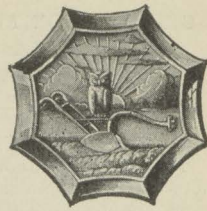


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THE 1928 RALLY BIGGER AND BETTER!

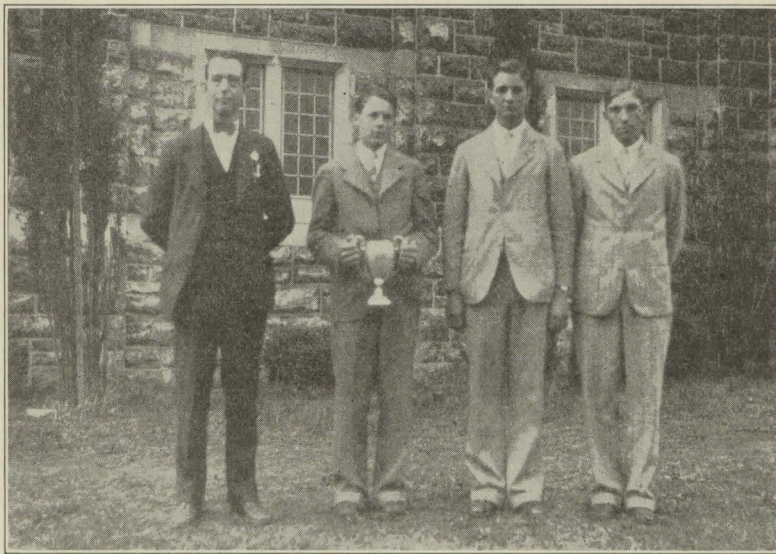
Approximately 552 Future Farmers of Virginia and their instructors gathered at the State Agricultural College, at Blacksburg, April 19th, 20th and 21st, to attend and take part in the 1928 Rally. It was the fourth Rally held at Blacksburg. Prior to that time, the State judging contests were held at the State Fair, in Richmond.

Among the features of this year's Rally were the judging contests for students in vocational agriculture, the athletic contests, the second State convention of the Future Farmers of Virginia, the eighth annual Little International Livestock Show, and the seventh annual Virginia Tech Dairy Show. The Livestock Show and the Dairy Show were staged by V. P. I. students for the benefit of the visiting boys.

F. F. V.'s and instructors began to roll into Blacksburg about noon on April 18th. They came in cars, trucks, buses and by train. The average boy carried a suitcase and a bundle of bedding. Registration took place in the War Memorial Hall on the V. P. I. campus, and all contestants and instructors were assigned to quarters. Accommodations were plentiful this year, as about seven hundred were expected to attend.

On the morning of April 19th, the contests in judging livestock were held at the college barns. On the same afternoon, preliminaries in athletics were run off. At 7 P. M. a business session of the State organization of F. F. V.'s was held in the college assembly hall, after which all those attending the Rally sought the particular mattresses that had been assigned to them and lay down with the expectation of getting some much-needed rest. After the usual cat-calls and the crowing of an unusually large number of roosters, all was quiet in the quarters. This was the morning and the evening of the first day.

Friday, April 20th, dawned clear and bright, and the crop-judging contests began at 8:30 and continued until noon. After lunch at the college dining-hall, the boys witnessed a dress parade by the V. P. I. cadet corps in the stadium. The agricultural students of V. P. I. put on their show—the "Little International" and "Dairy" Shows. These livestock shows were well worth attending and are an annual affair. Friday night at 7:30,



WINNING TEAM 1928 JUDGING CONTEST

J. O. Hoge (Coach), Stewart Cassell, T. F. Kidd, Jr., Earl Willard, Rural Retreat

the F. F. V.'s held their second meeting in the college assembly hall, at which meeting Dean John E. Williams, of V. P. I., welcomed the instructors and students. Dr. Julian A. Burruss, President, who had not expected to be able to attend, gave the group a pleasant surprise by appearing on the platform and making a second address of welcome. Dabney S. Lancaster, Secretary of the State Board of Education, delivered the keys to the twenty outstanding boys who were made Planters on this occasion, as well as to the honorary Planters. Joseph Turner, of Chase City, the retiring president, gave the following charge to the newly elected Planters:

"By virtue of my office, it now becomes my duty to deliver the charge to these
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Virginia Planter Degree Conferred

One of the most interesting events transpiring during the 1928 Rally was the awarding of the Virginia Planter Keys to the twenty successful candidates for this degree.

Twenty-nine outstanding young men submitted their qualifications as applicants for this degree, and the Executive Committee had a very difficult task in selecting from these applicants the twenty to whom to award the Planter Keys. It appeared to be a regrettable fact that

the Constitution and By-Laws of the Future Farmers of Virginia prevented the organization from honoring practically all of the twenty-nine candidates.

In justice to all of these boys, it should be stated that practically all of them more than met the minimum requirements set up for this degree. Members of the organization will recall that to be eligible for this degree one must have completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture and have conducted outstanding supervised practice work. His supervised practice work must have netted him a good profit, and he must show an investment in savings ac-

count and farming of better than \$200. He must have passed satisfactorily a regulation subject-matter test, and must have shown marked scholastic attainment in all high school subjects. He must be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held presiding offices in local organizations, and must be able to lead groups in discussion for more than twenty minutes. He shall also have represented his school on athletic, literary or agricultural teams.

The records of the twenty young men who were elected to the Planter degree are indeed inspiring to any one who has the opportunity to study and learn of the splendid work that these young men have done. The organization has every right to feel justly proud of the record of
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ACTIVITIES OF FUTURE FARMERS OF VIRGINIA DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.

Progress Report of Board of Directors.

There are now about 2,400 active members of the organization located in 100 local chapters. This represents a gain of about fifteen chapters during the past year.

You will recall that at the last annual meeting certain definite State objectives were set up, and it seems proper at this time to review the progress which has been made on these objectives.

1. **One hundred per cent of members with savings account.** To date, twenty-six chapters have reached the goal of 100 per cent of their members with savings account. In addition to this, twenty-three chapters report more than 75 per cent of their members with savings account. Approximately 1,600 of the 2,400 members have either begun or increased their savings accounts since the thrift banks have been organized. The total amount now in savings account to the credit of members is \$76,000.

2. **Ninety per cent of supervised practice enterprises completed.** We regret that at this time we cannot furnish you with definite, specific information on this point, but we are confident that the number of chapters to reach this objective will be far greater than in any year heretofore.

3. **"Father and Son" banquets.** Sixty-eight chapters have held their annual "Father and Son" banquet, and from invitations and announcements which have been received, a conservative estimate is that at least seventy-five banquets will be held before the end of the year. These banquets have been, in the main, very well attended, and the attendance records show an average of over fifty people attending each banquet.

4. **Five dollars contributed towards defraying expenses of State judging teams to Kansas City and Memphis.** At the time of last year's Rally there were eighty-five chapters in the organization, and it is quite pleasing to note that eighty-four chapters have contributed towards defraying expenses of the two teams which represented the Future Farmers of Virginia in the national contests last year. The total contributed from the chapters amounted to \$399. This amount plus the contribution from the chapters having representatives on the teams, made a sum sufficient to practically finance the sending of these teams. Only a little more than \$100 had to be raised by the State Office in meeting the entire total expenses of \$815.

5. **One hundred and fifty thousand dollars invested in farming by July 1, 1928.** Twenty-nine chapters now have the distinction of having reached their quota of this big assignment. The total amount of money invested in farming by members at large is now \$117,000. With the splendid farming season opening up, it appears that the F. F. V.'s should be able without a great deal of difficulty to reach this rather large objective.

We have not been able to get together the information needed to announce just what chapters are now listed among the **Keystone** chapters. A check will be made of this in the near future and the results published in **Chapter Chats**.

It was encouraging to note that last fall, during the fair season, eighty chapters participated in putting on departmental exhibits at fairs. Many chapters featured the work of the Future Farmers of Virginia in some striking manner, and an untold amount of good was accomplished.

Our records show that between thirty and forty school ground improvement projects are being fostered by local chapters, and in the neighborhood of fifty chapters are buying and selling produce and supplies in a co-operative manner.

The teams which represented the Future Farmers of Virginia at the national contests last fall are to be congratulated for the splendid showing that they made and for the good publicity which they secured for their organization. The team judging dairy cattle at Memphis stood third in competition with teams from about thirty other States, and this cer-

Constitution and By-Laws of the F. F. V. Professor Henry C. Groseclose, our adviser, is now chairman of a regional committee for drawing up rules and regulations governing organizations of students of vocational agriculture from the Southern region. Prof. Groseclose is also preparing a bulletin covering the organization of Future Farmers' Societies, and this bulletin will be published by the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

Many of the things which have been included in this report are quite complimentary to the Future Farmers of Virginia. We hold the distinction of having been the first State in the South to form such an organization, and it behooves each loyal Future Farmer to get behind the newly elected officers and to support them in every possible way, and by all means to work hard and earnestly in order that the objectives for this year may be reached and that we can begin on the objectives for 1928-'29 with a clean slate.

OBJECTIVES FOR 1928-'29.

1. A thrift bank in every chapter, with 100 per cent of members with savings accounts.
2. Ninety per cent of the supervised practice enterprises to be completed during the coming year.
3. One hundred per cent of members to pay their State dues by October 1st.
4. Every chapter to hold a "Father and Son Banquet."
5. A total investment in farming and savings of a quarter of a million dollars by July 1, 1929.
6. Every chapter to hold a summer encampment or take a farm tour this summer, preferably with some other chapter or chapters.

The Executive Committee further recommends that a movement be started toward the establishment of a permanent F. F. V. camp in a suitable location in Virginia.

tainly was a splendid showing for Virginia's first entry in the national contest. The team representing our organization at Kansas City in judging livestock stood fourth in the entire contest with teams competing from twenty-six States. James Kyle, who was the high man in our last State contest, has the distinction of having been the second high individual in the entire contest at Kansas City. Kyle was awarded a \$200 scholarship for his excellent showing.

It has been quite pleasing to note the great amount of interest which has been evidenced in other Southern States in fostering organizations similar to the F. F. V.'s. To date, similar organizations have been formed in seven Southern States and four more States are planning to inaugurate such movements. The Future Palmetto Farmers of South Carolina have already held their first State meeting, and the State meeting of the Future Farmers of Tennessee is now in session.

The Southern States, in setting up their constitution and by-laws for their organizations, have patterned largely after the

RESULTS OF ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

	Points.
1. Winchester	23*
2. Oceana	23*
3. Woodstock	22
4. Salem	19
5. Floris	14
6. New Market	13
7. Chase City	5*
8. Weyers Cave	5*
9. Boyce	5*
10. Amherst	4*
11. Glade Spring	4*
12. New London Academy	4*
13. Gloucester	4*
14. Atlee	2*
15. Dinwiddie	2*
16. Ivy	1

*Tie.

