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To Hold Joint F.H.A.-F.H.V. Rally At Massanetta Springs, August 21-24

The Eighteenth Annual State Convention of the Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America—the "Rally" to you—will be held at Massanetta Springs, August 21 to 24. The Virginia Homemakers will meet at the same place at the same time, making joint meetings of the two groups possible.

The F. F. A. Chapters in the State will be represented by 152 delegates, thirty third-degree candidates, five public speakers, forty-one instructors, ten boy officers and ten members of the supervisory staff.

Massanetta Springs is located in the famous Shenandoah Valley near Harrisonburg. It is a delightful place to meet, has a comfortable summer climate, a beautiful swimming pool, a good auditorium and adequate playground facilities.

The State Public Speaking Contest will be a feature of the Rally, Schools for Leadership will be conducted, business will be transacted, new state officers elected, State Farmers will be given the third degree, a new annual program of work will be set up and prizes will be awarded.

The recreational program will be under the leadership of W. R. Legge, district supervisor of Northern Virginia. Swimming, soft ball, games and an amateur hour will be welcome diversions from the work of the convention.

R. A. Wall, local adviser of the Luray Chapter, will be in charge of the School of Leadership. He will be assisted by A. T. Adams of Weyers Cave, J. P. Pullen of Whitmell, K. W. Lindsay of Amelia, R. D. Barham of Franklin and W. C. Dudley of Appomattox.

Dr. Luther Richman, who has worked faithfully in the past, will be in charge

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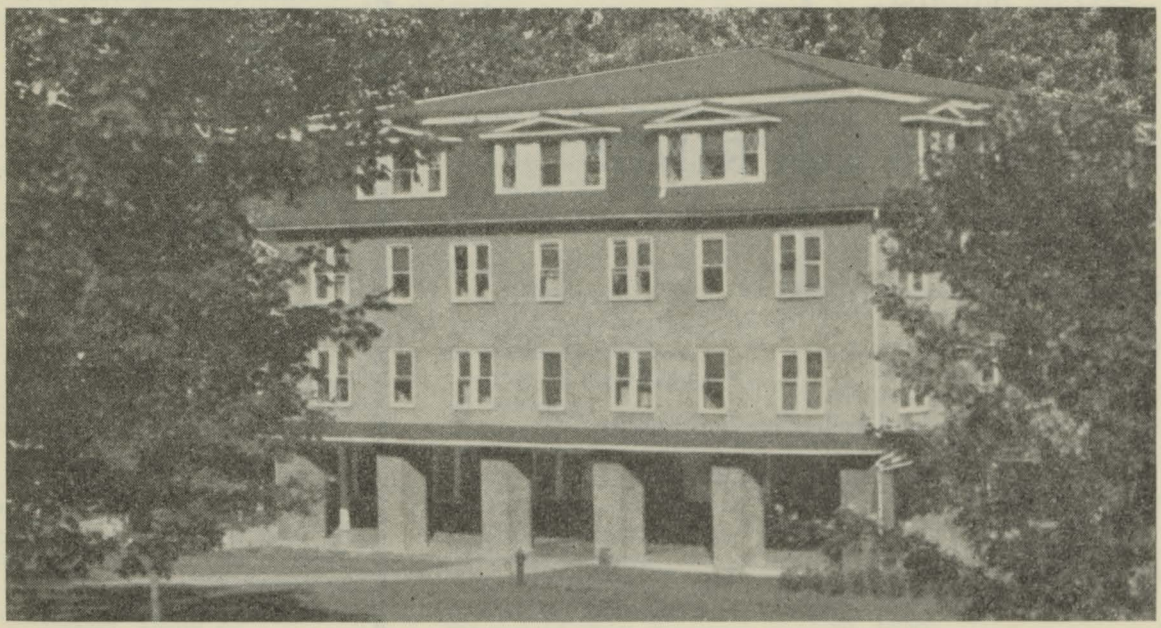

Hotel at Massanetta Springs, Where Eighteenth Annual State Convention Will Be Held.

BATH-AUGUSTA-ROCKBRIDGE FEDERATION HOLDS MEET.

The BAR Federation met with Weyers Cave Chapter on May 3. All twelve chapters were represented.

The treasurer reported a balance of $30.46. A report from the Fishersville Chapter declared Brownsburg winner of the degree team contest.

Spottswood Chapter was awarded a banner for winning the basketball tournament that was held at Stuarts Draft.

