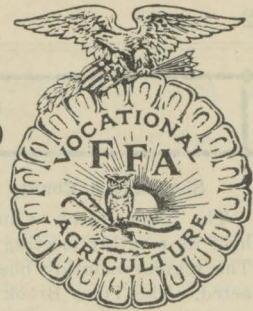


# Chapter Chats

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## Final Arrangements Being Made For the Delivery of Title to Camp

As this issue goes to press, final arrangements are being made for the closing of the sale of the Morgart's Beach property to the Virginia Future Farmers and Home Economics groups as a permanent summer camp site.

The closing of the deal and the delivery of the deed was delayed slightly because of minor provisions in the title to the property held by the former

owners. Requests for the use of the film should also state whether or not the chapter wishes to borrow the State Department of Education projector. While this projector is available for the use of the chapters, it is desirable that, if another projector is available it be secured in order that the Department of Education projector may be available for those chapters unable to secure one.

At the time of the presentation, Russell talked to the chapter about the trip to Kansas City and at the conclusion of his talk presented the award to the chapter president, Robert Richard.

The Stephens City Chapter received, in addition to the gold medal an award of \$15.00. The chapter had 44 members during the past year, sponsored cooperative activities such as landscaping the school grounds; buying certified seed potatoes, fertilizer, seed corn and onion and cabbage plants; a judging contest for the district federation of fifteen chapters; selling wildlife stamps and



STEPHENS CITY CHAPTER—ONE OF FOUR BEST IN THE NATION.

owners. However, no difficulties are expected and the title to the camp is expected to be transferred to the Future Farmer-Home Economics Association the early part of February.

It has been announced that Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Altman will be back this summer as director and secretary, respectively, of the camp. It is also expected that several additional members of the last year's staff will be back again this summer, and that the camp will be as satisfactory to all concerned as it was last summer.

Duplicate copies of the camp film are being made and will be available by the time copies of this issue reach the mem-

## Stephens City Chapter Presented Gold Award

Pictured on this page is the Stephens City Chapter, selected at the National Convention in Kansas City as one of the four best chapters in the nation. The gold award, won by the chapter for this distinction, was presented at the December meeting by Robert Russell, a former member of the chapter who received his American Farmer degree at this year's convention and who attended the convention as one of Virginia's official delegates because of the illness of Jack McAbey, a member of the State executive committee,

also providing cover and feed for game birds.

As a part of their community service, members culled 1,280 chickens, tested 108 milk samples and 360 seed corn samples, collected and distributed food and clothing for needy families, tested soil for 37 farmers, vaccinated 81 calves for black-leg and treated poultry for worms. Thrift was encouraged to the extent that 92 per cent of the members have savings accounts, and the chapter itself is fully solvent.

R. A. Wall, adviser of the chapter, was awarded the Honorary American Farmer degree as a reward for his part in producing such a high ranking chapter.

## FEDERATION NEWS.

### Shenandoah County Federation.

The Shenandoah County Federation held its monthly meeting at Toms Brook. The regular monthly business was transacted. The Toms Brook Chapter demonstrated a program on Parliamentary Procedure. Plans were made for the Corn and Grain Show which is to be held at Strasburg, January 17 and 18. Mt. Jackson and New Market gave short interesting reports on some of the activities they have completed.

JOHN PANGLE,  
Reporter.

### Rockingham Federation News.

The Rockingham Federation held its regular meeting December 11, at 7:30 P. M., in the auditorium of Linville-Edom High School. Delegates representing all ten chapters were present.

Reports from the Dayton and Keezletown Chapters were given. Each chapter was presented with two handbooks of the Rockingham Federation.

The president, who was sent to Kansas City by the Federation, thanked the chapters that made his trip possible. He gave a brief summary of the things he observed on his trip. Among these was the fact that each state seemed to be noted for something—West Virginia for its mountains and mines, Ohio for its rivers, and Indiana for Willkie.

Refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and cookies were served to the group by the home economics girls of Elkton High School.

DWIGHT JORDAN,  
Reporter.

### Northern Triangle Federation News.

The second meeting of the Northern Triangle Federation was held at Boyce High School auditorium December 10, 1940, with Clinton Cochran presiding.

The business part of the meeting consisted mainly of the reports from each chapter concerning work accomplished on the objectives that were assigned to them at the previous meeting. The chapters reported as follows:

Stephens City—rifle match to be held in January.

Boyce—date set for basketball tournament in February.

Front Royal—presented an outline on active cooperative buying and selling committee which was accepted by the Federation.

Berryville—time set for radio broadcast in May over station WFMD.

Middletown—boxing tournament to be held at next meeting.

Handley—large meeting planned, with

all members and Junior Farmers invited, to be held at Handley on February 11.

After the business of the meeting was concluded entertainment and refreshments included a "question bee," tap dancing and singing.

C. L. ROYSTON,  
Reporter.

### Floyd Federation News.

The Floyd County Federation held its monthly meeting at Willis on December 19, 1940. New business was brought up and discussed. A bigger and better fair is being considered for next year. The following objectives were decided on by the Federation: basketball, softball and track to be held at Floyd; picnic to be held at Cheek; and moving picture to be held at Willis. A special program of string music was presented after the meeting.

The next meeting of the Federation was held at Floyd on January 7. Due to illness, the president, vice-president and secretary were absent from the meeting. Acting in their places were Howard Watkins, as present; Clyde Martin, as secretary; and J. C. DeHart, as vice-president. At this meeting it was announced that the judging of grain would be held at Willis on Saturday, January 11. The team scoring best in the county will go to Abingdon and judge.

RICHARD WILLIAMS,  
Reporter.

### Mathews F. F. A. Wins First and Third Places in Corn Husking.

Students of the Mathews High School Chapter, under the direction of C. F. Kline, agriculture instructor of Mathews County, won first and third places in the corn husking contest, held at the Wood Farm in Middlesex County, sponsored by the F. F. A. Chapter of Syringa High School. The team, composed of Soles Howlett and James Faulkner, from Mathews, won first place; the team of Bernard Wood and Calvin Butler of Syringa, second, and the team of Willard Garrett and Harold Lewis of Mathews, third.

The fifteen teams participating were members of the Gloucester-Middlesex-Mathews Federation of Future Farmers of America and composed of the students of the F. F. A. Chapters of the Mathews County High School, Mathews; Botetourt High School, Gloucester; Saluda High School, Saluda; and the Syringa High School Chapter of Syringa. The contest was judged on speed and thoroughness of shucking.

Following the contest the members of

the Syringa Chapter F. F. A.'s with C. L. Wilkins as instructor, entertained the federation members at an oyster roast at the Syringa High School.

REPORTER.

### Northern Neck Federation Meets.

The Northern Neck Federation of Future Farmers of America held their regular meeting at Heathsville, Monday, February 3, 1941, where they decided upon the following objectives:

1. The Federation passed a motion by Mr. Nuckols for each chapter to decide when they would prefer to go on the Federation Tour.

2. Each chapter sent one dollar dues to H. H. Pittman, at Wicomico Church.

3. The Heathsville Chapter was given full authority to decide upon the radio broadcast.

4. Cople Chapter was given full authority to decide upon the dance to be held at Cople.

5. It was requested by members of Cople Chapter that any boys interested in participating in an amateur program report to the chapter.

Refreshments were served, and the Heathsville boys furnished a quarter of an hour of music for our entertainment.

The federation adjourned until the next regular meeting, at Lively, March 3, 1941.

BILLY COURTNEY,  
Reporter.

### FARMERS URGED NOT TO BURN FIELDS AND WOODLANDS.

Field Biologists of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries are urging farmers not burn off their fields, woodlands and pastures this spring. Fires destroy many thousands of dollars worth of soil fertility each year, the biologists say, and at the same time they deprive quails, rabbits and other game of food and cover which is usually already very scarce at the time the burning is done.

A great many farmers are in the habit of burning broom sedge and other vegetation during the late winter and early spring. This is an old and established custom, but modern scientific study has shown that it is harmful rather than beneficial.

The burning is done, it is said, for a number of reasons, such as to get rid of broom sedge, improve pasture, kill snakes and insects, and improve the soil. Biologists and agronomists are now agreed, however, that none of these results are accomplished by fire. On the contrary, they say, fire makes land more suitable for the growth of broom sedge, and causes serious loss of fertility. In addition, game and valuable insect-destroying wild life are deprived of food and cover.

## WHITMELL CHAPTER COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Whitmell Chapter celebrated on December 6, 1940, the completion of a year in which they have launched the most ambitious and most promising project in the chapter's history—introduction of purebred Aberdeen Angus beef cattle on 19 farms of the community. On this occasion fathers of chapter members were entertained at a banquet held at Hotel Burton.

More than a hundred were at the annual gathering. There were, in addition, their sponsor, Miss Carol Tuggle of the Whitmell faculty; representatives of the American National Bank and Trust Co., which financed the projects and other special guests.

The project was called by Senator Robert C. Vaden of Gretna, an undertaking of great promise. He particularly complimented the boys on their selection of the Aberdeen Angus breed, commenting that his long experience with cattle led him to believe the breed was especially suited for this section.

Senator Vaden, who delivered the principal address of the banquet gathering, said the work being done by both fathers and sons of the Whitmell section is gaining statewide attention and is setting a pace for the county. He discussed the vocational education program and its significance in the development of a finer and more remunerative rural life.

Of equal value, Senator Vaden said in speaking of the vocational program, are the lessons it teaches in better farming, in the value of thrift and efficient management, and in stressing the indispensable qualities of honesty and responsibility. These together, he said, not only make good future farmers but good future citizens for Pittsylvania County and for America.

The banquet was conducted in the form of a regular meeting of the F. F. A. chapter, with all officers at their post and responding during the opening ceremony with explanations of their duties and the relationship of their duties to the work of the chapter and to the community. Those participating in the ceremonial opening were President Jones; Calvin Moore, vice-president; Norman Hardy, reporter; Calvin Bryant, treasurer; Reed Mitchell, secretary; and Boyd Adkerson, watch dog. The F. F. A. Creed was recited by Edward Chapin.

