today there are over 150 establishments engaged in processing and refining sugar, and the supplies purchased by these establishments, such as materials, power, fuel, etc., cost well over 400 million dollars in a single year.

WOOD'S SEED CORNS

ENSILAGE
GARDEN
FIELD



HYBRIDS
for all climates

T.W. WOOD & SONS

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
Leading Seed Corn Growers Since 1879

Many a woman never tells her age because her age is beginning to tell on her.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Smithfield Activities.

The Smithfield Ham Chapter accomplished three very important things during the summer months. In June a judging team was sent to the Rally at Blacksburg and the president of the chapter for 1939-40 was sent to the school of leadership at the Rally. During the same month a picnic for the members of the chapter was held at Burwells Bay.

For the summer trip this year the chapter voted to attend the World's Fair in New York. The group went to New York the week of August 14 and had a never-to-be-forgotten trip.

The chapter has started to work for the new session. A committee is at work on the objectives for the year.

Another committee is getting the initiation ready for the green hands. They will be initiated at the October meeting.

BOB GALE,
Reporter.

Amelia Chapter Has New Home.

The Amelia Chapter has recently moved into their new agricultural building. This building is made of brick and cinder block and is modern and complete in every way.

Over \$600.00 was spent for tools and equipment for the agriculture department last year. This year through the co-operation of the agriculture boys and the school board over \$400.00 will be spent for new supplies.

The boys have been very busy moving

into their new home and getting things arranged. Several new boys have enthusiastically joined the agriculture class this year and the chapter looks forward to the year's work with the determination to take a position with the leading chapters in the State.

Officers elected for 1939-40 are: Leonard Moyer, president; Edwin Denny, vice-president; Wilbur Harver, secretary; Charles Dodson, treasurer; Joe Willson, reporter; John McGraw, farm watch dog; James Yeatts, executive chairman.

JOE WILLSON,
Reporter.

Strasburg F. F. A. Meeting.

The Strasburg Chapter held a regular meeting September 7, with all of the new officers presiding.

September 21 was set as the date for initiating the green hands. Initiation committee appointed includes Jack Moyer, William Funkhouser, Elmer Vance, Ray Ritenour, and Lloyd Davidson. The arrangement committee consists of Johnny Prangle, Douglas Mowery, Ernest Brown, Barney Boyer, and Granville Crabill.

Exhibits for the Shenandoah County Fair were discussed at the meeting and it was decided that the entries should be brought to the school Monday and picked up and entered by Mr. Rhinehart.

A committee to formulate objectives, appointed by the president, consists of Johnny Pangle, Gilbert Baker and Granville Crabill. Eddie Artz was elected banker for the F. F. A. Thrift Club. He named Johnny Pangle as his assistant.

It was decided at the meeting that a member should be present at two out of every three meetings to be eligible for participation in F. F. A. activities. A committee was appointed to serve refreshments at the meetings throughout the year. A maximum of two dollars was placed on the cost of these refreshments.

GRANVILLE CRABILL,
Reporter.

Mt. Clinton News.

During the summer ten members of the Mt. Clinton Chapter attended the B A R picnic at Goshen Pass. The chapter softball team won in the preliminaries, with Neil Showalter pitching a fast game.

The chapter is very much interested in the proposed change in the B A R Federation. According to the plan, Rockingham will leave the federation to form an independent federation with its ten chapters. To replace Rockingham, Rockbridge will be added to form the "R" county.

This plan, suggested by Mr. Howard, seems to have met with the approval of nearly everyone. If adopted, this arrangement should allow more members to enter federation activities, save time, and

"BUY WITH US"

Southern States Cooperative was organized by farmers to improve the quality and lower the cost of farm supplies—to the end that the business of farming may be more profitable.

Every year farmers have voluntarily increased their purchases through it. Last year supplies to the value of more than \$12,000,000.00 were furnished to more than 100,000 patrons. A trainload of business every work day keeps costs low. Patrons receive the benefit of low costs because the organization is a non-profit cooperative.

