

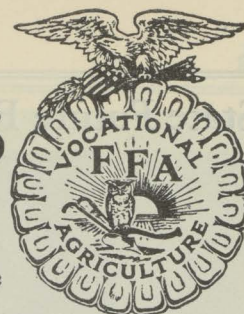


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Officers of Virginia Association Hold Meeting in Richmond

Officers of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America meeting in Richmond on December 29, carefully studied the entire State FFA program, made preliminary plans for the next convention and came out with some strong recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of the organization.

Better Balanced Farm Programs

In reviewing the program of work, the officers emphasized the value of agricultural instructors working closely with freshmen FFA members and their parents in developing a long range supervised practice program in connection with the total farm program. It was brought out in the discussion that too often not enough emphasis is placed on members carrying well balanced supervised practice programs.

Anniversary Program

The group named a special committee to work with C. S. McLearn, teacher trainer at VPI, to lay plans for a twenty-fifth anniversary program to be presented at the State convention tentively set for June 15-18.

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State Membership Totals 7,676 Randolph-Henry is Top Chapter

Membership in the Virginia Association Future Farmer of America as of January 1, 1953, is 7,676, according to Kenneth W. Lindsay, acting executive secretary-treasurer of the FFA. This figure is 65 less than the State FFA membership on the same date of last year. All of the 209 local chapters have paid State FFA dues.

The Randolph-Henry Chapter at Charlotte Court House leads all other chapters with a membership of 133. Wilson Memorial in Augusta County, first last year with a membership of 126 members, is in fourth place with 100, while James Wood again occupies second place with an enrollment of 126.

The ten chapters having the largest membership, a combined total of 1,002

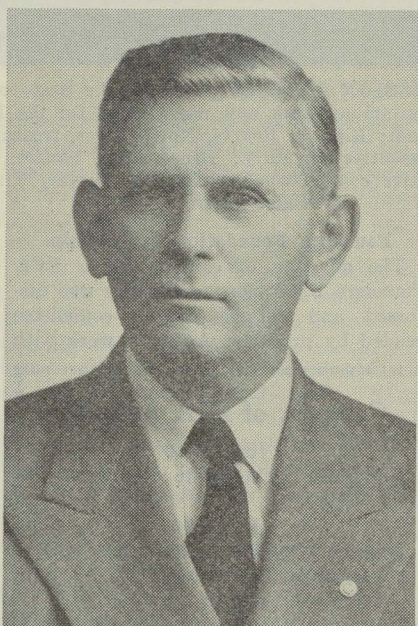
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Scottsburg Chapter Wins Hereford Bull In State FFA Improved Breeding Program

Registered Bull Given to Chapter by
Sears Roebuck Foundation and the
Virginia Hereford Breeders

Awards Totalling \$425 Won by Nine
FFA Chapters Participating in
State-Wide Program

The Scottsburg Chapter has been named first place winner of the FFA Livestock



THOMAS V. DOWNING

Downing Is Named Man of Year By Farm Magazine for Service To Virginia Agriculture

Thomas V. Downing, assistant State supervisor of vocational agriculture, State Department of Education, Richmond, Virginia, has been honored by **The Progressive Farmer** in naming him as the 1952 "Man of the year in Service to Virginia Agriculture."

The Southern agricultural magazine in announcing the award in the January Carolina-Virginia edition, cited him for

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Improvement Breeding Program for 1952 and awarded a registered Hereford bull through the cooperation of the Sears Roebuck Foundation and the Virginia Hereford Breeders Association.

This program is an outgrowth of the Sears Roebuck Foundation placing 50 Mill Iron Hereford bulls with the Virginia Association FFA in the fall of 1950. The State association in turn assigned the bulls to local FFA chapters throughout the State.

During the first year emphasis was placed on growing out, fitting and showing of the bulls. In 1950, the emphasis was stressed on the use of the bulls in promoting a community livestock improvement program based on the number of cows bred, farms served and the sponsoring of an educational program to exemplify the value of good livestock management.

All of the Scottsburg FFA members took an active part in conducting the program. The project was chapter planned, managed and financed before securing the bull. The chapter leased 12 acres

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Grange to Award Encyclopedias For Best Community Program

The Virginia Grange will again award a set of encyclopedias to the FFA chapter in the State rendering the greatest community service during 1952-53, it has been announced by Earl J. Shiflet, State Deputy.

This is the 2nd year for the Grange to make this award. The Dayton Chapter walked away with the coveted prize award at last year's rally.

The community service section of the final chapter report will be used as the basis for selecting the winning chapters. A clear, concise statement of the community service activities should be given. It will be helpful to indicate the size of the project, the thoroughness of planning, and the results. Pictures may be used to illustrate the accomplishments attained in the community.

State Future Farmer Officers Meet, Review Program and Plan Rally



STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION—Pictured above are the State officers who met in Richmond during the Christmas holidays to review the State program of work and make plans for the 1953 convention. Seated (l. to r.) around the table are: Bobby Jewell, Callao, sentinel; Richard Reeves, North River, treasurer; Jesse C. Green, Jr., Powhatan, vice-president; Kenneth W. Lindsay, Amelia, executive-Secretary; Bruce Ayer, Stuart, president; C. S. McLearn, Blacksburg, teacher trainer; Jack Ingle, Amelia, executive committeeman; Beverly Driver, Timberville, reporter; and Tommy Fields, Salem, secretary.

OFFICERS OF VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION HOLD MEETING

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State FFA Band

The organization of a Virginia FFA band to play during the State convention was proposed. It was felt that a band could be organized by the members who plan to attend the convention submitting to the executive secretary the name of band instruments they are able to play and could carry with them to the Rally. A band director could probably be secured to work with the group in planing the program.

Federation Leadership Schools

Recommendations were made that federations consider conducting leadership training schools for the officers of the local chapters. The purpose of these meetings would be to broaden the officers knowledge of the FFA, to exchange ideas on building and executing worth while programs of work and to make ritualistic improvements. Such schools should be planned to begin right after the school day and close with supper meeting at night. It was felt federation leadership schools could be made to render a real service to the local officers and should take the place of the leadership schools conducted at the State convention.

Founders Foundation Scholarship

The question of establishing a FFA Founders Foundation scholarship was discussed and referred to a committee headed by president Ayers to work with

Calendar of FFA Activities

June 15-18

Virginia FFA State Convention, VPI

July 6-10

White Vocational Agriculture Instructors Conference, VPI

October 5-7

National FFA Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products Judging Contest, Waterloo, Iowa

October 12-15

National FFA Convention, Kansas City

October 13-16

National FFA Meats, Poultry and Livestock Judging Contest, Kansas City

Dr. T. J. Horne and submit its recommendation at the 1953 convention.

State Degree Team

The officers recommended a State Degree Team contest again be held at VPI during the rally, if possible, to secure

housing facilities for the team members. If such arrangements can not be made, a State contest should be held at some central point and the winning team invited to the rally to give a demonstration. The following five problems on parliamentary procedure were selected for the 1953 degree team contest:

1. Appeal from decision of the chair
2. Object to consideration of main motion
3. Refer to a committee
4. Lay on the table
5. Withdraw a motion

National Future Farmer Magazine

A proposal was made that all FFA members be urged to subscribe for the National Future Farmer magazine. It was further proposed that increasing the State dues to include a subscription be considered at the convention in June.

"Chapter Chats" Advertisements

The need for procuring additional advertisements for "Chapter Chats" to help meet necessary expenses of the paper was discussed. Richard Reeves and Jesse C. Green, Jr. were asked to work with the area supervisors in developing a plan.

Tractor Driving Contest

The officers recommended that a tractor driving contest be held on a federation level in 1953 in order to lay plans for a State contest in the future.

My Impressions of the National Conference on Citizenship

By JESSE GREEN, JR.
State Vice-President

On September 17, 18 and 19, I was privileged to attend the Seventh annual National Conference on Citizenship held in Washington, D. C. As vice-president of the Virginia FFA, I attended as the official delegate of the National Association of Future Farmers of America. There were in attendance at this conference, sponsored by the Department of Justice and the National Education Association, approximately 1,000 delegates representing over 600 public and private organizations.

This conference is designed to help us re-examine the privileges that we, as citizens of the United States of America, enjoy under our constitution, and to help us realize the necessity of protecting them and making them more effective in our daily living. It was especially significant that the conference be opened on September 17th, Citizenship Day. In the past the conference had been held in conjunction with "I am an American Day" in May, but due to a joint resolution of congress, this day was superseded by Citizenship Day, which commemorates the ratification of the constitution on September 17, 1787.

The conference featured, in addition to discussion groups, several distinguished speakers who brought messages to stimulate thought by all delegates present. Among the speakers were the Honorable Harry S. Truman, President of the United States; the Honorable James P. McGranery, Attorney-General of the United States; Mrs. Sarah G. Caldwell, President of the National Education Association; the Honorable John C. Bell, Jr., former Governor of Pennsylvania, and now a Justice of the Supreme Court of that state; and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, United States member of the United Nations' Commission on Human Rights.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the program, however, was the group discussions. It was here that small groups of twenty to twenty-five delegates got together and really talked matters over. As one man stated, in all the conferences and meetings he had attended, "never in a single conference have I seen such a diversity of occupations, organizations, beliefs, and ideas." With this background, we went into our discussion groups to try to determine our rights as citizens of the United States, and to plan ways of extending the exercise of these rights to every man, woman and child in the United States.