Harry Carter, president of the senior class at Whitmell, speaking of the beef cattle project, said that the success attained this year is due, in large measure, to the initiative, leadership and close supervision given the project by their agricultural instructor, Mr. Pullen.

Although not a loan made by the bank to enable students to purchase purebred cattle is yet due, William H. Carter of the bank staff, who handled the loans,

said at least 20 per cent of them already have been repaid by the youthful borrowers.

In responding to introductions, short talks were made by R. H. Pride, superintendent of Pittsylvania schools; Miss Tuggle; Wayles R. Harrison, executive officer of the bank; C. A. Pritchett, president of the Whitmell Farmers Club and others.

Mr. Pritchett recalled a favorite oratorical reference of the late Senator Swanson to "the broom sage-covered hills of Pittsylvania" and said that he was glad to see, and he knows the late Senator was glad to see the broom sage disappear and more colorful hills of lespedeza, wheat and clover become a common sight in Pittsylvania.

During the service of the banquet the Whitmell string band played familiar folk songs and tunes.

## TYPICAL CHAPTER OBJECTIVES.

Typical of the detailed planning being done in the Virginia Association are the objectives set up by the Louisa Chapter for the year's work.

These objectives, in detail, follow:

### 1. Supervised Practice:

- (a) Each member to carry at least three projects.
- (b) Each member to carry at least three supplementary projects.
- (c) Plant certified seed corn.
- (d) 95% of projects to be self-owned.
- (e) Keep record on all improvement projects.
- (f) Members to plant only certified seed potatoes.
- (g) Secure baby chicks only from a State Certified Hatchery.

### 2. Cooperative Activities:

- (a) Have delegates attend Federation meeting.
- (b) Cooperate with community league.
- (c) Purchase seed corn cooperatively.
- (d) Cooperate in the buying of feeds fertilizers.
- (e) Chapter cooperation in raising funds to finance activities.
- (f) Increase enrollment in the Home Department.
- (g) Put on a school F. F. A. Fair.
- (h) Cooperate with home economics department in teaching and carrying out socials.
- (i) Cooperate with seed cleaning plant in the county.
- (j) Cooperate in the selling of chapter products.

### 3. Community Service or Improvement:

- (a) Test soil for farmers in the community.
- (b) Test seed corn during the winter.
- (c) Help sponsor the county Welfare Program.
- (d) Work with the school in every way to help solve its problems.

- (e) Help some needy person at Christmas.
- (f) Plant shrubs and sow grass on school lawn.
- (g) Treat seed wheat.
- (h) Test milk.
- (i) Repair farm machinery for different farmers in the community.
- (j) Cull chickens for farmers when called on to do so.

### 4. Leadership:

- (a) Send a juding team to the State Rally.
- (b) Have two boys apply for the State Farmers degree.
- (c) Conduct at least six chapter programs planned in advanced.
- (d) Encourage members to take an active part in school activities.
- (e) Have at least two members give talks before the school assembly on F. F. A. activities.

### 5. Earnings and Savings:

- (a) Continue thrift bank.
- (b) Have 100% membership with savings accounts.

### 6. Conduct of Meetings:

- (a) Use opening and closing ceremony at each meeting.
- (b) Have a program of business worked out for each meeting.
- (c) Each member to appear on a program at least once.
- (d) Members to learn F. F. A. song and use it meetings.
- (e) Have at least two outsiders to appear on programs during the year.

### 7. Scholarship:

- (a) Each member to attempt to better grades in all subjects.
- (b) Each member to read at least one outside article pertaining to some educational subject each week.
- (c) Build up supervised practice programs to the extent that at least five chapter members will be eligible to try for third degree team.

### 8. Recreational:

- (a) Enter team in district Track Meet.
- (b) Enter team in district Basketball Tournament.
- (c) To make an F. F. A. tour next summer.
- (d) To support the F. F. A. Camp.
- (e) To have an F. F. A. costume dance.
- (f) To have a father and son banquet or a barbecue.

### 9. General Activities:

- (a) Display objectives in classroom.
- (b) Secure publicity through newspaper.
- (c) Submit articles to Chapter Chats on all worthwhile happenings.
- (d) Have a member attend school for leadership.
- (e) Each member to learn the opening and closing ceremony.
- (f) To attend the State Fair.

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### MEMBERS TELL OF TRIP TO KANSAS CITY.

The two letters reproduced below were received by Dr. Walter S. Newman, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Association, from two members who attended the National Convention. Both letters tell something of the sights seen at Kansas City.

Dear Sir:

I am taking this opportunity in expressing my appreciation and thanks that you showed me during the trip to the National F. F. A. Convention in Kansas City. The trip was worth the time I spent in training to go as a livestock judge. I hope in the future that I may have another opportunity to represent the State of Virginia as one to make up the delegation, to go to Kansas City. I shall try to give you a summary of the trip, as I said try, I had such a grand time that I could not tell you all the interesting sights I saw.

Some of the most interesting sights or programs I saw were: (1) The four rivers, Mississippi, Missouri, Wabash and Ohio. (2) The Municipal Auditorium, the largest I have ever seen or ever had the opportunity of being in. (3) The American Royal building. (4) The first horse and livestock show I ever attended. (5) The best animals I ever saw was at the American Royal building during the horse and livestock show.

(6) The largest airport I ever visited. (7) The visit to the light and power building which was 39 stories high, which is the tallest building in Kansas City. (8) The best F. F. A. program which was given each night. (9) The interesting sights along the railroads, including oil fields, depots, and especially the one at Cincinnati, Ohio, capital at St. Louis and the beautiful land along the way. (10) The friendly boys from over the United States and especially from Hawaii.

Again may I take the opportunity in expressing my thanks to you and to the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America. With best wishes I am,

Yours truly,

JIMMY ADDISON,  
Lebanon Chapter.

Dear Dr. Newman:

I returned from the wonderful trip to Kansas City a few weeks ago, and am writing to express my appreciation for your liberal check for part of my expenses.

I'm not going to tell you all the things I saw and did, as it would take a week to write it all, but I will mention a few things I saw, which I were very interesting. I saw the Swift Packing Company, which was a very large building, I saw the killing of cattle and sheep which was an interesting sight. I saw the Municipal Airport. I saw one of the biggest Stratioliner Transport Liners in the United States. This plane could carry thirty-two passengers and also could fly at high altitudes. I saw the workers assembling motors and taking off of planes. I went up on the General Electric Power building which was thirty-nine stories high.

I visited the American Royal Livestock Show. I saw the most interesting sights there I have ever seen in my life. I've always wanted to see those fine stallion horses from England and, Mr. Newman, I really saw them and also hogs, chickens and steers. I saw eight midget mules hitched to a wagon and this was really a sight.

These are a few things I saw out of the many things I saw and did. Mr. Newman, I want to tell you and I want you to know that words and writing could never express my appreciation for your kindness and also the check you gave to help me to Kansas City.

Thanks again for your kindness which will never be forgotten.

Sincerely yours,

WALLACE MOORE, Pres.,  
LaCrosse Chapter.

### PAYMENTS ON ANNUAL DUES TOTAL 7,974.

The total number of Virginia members of F. F. A. to pay their dues on or before the last of January stands at 7,974, a decrease of 43 under the total payments last year before January 5.

In the following list of chapters, with the number of paid up members for each, those chapters marked with an asterisk (\*) sent in all or a greater part of their dues before October 2, 1940.

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alberta                       | 21 |
| *Amelia                       | 40 |
| *Amherst                      | 47 |
| Andrew Lewis                  | 40 |
| Appomattox                    | 61 |
| Atkins                        | 19 |
| *Auburn                       | 31 |
| *Axtion                       | 54 |
| Barboursville                 | 29 |
| *Battlefield Park             | 46 |
| Bealeton                      | 28 |
| *Beaverdam                    | 40 |
| *Berryville                   | 18 |
| Beverly Manor                 | 32 |
| *Blacksburg                   | 54 |
| Bland                         | 30 |
| *Blackstone                   | 23 |
| *Blue Ridge Industrial School | 15 |
| *Blue Ridge                   | 29 |
| *Boone Mill                   | 49 |
| *Botetourt                    | 40 |
| *Boyce                        | 13 |
| *Boykins                      | 16 |
| *Brentsville District         | 37 |
| *Bridle Creek                 | 13 |
| *Bridgewater                  | 28 |
| *Broadus Wood                 | 17 |
| *Broadway                     | 21 |
| Brookneal                     | 16 |
| *Brookville                   | 49 |
| *Brosville                    | 54 |
| *Brownsburg                   | 37 |
| *Buchanan                     | 42 |
| *Buckhorn                     | 41 |
| *Buckingham C. H.             | 51 |
| Burkes Garden                 | 18 |
| *Burkeville                   | 31 |
| Callands                      | 30 |
| Callao                        | 19 |
| Callaway                      | 35 |
| *Calverton                    | 26 |
| Capron                        | 16 |
| Caroline                      | 55 |
| *Carson                       | 22 |
| *Carrsville                   | 27 |
| Central (Painter)             | 18 |
| Central (Spottsylvania)       | 34 |
| Ceres                         | 28 |
| *Chase City                   | 54 |
| *Check                        | 33 |
| Chilhowie                     | 36 |
| Chuckatuck                    | 29 |
| Churchville                   | 32 |
| Clarksville                   | 19 |
| *Cleveland (Russell)          | 37 |
| Cleveland (Washington)        | 27 |
| Climax                        | 26 |