The Churchville Chapter reported on the Public Speaking Contest which was held after the meeting. The winners were: First, Bruce Slusher of Brownsburg; second, Frank Stump of Stuarts Draft. Billy McClure of Spottswood and Harper Phillips of New Hope tied for third place.

The Stuarts Draft Chapter gave the rules of the live stock judging contest which is to be held in the near future. New officers will be elected at the next regular meeting. Refreshments were served by the Weyers Cave Chapter.

CHILHOWIE CHAPTER SURVEYS ITS FORMER VO-AG STUDENTS.

A recent study of the post-school performance of all students who have completed one or more years of vocational agriculture in the Chilhowie High School was made by the Chilhowie Chapter of Future Farmers of America. The department of vocational agriculture was established in 1929, and during its fifteen years of operation a total of 193 students have completed one or more years of work. This figure does not include the current freshman class, but does include twenty students who are still in school at Chilhowie or elsewhere, and who have completed one or more years of agriculture prior to 1943-44. Students who enrolled and dropped the subject and or left school before completing at least one year of work are not included since it was thought that the influence of the course upon them was negligible.

The main purpose of any department of vocational agriculture is to give practical instruction and experience to farm boys that will lead to more efficient active participation in farming occupations. The comparatively small number of former Chilhowie students who are now farming (36 or 19%)) would indicate that the department was inefficient. However, it must be considered that these are abnormal times, and that 41 per cent of all ex-students are currently in the armed forces.

The occupational status as shown by the study is given below:

Farm, Chilhowie community	31
Farming outside community	5
Defense work	12
Store clerk	3
U. S. Army Air Corps	8
Army Ground Forces	58
U. S. Navy	10
U. S. Marines	2
Coast Guard	1
Teaching	2
Truck or bus driver	3
Hosiery mill	11
Building trade	1
Coal miner	1
SW Va. Hospital attendant	1
Lawyer	1
Telephone lineman	1
Railroading	2
State highway policeman	1
Pastor	1
Service station operator	1
Doing odd jobs	2
Sick—unable to work	1
Lost connection	9
In school	20
Deceased	5
Total	193

It is interesting to note that among the seventy-nine ex-students who are in the armed forces, thirty-three or 42 per cent are known to be commissioned or non-commissioned officers. There are two captains and two lieutenants in the Army, and one ensign in the Navy. A total of twenty sergeants are serving in the Army and Marine corps. There are seven corporals and twenty-five privates. One former student is an aviation cadet, and possibly has his wings at the time of this writing. The rank of one man in the Coast Guard, nine in the Navy, and eleven in the Army Air Corps could not be determined by those making the study.

These men are serving in all parts of the world where our armed forces are located, and many of them have seen or are seeing action at the present time. The F. F. A. Chapter, or course, does not have a complete record of the performance of all its ex-members in the service, however, the achievements of several are known and deserve mention.

Technical Sergeant Jack Osborne, engineer and turret gunner on the Flying Fortress Stardust, based in England, recently was awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaves for "meritorious achievement." Sergeant Bill Williams, with the Marines in the South Pacific, saw action at Bougainville and possibly other places. Recently he sent home several souvenirs

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of the group singing and quartet work.

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1. Was your Chapter report sent to the district supervisor on time?

2. Were your State Farmer degree applications sent to your district supervisor on time?

3. Has Mr. Howard two copies of the speech that won the district contest?

4. Have you sent the names of capable amateur night contestants to Mr. Legge, at Winchester? Have you obtained Mr. Legge's permission to send these boys to the Rally?

If so, we are expecting to see some members of your Chapter at the Rally.

Arrange so as to arrive at Massanetta Springs on Monday, August 21, between 2:00 and 5:30 p. m.

State officers should arrange to trrive on Sunday, August 20, by 2:00 p. m.

PROGRAM OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION, VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.

Sunday, August 20.

Afternoon.

3:00 Executive Committee meeting.

Monday, August 21.

Morning.

9:00 Executive Committee meeting.

Afternoon.

2:00-5:30 Registration and Assignment to Quarters. Swimming, Games.
6:00 Supper.
8:00 Welcome Address, Dr. William E. Hudson.
Get Acquainted Program, W. R. Legge.
11:00 Lights Out.

Tuesday, August 22.

Morning.