220-Yard Dash.

1. Rhinehart	Woodstock
2. Hendley	Oceana
3. Sellers	New Market
4. Robinson	Salem
5. Ashley	Glade Spring

Time: 23.9 seconds.

Broad Jump.

1. Rhinehart	Woodstock
2. Snyder	Winchester
3. Ashley	Glade Spring
4. Woody	Salem
5. Robey	Floris

Distance: 19 ft. 7 in. (new record).

One Mile.

1. Graham	Oceana
2. Zirkle	New Market
3. Bagent	Winchester
4. Fagg	Salem
5. C. Murphy	Floris

Time: 4:57.6 (new record).

Pole Vault.

1. Presgrave	Floris
2. Turner	Chase City
3. Copenhaver	Salem
4. Bailey	Gloucester
5. Braithwaite	Oceana

Height: 10 ft. 2 in. (new record).

Discus.

1. W. Murphy	Floris
2. Rhinehart	Woodstock
3. Price	Salem

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THE 1928 RALLY BIGGER AND BETTER

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Virginia Planters. To greet you as fellow-Planters is a privilege, and to congratulate you is a real pleasure.

"You have been elected to the highest grade of membership in this organization. You have just received the gold keys that are emblematic of real achievement. These honors should bring to you a feeling of gratification and pride in self. You are entirely excusable if you feel somewhat elated.

"Remember, however, that this key carries with it new responsibilities and obligations. Thus far, no wearer of the Virginia Planter key has said or done anything to make this organization other than proud of him. Virginia Planters represent all that is finest and best in rural life. They practice thrift; they cooperate; they study hard, work hard and play hard. They are leaders wherever you find them. They are, we believe, the future leaders in Virginia's rural life. Until now you have shown unmistakable signs of leadership. You should now redouble your efforts because you are a wearer of the Virginia Planter key and a marked man. The numbers of our organization will be watching you. Greenhands and Virginia Farmers will be looking to you for guidance. They will strive to follow your example. I charge you to so conduct yourselves that your guidance and your example will lead others aright. The value and the prestige of the Planter degree are in your hands. Strive to make your key more precious in the eyes of the world by conducting yourselves as real Virginia leaders at all times and in all places.

"Your key is not a mere ornament. It bears upon its face the emblem of the Future Farmers of Virginia. Examine it at your leisure and reflect upon the significance of the various symbols. The plow has ever been the forerunner of civilization and the basic implement of agriculture. It is the emblem of labor—of real, honest toil—without which man would perish from the earth.

"The owl is the time-honored emblem of silent wisdom.

"To know the outer form or facts is information.

To know the inner power of facts is experience.

To come to know the outer form of facts gives knowledge.

To come to know the inner meaning of facts gives wisdom.

Schooling may give knowledge, but education gives wisdom.

At least, the goal of education is wisdom.

Knowledge is but a half-way house on the road to wisdom.

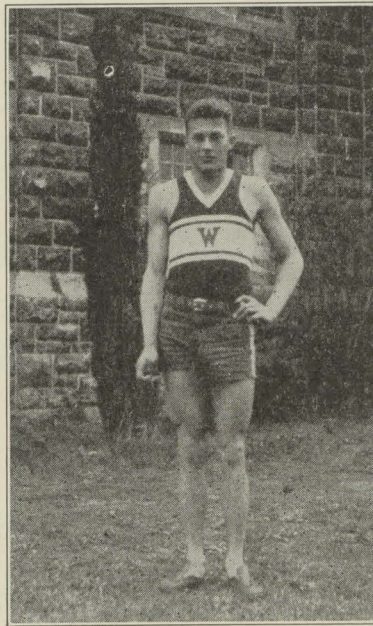
"Learning that stops with knowledge is sterile, for a fact does not come to life until its inner meaning has been pierced, and until that meaning functions as a power in the life of the man who has learned it. Planters should strive to develop wisdom—a wisdom that results in action based upon mature thought.

"The rising sun is the emblem of the new day that is dawning for the Future Farmers of the whole world. We firmly believe that the dark ages in fellow-men have passed from the agricultural scene and that the beams of scientific light and the warmth of co-operative effort engend-

ered by organizations such as ours—and by institutions such as this—will pervade the agricultural world. Truly, the agricultural world is waiting for the sunrise. You who have just been made leaders of the Future Farmers should make every effort to hasten the coming of the new day when 'opportunity comes to the boy on the farm as often as to the boy in the city,' and when 'life is larger and freer and happier on the farm than in town.'"

The stars were shining brightly as the Future Farmers left the assembly hall and again sought their sleeping quarters.

Saturday, April 21st, was one of those raw, clammy, late-winter days that are calculated to put a damper on any sort of festivities. A tour of the college grounds and buildings had been planned, but this had to be called off on account of rain. At 1:30 P. M. a little band of enthusiastic track fans gathered in Miles Stadium to witness the final athletic con-



STANLEY RHINEHART

Woodstock—High Point Winner in 1928 Track Meet.

tests, the results of which are published elsewhere in this paper. In spite of the fog and rain, seven records fell. It is not at all unlikely that all of the past Rally records would have fallen had the weather been more auspicious. Again the Future Farmers of Virginia assembled at the assembly hall at 7:30 P. M. to witness the award of well-merited medals and trophies. The Rural Retreat team carried off the silver cup donated by the State Board of Education. This cup is emblematic of supremacy in all types of judging. Curtis Jennings, of Woodlawn, received the gold medal given to the high man in the judging contests. Winnie Legge, coach extraordinary, from up Winchester-way, and Sherman Seelinger, from the swamps of Oceana, marched their teams up in front of the platform to receive the two plaques awarded to the winner of the athletic contests. These two teams tied for first place this year. Mr. C. P. Miles, graduate manager of athletics at V. P. I., presented a plaque to each team.

Stanley Rhinehart, Woodstock, proved to be the outstanding athletic star of the meet. Stanley had most of his pockets full of medals before the awarding was over, and among them was the gold medal which is given to the high point winner in the Rally athletic contest.

Samuel Hardwick, of Dublin, the newly elected State President of the Future Farmers of Virginia, presided on this occasion. Some changes in the State Constitution were made. It was decided that each F. F. V. member is to pay \$1.00 State dues in the future, the money to be used toward financing the organization.

The writer has learned that the Virginia Polytechnic Institute expended something between \$1,000 and \$1,200 in taking care of the visitors this year. In addition to this, the Athletic Association spent about \$100 for medals. Approximately \$500 was spent by the Rally Finance Committee buying supplies and paying for meals for those who were not contestants. This money came out of the pockets of the visiting boys themselves. When we consider that the State Board of Education tops these sums off with another appropriation of about \$1,100 for travel reimbursement and medals, we begin to realize that the annual Rally is a costly proposition. We feel, however, that it is worth about three times what it costs and we would not do away with it for anything in the world.

Dr. Burruss was pleased to learn that better accommodations had been furnished the boys this year than in previous years, and expressed the hope that he will be able to furnish even better accommodations, so far as lodging and meals are concerned, in 1929.

Moving pictures were made of practically all of the events that took place during the Rally. These pictures turned out unusually well. They will be shown throughout the State, and it is up to the local F. F. V. Chapters to rent this film and give shows in order to better acquaint their home people with what really happens at the annual Rally. Mr. Floyd Plank, of Blacksburg, has charge of the rental of this moving picture. The writer has seen this movie, and it is his belief that almost every boy who attended the Rally can be seen somewhere in these pictures. The camera-man was so good that he managed to get all of Tom Downing into the picture at the same time, and touched up the film in such a way that Howard looks fairly decent. One of the big features of the Rally film is Magill's cap.

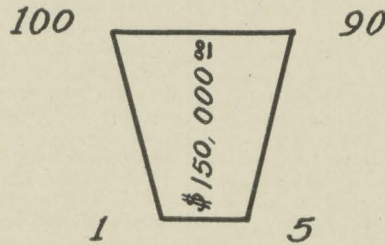
Of course every one was disappointed at the inability of Governor Byrd to attend the Rally. A telegram was received from him in which he stated his regret at being unable to attend. He says, however, that he will certainly be at the 1929 Rally. Uncle Bob Maltby, too, was missing, and has not yet turned in his excuse.

Only ten schools in the State failed to send either a judging team, a track team or F. F. V. delegates. We will not name these ten schools here, but we are expecting them all to attend the 1929 Rally.

All right, F. F. V.'s, let's go! Remember the objectives that were set up at the annual meeting this year and which are given elsewhere in Chapter Chats. We want seven or eight hundred boys at the 1929 Rally, and we want two Virginia boys elected to the degree of Dixie Planter in 1929.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAKE YOUR CHAPTER

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CHAPTER

The following chapters are reporting that they have reached certain of the State objectives and are working towards a "Keystone Chapter."

100% of Members with a Savings Account

Achilles	Great Bridge	Powhatan
Afton	Kenbridge	Rural Retreat
Appomattox	Lebanon	South Hill
Atlee	Lincoln	Strasburg
Buckhorn	Manassas	Stanardsville
Carson	Max Meadows	Stephens City
Clintwood	Middletown	Temperanceville
Darvills	Montross	Weyer's Cave
Dinwiddie	Nassawadox	Wicomico
Disputanta	New Market	Woodlawn
Elk Creek	Pearisburg	Woodstock
Floris	Pennington Gap	Wytheville

90% of Supervised Practice Enterprises Completed

Achilles	Dinwiddie	Oceana
Amherst	Disputanta	Pearisburg
Apple Grove	Dublin	Rural Retreat
Atlee	Fishersville	South Hill
Axton	Stuarts Draft	Strasburg
Blue Ridge	Floris	Syringa
Boyce	Glade Spring	Turbeville
Boykins	Hardin Reynolds	Wakefield
Berryville	Holland	Weyers Cave
Bridgewater	Ivy	Whaleyville
Broadway	Kenbridge	Wicomico
Carson	Lincoln	Willis
Chase City	Manassas	Winchester
Climax	Montross	Windsor
Clintwood	Nassawadox	Woodlawn
Courtland	Newsoms	Woodstock
Dan River		

1 "Father and Son" Banquet

Achilles	Disputanta	Newsoms
Apple Grove	Dublin	Pearisburg
Appomattox	Eggleston	Powhatan
Atlee	Elk Creek	Rural Retreat
Axton	Ewing	Rich Valley
Berryville	Gloucester	Stephens City
Big Stone Gap	Great Bridge-Hickory	South Hill
Blacksburg	Hamilton	Spring Garden
Boyce	John Randolph	Stanardsville
Boykins	Kenbridge	Strasburg
Broadway	Lebanon	Sunnyside
Brosville	Lincoln	Syringa
Buckhorn	Manassas	Toano
Burkes Garden	Marshall	Turbeville
Burkeville	Max Meadows	Unionville
Carrsville	McKenny	Varina
Charlotte C. H.	Mica	Weyers Cave
Climax	Middletown	Whitmell
Clintwood	Naruna	Wicomico
Cumberland	Nassawadox	Willis
Dan River	Newport	Windsor
Darvills	New London	Woodlawn
Dinwiddie	New Market	Wytheville

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUALS IN ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THRIFT BANKS.

