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Wildlife Federation Makes Good Offers To F. F. A. Members

By HENRY C. GROSECLOSE,
State Adviser.

Tentative plans for a cooperative agreement between the Wild Life Federation and the Future Farmers of America have been made by your State Adviser

Plans Being Made For 1939 Rally To Be Held At V. P. I., June 13-16

The annual convention of the Future Farmers of America, known for years as "The Rally," will be held this year at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Tuesday, June 13, to Friday, June 16.

A complete program for the Convention

One score card has been changed and this change will be shown in the new Rally Regulations mailed the week of March 15.

Free meals will be furnished to judging teams, members, State officers, agri-



FATHER-SON AND MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET AT MT. JACKSON.

and C. F. DeLaBarre, President of the Virginia Wild Life Federation, offering opportunities of great value to F. F. A. boys in Virginia.

Many chapters are now selling Wild Life stamps. For each \$1.00 sheet of stamps sold the chapter receives 15 cents. The first 1,000 sheets sold in Virginia by Future Farmers bring \$60.00 to the State treasury to be used in the conservation program. The chapter selling the

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will appear in the May issue of Chapter Chats. Contests that have been run in past years will be held again, including the public speaking contest, the agricultural contests, the degree team contest, and baseball contest. Keys to successful State Farmer Degree candidates will be awarded. Schools for leadership will be conducted to train presiding officers, reporters, and athletes. A softball contest will be held between teams representing the four districts.

cultural instructors, public speakers, members of the State F. F. A. Band. All others will pay 25 cents a meal at the time of registration. There is also a registration fee of 50 cents a person, including agricultural instructors.

Further information is given in the new Rally Regulations and, in addition, March and May issues of Chapter Chats for 1937 and 1938 contain details of the usual Rally arrangements.

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: : NEWS FROM FEDERATIONS : :

B A R Federation News.

The B A R held its bi-monthly meeting at Weyers Cave March 6, and delegates from 17 of the 19 chapters were present. President Williams and all his officers were in their places except vice-president Cline. Reports were submitted on activities of the B A R with directions for carrying them out as worked up by the chapter responsible for these plans. Stuart's Draft submitted track regulations, Timberville gave the plans for judging contests, Bridgewater read the rules for public speaking, Spottswood reported on plans for promoting Soil Conservation and Wild Life, and Instructor Shipley made a plea for chapters to support Wild Life by assisting in the sale of stamps.

Chapter reports were made by Port Republic, McGaheysville and North River showing the chapter plans and activities.

At the next meeting, scheduled May 1, at Port Republic, reports to be presented will cover tours for the summer, Thrift and Savings, Summer Picnics, and the election of officers.

Preliminary contests for Degree Teams in the Federation covering the Districts are due to be completed by April 1, and the final contest between winning teams in the Districts will be held at the B A R meeting, May 1.

The B A R handbook covering all the activities for the year, as mentioned by Mr. Howard in the last issue of Chapter Chats, is a great help in keeping the Federation going and business before the chapters. We recommend this plan to other federations that have large membership.

NELSON HOOVER,
Reporter, Linville-Edom.

Shenandoah Federation Officers.

Oliver Peer of Toms Brook, president; Brooks Stickley, Strasburg, vice-president; Norvall Showman, Mt. Jackson, secretary; C. Smoot, Woodstock, treasurer; Earle Wilkins, Edinburg reporter; and Henry Salyards, New Market, watch dog, are the officers elected by the Shenandoah County Federation to serve in 1939.

EARLE WILKINS,
Reporter, Edinburg, Va.

Northern Triangle Federation.

The third meeting of the Northern Triangle Federation was held at Handley High School, Winchester, February 9. The meeting was for the purpose of getting every member present to join the Federation. There were 250 persons at the meeting.

The program, presented by the Handley Chapter, was varied. A moving picture of the National F. F. A. Rally was shown. W. A. Ross gave a talk on "What the Future Farmers of the United States are accomplishing and Doing." There were three boxing bouts—a heavy weight, light weight, and feather weight contest.

