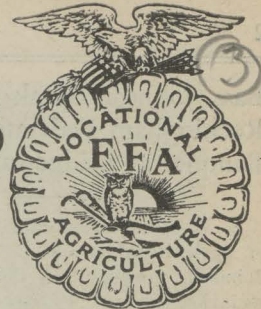


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State Officers Meet to Discuss, Plan Program

Recommend Two Delegates Per Chapter Attend State Convention, VPI
June 21-24

Each Federation Urged to Send One Member to 1948 National FFA Convention

Officers of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America meeting in Richmond December 30 carefully studied the entire State FFA program, made preliminary plans for the next convention and came out with some strong recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of the organization.

Foremost was the recommendation that each chapter send two delegates to the 1948 State convention scheduled to be held at VPI June 21-24. VPI officials have indicated that the college can accommodate a sufficient number at the convention to permit the attendance of two delegates from each chapter and, if so, this will be the first convention since before the war at which FFA chapters were represented by two delegates.

Forestry Project Approved

The State initiated FFA Foundation forestry project recommended by the supervisory staff was unanimously approved by the officers with the recommendation that full details be sent to local chapter advisers as soon as possible. (The project is described in detail elsewhere in this issue.)

A State degree team contest at the State convention, open to one team from each of the five districts, with appropriate awards was urged by the State officers in plans for the annual meeting. Other recommendations for the State Rally included continuation of the \$2 registration fee, movies after the night sessions and the State livestock, dairy, and poultry judging contests on the same basis as last year. A baseball tournament during the convention, by districts, was approved.

FFA-FHA Camp Discussed.

The present officers tentatively planned to attend the FFA-FHA Camp with the newly elected 1948-49 officers the week of

July 5. The State FFA leaders carefully reviewed financial statements of the camp owned by the State FFA and FHA and discussed the need for improvements, additional facilities and the more effective use of the jointly (FFA-FHA) owned 27-acre camp property on the James River near Smithfield.

The officers expressed a willingness and a desire to visit chapters in the State and (Continued on page 15.)



ROBERT SIDNEY RICE, JR.

Robert Sidney Rice, Jr. Gets King William County Ruritan Award

Robert Sidney Rice, Jr., 16-year-old King William High School student, was awarded the annual Ruritan prize given for the best all-around farm program for FFA members in King William County for the year 1946-47, at the December meeting of the local Ruritan Club.

Young Rice started his farming program in connection with his course in vocational agriculture and has gradually increased his farming operations until he now has one brood sow, one dairy heifer, ten acres soy beans, five acres corn and 100 baby chicks. C. L. Wilkins, instructor of vocational agriculture, esti- (Continued on page 12.)

State Vo-Ag Forestry Project is Approved

Plans OK'd by Washington Office Will Provide District and State Chapter Awards

Chapters Must Submit Year's Report of Total Program Accomplishments To Qualify in Contest

The Virginia plan for a State-wide forestry project in vocational agriculture using FFA Foundation funds to provide cash awards totaling \$571.00 to FFA chapters for group accomplishments in forestry has been approved by the National FFA office it is announced by T. V. Downing, assistant supervisor of agricultural education in forestry. Details of the proposed activity were submitted to Washington in December in compliance with rules of the FFA Foundation requiring approval of plans for the use of foundation funds earmarked for "State Initiated Projects."

Virginia's share of FFA Foundation State initiated project money this year is \$571.06. Now that the State FFA plan is approved, chapter prizes for outstanding accomplishments in forestry education in vocational agriculture during 1947-48 will be offered, as follows:

State

1st Prize	\$50.00
2nd Prize	40.00
3rd Prize	30.00
4th Prize	20.00
5th Prize	11.00

District (in each of five districts)

1st Prize, each district	\$40.00
2nd Prize, each district	20.00
3rd Prize, each district	12.00
4th Prize, each district	7.00
5th Prize, each district	5.00

Final Report to Qualify

To qualify for one of the chapter forestry awards chapters must submit the final FFA chapter report of all chapter accomplishments during the year to district supervisors by May 1. Also, chapters must score at least 550 points (possible score—1,000) to be eligible to receive a chapter forestry award.

Group activity on the part of chapters (Continued on page 15.)

Bass, Johnson Speak at Rockingham Federation Banquet at Bridgewater

R. E. Bass, assistant State supervisor of agricultural education and Dallas H. Johnson, president of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America were the principal speakers at the Rockingham FFA Federation banquet at Bridgewater High School December 3. Harold Roller, Broadway, president of the federation presided.

The program began with the singing of "America" led by Joseph Miller and the invocation by Henry Rolston, member of the school board. After the dinner, served by the Ladies Aid of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, officers of the federation opened the meeting with the official ceremony. Donald Huffman welcomed those present and Joseph Miller responded. Mike Liskey reported on the federation dairy improvement project sponsored by the Valley of Virginia Milk Producers Association and Merle Orebaugh told of progress being made toward swine improvement in the county through an FFA project sponsored by Sears Roebuck & Co.

Dallas Johnson, in this talk, "What Does Training Mean to a Person," explained the opportunities farm boys gain from studying vocational agriculture and participating in the activities of the FFA organization. He pointed out that farming is taught as a permanent vocation rather than a temporary one, FFA chapters teach leadership and through the vocational agricultural program farm boys and their parents learn to provide a better living on the farm. Mr. Bass stressed the need for leadership and the necessity of making the most of our opportunities in school.

Guests introduced by E. S. Wine, instructor of vocational agriculture, Mt. Clinton, included Burke McKay and Charles Estep of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors; Henry Rolston and Frank C. Coffman, members of the Rockingham County School Board; W. S. Pence, supervisor of instruction, Rockingham County schools; Boyd J. Glick, J. Frank Hillyard, John H. Will, L. W. Hillman, James W. Moyers, Paul G. Kline, Paul F. Myers, Howard G. Lanham, Hobart M. Earman and Edwin E. Will, principals of Rockingham County schools; Wely Holsinger, manager of the Rockingham Farm Bureau, Albert Casey of the Rockingham Forest Service and Mr. and Mrs. Wise, manager of Sears Roebuck.

Officers of the federation are Harold Roller, Broadway, president; Benny Getz, Linville - Edom, vice - president; Dalmer Sellers, Elkton, secretary; Richard Miller, Bridgewater, treasurer; Don Miller,

Dayton, reporter and E. S. Wine, Mt. Clinton, adviser.

Members of the executive committee are S. L. Hess, Mt. Clinton; Franklin Wonderly, Port Republic; Don Bushong, Timberville; Arthur Frazier, McGeheysville, and Harry L. Reubush, Keezletown.

GREENWOOD WINS FEDERATION FFA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Greenwood Chapter basketball team won the annual Flag Federation basketball tournament at Fluvanna High School December 9 by defeating Meriwether-Lewis 16 to 7, it is announced by James Kennedy, chapter reporter. Meriwether-Lewis was second and Crozet third. Prior to the final game Greenwood had defeated Scottsville 36 to 13; Unionville 29 to 21 and Crozet 16 to 15. Other chapters entering teams in the tournament were Goochland, Louisa, Fluvanna and Madison.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK FEBRUARY 22 - 28, 1948

The week of February 22-28, 1948, has been designated as national FFA week. Local FFA chapters are encouraged to plan appropriate activities during this week in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. Parent-son banquets, chapel programs, exhibits and news accounts of FFA work are examples of activities calling attention to the work of the Future Farmer of America on the local state and national levels.

Members of the winning Greenwood team were Billy Bailes (high scorer with 30 points) Wesley Mawyer, James Kennedy, Early Marshall, Clyde Grinstead, Dewey Pugh, Mickey Pugh, Thomas Kennedy and Aubrey Fox.

SALEM FFA's WIN IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE PRIZES

The Andrew Lewis (Salem) FFA Chapter members celebrated the conclusion of an extensive wild life conservation program sponsored by the Izaak Walton League of America with a banquet given by the Salem Chapter of the Izaak Walton League December 12. FFA chapter members cooperated with the league in sowing grain for wild life along field borders. Approximately 175 hunters and FFA boys attended the banquet held at the Salem Recreational Center at which prizes were awarded FFA boys for contributions to the program, according to David Plunkett, chapter reporter. Madison Grisso, Jr., received the first prize of \$25; Julius Jones, second, \$15; Pete Bain, third prize, \$10; Lawrence Martin, Norris Martin, and Kenneth Martin, fourth prize, \$5 each.

Welford Overbay Heads Chilhowie Chapter of 41 Students in Vo-Ag

The Chilhowie Chapter of Future Farmers of America, with a total active membership of 41, was reorganized early in the current school session under the leadership of Welford Overbay, president; Kent Duncan, vice-president; Bobby Joe Walker, secretary; Jimmy Wilkinson, treasurer; Kyle Duncan, reporter; and Walton Dolinger, sentinel.