(Data compiled from chapters reporting before May 9th.)

Chapters Leading in Total Investments in Savings and Farming.

Powhatan	\$6,238
Blacksburg	5,511
Floris	5,245
Climax	5,080
Rural Retreat	5,041
Disputanta	4,908
Culpeper	4,819
Lincoln	4,499
Appomattox	4,498
Dublin	4,340
Axton	4,201
Buckhorn	4,059
Pearisburg	3,719
Manassas	3,700
Broadway	3,047
Turbeville	3,037
Kenbridge	3,029
Strasburg	2,801
Buchanan	2,651
Achilles	2,561
Burkeville	2,375
Montross	2,128
Woodlawn	2,050
New Market	2,233
Lebanon	1,923

Members with the Largest Investments in Farming.

Clarence King, Pearisburg	\$1,630
John Thompson, Dublin	1,042
P. Poland, Floris	979
Ward Martz, New Market	959
Elmo Rorer, Climax	909
Joe Elam, Buckhorn	885
T. F. Kidd, Rural Retreat	875
John H. Payne, Woodlawn	800
Lawrence Wittsel, Stanardsville	764
Mancos, Disputanta	700
Ellis Dill, Buchanan	650
H. T. Mason, Buckhorn	594
Lewis Alphin, Buchanan	511
Andrew Hatton, Blacksburg	500
Thomas Taylor, Lincoln	495
Evans, Disputanta	450
Mason Knabe, Powhatan	400
R. Coiner, Fishersville	395
Garnett Huddle, Rural Retreat	355
S. Hazelwood, Toano	350
J. Johnson, Toano	350
Cecil Hockman, Strasburg	336
W. Murphy, Jr., Floris	333
Robert Sutton, Montross	330
George Baugh, Dublin	325
Jack Jessee, Lebanon	300
Edward Smith, Lincoln	300
John Reavis, Woodlawn	300
Jack Yowell, Culpeper	291
V. Nicholls, Powhatan	275
Charles Motley, Burkeville	263
Arthur Carver, Montross	260
Marshall Peters, Pearisburg	220
Egbert Garbee, New London	200

Chapters Leading in Average Investments Per Member in Farming.

Pearisburg	Floris
Blacksburg	Willis
Disputanta	Rural Retreat
Marshall	South Hill
Boyce	Dublin
Buckhorn	Climax

Boykins	Stanardsville
Axton	Clintwood
Strasburg	Lebanon

\$5.00 Contributed Towards Sending Teams to Memphis and Kansas City

Members with Largest Savings Accounts.

N. Maupin, Stuarts Draft.
 Odell Owens, Climax.
 H. V. Williams, Jr., Disputanta.
 Mason Knabe, Powhatan.
 Lorenzo McCoy, Blacksburg.
 Boyd Bullington, Axton.
 Clifford Wood, Powhatan.
 James Evans, Blacksburg.
 Willard Cross, Manassas.
 C. McCune, Fishersville.
 Charles Lewis, Manassas.
 Carter Martin, Appomattox.
 Marshall Peters, Pearisburg.
 Eugene Roberts, Appomattox.
 Walter Apperson, Culpeper.
 Kenneth Loop, Buchanan.
 W. Murphy, Jr., Floris.
 Joe Elam, Buckhorn.
 Byerley Wilkins, Turbeville.
 Arthur Carver, Montross.
 George Fultz, Dinwiddie.
 Thomas Taylor, Lincoln.
 Lewis B. Wilkins, Turbeville.
 Anderson Winfold, Kenbridge.
 Armond Etter, Rural Retreat.
 Thos. Young, Disputanta.
 Garland Mahan, Climax.
 Landon Snead, Kenbridge.
 Cabell Butterworth, Dinwiddie.
 Edwin Payne, Lincoln.
 Joe Gill, Buckhorn.
 Stephen Harris, Axton.
 Floyd Fulk, Broadway.
 Benjamin Jenkins, Achilles.
 Russell Edwards, Culpeper.
 Clifford Jesse, Lebanon.
 Truman Harrison, Broadway.
 Robert Sutton, Montross.
 G. L. Carter, Cumberland.
 George Olinger, New Market.
 W. B. Walker, Cumberland.

Each of these boys have more than \$200 invested in savings, and their total in savings amounts to more than \$17,000.

Achilles	Ewing	Powhatan
Amherst	Fincastle	Riner
Apple Grove	Fishersville	Rural Retreat
Appomattox	Front Royal	Salem
Atlee	Gloucester	Scottsburg
Axton	Great Bridge	Stanardsville
Blacksburg	Hickory	Spring Garden
Boyce	Holland	South Hill
Berryville	Hardin Reynolds	Stephen City
Boykins-Newsoms	John Randolph	Stuart's Draft
Bridgewater	Ivy	Sunnyside-McKenney-
Broadway	Kenbridge	Syringa
Brosville	Lebanon	Temperanceville
Buchanan	Lincoln	Toano
Buckhorn	Manassas	Turbeville
Burkeville	Marshall	Unionville
Carson	Max Meadows	Varina
Charlotte C. H.	Montross	Wakefield
Chase City	Mica	Weyers Cave
Clintwood	Middletown	Whaleyville
Cobbs Creek	Mt. Jackson	Wicomico
Culpeper	New Market	Whitmell
Cumberland	Nassawadox	Sparta
Dan River	Naruna	Willis
Darvills	New Hope	Windsor
Dinwiddie	New London	Winchester
Disputanta	Pearisburg	Woodlawn
Dublin	Pennington Gap	Woodstock-Strasburg
Edmund Pendleton	Poquoson	Wytheville
Elk Creek		

\$150,000.00 Invested in Farming by July 1, 1928

(The following chapters have reached their quota.)

Amherst	Disputanta	New Market
Axton	Dublin	Pearisburg
Blacksburg	Elk Creek	Poquoson
Boyce	Floris	Powhatan
Buckhorn	Front Royal	Rural Retreat
Boykins	Gloucester	South Hill
Bridgewater	Lebanon	Strasburg
Buchanan	Lincoln	Stanardsville
Burkeville	Manassas	Toano
Climax	Marshall	Wicomico
Clintwood	Montross	Willis
Culpeper	Nassawadox	

HOW MANY TIMES DOES THE NAME OF YOUR CHAPTER APPEAR UNDER THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES?

TENNESSEE FUTURE FARMERS.

The first annual State meeting of the Future Farmers of Tennessee was a very enthusiastic and worth-while meeting. Forty-one chapters were represented with from two to twenty delegates. The following reports from two of their major activities indicate without a doubt that the F. F. T.'s "are out for blood":

Report of Camp Site Committee.

This committee recommends a permanent camp for the Future Farmers of Tennessee.

This committee recommends that this camp be placed in the central portion of the State as nearly as possible equidistant from the two extremes of the State and accessible to the State system of highways and be located on a good fishing-stream.

This committee recommends that the State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture be chairman of this camp site committee and that he be given power to select two associates empowered to make a selection of the camp site and erect the camp.

This committee recommends that each organized chapter pass resolutions to the

effect that the chapters will go on record pledging a sum of money equal to the total membership of the chapter at the rate of \$1.00 per member each year toward the development of a permanent camp for every year that he takes vocational agriculture, and furthermore that any other amounts of money secured by donations or efforts on the part of local chapters be accepted for this purpose and the entire amount of money raised each year be sent to the State Treasurer by January 1st of each year and deposited in a bank to the credit of the State F. F. T. and held until called for by those charged with the responsibility of erecting this permanent camp.

This committee recommends that this camp site and buildings and equipment be used exclusively for State conventions of the Future Farmers of Tennessee and outings of the members of the various local chapters when properly accompanied by their teachers.

This committee recommends that local chapters have the privilege of erecting club-houses of a uniform design. That these houses be deeded to the Future

Farmers of Tennessee with the understanding that so long as the chapter that erects a club-house is active it shall have the privilege of determining its use.

This report was adopted as read.

State Objectives for F. F. T., 1928-1929.

We, the Committee on Objectives for the Future Farmers of Tennessee, do hereby recommend the following:

1. A chapter of the F. F. T. in every vocational agriculture department in the State by July 1, 1928.
2. That every F. F. T. member in the State pay one dollar by January 1, 1929, to be applied toward building a permanent F. F. T. camp.
3. A thrift bank in every chapter in the State, with 100 per cent of the membership depositing a minimum savings account of \$10.
4. An annual "Father and Son" banquet in every chapter.
5. Two hundred thousand dollars invested in farming by July 1, 1929.
6. That the F. F. T. do all in their power to promote vocational agriculture throughout the State of Tennessee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, FUTURE FARMERS OF VIRGINIA, APRIL 19, 1928.

Your Executive Committee met on Wednesday evening at 7:30, with President Joseph Turner presiding. The committee drew up the following recommendations:

I. We are glad to learn that Future Farmers' organizations, such as ours, have been organized in eight Southern States, and that four other Southern States are now organizing. All of these State organizations are identical in their nature. They are modeled on the Virginia plan. These twelve Southern States make up the Southern organization. The two outstanding boys from each Southern State will meet somewhere in the South in the summer of 1929, at which meeting twenty boys will receive the degree of Dixie Planter. These boys must have received the State Planter keys before being made Dixie Planters.

II. Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Executive Committee that there are many advantages to be derived from having the Future Farmers of Virginia duly chartered under the laws of the State; now, therefore, be it resolved, That we request and authorize our State Supervisor, Walter S. Newman, to secure such a charter from the State Corporation Commission.

III. The committee recommends the following changes in our State Constitution:

1. Change article IX, section C, subsection J, to read: "Receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State meeting." This change does away with the speech of acceptance by Virginia Planters when receiving the key.

2. Change article IV, section C, to read as follows: "Officers of local chapters shall be elected at a regular meeting to be held in May of each year, and shall hold office for one year.

*3. Change article VI, section A, to read as follows: "Each chapter is assessed State dues of \$1.00 per member. Dues are payable not later than October 1st each year. Dues must be sent by the local secretary to the State Secretary.