Ping Pong Tournament.

The federation members of Smythe and Wythe Counties held their regular monthly meeting at Speedwell High School, January 8. After a short business meeting, a ping pong tournament was held. Teams from the following schools participated: Rich Valley, Atkins, Sugar Grove, Rural Retreat, Jackson Memorial, and Speedwell.

Each school was represented both in single and double matches. Most of the games were closely contested with several going into deuce before the game was decided. In the doubles Jackson Memorial was the winner, being represented by McGrady and Jennings, with Rural Retreat, represented by Hounshell and Copenhaver, the runner-up. The singles was won by Hounshell of Rural Retreat with McGrady of Jackson Memorial as runner-up.

J. C. PATTON,
Reporter.

MY CORN PROJECT.

By Roger Hall, Jr.

[A prize-winning article appearing in the Agricultural Edition of "The Danville Register Bee.]"

The land was prepared the first of April by turning with a two-horse plow. Time was then allowed for the soil to settle and the organic matter to decay before returning the last of May. This increased the waterholding capacity of the soil and destroyed many weeds and grass seed.

The corn was planted June fourth, at a distance of eighteen inches apart, in rows three and one-half feet apart. A 3-8-6 fertilizer was drilled in the rows and mixed with the soil, as the corn was planted, at the rate of 200 pounds per acre.

When the young corn plants were about six inches tall I cultivated them with a double shovel plow, just breaking the crust which had formed on the surface of the soil. This cultivation prevented excess evaporation of soil water and increased the absorption power, and destroyed the young weeds which had begun to appear. The second cultivation was made in about two weeks after the first. This time I used a five inch hoe

and a seven inch hoe on the double shovel. When the corn was about two feet tall I applied 100 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre, drilled from four to six inches from the corn stalks, and listed with a one-horse turning plow. This left the soil banked around the corn plants with a quickly available plant food mixed therein.

As seasons favored the development of the corn the harvest was made early. The one acre yielded fifty-eight bushels of corn and twelve shocks of stover. The expenses of the project consisted of sixty-five hours of man labor, forty-two horse hours and three hundred pounds of fertilizer, costing the total amount of \$17.13. The receipts amounted to \$65.20, leaving a net profit of \$48.07.

TO ALL STATE F. F. A. ADVISERS:

Word comes to us from the Singer Sewing Machine Company that this concern has frequent calls from F. F. A. members for metal owls which are not available. Since these requests are of considerable annoyance to the Company, they are asking our help in correcting the impression which is responsible for such correspondence. Will you kindly notify your chapters through the columns of your State F. F. A. publication that the Singer Sewing Machine Company has no metal owls for distribution and that no arrangements have been made with any Company by the national organization for such merchandise.

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Specialist in Agricultural
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: : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

Madison Chapter Minstrel.

The Madison Chapter of Future Farmers of America presented a minstrel in the High School auditorium, March 3, 1939. A large crowd was present and everyone seemed to enjoy the show very much.

The F. F. A. chapter cleared \$52.94, which they are hoping to use for a trip to the World's Fair this summer.

The following week Madison Chapter held a meeting and presented Mr. Rothwell Lillard, Miss Caroline Spencer and Miss Dorothy Nethers with honorary Future Farmers Pins for their helping with the minstrel.

DAN HALE,
Reporter.

Mt. Clinton Chapter Activities.

The Mt. Clinton Chapter held a joint meeting with the Ruritan in January and was responsible for half the program. A debate, laughing contest, and jokes were presented, besides reports from committees. After the supper and program we played volley ball until 11:00 P. M. with the Ruritan teams.

March 9, the chapter, along with members from the Ruritan Club and the Young Farmers Club went to Keezletown to visit the Soil Conservation farms working under contract. We saw the terracing, contour tilling, strip farming, meadow stripping and the fertilizing and grass sowing program which has been in operation about two years. About fifty-five persons made up the parties, which were furnished with two guides by the Soil Conservation service from Harrisonburg.

