

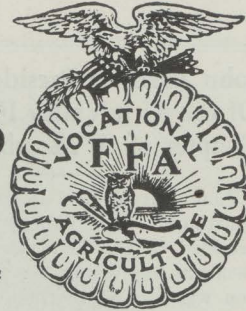


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Future Farmers Active In Lynchburg Show

Post New Records for Entries and Attendance

Future Farmers of America from 14 southside Virginia counties figured prominently in the activities of the tenth annual Lynchburg Farm Show held in the Lynchburg Municipal Stadium, October 2-3. The Lynchburg Farm Show is sponsored annually by the agricultural committee of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Future Homemakers of America, 4-H Clubs and the Future Farmers of America and is one of the few agricultural expositions in the United States that has no commercial features. This year nearly 15,000 visitors saw the 3,500 exhibits which were entered in competition for over \$8,000 in prizes.

The show opened on Thursday morning when a record number of dairy animals were judged in front of the grandstand before hundreds of interested spectators. At the same time, judges were busily engaged in awarding prizes for farm and home exhibits which were housed in two large tents.

Capacity Crowd Attends Night Program

On Thursday afternoon beef cattle judging shared the spotlight with a free entertainment program by professional actors. This was followed by a night program before a capacity audience of 4,000 people highlighted by the annual girls style show and dress revue. On this night program special features included a concert by the E. C. Glass High School band, a parade of livestock, and music by "Sunshine Sue and Her Rangers" from radio station WRVA. The program Thursday night and many other activities of the

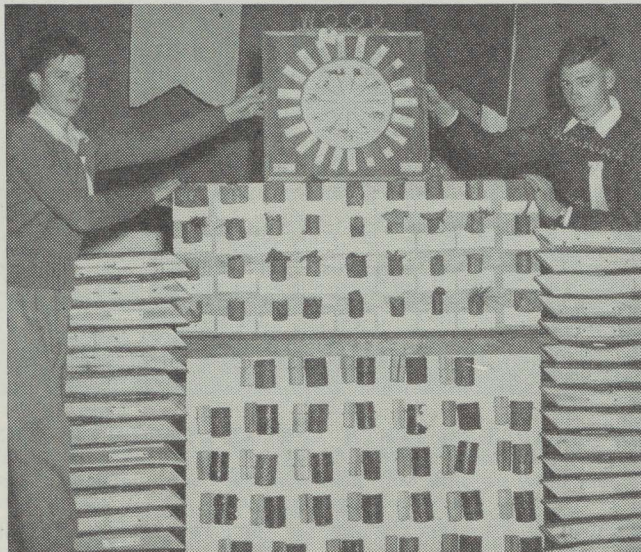
Dairy, Livestock Teams Win Gold Awards In National Judging Meets

farm show were broadcast over radio station WLVA and WWOD.

A mild traffic jam was created Friday morning as bus after bus filed into the grounds bearing FFA, FHA and 4-H members for "County Day." A program

Poultry Team Awarded Silver Emblem Recognition in National Contest At Waterloo, Iowa

Draper Chapter Receives Gold Rating in National Chapter Contest



NEW TYPE OF EXHIBIT INITIATED BY LYNCHBURG FARM SHOW—Carlyle Arthur and Rudolph Garbee, Brookville Future Farmers, who served as hosts in one of the departments of the Lynchburg Farm Show, exhibit five of the outstanding entries in the forestry class which was added to the 203 classes of the show to increase interest in good forestry practices. The class was described as "best twenty or more samples of wood identified as to names and uses." The class proved to be one of the most popular in the show and the entries showed originality and careful planning. (Photo by Bremmer.)

of athletic events was under way almost before the members finished examining the exhibits. The final livestock parade was held on Friday afternoon and the show was concluded by an auction of baby beef cattle.

Rustburg Member Individual High Winner

Individual champion exhibitor of the 1947 Lynchburg Farm Show was Henry Patrick, Jr., of the Rustburg Chapter of (Continued on page 2)

Virginia's FFA dairy judging team scored among the top ranking teams in the national contest in Waterloo, Iowa, October 1-2 to win gold emblem recognition. The state livestock team followed suit in the national livestock judging competition at Kansas City during the national FFA convention October 19-22 and brought home the gold award.

The dairy judging team, which judged dairy cattle and dairy products scored their gold award in the dairy products contest. The team was comprised of Lee Cox, George Campbell, Garfield Dillard and W. H. Elliott, coach. Jimmie Lee Cox rated the gold award in the individual score and the team scored "silver" in judging dairy cattle. Second place or silver rating on individual scores went to George Campbell and Garfield Dillard.

Members of the livestock judging team, William Thomas Tilson, Chilhowie; French Croft, Beverley Manor (Staunton) and Meek Hoge Bowen, Bland, with Archa Vaughan, Marion High School instructor of vocational agriculture, coach, rated their gold emblem for judging livestock and scored "bronze" in the meats identification and judging contest. Tommie Tilson rated a gold individual award and the other two members of the team scored "silver" in the individual competition.

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John Barns Is President Of the Rich Valley FFA Chapter of 80 Members

John Barns, 1947-48 president of the Shorthorn (Rich Valley) FFA Chapter, presided at the first meeting of the 80 members September 30. Jimmy Vermilion was elected sentinel.

The chapter judging team composed of Edward Frye, Warren Olinger and Harold Gillespie won first place in the Rural Retreat poultry and sheep judging contests and the prize of \$5.00 for the chapter. John Barns, Billy Barrett and John DeBusk represented the chapter in a Hereford judging contest at Ivy Hill Farm recently in which they placed seventh and won \$6.00. A chapter team of Billy Cook Neal, Robert Anderson and

Bill Brown won first place judging corn, wheat and potatoes at the Rye Valley fair.

HUB FEDERATION SPONSOR DELEGATE TO NAT'L CONVENTION

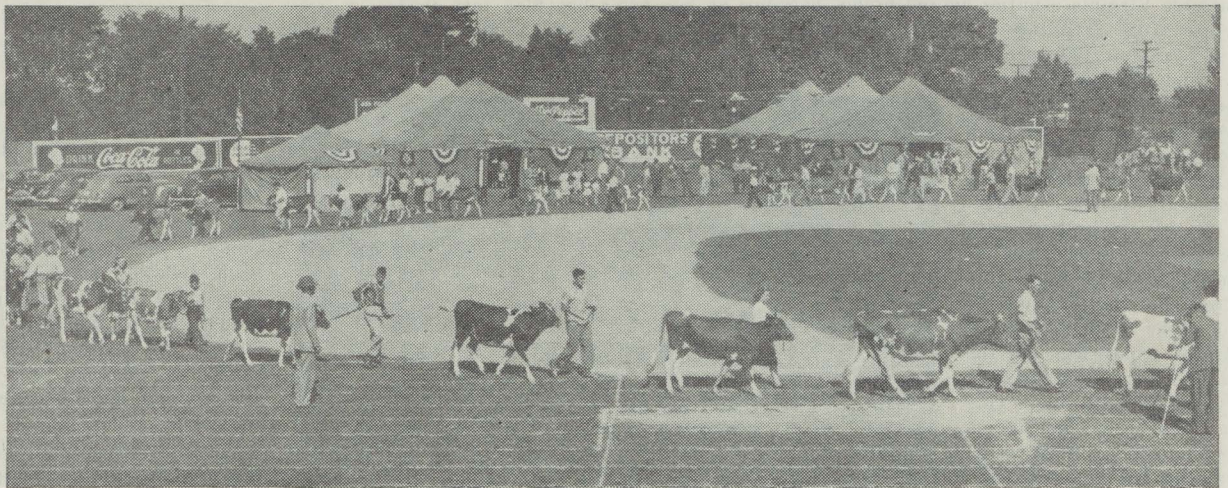
"My only regret is that every FFA member in Virginia cannot attend a National Convention" was the way Rudolph Garbee, Brookville, summarized his impression of the National Convention. Rudolph represented the Hub Federation in the Kansas City meeting of the National Association and was the second member to be selected by his alert federation for this privilege.

Rudolph will report on his trip at the next meeting of the Hub Federation and will also visit the local chapters and give them the benefit of his experience in attending a National meeting.

LYNCHBURG FARM SHOW

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the Future Farmers of America. His winnings in the show included first place in the junior Jersey calf, junior yearling Jersey calf, senior yearling Jersey calf, Jersey cow and Jersey exhibitors herd classes. In addition his entries placed second in the senior Jersey calf and Jersey cow and daughter classes. He also exhibited the reserve Jersey grand champion and furnished part of the championship Jersey county herd. In crops exhibits he showed the first-place single farm exhibit, sheaf of oats, gallon of barley, and won second place in the wheat class. His total winnings in the farm show amounted to \$137. Henry met with almost equal success in the Atlantic Rural Exposition the following week when his entries received five first-



LIVESTOCK PARADES FOR VISITORS TO TENTH ANNUAL LYNCHBURG FARM SHOW—Spectators' view of one of the Lynchburg Farm Show Livestock Parades. This year's show included FFA exhibits from fourteen Southside Virginia Counties. Farm and home exhibits were housed in the large, gaily decorated tents in the background. (Photo by Bremner.)

20 Million Gardens In 1948 Urged by Secretary Anderson

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson has recently urged the Nation's home gardeners to help meet the critical world needs for food. In a statement released by his Washington office he said:

"The substantial contribution home gardeners can make in increasing the domestic food supply, was proved during the war years. Their help will be enlisted again for the year ahead when many areas of the world will be desperately in need of food.