4. In connection with the use of State dues, the committee recommends the adoption of the proposed plan as published in the March issue of *Chapter Chats*, which reads as follows:

"1. That *Chapter Chats* be published in printed form and a copy distributed to every active and honorary member.

"2. That after making *Chapter Chats* finance itself, the money collected from annual State dues be used in defraying the entire expenses of sending judging teams to Kansas City, Memphis, and a third team (crop team) to some other national contest, if this can be arranged.

"3. That out of the money collected from State dues, a sufficient sum be set aside to purchase the judging awards presented to the winners of the judging events at the rally, and that the cost of the Virginia Planter Keys be taken care of from this same fund."

IV. The Executive Committee carefully considered applications for the Virginia Planter degree. Twenty active Planters and four honorary Planters were nomi-

nated. The names of these candidates have already been submitted to you by Mr. Newman.

WILLIAM CLAGGETT,
Secretary.

*The delegates present approved State dues of 75 cents per member, but, after due deliberation and conference, the following resolution was passed, which is a substitute for III:3:

Change article VI, section A, to read as follows: "Each chapter is assessed State dues of \$1.00 per member. Members who have bought pins may have the privilege of deducting the price of the pin from dues payable October 1, 1928. After this date all members are to pay State dues of \$1.00 per year and are to receive free pins when elected Greenhands or raised to the rank of Virginia Farmer."

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE REPORT.

Report of Committee of Southern Regional Conference of Student Organizations.

The committee finds that eight of the twelve States making up the Southern Region have made progress in perfecting local and State organizations of students of vocational agriculture. These organizations are, for the most part, fairly uniform as regards fundamentals, being patterned after the plan adopted at the San Antonio Conference. Some States have improved the original plan with regard to certain details during the past year.

In order to preserve and promote uniformity among the local and State organizations for students in the South, and in order to prevent variations that might make the consolidation or federation of the State organizations difficult, the committee feels that certain specific recommendations should be made at this time as follows:

1. (a) The name of the several State organizations should be uniform to the extent of having as a part of the name of the State organizations the words "Future Farmers," and that local chapters and members of State organizations be similarly designated. This is particularly desirable for the purposes of publicity and for the sake of a better understanding on the part of the general public.

(b) The committee recommends that the federation of Future Farmers' organizations for the Southern Region be called "The Future Farmers of Dixie."

(c) In the event that our Southern organization creates or influences the formation of a national organization of students of vocational agriculture, the committee recommends that the regional term "Future Farmers of Dixie" be dropped and the name of the national organization be accepted, but that the grade of membership described elsewhere as "Dixie Planter" be retained.

2. Membership.—Active membership in this organization—local, State and regional—should be confined to students of vocational agriculture regularly enrolled in all-day, day unit and part-time classes. (Only those students who show a willingness to participate whole-heartedly in the activities of the local organization should be elected to membership.)

3. Objectives.—While the primary objectives of the State organizations are training for co-operation, leadership, thrift, and the like, the committee wishes to caution against overemphasis of these things at the expense of certain social and recreational activities in which the average boy is highly interested. The teacher exchanges, banquets, farm tours, initiations and the like for more individual thrift, group activity, co-operation, and so on.

4. Constitution and By-Laws.—(a) The committee believes and recommends that constitutions should be fundamentally identical in every State. It is further recommended that this uniform constitution be framed by a permanent committee on student organizations prior to June 1, 1928, in order that this constitution may be incorporated in the proposed Federal Board bulletin or monograph.

(b) By-laws should allow sufficient elasticity to permit State organizations to adapt themselves to environment and changing conditions. Each State should have absolute freedom in setting up by-laws so long as the by-laws conform to the body of the constitution.

5. Grades of Membership.—(a) Grades of membership and qualifications therefore should be uniform. This is important, and will cause confusion if not looked into. For example: Carolina Farmer is now the highest grade of membership in North Carolina, but Virginia Farmer only represents the second grade of attainment in Virginia.

The committee recommends the following grades of membership:

1. Greenhand—conferred by local chapters.

2. State Farmer—conferred by local chapters.

3. (?)—conferred at State meetings only. (To be decided by regional committee.)

4. Dixie Planter—conferred by region only.

The committee realizes that the term "Planter" has no historical significance for some of the inland States. We feel, however, that it is distinctive and is to be preferred to such terms as "Junior Master Farmer." The permanent committee should change this term very soon if it is to be changed at all.

(b) Grades of membership should be based upon attainment. Uniform standards should be set up in the constitution, and no State allowed to deviate from those standards.

(c) (1) The grade of "Dixie Planter," recommended by the committee, should represent a very high type of achievement. A score-card for rating applicants for this award should be worked out and followed in selecting the winners of the honor.

(2) Applicants must have received the State Planter Key before they are eligible for this award.

(3) Not over twenty active Dixie Planters should be chosen in any one year.

(4) There should not be more than two from each State in any one year.

(5) Arrangements should be made for awards other than the key. Scholarships, farm machinery, pure-bred livestock, sums of money to be invested in farming, trips and the like should be considered. No

doubt these awards will be given gladly by certain companies and individuals.

6. Insignia.—(a) The committee recommends the adoption of Virginia's insignia, i. e., the owl, plow and rising sun. Each pin or key should have upon the front of it the letters designating the State organization—F. F. V for Virginia, F. F. T. for Tennessee, F. F. O. for Oklahoma, and so on. While the committee is not interested in the source of these pins, we believe a saving can be effected by purchasing all pins and keys from the same manufacturer.

(b) Greenhands wear a bronze pin. Farmers wear a silver pin. State Planters wear a gold key. Dixie Planters wear a key of a different metal or design, the details of which are left to the permanent committee.

7. Ritual.—Uniform initiation and other ceremonies should be worked out by the permanent committee. These should be printed or mimeographed and distributed to the officers of the various local and State organizations. In no case, however, should they be printed in the official State organization magazine.

8. Objectives.—Objectives should be set up for the Southern Region. Each State should bear the regional objectives in mind when setting up its objectives.

State objectives should be set up at the annual State convention of Future Farmers. These objectives should be definite. Annual objectives will differ in all States, but should be uniform in regard to the States' share of the regional objectives. Annual objectives should be set up by the State executive committee, with the help and advice of the State adviser.

Local objectives should be set up by local chapters as soon as possible after the State meeting. Each local chapter should assume its share of the responsibility for carrying out the State objectives by incorporating in its objectives its proportional part of the State objectives. To these objectives the local chapter will, of course, add certain objectives not incorporated in the State objectives.

The committee recommends the following objectives for the Southern Region:

(a) A Future Farmer chapter in every department of vocational agriculture in the Southern Region.

(b) A thrift bank in every chapter.

(c) Twelve well-organized, uniform State organizations by January 1, 1929.

9. Incorporation.—The committee recommends that each State organization incorporate under the laws of its State. This is necessary to prevent commercial organizations from capitalizing on the name and publicity given the State organization of vocational agricultural students, and is now being done in at least one State.

10. Committee on Student Organizations.—The committee recommends the appointment of a permanent committee on student organizations, with full power to act. It is highly desirable that this proposed committee do some work very soon in order to prevent our State organization from growing too far apart on fundamentals. A full report should be submitted to this conference next year.

11. Convention of Future Farmers of Dixie.—The committee recommends that a convention of the Future Farmers of Dixie be held in the Southern Region in 1929. Awards for outstanding accom-

plishments should be made at this convention by conferring the grade of Dixie Planter upon worthy students.

HENRY C. GROSECLOSE, Virginia.
R. B. SMITH, Arkansas.
G. E. FREEMAN, Tennessee.

ACTIVITIES OF F. F. T.

By G. E. Freeman,

Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and Acting State Secretary.

The Future Farmers of Tennessee, an organization of students of vocational agriculture, not yet a year old, has a total charter membership of 1,577, bank deposits amounting to \$24,539.31, and investments in farming totaling \$72,317.78.

The Future Farmers of Tennessee was incorporated under the laws of the State November 18, 1927.

The incorporators of this new organization are Governor Henry H. Horton, Hon. P. L. Harned, State Commissioner of Education; Hon. Homer Hancock, State Commissioner of Agriculture; and G. E. Freeman, Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

The constitution of the Future Farmers of Tennessee provides for the organization of local chapters in the high schools of the State where vocational agriculture is taught. The charter granted the incorporators by the State of Tennessee authorizes them to issue charters to local chapters after they have been duly organized and have set up programs of work approved by the original incorporators.

Sixty-eight local chapters have been organized, approved and granted charters. These sixty-eight chapters have a total charter membership of 1,577. It should be remembered that this does not represent the entire membership, as a great many members have been initiated into the various chapters since their organization.

Planters are elected at State meetings only, and the constitution limits the number of Planters that can be elected this year to fifteen. In spite of the high qualifications set up for Planters, many applications have been made for this rank by chapters throughout the State for their outstanding members, and competition will be keen when these are elected at the convention. Each chapter casts two votes in the election of Planters and State officers.

The Future Farmers of Tennessee, as an organization, has had a very definite program during the past year, thrift and investment in farming occupying a prominent place in the program.

A recent survey of forty-one chapters, having a total membership of 1,056, shows that about 300 of this number have savings bank accounts amounting to \$24,539.31. Individual accounts vary from \$8. to as high as \$1,590.

The survey further reveals that the 1,056 boys making up the total membership of the forty-one chapters surveyed have a total of \$72,317.78 of their own invested in the business of farming. It will be noted that this survey covers about 65 per cent of the total charter membership and an even larger percentage of the total membership. This means, then, that the total amount of money invested in farming by the Future Farmers of Tennessee runs considerably above \$100,000.

HONORARY VIRGINIA PLANTERS.

The Executive Committee of the Future Farmers of Virginia, after very careful consideration, nominated Dr. J. E. Williams, dean of the college of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Prof. E. C. Magill, head of the Teacher-Training Department of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; D. J. Howard, district supervisor of Northern Virginia, and T. V. Downing, district supervisor of Eastern Virginia, as candidates for the Honorary Virginia Planter Degree. The delegates present expressed their hearty approval of these nominations by bestowing this honor on these men by unanimous vote.

Three of these men have been very actively engaged in promoting vocational agriculture for the past eight or ten years, and the other, Dr. Williams, although not directly engaged in agricultural work, is a member of the State Board for Vocational Education and has been untiring in his efforts in supporting and abetting the progress of vocational agriculture.

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I believe in my soil. It will reward me in proportion to the thought, labor and love I give it.

I believe in myself. My success depends on me more than on weather, luck, or laws.

I believe in my neighbors. My community, like my soil, returns to me as I give to it.

I believe in co-operation, in thinking for myself and acting with my fellows.

I believe that only a united agriculture can insure justice and prevent inequality.