The meeting February 23 had on the program an extemporaneous debate with Charles Coakly and Charles Brown for the affirmative, and Junior Rhodes and Grover Joseph for the negative side of the question, "Resolved that Boys have a Harder Time Than Their Fathers." The negative won.

SANFORD AREY,
Reporter.

Southside F. F. A. Federation Holds Banquet.

The Southside F. F. A. Federation held its sixth annual banquet at Chase City, Va., February 16. Frank Trainer, president of the federation, served as toastmaster. The American Legion Hall, where the banquet was held was decorated with the F. F. A. colors.

After the dinner, which was prepared and served by the Chase City P. T. A., there was a series of inspiring talks. The first of these was given by Edwin Vassar of Charlotte Courthouse, on Bene-

fits of Vocational Agriculture in School. This was followed by a talk on Benefits of Vocational Agriculture to a Boy After Leaving School, by Roy Trimm of South Hill.

Awards for the Cooperative Contests sponsored by the Hopewell Nitrate of Soda Company were presented by Mr. W. Copley. Following this was the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Walter S. Newman of Richmond, whose address centered on Vocational Agriculture. Mr. J. F. Watson of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau showed moving pictures of the National Convention of the F. F. A. at Kansas City. The last speaker of the evening was F. S. Farrar, who talked on the Farm Boy. During the evening music was furnished by the Dixie Ramblers of South Hill.

JOHN BOWERS,
Reporter.

Narrows Chapter News.

The Narrows F. F. A. Chapter held its regular meeting in the chapter room January 12, at 7:30 P. M., with Junior Skeens presiding.

The Father and Son banquet was discussed and committees appointed. Allen McClaugherty was elected toastmaster of the banquet.

The chapter has planned a cooperative arrangement for a broilers project.

The chapter expects to build a brooder house at a member's home and let him take care of the chickens for a percentage of the profits. In addition other plans have been made to raise money for the chapter.

TED JOHNSON,
Reporter.

Cabbage Chapter Holds Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of Cabbage Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was held in the agriculture building February 1, at 7:30 P. M. The F. F. A. Camp on Swift's Creek was discussed and the members voted to support the camp and are now making plans to attend the camp in July.

A debate was given after the business session on the subject, Resolved that "The Horse Family is More Useful to Man Than the Cow Family." The negative side won the debate. Frank Hubble and Robert Copenhaver were on the negative side while Edward Creger and E. K. Worley defended the affirmative.

The judges were S. S. Cassell, Douglas Humphrey and Frank Brown.

HAROLD MILLER,
Reporter.

First Public Program.

The Amelia F. F. A. boys gave their first public program January 11, in the Amelia High School auditorium before the Student Cooperative Association. Since this is the first year of the F. F. A. organization's existence in the Amelia High School, the program was centered around the history, purposes and functioning of the National F. F. A.

The program given was as follows: "History of the F. F. A.," Leonard Moyer; "Our Greatest American Crop," Joe Willson; "The History of Our Flag," Cosby Perrin; "The Story of the Plow," Elizabeth Davenport; Special Music, by the F. F. A. string band; "What George Washington Means to Me," James Yeatts; "The Rising Sun," Jimmie Courter; "The Wise Old Owl," Kenneth W. Lindsay, Chapter Adviser; and "Our F. F. A. Emblem," John McCraw.

COSBY PERRIN,
Reporter.

Poquoson to Buy Lathe.

The Poquoson Chapter has been actively engaged in raising money to purchase a lathe for the shop. The Parents-Teachers Association and the Poquoson Ruritan Club gave the chapter generous donations.

The boys joined with the local Woman's Club in giving a minstrel show. The boys have been selling extract to secure funds for this purpose.

IVEY PAGE,
Reporter.

Mt. Jackson Has Banquet.

Members of the Future Farmers of America and the Home Economics Departments of Triplett High School of Mt. Jackson, held their annual Father-Son, Mother-Daughter banquet in the school auditorium, February 9. The banquet was served by the ladies of the United Brethren Church of Hawkins-town to more than 200 persons.