The 1947-48 program of work includes 62 objectives, 32 of which have already been reached in full or in part.

The chapter has been active in the Smyth-Wythe-Bland FFA Federation activities and sponsored a crops judging contest at Chilhowie in November in which all of the nine chapters in the federation participated. Additional filmstrips, textbooks, bulletins, and a projection screen have been added to the department since school opened in September. Also, this fall the chapter purchased a new wood lathe for the shop out of local funds.

Tommy Tilson, of the local chapter, had the honor of making the Virginia State FFA livestock judging team which represented Virginia at the national FFA convention at Kansas City, Missouri, October 19-22. The Virginia team won the gold award in livestock judging—the first time that the highest award given at the national convention has been won by a Virginia team. Among the individuals that composed the 43 state judging teams that participated in the national livestock judging contest, Tommy scored among the eight highest, and was awarded a gold medal and a check for \$73.53. In addition, Tommy, as a member of the State team, received \$27.02, representing one-third of the gold team award—a similar amount going to each of the other two members of the team (French Croft, Beverly Manor Chapter and Meek Hoge, Bland Chapter).

The Virginia team won the bronze award in the national meat judging contest held at the convention, Tommy making the highest individual score on the team.

Among social activities the chapter held a weiner roast in October and plans to have another later on in the school year. Chapter members were guests of the local FFA chapter at a party held in the high school building November 27.

Plans are being made to enter the Smyth-Wythe-Bland FFA Federation basketball tournament to be conducted early in 1948. The preliminaries are to be held at the Bland High School, and the finals at Sugar Grove.

It is the growling man who leads a dog's life.—Coleman Cox.

J. A. Hardy Gets Honorary American Farmer Degree As Chapter Wins Gold Award

J. A. Hardy, district supervisor of agricultural education in southwest Virginia, was awarded the honorary American Farmer degree at the last national FFA convention in recognition of his Draper's Valley FFA Chapter having won the gold emblem award in the 1946-47 national chapter contest. This is a distinct tribute to Mr. Hardy's work at Draper High School in Pulaski County. Only 20 FFA chapters in the nation were awarded gold emblem ratings and the corresponding advisers the honorary American Farmer degree. Each is the highest honor conferred by the national organization upon chapters and individuals.

The Amelia (Va.) Chapter, the other 1947 State entry in the national chapter contest, rated bronze emblem classification. Chapters rating gold, silver, bronze and honorable mention in the national chapter competition are:

Gold Emblem Classification—Holyoke, Colorado; Belle Glade, Florida; DeLand, Florida; Talbotton-Woodland, Georgia; Chenoa, Illinois; Owingsville, Kentucky; Versailles, Kentucky; Limestone, Maine; Duck Hill, Mississippi; Flathead, Montana; Neligh, Nebraska; Rugby, North Dakota; Molalla, Oregon; Smith County, Tennessee; Victoria, Texas; Lincoln, Utah; Draper's Valley, Virginia; Lost Creek, West Virginia; Unidis-West Milford, West Virginia; Shoshone, Wyoming.

Silver Emblem Classification—Yuma, Arizona; Lakeside, Arkansas; Falls Village, Connecticut; Malad City, Idaho; Delphi, Indiana; Hessmer, Louisiana; Sunset, Louisiana; Alma, Michigan; Midland, Michigan; Inverness, Mississippi; Glascow, Montana; Las Cruces, New Mexico; Velva, North Dakota; Canal-Winchester, Ohio; Lawton, Oklahoma; Silverton, Oregon; Kutztown, Pennsylvania; Quakertown, Pennsylvania; Jasper, Texas.

Bronze Emblem Classification—Conway, Arkansas; Williamtic, Connecticut; Mount Ayr, Iowa; Beloit, Kansas; Tucumcari, New Mexico; McCutchenville, Ohio; Canton, South Dakota; Henderson, Tennessee; Amelia, Virginia; Prescott Washington; Lovell, Wyoming.

Honorable Mention—Sidney Lanier, Alabama; Peoria, Arizona; Waimea-Kauai, Hawaii; Mount Sterling, Illinois; Le Mars; Gorham, Maine; Clarksville, Maryland; Brainerd, Minnesota; Hibbing, Minnesota; Hay Springs, Nebraska; Fallon, Nevada; Cazenovia, New York; South Korthright, New York; Baron DeKalb, South Carolina; Woodruff, South Madison, South Dakota; Middlebury, Vermont.



FUTURE FFA CHAPTER ADVISERS—Members of the VPI Collegiate Chapter, Future Farmers of America, students in agricultural education at Virginia Tech, shown in session above will soon be instructors of vocational agriculture and local FFA chapter advisers. Chapter officers at their appropriate stations are Emmett Gardner, Hillsville, president; Erdman Mullins, Dickenson County, vice president; Linden Fravel, Woodstock, treasurer; Beverly Roller, Weyers Cave, secretary and Algie L. Spencer, Critz, reporter.

Oklahoma Future Farmer Shows Grand Champion Steer at "International"

"Big Boy," a 1,100-pound Shorthorn calf owned and shown by 18-year-old Claude Millwee, member of the Fort Cobb, Oklahoma FFA Chapter was acclaimed grand champion steer of the world at the forty-eighth International Livestock Exposition in Chicago December 3. This was the first time a member of the Future Farmers of America has ever won the grand championship of the steer contest.

CYRUS HALL McCORMICK FFA CHAPTER ADDS NEW MEMBERS

Newly initiated Green Hand members of the Cyrus Hall McCormick (Spottswood) Chapter Future Farmers of America are: Lionel Moomaw, Walter Fitzgerald, Jimmy Thomas, Kay McCormick, Beryl Lunsford, and Erskine Houser.

Chapter members qualifying for the Chapter Farmer degree at a recent meeting are: Lenwood Groah, Lonnie Phillips, Billy Gladwell, Tracy Gayhart, R. K. Huffman, Jr., Elmer Koogler, and Harold Fauver.

More than 500 persons attended the Spottswood Grain and Food Show sponsored by the FFA chapter, the FHA chapter and the Spottswood Ruritan Club November 7, Robert Earhart, reporter, announces. The Ruritan Club

Sugar Grove School Community Cannery Will Have Record Year

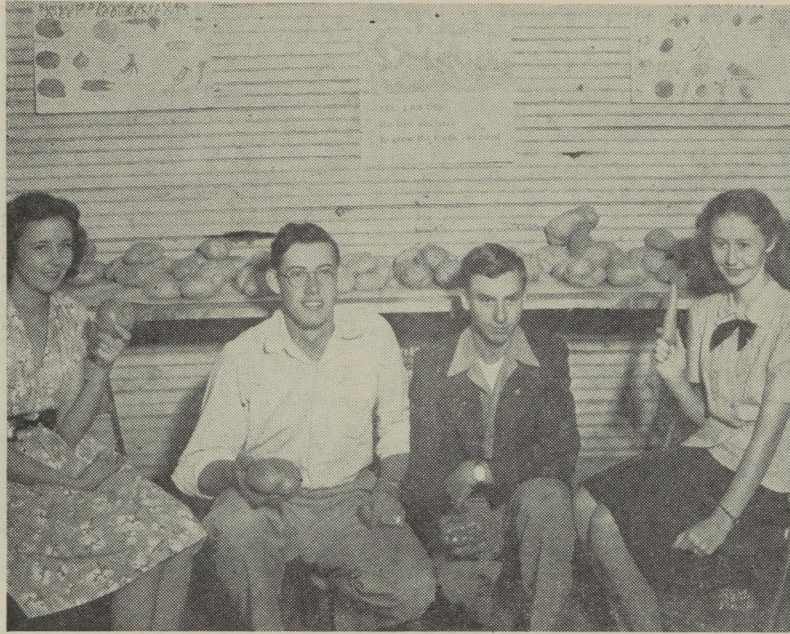
"This will be a record year for the Sugar Grove school community cannery," Paul Pickett, Sugar Grove FFA Chapter reporter, says. A total of 16,000 cans of fruits, vegetables and meats have been processed, 13,000 pounds of sausage ground and 10,000 pounds of fat rendered by 118 patrons.

The Sugar Grove FFA Chapter with a membership of 45 have an extensive supervised farming program, including 104 acres of field crops, 1,262 chickens and turkeys and 163 head of livestock. To date, chapter accomplishments include a father-son banquet, initiating Green Hands of the newly organized Marion Chapter, sponsoring the Rye Valley community fair and the FFA Federation livestock judging contest.