"The individual contributions of home gardeners may not be large, but in total they can be tremendously significant in adding to our domestic total food supply.

"As a beginning gardeners in the South should make full use of their home and

community gardens in growing vegetables suited to fall, winter and early spring production. The Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service will, as in years past, stress home gardening and food preservation and assist in providing gardeners with practical how-to-do-it information. Initial plans call for a series of regional conferences of Federal and State officials and community garden leaders. The first of such conferences will be held in the South at an early date.

"Twenty Million Freedom Gardens is recommended as the minimum goal for 1948. The produce from these gardens can take the place of many foods vitally needed for export.

"By helping himself to meet increasing living costs, the home gardener will be helping his own community to make a precious contribution to a hungry world."

place ribbons, three second-place awards, and were third in two classes. Runners-up to Henry as outstanding individual exhibitors were Tim and Lloyd Coleman, Appomattox FFA members.

FFA Officials Attend

On hand for the Lynchburg Farm Show were several leaders of the Future Farmers of America, including Dowell J. Howard, national treasurer; F. B. Cale, State adviser; R. Edward Bass, executive secretary-treasurer; and Courtney V. Hatcher, vice-president of the Virginia Association.

The spirit of the Lynchburg Farm Show is best expressed by an excerpt from a letter to all organized youth groups in the 14-county area from M. W. Guggenheimer, general chairman of the Lynchburg Farm Show, which states in part, "The tenth showing came to a successful conclusion last week. It is not too early to carefully list each point that will improve the show for 1948."

EUROPEAN ASSISTANCE FROM A DOLLARS & "SENSE" VIEWPOINT

By Harry M. Love

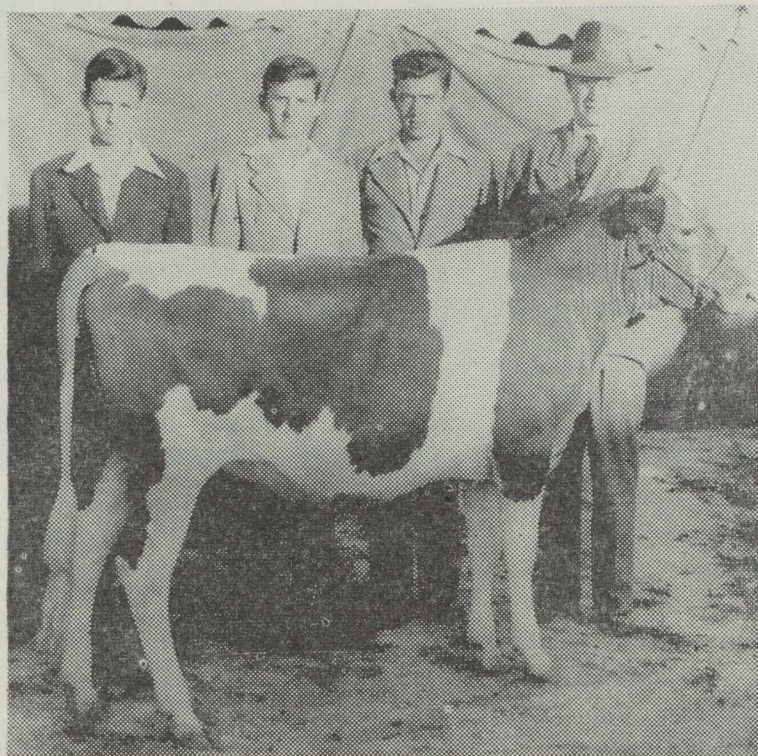
(Dr. Love, a former instructor of vocational agriculture, is head of the department of agricultural economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.—Editor.)

Two World Wars in about a quarter century have shown in no uncertain terms that the well-being of the United States is in time of war tied very closely to the fate of Europe. Unfortunately, it appears that too many persons do not see the same need for helping our comrades in arms after the shooting stops and when economic pestilence threatens all that remains. From an economic viewpoint the future welfare of our nation is just as closely knit with that of Europe and many other parts of the world today as at the most crucial times in the recent world wars.

Europe is currently in the grip of just as acute crisis as any created while the shooting wars were raging. The future of many nations is being shaped in the economic chaos and resulting struggles going on in so vast a portion of the world. There is much in history to support the theory that future wars often grow out of the indecisive and incomplete approach to the problem of restoring war economies to peace time operation. Recent strides have been made toward the development of devices that may bring yet unimagined destruction if another major war breaks out; and it seems wise to think soberly and focus our picture in the light of history.

Ours is no longer a national economy, and to attempt such economic isolation would be most unfortunate. We are a part of and dependent upon a world economy. The economic and political future of the United States will inevitably be greatly affected by the fate of that other important economic group which is generally described as "Europe." If our economy is to keep its present level of development, we must have market outlets abroad for many of our products. This will be doubly important if the great productive power of free enterprise is to give us even higher standards of living and greater economic security for the people of the world. Those to whom we must sell must have the opportunity to earn by producing and selling to us either their goods or services in one form or another.

From a strictly economic viewpoint, a reconstruction of the productive machinery of Europe through their efforts and with the essential help from us seems to be about the only sound investment for us and future generations. In this great task the producers and consumers of farm products have an all important part. If we and Europeans shirk this obligation, posterity will pay a penalty.



WINNING DAIRY JUDGING TEAM—Members of the winning Virginia Future Farmers of America dairy judging team in the Atlantic Rural Exposition FFA Judging Contest are (l to r): Jay Stewart, Appomattox, Harold Stratton, Appomattox, and Paul Harper, Mt. Clinton. Mr. H. B. Pack, Appomattox, was coach of the winning team. Virginia also placed first in the livestock judging contest and second in the poultry judging contest.

Virginia Teams Successful In Atlantic Rural Judging Contests

Dairy and Livestock Teams Win Firsts, Poultry Team Second

Virginia FFA teams won first place awards in the dairy and livestock judging contests and placed second in the poultry judging division for an impressive record in the second annual Atlantic Rural Exposition FFA judging contests held in Richmond, on October 6. Members of the teams won the right to represent Virginia in the event by winning in local and federation meets and placing high in the State judging contests.

Dairy Contest Results

The Virginia team composed of Jay Stewart, Appomattox; Harold Stratton, Appomattox; and Paul Harper, Mt. Clinton, made a record score in winning the dairy judging contest. Delaware was second and West Virginia third in this contest. Paul Harper won individual honors with Harold Stratton second. Mr. H. B. Pack, Appomattox, was coach of the winning team.

Results of Poultry Contest

Delaware placed first in the poultry judging contest followed by Virginia in

second place and West Virginia third. Mr. H. W. Garrett, Callao, was coach of the Virginia team, which was composed of William Sanford, Callao, and Eldridge Hockman, Woodstock. Eldridge Hockman finished in a tie for first place in the individual scoring and William Sanford was fifth high individual.

Livestock Team Sweeps Contest

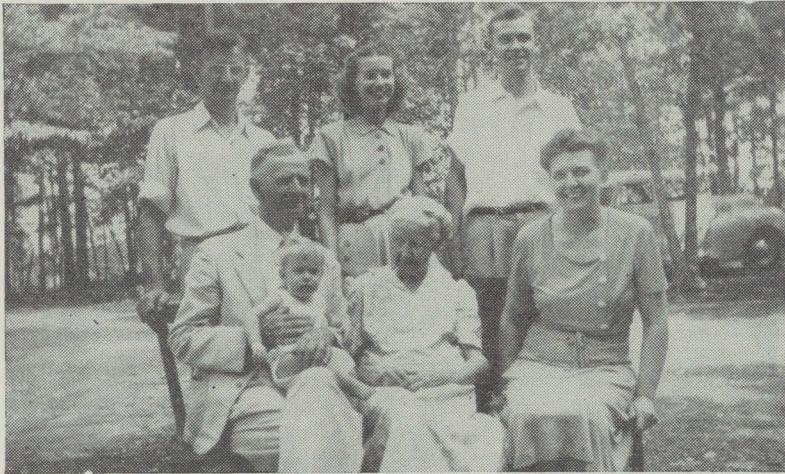
The Virginia FFA livestock team, coached by J. A. Whitmore, Warrenton, turned in a remarkable performance in finishing first, second and third to make a clean sweep of the individual prizes. West Virginia was second in this contest and Delaware third. James Douglas, Warrenton, was high individual, followed by Bobbie Leonard, Lebanon, and Hoyle Fields, Lebanon. As a team, these boys scored 1,650 points to win first place by a good margin.

The three Virginia teams won \$125 in team prizes and \$77.50 in individual awards.

Ancient Citizen: "Yup, I'm 94 years old, son, and I'm proud to say I ain't got an enemy on earth."

Reporter: "That is a very beautiful thought, sir."

Ancient Citizen: "Yup, last one died 'bout a year ago."



J. E. BRAME—TO THE FOURTH GENERATION—The proudest and liveliest great-grandfather in the country is J. E. Brame, instructor of vocational agriculture at Chase City High School, shown above holding his great-granddaughter, Diane Elizabeth Dorsey. Next to Mr. Brame in the front row are Mrs. J. E. Brame and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert H. Brame. In the back row (l to r) are J. E. Brame's son, Robert H. Brame; Mrs. C. L. Dorsey and her husband, C. L. Dorsey, daughter and son-in-law respectively of Robert Brame. Mrs. Dorsey is the granddaughter of J. E. Brame.