Stanley Kagey, president of the F. F. A. Chapter presided and Harding Miller was toastmaster. The program began with the opening ceremony, followed by an address of welcome by Frances Bird, president of the Home Economics Class. The invocation was by Rev. H. A. Behrens. During the banquet Mrs. John Skeen entertained the guests with piano selections.

Guest speakers were G. G. Dickenson, County Demonstration Agent and P. M. S. Bird, Jr., president of the People's Bank, Mt. Jackson. J. Eldred Swartz, Principal of the High School, and Miss Lucille Fawley and J. M. Skeen, instructors of home economics and agriculture, thanked the parents for their cooperation. Home Economics activities were reviewed by Louise Robinson and F. F. A. activ-

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IMPORTANT ACTIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

Important actions taken at the Eleventh National Convention of Future Farmers of America, October, 1938, include the following:

1. 1939 American Farmer applications due in national office on or before May 1, 1939, rather than September 2.
2. \$6,000.00 set aside to start a National F. F. A. Camp near Washington, D. C.
3. Trade mark and design patent to be secured on F. F. A. emblem and name.
4. F. F. A. dinnerware to be continued—available from Simon Slobodkin Pottery Company, Hopewell, Va.
5. Membership goal set at 200,000 for 1939.
6. Special training school for newly-elected national officers to be held in Washington, D. C., during February.
7. 1939 Chapter Contest entries to be sent to national office by December 15, 1938. Final report on September 1, 1939. Standardized scrapbook to be used if separate scrapbook is included with the final report.
8. F. F. A. exhibit at National Convention to be continued.
9. Entire 1939 Convention to be held in Exhibition Hall of the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.
10. Budget for 1938-39 set at approximately \$19,000.00.
11. Cooperation with "Future Farmer" organizations in foreign countries was urged.
12. F. F. A. participation in World's Poultry Congress to be provided.

13. Participation certificates were approved for past national officer, public speakers, outstanding State Associations and Chapter Contest winners. Certificates will begin with 1928.
14. F. F. A. purposes to be printed in chart form—distribution to chapters.
15. Further killing of owls as specimen for Adviser's station discouraged and provision to be made for artificial owls.
16. Organization to participate in National Week—November, 1939.
17. National dues remain at 10c per member for 1939.

GOOD WORK.

The Agricultural Edition, published March 7, by "The Danville Register-Bee" of Danville, Va., demonstrates the fine work possible through cooperation of Future Farmer Chapters, newspaper publishers, and business men.

The Danville special edition is a 20-page informative publication printed in tabloid size. Except for six pages carrying full page advertisements and the first page with a dedication to "The Farmer," every page of the section has special articles about F. F. A. activities, illustrated by pictures of the boys and their projects.

The supplement to Danville daily paper covers every phase of farming in the Piedmont and is truly "An Edition Devoted to the Interests of Farming in the Piedmont Section."

An article, entitled "My Corn Project," written by Roger Hall, Jr., won the first prize offered by the publishers of this paper to vocational agriculture students for the best piece written for this supplement. This article is reprinted in this issue of Chapter Chats.

GET A PURE BRED BULL FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.

There really is very little excuse for not having a good pure bred sire in each community in the State, particularly when it comes to dairy work.

The Virginia Jersey Cattle Club, The Virginia Holstein Club, The Virginia Guernsey Breeders Club, and the V. P. I. Dairy Extension office are all located on the campus at V. P. I. Any of these agencies will be indeed glad to cooperate with the F. F. A. chapters and individual Future Farmers who are interested in getting bulls or bull calves.

Write to one of these agencies. You would be surprised how cheaply you can get a real good dairy calf that you can grow into a wonderful bull.

The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them.—Confucius.

BOOKLETS ON SQUARE AVAIL- ABLE, FREE TO F. F. A. BOYS.

Mr. Fred J. Gross, Manager of the Educational Department of the Stanley Rule and Level Plant, at New Britain, Conn., announces the publication of a booklet on the steel square.