The Sugar Grove veterans' class (Institutional on-Farm Training) has an enrollment of 30 young farmers whose farming programs include 3,670 acres of crops. The class is being taught by R. A. Bennington, assistant instructor of vocational agriculture.

donated the entire gate receipts to the FFA and FHA chapters.

Lyle Houser won first place in the potato exhibit at the Augusta County Corn Show at which many members of the Spottswood FFA group exhibited.



FFA - FHA FAIR—Shown among the exhibits at the Woodlawn High School fair co-sponsored by the Woodlawn chapters of FFA and FHA are (l to r): Virginia Harrison, vice president of FHA; Ray Calfee, vice president of FFA; Ervin Lawson, president of FFA and Earlene Sharp, president of FHA chapters. "The fair was a success due to the splendid work of these four officers," says Charles E. Clear, Woodlawn instructor of vocational agriculture.

Dr. Poe Speaks at 30th Anniversary Celebration of Vo-Ag in Woodlawn H. S.

Dr. Clarence Poe, president and editor of *The Progressive Farmer*, was guest speaker at the Woodlawn FFA chapter father and son banquet October 29, commemorating the 30th anniversary of vocational agriculture at Woodlawn High School, it is announced by Everett Carter, chapter reporter. Ervin Lawson, chapter president, presided.

It is appropriate that Fred R. Kirby, Carroll County agent and former instructor of vocational agriculture at Woodlawn and Hillsville was toastmaster. Mr. Kirby is believed to be the first high school instructor of vocational agriculture and Woodlawn the first high school Vo-Ag department in the nation. He began teaching vocational agriculture at Woodlawn during the session 1917-1918 after passage of the Smith-Hughes Act of Congress providing federal aid for such a program.

Approximately 100 persons, including members of the 1917-18 class in vocational agriculture, current chapter members and dads attended.

W. C. LaRue, associate editor of *The Progressive Farmer*, and a member of the '18 class responded for the guests to the address of welcome given by Charles Russell, chapter secretary. W. A. Edwards, a high school junior and musically talented member of the chapter who has appeared in several radio shows

led the group in appropriate songs. The invocation was pronounced by Reverend M. D. Fleenor, pastor of the Woodlawn Methodist Church.

The importance of looking upon agriculture as an industry, a business and a profession was stressed by Dr. Poe in his address. "Agriculture gives an opportunity to buy and sell for our handiwork and we should make all we can, save all we can and give all we can," he said.

J. O. Hoge, district supervisor of agricultural education, traced the progress of vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America organization from their beginning. Mr. Kirby spoke briefly on the origin of vocational agriculture in 1917.

Guests introduced by Charles E. Clear, instructor of vocational agriculture, included Mr. LaRue; Roy E. Kyle, Carroll County superintendent of schools and Dewey R. Lineberry, members of the '18 class in agriculture. Also, F. S. DeVault, principal of the Woodlawn High School; B. N. Stanger and R. G. Guynn, former instructors of vocational agriculture.

The banquet was held in the dining room of the old dormitory building at the Woodlawn school that housed boarding students from 1905 to the early thirties.

Depression, gloom, pessimism, despair, discouragement, these slay ten human beings to every one murdered by typhoid, influenza, diabetes or pneumonia. If tuberculosis is the great white plague, fear is the great black plague. Be cheerful.

Woodlawn Sponsors FFA Federation Grain and Seed Show, Judging Contest

Members of the Woodlawn FFA Chapter sponsored a seed and grain show and crops judging contest for the Carroll Floyd-Grayson Federation at Woodlawn November 5. A total of 303 exhibits were entered by chapter members from Hillsville, Woodlawn, Coal Creek, Independence, Elk Creek, Grassy Creek, Floyd, Check and Willis.

The Woodlawn team comprised of Carl Hill, Ray Calfee and Ervin Lawson won the crops judging contest and the Phillips radio offered the top team by Pless Electric and Furniture Co., Galax. Nelson Snow, Coal Creek, was high individual scorer in the contest.

Six first prizes out of ten classes entered were won by members of the Hillsville Chapter. Those winning prizes were Arden Huff (Hillsville) who won first prize in white potatoes, and open pollinated white corn; Curtis Dalton, oats; Eric Puckett, buckwheat; William Horton, open-pollinated yellow corn and Gene Alderman, yellow hybrid corn.

Prizes were donated by business firms in Woodlawn and nearby towns.

BUCKINGHAM VISITS FAIRS

Members of the Buckingham FFA chapter entered exhibits and attended the Five County Fair held at Farmville, the Lynchburg Farm Show and the Atlantic Rural Exposition in Richmond last fall. At Farmville, James Tapscott won the blue ribbon on his corn and oats exhibit; Pete Harris placed first with wheat and Rice Seay won second on his barley. The chapter educational exhibit was awarded second prize. In the Lynchburg Farm Show Rice Seay's oats placed second and the corn exhibit of Powell Anderson was placed fifth.

Chapter officers are Powell Anderson, president; Ralph Tapscott, vice president; Albert Wood, secretary; Jesse Griffin, treasurer; Pete Harris, reporter and Herbert Maxey, sentinel.

DISPUTANTA ADOPTS OBJECTIVES

The October meeting of the Disputanta FFA chapter was devoted to study and adoption of chapter objectives presented by the program of work committee, appointed at the beginning of the year by chapter President Daniel Moncol.

Among a long list of things to be done during the year chapter members say they will own 100 per cent of their supervised practice enterprises, assist members in developing home agriculture libraries, purchase seed and fertilizer cooperatively, cull poultry flocks, provide FFA jackets for chapter officers and strive to accomplish all activities in the State program of work.

State FFA Membership For 1947-48 Totals 6,973 Association Records Show

Membership in the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America for the 1947-48 totals 6,973 as of January 10, according to R. E. Bass, executive secretary-treasurer.

The newly organized Wilson Memorial Chapter in the consolidated Wilson Memorial High School in the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital facilities near Staunton has the largest membership, 104, in the State. Next in line is Wytheville with 97, Christiansburg, 86 and Hillsville (first last year) in fourth place, with 84. The 15 chapters in the State having the largest enrollment are:

1. Wilson Memorial	104
2. Wytheville	97
3. Christiansburg	86
4. Hillsville	84
5. Rich Valley	81
6. Virginia-Carolina	78
7. Madison	75
8. Floyd	73
9. Spotsylvania	71
10. Andrew Lewis	69
11. North River	68
12. Randolph Henry	68
13. Willis	67
14. Chase City	65
15. Penning Gap	64

By counties, Rockingham with 10 FFA chapters and having a total enrollment of 322 is out in front; Augusta, next-door, is a close second with 313 and Pittsylvania is third with 272 members. The ten high counties in the State and the FFA membership in each are:

1. Rockingham	322
2. Augusta	313
3. Pittsylvania	272
4. Smyth	206
5. Lee	183
6. Floyd	181
7. Mecklenburg	168
8. Montgomery	168
9. Giles	165
10. Carroll	163

The largest FFA membership by districts and counties is in Southwest Virginia. The number of Virginia Future Farmers by Vo-Ag districts follows:

1. Southwest	2,195
2. Southside	1,538
3. Northern	1,430
4. Central	1,052
5. Eastern	758

The enrollment in vocational agriculture and paid up membership in the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America, by schools, is indicated below. Those marked with an asterisk (*) paid dues prior to October 1:

ACCOMAC—23

Atlantic	9
*Central	14

ALBEMARLE—116	
*Crozet	26
*Greenwood	23
*Meriwether-Lewis	34
*Scottsville	33
AMELIA—45	
*Amelia	45
AMHERST—31	
Amherst	31
APPOMATTOX—64	
*Appomattox	39
Pamplin	25
AUGUSTA—313	
Churchville	32
*Middlebrook	44
*Mt. Sidney	11
North River	68
*Spottswood	30
*Weyers Cave	24
Wilson Memorial	104
BEDFORD—72	
New London	42
*Montvale	30
BLAND—79	
*Bland	47
*Ceres	32
BOTETOURT—155	
*Buchanan	56
*Eagle Rock	34
Fincaastle	45
Troutville	20
BRUNSWICK—68	
*Alberta	41
Lawrenceville	27
BUCKINGHAM—33	
Buckingham H. S.	23
CAMPBELL—145	
*Brookneal	19
*Brookville	38
*Concord	20
*Gladys	18
*Naruna	22
*Rustburg	28
CAROLINE—51	
Caroline Cons. H.	26
C. T. Smith	25
CARROLL—163	
*Coal Creek	19
Hillsville	84
*Woodlawn	60
CHARLOTTE—68	
Randolph-Henry	68
CLARKE—42	
*Berryville	14
*Boyce	28
CRAIG—54	
*Maywood	18
New Castle	36
CULPEPER—34	
Culpeper	34
CUMBERLAND—33	
*Cumberland H. S.	33
DICKENSON—114	
*Dickenson Memorial	55
*Haysi	59
DINWIDDIE—102	
*Dinwiddie	42
*McKinney	40
Midway	20
ESSEX—28	
*Tappahannock Dist.	28