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| *Clover                       | 52 | Kenbridge             | 24  | *Smithfield       | 25    |
| *Coal Creek                   | 32 | King George           | 32  | Spencer-Penn      | 40    |
| Collegiate Chapter (V. P. I.) | 10 | King William          | 29  | *Sperryville      | 31    |
| *Concord                      | 28 | La Crosse             | 44  | Spottswood        | 32    |
| Cople                         | 18 | Lawrenceville         | 37  | Spring Garden     | 42    |
| *Courtland                    | 19 | *Lebanon              | 91  | Stafford          | 21    |
| *Creeds                       | 25 | Leesburg              | 16  | *Stephens City    | 51    |
| *Criglersville                | 14 | *Liberty Hall         | 16  | *Stony Creek      | 17    |
| *Crozet                       | 19 | *Lincoln              | 22  | *Strasburg        | 29    |
| *C. T. Smith                  | 26 | *Linville-Edom        | 20  | Stuarts           | 39    |
| Culpeper                      | 31 | Lively                | 17  | *Stuarts Draft    | 41    |
| *Cypress                      | 27 | Lloyds                | 13  | *Sugar Grove      | 37    |
| Danieltown                    | 23 | Lochleven             | 9   | *Surrey           | 11    |
| *Dan River                    | 45 | Louisa                | 94  | Syringa           | 42    |
| *Darvills                     | 29 | *Lovettsville         | 11  | Tappahannock      | 13    |
| *Dayton                       | 30 | Luray                 | 42  | *Tazewell         | 70    |
| *Dendron                      | 11 | *McGaheysville        | 25  | Temperanceville   | 17    |
| *Dickenson Memorial           | 66 | *McKenney             | 22  | Temple Hill       | 63    |
| *Dinwiddie                    | 44 | *Madison              | 35  | *Timberville      | 13    |
| *Disputanta                   | 35 | *Manassas             | 16  | *Toms Brook       | 16    |
| Draper                        | 47 | Marion                | 29  | Triplett          | 55    |
| Drewryville                   | 14 | Mariott               | 14  | *Troutville       | 31    |
| Dryden                        | 15 | Marshall              | 24  | Turberville       | 49    |
| Dublin                        | 48 | *Mathews              | 30  | *Unionville       | 40    |
| Dungannon                     | 25 | Max Meadows           | 20  | Upperville        | 15    |
| Eagle Rock                    | 47 | Maywood               | 17  | *Valley Institute | 17    |
| *Edinburg                     | 37 | *Meriweather-Lewis    | 33  | *Varina           | 47    |
| Eggleston                     | 18 | Middlebrook           | 24  | Victoria          | 27    |
| *Elk Creek                    | 39 | *Middletown           | 18  | Virginia-Carolina | 32    |
| Elkton                        | 27 | Midway                | 30  | Volens            | 74    |
| Ervington                     | 45 | *Millboro             | 42  | Wallace           | 20    |
| *Ewing                        | 43 | Montpelier            | 38  | *Warrenton        | 30    |
| Fairfax                       | 56 | Mt. Clinton           | 22  | *Warren County    | 41    |
| Falmouth                      | 24 | *Mt. Sidney           | 25  | *Warsaw           | 24    |
| Farnham                       | 27 | Montpelier            | 36  | *Washington       | 19    |
| Fincastle                     | 53 | Narrows               | 42  | Washington-Henry  | 44    |
| Fisherville                   | 23 | Naruna                | 26  | *Washington-Lee   | 18    |
| *Floyd                        | 61 | New Castle            | 51  | *Weyers Cave      | 36    |
| Fluvanna County               | 39 | *New Hope             | 41  | Whaleyville       | 36    |
| *Franklin                     | 18 | New London            | 54  | White Stone       | 20    |
| *Gainesboro                   | 16 | New Market            | 29  | Whitmell          | 65    |
| Glade Hill                    | 41 | Newport               | 18  | *Wicomoco         | 22    |
| *Glade Spring                 | 19 | *Newsoms              | 26  | *Willis           | 69    |
| *Gladys                       | 24 | Northampton           | 28  | *Wilson Memorial  | 32    |
| *Goochland C. H.              | 51 | North River           | 88  | *Windsor          | 18    |
| *Gordonsville                 | 7  | Oceana                | 19  | *Woodlawn         | 88    |
| Great Bridge                  | 26 | Oak Grove             | 21  | *Woodstock        | 21    |
| *Greendale                    | 41 | Pamplin               | 15  | *Worsham          | 26    |
| *Greensville County           | 27 | Pearisburg            | 40  | *Wytheville       | 37    |
| *Greenwood                    | 17 | *Pembroke             | 46  |                   |       |
| *Hamilton                     | 30 | *Pennington Gap       | 54  | Total             | 7,974 |
| *Handley                      | 24 | *Pleasant Hill        | 35  |                   |       |
| *Hardin Reynolds              | 38 | *Poquoson             | 27  |                   |       |
| *Haymarket                    | 19 | *Port Republic        | 22  |                   |       |
| *Haysi                        | 28 | Powhatan              | 72  |                   |       |
| *Heathsville                  | 24 | Randolph Henry        | 101 |                   |       |
| Henry Clay                    | 43 | Rappahannock District | 14  |                   |       |
| *Herndon                      | 42 | *Red Bank             | 20  |                   |       |
| Hickory                       | 25 | Renan                 | 52  |                   |       |
| Hillsville                    | 91 | *Richlands            | 24  |                   |       |
| *Holland                      | 35 | Rich Valley           | 77  |                   |       |
| *Independence                 | 22 | *Rockyville           | 25  |                   |       |
| Isle of Wight                 | 16 | *Rocky Mount          | 34  |                   |       |
| *Ivor                         | 17 | Round Hill            | 15  |                   |       |
| Jackson Memorial              | 31 | *Rural Retreat        | 36  |                   |       |
| John Burton Payne             | 24 | *Rustburg             | 31  |                   |       |
| John Randolph                 | 25 | Saluda                | 22  |                   |       |
| Jonesville                    | 31 | *Scottsburg           | 32  |                   |       |
| Keezletown                    | 19 | *Scottsville          | 42  |                   |       |
| *Kempsville                   | 25 | *South Hill           | 28  |                   |       |

CANNED HUMAN BLOOD.

Canned human blood that could be stored and shipped like ordinary tinned products to save war and disaster victims is ready for large-scale production.

As outlined by Dr. Max M. Strumia, of Bryn Mawr Hospital, who developed the plan in cooperation with the American Red Cross and the National Research Council, the process would eliminate delays in locating donors for emergency transfusions.

A minister in Nashville, Tenn., who was formerly an electrical engineer, makes sound recordings of all weddings and gives the discs to the newlyweds.

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## : : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

### Jackson Memorial F. F. A. Holds Banquet.

The Jackson Memorial Chapter held its annual father and son banquet December 11 in the local auditorium. Fifty-one fathers, guests and son were present.

The program was opened with the entire group standing and singing "God Bless America," then grace was said by the Reverend Smalling. The guests were served a delicious meal consisting of baked ham, peas and carrots, hot rolls, butter, lettuce salad with French dressing, spiced cake with whipped cream and coffee.

During the meal the choral club furnished wonderful music accompanied by Miss Anderson and Miss Crabtree. After the meal, Marion Thompson, F. F. A. reporter, gave a welcome address. Mr. Amos gave a response which was quite appropriate. George Allen, vice-president, made a very interesting talk on the activities of the chapter. Among these activities were basket ball, degree team, judging team and softball. Miss Anderson and Miss Myrtle Davis, accompanied at the piano by Miss Crabtree, rendered a duet for the group. Walter Jennings, president of the Smyth-Wythe Federation, gave an interesting talk on the significance of the F. F. A. Emblem. The choral club then sang "Jingle Bells," with the group joining in the chorus.

Mr. Lee introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. H. W. Sanders, Professor of Agricultural Education at V. P. I. Professor Sanders brought with him four trainees from the Department of Vocational Education. The subject of his talk was "Working With a Purpose." Professor Sander's talk was interesting as well as instructive and was enjoyed by everyone present.

The banquet closed with the singing of "Good Night Fathers" by the boys.

### Powhatan's First Inductee Former F. F. A.

Arthur Marvin Williams, President of the Powhatan Chapter during the school session of 1930-31 was the first man to volunteer under the Selective Service Act in Powhatan County.

Arthur was surprised upon reaching the local office to find a large crowd present, which included county officers, Selective Service Board members, Advisory Committee members, business men, the senior class and the entire membership of the local F. F. A. Chapter. Representatives from each of these groups spoke in appreciation of the spirit shown by Arthur in asking to be the first from Powhatan to answer the call to the colors.

Arthur will begin training at Fort Meade, Md. His order number was far down the list and he could have avoided his training period for some time, however, Arthur represents the true spirit of real members and alumni of F. F. A. Chapters throughout our country who are proud to be Americans!

HERBERT FLIPPEN,  
Reporter.

### Luray F. F. A. News.

The Luray Chapter has set up a program of work for the year 1940-41 which contains thirty-eight objectives. A number of committees have been appointed by the president to see that these objectives are carried out one hundred per cent by the end of the fiscal year.

A large quantity of food and clothing was collected by the F. F. A. Fellowship Club and distributed to need families on Christmas Eve.

The Luray Chapter is looking forward with pleasure to moving into the new agriculture building on February 1.

WALLACE JUDD,  
Reporter.

### Disputanta Chapter Holds Social.

The Disputanta Chapter held a social on November 15, 1940, with varied entertainments. Among these were many games which were new to the members of the chapter and their guests. After the games a freshman initiation was held during which the following boys were initiated: John Clements, Daniel Vargo, Stanley Harrison, Harry Hobbs, Robert Minor, Charles Winsch, Frank Orrell, Lawson Cole, John Sebera. This initiation produced some embarrassing situations for the freshmen.

After the initiation the freshmen were presented with their greenhand buttons and were made to serve refreshments. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all present.

JOHN CHEZIK,  
Reporter.

### Bridgewater F. F. A. Chapter News.

The Bridgewater club was started this year with 29 members. Immediately after becoming organized this new chapter held a fish fry at Hone Quarry with the girls of the home economics class as guests.

The following greenhands were initiated into the club: Ray Hogshead, Junior Anderson, Junior Pope, James Puffenlager, Richard Hogshead, Bruce Pope, Homer Miller, Warren Spilter, Lee Hulvey, Robert Earley, Billy Lee, Virgil Huffman and Warren Shiflet.

The students of the F. F. A. spend one hour a day for two days each week

in shop work where they make many useful as well as attractive articles.