There is no charge for this and the Stanley Company is willing to send these booklets to the agricultural schools in reasonable class quantities on receipt of individual requests from instructors.

WILD LIFE FEDERATION.

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greatest number of stamps will receive a substantial prize.

Under the agreement with the Wild Life Federation quail will be given to F. F. A. chapter members. It is too early now to know just how many pairs of birds will be available to F. F. A. boys this spring. In order that boys get these quail, it is required that a quarter of an acre of feed patch, per pair, be planted early in May. Shelters, such as corn shocks hollowed in the middle, must be provided for the covey during the coming winter.

Blueprints are available for those who wish to make quail rearing pens in the school shop. Write us for them and in the event that you do not get a pair of birds, you can get a setting of eggs, to be hatched by a Bantam hen.

If your chapter secure the use of 400 or 500 acres of land to be stocked as a game preserve in order that you may have an opportunity to study the feeding habits of quail and pheasants. You can cooperate with the Wild Life Federation and the Department of Game Management at V. P. I. by writing in any interesting observations with regard to your particular wild life area.

Trial subscriptions to the "Virginia Wild Life," published by the Wild Life Department at V. P. I., are offered to members of F. F. A. chapters affiliated with the Virginia Wild Life Federation. Five or more subscriptions, submitted at one time, cost 20 cents each; for ten or more, the price is 15 cents each. It might be added here that chapter affiliation dues to the Federation are 50 cents annually for chapters whose membership is under 25; larger chapters pay \$1.00 per year.

PLANS FOR 1939 RALLY.

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There is every indication that this year's Rally will be bigger and better. Every chapter should plan to send members to the Convention. These representatives should be selected for outstanding work throughout the year and not on their judging ability alone—a recommendation that has been made by the agricultural teachers in summer conferences.

NEWS FROM CHAPTERS.

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ties were given by Narvel Showman, secretaries of the two organizations.

One of the highlights of the evening was the mock wedding of Homer Economics and Aggie Culture enacted by members of the two departments. The part of the bride was played by Frances Bird and that of the groom by Stanley Kagey, presidents of their respective departments. The minister who tied the very fragil knot was John Smoot.

Reporter.

Port Republic Activities.

Some of the things that have been accomplished by the Port Republic Chapter this year are: ten boys did outstanding F. F. A. and Supervised Practice work last year and they will be awarded F. F. A. sweater emblems for their accomplishments. They are Billy Meyerhoeffler, Jack Pence, Weldon Wampler, Deyerle Wampler, Galen Myers, Jennings Morris, Warren Jarrels, Gene Wagner, Nelson Myers, and Julius Wampler.

The boys with their instructor built a walk from the new agriculture building to the High School. This was considered as one of the shop jobs for the boys.

The chapter helped several worthy families at Christmas. Supplies were brought in by the pupils of the school. The baskets were arranged and taken to each family by the boys.

As a cooperative project the boys are planning to build a brooder house and install an electric brooder given by the Purina Mills Company. The boys will use this to raise broilers for the chapter, and also make it serve as a demonstration project.

News books and bulletins have been added to the F. F. A. library. The boys are also collecting their own bulletins. Some of the advanced boys have several hundred each.

BILLY MYERHOEFFER,
Reporter.

Lebanon Chapter Holds Corn and Grain Show.

Lebanon Chapter of F. F. A. had a Corn and Grain Show January 12 and 13. The total of 84 exhibits displayed were made up of 31 of white corn, 10 of yellow corn, 18 of wheat, 10 of white potatoes, 10 of white and brown eggs, and 5 exhibits of small grains. Every member of the chapter had one or more exhibits in the show.

The chapter also had displayed in the showroom educational exhibits. The most interesting of these was one showing the results of an experiment with hybrid corn, grown in Russell County.

First and second prizes, donated by Lebanon business men, were offered in each class.

January 13, the local chapter also sponsored a Federation judging contest. The exhibits judged were white and yellow corn, white potatoes, eggs, and wheat. Twenty-three visiting members participated in this contest.