FAUQUIER—121	
Bealeton	22
Calverton	17
*Marshall	43
Warrenton	27
Remington	12
FLOYD—181	
*Check	41
*Floyd	73
*Willis	67
FLUVANNA—44	
Fluvanna Co.	44
FRANKLIN—118	
Boone Mill	32
Callaway	19
Glade Hill	35
*Rocky Mount	32
FREDERICK—150	
*Gainesboro	36
*Gore	29
*Middletown	29
*Stephens City	56
GILES—165	
*Eggleston	50
*Narrows	40
Pearisburg	42
*Pembroke	33
GOOCHLAND—38	
*Goochland	38
GRAYSON—127	
*Elk Creek	30
Independence	19
*Virginia-Carolina	78
GREENSVILLE—37	
*Greensville Co.	37
HALIFAX—128	
*Clover	21
Scottsburg	21
*Turbeville	26
*Volens	46
*Wilson Memorial	14
HANOVER—94	
*Beaverdam	32
*Henry Clay	43
*Montpelier	19
HENRY—116	
Axton	51
*Ridgeway	33
Spencer-Penn	32
HIGHLAND—17	
Monterey	17
ISLE OF WIGHT—68	
Carrsville	10
Isle of Wight	12
Smithfield	33
Windsor	13
KING & QUEEN—61	
Marriott	38
*Pleasant Hill	23
KING GEORGE—31	
*King George	31
KING WILLIAM—29	
*King William	29
LANCASTER—42	
*Lively	27
Whitestone	15
LOUDOUN—55	
*Aldie	15
*Leesburg	19
Lincoln	21

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Build With Youth . . .

Reasons Behind Support of FFA
Are Given by Dr. Robert E. Wilson

The large industrial and business firms which give financial aid to the Future Farmers organization look to the future, Dr. Robert E. Wilson, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, told the young farmers at their national convention session yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Auditorium Arena.

Speaking in behalf of contributors to the Future Farmers' national foundation, the oil company executive declared that an investment in the work of the F. F. A. was an investment in the stability of the nation and in the happiness of its people. The givers saw in the organization of farm youth a powerful agency for building a better America and the development of the kind of leaders the nation needs if it is to progress.

As Dr. Wilson spoke, a group of the contributors, representing a wide range of business and industrial interests, was seated behind him on the stage, single out for special words of honor by Dr. W. T. Spanton, national adviser of the FFA, and national officers of the organization.

Teamwork as the Answer

The businessman knows the farmer as a customer and a friend, Dr. Wilson said. It is natural that business should have a
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**Henry Groseclose Named
"Man of the Year" by the
Progressive Farmer Magazine**

Every year for the last ten years The Progressive Farmer magazine, Carolinas-Virginia edition, has recognized some distinguished leader as "Man of the Year in Service to Virginia Agriculture." Virginians who have previously received this award include: J. A. Burrus, T. B. Hutcheson, John R. Hutcheson, W. P. McGuire, W. S. Newman, L. M. Walker, Jr., J. H. Quisenberry, G. F. Holsinger, Lyman Carrier, and John W. Flannagan.

In announcing its 1947 "Man of the Year" award to Henry C. Groseclose of Bland, The Progressive Farmer said: "He is, more truly than any other one



HENRY C. GROSECLOSE

man, 'the Father of FFA' (the Future Farmers of America organization). Every year that work of his grows in value and importance not only to his native state of Virginia but to the whole nation. With about 250,000 members in all 48 states, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii, the Future Farmers of America is now the largest farm boys' organization in the world—and its ideals were shaped and framed by Henry Groseclose."

Back in 1926 Walter S. Newman (now President of VPI, then state supervisor of agricultural education) presented the idea of a state organization of high school agriculture students at a State meeting. A long siege of illness gave Groseclose time for reflection and an opportunity to work out the framework for such an organization. He originated the name; wrote the constitution and by-laws, ceremony and handbook; developed the emblem, key and seal; gave the idea of progressive membership based on achieve-

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ments; and created many other important features of an organization that came alive not only in the State of Virginia but in all America.

Henry C. Groseclose was the first executive secretary of the FFA and national treasurer for 12 years. In recognition of his services he was the first to receive the fourth degree of Honorary American Farmer.

**69 Former Sugar Grove
FFA's Farming; 33 in
Related Occupations**

Sixty-nine former Sugar Grove students of vocational agriculture and members of the Future Farmers of America are farming in their home community and 33 are engaged in occupations related to agriculture according to Paul Pickett, Sugar Grove chapter reporter.

Ninety-one of the 224 farm boys who have studied vocational agriculture at Sugar Grove since 1926 have completed the four-year course. Twenty-six completed three years, 58 two years, and 49 finished one year, according to the high school records. Ten of the former students are farm owners, 17 are farming on a partnership basis while seven are renters. Fourteen are in the armed services. Eight are dead, three having been killed in World War II.

Ten boys have attended agricultural college and 25 have attended college other than agriculture.

WE'RE LATE, WE'RE SORRY.

We regret this issue of "Chapter Chats" is late. The delay, beyond our control, is due to the inability of our publisher to secure paper and the lack of gas (result of the fuel shortage) to operate his typesetting machinery.
—Ed.

Ray Gene Cinnamon of Oklahoma is Named '47 Star Farmer of America

Ray Gene Cinnamon, 19, member of the Garber, Oklahoma FFA Chapter was selected Star Farmer of America at the last national FFA convention in Kansas City. The honor carries with it the coveted award of \$1,000 given each year by the weekly Kansas City Star to one FFA boy in the nation selected on the basis of his accomplishments, leadership and contributions to agriculture. Ray Gene also received the American Farmer degree at the 1947 convention.

Time magazine carried an excellent summary of the national convention in a story centered around Ray Gene in the issue of November 3.

Time's story follows:

"From every state but one (Rhode Island), sun-tanned youngsters poured into Kansas City last week—some 7,000 of them.

"After they had filled hotels to the bulging point, they overflowed into army cots hastily set up in the municipal auditorium. But bunking on cots was no hardship. These kids were accustomed to a rough life. They were the Future Farmers of America, in town for the 20th annual convention.

"Well-behaved and business-like—some already have incomes running into five figures—they had little time for sight seeing or the movies.

"Many made beelines for the American Royal Livestock Show, which ran concurrently with the FFA convention.

"Others stuck to the convention agenda, listened to speeches by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson and British Ambassador Lord Inverchapel, and frolicked at a big barn warming party, where they shucked corn and sweatily swung their partners in old-fashioned square dances.

"All applauded when red-faced Ray Gene Cinnamon, 19, a shy boy with a big grin, from Garber, Oklahoma, was named 1947 Star Farmer of America (prize \$1,000).

"Ray Gene has been showing prize-winning livestock at the Royal show for the past seven years. In 1944 his entry took the grand champion steer award, which, together with two other prize-winning animals, netted him more than \$9,000. That year Ray Gene had to call in an accountant to help on his income tax.

"Ray Gene owns 40 acres of land, rents an additional 360, and is in partnership with his uncle in farming another 400 acres.

"He also manages his own herd of 28 Angus cattle, with 22 calves.

"Last spring he married Libby Sebrank, a girl he had once crowned queen of the Garber FFA chapter.

"Besides keeping house in their neat farm cottage, Libby does more than her share of chores.

"Said Ray Gene:

"Never would have got the wheat harvest in this year if Libby hadn't run the combine for me."

"They got up at 4:30 in the morning and worked until 11:00 at night.

"After he got his prize, Ray Gene was directed to a sleek yellow convertible that was to take him on a triumphal ride around Kansas City's Royal arena.

"He took one bashful look at blonde Laura Carol Tarrant, queen of the American Royal show, perched above the car's back seat, and tried to slide in beside the driver.

"Told that he was to ride beside the queen, Ray Gene climbed to his place and

VIRGINIA FFA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 21-27—National FFA Week.

April 15—Final date for submitting State Farmer degree applications to District Supervisors.

May 1—FFA-FHA camp reservations should be requested by this date.

June 14 - Aug. 21—FFA -FHA camp in operation.

June 21-24—State FFA convention.

Sept. 28 - 30—National Dairy, Dairy Products and Poultry judging contests, Waterloo, Iowa.

Oct. 14 - 15—National Livestock and Meats judging contest, Kansas City, Missouri.

Nov. 14 - 18—National FFA convention, Kansas City, Missouri.

was greeted with a congratulatory kiss, planted firmly on his flaming cheek.