Brame Starts 29th Year At Chase City With Record Enrollment

By Cato Cates

This is the twenty-ninth year that Mr. J. E. Brame has enrolled the boys and set the pace for the course in vocational agriculture in the Chase City High School and he starts this year with 59 students under his protective wing. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the school, but the zest and enthusiasm of the vo-ag teacher is fully equal to the occasion. Every boy that comes to his class for guidance and instruction seems to make him a little younger. He is moving around this week like a young athlete, anxious for the game to start.

The Chase City Chapter of the FFA has completed the election of officers for the year 1947-48 with the following results: Rewell Bynum, president; R. B. Wilkerson, vice president; Johnny Blankenship, secretary; Franklin Hudson, treasurer; Edward Rutledge and Billy Park, conductors; Bobby Ellington, sentinel; and Kenneth Wilson, Walter Ingram and Meredith Reece, executive committee.

It is interesting to watch the enthusiasm with which the eighth grade boys are going about their course in agriculture. Your scribe, Cato was out on the farms this week and saw one of Mr. Brame's new boys, Douglas Adcock, sketching a Guernsey calf for registration. He said that the calf is to be one of his projects and he is going to register her and then make her live up to the registration papers. "They'll not be able to call me 'a cull' in agriculture."

Edward Carter, Jr., a third year vo-ag

student has made a discovery. Now, many Mecklenburg citizens may have found the same thing which Edward has found and with which he is so deeply impressed. But so few of them profited by it or applied it in farming that Cato chooses to call it a new discovery. Here is the discovery. **It pays to prepare for all crops just like you prepare for alfalfa.**

Last fall at Edward's home they prepared a field for alfalfa. Dry weather prevented seeding. They seeded the field to barley and red clover, harvested 40 bushels of barley per acre and have made two cuttings off the land. Wonderful, this Mecklenburg land if you handle it by the dictates of science. Says young Carter, "Always in my farming hereafter, I shall not fail to feed my plants."

John Kizer, teacher of veterans vo-ag class No. 1 is proud of his student, Victory M. Moss. He says that Moss is well on the way to clearing up some of the secrets to hog-feeding when he compares a hog to an automobile. Says Kizer, "If you give your car just enough gas to run while standing still, but not enough to pull off and down the road, you burn a lot of gas and get nowhere. Likewise, if you give your hog just enough feed to live on and none extra to grow and fatten on, you can use up a lot of feed and still be out of meat."

Cleveland G. Wagstaff observes that the same rule applies in feeding laying hens and milk cattle.

Teacher: "Alfred, what is the term, 'etc.' used for?"

Little Alfred: "I guess it's to make people think we know a lot more than we do."

Agrietes . . .

Fauquier County veterans in institutional-on-the-farm training held a banquet during the early summer at which W. H. McCann spoke. . . . William Teel of the Riner FFA Chapter was among the winners in the 1946-47 Swift essay contest. . . . 2,000 locust seedlings have been set out by the Dayton Chapter members on a steep slope near the school—S. C. Heltzel, district forester, directed the work. . . . The 1946-47 Chase City High School year book, "The Mirror," was dedicated to Mr. J. E. Brame, instructor of Vocational Agriculture "in recognition of 28 years of faithful service as a teacher in the Chase City High School." . . . Noxious weeds and flies in the community were destroyed last summer by spraying with a rig built by 16 members of the Omro, Wisconsin FFA Chapter from a 1931 pick-up truck—the outfit cost \$400 and has a capacity for spraying an acre in four minutes for which the boys charge \$5 to \$5.25 an acre. . . . Walter D. Wildman, Jr., one of the first State Farmers (then called the 'Virginia Planters' degree) of Chase City and a former student of J. E. Brame was recently named a vice president of the Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank of Newport News. Mr. Wildman received his State Farmer (Virginia Planter) degree at the first state convention of the Future Farmers of Virginia April 28-30, 1927. . . . A forestry work shop was conducted near Stuart High School September 30 under the direction of T. V. Downing, assistant supervisor of agricultural education by G. H. Hodge, district forester and his assistant, T. R. Elliot—Vo-Ag instructors from Franklin, Henry and Patrick Counties attended. . . . The Pittsylvania FFA Federation got off to an early start this year with a meeting at Whitmell the first week after school started. . . . Chase City veterans class No. 2 taught by S. R. Bivens recently found a field trip and Brunswick stew combination both pleasant and profitable. . . . 28 Future Farmers from the Appomattox and Pamplin chapters entered 96 exhibits and won a total of \$161 in the 1947 Lynchburg Farm Show—a record number of prizes, according to Henry B. Paek and J. M. Campbell, instructors of vocational agriculture in Appomattox County. . . . Mr. Brame's classes at Chase City exhibited more than 175 different farm products in the recent Mecklenburg fair and won three-fourths of the prizes offered. . . . A "real Vocational fair" is planned for January open to members of veterans' classes, FFA's, members of the farm machinery repair class and home economics girls at Chase City, according to J. E. Brame.

Whitmell Chapter Takes Grand Prize of \$100 At Danville Fair

The grand prize of \$100 for highest number of points in the Pittsylvania Federation FFA Exhibit at the Danville Fair, was won by Whitmell, with a total of 36 points. Callands placed second with 24 points, and Climax third, with 16.

Gretna won first place in the Pittsylvania County and Danville Home Economics Department Exhibit for the girls, with a 21-point total. Whitmell was close behind with 20 points, and Chatham placed third, with 14 points. The \$100 grand prize was in addition to individual prizes awarded.

Individual winners in the various competitions for the FFA boys in the order in which they placed were as follows:

Best Ten Ears White Open Pollinated Corn: Junior Haskins, Callands; Robert T. Blair, Whitmell; William Dodson, Dan River.

Best 10 Ears Yellow Open Pollinated Corn: R. T. Chism, Climax; Robert Blair, Whitmell; Robert Walker, Climax; W. T. Walton, Spring Garden.

Best 10 Ear White Hybrid Corn: Marshall Reynolds, Callands; Ray Hall, Dan River; Arlen Amos, Callands; Robert Blair, Whitmell.

Best Ten Ears Yellow Hybrid Corn: Neal Ashworth, Whitmell; Joseph Mitchell, Whitmell; Samuel Oaks, Callands; Ray Moschler, Callands.

Best Bundle of Lespedeza Hay: Robert T. Blair, Whitmell; Edward Petty, Whitmell; Marshall Reynolds, Callands; William Reynolds, Callands.

Best 6 Bundles Tobacco Cutters: Arlen Amos, Callands; Robert T. Blair, Whitmell; Cecil Carter, Dan River.

Best Plate Irish Potatoes: J. T. Pearson, Climax; Billy Astin, Whitmell; Bobby Brumfield, Spring Garden; Robert Beck Whitmell.

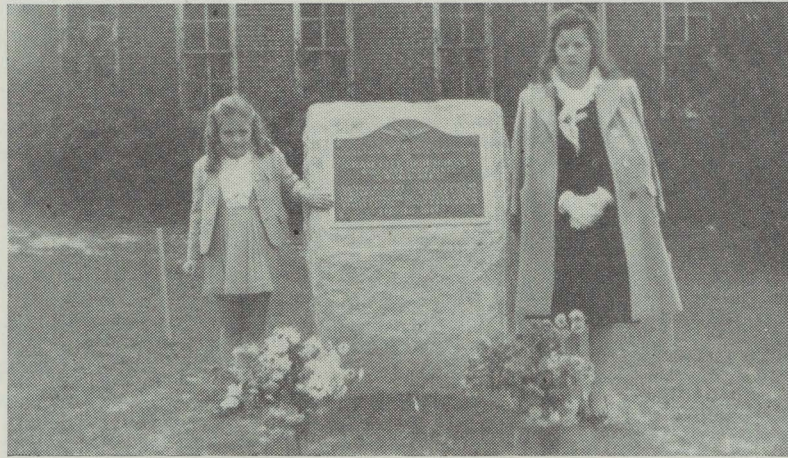
Best Dozen White Eggs: Ray Moschler, Callands; R. T. Chism, Climax; Boeseon Cassada, Whitmell; James Marshall, Dan River.

Best Dozen Brown Eggs: Garnet Richardson, Brosville; Willie Watson, Climax; Buster Clark, Whitmell; Edwin Barker, Dan River.

Best Plate Wheat: H. E. Burnett, Whitmell; Joseph Milam, Climax; Calvin Collins, Whitmell; Leo Gerrells, Whitmell.

The only worthwhile things that have come to us in this life have come through work that was almost always hard, and often bitter. We believe that this has always been true of mankind and that it will always be true. We believe not in how little work, but how much; not in how few hours, but how many.

—J. Kindleberger.



MEMORIAL—Shown above is the memorial erected at Chase City High School in memory of those students of vocational agriculture who gave their lives in World War II. Standing beside the monument are Mrs. Sidney F. Wortman, Jr. and Jo Anne Wortman, wife and daughter of Sidney F. Wortman, Jr.—one of the eight students in whose memory the marker is erected.

Chase City Chapter Unveils Memorial To Its War Dead

A memorial honoring eight former members of the Legume (Chase City) FFA chapter was unveiled during memorial services held at Chase City Armistice Day, November 11. Mr. J. E. Brame, instructor of vocational agriculture who has taught vocational agriculture at Chase City High School since its inception 28 years ago was in charge of the program.

The memorial consists of a granite slab four feet high and 28 inches wide on which is placed a bronze plaque two feet high and 18 inches wide with the following inscription:

In memory of
Students of Vocational Agriculture
of
Chase City High School
Who Gave Their Lives in
World War II

Johnnie W. Crowe Henry P. Lipscomb
Durham P. Gurley William A. Leach
Jas. C. Herndon, Jr. C. Harvey Wilson
Walter F. Kizer Sidney F. Wortman, Jr.