January 10, the chapter was in charge of a chapel program for the high school student body. At this time two candidates for Green Hand were initiated and a talk was given by one of the members on "What Is F. F. A.?"

At the present time the chapter is attempting to sell \$80.00 worth of garden seed, thereby encouraging the use of better seed as well as earning money for the chapter.

ROY SMITH,
Chapter Member.

New Dublin Building.

The boys taking agriculture at Dublin are enjoying a new agriculture building, made possible through money and labor furnished by the National Youth Administration supplemented by funds from the County School Board.

The building is approximately 60 feet by 30 feet, divided into a shop, an office, and a classroom. The structure is wired throughout and equipped with electric light fixtures.

Agriculture has been taught 15 years at Dublin High School. During that time, a dark basement room, under the main high school building has served as a classroom, while another basement some distance away has been used as an agriculture shop.

GORDON TRAYLE,
Reporter.

Jackson Memorial News.

The Jackson Memorial Chapter of the F. F. A., of Austinville, activities have included a fox hunt; a Father and Son banquet; taking part in the Smythe-Wythe Federation; and Valentine party which was given by the Boy's and Girl's Hi-Y along with the F. F. A. Chapter.

CHARLES MABRY,
Reporter.

Rockville News.

The Rockville Chapter held its first Father and Son - Mother and Daughter Banquet in the high school, February 2. There were present seventy persons, including guests. The table in the auditorium was beautifully decorated in blue and gold. Miss Broughton, in charge of the home economics class, served a delicious banquet.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Mr. Morgan; the welcome addresses were given by Kenneth Chewning and Arbutus Woodward. Dr. Hatcher gave the main address of the evening. Clyde Blanton gave a summary of last year's records, and Francis Hawthorne told of plans for the coming year. Mr. Durham, high

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ris, Francis Hawthorne, Alvin Stansbury, Louise Woodward, and Laura Nuckols during the evening.

Since securing the workshop equipment Rockville chapter members have made a workshop and classroom in the old high school building. Most of the improvements have been on the interior, but plans are being made to paint the roof, grade the grounds in front of the building, and make walks.

Last year twenty-two chapter members completed fifty enterprises and fifty-four supplementary jobs.

MURRAY TOLER,
Reporter.

Brookville Chapter.

The Brookville Chapter of F. F. A. met January 18, for the first time in the new building since lights were installed, with all officers and 29 members present.

Five green hands were raised to the grade of Future Farmers.

Mr. Copenhaver, high school principal, was nominated to become an honorary member of the chapter. Mr. Cauley, adviser, read the section of F. F. A. National Constitution and by-laws in regard to honorary membership. This was voted on and carried. Mr. Cauley then presented Mr. Copenhaver with the Emblem.

Mr. Cauley read a letter from the State Adviser in regard to the F. F. A. Camp. The chapter decided to buy seeds cooperatively again this year.

The Brookville Chapter basketball team won first place in the Federation, and second place in the District Tournament at Hampden-Sidney College.

WARREN CAMPBELL,
JOHN MADDOX,
Reporters.

Stafford and Falmouth Chapter News.

February 24, the F. F. A. Chapters of Stafford and Falmouth combined with the Home Economics Club in presenting the first annual Father and Son - Mother and Daughter banquet.

A short program was presented with Fred Curtis of Falmouth acting as toastmaster. Speakers were Emily Shacklett, who gave a short talk on the aims of the Home Economics Girls; Billy Cloe,

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the subject of whose talk was "Why Take Agriculture"; Charles Woodard, who gave a talk entitled, "The History of the F. F. A." and Miss Lois Skinner of Falmouth who gave a talk on the accomplishments of the Falmouth Home Economics Club.

Hunter Greenlaw was then presented with the certificate of the American Farmers by Mr. Young. Mr. Greenlaw gave a short talk of appreciation. Other speakers were: Mr. E. S. Moore, Mr. J. W. Tidler and Mr. Frank P. Moncure.

MAYNARD ENGLISH,

Reporter.