"When a bystander yelled, 'Hey, the guy's married,' Queen Laura playfully pretended to wipe off a smudge of lipstick.

"Then she kissed him again, and a thoroughly confused Star Farmer was taken on a slow circuit of the arena as thousands roared.

"The ride over, Ray Gene took quick leave and ducked back to the livestock stalls.

"There, as he polished the coat of his Hereford steer, he relaxed and talked about past FFA convention.

"I got married last April,' he said, 'so I have to stay in a hotel with the wife this year. Always before when I came to the Royal I bunked right here with the cattle."

STONY CREEK FFA-FHA PICNIC

Stony Creek FFA and FHA chapters held a joint picnic recently and enjoyed brunswick stew prepared in the school community cannery, reports Joe Rogers, chapter news writer. Members of the Stony Creek High School faculty, the

Harry L. Saville, Vo-Ag Instructor for 29 Years Dies at Charlotte C. H.

Harry Lucian Saville, 56, instructor of vocational agriculture for the past 29 years, died Friday night, January 2, at his home at Charlotte Court House.

Mr. Saville, a native of Rockbridge County, was educated at Washington and Lee, VPI and Princeton University. He received his B. A. degree at Washington and Lee in 1912 and his M. A. at Princeton University in 1915. He had nearly enough post-graduate credit at VPI to give him a masters degree in agricultural education.

He was high school principal at Sussex Courthouse from 1912 to 1914 and served in the U. S. Engineers branch of the army during World War I. He served as instructor of vocational agriculture and principal at Climax in Pittsylvania County from 1919 to 1926 and for 20 years was employed in the same capacity at Axton High School in Henry County. For the past two years he was instructor of vocational agriculture at Charlotte Courthouse. He also served as school principal in Sussex, Nansemond and Grayson counties prior to his work in vocational agriculture.

Mr. Saville was an Elder of the Charlotte Courthouse Presbyterian church and a member of the Men's Bible Class. He had just served a year as secretary of the Charlotte County Ruritan club. He was a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Vo-Ag Teachers' Association Ten Year Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cora Treacle Saville; a son, Edwin Saville of Martinsville and one sister, Mrs. Ralph Moore of Sweetwater, Tennessee. Another son, H. L. Saville, Jr., was killed while serving in the armed forces in World War II.

Funeral services were held at the Charlotte Courthouse Presbyterian church at 1:30 P. M. Sunday, January 4 and burial was at Oxford church in his home community near Lexington, Virginia, the following day.

high school student body, and School Superintendent T. D. Foster and family were guests. Out-door games and contests were played under the direction of Miss Helen Scarborough, instructor of home economics.

The chapter initiated six new members into the Green Hand degree October 23. They are Emerson Kitchen, Burt Williams, Donald Mobley, Daniel Koliadko, Robert Harrup and Tommy Jones.

Gene Chappell is president of the chapter; Thomas Vaughan, vice president; Gene Morgan, treasurer; Joe Rogers, reporter; Dickie Fannin, secretary and Philip Poarch, sentinel.

Take time to

Have you ever mapped—with pins and thread, or with pencil on paper—the daily “chore route” of your farm or ranch? Have you figured how much back-tracking you do, how many unnecessary extra steps you walk in a day? Have you taken time to save time, and steps, and labor?

A number of agricultural colleges and experiment stations have made practical work studies on farms and ranches, with some astounding results. For example, one dairy farmer (who thought himself pretty efficient) adopted improved machine milking techniques. He rearranged his barn to save steps and time in feeding and watering. He saved himself two miles of walking per day, cut his daily chore time by two hours and five minutes. That's 730 miles of walking and 760 hours of work in a year. In making the changes, he spent less than \$50.

Indiana tells of farmers who, by planning their work, are raising hogs with one quarter their former hours of labor . . . There's a report of men making hay in 90 man-minutes per ton; while others using similar equipment—but older, harder ways of working—spend twice that time . . . There are scores of other examples.

Perhaps you cannot make such great savings in your operations. Maybe you can make more. It's certainly worth looking into, for even *little* savings are important. Five steps saved a day makes a mile in a year. Five minutes a day gives you three extra days a year.

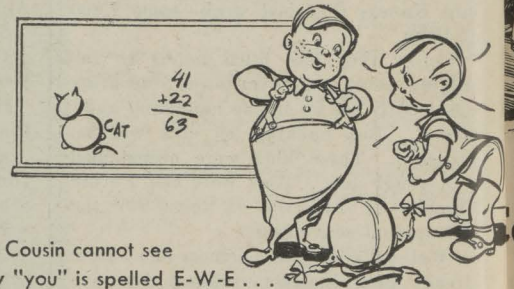
There's no master plan to fit every farm and ranch, because no two are exactly the same. You have to work

out your *own* plan of improvement. But the time it may well be the most profitable time you've ever spent.

A four-step scheme is suggested. *First*, consider your job or chore separately. Break it down into its parts. Check each part with a watch or tape measure and see how many steps or time can be saved. *Second*, compare your methods with those of your neighbors. *Third*, exchange ideas and check the details of your work methods. *Fourth*, develop and apply the new method. In a nutshell, “Plan your work and work your plan.”

Time studies and job analysis have helped Swif Company increase efficiency and make important savings. That's why we so confidently suggest similar studies in your operations. One excellent bulletin on this subject is Number 307, published by Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. It's interesting reading and worth writing for. Your county agent, or state agricultural college can tell of other bulletins on the same subject.

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The American Way

In the livestock-meat industry, as in all American business, profit provides the basic incentive for work, enterprise and action. Profit makes the *mare go* for livestock producers, meat packers and retailers. Too little profit by one section creates an unbalance in the industry. If one part of the livestock-meat industry suffers continued loss, all of us are hurt in the long run.

However, a margin of profit fair to one section of the livestock-meat industry might be quite unfair to another. For instance, we at Swift & Company know perfectly well that both livestock producers and retailers require a higher margin of profit, because of their relatively small volume. On the other hand, nationwide meat packers must build up a tremendous volume of sales to make up for a very small margin of profit per unit—a margin that has been consistently lower than that earned by any other manufacturing industry in America.

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Earl Stewart

Vice-President, Swift & Company



A. J. Dyer

To Make More Beef Per Acre

by A. J. Dyer

University of Missouri, College of Agriculture

Tests reveal that land devoted to small grain Lespedeza pasture produces about 200 pounds of beef per acre. Land in this area planted to grain will average only about 15 bushels of wheat per acre or from 25 to 30 bushels of corn. Even at present grain prices, the return per acre obtained from pasturing beef cattle is considerably greater than it would be from grain. In addition, pasturing cuts costs and builds up soil fertility, the report states.