As Thomas Jefferson said in the Declaration of Independence, "All men are created equal," and "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights." However, because of prejudice and dis-



BETTER SWINE FOR THE CLOVER COMMUNITY—FFA members Roy Falen, Bill Blaks and H. H. Snead, Jr., look over four registered Hampshire gilts which will be under the management of the three boys and Young Farmer Floyd Saunders. Arrangements for purchasing four gilts were made by FFA committee members Jack Neal, Clyde Wayne Nichols, Francis Williams, and Roy Falen, and Hampshire was selected as the breed best suited to the program. Roy Falen, H. H. Snead, Jr., and Bill Blaks each were assigned one of the gilts, and in return will give the Clover Chapter a selected female pig from the first litter. The fourth gilt was purchased from the Chapter by Floyd Saunders.

crimination, not all citizens are allowed to exercise these rights freely. All of the delegates were familiar with these facts, but the real problem before us was, "How do we educate the public in such a way that these faults will be corrected?"

As is the usual case, the schools made a good football to be kicked around. A great deal of time was spent in discussing what the schools are doing and should be doing. It was generally conceded that the schools are doing their share. The church, civic clubs, and other public organizations are helping with various citizenship projects, but all boils down to one point: Citizenship has to start in the home.

Another pertinent fact was brought out in the discussion of "Get out the vote" campaign as citizenship projects. The campaigns in themselves are good, but the voting public has to be educated before the number of voters will mean anything. Someone suggested extending the vote to eighteen-year olds, as is always the case at a meeting of this kind. It was here for the first time that I heard a teen-ager argue against it.

Probably the most impressive part of the program was a court session in which fifty-five aliens were sworn in as citizens of the United States. Several people, among them a marine sergeant just back from the battlefields of Korea, told these aliens just what American citizenship should and would mean to them. In response, an Italian woman told what living in this country had already meant to her.

On Wednesday afternoon, a wreath-laying ceremony was held near the Washington Monument, in honor of the original thirteen states who ratified the constitution. That night 6 teen-agers from various parts of the country conducted a panel discussion, along the same lines as the general discussion groups. These young Americans told what our schools are doing to make citizenship more real.

Friday morning we met in regional planning groups, which brought together all of the delegates by sections of the country. Here, as in the discussion groups, our task was to plan ways of taking what we had learned back to our individual organizations. One man suggested getting out and talking citizenship. If we can get all of our people interested in citizenship, which so many of us take for granted, we will have started something. Someone suggested devising a means of bringing to every potential voter all of the facts concerning an election. If each voter is familiar with the candidates, the platforms and the issues, he can vote more intelligently and have a deeper interest in his local, state and federal government.

I personally think that the purpose of the conference was very successfully carried out. It taught us as delegates, that we, as citizens, have specific duties, among them, the obligation to protect the Constitution, vote intelligently, and give our fellow men every privilege which we now enjoy. If these responsibilities are accepted by every citizen, America will truly be the greatest nation in the world.

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STATE OFFICERS

[As a means of acquainting all of the FFA members with the State officers, we have carried short stories and pictures of two of them in each issue of "Chapter Chats" during the past few months. In this issue you will have the opportunity to meet Beverly Driver, State reporter and Tommy Fields, State secretary. Ed.]

BEVERLY DRIVER IS STATE REPORTER

Beverly Driver, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Driver, was reared on a 100 acre general farm a short distance east of Timberville, Virginia.

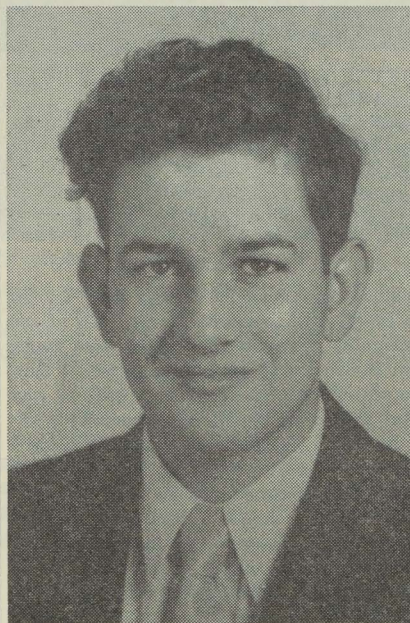
He has taken an active part in the FFA organization since a Green Hand and was a member of the Timberville FFA Chapter for four years. He represented his chapter in numerous federation judging and State poultry judging contests for three years. Beverly also was a member of the winning poultry judging team of the State in 1949.

Young Driver graduated from the Timberville High School in 1951 with a 94.6 average during high school and received the I Dare You, County Rotary, and State Chapter Farmer awards.

Some of the leadership positions he has held are: President of the Timberville

FFA Chapter during his junior and senior year, the Rockingham FFA Federation, senior class, the Timberville High School S. C. A., vice-president of the sophomore class, assistant business manager of the yearbook and secretary of the Plains District Young Farmers Association the year after graduation.

Beverly commented that the more he progresses and the more he learns of the FFA organization the more he realized the organization's worthiness and success. He believes that the FFA organization is one of the best things that has ever happened to farm youth because it gives a boy a chance to show his "stuff" and also greatly benefits by the various activities associated with the organization. In the FFA organization, there are goals for a member's attaining if he



BEVERLY DRIVER

has the fortitude to do so. The organization helps to develop more wholesome characteristics within the members and gives one a sense of self-satisfaction. Any member that is familiar with the aims and purposes of the FFA can easily conceive that it is a very estimable organization which has many outstanding features and points of accomplishment.

In quoting Beverly, "I believe that the foundation of FFA is the member's supervised farming program, hence, without a good program the chapter can accomplish little. A member who has a substitute program lacks the necessary interest in the organization to help carry out its objectives. Once a member gets a good program started he is stimulated into wanting to do all he can to make the local chapter a better one and to reap the FFA's rewards for himself. The program is necessary for the last two degrees of advancement. I would like to

stress each future farmer to setup sound programs and encourage other fellow members to do likewise. Few members realize the importance of their program until they are almost out of the organization."

Beverly encourages each member to get an early start, to set his goal and to let nothing stop him from attaining it.

FIELDS MANAGES HOME FARM

Tommy Fields, secretary of the Virginia FFA, is now devoting full time to running the home farm since graduating from the Andrew Lewis High School in June 1952. After his father died in 1945, the 110 acre home farm began to "run down" until Tommy enrolled in vocational agriculture. Under the supervision of his agricultural instructor, J. E. Peters, he and his young brother started farming the conservation way. Fields were strip cropped, crops farmed on the contour and pastures improved.

From the information which Tommy secured through his training in vocational agriculture, he was convinced of the value of livestock in improving the fertility of a farm. In 1948 he purchased baby chicks to start into the broiler business. In his second year he increased his poultry enterprises and purchased a purebred Hampshire gilt. He now has 100 laying hens, grows several hundred broilers and owns 5 purebred Hampshire sows. From his enterprise earnings he purchased a farm tractor and other needed tractor drawn machinery during his senior year in school. "I have liked agriculture ever since I can remember," he says, "and I hope some day to become a successful farmer."

Tommy was an active member of the Andrew Lewis FFA Chapter. He served as sentinel, participated in federation activities, represented his chapter as a member of the dairy and poultry judging teams and served as president in 1951-52. During this year the Andrew Lewis Chapter was selected as the top FFA chapter in Virginia and won the Gold emblem rating at the national FFA convention in Kansas City.

Tommy believes that his work in and with the FFA has been a big help to him with his plans for future farming. He says, "I believe that every farm boy, whether he wishes to farm or not, should enroll in vocational agriculture and join the FFA organization. The training will help any boy in any life's work."

Our business in life is not to get ahead of others, but to get ahead of ourselves—to break our own records, to outstrip our yesterday by our today, to do our work with more force than ever before.

—Stewart B. Johnson.



COMPLETING THE PROJECT—Members of the Herndon Chapter pose for a picture in front of the Harvey S. Firestone Memorial on the grounds of the Firestone Research Building in Akron, Ohio. This was one of the many places visited by the Herndon FFA members in a well planned tour made possible by use of a portion of the money made on a chapter project described in the September issue of "Chapter Chats."

Herndon FFA's Tour Country On Chapter Project Earnings

Fifteen members of the Herndon Chapter used a portion of the money earned on the chapter project described in the November issue of "Chapter Chats" to take two farm tours.

In the summer of 1951, the group made a tour through part of Virginia and North Carolina. The first stop was made in Richmond, where the State Capital Building and State Department of Education were visited. From Richmond the tour was continued as a sight-seeing trip around Williamsburg, Jamestown and the shipbuilding docks at Newport News.

Leaving Virginia, the group went to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina and spent a portion of the day. One day and night was spent at the Carolina Beach as guests of the Carolina Beach police and fire departments. The North Carolina FFA camp was visited at White Lake and cotton and hosiery mills at Shelby, North Carolina.