More than 80,000 farmers are members—own, control and operate Southern States Cooperative. They invite you to "Buy With Us."



Southern States Cooperative

General Office — Richmond, Va.

travel, and add another federation in the State.

JOHN SPANGLER,
Reporter.

Amherst Increases Membership.

The Amherst Chapter membership increased over forty per cent this year to give the chapter the largest membership in its history. Committees have been appointed to handle the Thrift Bank and to formulate a program of work.

All State dues were paid by September 15.

New members who will receive the green hand degree are: Samuel Ellington, Aubrey Campbell, Warren Campbell, Harold Alcock, Lawrence Massie, Page Stinnette, Perkins Faulconer, Van E. Cash, Robert Schaar, Earle Stinnette, Shelton Jennings, Billy Shelton, Roy Drummond, Harold Huff, Carroll Tomlin, Morris Thomas, Swanson Jones, and Clarence Campbell.

The officers of the chapter for 1939-40 are: James Jordan, president; Lewis Patteson, vice-president; Clyde Mays, secretary; Napoleon Miller, reporter; Edwin Reid, treasurer; Ernest Cash, watch dog; Earle Smoot, business manager; and W. C. Dudley, adviser.

NAPOLEON B. MILLER,
Reporter.

Chilhowie Elects Officers.

The Chilvalee Chapter began the current year with forty-four members, the largest enrollment in the history of the chapter. Officers for the year are: Clairbourne Beattie, president; Bobbie Colly, vice-president; Richard Crutchfield, secretary; Herbert Catron, assistant secretary; James Catron, treasurer; Smith Tucker, assistant treasurer; John Williams, reporter; Walter Bowman, watch dog; Jack Osborne, executive committee; and A. B. Farmer, adviser.

JOHN WILLIAMS,
Reporter.

Callands Elects Officers.

The Callands Chapter met September 8, and elected and installed officers for the coming year.

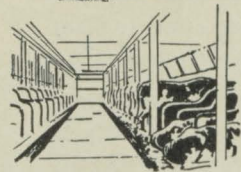
The officers elected were: Hassel Coward, president; Burl Grubbs, vice-president; Landon Oakes, secretary; C. T. Fuller, treasurer; Earl Smith, reporter; Melvin Herndon, watch dog; J. A. Gills, adviser.

EARL SMITH,
Reporter.

Port Republic and McGaheysville Chapter News.

An important objective carried out by the Port Republic and McGaheysville Chapters this summer, was the stocking of the local streams with fish.

The Port Republic boys stocked North



- Dairy Barn . . . Floors . . .
- General Purpose Barn . . .
- Foundations . . . Storage
- Cellars . . . Hog House . . .
- Grain Bins . . . Milk House . . .
- . . . Walls . . . Poultry House



LIKE THE YIELD FROM YOUR BEST ACRES IS THE YIELD FROM CONCRETE FARM IMPROVEMENTS

THERE'S no guesswork about the value of concrete improvements. They have a real dollars and cents value in improving the health and productiveness of your livestock . . . cutting down repair bills . . . making your farm a better place to live.

And there's no guesswork about your ability to make the needed improvements. All you need is a few sacks of cement, some boards, sand and gravel or stone. You'll be surprised to find how easy and cheap it is to work with concrete. Convenient, too. One job now, another next week or next month. And whatever you do will last a lifetime.

Look around, Mr. Farmer. Check your farm against this list of concrete farm improvements. Send it with coupon to us and we will mail you free of charge a mighty valuable 72-page book.

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION

Dept. S9-14, 1210 State Planters Bank Bldg., Richmond, Va.

Send "Plans for Concrete Farm Buildings."