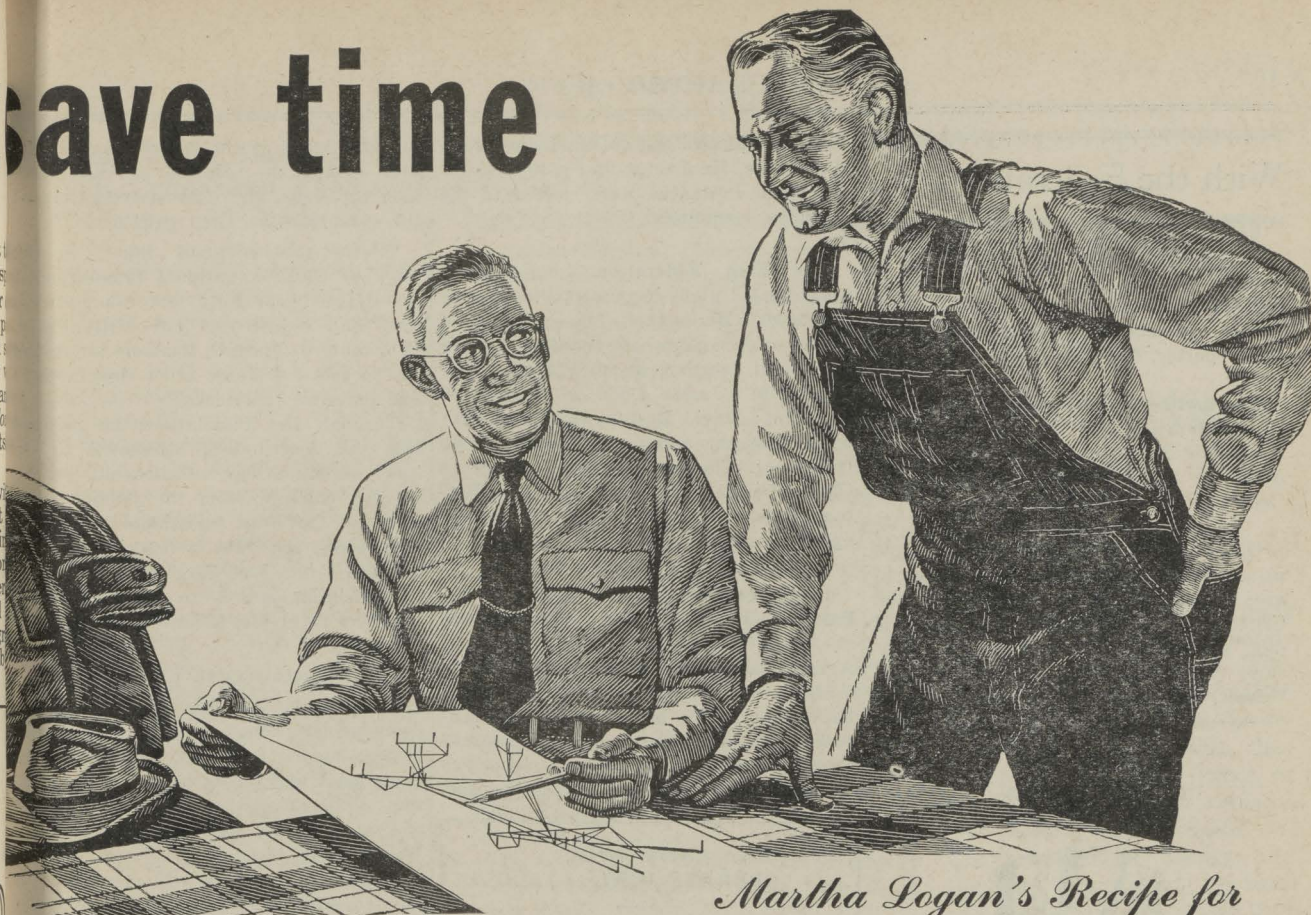
Fat steers weighing 1140 pounds have been produced on less than 10 bushels of corn or other grain in three separate tests conducted by the Missouri Experiment Station. These feeding trials have been conducted over the past nine years and in each instance results have been much the same.

Feeding tests began with 400-pound feeder calves. These were marketed at two years of age. About 60% of the feed was made on good, small grain-Lespedeza pasture, 20% on winter roughages and the final 20% on dry-lot grain feed for 28 days prior to marketing. The three main factors for successful feeding under this system are: (1) well-bred calves; (2) an abundant supply of good winter roughage; (3) plenty of good pasture in summer.

Compared with the customary full-feeding method of beef production, it is estimated that about 65 bushels of grain per head is saved by the Missouri system.

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| 2 eggs | 1/3 cup brown sugar |
| 1 cup dry bread crumbs | 1 tablespoon dry mustard |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 2 tablespoons vinegar |

Beat eggs. Combine meats, eggs, crumbs, salt, pepper, and milk. Mix thoroughly. Form into loaf in 8 1/4 x 4 1/4 x 2 3/4 inch loaf pan. Combine sugar, mustard, and vinegar. Spread over meat. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour, or until meat has reached an internal temperature of 185° F.

Controlling Roundworm in Sheep

by Walter Armer
University of Arizona



Walter Armer

The control of roundworm on sheep ranches has been successfully tested by Dr. W. J. Pistor, University of Arizona Animal Pathologist. It consists of feeding a mixture of 1 part phenothiazine with 9 parts of ordinary granular salt. Roundworm, a serious plague, especially to sheep grazed on irrigated pastures, can be checked by phenothiazine and salt. Of course, it is not a cure-all. Badly infected sheep may have to be drenched. But feeding the mixture throughout the pasture period will prevent the worm population from reaching the dangerous level in the majority of cases. Phenothiazine, alone, is but one of a number of drugs known to aid in controlling roundworm in livestock. But during World War II, animal husbandmen discovered its effectiveness was greatly heightened when used with salt fed throughout the pasture season.

Experiments begun in 1943 with sheep grazing on irrigated pastures in Arizona proved the remarkable value of the new mixture. It resulted in cutting down loss of sheep and marketing lambs in better condition. Today a high percentage of sheep on Arizona farm lands receive the 1-9 phenothiazine and salt mixture.

This new treatment is economical as well as effective. It practically eliminates the necessity of drenching each animal individually to control roundworms—a costly and possibly dangerous practice.

Soda Bill Sez:

... the man with a dull hoe is
wasting nobody's time but his own.



Track Down the Facts

A great family "man" is *Fiber Zibethicus*, better known to American farmers as the muskrat. He raises his many offspring in marshes, and about streams, lakes and ponds. Muskrat tracks are easily recognized by the drag of his knifelike tail, which shows up well in soft mud.



The muskrat-trapper works hard to make a living out of muskrat skins, and generally his efforts are rewarded. But there is one fact about his business that he tracked down long ago. He knows the price he can get for muskrat skins depends on the popular demand for finished pelts.

In the business of processing livestock into meat for people's use, we at Swift & Company have to keep track of the demand for meat everywhere in the nation. We must know, too, the weights and grades of cuts preferred by housewives. Experience has taught us that the price the producers receive for their livestock is governed by what the meat packer can get for the meat and by-products.



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With the Federations . . .

An officers' school for the officers of member chapters was held by the **Rockingham Federation** at Keezletown High School November 18, Don Miller, Federation reporter, has announced.

The first regular meeting of the **Southside Federation** was held at Chase City November 22 at which time plans were made for the annual father-son banquet December 5 at Wilson Memorial.

Officers of the **Land Federation** elected in a meeting at Blackstone November 13 are: Oscar Austens, president; John Crittenden, vice-president; Arthur Monday, secretary; Rodney Anderson, treasurer; Brady Patterson, reporter; Joe Crimes, sentinel; J. S. Clingenpeel, ad-

viser. Richard Porter, Dinwiddie, Hugh Hawthorne, Kenbridge and a representative from Powhatan were elected to the executive committee.

The **Flag Federation** composed of Goochland, Unionville, Scottsville, Louisa, Fluvanna, Meriwether-Lewis, Madison, Crozet and Greenwood chapters held a basketball tournament at Fluvanna December 9. James Dodd is Federation president; David Boston, vice president; Jack Eastern, secretary; Dennis Cobb, treasurer; Thomas Londeree, reporter; Clyde Grinstead, sentinel and Cecil Bottom, Aubrey Foster and Pete McCauley, executive committee.

Delegates from FFA chapters in the **Franklin - Henry - Patrick Federation** met at Axton October 23 and elected Coan Agee, Meadows of Dan, president; Billy Walker, Stuart, vice president; Alton Robertson, Rocky Mount, secretary; Aubrey Bradshaw, Spencer Penn, treasurer; Curtis Woody, Rocky Mount, reporter; Kenneth Allman, Glade Hill, sentinel and

ing knowledge of the other's way of life each seeking the solution of their common problems, and each striving toward the same goals.

"Before my company joined in the work of the FFA national foundation I investigated carefully the foundation aims and objectives," Dr. Wilson said. "The more we learned, the more interested we became. I know other donors had had the same experience."

Through the foundations he pointed out, the contributors attempted to cover some of the things which could not be covered entirely from the public funds available for the vocational education with which the FFA is associated. The assistance has been largely in the form of providing awards to stimulate FFA members to greater achievements in various fields.

Tractors as an Example

"During the last few months my company has joined with six other foundation donors from the petroleum and farm machinery fields to aid in preparation of educational material on efficient tractor operation and maintenance," Dr. Wilson said. "Our experts have given their time to meetings with specialists from the government service. Through the group working on this material, you will get the advice and guidance of the best tractor service talent that can be found anywhere in the country. We believe this a practical kind of help. Through work of this type, supporters of the foundation demonstrate that industry and agriculture are indeed partners."

Warning his listeners against those who would seek to destroy the American way of life, Dr. Wilson said there were always those who attempted to provoke controversy and promote class consciousness.

Demagogues tell farmers that the city cousins are earning huge wages and making excessive profits," he said. "They tell the city dwellers that farmers are getting rich on the high prices of butter, eggs, grain and livestock. Such talk is alien in America. In other parts of the world people have listened to such fomenters of class hatred and helped them to attain positions of power. Wherever they did, they lost their liberty, their prosperity and their happiness.

"Russia has shown that a police state can get much work done by what amounts to slave labor, but America has shown that more can be produced and enjoyed by all if we have freedom, adequate incentive for all groups, mutual understanding and mutual tolerance. In our way of life, we are Americans first, and farmers or wage earners or businessmen second."

(Reprinted from The Kansas City Times of Tuesday, October 21, 1947-Ed.)



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FFA - FHA CAMP WILL OPERATE JUNE 14 - AUG. 21

The FFA-FHA Camp will be opened next summer between June 14 and August 21, it was decided by the camp Board of Trustees at its meeting in Richmond, January 16.