I believe in education. The more I know, the greater my ability to seize opportunities and to be happy. I insist that my children be enabled to learn to be useful, intelligent men and women.

I believe in conservation. I will leave a better farm than I took.

I believe that living is the most important job in the world, and I mean to plan my work so that my family and myself will have the time and means to enjoy life.

I face the years ahead with confidence, hope and cheer.

I believe in myself, my fellow-man, and a Supreme Being.

I believe in farming.
—Andrew Wing, in Future Farmers' Outlook, Oklahoma.

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

To the Members of the F. F. V.:

I want to take this opportunity to again thank you for electing me your President for the coming year and to assure you I want to do all in my power to help our organization to go forward.

Our organization has made wonderful progress; let us all pull together and make the coming year even better than the past. Let us first, however, wipe off of our slate the objectives now before us.

We have set up a program for the new year that is worth while, and let every chapter begin now working towards our old and new State objectives.

All together—let's go!

Yours very truly,
 SAM HARDWICK, JR.

LEST WE FORGET.

Our President has called attention to the need of united effort in reaching our objectives before July, 1929. As yet, it is not a case of "off with the old and on with the new." 'Tis true we would like to say that our old objectives are "off" our hands and that every chapter had a clean slate—a record of having attained each of its objectives during the year which ends July 1, 1928. From the report of the Executive Committee, contained elsewhere in this paper, we can see that when twenty-seven chapters have reached the goal of 100 per cent of its members with savings account; when ten to fifteen chapters have yet to hold "Father and Son" banquets; and when our total investments in farming lack \$33,000 of reaching our objective of \$150,000—we have not as yet attained our goal for the year.

After seeing the wonderful spirit of co-operation, and desire to forge ahead manifested by the delegates at the Rally, we feel that the F. F. V.'s in the various chapters will go to work with renewed energy and endeavor, and that the remaining six weeks before July 1st will

see us overcoming the obstacles that confront us and reaching all of the objectives that are outlined in the 1927-'28 program. Our task is not impossible, and we feel sure that the F. F. V.'s will not let it be said of them that the objectives of their first year of work were not reached.

There will be one more roll call before the end of the year to determine what chapters will be entitled to the mythical **Keystone Chapters**. Some of the local groups have been quite active here of late in accomplishing things, and at this time we feel that we should call attention to these. Locals, according to our checking, the following chapters have reached all five of the objectives set up in the year's plan, and therefore have won the right to be called **Keystone Chapters: Axton, Clintwood, Disputanta, Lincoln, Pearisburg, Rural Retreat, South Hill, Stanardsville, Wicomico.**

We may be in error in some of our figures, and your chapter may be one that deserves to be in this splendid group. If we have made a mistake in your case, we are very sorry and will gladly correct it if you will write us. On the other hand, yours may be one of the seventeen chapters that have reached four of the five objectives, and we hope that you will soon report that you have attained the last. We notice also that there are twenty-one chapters that have reached three of the five Keystone points, and we hope also to hear from them before the first of July.

RURAL RETREAT WINS ANNUAL JUDGING CONTEST.

The honor of being the high team in the eighth annual judging contest of the Agricultural High Schools in Virginia goes to the team representing the Rural Retreat High School of Wythe County. The judging contest was held at Blacksburg, Va., April 19-21. Eighty-two teams of three members each were represented in the contest, and the competition for prizes on the part of the 246 contestants was quite keen.

The winning team representing Rural Retreat was composed of Stuart Cassell, T. F. Kidd, Jr., and Earl Willard. Mr. J. O. Hoge was the coach of this team. The team from Charlotte C. H., trained by Mr. Ernest Hambrick, won second place. This team was composed of Fred Mills, William Dunnivant and Richard Fallen. Windsor High School, of Isle of Wight County, captured third place, with its team made up of Robert Eley, Russell Johnson, Charles Corbitt and Gordon C. Farmer, coach.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded the following young men for their splendid accomplishment of having made the highest scores of any individuals in the entire contest: Curtis Jennings, Woodlawn; Clarence Alderman, Willis; and Fred Mills, Charlotte Courthouse. The medals in the various classes were won by the following young men: Corn, Clay Wright, Wever's Cave; beefs, Raymond Fishpaw, Winchester; dairy cattle, Reuben Harvey, Whitmell; hogs, Hampton Campbell, Amherst; poultry, John Reavis, Woodlawn; sheep, John Bowers, Bridgewater; peanuts, Robert Eley, Windsor; cotton, Alton Birdsall, Carson; potatoes, Fred Mills, Charlotte

Courthouse; diseases and insects of fruit, L. Maupin, Ivy Depot.

The three teams to represent the Future Farmers of Virginia at national contests to be held next fall at Kansas City, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., were selected from the winners in the annual judging contest.

The team to judge livestock at the Kansas City Royal is made up of Clarence Alderman, Willis; T. F. Kidd, Jr., and Earl Willard, of Rural Retreat; Hampton Campbell, Amherst, and J. O. Hoge, coach.

The national contest in judging dairy cattle will be held at Memphis, Tenn., in connection with the National Dairy Show. Curtis Jennings, Woodlawn; Fred Mills and William Dunnivant, Charlotte Courthouse; Charles Johnson, Buckhorn, and Mr. Ernest Hambrick, coach, will compose the team to represent Virginia in this contest.

A crops' contest among students of vocational agriculture in the Southern States is being arranged for in connection with the Memphis show. Robert Eley and Russell Johnson, Windsor; Alton Birdsall, Carson; Burleigh Baines, Whaleyville, and G. C. Farmer, coach, are to be rewarded with this trip.

RESULTS OF JUDGING CONTEST.

Team Standing.

1. Rural Retreat	1859
2. Charlotte C. H.	1830
3. Windsor	1789
4. Woodlawn	1778
5. Blacksburg	1776
6. Willis	1768
7. Pearisburg	1751
8. Sugar Grove	1733*
Riner	1733*
9. Buckhorn	1724
10. Weyers Cave	1721
11. Whaleyville	1711
12. Boyce-Berryville	1706
13. Whitmell	1699
14. Lebanon	1692
15. Broadway	1659
16. Holland	1657
17. Floris	1653
18. Glade Spring-Liberty Hall....	1648
19. Dan River	1607
20. Burkeville	1606
21. Rich Valley	1595
22. Toano	1592
23. Axton	1590*
24. Carson	1590*
Appomattox	1590*
25. Newport-Eggleston	1570
26. Hillsville	1566
27. Greenfield	1560
28. Amherst	1552
29. Clintwood	1542
30. Salem	1529
31. Unionville	1523
32. Temperanceville	1521
33. Wytheville-Max Meadows	1518
34. Strasburg-Woodstock	1516
35. Mica	1514
36. Gloucester	1511
37. Fincastle	1510
38. Burkes Garden	1509
39. New London	1505
40. Elk Creek	1489
41. Carrsville	1488
42. Chase City	1467
43. Bridgewater	1451
44. Boykins-Newsoms	1448
45. New Hope	1446

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RESULTS OF JUDGING CONTEST.
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46. Courtland	1438
47. Middletown-Stephens City ..	1419
48. Ewing	1418
49. Wicomico Church	1409
50. Franktown-Nassawadox	1405
51. Winchester	1402*
Dinwiddie	1402*
52. Front Royal	1400
53. Climax	1393
54. Pennington Gap	1380
55. Marshall	1372
56. Lincoln	1366
57. Kenbridge	1353
58. Stanardsville	1340
59. Apple Grove	1339
60. Dublin	1338
61. Critz	1337
62. Varina	1335*
Sunnyside	1335*
Culpeper	1335*
63. Edmund Pendleton	1334
64. Sparta	1313*
Fishersville-Stuarts Draft ..	1313*
65. Manassas	1300
66. Cumberland	1293
67. Turbeville	1286
68. Ivy Depot	1275
69. Naruna	1271
70. Montross	1251
71. Buchanan	1192
72. Blue Ridge Industrial	1161
73. South Hill	1136

Twenty High Individuals in Contest.

1. Curtis Jennings, Woodlawn..	701
2. Clarence Alterney, Willis....	652
3. Fred Mills, Charlotte C. H....	647
4. Stuart Cassell, Rural Retreat.	627
5. Charles Johnson, Buckhorn...	623
6. F. E. Willard, Jr., Rural Ret..	614*
Robert Eley, Windsor.....	614*
7. William Dunnivant, Charlotte	
Courthouse	613*
T. F. Kidd, Rural Retreat....	613*
8. Jack Meek, Sugar Grove.....	610
9. Clay Wright, Weyers Cave....	604
10. B. Saddler, Pearisburg.....	599
11. J. Phlegar, Pearisburg	596*
Gordon McDonald, Blacksburg	596*
12. Thomas Hawkins, Blacksburg.	594
13. Hampton Campbell, Amherst.	593*
Wilson Jenks, Lebanon.....	593*
14. Alton Birdsall, Carson.....	590
15. Roy Thompson, Riner.....	589
16. D. Rosenbaum, Glade Spring.	588

Poultry.

High Schools:	
Woodlawn	513
Ewing	474
Floris	451
Blacksburg	413
Weyers Cave	401

High Individuals:	
Johnny Reavis, Woodlawn.....	185
Dexter Williams, Woodlawn.....	165
Curtis Jennings, Woodlawn.....	163*
Chester McLaren, Floris	163*
Bryan Graybill, Ewing.....	163*
Jim Richmond, Ewing.....	158
William Lumpkins, Sparta.....	155
Howard Monday, Ewing.....	153*
Thomas Slayton, Dan River.....	153*
Charles Johnson, Buckhorn.....	150

Hogs.

High Schools:	
Blacksburg	529
Hillsville	501
Lebanon	490

Amherst	486
Edmund Pendleton	473

High Individuals:

Hampton Campbell, Amherst....	192
Jim Gardner, Hillsville.....	187
Wilson Jenks, Lebanon.....	186
Fred Olinger, Blacksburg.....	183
E. Clark, Glade Spring.....	178
Terry Campbell, Edmund Pendle'n	177
Frank Hanson, Lebanon.....	175*
Fred Williams, Hillsville.....	175*
Joseph Cline, New Hope.....	174
Tom Hawkins, Blacksburg.....	173*
Gordon McDonald, Blacksburg...	173*

Beef.

High Schools:	
Winchester	522
Glade Spring	474
Lebanon	461
Broadway	444
Pearisburg	442*
Rural Retreat	442*
Marshall	442*

High Individuals:

Raymond Fishpaw, Winchester...	180
Marshall Clevenger, Winchester...	176
Richard Duvall, Winchester.....	166
D. Rosenbaum, Glade Spring.....	165
Rey Daughtrey, Pennington Gap.	160
Wm. Buchanan, Rich Valley.....	159*
Paul Stafford, Pearisburg.....	159*
Robert Gray, Lebanon.....	156*
E. Clark, Glade Spring.....	156*
Frank Hanson, Lebanon.....	153*
M. Preston, Glade Spring.....	153*
Wilson Jenks, Lebanon.....	152
Jim Moyers, Broadway.....	151

Dairy.