News of Boyce F. F. A.

The Boyce Chapter of the Future Farmers of America attended the live stock sale of pure bred hogs at Winchester, Va., Friday, January 27. Some Hampshire hogs sold as high as \$127.50, and a good many others sold for over \$100.00.

Other field trips taken were, one to watch a V. P. I. demonstrator trim trees, and one to an educational movie.

At the present some members are working in the shop making feeders, tables, troughs, and other articles of furniture and farm equipment.

The chapter is planning to enter a basketball team in the local tournament at Handley. Three of the regulars on the Boyce High team take agriculture and as there are good reserves the team promises to win several games.

LEWIS SMITH,

CHURCHILL DIGGES,

Reporters.

Slash Cottage Chapter Has Father-Son Banquet.

February 3 the boys of Slash Cottage Chapter held their annual Father-Son banquet. Howard Smith, president, introduced the following speakers: Dr. S. C. Hatcher, acting president of Randolph-Macon College; Dr. C. L. Savage, County Health Department Head; R. H. Swadner, president of Ashland Poultry Association; Floyd W. Tucker, Jr., president of Kiwanis Club and G. P. Compton, principal of the Ashland High School.

Two of the features of the evening were several musical selections by members of the High School, and a movie, "The Romance of the Reaper."

ROBERT PEMBERTON,

Reporter.

Drakes Branch F. F. A. News.

The Drakes Branch F. F. A. Chapter has been very busy lately in the many activities.

The chapter is raising twenty-five baby chicks in the class room with a battery brooder. The members are divided into groups, and each group is responsible for

the care of the chicks for a week. The brooder is cleaned each day, and the chicks weighed each week. A complete set of records are kept of all feed, labor, and expenses, from which the production cost of each pound of broiler meat will be computed.

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The chapter has secured enough experiment station tested Hybrid seed corn of known origin, to plant the corn enterprises for eight members living in different communities. The chapter has been busy pruning. The orchards of two patrons were cared for in this work.

Arrangements to take over one orchard to prune, spray, and care for as a demonstration, have been made. This, the chapter hopes, will get the people in the community interested in good fruit.

CLYDE POWELL,
Reporter.

Linville-Edom.

Since the Linville-Edom school building burned the morning of February 20, there have been many changes. The whole school is back at work after one week of vacation and are divided between the agricultural building and the auditorium.

The 6th and 7th grades are in the shop, and all the other grades are in the main auditorium. All the high school is on the stage, dressing rooms and in the agricultural class room.

A new 15-room building—two stories high and a basement—will replace the burned structure.

The chapter banquet set for March 8, has been delayed because of the destruction of the building.

Interest is growing for a country-wide pig contest and the chapter hopes to have a large entry. Litters are to be weighed at weaning time—eight weeks—and prizes will be given for litters with the largest gross weight. **BILL MILLER,**
Reporter.

Amherst Chapter Holds Dance.

The annual F. F. A. - Home Economics dance held in the High School Auditorium February 3, was the highlight of the winter program of the Amherst Chapter.

Over 100 persons attended the dance. The auditorium was decorated in F. F. A. colors. Music was furnished by a Lynchburg orchestra.

The chapter entered several exhibits at the State Seed and Grain Show and also entered a judging team in the crops judging contest.

Other activities engaged in by the members have included a degree team for the Federation Contest and cooperative buying of seed potatoes.

LESLIE LIPSCOMB,
Reporter.

Strasburg F. F. A. Meets.

The Strasburg Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held a meeting in the chapter room of the Strasburg High School building on the evening of February 2, at which time the chapter decided to postpone the Father and Son banquet until the second week in March.

The Executive Committee announced that those who fail to pay the five-cent dues when they are absent will be barred from participating in all F. F. A. activities. **CHARLES GORELL,**
Reporter.

Timberville Chapter News.

The Timberville and Broadway Chapters held a banquet on March 14, 1939, with the Plains District Ruritan Club at the Presbyterian Church at Broadway.

ALLEN SPITZER,
Reporter.