The club is raising money this year by having small dues of five cents per month. Also, each member is making small contributions of either wheat, corn, potatoes, turnips or cash. The club has sent \$5.00 for the purpose of support of the new F. F. A. Camp.

The F. F. A. Club at its last meeting elected Hubert Wise and Richard Hogs head as delegates to the Rockingham Federation meeting. The club is making plans for the annual Father and Son Banquet to be held in the near future.

HUBERT WISE,  
Reporter.

### Activities of F. F. A. Chapter at Churchville.

The Churchville Chapter has been very active for the past six months. Soon after the past six months. Soon after school was out in June the chapter sent a judging team to the rally at Blacksburg Junior Thomas, Denton Layman, Carl Harris, Everette Gilmer and Meredith Leach were the boys on this team.

The chapter held several meetings during the summer, one in the form of an outing at Sherando Lake where games were played and lunch served. Everyone had a good time.

In August a group of Churchville and Beverley Manor F. F. A.'s took a farm tour through the South, visiting thirteen states. This trip was very educational and all of the boys enjoyed it.

In September the chapter put up an exhibit at the county fair which took fourth place. During this month a social was held jointly by the home economics girls and the agriculture boys. This was highly successful and another social was planned for December.

The F. F. A. and the F. H. A. held a Halloween benefit party, proceeds being split between the two departments.

At the September meeting the chapter organized for the year electing the following officers: Meredith Leach, president; Blair Lambert, vice-president; Harold Armstrong, secretary; Edwin Taliaferro, treasurer; Lester Snyder, reporter; Joe Guin, watch dog. There are nine new members in this chapter and twenty-three old members, making a total for the year of thirty-two.

LESTER SNYDER,  
Reporter.

### Father-Son Banquet Sponsored by F. F. A. Held in Danville.

The Whitmell Chapter held its annual father and son banquet at the Hotel Burton in Danville, December 6, at 7:30 P. M. The speakers were headed by Senator Robert Vaden who spoke in high commendation of the new work created at Whitmell by the F. F. A.

The program was opened by Bernard Jones, president of the chapter, who in turn called upon John B. Ramey, Danville attorney and community farmer, to give the Invocation. Edgar Chapin recited the Creed. Members who took part in the regular F. F. A. ceremony, opening the program with the president, were: Calvin Jones, vice-president; Norman Hardy, reporter; Calvin Bryant, treasurer; Reed Mitchell, secretary and Boyd Adkerson, watch dog.

After the meal a series of short speeches were given, culminating in the advisor's presentation of Senator Vaden, the honor guest. Among those called upon to speak were Robert H. Pride, superintendent of Pittsylvania schools; Wayles R. Harrison, vice-president and cashier of the First National Bank and Trust Company; William Carter and I. T. White, representatives of the bank; Marion Saunders, editor of the Danville Register; C. A. Pritchett, president of the Whitmell Farmers Club; Carolyn Tuggle, adviser of the "Whitmell School Citizen"; John B. Ramey, attorney; and club member Harry Carter. J. Powers Pullen, adviser, served as official host.

NORMAN HARDY,  
Reporter.

#### Center Cross Initiates Green Hands.

The Center Cross Chapter held a meeting on December 16, for the purpose of initiating green hands. The boys initiated were: Albin Carlton, Smith Verlander and Early Lankford.

The entertainment committee, composed of Charles Johnson and Mason Harper, furnished a very interesting program of tricks and string music which was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again January 13, 1941.

GUILFORD WARE,  
Reporter.

#### Battlefield Park Plans Weiner Roast.

The regular meeting of the Chapter of Battlefield Park High School was opened Monday, November 25, 1940, by the President, Lynn Martin. The reports of committees followed the reading the minutes. In the orders of the day the chapter decided to send a Christmas basket to a needy family in the community.

The chapter made plans to hold a weiner roast and 'possum hunt on December 5, 1940, at the school, each boy being directed to invite one guest.

ROBERT JOHNSON,  
Reporter.

#### Shorthorn F. F. A. Chapter News.

The Shorthorn Chapter held a regular monthly meeting December 18, 1940. The treasurer's report was given by Charles Bise. Elmer Oakes gave the objectives.

The chapter made plans for a Christmas party and chapter members decided to help five destitute families in the community. This objective was carried out Friday, December 20.

Jokes were given by Charles Oakes, and a boxing bout was staged between Joe Webb and Joe W. Frye with Joe Webb the winner. The meeting was terminated with the regular closing ceremony.

EDWARD PHIPPS,  
Reporter.

#### Fairfax Chapter News.

The Fairfax Chapter held its monthly meeting, November 28, 1940, for the first time under the leadership of the new president, Paul Bowman. Paul Heath, the former president, has been called to active duty with the Marine Reserves. He has been a member of the corps for two years.

The main purpose of the meeting was to determine the names of the boys who were to receive the four purebred Berkshire pigs purchased by the chapter. The three gilts were won by Louis Rodier, Earl O'Bannon and Cofer Proffitt. The board was won by Hugh Stuart, a green hand. These boys will carry these pigs as an enterprise this year. In order to pay for these pigs they are supposed to return two female pigs with registration papers to the chapter next year.

JAMES ROBEY,  
Reporter.

#### Amherst Chapter Confers Degrees.

Over forty members of the Amherst Chapter were awarded pins in either the Future Farmer, Green Hand or Honorary degrees during the fall season.

At the October meeting the second degree initiation was held and sixteen green hands were raised to Future Farmers. Those honored included Harold Alcock, Aubrey Campbell, Clarence Campbell, Warren Campbell, Van Cash, Sammy Ellington, Perkins Faulconer, Harold Huff, Shelton Jennings, Swanson Jones, Lawrence Massie, Willyam Shelton, Earl Stinnett, Morris Thomas and Carroll Tomlin.

The degree of Honorary Future Farmer was conferred upon J. N. Harker, Jr., principal of the Amherst High School, as a special order of business at the November meeting.

First year students are traditionally initiated on the last day before the Christmas holidays by the Amherst Chapter. This year there were about 25 members eligible for the degree.

The chapter has held frequent meetings with good attendance during the fall and feels that a worthwhile program of work is being accomplished.

NAPOLEON MILLER,  
Reporter.

#### Louisa County High School F. F. A. Chapter News.

As a result of studying Field Selection of Seed Corn and its Importance, chapter member Haley Sharp has decided to select his seed corn by this method.

Haley is a hard working fellow and does a great deal of the work on his home farm. Not only is he working hard, but he is putting into practice the things he is learning in school. He hopes to accomplish a great deal in his next two years in agriculture and the remaining portion of this year.

There is plenty of room for seed corn improvement in Louisa County, and the F. F. A. boys are making a drive in this direction.

GEORGE B. LANCASTER,  
Ass't Agriculture Instructor.

#### Shorthorn Chapter.

The Shorthorn Chapter held its regular monthly meeting Monday, December 2, 1940. The main purpose of this meeting was raising ten green hands to the degree of Future Farmers. They were as follows: Sirley, Call, Garnet Chapman, Blaine Cregger, Joe Frye, Stuart Frye, Robert Hubble, Carter Keese, Gene Neal, Frank Taylor and Roy Taylor. The members made plans to go to the Abingdon Tobacco market, Monday, 9th.

EDWARD PHIPPS,  
Reporter.

#### Crozet Chapter News.

The Crozet Chapter held its first meeting of the new school session on September 19. The following officers were elected to serve during the 1940-41 session: Thomas Williams, president; Dan Maupin, secretary; Archer Williams, vice-president; Dan Wood, treasurer; Bob Wyant, reporter; J. B. Jarman, watch dog; Pat Jones, S. C. A. representative; C. W. Miller, adviser.

The initiation ceremony was held October 25. Seven new members were initiated to the green hand degree and eleven boys were raised to the Future Farmer degree.

The chapter has worked on improving the school grounds by cutting and fertilizing grass and shrubs.

BOB WYANT,  
Reporter.

#### Greenwood Chapter News.

The Greenwood Chapter held its first meeting September 18, at which time the following officers were elected: Orville Toms, president; Alfred Dollens, vice-president; James Quick, secretary; Clifton Belew, treasurer; Philip Dollens, reporter; James Showers, watch dog; C. W. Miller, adviser.

A program-of-work committee was formed. Rudolph Foster, Roy Wade and

Junior Kent were selected to serve on this committee.

Nine new members were initiated into the chapter October 25. These boys were: Edwin Critzer, Melvin Critzer, Forest Dudley, John Dudley, Warren Wade, Charles Wheeler, James Fretwell, Junior Kent and Rebert Leftwich.

Total enrollment of the chapter this year is seventeen.

PHILIP DOLLENS,  
Reporter.

#### Berryville Chapter News.

According to their usual custom the members of the Berryville Chapter made Christmas toys this year for unfortunate children. Among the toys made were hobby-horses, wooden trains, animal wagons and various animals. This was a chapter objective for 1940-41. Also, the chapter is planning to repair toys and give to needy children.

An objective of the chapter carried out during the fall was the annual Agriculture Fair, which was highly successful. There were many entries, all of good quality.

DAN ROCOP,  
Reporter.

#### Amelia F. F. A. News.

Twenty green hands were initiated at the November meeting of the Amelia Chapter and 15 green hands were raised to Future Farmers.

Three bulletin cabinets and one notebook cabinet have recently been completed by the chapter members for the chapter class room. Members are now busy selling garden seeds and putting out the first chapter paper.

The chapter has forty regular members this year with an average of 4.5 enterprises per member. The officers for the year are: James Yeatts, president; Emerson Coleman, vice-president; Richard Chumney, secretary; Waldo Dodson, reporter; Wavery Reames, treasurer; Ralph Mills, watch dog; Kenneth Lindsay, adviser; Roscoe Little, chaplain and Elwood Poore, librarian.

WALDO DODSON,  
Reporter.

#### Kempsville F. F. A. Chapter Holds Father and Son aBanquet.

Mr. J. E. Old, assistant principal of Maury High School, was the principal speaker at the first annual father and son banquet given by the Kempsville Chapter on November 27, in the high school lunchroom.