Erected 1947

Speakers at the unveiling were General S. Gardner Waller, adjutant general of Virginia, who was a member of the 116th Infantry in World War I and Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster, president of Farmville State Teachers College. Dr. Lancaster was State supervisor of agricultural education when some of the men to whom the memorial is being erected were students in vocational agriculture.

The day's program was in charge of the Chase City vo-ag department in cooperation with the association of Com-

pany F, 116th Infantry, in World War I and the Chase City American Legion.

The monument stands between the agriculture building and the highway on the Chase City High School grounds "to inspire future generations to continue the defense of the cause for which these men gave their lives," Mr. Brame says.

FFA Boys, FHA Girls Visit State Capital

More than 50 FFA boys and FHA girls from the Washington and Sperryville High Schools accompanied by their instructors, Mrs. Stella Johnson and Gene S. Wagner, visited the Atlantic Rural Exposition and the Virginia State capital October 11, according to William Printz, Washington FFA Chapter reporter.

What needs to be cultivated among men interested in social relationships whether as owner, manager or employee, producer or consumer, seller or buyer, partner or competitor, is self-control, refraining from unfair advantage, determination to give value as well as to take it; the appreciation that immediate gain is not the principal consideration; that one group can not continue to profit at the expense of another without eventual loss to both; that all classes of men are mutually dependent on the services of each other; that the best service yields the greatest profit.

—Preston S. Arkwright.

First Farmer: "But, John, why did you give up a nice clean dairy farm to go into the skunk-raising business?"

Second Farmer: "Well, I thought maybe skunks would make the government keep its nose out of my business."

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Editorial . . .

World-Wide FFA "An international organization of farm boys . . . extending

the influence of the Future Farmers of America to the youth of other nations" was proposed by the delegates attending the 1947 national FFA convention in a resolution "endorsing a movement to develop better international relationships among the rural youth of the world." The delegates urged immediate action by the National Board of Trustees and National Advisory Council, "to the end that the organization of the Future Farmers of America may become international in scope.

This action by the national organization may be compared to the initiation of the national FFA in 1928 by joining the several state organizations into one national body. In fact, it is the most important and significant step taken by the Future Farmers of America since its organization. Already farm youth groups similar to FFA have been formed in other countries. Their programs may be a little different from ours but their fundamental purpose is the same. The FFA is to be commended for this timely step toward better international relations and it is hoped that something definite can be done before the next national FFA convention.

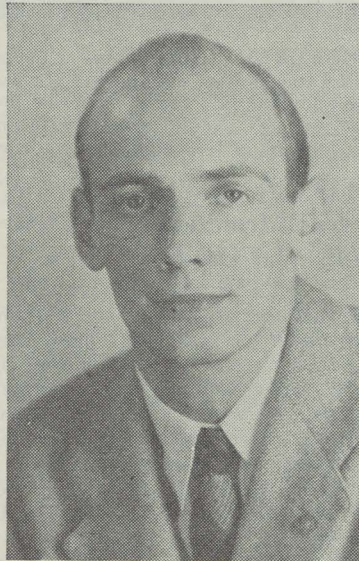
The resolution adopted by the 1947 convention, in full, follows:

Edward Slusher Places Third in Southern Region Public Speaking Contest

Edward Slusher of the Christiansburg Chapter Future Farmers of America won third place in the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest at Atlanta, Georgia, October 3.

Edward began his speaking conquest by winning the chapter, federation, district, State and tri-State contests. In the latter he defeated contestants from North Carolina and South Carolina.

Edward's career as a Future Farmer only extended over a period of two years.



EDWARD SLUSHER.

He came back to school after being out for three years and enrolled in vocational agriculture. During this short period of two years he was an active member—having served as president of his chapter and federation, president of the chapter degree team, reporter of the degree team and reporter of the chapter.

He also found time to participate on the school debating team which won second place in the State contest.

He was editor of the school paper for a period of one year and president of the Students Cooperative Association for one year.

Edward is very active in church activities, having served as president of the young people's group and is a member of the junior choir.

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America organization for over twenty years has demonstrated its value in developing a spirit of cooperation and understanding among the farm boys of America, and

WHEREAS, several nations of the world have manifested an interest in the

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ideals and principles of the Future Farmers of America, and

WHEREAS, the future world peace is dependent upon the ability of the people of all nations to unify their efforts to the end that we shall have peace on earth and good will toward men, and

WHEREAS, the youth of the world have little opportunity for the development of understanding and friendship, and

WHEREAS, farm youth through a better understanding of national problems of rural life stand as a powerful, potential influence for good, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Twentieth National Convention of Future Farmers of America assembled at Kansas City, Missouri, go on record as endorsing a movement to develop better international relationships among the rural youth of the world by extending the influence of the Future Farmers of America to the youth of other nations, to the end that the organization of Future Farmers may become international in scope,

That the 1947-48 National Board of Trustees and National Advisory Council take immediate steps to form a committee to investigate the possibilities of developing an international organization of farm boys,

That the 1947-48 National Board of Trustees and National Advisory Council be authorized to expend such funds as they, in their judgment, deem necessary to send a committee to the British Isles or to such other nations in Europe as they deem advisable in order that a complete report of progress may be made at the 1948 National Convention.

"Here, sonny, you shouldn't hit that boy when he's down!"

"G'wan! What do you think I got him down for!"

What It Takes To Win a Forestry Award in Vo-Ag

By T. V. Downing

Many Virginia Future Farmers are interested in finding out how Fred Drake, Grant Simmons, Ed Evans and Ray Price won those \$25 and \$50 bonds, as well as a week at the forestry camp at Holiday Lake, along with 38 other members of the Virginia Future Farmer organization.

Well, these boys will tell you it took plenty of work. However, they also will tell you that any boy who wants to and isn't afraid of hard work, can make the 1948 forestry camp and even do better—he might win one of the bonds offered by the Seaboard Airline Railway.

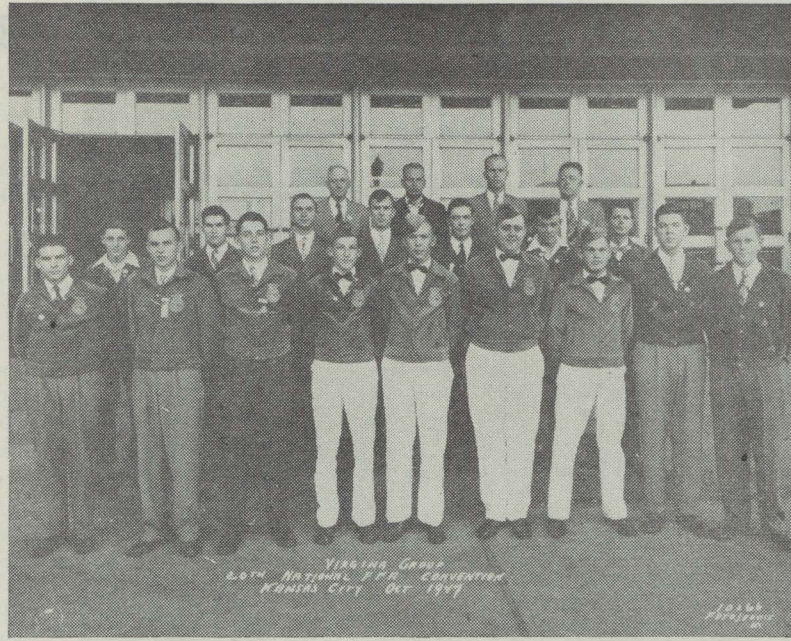
Here is what the 1947 State winners in the FFA forestry contest did in the way of project work: Fred Drake, Boykins, thinned 35 acres of home farm forest to improve the stand and in so doing, secured five cords of pulpwood, 200 fence posts and 500 pea poles; Ed E. Evans, LaCrosse, planted 500 seedlings, thinned one acre of woodlot, pruned two acres of young timber, cut 100 fence posts and 13 cords of flue wood, seven cords of fire wood and 2,000 board feet of lumber; H. R. Price, Blacksburg, thinned 10 acres of farm woodlot to improve the timber stand, securing for sale and home use 25 cords fuel wood, 25 cords pulp wood, 200 cross ties, 200 fence posts and 2,000 board feet of lumber; Grant Simmons, North River, planted 500 seedlings, cut 25 cords fire wood, 90 fence posts and 3,000 board feet of lumber.

These boys have ambitious forestry plans for this year. Grant Simmons plans to manage 10 acres of farm woodlot, cut the trees that should come out, and sell them for fire wood or pulp wood. He also plans to set out 500 additional pine seedlings. Fred Drake is planning to set out five acres of seedlings and do additional thinning in forest on home farm, selling the trees that should come out, as pulpwood. Ed E. Evans is planning to thin 12 acres of farm woodlot, set out 750 seedlings, prune several acres of young pines, improve fire protection of forest, continue working with "Keep Virginia Green" crew, and cut some lumber for sale and home use.