High Schools:	
Whitmell	496
Charlotte C. H.....	491
Blacksburg	442
Burkes Garden	434
Weyers Cave	414

High Individuals:

Reuben Harvey, Whitmell.....	177
Fred Mills, Charlotte C. H.....	175
Garnett Collins, Whitmell.....	172
Wm. Dunnivant, Charlotte C. H..	170
W. Flatten, Toano.....	165
James Thompson, Burkes Garden.	160*
Geo. Tisdale, South Hill.....	160*
John Hubbard, Dinwiddie.....	160*
Tom Hawkins, Blacksburg.....	155*
Chas. Johnson, Buckhorn.....	155*
Chester McLaren, Floris.....	155*
Wm. Turner, Chase City.....	152
Clay Wright, Weyers Cave.....	150
Bernard Fallen, Charlotte C. H...	146

Sheep.

High Schools:	
Bridgewater	555
Newport-Eggleston	523
Lebanon	509
Pearisburg	463
Rich Valley	451

High Individuals:

John Bowers, Bridgewater.....	189
Ray Crist, Bridgewater.....	188
Wilson Jenks, Lebanon.....	187
R. R. Reynolds, Newport-Eggleston	186
Garland Wright, Bridgewater...	178
Frank Hanson, Lebanon.....	175
F. F. Stiff, Newport-Eggleston...	169
Paul Stafford, Pearisburg.....	168*
A. J. Kingreer, Newport-Eggleston	168*
Chas. Taylor, Rich Valley.....	158
B. Saddler, Pearisburg.....	149*
Wm. Buchanan, Rich Valley.....	149*

Corn.

High Schools:	
Weyers Cave	512
Buckhorn	470
Varina	465
Woodlawn	458

High Individuals:

Clay Wright, Weyers Cave.....	185
Joe Gill, Buckhorn.....	170
Aubrey Hedrick, Varina.....	168
Nelson Dickinson, Mica.....	166
Curtis Jennings, Woodlawn.....	162
John Reavis, Woodlawn.....	160

Cotton.

High Schools:	
Carson	393.5
Whaleyville	389.5
Carrsville	358.5
Holland	321.5

High Individuals:

Alton Birdsall, Carson.....	143
Melvin Pecht, Carson.....	133
Wilton Davidson, Holland.....	132.5*
Werdna Eure, Whaleyville.....	132.5*
Elmo Eason, Carrsville.....	132
Burleigh Baines, Whaleyville....	131.5

Peanuts.

High Schools:	
Windsor	459
Whaleyville	442
Carson	440.5

High Individuals:

Robert Eley, Windsor.....	163
Francis Goodwyn, Carson.....	159.5
Elbert Savage, Whaleyville.....	158
Alton Birdsall, Carson.....	157*
Burleigh Baines, Whaleyville....	157*
Russell Johnson, Windsor.....	151

Potatoes.

High Schools:	
Charlotte C. H.....	535
Wicomico	458
Sugar Grove	440.5

High Individuals:

Fred Mills, Charlotte C. H.....	183
Bernard Fallen, Charlotte C. H...	179
Wm. Dunnivant, Charlotte C. H..	173
Linwood Kent, Wicomico.....	161.5
Virgil Gill, Wicomico.....	160
Jack Meek, Sugar Grove.....	158.5

*Tie.

FUTURE HARHEEL FARMERS TO MEET.

The first State meeting of Young Tarheel Farmers will be held at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, June 20, 21 and 22, 1928. The meeting will open with the registration of delegates on Wednesday afternoon, June 20th, and close with the election of officers and presentation of Carolina Farmer degrees Friday evening, June 22nd.

The detailed program, which is to be announced later, will include the following:

1. Summary of the year's work.
2. Presentation of charters.
3. Dairy judging contest.
4. Addresses of prominent men.
5. Tour of the college campus.
6. Election of State officers.
7. Presentation of Carolina Farmer degrees.
8. Baseball, basket-ball, swimming, music, moving pictures, etc.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN SOUTH.

The South is essentially agricultural. The harnessing of the water power and the utilization of the natural resources of the South by industry is not going to make the South any less agricultural, but, on the other hand, more so. The South has many advantages that have been stated many times and by many writers. Some of those advantages so frequently mentioned are long growing seasons, a temperate climate that will permit the growing of many farm crops, and an intelligent farm population that will quickly adapt itself to the economic and social development of the country. Coupled with these natural advantages, the South has also an increasing industrial population that is going to furnish a ready market for many of the farm products produced by the Southern farmers. The coming of industry to the South has not absorbed any of the land, formerly used for agricultural purposes.

Looking at our problem from all angles, we are confronted with the fact that our Southern farms are not producing as abundantly as they did twenty-five or fifty years ago. Much of the natural fertility of the soil has been robbed and our soil so depleted that the farmer is now obliged to purchase thousands of tons of fertility in order to produce his crops. The soils of the South are responsive, very responsive to intelligent handling, but we can no longer claim that the soils of the South, particularly over large areas, are unusually fertile. The expensive system of maintaining soil fertilities of commercial fertilizer must give way to an intelligent system of crop rotation, the growing of leguminous crops, and a reasonable amount of commercial fertilizer intelligently applied. The former prosperity of the South depended upon cheap labor. This situation has been changed until the Southern farmer is now obliged to go into the market and obtain his labor in competition with industry and the farmers of the North. Where formerly the South was blessed with fertile soil and cheap labor, it is now confronted with the fact that it has many a worn-out farm and high-priced labor.

The economic prosperity of the South is going to depend upon the intelligent handling of its many problems. Intelligent handling of problems can come only through an education and through the application and adaptability of science to farming. Those who have traveled through the South during the last ten or fifteen years will have noticed many changes. Where formerly the hillsides were washed and eroded they are now being terraced and protected. Pure-bred livestock has replaced scrub animals in many localities; diversification is supplementing the one-crop system. The cow and hen are providing a weekly pay-check to substitute and supplement the mortgaged cotton crop. A well-planned year-round vegetable garden is providing food for our undernourished boys and girls. Instead of playing a lone hand, the farmer is now joining with his neighbors in the buying of supplies, selling of his products, and in making the rural community a better place in which to live.

It does not take a very wide stretch of the imagination to realize the relation between agricultural education and the de-

velopment of agriculture. The dairy cow that represents the investment of \$200 or \$300 requires very careful feeding and very careful care if the farmer is to realize any interest on his investment. This is also true of any other improved phase of farming. In order to properly feed a cow, a man must have a very thorough knowledge of the relation of food to development of the animal and know how to apportion the foods in order to reduce the costs and get the largest returns. In order to improve our soil, we must know wherein our soil is poor and the kind of plant food that is needed in order to produce the maximum crops.

Without an economic development there can be no great social development. It does not necessarily follow that standards of living improve with increased wealth, but they usually do. In the South the agricultural population pays a larger per cent of the taxes for the support of government than any other great section in the United States. It, then, follows that the social development of the communities depends upon the ability of the farmer to pay for good roads, good schools and good churches. These are to be had only by those communities which can afford them through the taxation of the wealth of the community. Besides those things that are to be had either directly or indirectly through taxation, the individual desires for himself a comfortable place in which to live, to give to his children the benefits of a higher education, a desire of travel and many other things of a like nature, but these cannot be obtained unless he is able to pay for them. It is true that a desire for a great many things stimulates one to great activities. But, on the other hand, the social welfare of the community is so intimately connected with the economic development of the country that the two cannot be separated.

Agricultural education, then, should play a very large part in the development of the South. It should point out to those who are taking the instruction the possibilities for agricultural prosperity, as well as furnish the training and the development of the abilities of the occupation so necessary for successful farming. Quoting a man from the Middle West who is prominent in agricultural circles, who said: "If the South continues to make the progress in the future that it has in the past, in the next ten years it will have outstripped all other agricultural sections of the United States." Not only does the South have the native intelligence equal to that of any other section, but it has natural advantages which far surpass those of other sections. That the South is going to be the great agricultural section of the country, no one doubts, but intelligence and knowledge of farming must keep pace with that of the other agricultural sections of the country. It is a foregone conclusion that there are thousands of acres still undeveloped in the South; other thousands that are only partially developed, and still other thousands that are worn out and await the hand of intelligence to bring them back to their former productivity, and we believe that agricultural education is going to play a large part in this development and assist in making the Southern planter socially and economically independent.—R. D. Maltby, in the Virginia Vocational Association Bulletin.

RESULTS OF ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

(Continued from Page 2.)

4. ClevengerWinchester
5. GregoryChase City
Distance: 108 ft. ¾ in. (new record).

880-Yard Run.

1. GreshamOceana
2. ZirkleNew Market
3. FaggSalem
4. MannAtlee
5. BagentWinchester
Time: 2:16.6-10.

High Jump.

1. ClaggettBerryville
2. WoodfordNew London
3. BibbWeyer's Cave
4. FieldGloucester
5. ButterworthDinwiddie
Height: 5 ft. 7 in. (new record).

Shot.

1. ClevengerWinchester
2. PriceSalem
3. GollidayWoodstock
4. MurphyFloris
5. BaileyIvy
Distance: 41 ft. 10½ in. (new record).

100-Yard Dash.

1. RhinehartWoodstock
2. HendleyOceana
3. FriesWinchester
4. EddinsWeyer's Cave
5. WilliamsAmherst
Time: 10.5 seconds.

Half-Mile Relay (Four Men).

1. Winchester—Fries, Snyder, Bagent, Huyett (Handley High).
2. Oceana—Anderson, Braithwaite, Gresham, Hendley.
3. Amherst—Gregory, Harrison, Williams and Proffit.
4. New Market—O'Rock, Pence, Sellers, Zirkle.
5. Dinwiddie—Barnes, Butterworth, Scott and Barrow.

Rally Records.

- 100-yd. dash—B. Emory, Chase City. 1926
Time: 10 4-10 seconds.
- 220-yd. dash—B. Emory, Chase City. 1926
Time: 23 seconds.
- 880-yd. run—Brown, Blacksburg... 1926
Time: 2 min. 10.1 sec.
- Mile—Gresham, Oceana 1928
Time: 4 min. 57.6 sec.
- Shot (12-lb.)—Clevenger, Winchest'r. 1928
Distance: 41 ft. 10½ in.
- Broad jump—Rhinehart, Woodstock. 1928
Distance: 19 ft. 7 in.
- High jump—Claggett, Berryville... 1928
Distance: 5 ft. 7 in.
- Pole vault—Presgrave, Floris..... 1928
Distance: 10 ft. 2 in.
- Discus—W. Murphy, Floris..... 1928
Distance: 108 ft. ¾ in.
- Relay (½-mi.)—Winchester High... 1928
Time: 1 min. 40.1 sec.