There were over fifty fathers, sons and guests present. The menu consisted of: fruit cocktail, baked chickens, dressing, cranberry sauce, candied yams, pickles, celery, stewed tomatoes and ice cream was prepared by the Home Economics

class. Thanksgiving decorations were used.

Richard Mattox, chapter secretary, gave a report on the chapter accomplishments and the objectives for next year which are as follows:

1. Hold a father and son banquet.
2. Have at least six write-ups in Chapter Chats.
3. Beautifying school grounds.
4. Pay expenses for judging team to Blacksburg.
5. Chapter basketball team.
6. Have at least two educational tours.
7. Improve shop equipment.
8. Local judging contest; six judging trips.
9. Have meetings second Tuesday of each month and called meetings.
10. Teach parliamentary law in chapter.
11. Have articles for every edition of "News Letter."
12. Have joint picnic with Home Economics Class.
13. Get picture of Washington and Jefferson; ear of corn.

Chauncey Krahenbill told the group what Vocational Agriculture meant to him.

Mr. J. G. Roberts, chapter adviser, made a brief talk in which he stated that there were 21 boys carrying a total of 74 enterprises enrolled in agriculture last year and that this year it is believed that this figure will be increased.

Melvin Hughes served as toastmaster.

The following were present: Mr. F. W. Cox, county superintendent; Mr. F. L. Fentress, principal; Mr. C. H. Moore, school coach; Mr. F. Downing, district supervisor of agriculture education; Mr. L. H. Jackson, member of the school board; Mr. J. E. Old of Maury High School; Mr. H. H. Ozlin, county agent.

JOHN BAUM,  
Reporter.

#### Blue Ridge F. F. A. Chapter News.

The following officers were elected by the Blue Ridge Chapter for the 1940-41 session: Henry Camper, president; Curtis Wheeler, vice-president; James Rice, secretary; Harry Bell Mundy, treasurer; C. D. Lipes, reporter; John Hammit, watch dog; L. J. Keith, adviser.

Fifteen freshmen were given the green hand initiation at the regular monthly meeting November 5.

C. D. LIPES,  
Reporter.

#### Meriwether Lewis Chapter News.

The Meriwether Lewis Chapter has been very active since the new session of school opened. In September the chapter helped to sponsor the Community Fair. A large number of the exhibits were won by them. The fair was the most successful ever held at Meriwether Lewis.

The chapter set up its objectives in October. Leadership, cooperative buying and selling, thrift, scholarship, wholesome recreation and home and school improvement were stressed in formulating these objectives.

At the October meeting the chapter appropriated \$40.00 for the purchase of shop equipment. A drill press and shaper attachment together with a motor have been ordered. This purchase will greatly improve the shop.

The chapter, in cooperation with the school P. T. A., has made some improvements in the school basement. The ceiling of the basement has been sealed with sheet calk and it will be painted in the near future. The school and P. T. A. furnished the material and the F. F. A. boys have done all the labor. A candy store was built near the agriculture department.

W. B. Haney, president of the chapter, was recently elected president of the FLAG Federation.

During the Thanksgiving holidays the chapter sponsored a dance at the Farmington Hunting Club. The dance was well attended and the chapter cleared about \$18.00.

The chapter made plans to repair toys for needy children at Christmas.

GARLAND MAUPIN,  
Reporter.

#### Slash Cottage Chapter News.

The Slash Cottage Chapter, in accordance with 1940-41 objectives, collected and repaired toys for the poor and needy children of the community. This work was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys in the chapter.

The chapter made plans to give a movie in order to raise funds for the annual father and son banquet.

PHILIP ANDERSON,  
Reporter.

#### Max Meadows Chapter News.

The Max Meadows Chapter has made plans to conduct its first group enterprise, a feeding experiment with two pigs of the same sex.

These hogs were to be put on feed the first of the year, one of them to be fed on corn and water and one on corn, water and Purina hog chow. The pigs were to weigh from forty to sixty pounds apiece at the beginning of the enterprise, which was to end in ninety days. The chapter plans to sell chances on one of the pigs and sell the other.

REPORTER.

#### Thomas Walker Chapter News.

Members of the Thomas Walker Chapter have held meetings every two weeks during the fall. At the first meeting, held soon after school opened, a program of work was formulated and chapter offi-

cers for the year were chosen as follows: Kermit Taylor, president; Jess Giles, vice-president; Claude Neff, secretary; Arnold Saylor, treasurer; Kirkland Bales, reporter; Earl Baker, farm watch dog. The Thomas Walker Chapter has 42 members enrolled this year.

On October 20 the members of the chapter went on a field trip to the W. W. Willis farm. The purpose of the trip was to attend a tobacco grading demonstration, to learn about grading tobacco and preparing it for market. The Federal grader instructed the boys, when grading tobacco, not to face the light but to turn the back to the light, to sort the plants according to size in order to facilitate the grading, and to keep in mind three important points when stripping tobacco. These points, he said, were size of leaf, color and texture. The boys of the chapter have spent considerable time in writing up project plans to be used as references in doing their supervisor practice work.

The Thomas Walker Chapter is to get a new building this year. This building, according to a recent report, will cost more than \$5,000 and will be located on the west side of the new Thomas Walker High School. The building will be 82 feet long and 31 feet wide and will have in it an office, lavatory, farm shop and classroom.

Kenneth Davis, Rufus Jaynes and Warren Manning, last year members of the Rose Hill and Ewing F. F. A. Chapters, paid a visit recently to the Thomas Walker Chapter. Kenneth expects to be a farmer and is now making plans to purchase some land. He was president of the Lee County Federation last year. Rufus Jaynes is in a C. C. C. Camp near Washington, D. C., at the present time. Warren Manning has enlisted in the U. S. Army for a three-year period and is located at Fort Thomas, Ky.

The chapter members of Ewing and Rose Hill assisted last year in the planting of two gardens for the lunch rooms for the two grade schools. The work of spraying and cultivating was done by Jeff Pillion. The women in the two lunch rooms have canned approximately 2,000 cans of fruits and vegetables to furnish food for the underprivileged children of the two schools. Fifty-four bushels of potatoes were raised for the lunch project.

KIRKLAND BALES,  
Reporter.

#### Stephens City F. F. A. Chapter News.

The Stephens City Chapter owns six purebred Poland China pigs and, at the last regular meeting, the members voted to purchase a purebred Poland-China boar. These pigs are raised by members of the chapter; when the gilts farrow the raiser gives three pigs to the chapter and

the sow then becomes his own personal property. The chapter planned at the January meeting to organize an independent Purebred Swine Breeder's Club, with membership limited to owners of purebred swine.

The chapter room is being decorated with new shades and pictures of the various breeds of livestock. Twenty-five new reference books are being purchased by the chapter.

The chapter planned a social for the night of January 10, each member to bring his best girl. A number of games were prepared and a good time, with a one hundred per cent attendance, was expected.

FRANKLIN BRUMBACK,  
Reporter.

#### News of Middleton Chapter.

At the December meeting the chapter organized a Purebred Swine Breeders Club with Malcolm Brumback as president and Gervis Grim as secretary. The membership in this club is limited to those members of the chapter owning purebred hogs of any breed. When any member purchases a purebred hog he is then entitled to membership.

The chapter treasurer, Gervie Grim, purchased a pair of Spalding boxing gloves for the chapter. The members of the chapter are practicing for the F. F. A. Boxing Meet to be held at the Northern Triangle Federation meeting in February. Middletown has for an objective, to sponsor a boxing meet, and this objective will be carried out in February.

A party was held by the chapter in November. The members brought their girls and everyone enjoyed a real time. One feature on the evening's entertainment was a good "ole-time square dance."

ARTHUR SHIPE,  
Reporter.

#### Heathsville Chapter News.

The Heathsville Chapter held its regular meeting on January 7, at 7:30 P. M. The meeting was opened by the president with the usual ceremony. The secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved.

A motion was made and approved to appoint a committee to attend to the Northern Neck Federation objectives which were assigned to this chapter. These objectives are: sponsor Federation out-of-state trip, and to sponsor Federation broadcast over Station WRVA. The committee appointed by the chapter to carry out these objectives was composed of these boys: Richard Dawson, J. D. Krentz and Ethridge Winstead.

The Home Economics girls and the F. F. A. boys are putting on a three-act play, "Sunbonnet Jane of Sycamore Lane," sometime in February. Mr. Booker, the agriculture instructor, gave the

chapter information to the effect that the play was well under way.

A motion was made and approved that the secretary invite the Chilean Nitrate representative, John W. Watson, to put on a movie for the agriculture boys.

After the regular closing ceremony refreshments were served and the chapter enjoyed a boxing match.

J. D. KRENTZ,  
Reporter.

#### McGaheysville Chapter News.

The boys of the McGaheysville Chapter and the home economics girls donated baskets to three worthy families at Christmas. The baskets were made up of toys, dolls, clothing, fruit, candy, groceries, etc.

Plans are now being made by the chapter for a "chick project" which is being sponsored by the Checkerboard Store. Fifty chicks will be placed in two battery brooders in the classroom. One purpose of the experiment is to find out if the Purina-fed chicks are superior to ordinary certified chicks. Records of weights at different ages, amounts of feed consumed, and costs will be recorded by the boys.

The Pest Eradication Campaign is well under way. Results of many pests killed are being brought in daily. The boys are also assisting with the County Rat Campaign, which is being sponsored by the Ruritan Clubs, the county agent, vocational teachers and the F. F. A. boys. The boys will help to distribute the bait, and ten points will be allowed on the Pest Eradication Campaign for each pound of bait distributed.

JOHN DOVEL,  
Reporter.

#### Port Republic Chapter News.

One of the objectives of the boys of the chapter is to buy and sell products cooperatively. The boys are now placing their orders for certified Maine grown potatoes and garden seed. The potatoes are ordered in car load lots from Maine by the Rockingham Federation. The garden seed orders are bought from Southern States Cooperative through the local Farm Bureau.