TEAMS WIN GOLD AWARDS IN NATIONAL JUDGING MEETS

(Continued from page 1)

"Silver," or second place award, went to the State poultry judging team in the national contest at Waterloo, October 1-2. Members of the team, all of which rated silver in the individual scores were Donald Ryman, Woodstock; Morris Clark, Lively; Bobby Hopkins, Northampton (Eastville) and J. T. Badger, instructor



STATE DELEGATION TO NATIONAL CONVENTION—Front row (l to r): John A. Cleaton, Jr., LaCrosse, American Farmer degree candidate; Carnice E. Mannon, Riner, immediate past State FFA president and Dallas H. Johnson, Fluvanna, State president, delegates; Crawford Harmon, Narrows, Teddy Legge, Winchester, Eugene Batten, Creeds and Ned Stiles, Ashland, members of the National Band; French Croft, Beverley Manor (Staunton), and William Thomas Tilson, Chilhowie, members of the livestock judging team and meats identification team. (M. H. Bowen, Jr., Bland, the other member of the judging team is absent from the picture.) Second row: Grant Simmons, North River, BAR federation representative; John L. DeBusk, Saltville, Carson E. Stroop, Weyers Cave, Morgan B. Ott, Jr., Remington, James E. Duerson, Bumpass, American Farmer degree candidates; Rudolph Garbee, Brookville, Hub federation representative; Gareth Miller, Bridgewater, American Farmer degree candidate. Back row: J. Byron Rockwell, instructor of vocational agriculture, LaCrosse; R. Edward Bass, assistant State supervisor of agricultural education; Archa Vaughan, instructor of vocational agriculture, Marion, coach of the livestock and meats judging teams; Dowell J. Howard, first assistant superintendent of public instruction, State Board of Education and national treasurer of the Future Farmers of America.

of vocational agriculture at Northampton High School, coach.

C. S. McLearen, assistant professor of agricultural education, V.P.I., arranged for practice judging at V.P.I. prior to the national contests and accompanied the dairy and poultry judging teams to Waterloo.

Five American Farmers

A highlight of the national FFA convention for the Virginia delegation was the American Farmer degree ceremony in which the highest honor of the national organization was conferred upon five Virginia Future Farmers of America. Those receiving the American Farmer degree at the 1947 national convention were: James E. Duerson, John L. DeBusk, Carson E. Stroop, Morgan B. Ott, Jr. and John A. Cleaton, Jr.

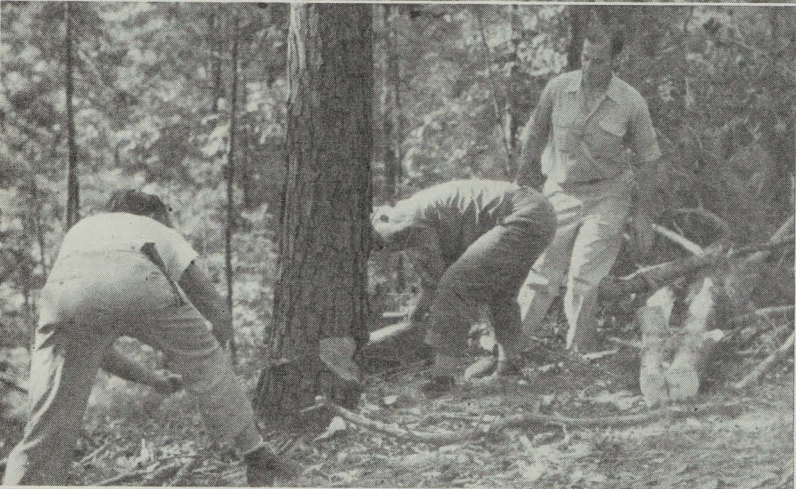
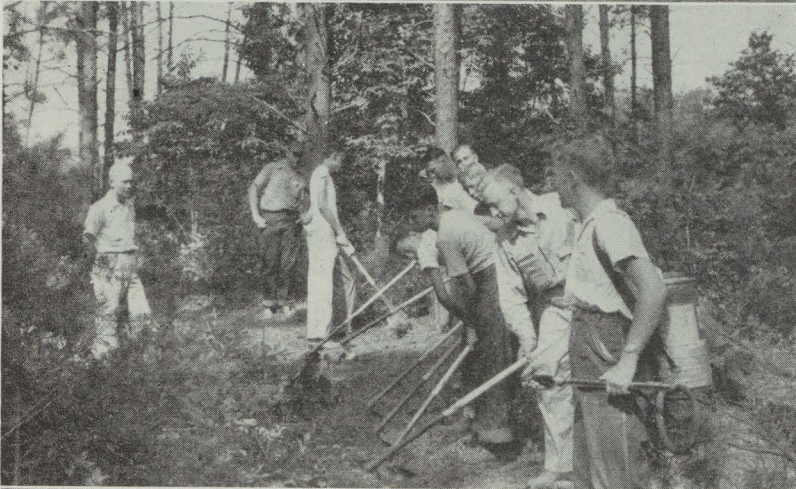
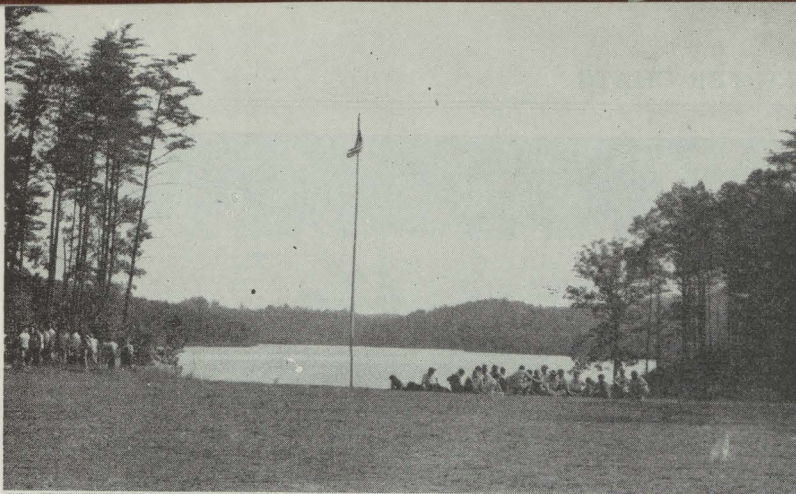
Draper Chapter Wins

The accomplishments of the Draper FFA Chapter under the leadership of J. A. Hardy, was judged among the best in the nation and awarded gold rating in the national chapter contest. Mr. Hardy,

who was instructor of vocational agriculture at Draper during the year 1946-47 for which the award was made, is now district supervisor of agricultural education in Southwest Virginia.

Others in Kansas City.

In addition to the livestock judging team and the American Farmer degree candidates, the Virginia delegation to the 1947 national convention was composed of Carnice E. Mannon and Dallas H. Johnson, delegates; Teddy Legge, Ned Stiles, Crawford Harmon, and Eugene Batten, members of the national FFA band; Gareth Miller, Grant Simmons, and Rudolph Garbee, chapter and federation representatives. J. B. Rockwell, instructor of vocational agriculture, LaCrosse, because of his profound interest in the Future Farmers of America, attended the national convention at his own expense. R. E. Bass, assistant state supervisor of agricultural education, accompanied the delegation. Mrs. R. E. Bass and Richard Bass, wife and son of Mr. Bass, also attended the convention.



Virginia Future Farmers To 1948 Forestry Train

Forty Virginia Future Farmers, who do the best work in forestry this year, will be given a free trip to Virginia's Forestry Camp at Holiday Lake in Buckingham County, next July, 1948. Transportation to and from the camp will be the only cost.

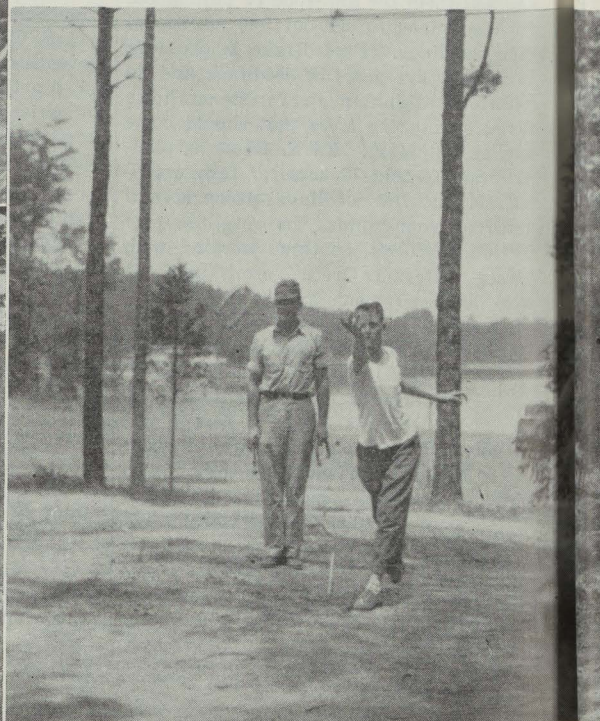
Will you be one of the 40 boys selected?

A few of the activities of the 1947 Forestry Camp, held this past summer during the week of July 28 - August 2, are pictured herewith.

Courses of instruction, which were held in the morning, included fire control, tree planting, thinning, estimating, logging, saw-milling, utilization of tree identification and paper manufacturing. The afternoons were devoted mainly to recreation and contests, which included swimming, horseshoe pitching, softball, volley ball and other games. The highlight of the days' activities was the recreation program held each evening from 7:30 to 9:30.

The camp was sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, and financed by the Camp Manufacturing Company of Franklin, Va., The Chesapeake Corporation of West Point, Va., The Continental Can Company, The National Container Corporation of Virginia, and The West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company of Covington, Va.

Instruction was provided under the direction of the Virginia Forest Service, with Seth Hobart, associate State forester, in charge. Assisting him were Robert Slocum, A. B. Lyons, J. C. Hayes, R. P. Brierly, and W. G. Grieve, all of the Forest Service; Wilbur O'Byrne, extension forester; and C. A. Lupka and Robert Gilliam, industrial foresters. Henry Malsberger and Howard Doyle of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association together with W. E. Cooper, of VIRGINIA FORESTS, INC., umpired and refereed various games.