The famous Biltmore Dairy Farm near Asheville, with its 1,400 registered Jerseys producing milk processed into many dairy products, proved to be of great interest to the group. The boys were also entertained there in the largest dwelling house in the United States, the Biltmore House,

with its 365 rooms, now occupied by two brothers, proprietors of the vast farm.

While in the eastern part of Virginia and North Carolina a study was made of peanuts, the growing tobacco and processing of tobacco at a Camel cigarette manufacturing plant. It was pointed out that the Camel cigarette would be three miles long if not cut—a good smoke.

The last stop was made at the University of Virginia. The entire southern trip covered 1,600 miles.

In the summer of 1952, the group made a northern tour. A visit was made to the Gettysburg Battleground; then to Hershey, Pennsylvania, where the makers of Hershey's chocolate products played host over night. Hershey's have 75 dairy farms, each with its own barn. The famous chocolate bars and other candies are made there; also, Hershey ice cream.

Due to the fog, it was necessary to camp one night on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, causing the group to reach Akron, Ohio about three o'clock in the afternoon. The Firestone Rubber Company had reserved cabins, and the boys spent the rest of the evening under showers and resting. The cabins were three miles out of town in a wooded area.

Starting with a movie showing the origin of the latex in the tropics, the entire process of tire making was viewed by the

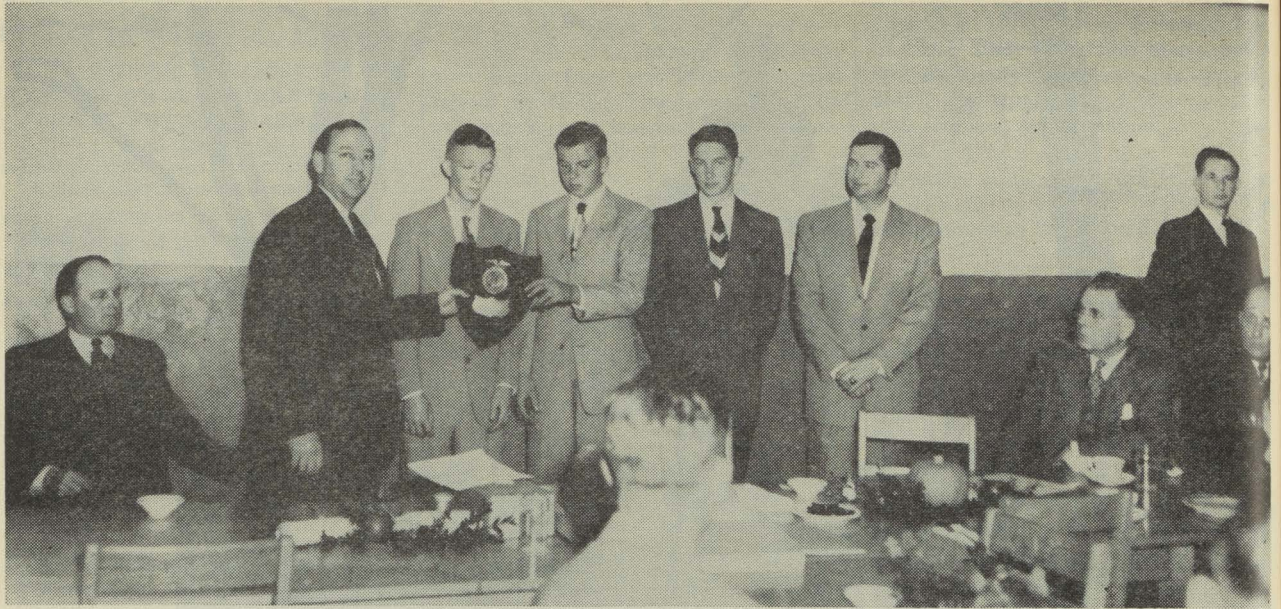
boys in various parts of the gigantic plant. All tires are made by hand. One man makes 9 or 10 tires a day. We saw one tire that cost \$8,800, which was made on special order. After the tour, lunch was provided—a four course meal with T-bone steak on the entree.

While at Akron, a visit was made to the Quaker Oat Company to see grain made into familiar breakfast cereals. Cereal was served for breakfast. From Akron the tour continued to Buffalo, New York and then to Niagra Falls, Ontario. The police had made arrangements for the boys to camp at the historic Fort Erie.

The next stop was made at Cooperstown, New York, where a visit was made to the Baseball Hall of Fame and also the Farmers Museum. All the old-time farming equipment that the early white settlers (about 1160) used to break the land and raise a crop is on display.

While traveling from Buffalo to Cooperstown, through the valley, farm land was seen that cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 was acre. The trip continued on to the Catskill Mountains; the boys agreed they are "some mountains," "no wonder Rip Van Winkle was so tired he slept 20 years after climbing them," one boy remarked.

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STATE FORESTRY TEAM—Shown above is Congressman Watt Abbitt presenting the State Plaque to the Kenbridge FFA State forestry judging champion. They are (l. to r.) John R. Perkins, Jerry Jenkins, and Cecil Winn. G. S. Potts, coach of the team witnesses the presentation. Seated behind Congressman Abbitt is the Mayor of Blackstone, W. I. Moncure. Seated on the other side is State Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. D. J. Howard, and Assistant State Superintendent, Roy Reid. John Beach, president of the Blackstone Ruritan Club, that entertained the boys, stands in the rear.

North River Future Farmers Have Active Chapter

The 90 members of the North River Chapter have completed their 1952-53 program of work. The program emphasizes well-planned farming programs and includes a number of cooperative and community projects. All of the members have setup their supervised farming programs with an average of more than 4 enterprises per individual.

The livestock judging team won the Gold emblem award at the national convention in Kansas City last October. Earl Reeves was the winner of the calf given by Ivy Hill Farms last fall in a FFA-4-H club contest. This is the second time in three years that a North River FFA member has won this honor.

Chapter members assisted with the North River Community Fair last fall. Besides getting everything in readiness for the big two day event, the members entered 124 exhibits, sponsored a fitting and showing contest of beef and dairy animals, sponsored a tractor rodeo which drew considerable interest at the fair. Ten individuals entered exhibits at the Atlantic Rural in Richmond, also.

The chapter pig club has continued to grow with interest and enthusiasm. Heretofore Hamshires were the breed used in the chapter pig club, but through the cooperation of the Planters Bank of Bridgewater, Berkshires have come into the limelight. The improvement of the Hampshire breed in the community started by the chapter purchasing an outstanding male and female.

The chapter observed National Resources Conservation Week by studying the subject in class and showing movies on conservation to the members. A farm safety campaign has been under way for several months with posters, slogans, movies, public programs, and the like being stressed to urge farm people to be more safety conscious on their farms. A pest eradication contest has been launched particularly on rats and other destructive pests in the district. During Christmas the chapter gave a needy family clothing, toys and candy.

The chapter conducted a very extensive program among its members of giving to the Christian Rural Overseas Program, CROP. Grain was collected, money given and old clothing contributed to this very worthy program. All of the members participated in this event.

Plans are now underway for the chapter to publish a memory book covering the highlights of the year and a write-up of each member. The father-son banquet will be held in the spring.

Officers of the North River Chapter are: president, Earl Reeves; vice-president, Bobby Baylor; secretary, Harry Fadley; treasurer, E. B. Craun, Jr.; reporter, Guy Kiracofe; sentinel, James Landes; executive committee, Jay Shull and Mason Ware.

"FARMERS OF TOMORROW"

"Farmer of Tomorrow" is the title of a new color motion picture recently made by General Motors with a story built around the FFA organization. The picture was made in recognition of the out-

standing work being done by the FFA boys for themselves and their communities and to further cement the close-knit relationship between industry and agriculture.

The 26 minute film, made in the farming community around Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, stresses the importance of the FFA in the lives of its 350,000 members and is to be made available through GM Public Relations Film Section to groups interested in this farm youth activity.

Premiere of the movie was held in Kansas City, Mo., while the national convention of the FFA was in progress.

"Farmer of Tomorrow" is a story about a farm boy, Walt Peabody, whose discouraged father is ready to quit farming and move to the city. Walt through his FFA chapter and adviser, worked out a program with his father's permission and makes a try at managing the farm. He is able to scrape up enough cash from one source or another and manages to make a modest success of his program the first year, to pay off his debts and to face the future full of confidence.

The role is played by 17 year old Mike Wertz of Biglerville, Pennsylvania, whose own farming experience is almost an exact counterpart of the movie.

Reports from those who have seen "Farmer of Tomorrow" are very favorable. No FFA member should miss seeing this movie.

Prudence is no doubt a valuable quality; but prudence which degenerates into timidity is very seldom the path to safety.—Viscount Cecil.

Agricultural Fraternity Will Give \$200.00 Annual Scholarship to Outstanding FFA Member

Believing thoroughly in the value of FFA work in building future farmers of America and desiring especially to aid FFA members in their efforts to secure a better education, the national fraternity of Alpha Gamma Rho offers annually a cash scholarship of \$200 to be applied toward a full term at any suitable accredited college of agriculture by the FFA boy ranking highest in accordance with the following terms.