The boys, along with the Home Economics girls, helped a number of needy families at Christmas by sending them baskets containing toys, fruit, candy, dolls, groceries, etc. The toys that were brought in were repaired in the shop by the boys, while the girls dressed the dolls. Everyone was made happier by thus sharing with others.

Hundreds of pests are being destroyed as a result of the chapter pest eradication campaign and war on rats staged in the county. The boys are assisting with both of these projects in a nice way. Daily the boys are bringing in heads, tails, feet

and "scent," or other evidences of pests killed.

Prizes are being offered to the first, second and third high boys in the pest eradication campaign.

LINCOLN RAYNES,  
Reporter.

#### Washington-Henry F. F. A. News.

At the regular meeting of the Washington-Henry Chapter, August 26, Joe Tate was elected president. Joe was vice-president last year. Johnny Rice was elected this year's vice-president, and the other officers elected were as follows: Calvin Hughes, secretary; Charles Crump, treasurer; Winston West, reporter; William Hazlegrove, watch dog; Forrest Madison, first conductor; James Morrison, second conductor.

Seven major objectives were set up for the year. Each boy in the chapter is on at least one committee to see that the objectives are accomplished.

The chapter was host to the Richmond F. F. A. Federation on Wednesday afternoon, September 18, at 3 o'clock, for their regular meeting. Johnnie Rice, vice-president of the Washington-Henry Chapter, was elected president of the Richmond Federation.

The chapter held its informal initiation for "Greenhands" on Monday, October 8, at 8:00 p. m., at which time twelve freshmen were initiated. The formal initiation for the twelve "Greenhands" was held before the December meeting of the P. T. A. in the high school auditorium.

The Washington-Henry agricultural department is one of the oldest in the State of Virginia, and well deserves a new, modern, up-to-date building. Thanks to NYA and the Hanover School Board for their cooperation, the new building is now under way, and it is hoped that it will be completed before school closes this season. The building will be of cinder block, brick veneer construction, 31 by 82½ feet in size. It is being constructed after the latest plans drawn up by the Virginia State Agricultural Department.

WINSTON WEST,  
Reporter.

#### King George Chapter News.

At the September meeting the King George Chapter elected the following officers: Russell Mothershead, president; Horace Ashton, vice president; Ralph McDaniel, secretary; Keith Lee, treas-

urer; Dorsey Gregan, Farm watch dog; Ogle Henderson, reporter; J. F. Coleman, adviser.

At the second chapter meeting, a program of work was set up. The chapter decided to put on a play to raise funds, to buy supplies cooperatively, to help improve the school grounds, to conduct a Junior Cow Test Association, to send five boys to the State Camp, to take a farm tour and to put on a Father-Son banquet.

Some of the members of the chapter entered grain at the Northern Neck Fair, and two of the boys won first prizes with corn, Merle McGinniss with white corn, and Russell McGinniss with yellow corn.

The November meeting was given over to the initiation of "Greenhands," the following boys receiving bronze pins: Carl Pressley, James Dishman, William Minter, Junior Allensworth, Clifton Jenkins, Alvin Bandy, Nick Stone, Everett Morgan and Howard Marshall.

OGLE HENDERSON,  
Reporter.

#### Toms Brook F. F. A. Fathers and Sons Meet.

The Toms Brook Chapter held a Father and Son "get-together" in the school auditorium on Wednesday, December 4, with one hundred per cent of the boys present. Nine out of fourteen dads attended.

The meeting was called to order by the president. After the opening ceremony, he gave a brief talk, welcoming the guests and giving the purpose of the meeting. Everyone was then led in a group sing with "the More We Get Together" and "God Bless America."

Highlights of the program were as follows: Poem, Be a Dad"; purpose of the F. F. A.; music, accordion solo; accomplishments of the F. F. A.; objectives to the present time; objectives for the rest of the year; My Four-Year Training Program; My Trip to Kansas City.

Refreshments were served after the closing ceremony. The parents were taken to the workshop and shown some of the facilities available. Several games were then played.

WAYNE HOTTEL,  
Reporter.

#### Strasburg F. F. A. News.

The Strasburg Chapter held a father and son meeting in their new chapter room on December 16. The purpose of this meeting was to show to fathers and some leading citizens the activities accomplished and those planned by the chapter. Business such as the shooting match and corn shucking contest was transacted. The usual opening and closing ceremonies were used.

Several chapter members gave short

talks explaining various parts of the chapter's activities for the year. Boys who spoke on the program were Eugene Eastep, Jack English, Jack Garrett and John Pangle. Several invited guests made brief remarks. A plate lunch was served with the assistance of several of the boys' mothers and the home economics department.

The chapter and its guests thoroughly enjoyed this informal type of get-together as a change from the usual father and son banquet.

A shooting match was sponsored by the chapter on December 21, with a profit of about \$5.00. A corn husking contest was also held by the chapter to raise funds.

DOUGLAS MOWERY,  
Reporter.

#### Dublin Chapter News.

The Dublin Chapter attended a feed grinding demonstration Monday, November 4, at T. M. Painter's farm. At this demonstration ear corn, wheat, barley, shelled corn and rye were ground to different degrees of fineness. The rate of grinding per hour and cost per bushel were computed and a copy given to each boy to take home.

Table making has had an important place in the shop this fall. Four tables have been made for the library, a reading table for two classrooms, and two ping-pong tables for the recreation room.

The regular November meeting of the chapter was held at 7:30 P. M., November 19, at which time the following green hands were initiated: Joe Bowman, Howard Burroughs, Clarence Carden, Billy Carter, Albert Cruft, Ed. Childress, Cecil Dalton, Homer Davis, Elden Dalton, Julius Farmer, Harlan Gollihue, Garland Hill, Richard Hurst, Charles Lindsey, Boyd Morris, J. R. Morris, Jr., Calvin Nester, Irvin Painter, Harry Smith, Tom Stilwell and Lee Young.

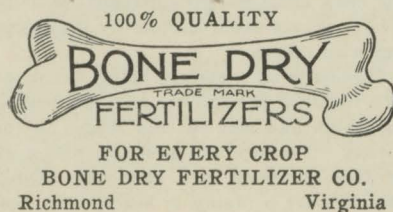
The Home Economics girls met the same night to initiate their new members. When the business for the evening had been finished both groups met in the Home Economics building where delicious refreshments were served by the girls.

FRANKLIN HUBBLE,  
Reporter.

#### Spottswood Chapter News.

The Cyrus H. McCormick Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its annual initiation November 29, in the chapter room. There were six freshmen initiated, with the regular initiation ceremony and special stunts afterward.

The B. A. R. Federation Corn Husking contest was sponsored by the Spottswood Chapter November 12, 1940. At this contest nine F. F. A. chapters were represented, each with five contestants. The total corn husked in one hour by 45 boys



was 109 barrels. The contest was judged by three agriculture teachers, and on the following basis: 50 percent for amount of corn husked and 50 percent for cleanliness; this included fodder free from corn, bundles tied tight, cleaned up around shock, corn piled up nicely, ribbons and silk off of corn and fodder piled correctly.

The three high individuals in the contest received the following prizes: 1st—F. F. A. jacket; 2nd—F. F. A. belt and buckle; 3rd—watch fob. The winning team received a plaque. The results were as follows: first five high chapters—1st—Stuarts Draft; 2nd—New Hope; 3rd—Beverly Manor; 4th—Millboro; 5th—Mt. Sidney.

The ten high boys were: 1st—Junior Cash, Stuarts Draft; 2nd—Waldo Whistelman, New Hope; 3rd—Ray Bruebeck, Mt. Sidney; 4th—Richard Duham, Millboro; 5th—Luther Tankesley, Beverly Manor; 6th—Rowan Brooks, Spottswood; 7th—Alfred Cash, Stuarts Draft; 8th—L. F. Crickenberger, New Hope; 9th—Lewis Miller, Beverly Manor; 10th—Tie between Malcolm Deeds, Millboro and Charles Bradley, Spottswood and Peyton Lotts, Middlebrook. The high boy shucked in one hour, 3½ barrels.

A thrift bank was started by Spottswood Chapter November 15. This bank is making great progress because all members are cooperating.

The objectives for the coming year have been drawn up and placed in the chapter room.

The Spottswood Chapter was honored in having Hunter Earhart elected as B. A. R. treasurer. Political speeches by Beryl Harris of Spottswood greatly helped to elect Hunter.

The Spottswood Chapter was represented at the Tri-County Grain Show by three members, acting as team, judging crops.

The Spottswood Chapter decided to keep a scrap book this year. In this book will be the following: objectives, pictures of chapter room, shop, officers, judging team, track team, corn husking team, basketball teams of F. F. A. members, of the Spottswood Chapter crops which will be grown cooperatively during the summer, degree team and other activities.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1940, the F. F. A. boys presented a movie, "The Secret Valley." There was an approximate attendance of 115. The ones who attended said that it was the best picture ever showed by F. F. A. boys. Proceeds from the picture went to the chapter treasury.

In January the chapter will give the school a free educational movie.

The Spottswood F. F. A. chapter entertained the Home Economics girls with a Christmas party December 20, 1940.

The Spottswood Chapter members received the following awards at the Tri-County Grain Show which was held at Beverly Manor November 30: Charlie Cash, 2nd, best 10 ears of white corn; John Lee Koogler, 4th, best 10 ears of white corn; Charlie Cash, 2nd, best single ear of white corn; Allen Cash, 3rd, best single ear of white corn; Hunter Earhart, 3rd, best peck of rye.

The members of the Spottswood Chapter have been working together instead of working for themselves; by this way of work the Spottswood Chapter has been very successful in every thing that they have tried this year.

ROWAN BROOKS,  
Reporter.

#### Floyd F. F. A. Activities.

The Floyd Chapter held its regular meeting January 10. Plans were discussed for the father and son banquet to be held in the spring.

The chapter has been preparing for the grain show to be held at Willis, the winners there to go to Abington. Floyd's three representatives are Edward Slusher, Frederick Harman and Robert Sumpter.