Application forms for requesting reservations will be sent to FFA and FHA chapters in March.

N. C. Terry, Hardin Reynolds, adviser. A program of work includes plans for a dairy judging, livestock judging, public speaking and degree team contest was approved and dues fixed at \$1.50 per chapter.

The fourth round of pigs is now ready for distribution to the boys of each chapter in the **Rockingham Federation** in a pig chain project started early in January, 1945. Pigs to start the chain and keep it going are provided by Sears Roebuck and Company "It is not possible to say what this project has meant toward the improvement of swine production in Rockingham County, but it is felt that a large number of better hogs are being raised as the result of this enterprise," writes E. W. Roller, Broadway instructor of vocational agriculture.

BUILD WITH YOUTH . . .
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material interest in the welfare of agriculture. But more importantly, business realizes that the nation can prosper only so long as the farmer and the urban resident work together as a team, each seek-

Crozet Vo-Ag Students Study Commercial Apple Production and Forestry

Commercial apple production and forestry were studied in detail by Crozet students of vocational agriculture during October in visits to the apple packing plant of C. A. Haden and a forestry demonstration by Berlin Eye on the farm of Charlie Thurston.

"Students viewing the actual steps in packing apples were impressed with the operation and arrangement of the highly efficient equipment—conveyer belts, boxing and sorting machines and observed that although much of the work is done by machines, the human element is essential in the sorting and packing of apples," reports Charles Garrison, FFA chapter reporter.

The students learned about selecting the site, varieties, planting, fertilizing and cultivating fruit trees from Henry Chiles, who pointed out that fruit growers must have a love for fruit and stay with it year in and year out.

J. T. Henley spoke to the students October 21 on the control of fruit diseases and insects. "One of the interesting things that most of us did not know, writes Reporter Garrison, is that certain beneficial insects are used to control harmful insects." "These things were educational and interesting to us since we are all directly or indirectly connected with fruit growing in the community and most of us harvest and pack apples and peaches each year," he adds.

Forestry Study

Good forestry practices—calculating board feet of lumber in standing trees, determining trees to cut, cutting out undesirable trees, leaving seedling trees, resetting young trees and fire protection was explained to the vocational agriculture class by Berlin Eye, district forester, on a field trip to the farm of Charlie Thurston, October 27. Mr. Eye stressed the importance of leaving the young, straight healthy trees and moving the undesirable ones for cord or fuel wood.

The chapter members plan additional field trips on other agricultural topics during the year. Chapter officers are: Ray McCauley, president; Melvin Black, vice-president; H. B. Coffey, Jr., secretary; Waverly Thurston, treasurer; Charles Garrison, reporter; Franklin Barnette, sentinel and W. T. Oakes instructor of vocational agriculture, adviser.

Alabama—Usually its the old hands that win the prizes, but the Alabama FFA association has set up a contest to give recognition to boys who do the best job in getting started as freshman and sophomore vocational agriculture students.

Agrieties . . .

Frank Chuchek, principal, and Dixie Moore, assistant principal of Chase City High School have been made honorary members of the Chase City FFA Chapter. . . . Wives of veterans in Institutional on-Farm Training Classes at LaCrosse have organized a class of their own under the supervision of Mrs. Jack Furr, instructor of home economics. It gives them an opportunity to see that their husbands go straight home and at the same time benefit from the study of home economics. . . . E. L. Dupuy, Spencer Penn instructor of vocational agriculture and W. C. Dudley, district supervisor of agricultural education were principal speakers at the Critz Chapter father-son banquet December 5. . . . Harvey D. Seal, instructor of vocational agriculture, Ashland High School was recently elected president of the Virginia Vocational Association. . . . Twenty-nine boys, approximately one-third of those in Lincoln County High School in Panaca, Nevada, are enrolled in a homemaking class which "will prove to be the most valuable class offered in our high school," says Frank Wilcox, high school superintendent. . . . A. B. Farmer, instructor of vocational agriculture at Chilhowie and T. C. Lacks, assistant instructor of vocational agriculture at Clover were active members of session committees of the Virginia State Grange meeting in Richmond October 28, 29 and 30. . . . Donald F. Bakehouse of Owatonna, Minn., representing the central region won the national public speaking contest during the last national FFA convention—Max Cobble, Mosheim, Tenn., the boy who won the Southern region contest in which Virginia's Edward Slusher placed third, was second in the national public speaking meet. One of the approximately 35 honorary American Farmer degrees conferred at the 1947 national FFA convention went to Henry E. Giacomini of Fernald, Calif., six of those seven sons have also received American Farmer degrees, the other having attained the State Farmer degree. Young farmers from Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Burma attended the national convention and their part on the program showed that the work waiting to be done by future farmers in their countries is much the same as the job which is being done so well by the Future Farmers of America. . . . Teams from 27 states entered the national dairy cattle judging contest held in Waterloo last fall; 19 state associations entered teams in the dairy products judging and 21 states competed in the poultry contest. At Kansas City during the national FFA convention 34 states participated in the livestock judging contest; 20 competed in the grading and identifying of meats.

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**FFA-FHA Camp Closes
Successful Year of
Operation—Balance \$894.43**

The FFA-FHA camp, operated for ten weeks last summer, closed its operating fund books on last year's business December 31 with a balance of \$894.43. Although this balance is less than at the beginning of the year, the camp had a successful season in the opinion of R. E. Bass, assistant State supervisor of agricultural education who served as treasurer and camp manager. Considerable operating and recreational equipment was purchased during the year which will relieve the necessity of expenditures for such items again.

The camp store operated for the convenience of the campers was actually more profitable than the financial statement indicates. Approximately 150 T-shirts having a value of about \$225 which were paid for by the store are on hand for use next summer. Also, a small amount for soft drinks furnished by the store for lunches has not been charged to food and credited to the store.

Handicraft activities was a losing proposition from a financial viewpoint. The cost of a new food mixer, new compressor for the refrigerator, boats and hauling charges account for the larger items of expense. The amount paid for accident insurance (net \$480.50) seems large but was only 50 cents per camper per week. A complete financial statement of the operating fund for the year, January 1 to December 31, 1947, follows:

ROBERT SIDNEY RICE, JR.
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mates Rice's labor income from this year's work at \$670.

The agreement which Rice has with his father gives him full control of his farm program and all the proceeds. Benefits from his work are being used to increase his enterprizes and in a few years he is expected to have a well rounded program providing a year-round income and full employment. J. E. Rouzie, chairman of a committee appointed by the King William Ruritan Club to select the Ruritan winner presented the award. He announced that the principal points considered by his committee in visits to FFA boys' farms were their long time program, investments and savings, interest in vocational agriculture, FFA work, plans, and records.



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FFA-FHA CAMP ASSOCIATION

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Balance January 1, 1947 \$ 1,217.79

Receipts

Tuition (Campers and Guests)	\$10,638.10	
Store	1,560.21	
Crafts	50.70	
Refunds:		
Cash to start	\$ 100.00	
Food damaged in transit	15.00	
Telephone92	
Food returned	18.93	
Insurance overpayment	119.50	
		254.35
Miscellaneous:		
Food sold	\$ 89.75	
Photography	87.75	
		177.50
		<u>12,680.86</u>
Total Balance and Receipts		\$13,898.65

Expenditures

Food	\$ 4,253.11	
Salaries—Staff	2,974.90	
Store	1,373.39	
Crafts	155.78	
Electricity and Fuel:		
Electricity	\$ 79.09	
Fuel	79.93	
		159.02
Equipment and Supplies:		
Waste baskets	\$ 49.50	
Food Mixer	345.00	
Kitchen utensils	69.42	
Shades	55.20	
Tables	85.91	
Refrigerator compressor	452.09	
Motor for potato peeler	32.74	
Hauling equipment	308.60	
Miscellaneous equipment	29.27	
Paper plates and napkins	69.67	
Hardware	111.51	
Miscellaneous supplies	88.14	
		1,697.05
Medical Expense:		
Physical examinations	\$ 150.00	
First aid supplies	48.96	
		198.96
Recreation Equipment, etc.:		
Park benches	\$ 107.91	
Boats (three)	220.00	
Outboard motor	127.00	
Renting phonograph	90.00	
Labor	41.80	
Miscellaneous equipment, etc.	83.79	
		670.50
Telegraph and telephone	28.23	
Travel of staff	90.95	
Refunds:		
Reservation fees refunded		102.00
Auditing books	\$ 30.00	
Hauling	65.00	
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SCOTT—62
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SHENANDOAH—159
 *Edinburg 13

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 *Strasburg 23
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SMYTH—206
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 *Marion 39
 *Rich Valley 81
 *Sugar Grove 46

SOUTHAMPTON—82
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WYTHE—170
 *Jackson Memorial 35
 *Rural Retreat 38
 *Washington-Lee 13
 *Wytheville 97

YORK—21
 *Poquoson 21

WINCHESTER CITY—26
 *Handley 26

STATE FFA MEMBERSHIP.
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LEE—183
 *Dryden 38
 *Jonesville 21
 *Pennington Gap 64
 *Thomas Walker 60

LOUISA—62
 *Louisa Co. 62

LUNENBURG—40
 *Kenbridge 22
 *Victoria 18

MADISON—75
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CHAPTER NEWS

Andrew Lewis (Salem) initiated 31 Green Hands December 12, writes David Plunkett, chapter reporter.