7:00 Reveilee.
7:30 Breakfast.
9:00 First Session, Eighteenth Annual State F. F. A. Convention.
Group Singing, Dr. Luther Richman.
9:15 Nominations for State Farmer Degree, Dowell J. Howard.
Election of Nominees.
9:30 Announcement of Committees.
9:45 Parliamentary Practices, R. A. Wall.
10:25 Recess.
10:40 Leadership Groups:
Presidents and Vice-Presidents, A. T. Adams and J. P. Pullen.
Reporters, K. W. Lindsay.
Secretaries, R. D. Barham.
Treasurers, W. C. Dudley.
12:00 Recess.
12:30 Lunch.

Afternoon.

1:45 State Public Speaking Contest.
2:45 Public Speaking, W. C. Dudley.
3:15-5:00 Swimming and Games.
6:00 Supper.
7:30 Second Session Eighteenth Annual State Convention.
Address, Beverly Roller, First National Vice-President, F. F. A.
8:30 Group Singing and Movies.
11:00 Lights Out.

Wednesday, August 23.

Morning.

7:00 Reveilee.
7:30 Breakfast.
9:00 Third Session Eighteenth Annual State Convention.
Group Singing, Dr. Richman.
Business Meeting.
Nomination of State Officers.
9:45 Budgets and Finances, K. W. Lindsay.
10:25 Recess.
10:40 Leadership Groups:
Presidents and Vice-Presidents, A. T. Adams and J. P. Pullen.
Reporters, K. W. Lindsay.
Secretaries, R. D. Barham.
Treasurers, W. C. Dudley.
12:00 Recess.
12:30 Lunch.

Afternoon.

1:45 Fourth Session Eighteenth Annual State Convention.
President's Annual Address, Tommy Shirley.
Address by National F. F. A. Officer.
Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dowell J. Howard.
Committee Reports:
Auditing Committee.
Budget Committee.
Constitution Committee.
Program of Work Committee.
New Business Committee.
3:15-5:00 Balloting for State Officers.
Swimming and Games.
6:00 Supper.
7:30 Amateur Hour.
8:30 Group Singing and Movies.
11:00 Lights Out.

Thursday, August 24.

Morning.

7:00 Reveilee.
7:30 Breakfast.
9:00 Final Session Eighteenth Annual State Convention.
Group Singing, Dr. Richman.
Report of Elections Committee.
Remarks by President Elect.
Third Degree Ceremony.
10:00 Setting up the Program of Work and Duties of Committeemen, A. T. Adams.
10:40 Recess.
10:55 Reports of Other Committees.
Reports of Joint F. F. A. and F. H. A. Committee.
Awards and Pictures of Winners.
12:00 Adjournment.
12:30 Lunch.

Leave for Home.

External things and opportunities so abound in American life that, instead of nurturing the true source of happiness, we tend to make it a direct aim. So we end in looking for happiness in possession of the external—in money, a good time, somebody to lean on, and so on. We are impatient, hurried and fretful because we do not find happiness where we look for it.—John Dewey.

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, you have not done much today.—The Sage.

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EX-FUTURE FARMER AWARDED PURPLE HEART.

Robert F. Farrier, Maywood Chapter, who graduated from V. P. I. in 1940, was assistant instructor in the department of vocational agriculture at Buchanan in 1940-41 and instructor at Clarksville during the session of 1941-42. Lieutenant Farrier writes as follows:

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Italy,
June 14, 1944.

Dear Mr. Sanders:

I am going to tell you in very few words just what has happened to me since I came in the Army. I was first sent to Camp Croft, S. C., to take my basic training. While I was there my application was approved for O. C. S. By the time I had finished my training O. C. S. had about closed. I knew then I would have to wait many months before I could get in. Then I was sent overseas in January. Since the first of the year I have been in Italy and on the Anzio beachhead. I might say the going has been tough. I did not get any breaks but I have been lucky in many ways.

I am now in a hospital. I was wounded a few weeks ago but nothing serious. Many small pieces of shell fragments went into my hand and one piece in my arm. I am getting along good and soon will be back on duty again. I have been awarded the Purple Heart.

I hope soon this war will be over and all of us can be back home safe again. The war news has been good for the past few days.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ROBT. F. FARRIER.

KITCHENS OF TOMORROW FOR THE F. H. V.'s?

We are told that the kitchens which the Future Homemakers of Virginia, and of all America for that matter, will use, will blossom forth with a batch of revolutionary new features. Though still yet somewhat "visionary," the following may become actualities sooner than one would think:

1. Plastic refrigerators, containing ice-water taps, ice cube ejectors, revolving shelves, deep-freeze units and food-sterilizing health-ray lights.
2. Self-sufficient, cordless irons.
3. Push-button windows—just push a button to open or close them.
4. Waste pulverizers, which grind up table scrap, broken dishes, etc.