The new shop that everyone has been looking forward to is now under way. The foundation has been dug and the workers are ready to start pouring cement as soon as the weather permits. This building is to cost \$5,000, and is provided with \$1,500 of new tools consisting of cold and hot metal work.

The Welfare Committee prepared three baskets of food for the needy at Christmas, and the Beta Club in cooperation with the F. F. A. sponsored a community Christmas tree.

At the last chapter meeting, "thrift" was discussed, in order to get each member interested in starting a savings account. Mrs. Morgan, of the People's Bank of Floyd, explained the purpose and ways of conducting a thrift bank. She cleverly showed that the proper time to start a savings account was as a young person.

The Floyd Chapter recently purchased a new chapter room banner which adds greatly to the appearance of the chapter room.

FRED DICKERSON,  
Reporter.

#### Broadway Chapter News.

The Broadway Chapter held regular meetings on December 16 and January 9. At the December meeting the chapter appointed a committee to take care of the things donated by chapter members for certain needy cases in the county. At the January meeting it was planned to hold the Future Farmers' ceremony for raising the green hands to the Future Farmer degree on January 16. Boys possessing qualifications for receiving

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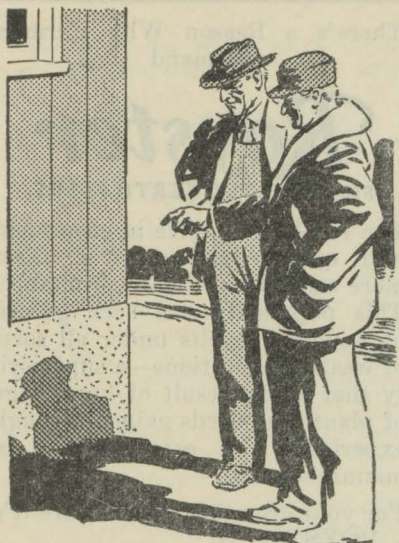
The chapter is planning to organize a degree team and work on this is going to begin in the near future.

WARREN WILL,  
Reporter.

#### Robert E. Lee Chapter News.

The Robert E. Lee Chapter will have several new pieces of equipment in their shop when the boys go into it next spring for their six weeks of shop work. The equipment has been ordered and some of it has already been received. A steel lathe, band saw, large cut-off saw, electric welder and a number of hand tools were included in the order.

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GARLAND GARRETTE,  
Reporter.

**Smithfield Chapter News.**

The supervised practice work of the Smithfield Chapter has been considerably strengthened by a contribution from one of the local meat packers. P. D. Gwaltney, Jr. & Co., long famous as producers of high quality Smithfield hams and the oldest local packers in the business, recently donated seven pure bred Hampshire gilts and two boars to the chapter to be distributed among the members. One of the boars has an unusual line of breeding back of him and will belong to the entire chapter.

The members of the chapter sent many exhibits to the Isle of Wight County Fair in October. They also helped put up the F. F. A. educational booth at the fair.

The chapter expects to sponsor a wrestling team again during the winter and has already scheduled meets with other schools.

EVERETTE JONES,  
Reporter.

**Slash Cottage Distributes Toys.**

Members of the Slash Cottage Chapter collected, repaired and distributed toys again this year. This has been a project carried out by the Ashland F. F. A. boys for several years. This is the first F. F. A. chapter in the State and perhaps in the nation, to carry out a similar project. Approximately 400 toys are repaired and distributed each Christmas. The chapter members also give a basket of food, clothes and toys to one needy family at Christmas.

**Lawrenceville Chapter News.**

Fourteen new members were initiated into the green hand degree of the Lawrenceville High School F. F. A. Chapter, at a recent meeting, at which John Raney, president, presided.

According to J. M. Huffman, instructor, the class now numbers thirty-six boys, who are doing splendid work and are carrying the required number of projects. The new members are: Ben Malone, Jr., Edward New, James Newman, Carlton Mitchell, Elton High, Jasper Mitchell, Alwyn Abernathy, Mac Abernathy, Francis Cansler, Jimmy Rogers, J. M. Wilson, Jr., Walter Browder, Wilson Wright and Farrar Pace.

REPORTER.

**News from the Legume Chapter.**

The Legume Chapter met in the agriculture building of Chase City High School the night of Friday, December 13.

Twenty-seven boys were initiated as green hands. While the travel of these students through the lanes and buildings of a "run down" farm was not very agreeable to them at the time, it is hoped that the lesson they learned in this journey will cause them to keep the gates and buildings on their home farms repaired and keep the tools in place and not scatter them around the barnyard.

J. D. MULLINS,  
Secretary.

**Botetourt Chapter Initiates Green Hands.**

At the regular monthly meeting of the Future Farmers of America of Botetourt High School, 13 green hands were initiated into the F. F. A. Club, having met the qualifications set up by the officers of the club, which are: knowing the purpose of the organization; select three or more enterprises; pay all dues; attend chapter meetings; list the qualifications for successful farming; start a savings account; make at least 80 on F. F. A. examinations; learn the F. F. A. creed; invest \$25.00 in farming; give a four-minute talk before the class; hold good conduct standing; take part in the school activities; and have a balanced farm program.

The group initiated were: Jas. Bailey, Richard Clements, Frances Fary, Hamilton Hall, Maxwell Hall, Gerald Hopkins, Cecil Leigh, Boyd Lyell, Wilson Moore, Jimmie Nuttall, Harry Soles, Virginus Stubblefield and Jack Thrift.

A meeting of the chapter was planned for December 2, when plans were made for Christmas baskets to be given to needy families.

**Middlebrook F. F. A. Meets.**

On Friday, November 12, the F. F. A. Chapter of Middlebrook High School met in the classroom. The meeting was opened with the regular opening ceremony and the roll call showed twenty-three members present.

After the minutes were read and approved, orders of the day were read. The first was a report from the treasurer, Wayne Shultz, which showed \$17.87 in the treasury.

The second order was a report from the delegates who went to the B. A. R. meeting at Milboro Monday night, November 11. The report given by Sammie Gagan and Lovelace Puglisi, told of the profit and quality obtained when buying certified seed potatoes cooperatively through the B. A. R. organization. They also told of buying cooperatively garden seed and hybrid seed corn, both of which are of very good quality.

Mr. Wright then explained the seed and grain show which was held at Beverly Manor, November 30. Any F. F. A. member who had outstanding seeds or grains exhibited them at this show.

Judging teams from each chapter judged the seeds and grain, and the one having the highest score received an award.

The next order was reports of various committees. The first committee reporting was the objective committee, of which B. B. Hanger was the chairman. He reported that the objectives for the coming year had been drawn up and would be put on the bulletin board as soon as adopted. The next committee was the initiation committee, of which Robert Yeago was chairman. He reported that the initiation ceremony had been prepared but that the initiation had been delayed because the pens had not yet been received.

The initiation was set for November 29.

The next report was given by the chairman of the refreshment committee, John Stump. He reported on the cost of the refreshments served at the B. A. R. meeting here.

Next was a report of the scrap book committee, which was given by John Stump. He reported that nothing had yet been done but that the scrap book would be started immediately.

The meeting was then adjourned until the next regular meeting.

ROBERT YEAGO, Jr.,  
Reporter.

#### Amherst Green Hands Initiated.

Initiation of 24 green hands, plans for annual F. F. A.-Home Economics dance and the father and son banquet were highlights of the mid-winter activities of the Amherst Chapter.

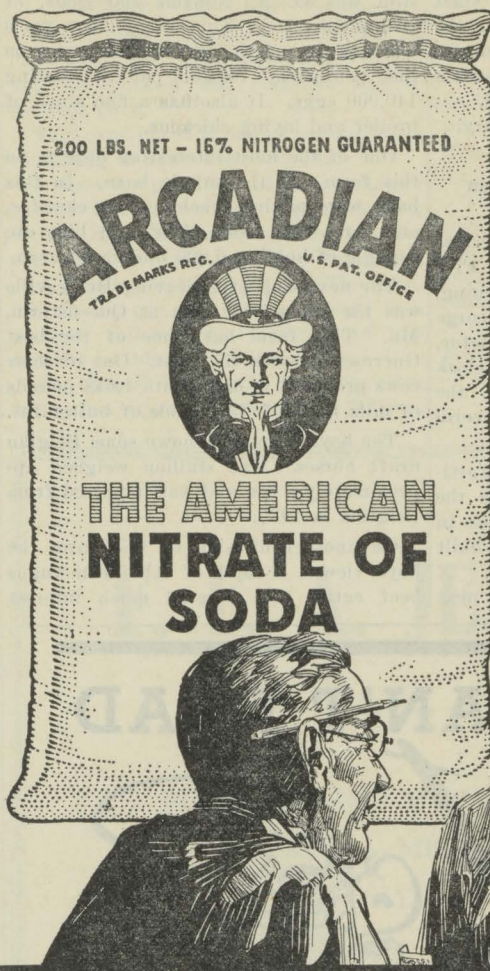
The freshman initiation was held on the last day before the Christmas holidays as has been the custom ever since the chapter was organized. In addition to the regular ritual the candidates were subjected to an entire day in getting acquainted with F. F. A. ideals. Those inducted into the chapter included Richard Beard, Emmette Burley, Edward Campbell, George Calkins, Harry Eubank, Bernard Floyd, Thomas Gannaway, John Howell, Edwin Hudson, Everett Hudson, Elburn Land, Henry Lawhorne, Joseph Massie, Earl Mays, Melvin and Wilmer Ogden, Samuel Peters, Edward Rife, Lawrence Staples, Dudley Thomas, Linwood Turner, Carlton Walker, William Watts and Robert Wilsher.

At the January meeting it was decided to hold the annual dance on February 7. The Home Economics department will cooperate in this event.

The father and son banquet will be held on February 21.

Other activities, which are making the season a busy one, include the showing of the picture, "The Green Hand," participation in the State Seed and Grain Show, and the Hub Federation program of work.

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#### Blackstone News.

The Blackstone Chapter has done much to improve and beautify their agriculture building and grounds this year. The landscape plan was drawn last year and placed on the bulletin board. The chapter planned to develop this plan in five years, but the job has been completed in less than one year.