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Sixty of the 80 boys attending the camp were Future Farmers, with 40 from Virginia, and four each from North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. The out-of-state boys were winners in State forestry contests sponsored by the Seaboard Airline Railway.

The campers were divided into four groups: The Pines, The Oaks, The Cedars, and The Poplars. Each group had its own leaders. Competition between the groups was really keen. Edgar Evans of LaCrosse, Va., was elected "King of the Forest." He presided at the evening meetings.

The boys were very enthusiastic about the camp. Here is what a few of them had to say about it:

Bill Kauffman, North River: "I think the Holiday Lake Camp was very educational and a lot of fun, too."

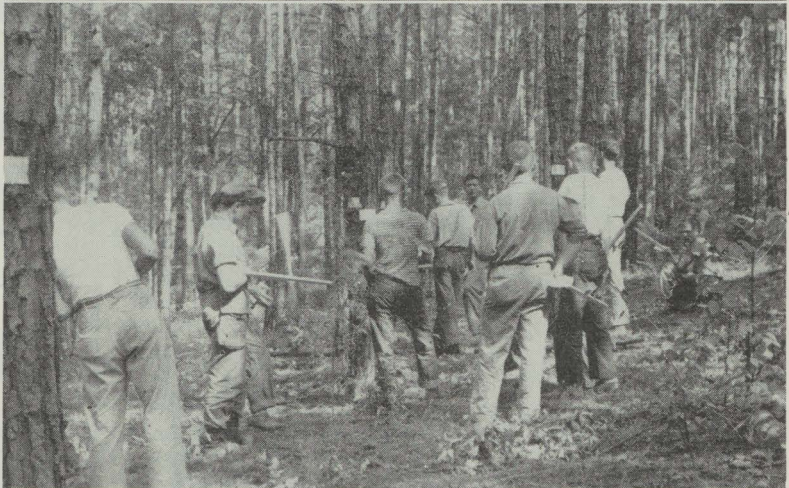
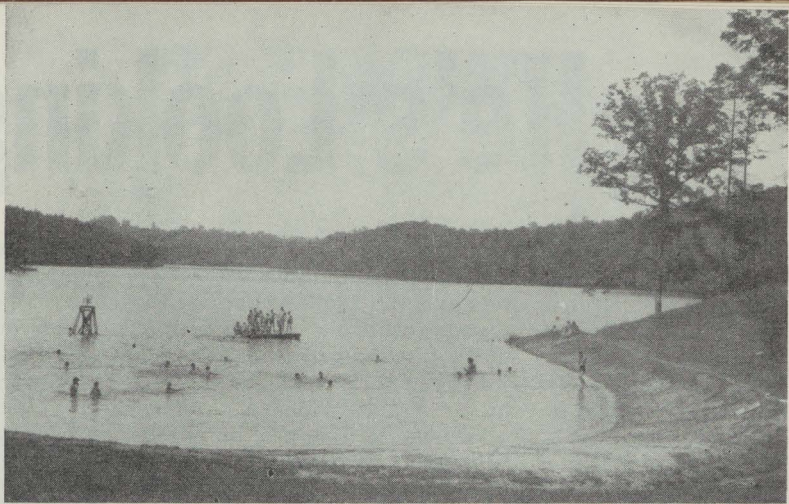
Jack Garst, Salem: "The camp was swell here this summer at Holiday Lake. The food was good and the recreation, too. I liked my morning classes. We had a lot of fun swimming. I hope to be back next year."

Burnette Smith, Appomattox: "I think the camp was a success. I learned a lot of things I never knew. We had good food and a lot of fun besides."

Walter Kendrick, Albemarle: "The 1947 forestry camp at Holiday Lake taught us things that will be worth thousands of dollars to us in the future. None of us will ever forget the fine time at camp. We shall always appreciate those who made the camp possible."

Fred Drake, Boykins: "This was a good camp. I had good supervision, and helped the boy forester very much."

(Photos Courtesy Virginia Forests, Inc.)



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The scientist in the agricultural laboratory is as truly a pioneer as our grandfathers who fought their way westward to the rich farmlands and the broad ranges of the west. He's looking into your future . . . seeing greater things! His findings, put to use by practical livestock men and farmers, are resulting in thriftier, faster-gaining cattle and lambs, grazing the Great Plains . . . higher yielding crops enriching the Corn Belt . . . new immunity from disease for your livestock. He is pioneering a better and more abundant life for you through new markets for your output, improved products for you to sell.

Miracles like hybrid corn seldom happen by chance. Into its development went more than 30 years of patient research. It cost federal and state governments about ten million dollars. Experiments on individual farms cost unknown amounts. But last year alone hybrid corn added more than \$750,000,000 to farm income. Thanks to research, we now have such chemicals as DDT. Chemists searching for an insecticide to protect our armed forces from malarial mosquitoes found this potent bug killer. Already, DDT has made livestock producers many extra millions through increased production of meat and milk from fly-free herds. One ranch reports an extra ton of beef for every pound of DDT used. What a return on a half-dollar investment!

There are similar thrilling stories being written in every phase of agriculture. Many of the new developments

come from colleges and experiment stations (largely financed by taxes paid by individuals and business) or from laboratories supported by private industry. From them you get improved varieties of crops, better control of pests, parasites and diseases, and many another aid to production. The man who keeps abreast of scientific progress and applies it on his farm or ranch usually profits most. Your county agent, vocational agricultural teachers and farm and ranch publications are your helpers to keep you abreast of latest research information.

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Soda Bill Sez: . . . little grains of sense can produce a big harvest of dollars.
 . . . take a good look at America—and be thankful!



Advantages of Fall Lambs

by J. M. Jones
 Texas A. & M. College



J. M. Jones

Fall lamb production on many farms in the South and Southwest has a distinct advantage over the raising of spring lambs. Under judicious management and proper utilization of (1) grain and alfalfa hay, or (2) winter wheat or oat pasture during the fall and winter months, fall lambs can be rounded into a highly finished product at four and one-half to six months of age at weights of ninety to one hundred pounds. Under such a program, Rambouillet ewes, which generally breed during the summer months, will, when mated with rams of the mutton breeds, produce lambs of desirable market type when finished.

Lambs dropped during the fall and sold for slaughter at weaning time in the spring relieve the farmer-producer of internal parasite and summer-grazing worries. At the El Paso Valley Agricultural Experiment Station in 1944 and 1945, the Rambouillet flock of ninety-two ewes bred to Rambouillet and Suffolk rams dropped well over a one-hundred-percent lamb crop each of these two seasons. At the time of marketing, the lambs, Suffolk-Rambouillet crossbred animals, outweighed the straight Rambouillets from 2.6 to 6 pounds per head.

OUR CITY COUSIN



Old Tom heard City Cousin say—
 "What a meal for our Thanksgiving day!"

Track Down the Facts



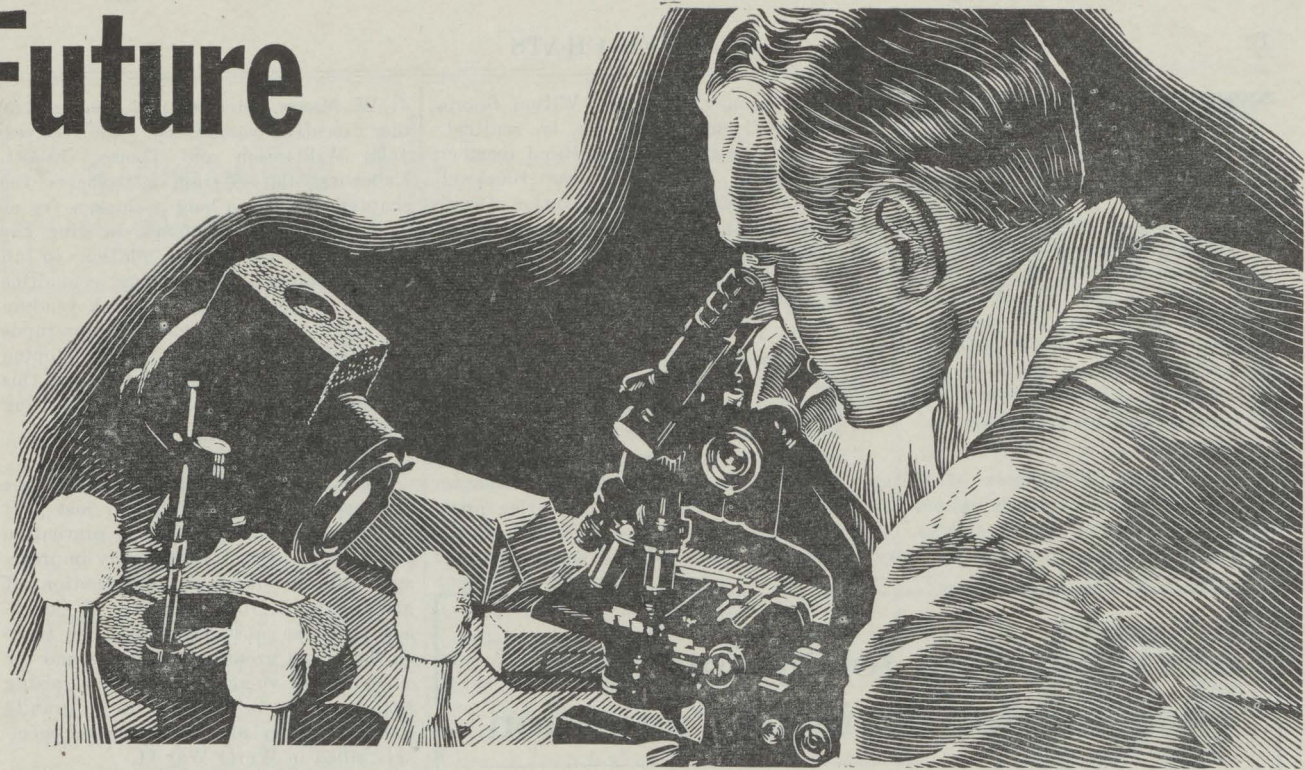
Old Ringtail, the raccoon, holes up in hollow trees. He's hard to track down without trained 'coon dogs . . . similarly, there are some hard-to-locate facts about any business. But no one needs any special "fact hunting" ability to get all the facts about what determines livestock prices.