Plan of Selection

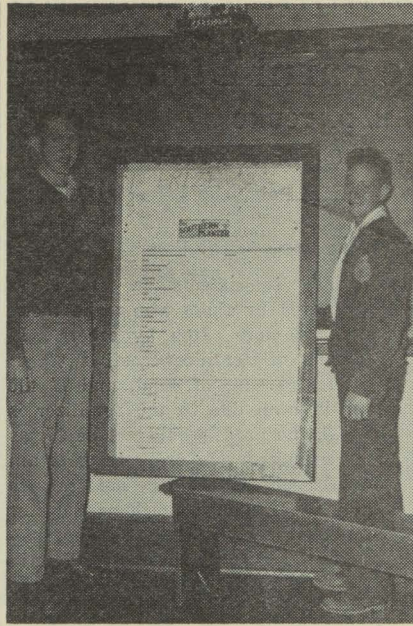
Each state supervisor of agricultural education, or executive secretary of FFA within the state, shall have the privilege of nominating one outstanding FFA boy annually for this scholarship. The candidate shall be either a high school senior or a graduate of a high school who will be eligible to enter college not later than the fall term following his selection as winner. The candidate's official Project Record Book, including a story of his work; his high school scholarship record and a suitable photograph shall be submitted. Letters of recommendation and other information may also be submitted. Material should also include a letter from each candidate agreeing definitely to use the scholarship if the same is awarded to him. All reports and other material submitted in behalf of the candidate shall be mailed to the Executive Secretary of American Vocational Association, 1010 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., not later than November 1.

Winners

The executive committee of the American Vocational Association, or a responsible committee appointed by them, shall have the sole responsibility of selecting a winner from among the candidates nominated. At the time the winner is chosen, first and second alternates will also be selected, such alternates in their respective order to be offered the scholarship if for any reason the winner fails to avail himself of the opportunity. No boy will be eligible to receive more than one Alpha Gamma Rho scholarship.

Plan of Payment

Payment of the scholarship will be made in installments as follows: \$100 at or about the beginning of the 1st semester and \$100 at or about the beginning of the 2nd semester. Where the quarter system is used, payment will be made in three equal installments at or about the beginning of the first three quarters. Payments will be made only upon certification to the Secretary of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity by the state supervisor of agricultural education, or executive secretary of FFA within the state, that the winner has duly enrolled in the regular full time curriculum in col-



CHAMPION FFA SALESMEN — The picture above shows the two boys selling the greatest number of subscriptions to the The Southern Planter by the Dublin Chapter, in Pulaski County. Of the 40 members of the chapter, only three failed to get at least one subscription. The chart shows the boys' names with a bar graph illustrating the number of subscriptions each sold. Randolph Epperly (right), a freshman, received the high prize of \$5.00 by selling the greatest number of subscriptions, a total of 34. Wilmer Akers (left), a senior, received second prize of \$4 for selling 26 subscriptions. The subscription campaign, one of several FFA community projects, had a two-fold purpose—(1) to raise money for the chapter and (2) put a good farm paper into more homes of school patrons. The subscription campaign netted the chapter \$103 and nearly every farm home in the community now takes The Southern Planter.

lege and subsequent payments shall be contingent upon certification by the state supervisor of agricultural education or executive secretary of FFA, that the recipient is doing both passing and creditable college work. Checks for the payment of the scholarship shall be forwarded to the state supervisor of agricultural education, or executive secretary of FFA within the state for delivery to the winner. In case the recipient of this scholarship fails to maintain a satisfactory record, any unpaid portion of the scholarship shall be cancelled.

The scholarship must be used by the winner for the term of college, opening not later than the fall following the selection of the winner. The winner must register in agriculture, forestry, veterinary medicine, agricultural engineering or agriculture education and continue in such courses in order to receive the benefits of this scholarship.

Who Belongs to What Church? From a Survey of Religion In the United States

More adult Americans count themselves active members of a church than even the churches realize. Seventy-three adults in each 100, or a total of 75,900,000 men and women, say they are Protestants, Catholics or Jews.

Ninety-five out of 100 Americans 18 years old or over—nearly 99 million—say they have a preference for one or another religion, more often Protestant, Catholic or Jewish than any other. Only 5 out of 100 say they have no religious preference whatever. . . .

This survey counted only Americans who are 18 years of age or over. According to the 1950 census figures, such citizens number 104 million. There are also 46,700,000 children in the United States, whose religious affiliation cannot be measured with the same degree of accuracy as that of grown men and women. . . . But we are dealing in this article only with those of us who are 18 or older.

For statistical purposes, the only fact that can be learned about everyone is, "What does he say he is?" . . . The wording of the question was: "By the way, what is your religious preference, Protestant, Catholic Jewish or what?" Testing proved that this wording enabled a person to answer quickly and accurately. The answer to this and two related questions revealed the facts that 95 per cent of Americans who are over 17 have a definite religious preference; 73 per cent of all of us say we belong to a church, and 68 per cent have attended church services within the last 12 weeks.

The figures also show that out of every 10 Americans, 7 are Protestant, 2 are Catholic, and the odds are even that the tenth is either Jewish or has no religious preference.—Catholic Digest.

CHEAP CHICKENS OFTEN EXPENSIVE

Start looking now for a source of next year's chicks. Breeding back of the chicks you buy can be the difference between profit and loss. Unless you place your order now for the breed of chicks you want, you may have to take some of unknown breeding.

Such was the experience of Ancil Hethecox, Sevier County, Arkansas. Half of his 200 broilers were quality Barred Plymouth Rocks, the other half were of unknown origin. The Barred Plymouth Rocks cost 14 cents, the others 8 cents.

Hethecox says all the chicks received the same feed and care. The big pay-off came when the two lots were marketed at 12 weeks. The broilers of the unknown breed lost him \$5, while the Barred Plymouth Rock showed a profit of \$40.



Planning the Farm Business

By DR. H. N. YOUNG

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PLANNING A FARM BUSINESS

[This is the third installment of a series of four articles to appear in this column on this subject. Ed.]

A long-time plan to operate a farm should provide enough income so that the farmer and his family may make a comfortable living from the land, rear a family carefully and well, and make provision for leaving the farm in a little better condition than he found it. In order to accomplish these results, the farm needs to be large enough to furnish a full year's work for the farmer and his family. The farmer needs to obtain better than average crop yields and keep better than average livestock. The business should also be well balanced, use labor efficiently, and have the type of farming best adapted to the farm and neighborhood.

The majority of farms in the United States are family farms. The average farm is large enough to provide a full year's work for the operation, in addition to the equivalent of about 6 months of unpaid family labor and approximately an equal amount of hired labor. In other words, the average farm in the United States is a two-man farm on which there are about 500 days of productive labor in addition to the work required to keep the buildings, fences, and machinery in repair, and do the other maintenance work. It is difficult to obtain economical production on a farm much smaller than this, because it is not possible to use labor, workstock, farm machinery and capital efficiently.

The most economical production is obtained on farms producing better crop yields than the average of the neighbors on similar soils and at similar prices. The most successful farmers usually aim to obtain from one-fifth to one-third better crop yields than average when growing crops like corn, wheat and hay. With more intensive crops, it often pays to obtain from 50 to 75 per cent higher yields than the neighbors who farm under similar conditions. With crops which are sold at special prices, it often pays to aim at double average yields. It usually does not pay to attempt to obtain crop yields which are twice as high as average. The cost of doing so is usually prohibitive. The majority of farmers know this and act accordingly. When farm prices are high and getting higher, it pays to aim at higher crop yields than when prices are low and falling.

Fertilizer experiments are sometimes misinterpreted by those who make them, and perhaps more often by others. If 500 pounds of fertilizer costing \$8. is applied to an acre of land, and if the increase in crop due to the fertilizer is worth \$15, the profit would not be \$7, as is often supposed. In order to ascertain the actual profit, it would be necessary to consider the other cost, such as the cost of applying the fertilizer and of harvesting, storing and marketing the increase in crop, as well as interest on these costs. Very frequently the other costs are as much or more than the cost of the fertilizer. Those who fail to consider the other costs almost always advocate too intensive methods.

The production of livestock and its products is not affected by changes in weather to the extent that crop production is. Therefore, it is often advisable to attempt to obtain higher relative production from livestock than from crops. This is particularly true of chickens and dairy cows. The average production per hen in farm flocks in the United States is probably about 75 to 85 eggs. It does not seem unreasonable that the owner of a small farm flock should aim at from 100 to 125 eggs per hen, and of the commercial flock from 150 to 175 eggs per hen, or even more. The average dairy cow in the United States produces less than two gallons of milk per day during the time she is being milked. It would seem likely that this rate of production might very well be increased at least 50 per cent, especially on farms that are selling fluid milk.

There are two general ways of increasing the production rates of livestock. One is by better breeding, the other by more scientific feeding. Of the two, it seems that better breeding is the more fundamental. It is not possible to make a good cow of a poor one by merely feeding her more, any more than it is to make a good worker by raising the pay of a poor one. The most economical production of milk is obtained from the scientific feeding of cows of high milk producing ability.

A well balanced farm is one which has most profitable combination of enterprises. To those who understand farming it is very evident that there is no one best combination of enterprises which will fit all farms equally well. Each farm has its own best balance. In order to provide the most profitable combination of enterprises

over a period of years, it is generally considered that:

1. The farm should have a good labor distribution.
2. There should be a sufficient number of livestock to consume unsalable by-product feeds and roughages, and to use fully available pasture.
3. The fertility of the land should be maintained by methods which result in low cost per unit of output.
4. The land should be used for the purpose for which it is best adapted.
5. The farm should be large enough to avoid the necessity of over-specialization.