Members planted 75 shrubs on the grounds in keeping with the plan, and seeded the lawn. Some of the shrubs were given by people in the community,

but most of them were bought from a nursery at a cost of \$40.00.

The Blackstone Chapter has also taken in quite a bit of money from work done by its members. Twenty dollars was earned for building four wagon bodies and a trailer for farmers in the community. The chapter helped to install a new automatic bell system in the school, which an electrician estimated would cost \$125.00. The job cost \$40.00. A Rustic sign has been built for the Nottoway County library for which \$10.70 was received.

The chapter members plan to start work on a new walk leading from the high school building to the Agriculture building as soon as the weather permits

IRVIN THOMAS,  
Secretary.

#### Groseclose Chapter Spends Day on Farm Tour.

On Friday, November 1, the Groseclose Chapter held its annual farm tour. Five members, James Ames, Parks Downing, Holland Scott, Carroll Ames and George Ames, accompanied by their instructor, John Badger, left about eight o'clock from Franktown and journeyed up the shore. Their object was to visit several farms on the Delmarva Peninsula.

A farm owned by the Standard Fertilizer Company near Horntown was the first one visited. This farm specializes in Duroc-Berkshire hogs, but also has built up a herd of approximately 36 cows.

Leaving Horntown the group's next

stop was O. A. Newton and Sons, at Bridgeville, Del. This is a poultry farm and has one of the largest hatcheries on the peninsula, capable of incubating 140,000 eggs. It also has a fine stock of broiler and laying chickens.

One of the most interesting objects on this farm was the supply barn. In this barn were mixing machines, an elevator, and three corn bins. The corn bins are capable of holding 6,000 bushels of corn.

The next stop after leaving Bridgeville was the Blakeford farm at Queenstown, Md. This farm has some of the best Guernsey cows in the East. One of their cows produced in one month 1,618 pounds of milk and 106.83 pounds of butter fat.

The boys were also shown some Belgian draft horses. One stallion weighed approximately a ton and was imported from Belgium in 1935.

On another division of this farm the boys viewed a herd of Aberdeen-Angus beef cattle that created much interest

among the party. This being the last stop the party headed for home after having spent and enjoyed a most profitable day.

G. K. AMES,  
Reporter.

#### Lincoln Grain and Seed Show.

The Lincoln Grain and Seed Show was held January 16 and Bonnie Graham and Robert Laycock of Lincoln were top prize winners. The Home Economic department had 129 exhibits, the largest display by this department in the history of the show. The agriculture department had 161 exhibits.

The judges for the agriculture classes were Mr. D. J. Howard, assistant state supervisor of agriculture and Mr. S. J. Grubb, extension worker in agriculture, V. P. I., Blacksburg, Va. Judges for the Home Economic classes were Mrs. William T. Smith and Mrs. Albert Hoopes.

Schools participating in the agriculture classes were Round Hill, Ashburn, Lovettsville, Herndon and Lincoln. Those participating in the Home Economics classes were Lovettsville, Leesburg and Lincoln. A grand prize for the student winning the greatest number of prizes was awarded to Robert Laycock of Lincoln, who made seven entries and won six prizes, three of which were first prizes. The prize was donated by Mrs. T. J. Hatcher, Purcellville, Va. Bonnie Graham, Lincoln, was the highest winner in the Home Economics classes and second in the show. She entered six exhibits and won six prizes, two of which were first prizes.

The \$3.00 prize offered by the Piedmont Federation for the judging contest was won by the Lincoln Chapter with a team score of 920 points out of the possible 1,200. G. G. Titus led the team with 330 points, Nathan Compher was second with 315 points, and Edwin Potts was third with 275 points. Lovettsville was second; Herndon, third; Ashburn, fourth; Round Hill, fifth. Walter Duncan, Lovettsville, was the high scoring individual with a score of 355 points out of a possible 400.

The county band furnished music during the program in the afternoon. Other events on the program were: a welcome by Mr. A. O. Hutton, Lincoln principal; a monologue by Gloria McDonough; a speech by Bill Eynon; and the awarding of the premiums.

Seventeen exhibits shown in the Lincoln grain show by the Lincoln F. F. A. was sent on to the State Seed Show.

HUGH TIFFANY,  
Reporter.

#### Disputanta Seed Show.

The seed show was held January 16 in the agriculture building. Thirteen

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classes of seed and eggs were exhibited. In the following classifications, first, second and third prizes were won by the boys in the order named:

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Yellow Corn—C. D. Abernathy, Joseph Chudoba and Johnnie Sebera.

Jumbo Peanuts—C. D. Abernathy, Emmitt Bresko and Daniel Varga.

Virginia Peanuts—Freddie Pollock, Jimmie Chudoba and Joseph Chudoba.

Spanish Peanuts—Bobby Minor, C. D. Abernathy and Albert Kaleyta.

Barley—John Ben Varga, Daniel Petik and Daniel Varga.

Wheat—Daniel Varga, C. D. Abernathy and Emmitt Bresko.

Soybeans (large)—Emmitt Bresko, Jimmie Chudoba and Freddie Pollock.

Soybeans (small)—Paul Moncol, Kenneth Figg and C. C. Abernathy.

Lespedeza—Stanley Harrison, Joseph Chudoba and Jimmie Chudoba.

Irish Potatoes—Joseph Chudoba, Bobby Minor and Hargrave Williams.

Sweet Potatoes—Hargrave Williams and Frank Orrell.

Cow Peas—C. D. Abernathy, Emmitt Bresko and John Chezik.

White Eggs—Paul Moncol, George Varga and Hargrave Williams.

Brown Eggs—John Moncol, Joseph

The exhibits showed careful selection and many were sent to the State Grain and Seed Show, held at Abingdon on January 30 and 31.

JOHN CHEZIK,  
Reporter.

#### Lancaster Chapter.

The D. S. Lancaster Chapter of Blacksburg held their fourth meeting in the agriculture hall January 28. The purpose of this meeting was to put into effect the duties of different committees. The committees were: wildlife, arrangement recreation, program, ways and means and objectives. All of the committee reports were adopted.

On January 23 the crop judging teams from Blacksburg and Riner High School held a preliminary contest in the agriculture building at Blacksburg to determine which team would represent Montgomery County in the State Grain and Seed Show to be held at Abingdon January 31. The Blacksburg team won by a margin of two points.

The Riner team included Kermit Graham, Guy Duncan and Eugene Simmons. The Blacksburg team included Marvin Lawrence, Kenneth McCauley and Bruce Scaggs. The classes were judged by Mr. A. M. West, former teacher of agriculture at Haysi, Va., who is working on a master degree in Vocational Education at V. P. I.

HARRISON HARMON,  
Reporter.

#### Cabbage Chapter Experiments.

The Cabbage Chapter is conducting an experiment with two pigs in order to find out the quickest and cheapest way to produce pork.

This experiment is one of several being conducted in Southwest Virginia.

A feed company furnished the chapter enough food to feed one pig by feeding Purina Hog Chow supplemented by corn and the other pig which is being fed corn supplemented by chop. The feeding of the one pig corn and chop is a practice followed by majority of the farmers in this community.

The chapter invites the public to come to see this experiment often and believes

that those who come will benefit by learning the cheapest way to produce pork. The experiment is being conducted at the barn on the school grounds. Visitors are asked to estimate as what the pigs will weigh at the end of the 90 days. Blanks are being furnished by the chapter.

The chapter is planning to start a baby chick enterprise soon. Three hundred baby chicks will be raised for broilers under an electric brooder in the agriculture shop. The broilers will be sold on the eastern market and the proceeds given the chapter treasurer.

QUINTON CREGER,  
Reporter.

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#### Pleasant Hill News.

Mr. Sam Ferguson, agriculture instructor of Pleasant Hill High School, called a meeting January 25 in the agriculture building to discuss selective cuttings and the seed tree method of handling forest. Mr. Gooch and Mr. Johnson of the Forestry Department,

Chesapeake Corporation, were present and presented to the group slides relating to the management of forest. They emphasized the proper way to select trees that should be taken out and also a thorough description of the seed trees which should be left after we make our cuttings. Mr. Ferguson plans to call

several meetings in the near future to discuss other agricultural problems.

The chapter members are beginning the construction of hot beds and cold frames as a means of getting out early plants this year. Last year the school garden, under the direction of Mr. Ferguson, made it possible for the ladies working in the lunch room to can about 900 quarts of vegetables. Mr. Ferguson said by the use of the hot beds and cold frames earlier plants, better plants, and a larger variety of plants can be had at a lower cost. The F. F. A. boys are also working out the fertility and lime requirements of the soil along with the recommended varieties of various vegetables.

The 35 agricultural boys taking shop work one hour each day are showing much improvement said Mr. Ferguson. At the present time the boys are making chicken feeders, tables, book cases, smoking stands, fire pokers, medicine cabinets, first aid kits, step ladders, single trees, double bars, axe handles, and many other things. They recently completed a ping pong table to be used by the high school.

In addition to the high school boys studying shop work, boys from the fifth, sixth and seventh grades get in two hours per week working with the tools.

THOMAS CARLTON,  
 Reporter.

#### Washington-Henry Club Holds Meeting.

The Washington-Henry Chapter held its regular meeting January 20. There were 12 members present. The discussion was led by the adviser on “planning the Home Garden,” which will be completed at the next meeting, February 3. After the business meeting, there was a basketball practice with the high school team. The chapter expects to play a return game with Beaverdam on Wednesday night, January 22, at Washington-Henry High School. On January 7 Washington-Henry lost to Beaverdam by a score of 45-42.

REPORTER.

#### Jackets for Mathews Chapter.

The members of the Mathews Chapter of Future Farmers have received jackets purchased for the members, and have set up regulations regarding their being worn. The jackets will be left at school. The jackets may be worn to basketball games or on day of chapter meeting by officers. Any Future Farmer member may wear jacket to Federation meetings, rallies, Father and Son banquets, judging contests and similar functions, except when the weather is unfavorable. These jackets will not be worn by any member while at play or working in the shop.

REPORTER.