A recent top price for beef steers on a midwest market was \$35, with an average of near \$30; best lambs, \$23.50, average \$23, and hogs were selling up to \$30, with a \$27 average. These prices for livestock are unusual but, in general, they are due to the demand for meats being greater than the supply. They reflect what the consumer is willing and able to pay for meats. All farmers and ranchers should remember these basic facts, whether prices are high or low. The price producers receive for their livestock is governed by what the packer can get for the meat and the by-products.



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Martha Logan's Recipe for TURKEY A LA KING

(Yield: 6 Servings)

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| 2 cups diced cooked turkey | 1 cup sliced mushrooms |
| ¼ cup butter | 2 tablespoons butter |
| 4 tablespoons flour | 3 tablespoons chopped pimento |
| 2 cups top milk | 2 egg yolks |
| 1 teaspoon salt | buttered toast |
| ⅓ cup chopped green pepper | |

Make a white sauce of the butter, flour, milk, and salt. Sauté green pepper and mushrooms in the two tablespoons of butter. Add green pepper, mushrooms, pimento, and turkey to sauce. Heat slowly five minutes. Stir to prevent burning. Stir in beaten egg yolks. Serve on buttered toast.

Health and Wealth— By-Products of By-Products

Adrenalin, thyroxin and insulin are important to the medical profession and are closely related to the livestock-meat industry. These are only three of a long list of such materials derived from livestock. Adrenalin, extracted from the adrenal glands, is used as a heart stimulant and as a blood-clotting agent to help prevent severe bleeding. Insulin, vital in the relief of diabetes, and pancreatin, which helps digestion, are obtained from pancreas glands.

Thyroxin, a drug extracted from the thyroid glands of meat animals, is used to treat thyroid disturbances. Surgeons use lamb gut for sutures to close incisions and for tying off blood vessels. In fact, many other medicinal preparations are made today from what were formerly wasted portions of meat animals.

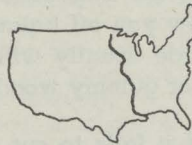
Saving these by-products is a service to the people who need these medicines. It is a service also to livestock producers, because it adds to the sales value of their animals. But, it requires the adrenal glands of 25,000 cattle to produce one pound of pure extract. Swift & Company handles enough meat animals so as to make possible the greatest use of these glands, and return to producers relatively higher prices for their livestock.



From the Editor's Notebook

Since the days of the Pilgrim fathers, Thanksgiving has been a heart-warming day for American families. This year we, more than any other nation, have cause to be thankful for an abundant harvest. In helping to feed America, we are thankful that we can add our efforts to those of the hardworking farm and ranch families who produce our food.

If you plan to visit the International Livestock Show in Chicago, November 29 to December 6, plan also to visit us at Swift & Company. Competent guides will gladly show you along the Visitor's Route through our plant. All of us in the Agricultural Research Department cordially invite you to drop in for a chat. *We'll be looking for you!*



Producers who attend the International Livestock Show, particularly those who come in from distant points, will quickly realize why the livestock-meat industry needs nationwide meat packers, like Swift & Company. Two-thirds of the nation's livestock is produced west of the Mississippi River, but two-thirds of the meat is eaten east of the Mississippi. This means that, on the average, there is a gap of more than 1,000 miles between major producing areas and major consuming centers. There has to be somebody to bring the producer and the consumer together. Helping to bridge that gap between the western range and the kitchen range efficiently and economically is one of the chief services performed by Swift.

F.M. Simpson,

Agricultural Research Department

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CHAPTER NEWS

Floyd has a membership of 71, the largest enrollment in history, reports Noah Sowers. Jack Spangler is president; Earl Wimmer, vice president; Don Williams, second vice president; Charles Spangler, secretary; Robert Markle, treasurer; Pete Williams, sentinel; and Carnice Mannon, Clyde Hylton and R. G. Dickerson, executive committee.

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The Cumberland Chapter of Future Farmers of America recently elected Eric Robinson president; Everett Carnes, vice president; Rudolph Johnston, secretary;

Allen Hunter, reporter; Wilson Shores, treasurer; and Carl Brown, Jr., sentinel.

Newly initiated Green Hand members are David Barker, Walter Blackwell, Herbert Goodman, James Marion, Dennis Meadow, Odis Midkiff, Richard Miller, Edward Pfeiffer, George Pressel, Roy Speas, David Thompson, Frank Wallace, Loy Whaley, and Elbert Womack.

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James R. Williams, son of R. P. Williams, Alton, Virginia, was re-elected president of the Turbeville FFA Chapter Friday, September 19 at a meeting held in the chapter room, it is announced by J. C. Hudson, reporter. The chapter also elected William Barker, vice president; Maynard Collie, secretary; Curtis Earp, treasurer; Wade Tucker, sentinel;

J. W. Myers, adviser; and members of the executive committee, John Graves, John Williamson and Thomas Elliott. Following the election of officers the chapter decided to hold a chicken fry at J. F. Stephens fish pond, inviting the high school faculty in addition to all FFA members. The finance committee suggested securing a cold drink vending machine for the raising of chapter funds for this year. This plan was adopted and a committee was set up to secure this machine from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

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Some of the accomplishments of the Legume (Chase City) Chapter last year includes participation in fire prevention crews by 26 boys, farm forestry improvement by 30 boys, the distribution of groceries and fruits to needy at Christmas time, the construction of a new fence on the school ground, grading around the cannery and vo-ag building and raising \$125 to help in putting up a granite slab in memory of former chapter members killed in World War II.

Also chapter members sold plants to 72 persons, saved \$60 by purchasing 39 bushels of hybrid corn cooperatively, sponsored a joint picnic with the FHA girls and a fish fry for their mothers and dads.

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The 54 Spring Garden Chapter members elected Harry Shields president at a reorganization meeting of the new group. Tommie Hankins was elected vice-president; L. S. Yates, secretary; Leonard Carter, treasurer; Frank Adams, reporter; and Charles Finch, sentinel.

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Dryden reporter Ray Belcher announces a membership of 38 FFA boys at Dryden with Jack Hess, president; James Earl Slomp, vice president; Billy Quillen, secretary; Lee Ray Skidmore, treasurer; and Eugene Rivers, sentinel. Twenty of the mmebers are Green Hands, eight are candidates for the Chapter Farmer degree and nine are already Chapter Farmers.

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Earl Myers is president of the 1947-48 Jonesville FFA Chapter, according to Odell Ramey, chapter reporter. Palmer Potcet is vice president; Arthur Potcet, secretary; Ewell Bledsoe, treasurer; and Keith Bledsoe, treasurer; and Keith Bledsoe, sentinel.

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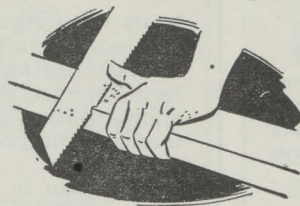
The Andrew Lewis (Salem) FFA Chapter elected the following officers at the September meeting, it is announced by David Plunkett, chapter reporter: Madison Grisso, Jr., president; William Childress, vice president; Homer Showalter, secretary; Bill Poage, treasurer; and Dan Leonard, sentinel. The chapter has a membership of 65.

Begin Plans for Spring Farm Clean-up for Accident Prevention

USING A HAND SAW

First, select a sharp saw; make sure the teeth are set properly. For cutting across the grain, use a cross-cut saw; for cutting with the grain, choose a rip-saw.

When starting the cut, guide the saw with the left hand, as shown in the illustration. Take one or two long slow cuts upwards only. Remove your hand from the danger zone and proceed.



Keep the saw blade in direct line with the cut. It will cut more easily, reducing the likelihood of sudden binding which might throw you off balance. A little oil or paraffin on the blade usually will prevent a saw from sticking in wet or gummy wood.

Do not "ride" the saw. If it fails to cut well under normal pressure, it probably needs sharpening or setting.

Obtain first aid promptly for cuts, scratches, blisters and wood sliver injuries, no matter how slight.

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V P I TEACHER TRAINING F COLLEGIATE CHAPTER F F A

By H. W. Sanders

Prospects are bright for the best year the Collegiate Chapter has had since—you know when. There are two good reasons: (1) efficient officers and (2) enthusiastic members. It's hard to have a good organization without both of these and with them most other deficiencies can be overcome. Since enthusiasm usually carries a willingness to work we really have three of the essential "makings" of a strong FFA Chapter.

Emmett C. Gardner of Hillsville is president. He was one time president of the Hillsville FFA Chapter, made the judging team three years, and served as State treasurer. Gardner is a little "older than the rest of you," having attended Emory and Henry two years, taught five years, and served three years in the Army.