The ideal labor distribution is one which will keep the labor fully employed throughout the year, and throughout the working day. There are exceptionally few farm enterprises which will do this. It is usually desirable, therefore, to have more than one enterprise on a farm. There are exceptions, however, in planning the enterprises of a business, care should be used to avoid an undue amount of labor conflict, otherwise there may be certain times during the year when there will be more work than can be done. There may also be other times during which there will be little to do. On the majority of farms there are slack seasons during which the maintenance and repair work may well be done.

Many farms have corn fodder, short corn, straw, grain screenings, discolored or over-ripe hay, cull apples, cull potatoes, peanut vines, bean pods and many other by-products from the production of crops. Farms which are well balanced usually keep sufficient livestock to utilize these products, rather than allow them to go to waste. Many farms also have land that is too steep or too rough, or too remote from the farmstead, to be used for cropping purposes. The best use of this land may be pasture for livestock or woods.

1. Check or prevent erosion.
2. Drain land which is in need of drainage.
3. Add lime in sufficient quantities to meet the cropping requirements.
4. Provide for maintaining the organic matter content of the soil by cheap methods, such as plowing under crop residues, maintaining a crop rotation containing a leguminous hay crop, preserving and applying barnyard manure, and by plowing cover crops.
5. Provide for balanced fertilizer by the addition of mineral fertilizers.

In order that labor may be used efficiently, it is usually considered desirable that there should be at least 250 days of productive work per man. If there is less work than this, it is usually desirable to enlarge the size of the farm business, or reduce the size of the labor force.

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Appomattox FFA Degree Team Wins Hub Federation Contest

The Appomattox degree team took first place in the annual degree team contest for FFA chapters in Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Cambell Counties, held at Rustburg on Tuesday evening, December 9. Each team was scored on a demonstration of conferring an FFA degree, opening and closing ceremonies, and skill in handling parliamentary problems.

Second place in the contest went to the team representing William Cambell (Naruna) High School. Brookville placed third, Rustburg fourth, and Amherst fifth. In winning the federation contest, the Appomattox team automatically became the Hub Federation representative in the Southside Virginia contest which includes winners from 15 counties.

Members of the winning Appomattox team are: Jack Stratton, who served as president; Everett Beal, vice-president; Lloyd Walton, secretary; Benjamin Beasley, treasurer; Tom Weakley, sentinel; Curry Moore and Wayne Lee, conductors; Ralph Reynolds and Wesley Newcomb, "Green Hands," and H. B. Pack, advisor.

The Hub Federation degree team contest for schools in Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Cambell Counties has been held annually since 1932. This marks the first year an Appomattox team has placed first in this particular event. In addition to the 5 high teams in the degree team contest, the Hub Federation includes New London Academy, Moneta, Huddleston, Concord and Pamplin.

SOME COWS DON'T EARN THEIR FEED

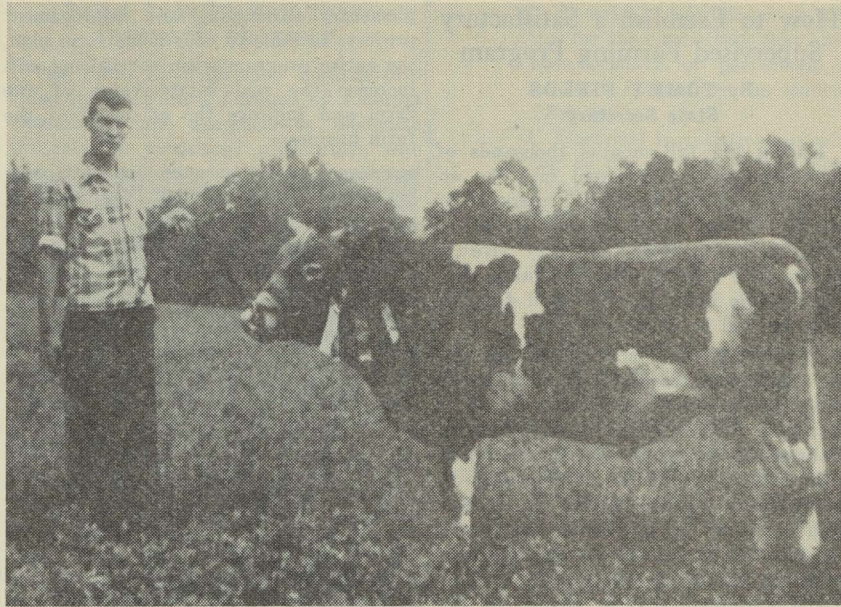
Are you keeping any cows that produce less than 5,000 pounds of milk a year? If so they're probably not making you any profit. Bureau of Dairy Industry records show.

In fact, the records show that in most areas a cow has to produce quite a bit over 5,000 pounds to make a profit. And this has been true year after year, regardless of production cost and milk prices.

Cows that average 5,000 pounds of milk in 1951 ate \$135 worth of feed and returned \$134 over feed cost. If you use the old rule that "feed cost are only half the total cost of keeping a cow," then these cows missed paying their way by one dollar.

As average production goes up, of course, net income per cow climbs. For example, the average milk production for all DHIA cows in 1951 was 9,195 pounds.

These cows ate \$154 worth of feed and returned \$216 over feed cost to the owners—a net income of \$62 per cow. Cows that average 15,000 pounds of milk ate \$200 worth of feed and returned \$400 over feed cost, a net income of \$200 per cow.



A GOOD START—Norman Hutchens, member of the Amelia FFA Chapter, shows his registered Guernsey bull, Ebkhardt Pride. Norman is laying the foundation for a dairy herd by the time he graduates from Amelia High School next year.

Amelia FFA Cooperate With Keep Virginia Green Crews

The Virginia Forest Service has organized "Keep Virginia Green Crews" in the two high schools in Amelia County, Amelia High and Russell Grove Training School. This training is made possible each year through the cooperation of the high school principals, and agriculture teachers.

The crews were trained by Chief Forest Warden J. A. Lawrence and foresters from the District office in Farmville.

To become members of the crew, a boy must be at least 15 years of age, and have his parents consent. These crews are called out on forest fires only when necessary, and then only when Mr. Lawrence or one of the forest wardens request it.

Training of crew members was carried on outdoors where the boys were instructed in fire prevention, safety in handling tools, fire fighting procedure, timber estimating, timber management, reforestation and tree identification.

The following boys were trained:

Amelia High School: Bob White, Douglas Rudd, Arthur Lehmann, Nunnally Hall, William Duncan, "X" McMillion, Bobby Handy, Walter Warriner, Erbie Hamkins, Paul Lavadskin, Jonny Dabis, Norman Hutchens, Glen Snow, Eugene Davis, Martin Southall, Richard Borden, Freeman Smith, Virgil Jones, Lawrence Lowery, Spencer Jones, Wayne Merchant, Joe Paulette, William Skipper, and Randolph Waldrop.

Some people grow under responsibility; others merely swell.—Hubbell.

Amelia Youth Builds Basis For Herd in FFA Project

One member of Amelia Chapter of Future Farmers of America, Norman Hutchens, has found that FFA work is a good place to start a farming enterprise.

Several years ago, he began construction of a dairy herd as a FFA project. Believing that a good sire is at least 50 per cent of the herd, he secured Elkhardt Pride, a registered Guernsey. He balanced his first year's program with 5 acres of corn and 2 acres of lepedeza hay.

Norman bought a registered Guernsey calf from the Elkhardt Dairy during his second year. He increased his lepedeza from 2 to 6 acres and continued carrying 5 acres of corn in this vocational agricultural program.

Now in his junior year at Amelia High School, Norman is carrying his bull, dairy heifer, 10 acres of corn, and 2 acres of alfalfa as his farm program next year, he plans to increase his crops and purchase 2 more dairy calves.

As a result of his dairy project, Norman will have a foundation laid for building a dairy herd after he graduates from school, if he decides to make farming his career.

At the Amelia Livestock Show, this year, Norman won reserve championships for both of his animals and a ribbon for the best-fitted bull.

Robert Lane is Norman's vocational agricultural teacher at Amelia High School.

Like swimming, riding, writing, happiness can be learned.—Boris Sokoloff.

How to Establish a Satisfactory Supervised Farming Program

By TOMMY FIELDS
State Secretary

During the fall months thousands of new members are initiated into the organization of the Future Farmers of America. These Green Hands have one thing in common—whether they live in Puerto Rico or in the Old Dominion, each must decide how his supervised farming program will be conducted.

In my opinion it is very desirable for the agriculture teacher to visit with you and your parents as soon after school as possible. This will help your parents to realize that the supervised practice program will help you to develop skill in management through having to contend with problems of estimating cost, making financial agreements, organizing and applying facts, and using records.

The farming program should be designed to provide credit in school and your supervised farming program should show a profit in order that you may pay part of your living expenses as well as invest money in additional enterprises. In order for you to advance in the Future Farmers of America organization, your program must be balanced, be planned several years in advance, and the plan must suit your home farm needs. The program must be enlarged each year to meet the requirements of the Chapter Farmer, State Farmer, and the highest award in the organization—the American Farmer.