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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

Appomattox.

The Appomattox Robert E. Lee Chapter in the past two months sent a judging team and delegates to the State Rally, fixed equipment for field day and planned to sponsor that event. The members have increased their investments in farming \$807.50 since the last report was sent in.

ROBERT SHIREY,
Secretary.

Axton.

The Axton Chapter is planning to give a minstrel in the near future for the benefit of the high school. Each member has already definitely decided on their projects and most of the boys have already begun working. I am glad to say that our chapter has met all the requirements for a Keystone Chapter.

Yours very truly,
BOYD BULLINGTON,
President.

Cumberland.

Our chapter has been doing splendid work since you heard from us last, and we have accomplished a good many things. The road that leads to the school building was so bad that a car could hardly get over it. We decided to gray-soil the road and went to work and got together a number of trucks and a team or two one Saturday and completed the job. Now cars can run forty miles an hour if they wish to go that fast.

Our chapter helped to send a judging team to Blacksburg 1928 Rally, and a delegate attended the meeting of the F. F. V.'s. The judging team came back very much pleased, and says that they are determined to win at the next year's rally.

W. B. WALKER, JR.,
Secretary.

Disputanta.

The F. F. V. of our school have been quite busy since sending our last month's report. Our "Father and Son" banquet was a great success, and we trust will do much to advance agriculture in our school.

Besides this banquet, we have held two other social gatherings in an adjoining community which have aroused much interest in our work.

We are sorry to report such slow progress in our thrift bank accounts, but we realize this to be an important part of our program, and we hope to show greater progress in the near future.

Sincerely,
L. L. MORRIS.

Fincastle.

The Fincastle Chapter of F. F. V. is planning to give its first "Father and Son" banquet as soon as school is out. We believe this will be of interest to the community, as many interesting talks will be given. The thrift bank is progressing nicely, as most of the members are increasing their savings account as well as their investments in farming.

On March 8th a surprise program was given in the high school auditorium by the F. F. V.'s to the Fincastle High School boys regarding the protection of the new school building. Many interesting talks were given, and we feel that the program has helped the pupils to respect the school building.

The Fincastle Chapter began work on April 26th, after much delay on account of bad weather, on a tomato plant bed. The bed has an area of one-fifth of an acre. The plants will be sold at a moderate price to any one who desires to buy them. The plant bed is believed to be of a great benefit to the community, as it has been in former years.

McDOWELL CRUSH,
Reporter.

Max Meadows.

The Wytheville and the Max Meadows Chapters combined and held their "Father and Son" banquet March 23rd. Practically all the sons, with their fathers, were out. Ladies of the Presbyterian Church served supper. After supper the fathers had a contest on calling their sons out of bed in the mornings. Then the sons had a pig-calling contest. This gave every one a real laugh.

We were very much pleased to have with us Mr. E. R. Price and Mr. H. C. Groseclose, of Blacksburg; and several instructors—Messrs. Hoge Kirby, Brothers, and Roland. All of whom made a very interesting talk. Mr. E. R. Price was the "big gun" of the day.

FRANK PEOPLES.

Montross.

The local chapter is very proud of the success in reaching the goal of a hundred per cent savings account. Plans have been made and preparations begun on the project for 1928. We have a very enthusiastic bunch of boys, who say that it will take more than a new Ford car to catch us in 1928.

STANLEY MARMADUKE,
Reporter.

Rural Retreat.

As you will remember, our chapter started some school-ground improvement and playground equipment work three years ago. We added to this last year and we still are adding and making more improvements. Since the weather has gotten pretty we have brought in twelve arbutus and planted them on the school grounds. We have also set out ten spruce pines. These trees were well trimmed back and are all living. We are planning a marker for the center of our driveway which will have a Daniel Boone trail

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marker on one side. We are also preparing to put up a fence around the home economics yard.

SUMPTER GRUBB,
Cabbage Chapter Secretary.

Stanardsville.

Our regular F. F. V. meeting for Friday night, April 27th, had to be postponed on account of rain. Our judging team, although they did not win a high mark at the Rally this time, made a very good showing for their first entry. We hope to better our score by several hundred points next year. Those on the judging team and others who attended the Rally spoke very favorably of V. P. I. and all had a wonderful trip. Our chapter expects to put in an agriculture float, depicting shop work, in the May Day parade, May 5th. During the summer months we plan to organize a ball team and play the local teams of Stanardsville.

RAY BREEDEN,
Secretary.

Strasburg.

We are glad to say that our 100 per cent savings' objective for this year is still increasing. We are planning for our banquet some time this month, and are also planning to take part and represent our chapter in "Health Day" exercises, which will be given on May 11th. Some of our members have bought certified potatoes and are planning to do great work along this line in the future.

CECIL HOOKMAN,
Secretary.

Toano.

The Toano Chapter of the F. F. V. gave a very interesting program in the high school auditorium on last Tuesday afternoon, May 1st. The chapter was honored with the presence of the whole school, as well as many friends and patrons of the school. The program, under the direction of President Monfort Ware, was as follows: (1) "Why Have Forestry Week?" Enoch Haley, secretary; (2) "Relation of Forests to Water Supply," Tom Taylor; (3) "The Story of Two Matches," Stephen Bowmer; (4) essay on "Forests," Mable McKay; (5) "Fire," Reid Warren; (6) impromptu speeches by Jimmie Johnson, Hugh Hamilton, Mattauer Crute; (7) "The President's Forestry Proclamation," Victor Peterson.

The program was followed by a very interesting talk given by Rev. Noel J. Allen, under the auspices of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. His subject was the "Conservation of Virginia's Wild Life." He gave us many fine points on the preservation of the song and game birds of this section. He also told us of the wanton destruction of our songsters and useful birds by cats, hawks, crows, owls, etc., and put forth a plea for those present to set at least one trap at home for the protection of our birds against these murderers of our useful wild life.

HUGH HAMILTON,
Reporter.

Turbeville.

The Turbeville Chapter presented its 1928 "Little Dixie Minstrels" during March. The money this year was used to send our judging team to the annual Rally at V. P. I.

The meetings this year have been full

of action, and we have enjoyed them very much. All the business meetings have been constructive, and we have had several boxing matches and other contests. Most of our members have paid their dues, and our treasurer and his committee always serves us ice cream and cake or pie. Our activities this month will consist of laying some tile around the auditorium and the giving of an outdoor party for the Helen Ward Home Economics girls.

WILLIAM MANNING,
Secretary.

Wytheville.

The Wytheville Chapter has tested over a hundred rag-dolls in the past month and treated about twenty-five bushels of corn with Semesan, Jr., treatment for root stalk and ear rot diseases. This treatment was used very successfully last year.

The farmers of this section have taken a great deal of interest in the testing and treatment of their seed corn this year. They have brought their corn to our school, and the agriculture boys have made the dolls and tested the corn in the germinator. This will enable the farmer to get a better stand of corn and educate the members of our chapter.

WILLIAM CRIGGER,
President.

Woodlawn.

The first thing I wish to relate in behalf of our F. F. V. is the splendid work shown in selling seed for the Good Seed Company. We ordered 1,600 packs, of which we sold about \$30 worth. They sold at 5 cents per pack. Out of this we received only the small amount of 30 cents per dollar, or 1½ cents per pack, for our trouble. Many of the farmers took advantage of the opportunity and saved 5 cents per pack by buying from us. Several came to us after we sent them back. It was a hard task for each of us. We were given six boxes each to sell and were held responsible for any loss. We were very fortunate in making our books check in the end.

Now, I must tell you about the wonderful improvement we have made on the cottage lawn. We began work about two months ago. I will tell you a few of the

many things we have done. The first thing was to take out two large stumps. We have hauled dirt, rock and laid a cement walk, moved and reset a fence, set out shrubbery, and plowed and graded the lawn. We are almost ready to sow the grass. We certainly have worked, but what shall be our reward? We shall be rewarded by having made attractive and home-like one of the most beautiful little cottages in the country. What shall we get for our work? What do we ask? We ask nothing. Our labor was given freely and willingly to help out the Home Economics Department in beautifying the cottage. Service is a pleasure with us.

The above facts are interesting, we think; but the most interesting fact to us is our judging team and our trip to Blacksburg. We began judging about three weeks before we were to go. There certainly was some genuine work and competition going on in our class from the very beginning. The first week showed that we were really deficient in judging qualities. The second week showed a great deal of improvement, but we were still lacking, especially when it came to the point of giving reasons why our judgment was such. We did our work entirely too fast. The last week in the struggle for supremacy we learned to go slow and observe closely. In the end it was between five of us. Arlyss Chappell could not go to the preliminary contest. On Monday, the 16th, we went to Mr. Felts' place, and also to Mr. Hampton's. Mr. Creasy had to pick from four of us then. A star judge in our class, Dewey Caldwell, was sick and unable to go, so it fell to Johnnie Reavis, Curtis Jennings and myself. We did not get to judge any hogs or corn, as we could not find any to judge. Considering the small amount of time we spent in judging, we were very well pleased with our results in the contest. We hope to do better next year. I did not happen to be so lucky as to get a prize in judging, but I do consider myself more lucky than the rest by having received the Planters' degree. I am unable to express the feeling that went over me when I was awarded this honor. It inspired me to higher ideals, and I consider this the highest honor I could have received.

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VIRGINIA PLANTER DEGREES CONFERRED

(Continued from Page 1.)

these twenty planters, and we believe that these young men will materially strengthen the organization.

A brief summary of the combined activities of these young men will give some insight into their splendid attainments. Their participation in school activities cannot be questioned when we submit as evidence the fact that they have held sixty-two offices in local school organizations. Two of these offices have been treasurerships, 12 secretaryships, whereas 16 of them have been vice-presidencies and 31 presidencies.

In representing their respective schools in competition with other schools, these young men have the honor of having representation on 106 teams. They have been members of 20 baseball, 14 track, 23 basket-ball, 5 debating, 9 football, and 35 judging teams.

It is interesting to note that during the past two or three years the supervised practice work of these young men embraces the caring for 150 hogs, 185 sheep, 15 beef animals, 35 dairy animals, and 2,500 hens. They have had charge of 20 acres of orchard and have produced 175 acres of field crops. They have devoted 18,500 hours of labor in conducting this farming, and their net profit from the above-listed enterprises total \$15,000. It is quite interesting to note that while these boys have been industrious in applying a large number of hours to farming, they have been liberally rewarded for their efforts in that the profit per hour for the time devoted to their projects is 85 cents.