Erdman Mullins, vice-president, is from Dickinson County. He left V. P. I. in his freshman year to enter the armed

forces and after three and a half years—mostly in the South Pacific—returned to complete his work in agricultural education. Before the war his scholastic record was only fair but since returning it has been excellent. Experience, plus a wife, seem to provide very forceful incentives.

Linden Fravel, treasurer, is from Woodstock. His education, too, was interrupted by the war—for 39 months, six months of which was spent with the 15th Air Force in Italy as an aerial observer and gunner. Incidentally he is a State Farmer. His record in college has consistently improved since his return last fall and in his last quarter of work was almost perfect.

Beverley Roller is the secretary. As you would expect, he is doing an excellent job for Beverley was national first vice-president of the FFA in 1943-44. Uncle Sam decided to use him in the Merchant Marines and kept him long enough to help finish the war.

The reporter, Algie L. Spencer, from Critz in Patrick County has an excellent college record as well as a military record that includes service for one year in the Aleutian Islands.

With such leadership, and with C. S. McLearn, assistant professor of agricultural education, as adviser it is easy to understand why we think the outlook for the Collegiate Chapter is especially bright this year. But there is another reason for giving these thumb-nail sketches of the chapter officers. They are typical of the 24 advisers in training here at V. P. I. this year and give some idea of the kind of men who will be available as teachers of vocational agriculture and as advisers of local chapters, come June 1948. Of the 19 seniors, 18 have seen service in the armed forces. David S. Farmer, Jr., is the only member of the class who has been in continuous attendance at V. P. I. since he enrolled as a freshman. When they go on the job, we think their influence in developing a bigger and better Virginia Association of the FFA will be really felt. We believe the association will be as proud of them as we are.

To complete the record, it might be added that the most recent count of students enrolled in agricultural education is 44 freshmen, 41 sophomores, 13 juniors, and five post-graduates, a total of 127. This puts us in first place among the departments in the College of Agriculture with respect to enrollment. Forestry and wildlife conservation has 107; agricultural engineering, 86; agricultural economics, 67; animal husbandry, 71; general agriculture, 63; agronomy, 58; dairy husbandry, 55; horticulture, 39; the total for all departments being 755. However, with but 50 post-graduates and 84 seniors in all, we are still far short of meeting the needs for agricultural leadership in Virginia.

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As you probably know, Dr. Walter S. Newman, the president of V. P. I., was formerly the State supervisor of agricultural education. He is doing a fine job and continues to take an active interest in the FFA in spite of the many duties and problems of his new office. Right now he is busy trying to solve the very difficult problem of finding a place at V. P. I. for the many youth of Virginia who would like to enroll here. From present indications it is going to be impossible to accommodate all who will apply for admission. Some are certainly going to be disappointed however much we would like to take care of them, especially in the College of Agriculture. Therefore this bit of advice to those who may be thinking of trying to attend V. P. I. may be appropriate at this time: apply early, and exert every possible effort to make as good records as you can in high school because good students will stand a better chance of being accepted than poor ones.

Teacher: "Where is the capital of the United States?"

Johnny: "In loans all over the world."

Teaching Rural Electrification As a Part Of Vocational Agriculture

By A. H. Hollenberg

(Mr. Hollenberg is a specialist in the Agricultural Education Service (Farm Mechanics) of the U. S. Office of Education, has visited Vo-Ag shops in Virginia and worked closely with Mr. Wake-man in the improvement of the Farm Mechanics phase of Vocational Agriculture in the State.—Editor.)

The mechanical phases of farming, of which rural electrification is an integral part, have been and are now vital parts

of the program of vocational agricultural education.

Rural electrification is not taught to farm boys as a separate subject, but is related to each enterprise—such as how it is needed and used in poultry, dairy, and crop production, and how it is applied to the farm home.

The plan of the vocational agricultural teacher is not to train farm boys to become master electricians, but to prepare these boys to become the best farmers in their respective communities. To become this type of farmer, it is necessary for the student in vocational agriculture to have a knowledge of what electricity will do for him, what constitutes

a good installation of lights and power, the cost of electricity to him and his farming operation, and what other power it can economically release.

In vocational agriculture, a boy should be trained in such phases of electricity as knowing the proper size of wire to use for the load that is to be placed on the circuit. He should be acquainted with the approved types of wires that can safely be used, the lubrication and servicing of electric motors, the repair of electric appliances, how to read meters and interpret rates, how to make safe connections and joints, how to select and operate electrical appliances, and how to figure maximum load on lines.

For example, in an enterprise such as poultry raising the farm boy needs training in the proper types of lights for the laying house, the location of such lights and the regulation of control mechanisms for turning them on and off. He must know if the wires are adequate to carry the load for an electric brooder should he desire to use one. He should be instructed in choosing the correct wattage of a brooder and must be schooled in its correct operation. The student of vocational agriculture should learn to operate and adjust egg candlers, water heaters, green-feed choppers, and feed-grinding equipment as well as other items of electrical equipment.

The list of electrical uses on the farm in which the farm boy must be trained already numbers into the hundreds and will grow phenomenally in the next few years. The vocational agriculture teacher must keep abreast of developments in this fast-moving field.

Richard B. Carter, State FFA Reporter Awarded One Year Scholarship at VPI

Richard B. Carter, Appomattox, reporter of the Virginia Association, FFA has been awarded a one year scholarship to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, it has been announced by T. B. Hutcheson, dean of agriculture.

Young Carter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Carter of Appomattox, is a graduate of Appomattox High School and received his State Farmer degree at the 1947 State FFA convention. The scholarship he received is one of the three offered by the Kroger Company to high school graduates in Virginia.

While in high school young Carter was president of his junior and senior classes, president of the local FFA chapter, was active in sports and dramatics, won first place in the DAR local essay contest and won the medal for the best school spirit.

Horse sense is something a horse has that keeps him from betting on people.

F. F. A. JEWELRY

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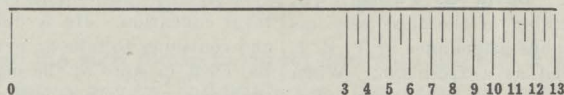
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 A neighbor, passing the cabin of a mountaineer, had the bad fortune to run over and kill the mountaineer's favorite dog. He went into the house and told the man's wife what had happened and how sorry he was. The owner of the dog was out in the fields, and the motorist decided he had better go out and tell him of the accident, too.

"Better break it to him easy like," said the wife. "First tell him it was one of the kids."

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 "And so," said the judge to the defendant. "I've decided to give your wife \$50 a month."

Husband: "That's fine, judge. I'll try to slip her a couple of bucks myself now and then."

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 "Mister, can you give me 20 cents for a cup of coffee?"

"But coffee is only a dime a cup."
 "I know, but naturally I would invite you to join me, and I'd be dreadfully embarrassed if I had only a dime."

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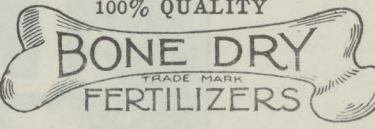
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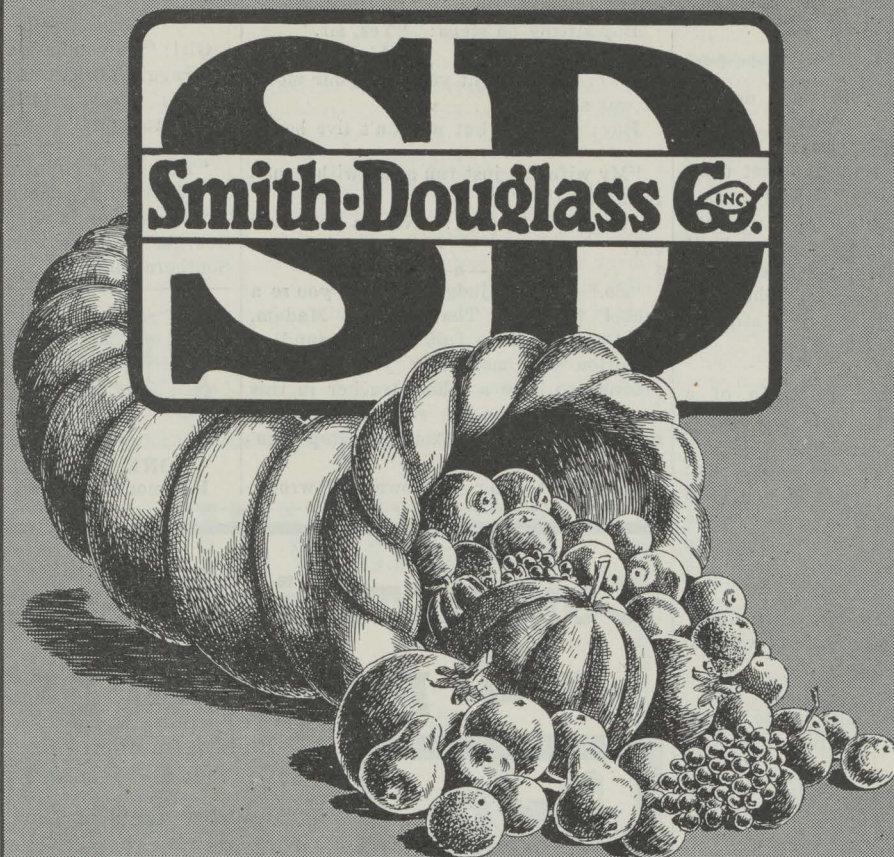
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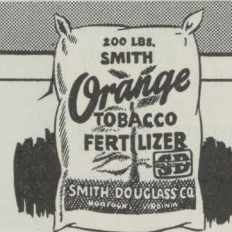
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