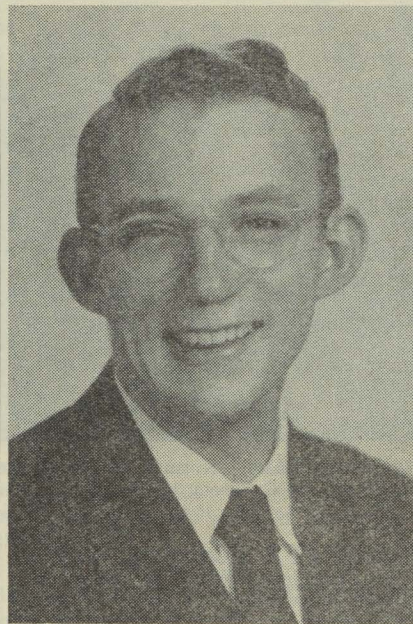
For every member to receive the most benefit from his supervised farming practices, it is necessary for him to cooperate with available government agencies that are designed to help him establish a balanced program of farming. The surveying of contour strips for your home farm is a service offered by the Soil Conservation Service. This service will also help you to develop an approved plan for your pasture, forestry, and water management. Each future farmer should be well informed about the many free services offered to the farmers by the government.

The use of certified seeds and adapted hybrids along with soil tests and proper fertilization should be included in every program in order to expect the highest yields from your crops. There are many contests, such as the Hundred Bushel Corn Club and the Pasture contest, available to all FFA boys, so that they earn valuable prizes, along with excellent experience.

Just as the use of the best seeds is essential to a good crop, the use of the best livestock is a must for the most profit. The use of pure bred poultry and livestock has greatly increased the farmers' profits in recent years.

I believe that when you have made the final selection of your enterprises, sup-

plementary farm jobs, and improvement projects suitable to your home farm plan, the entire program when carried out will increase the real estate value of the farm and improve the efficiency of the farm business.



TOMMY FIELDS

SCOTTSBURG WINS HEREFORD BULL IN STATE FFA IMPROVED BREEDING PROGRAM

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of badly eroded land on route 360 near the school for a period of 10 years on which to develop a pasture. The boys lost no time in removing a heavy crop of bushes, scrub pines and honey suckle. In a short period of time, the land was plowed, fertilized and seeded to a good pasture mixture. With such lush pasture which followed, the chapter purchased two purebred Hereford cows and two steers to fully utilize the grazing. The steers will be replaced by Hereford heifers in the near future.

In order to make the bull more available to the service of the community, the boys built a trailer with a tail gate hinged at the bottom to facilitate his loading. During the past year, 75 cows have been bred on 45 different farms. The fact that the future farmers and young farmers have purchased 38 beef heifers for breeding to the bull is proof of the influence this program is having in improving the livestock situation in the Scottsburg community.

The Bank of Halifax has also demonstrated its interest and confidence in the project by loaning the chapter money to help finance the program. The chapter has invested approximately \$1,500 in developing the program.

By winning the Hereford bull, the Scottsburg Chapter finds itself much

Future Farmer Participation in Recreational Activities

By DENNIS BROWN

Many FFA members speak of the FFA as an organization of all work and no recreation. This is not true for there are many recreational activities in which an FFA member can participate.

Some of the recreational activities available to FFA members are not fully realized until it is too late to take full advantage of them. Some members do not fully realize the enjoyment of the FFA-FHA camp, rally, the father-son banquet and many other activities until they have participated in them. The FFA-FHA camp is considered one of the high lights of these organizations by all that have attended. During the past year, almost 1,500 FFA-FHA members attend this camp at Smithfield. This is an excellent place to renew your old acquaintance and meet new friends. The camp program consists of sports for girls and boys, handicraft, fishing, quiet and active games, and dancing. Campers have an opportunity to see "Common Glory" and visit other historical places.

The camp operates on a non-profit bases which means that all of the money needed for camp improvements has not been provided. Plans for improving the camp have been discussed and much work has been done. This plan calls for FFA-FHA to contribute to this project. Most of the FHA federations have contributed their share to this project and many FFA federations have done likewise, but there is still a great number of FFA federations that have not made a contribution.

Special recognition will be given these federations making a contribution to this project.

In addition to the many recreational activities that have been enjoyed at the State rally, plans for forming a State band have been discussed.

If more FFA members will take advantage of the activities that are offered to them through the FFA they will receive benefits that otherwise would not be recognized.

greater involved in the beef cattle enterprise. The new bull will be carefully fed and groomed to enter the Southeastern Atlanta, Georgia, early in October, and compete against FFA bulls won in a similar manner in nine other Southern states. The chapters winning the two top places in this contest will each be awarded a Mill Iron Hereford heifer.

Nine other of the chapters in Virginia competing in the livestock improvement program won cash awards given by the Sears Robuck Foundation as follows: Dryden, \$125; Nokesville, \$100; Louisa, \$75; Goochland, \$50; Volens, \$25; Brookville, \$25; Riner, \$25; Madison, \$25; and Kenbridge, \$25.

NATIONAL RAT CAMPAIGN OPENS

The annual national rat and mouse control achievement campaign for FFA chapters and other rural youth organizations will be conducted again this year. The campaign is designed to make youth organizations "rat conscious" and encourage them to provide the necessary leadership in making their communities "rat free."

The participating groups can qualify for a Silver award, a Gold award or both. To qualify for the Gold award, the organization, as a unit, is to encourage community participation in the campaign, using demonstrations, displays and publicity. To merit a Silver award, each member of the organization must conduct a successful rat and mouse control program on his premises.

Organizations may enroll in the campaign and receive a complete kit of campaign aids by writing to the Educational Director, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, Post Office Box 2059, Madison, Wisconsin.

PARTNERS

The pride a father holds in his son knows no more joyful moment than that day the boy has reached the stage of mature judgment and knowledge that justifies his being made a full partner in operating the home farm.

From the proud moment of birth, through the toddling stages of childhood, Dad has coached and encouraged son toward the accomplishment of this day. He taught him to perform the myriad routine tasks of a farmer's work, molding in his own hands the life that would someday replace him on earth.

In high school, he studied vocational agriculture to learn more about the science and business of farming. The teacher became a familiar visitor on the farm, adding his guidance to Dad's. Frequently, son brought home new ideas and convinced Dad they were good. Through participation and activities of the Future Farmers of America, he developed abilities in leadership, learned to cooperate with his fellows, and began to assume his responsibilities to the community.

Then came the day when the son owned enough assets to make a business-like arrangement with Dad for a full share in the total farm. The father would have many more years of useful work, but he welcomed the vigor of youth in his enterprise. The investment amassed over a lifetime would provide the foundation for even greater achievements by father and son continuing to work and prosper together, realizing that, in a coming generation, another boy will stand on this hill with Dad, viewing the heritage that was wrought by God and developed by the toil of partners.—John Farrar.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION ADWARDS PROGRAM

The Farm Electrification Awards provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation are designed to recognize students of vocational agriculture who have achieved most in making practical and economic use of electricity in connection with productive, supervised farming activities on home farms or in farm homes. Consideration is also given to originality in the scientific development of new or improved economic practices in the use of electricity, electrical appliances, or equipment.

The basic farm electrification activities and accomplishments considered in making awards are:

- (1) Building electrical equipment.
- (2) Selection, care and operation of electrical appliances and equipment for the home and farm.
- (3) Repairing and maintaining electrical equipment.
- (4) Extending use of electricity on the farm and in the farm home.

Requirements for FFA Foundation Farm Electrification Awards

I. Inventory of the Student's Electrical Equipment (100 points)

- A. Owned exclusively by the student.
- B. Owned in partnership by the student

II. Participation by Student in Electrical Work in High School Farm Mechanics Shop (300 points)

- A. Projects constructed by the student that include or require the use of electricity
- B. Electric lines repaired or extended on farms as a class project in which the student participated
- C. Simple repairs made by the student on electric motors and appliances
- D. Electric motors and appliances serviced by the student
- E. Operation of electric motors, appliances, and equipment by the student

III. Participation in Electrical Work by the Student in the Home and on the Farm by the Individual as a result of the Instruction (200 points)

- A. Electrical projects constructed by the student
- B. Simple repairs made by the student on electric motors and appliances
- C. Electric motors and appliances serviced by the student
- D. Electrical installations made by the student
- E. Application of electricity by the student to equipment used on the farm and in the home

F. Electrical installations or wiring for the community that have been planned or performed in whole or in part by the student (Explain)

G. Electrical installations of wiring on the farm that have been planned or performed by other than the student (Explain)

IV. Economical Use Made of Electricity by the Student on the Farm and in the Home (100 points)

- A. For home conveniences
- B. For farming operations
- C. Use made of electricity by the student to save labor
- D. Power equipment released for other purposes on the farm through use made of electricity by the student

V. Awards and Honors Won by the Student in connection with His Farm and Home Electrification Activities (List and explain briefly) (50 points)

VI. Effect of the Student's Farm Electrification Activities upon the Home Farm practices (Explain each) (50 points)

- A. In connection with livestock, dairy, and poultry production
- B. In connection with crop, fruit, and truck crop production
- C. Other