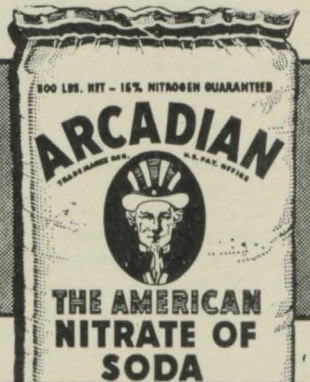
Name

P. O.

R. R. No. State

FOR TOP- OR SIDE-DRESSING

YOUR ALL-AMERICAN SODA



THE BARRETT COMPANY
 HOPEWELL, VA. COLUMBIA, S. C. MONTGOMERY, ALA.
 RALEIGH, N. C. ATLANTA, GA. NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Uncle Natchel Says ...

**DAT'S RIGHT, SUH
NATCHEL SODA
NATCHEL.. YAS SUH!**



CHILEAN NITRATE is the only natural nitrate. It is guaranteed 16% nitrogen. And it also contains, in natural blend, small quantities of other plant food elements.

Many of these elements such as iodine, boron, calcium, zinc, copper, iron, manganese and magnesium, in addition to nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, are necessary to plant life for normal good health, growth, quality and yield.

Therefore, Natural Chilean Nitrate is agriculturally valuable both as a source of nitrate nitrogen, and to furnish, or build up a reserve of other plant food elements naturally blended with it.

Use Natural Chilean Nitrate—take advantage of its quick-acting nitrogen and its many protective elements. It is well-suited to your crops, your soil and your climate.

**NATURAL
CHILEAN
NITRATE OF SODA**

and South Rivers with large- and small-mouth bass. This was the third consecutive year that the boys have assisted in the restocking of these streams.

The McGaheysville Chapter has undertaken to supply Stony Run with trout. This is an excellent mountain stream for

trout, and the five hundred fish supplied by the boys are the first to be placed in the stream for five years. The boys are making an effort now to get the stream closed for three years.

The fish were secured from the U. S. Hatchery at Kearnesville, W. Va.,

through the efforts of Congressman A. Willis Robertson.

REPORTER.

Hale Heads Slash Cottage.

Berkley Hale of Ashland, was elected president of the Slash Cottage Chapter, Future Farmers of America, at the group's organization meeting September 13, in the Henry Clay High School at Ashland. He succeeds Howard Smith, '38-'39 president, who this year has enrolled at V. P. I.

Other officers for the 1939-'40 year are Tom Pemberton, vice-president; Walter Thompson, secretary; Gordon Whitbeck, treasurer; Philip Anderson, reporter; and Horace Crawley, watch dog.

Executive committee members will be Hunter Lane, Hugh Luck and Lewis Smith.

The newly elected officers and committeemen will set up objectives within the next few days.

Scottsville Officers Elected.

The officers of the Scottsville Chapter elected for 1939-40 are: Claude Spradlin, president; Tipton Omohundro, vice-president; Claudius Wood, secretary; George Nicholas, treasurer; L. A. Allison, adviser; and James Baker, reporter.

The chapter held a weiner roast September 15. In the afternoon the boys played touch football and playground ball. At about six o'clock the weiners were roasted and eaten. After the meal the group sat around the fire and swapped experiences until time to go home.

JAMES BAKER,
Reporter.

THE FIRST TWENTY.

Congratulations to the following eighteen old chapters and two new chapters for being the first twenty chapters to send in dues for 1939-40. The dues for these chapters were in on or before September 20.

	Membership
Dickenson Memorial	66
Ervington	51
Haysi	40
Smithfield	25
Carrsville	17
Cleveland (Russell Co.)	28
Amelia	35
Elk Creek	44
Greenwood (New Chapter)	21
Crozet (New Chapter)	25
Scottsville	42
Broadus Wood	14
Meriwether-Lewis	30
Strasburg	31
Amherst	43
Poquoson	34
Toms Brook	20
Nokesville	24
La Crosse	45
Varina	57