Merrell Carr is president of the Ivor Chapter; Beverly Stephenson, vice president; Garland Warren, secretary; Nelson Boykins, treasurer; Lemuel Duke, reporter and Clarence Holland, sentinel.

The Dryden Chapter recently initiated 20 Green Hands and raised eight old members to the degree of Chapter Farmer. The chapter basketball team beat the Jonesville Chapter in games at Dryden, November 12 and Jonesville, November 18.

Timberville Chapter officers attended the Rockingham Federation Officers' school November 18. Nine members represented Timberville at the county federation banquet at Bridgewater December 3, according to Merle Orebaugh, reporter. Timberville Chapter members held a joint picnic with the FHA girls last fall.

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Rich Valley elected Neal Webb secretary at the October meeting. Richard Buchanan, Jack Campbell, and Robert Pratt were elected to the executive committee. Reports on various chapter activities were made by John Barns and Warren Olinger.

R. P. Taylor, instructor of vocational agriculture, is adviser of the newly organized Smithfield Ham Chapter. Bernard Griffin is president; Royce Holdsworth, vice president; Buck Milby, secretary; Shelton Thacker, treasurer; W. R. Turner, Jr., reporter and Rea Johnson, sentinel.

Broadway, with 43 members, reorganized in September; have an extensive program of work outlined, sponsored jointly a picnic with the FHA chapter and sent chapter officers to the Rockingham Federation Officers Training School. Six members of the chapter attended the Atlantic Rural Exposition last fall with 53 other Future Farmers and three instructors from the Rockingham Federation.

Bobby Hamilton exhibited 16 of the 196 displays of farm produce in the largest FFA crops show ever sponsored by the Greendale Chapter November 25, according to Billy Gobble, reporter. Bill Cole, Cleveland, placed first; Kenneth Hobbs, Valley Institute, second and Herbert Denny, Greendale and Scott Duncan, Glade Springs tied for third in the recently conducted Washington county FFA crops judging contest.

Twelve Green Hands initiated at the October meeting of the Dayton Chapter are Dale Croushorn, Donny Cupp, Rodney Good, John Hilbert, Winifred Keagy, Hoy Lambert, Eugene Miller, Franklin Pitsenbarger, David Reese, Danny Ritchie, Elvin Stroble and Roy Swope. Don Miller is president of the chapter and newly elected members of the executive committee are James Barnhart, Emerson Hill and Richard Swope.

Independence FFA Chapter Reporter Fred Parks writes that his chapter early in the year elected Fred Thompson president; Alex Hash, vice-president; Rex Bonham, secretary; Bruce Grubb, treasurer and Jason Hunt, sentinel. R. L. Copenhaver, instructor of Vo-Ag, is adviser. Chapter activities include improvement of the basketball court, the Vo-Ag shop and tool room, the construction of work benches and painting the shop floor.

Officers of the Spencer-Penn Chapter elected September 15 are: Bill Jones, president; Aubrey Bradshaw, vice-president; Charlie Purcell, secretary; Rey-

mond Morris, treasurer; Neil Critz, reporter; Wilbert Robertson, sentinel and Mr. E. L. Dupuy, adviser. Chapter members have painted the Vo-Ag classroom, terraced the school yard, pruned shrubbery and laid a sidewalk. The chapter initiated 16 Green Hands at the beginning of the year. Aubrey Bradshaw, chapter vice-president, also serves as treasurer of the Fairystone Federation.

Members of the Woodlawn, Hillsville and Coal Creek FFA Chapters visited the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station at Blacksburg last September and observed experiments in progress with hybrid corn, alfalfa, ladine clover and grain sorghums. A magazine subscription campaign and entertainments sponsored by the chapter in October netted \$117.50, a part of which is to be spent for redecorating the classroom. The chapter has 33 new members.

The Washington FFA Chapter corn husking team, William Printz, Charles Payne, and Junior Martin took first prize in the annual Northern Triangle Federation corn husking contest for the second straight winning in two years. Gordon Thornhill was elected president and David Wright, secretary-treasurer of the recently organized Rappahannock county pure bred pig project sponsored by the chapter, writes Carson Jenkins, chapter secretary. Chapter members were busy during December repairing toys for needy children in the community for Christmas.

OKLAHOMA FUTURE FARMER
WINS LIVE STOCK AWARD

When Claude Millwee, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, Future Farmer of America, won the International Livestock Show championship with a Shorthorn steer bred in his own community it was an event for celebration—and the whole state joined in. Sponsored by the town of Fort Cobb and other towns in Caddo County, the December 18 celebration featured a tour of farms where Shorthorns are bred, a big downtown parade and display of livestock the local FFA members have on feed now. There was a program that featured such speakers as Governor Roy J. Turner (a Hereford breeder, incidentally), the presidents three state colleges, officials of the national Shorthorn Association and others well known in livestock circles. Through it all, Young Milwee, tall, slender and unassuming remembering the near \$10,000 he had collected for "Big-Boy," his grand champion, was quietly thinking of the new stock that can now go into his own small Shorthorn breeding herd, and of the calf he has on feed for next year's shows.

STATE OFFICERS MEET TO DISCUSS, PLAN PROGRAM
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asked that district supervisors contact them when arrangements could conveniently be made for them to travel together. They recommended that instructors of Vo-Ag inform freshmen and sophomores of the requirements for the State Farmer degree, particularly with reference to scholastic attainment, and urge them to begin early to qualify for this degree.

Members to National Convention

Each federation is requested by the State officers to begin plans to send a representative to the 1948 National FFA Convention in Kansas City celebrating the 20th birthday of the national organization. In the event federations find it impossible to send delegates the officers suggest that chapters in the federation be offered the opportunity.

The officers recommended, subject to approval by the delegates attending the 1948 State convention, that prizes won by judging teams representing the State association revert to the State organization and that the State association pay all but \$15 of the expenses of national band members to the national convention.

Carnice Mannon, immediate past State president and chairman of the executive committee, reported on his trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation meeting in Chicago. Carnice represented the Virginia Future Farmers at the national APBF meeting as the guest of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

STATE VO-AG FORESTRY PROJECT IS APPROVED

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ter members such as per cent of student participation, exhibits, public programs, publicity, school and community activities will count in determining the winning chapter. The detailed score card by which winning district and state chapters are to be selected, follows:

Group Activities—500 points:

	Points
Exhibits (Fairs, Store Windows, etc.)	100
Projects (Thinning Projects with road sign, proper care of school forest, cutting pulpwood, reforestation, etc.)	100
Service—School and Community, as:	150
School—	
Construct tree identification board.	
Care of school forest	
Plant trees on school grounds	
Card showing species of trees on or near school ground	
Community—	
Support KVG (Keep Virginia Green) crew	
Collect seed for Virginia Forest Service	

Set trees for farmers in community	
Distribute literature on fire prevention, etc.	
Set out cork tree acorns	
Help fight forest fires	
Program on forestry, as:	75
Arbor day program	
Chapel program	
Programs at meeting of civic club, as Ruritan	
Programs at PTA, etc.	
Publicity on forestry activities	75
Daily papers	
Local papers	
Magazines, as Chapter Chats, farm journals, etc.	
Radio	

Individuals Activities—500 points:

Percent of students carrying forestry supervised home practice work	150
Average number of self-hours, chapter members put in on forestry supervised practice	150
Average number of improved forestry practices applied on projects by students	100
Income received by boys from forestry supervised home practice—Average for Chapter	50
Quality of forestry project work completed by boys, in light of its future value to the community	50

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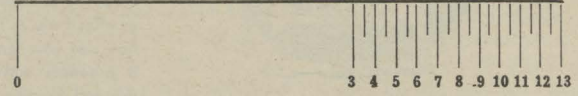


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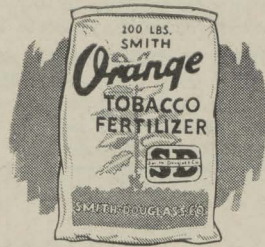
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