VII. Safety Measures Practiced by the Student in connection with Farm Electrification That Affects Persons, Animals, and Property (Explain) 50 points)

- A. In using electric motors and equipment operated by such motors
- B. When constructing or extending electric lines
- C. Other

VIII. Production Projects in the Student's Supervised Farming Program (50 points) (List kind and scope in freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years)

IX. Organization and Activities (50 points)

- A. Farm organizations of which the student is a member
- B. School organizations and activities of the student
- C. Community organizations and activities of the student

Farm Electrification Awards

Local Chapter Winner MEDAL
State Awards \$100.00

(One award to not more than one individual in each State)

Three Regional Awards \$ 200.00
National Award \$ 250.00

**STATE MEMBERSHIPS TOTAL 7,676
RANDOLPH-HENRY IS TOP
CHAPTER**

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and 13.2 per cent of the total State membership are:

1. Randolph Henry 133
2. James Wood 126
3. Franklin County 117
4. Wilson Memorial 100
5. Wytheville 99
6. Vclens 92
7. North River 90
8. Andrew Lewis 84
9. Madison 81
10. Dickenson Memorial ... 80

Augusta County with five FFA chapters having a combined total membership of 283, again for the third year leads all of the counties in FFA membership. Russell County which occupied third place last year switches places with Pittsylvania County for second place. The ten counties with the largest FFA membership are:

1. Augusta 283
2. Russell 224
3. Pittsylvania 218
4. Shenanodah 215
5. Lee 214
6. Halifax 200
7. Mecklenburg 200
8. Rockingham 198
9. Giles 194
10. Smyth 194

The FFA membership of the five areas are as follows:

1. Southwest District ... 2485
2. Southside District ... 1769
3. Northern District ... 1408
4. Central District 1195
5. Eastern District 819

The FFA membership for 1952-53 in the State, by counties and schools, is shown below:

ACCOMMAC	37
Atlantic	22
Central	15
ALBEMARLE	117
Crozet and Greenwood	46
Meriwether Lewis	36
Scottsville	35
AMELLIA	39
Amelia	39
AMHERST	38
Amherst	38
APPOMATTOX	73
Appomattox	54
Pamplin	19
AUGUSTA	283
Churchville	31
North River	90
Spottswood	30
Weyers Cave	32
Wilson Memorial	100
BATH	19
Millboro	19

BEDFORD	114	FREDERICK	126
Huddleston	24	James Wood	126
Montvale	38	GILES	194
Moneta	27	Eggleston	22
New London	25	Newport	39
BLAND	141	Narrows	44
Bland	72	Pearisburg	41
Ceres	39	Pembroke	48
Rocky Gap	30	GLOUCESTER	23
BOTETOURT	182	Botetourt	23
Buchanan	59	GOOCHLAND	37
Eagle Rock	28	Goochland	37
Finecastle	56	GRAYSON	174
Troutville	39	Elk Creek	27
BRUNSWICK	63	Galax	57
Alberta	24	Independence	32
Lawrenceville	39	VA.-Carolina	58
BUCKINGHAM	53	GREENE	47
Buckingham	53	Blue Ridge	47
CAMBELL	92	GREENSVILLE	27
Brookneal	23	Greensville County	27
Concord	12	HALIFAX	200
Naruna (Wm. Cambell) ...	38	Clover	27
Rustburg	19	Scottsburg	23
CAROLINE	48	Turbeville	38
Caroline	34	Volens	92
C. T. Smith	14	Wilson Memorial	20
CARROLL	108	HANOVER	124
Hillsville	54	Battlefield Park	16
Woodlawn	54	Beaverdam	22
CHARLES CITY	13	Montpelia	28
Charles City	13	Henry Clay	58
CHARLOTTE	133	HENRY	71
Randolph Henry	133	Drewry Mason	71
CLARKE	40	HIGHLAND	36
Clarke Co.	40	Monterey	36
CRAIG	12	ISLE OF WIGHT	84
Maywood	12	Smithfield	45
CULPEPER	55	Windsor	31
Culpeper	55	Carsville	8
CUMBERLAND	53	KING & QUEEN	29
Cumberland	53	Marriott	15
DICKENSON	165	Plaesant Hill	14
Dickenson Memorial	80	KING GEORGE	21
Ervinton	33	King George	21
Haysi	52	KING WILLIAM	42
DINWIDDIE	113	King William	25
Dinwiddie	42	West Point	17
McKenney	31	LANCASTER	19
Midway	40	Lively	19
ESSEX	28	LEE	214
Tappahannock	28	Dryden	49
FAIRFAX	33	Flatwood	30
Herndon	33	Jonesville	33
FAUQUIER	86	Penington	46
Bealeton and Remington	32	Thomas Walker	56
Marshall	11	LOUDOUN	95
Warrenton	27	Aldie	21
Calverton	16	Leesburg	53
FLOYD	156	Lincoln	26
Check	33	Lovettsville	16
Floyd	56	LOUISA	78
Willis	67	Louisa County	78
FLUVANNA	55	LUNENBURG	77
Fluvanna County	55	Kenbridge	36
FRANKLIN	151	Victoria	41
Boones Mill	13	MADISON	81
Callaway	17	Madison	81
Franklin County	117		
Glade Hill	11		

126	MATHEWS	19	ROANOKE	115
	Mathews	19	Andrew Lewis	84
194	MECKLENBURG	200	William Byrd	31
	Buckhorn	39	ROCKBRIDGE	98
	Chase City	44	Brownsburg	37
	Clarksville	41	Effinger	31
	LaCrosse	24	Fairfield	30
	South Hill	52	ROCKINGHAM	198
23	MIDDLESEX	20	Bridgewater	19
	Saluda	20	Broadway	62
37	MONTGOMERY	185	Dayton	26
	Alleghany	27	Elkton	36
174.	Auburn	37	Montevideo	33
	Blacksburg	61	Mt. Clinton	22
	Christiansburg	60	RUSSELL	224
	NANSEMOND	94	Castlewood	45
	Chuckatuck	37	Cleveland	44
47	Holland	31	Honaker	64
	Whaleyville	26	Lebanon	71
27	NORFOLK	32	SCOTT	88
	Great Bridge	32	Dungannon	23
200	NORTHAMPTON	18	Shoemaker	65
	Northampton	18	SHEANANDOAH	215
	NORTHUMBERLAND	41	Edinburg	31
	Callao	12	New Market	30
	Heathsville	16	Strasburg	46
	Wincomico	13	Toms Brook	26
124	NOTTOWAY	53	Triplett (Mt. Jackson)	44
	Blackstone	25	Woodstock	38
	Burkeville	28	SMYTH	194
	ORANGE	34	Chilhowie	48
	Unionville	34	Marion	39
71	PAGE	39	Rich Valley	60
	Luray	39	Sugar Grove	39
36	PATRICK	162	SOUTHAMPTON	102
	Blue Ridge	22	Boykins	28
84	Hardin Reynolds	46	Courtland	19
	Meadows of Dan	36	Ivor	9
	Stuart	30	Franklin	21
	Woolwine	28	Newsoms	25
29	PITTSYLVANIA	218	SPOTSYLVANIA	47
	Brosville	22	Spotsylvania	47
	Callands	19	STAFFORD	47
21	Climax	19	Stafford	47
	Dan River	39	SURRY	20
	Gretna	21	Surry	20
42	Renan	27	SUSSEX	16
	Spring Garden	30	Stony Creek	16
	Whitmell	41	TAZEWELL	107
19	POWHATAN	32	Burkes Garden	20
	Powhatan	32	Tazewell	50
214	PRINCE EDWARD	29	Richlands	37
	Worsham	29	WARREN	30
	PRINCE GEORGE	37	Warren County	30
	Carson	9	WASHINGTON	132
	Disputanta	28	Cleveland	27
95	PRINCESS ANN	28	Glade Spring	35
	Creeds	28	Greendale	39
	PRINCE WILLIAM	68	Liberty Hall	31
	Manassas	31	WESTMORELAND	46
	Nokesville	37	Cople	18
78	PULASKI	84	Oak Grove	10
	Draper	43	Washington Lee	18
	Dublin	41	WYTHE	192
77	RAPPAHANNOCK	42	Jackson Memorial	30
	Rappahannock	42	Rural Retreat	63
	RICHMOND	49	Wytheville (Geo. Wythe)	99
	Farnham	17	YORK	22
81	Warsaw	32	Poquoson	22

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PLANNING THE FARM BUSINESS
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In planning a farm business it is desirable that the type of farming should fit local conditions. It is usually advisable that the type of farming on an individual farm be similar to that which prevails in the locality. In most localities there is room for a few out of type farms to meet the special demands of the local market at special prices. Such farms, however, are usually limited in number.

FFA Chapter Briefs

ANDREW LEWIS

Thirty-four boys enrolled in the freshman class of the Andrew Lewis Chapter were initiated as Green Hands at a chapter meeting held on December 18.

The newly elected members put on a program for the entire chapter. A movie, "The Wind Farmer," was shown followed by the serving of refreshments.

BLAND

The Bland Chapter has added to its treasury \$350, accomplished by collecting white pine cones and selling Christmas cards.

The chapter presented candy, fruits and toys to underprivileged grade children for Christmas.