One of the outstanding things in the activities of the twenty Planters is that not only have they made money but have invested it wisely. The total investments of these young men amount to \$17,450; \$8,325 of this is invested in farming, and nearly \$5,000 is invested in savings ac-

count. The average investment per boy of this select group is nearly \$900, and it is safe to say that as these young men go out into agricultural work of some kind this nest-egg which they have so carefully guarded and added to will be of inestimable value to them.

The names of the twenty successful candidates for the Planter degree, with a brief statement of their accomplishments, follow:

Dexter Williams, Woodlawn.—Dexter is an example of a well-balanced boy, who, in addition to carrying three successful enterprises each year in his home-practice work, has been able to achieve a grade of 90 on all classes. Besides having held offices in local organizations and being a very active member of his local chapter, he has taken a very prominent part in the work of debating and literary societies. Dexter has been influential in bringing about the improvement in the type of livestock and the housing conditions practiced on his home farm.

William B. Clagett, Berryville.—Billy, for the past year, has been State Secretary of the Future Farmers of Virginia, and at the 1928 Rally was further honored by being elected to the position of State Reporter. He holds the honor of having the largest savings account of any F. F. V. in the State, and has been able to add to his nest-eggs in farming and savings in such a way that he now has a total investment of \$2,500. Billy holds the distinction of having made the highest grade of any of the applicants on the subject-matter test, which is one of the requirements of the Planter degree. He is an athlete of some note, having represented his school in baseball, basket-ball and track, in addition to having served for three years as a member of a judging team. During the 1928 Rally, Clagett established a new record for the high jump of five feet seven inches.

Joe Henry Gardner, Holland.—Joe Henry is in his third year's work in vocational agriculture and has carried out outstanding supervised practice work. In his first year he carried five, and second year six, and this year he is carrying seven enterprises in his home-practice work. He grew the first certified mammoth brown soybeans grown in the State, and now is selling certified seed of this variety at a good profit. His influence on his home farm has been greatly felt, as he and his brother have in the past three years paid off a \$4,200 debt against the farm. He handles his project work on the same seven acres of land each year, practicing a definite four-year rotation, including cover crops in winter.

Clarence Daughtrey, Holland.—When Clarence began studying vocational agriculture, he owned nothing. He now has over \$700 invested, and \$500 of this is in farming. He has made the most of his opportunities in increasing the size of his projects and the number of improved farming practices put into effect. He has conducted an average of six enterprises each year in supervised practice work, and uses certified seed in practically all crops, and his poultry and hogs are pure-bred. His supervised practice work for this year embraces 11 acres in crops, 2 brood sows, 70 hens, and 300 broilers. At the 1928 Rally, Clarence was honored by being elected a member of the State Executive Committee, and

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J. C. Tisdale, Jr., South Hill.—Tisdale's records in supervised practice work give us an idea of the kind of an F. F. V. he is. He has only had an opportunity to study vocational agriculture for two years, but in this time he has devoted 1,100 hours to his supervised practice program and has secured a net profit of \$925. He has been influential in bringing about the use of lime, legumes, and better rotation on his home farm. He has also established a farm shop on his home farm, and now has \$550 invested in farming.

Gibson Waddell, Marshall.—He is an example of not bowing to adversity and misfortune. Gibson has devoted 1,275 hours to his project work during the past two years, and despite the fact that disease has broken out in both his poultry flock and his herd of hogs, he has not been deterred from continuing and enlarging his supervised practice enterprises. He now has an investment of about \$900 in farming, and in addition to this he has invested over \$300 in savings account and has paid in \$347 in life insurance premiums. Gibson was signally honored at the Blacksburg meeting by being elected State Secretary of the Future Farmers of Virginia.

John Mistr, Varina.—A boy reared on a dairy farm in a dairy section and one who is specializing in dairying and the production of dairy feed. An idea of his interest in his work can be gained from the fact that John owns two pure-bred cows, one grade cow, one pure-bred calf, and one heifer. He has invested every cent that he can realize from his project and other work in cows and his supervised practice work during the last three years has been tied up in dairying and the production of legume hay for feed. He has represented his school in judging, baseball, basket-ball, and track teams, and is now president of his local chapter.

Earl Willard, Rural Retreat.—Earl is another example of a hard-working and industrious young man. During three years he has devoted over 1,000 hours to his supervised practice work, and last summer had the responsibility of running the entire farm. He has been specializing in poultry, swine, corn, and dairy cows, and has been applying a large number of improved practices to these enterprises. During the past three years he has made a net profit of over \$900 from his supervised practice work. He was a member of the high team at the 1928 judging contest and won the right to be one of the State representatives at the National Contest to be held at Kansas City this fall.

Hampton Campbell, Amherst.—Hampton is a member of the senior class in his school and is pursuing his fourth year of work in agriculture. He is president of his local chapter, which has from its organization been one of the most active groups in the State. Hampton has done especially good work in applying improved practices to his corn, tobacco, soybeans, and orchard enterprises. In three years' time he has realized a net profit of \$928 from his supervised practice work. He represented his school for the third time on its judging team and the teams of which he was a member during the past two years captured second and third

places, respectively, in the annual judging contest. Hampton was running true to form at the 1928 contest, in that he was high man of all of the contestants in judging hogs.

Samuel Hardwick, Dublin.—Sam is a real all-around man and is very highly recommended by the chapter of which he is president. He has taken an active part in all school and chapter functions. He has represented his school on judging teams, two years on football and basketball teams and four years on baseball team. In his supervised practice work he has been specializing on certified wheat, pure-bred sheep, and dairy cows. Samuel received the highest honor that the organization could confer upon him when at the 1928 Rally he was elected State President.

William Mann, Powhatan.—Billy is an example of not bowing to difficulty. Labor has been quite scarce on his home farm, and Billy has had to miss considerable time from school during the past three or four years. Despite this fact, he has managed by hard work and perseverance to attain a grade of 88 on all high school subjects. He is a very active F. F. V. and one upon whom can be placed absolute dependence. His supervised practice work has been of a high caliber and marked throughout with observance of the best practices which the experiment station can recommend.

John Bowers, Bridgewater.—John is a typical, energetic, likeable farm boy of just the type that deserves to be honored with the Planter degree. He is studying vocational agriculture for his fourth year and is proud of the course and of his organization. He has done outstanding

work in the production of high yields of corn and in feeding hogs in a scientific manner. John has followed closely the recommendations of the experiment station in hog feeding and has adhered to the recommendations of the agricultural

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department on the time to sell hogs. At the 1928 Rally, John demonstrated his ability as a livestock judge by winning the medal awarded to the high man in judging sheep.

Ralph Beahm, Manassas.—An industrious young man who applied himself diligently to his supervised practice work and to all of the activities of his local chapter. Ralph has devoted approximately 1,200 hours to his supervised practice work in the past three years and has also found time to represent his school on judging and soccer teams. There is no question about his being able to lead a group successfully, in that he has acted as substitute teacher on several occasions.

Taylor Meetz, Marshall.—Taylor is an example of a thrifty, energetic boy, who now has an investment of over \$1,700; \$790 of this is in savings account, and over \$500 is invested in farming. He has had an appreciable influence in furthering the application of improved farming practices on his home farm. In addition to his very active participation in his farm work, he has found time to represent his school on judging, track and basketball teams.

Chalkley Buchanan, Clintwood.—Chalkley is a promising farmer in a section where level, easily cultivated land is at a premium. Chalkley's supervised practice work during the past three years has included practices which prior to this time had never been carried out on his home farm. He has introduced fall plowing, selection of seed corn, better cultivation of corn, better harvesting methods on his home farm. He has erected a modern poultry house and is equipping a home farm shop. He has an investment of nearly \$500 in farming and is a very dependable and unusual boy. He holds the distinction of having submitted the highest average grades of any applicant for the Planter degree. Fifteen grades were submitted and eleven of these were A's.

Clarence King, Pearisburg.—Clarence has been capitalizing on his location in raising sheep and apples. His flock of sheep are pure-breds of quite high quality. He has specialized in the production of pure-bred lambs and in showing his flock at fairs. During the past two years his winnings in prizes at fairs have amounted to \$127.50. Clarence has had

charge of a commercial orchard and has handled it in an excellent fashion. Practically every recommended improved practice in connection with the orchard industry has been carried out in his orchard. He now has a total investment of approximately \$1,500, and over \$1,000 of this is in farming. Clarence is a member of the State Horticultural Society and has been attending the State meetings regularly.

Thomas Taylor, Lincoln.—Thomas is an outstanding example of a leader in his local school. Thomas has been president of six local organizations during his high school days, and in addition to performing the duties of these offices, has found time to represent his school on judging team, debating team, baseball, football and track teams. It can be truthfully said that Thomas is an all-round leader and booster of all of the activities of his school. He is president of his local chapter of F. F. V.'s, and no doubt is largely responsible for the wonderful showing that this chapter has made. He was signally honored at the 1928 Rally by being elected State Treasurer of the Future Farmers of Virginia.

T. F. Kidd, Jr., Rural Retreat.—"T. F." comes highly recommended by the Cabbage Chapter, of which he is vice president. He has been one of the hardest workers of the Planter candidates in that he has put in nearly 2,000 hours on his supervised practice work during the last three years. His total profit has been \$1,630, which shows that he has been well repaid for the large number of hours he has worked. Kidd has somehow found time to do other things besides attend to his agricultural work, as he has represented his school on baseball, basketball, track and judging teams. He was a member of the winning team in the 1928 judging team, and also won a place on the team to represent the State at Kansas City this fall.

H. Clay Wright, Weyer's Cave.—So far as our records go, Clay is the only applicant for the Planter degree who has pursued four years of agricultural instruction, and is now pursuing his fifth year. He was an applicant for this honor last year, but owing to the fact that he was a junior was held over for further seasoning. His work prior to this past year had been quite good, but during the past session his work has been really outstanding. In his supervised practice work he has specialized in the production of baby beefs, hogs, sheep, barley and corn, and has done quite well in each of these enterprises. Clay represented his school for the third time in the judging team at the 1928 Rally. His ability was recognized by the delegates present at the Rally and they rewarded him for his good work by electing him vice-president of the State organization.

Boyd Bullington, Axton.—Boyd was nominated by the Axton Chapter, of which he is president, and to this chapter goes the honor of being one of the most active chapters in the State. Boyd has been doing careful and systematic work in the production of tobacco and corn and he has been quite active in bringing about the use of lime and legumes on his home farm. He has worked hard, and at the same time has used excellent judgment in his investments. Since studying vocational agriculture, he has seen his savings account grow from \$150 to \$575

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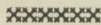
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