CLEVELAND

The Cleveland crop judging team placed first in the Washington Federation crop judging contest held at Greendale on November 19. Jesse Combs and Eugene Latham, members of the Cleveland Chapter, placed first and second as high scoring individual winners in the contest.

KENBRIDGE

The Kenbridge Chapter of the Future Farmers of America met November 18, 1952 to elect its officers for the 1952-53 year.

The following boys were elected to the following offices:

Tom Dill Wallace, president; Wiley Wallace, vice-president; Will Wallace, secretary; Jackie Evans, treasurer; Joe Snead, reporter; Ray Hazelwood, sentinel; Mr. Hirman Zigler and Mr. George S. Potts, advisors.

The following members were elected to the executive committee: Cecil Winn, Lee Williams, and Bob Hazelwood.

RENAN

The Renan Chapter of FFA presented a minstrel entitled "De Chicken Lifters' Convention" on January 8, 1953. From compliments of the people who attended, the members feel that an annual chapter minstrel might prove successful.

The proceeds of this minstrel will be used to finance a father-son banquet for which the chapter is now making plans.

MONTEVIDEO

The Montevideo Chapter collected food and clothing for the world relief CROP

Virginia State Farmer Degree Score Card Revised for 1953

In order that all FFA members maybe familiar with the factors considered in selecting State Farmers, we are printing below the State Farmers score card recently revised and effective in 1953. Not more than 2% of the State FFA

membership can be elected to receive the State Farmers degree in any one year. Each year many outstanding future farmers fail by only a few points to receive this degree.

Every FFA member should study this score card very carefully in order to determine how he may best improve his FFA program in working for the State Farmers degree.

STATE FARM DEGREE SCORE CARD

Project and maximum points		Standard	
I. (1)	Two years of instruction and completed supervised farming ..	8	2 points for each year. (Supervised farming must be completed.)
(2)	A minimum of 2 completed enterprises per year. (No score for average of 2 per year.)	8	1 point for each additional enterprise above 2 per year.
(3)	At least 200 self hours per year	4	1 point up to 4 for each 50 hours or major fraction over 200 per year. (No score for first 200 per year.)
(4)	Increase of 50 hours per year	3	2nd year—300 hours 3rd year—350 hours 4th year—400 hours
(5)	\$50.00 average enterprise income received by student per year	14	1 point for each \$10.00 averaged above \$50.00 (No credit for first \$50.—Average enterprise income.)
(6)	Two improved practices per enterprise. (Av. of 2 each) ...	10	½ point for each improved practice over 2 up to 20. (No score for average of 2.)
II.	\$500.00 earned and productively invested by applicant. (Nothing for first \$500.00)	15	1 point for each \$20. earned and productively invested after first \$500.00
III. (1)	Offices held within F. F. A.	10	5 points president; 1 point for other offices or serving as Chairman of permanent committee; ½ point for serving on committee.
(2)	Offices held outside F. F. A.	5	5 points for serving as class or other organization president; 1 point for other offices.
VI.	Be able to lead a discussion with some adult meeting or assembly of students.	5	1 point for each worthwhile demonstration of ability.
V.	Make a team representing the school	5	Team to National contest—5 points. State team—3 points. Local teams—1 point.
VI.	Show marked attainment in scholarship, in all subjects	10	81-85—5 pts.; 86-90—7 pts.; 91-95—8 pts.; 96-100—10 pts.
VII.	Church and Sunday School attendance	3	Attendance at Church and/or Sunday School: 40 Sundays—3 points, 26 Sundays—2 points, 13 Sundays—1 point.
Total		100	

organization during December. Many donations from people unable to deliver to the school were picked up by the chapter. Over 65 bushels of grain, large

quantities of canned products and clothing were collected. In addition to community collections, the chapter donated ten barrels of corn.

Federation News

SMYTHE-WYTHE

Marion FFA Chapter placed first in a grain judging contest held at Jackson Memorial High School in Wyth County on December 5. Other chapters placings are as follows: 2nd, Chilhowie; 3rd, Rural Retreat; 4th, Rich Valley; and 5th, George Wythe.

R. R. Scott, member of the Rural Retreat Chapter, was the highest scoring individual. Carl Hopkins of Chilhowie, Jack Linsey of Marion, Jackie Wynick of Rich Valley tied for 2nd place.

FLAG

In a basketball tournament held in the gymnasium, Monday, Fluvanna won the

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honors and the trophy, which was presented the team by the Flag Federation, FFA.

Acting as advisor to the tournament was Mr. R. S. Wheeler, vocational agriculture instructor at Goochland High School. Competing in the tourney were the following schools: Crozet, Fluvanna, Goochland, Green, Greenwood, Louisa, Meriwether-Lewis, Madison, Scottsville and Orange.

The score of the deciding game was Fluvanna, 52 and Orange, 44.

ROCKINGHAM

Bruce Ayers, of Stuart, State president of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America and national winner of the FFA public speaking contest, was principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Rockingham FFA Federation held last night in the Brodway High School cafeteria with over 125 attending.

Speaking on "Future Farmers, Why Are We Here?", Bruce outlined the beginning of the FFA organization, pointing out that it was founded in Virginia. He said that the primary aim of the FFA is the development of agricultural leadership, citizenship and cooperation, and said that leadership is developed in the organization through actual experience in committee work, parliamentary procedure practice and other activities.

HERNDON FFA'S TOUR COUNTRY ON CHAPTER PROJECT EARNINGS

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In New York City, the boys took a ride to the tower of the Empire State Building, to Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Music Hall, and the Roxy Theater. The ride in the subway was an experience many of the boys had looked forward to doing.

One day was spent in New Jersey at Point Pleasant on the Atlantic Coast swimming and having a grand time.

The next day the group started home, coming through Delaware and Maryland on the eastern shore, looking at truck crops, and crossed the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge, and then on back to the "old home town."

Each trip lasted around ten days and the boys say they will never forget the good times they had. There were 19 boys who took the northern trip.

With the remaining project money, a portion will be used to set-up a fund to assist FFA members in securing a college education and the remaining part to buy a tractor and equipment for the chapter.

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DOWNING IS NAMED MAN OF YEAR

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his many contributions in the field of vocational agriculture and especially for his part in founding Ruritan National.

"No man in America," the magazine states, "deserves more credit for the organization and development of Ruritan clubs than does Tom Downing. Few men have done more for vocational agriculture in Virginia, and no one has done so much for forestry education."

It saluted him "as a generator of good

will between town and country, as educator for farm boys, as a friend of the forest."

Downing played a big part in organizing and setting up the details of the first Ruritan club, organized at Holland, Virginia, in 1928. Since then he has given continuous effort toward building Ruritan into "National Ruritan," which has grown to an organization of 430 clubs covering the 12 Southern states.

"Under his guidance," the magazine said of Downing, "Ruritan National has

become a powerful influence in bringing farm and city folks closer together. Through 'meeting together and eating together,' fine new friendships are developed, and the resulting cooperation between town and country is a vital new force in the South today."

They noted that he was born "on a small, poor farm in Washington County, Md., the son of a tenant farmer," and, except when in school, "worked on farms as a day hand and with a threshing rig in summer until the age of 20 to get money for clothes and school expenses. For four years he walked four miles and rode a trolley car six more miles each day to get to and from high school, leaving home at six A. M. and getting back at 6:30 P. M.

Upon graduation from high school, he went to work as a government clerk at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. He later entered Maryland Agricultural College, now the University of Maryland. Army service interrupted his studies, but he returned afterwards to obtain his B. S. degree and earn membership in Phi Kappa Phi, scholastic honor society.

Downing started teaching vocational agriculture at Nassawadox, Virginia, in 1920, the year he finished working his way through Maryland Agricultural College, after serving in World War I, the editors noted. He became district vo-ag supervisor in 1924 and held that post 22 years.

In 1947, he was made an assistant supervisor, with the special mission of promoting forestry education in vo-ag classes. His pioneering work in that field won him the award of Virginia Forests, Inc., which noted that his program had become recognized nationally.

Under his forestry education program for the State, the Progressive Farmer said, "forestry instruction has been given to 57,000 Future Farmers of America and New Farmers of America boys and adults in the last three years. Several million tree seedlings have been planted, and numerous forestry contest have been sponsored."

Of Downing's selection, R. E. Bass, State supervisor of vocational agriculture in the Department of Education, declared:

"His contribution to rural Virginia certainly justifies the recognition. His work in vocational agriculture through the years has been outstanding."

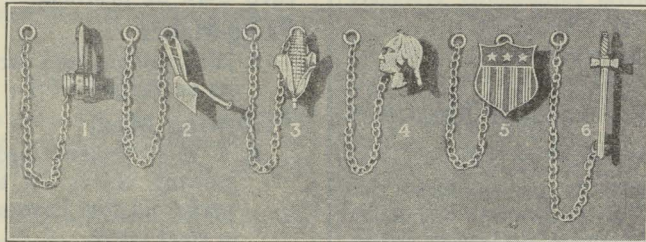
Downing was designated assistant State supervisor for the over-all vo-ag program in the State Department of Education last August.

Every one comes between men's souls and God, either as a brick wall or a as a bridge. Either you are leading men to God, or you are driving them away.—Cannon Lindsay Dewar.



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