MADISON B. HANCOCK, JR.

Private F. C. Madison Beasley Hancock, Jr., of the U. S. Marine Corp was killed May 18, when his Naval Patrol Plane took a nose dive and exploded. The entire crew consisting of two commissioned officers and eleven enlisted men met instant death when the accident occured.. The were based at Cherry Point, N. C.

Madison graduated in the class of 1940 from the Powhatan High School. He was outstanding in scholarship, leadership and athletics. He was awarded the State Farmer Degree in June following graduation. He had been in the Marine Corp two years and was serving as a Navigator at the time of his death.

5. An air and odor-conditioning unit that will squelch cabbage, fish, onion and other food odors right in the kitchen.

DEHYDRATED CATTLE FOOD.

Dehydrated sweet potatoes may soon crop up as the newest type of cattle feed. Because it's said to be cheaper than corn, special potato-dehydrating plants are already being set up. Experiments will also be carried on with alfalfa, clover and soy beans.

The soldier in the guardhouse was looking desolate. Another prisoner spoke to him. "How come you're here, anyway?" he asked.

"On account of the furlong," said the first prisoner, sadly.

"Furlong?" repeated the other. "You mean furlough."

"I mean furlong," said the first prisoner. "I went too fur and stayed too long."—Selected.

BLUE RIDGE FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR.

The Blue Ridge F. F. A. Federation, composed of Willis, Floyd and Check, recently held its regular monthly meeting at Willis and elected the following officers:

Curtis Stanley, Willis, president; Carnice Mannon, Floyd, vice-president; Sam Angle, Check, secretary; Dale Hylton, Willis, treasurer; Louis Angle, Check, reporter. Advisers of the Federation are: S. L. Sisson, Willis; H. P. Jennings, Floyd; and B. O. Porterfield, Check.

The Federation held the annual live stock judging team contest on June 15, at which time plans were made for the State F. F. A. Rally. The next regular meeting will not be held until the next school session.

LOUIS ANGLE,
Reporter.

CHILHOWIE CHAPTER SURVEY.

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consisting of articles captured from the Japs. His brother, Corporal John Williams, is now a prisoner of war in Germany, having been captured in Italy. He was a member of the famous 45th Division. Private Charles Ratcliffe, tank driver, fought all through the campaign in Silicia; was later wounded and is now back in the states. Privat Walter Bowman, U. S. Army Engineers, was wounded and contracted malaria on Guadalcanal, and is now serving as M. P. at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Staff-Sgt. James E. Catron, waist gunner on the heavy bomber American Maid, based in Italy, was recently awarded the Air Medal. Sergeant Catron, although kept busy making raids across the Alps, still thinks in terms of agriculture. In a recent letter, he wrote, "I arrived here around the middle of March, and don't think much of the place. They do very little farming from what I can see, and what they do is very poor. The soil seems to be all worn out, and in a very poor condition." Hilton Rector, American Farmer, is now taking his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. Two chapter members of the 1944 senior class, Lewis Combs and Edgar Grinstend, were called into service before the end of the session.

Although the greater percentage of ex-chapter members is in the armed forces, it is of interest to note that the second largest occupational group is that of those on the farm, and the third largest group is composed of those working in defense plants.

All worthwhile men have good thoughts and good intentions—but precious few of them ever translate them into action. —John Hancock Field.

: : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

Berryville.

The F. F. A. members of the Berryville and Boyce Chapters went on a tour to Albemarle County, visiting one of the Soil Demonstration Farms to study the best methods of soil conservition. While in the county we visited Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. We were inspired and amazed at the practical and convenient ideas of our former patriot and pioneer farmer. We all came away with a greater appreciation of the principles that Jefferson fought and lived for. It is the opinion of our chapter that every F. F. A. boy of Virginia should make every reasonable effort to visit this home as soon as conditions will allow it.

One of our members, Vernon White, tied for first place in an Aberdeen Angus cattle judging contest at Orange, Virginia on May 8. There were 106 boys competing against him. Vernon received a reward of five dollars.

Our chapter is full aware of the present war and our responsibilities in helping to win it. Each member has agreed to add extra rows in the garden, gather scrap, repair farm machinery, and do all we can to help Dad on the farm.

The individual members of our chapter have during the current year bought $780 worth of bonds and stamps, gathered 3,150 pounds of scrap metal, and 1,100 pounds of paper.

JOHN N. CARR,
Reporter.

Beverley Manor.

At the June meeting, the Beverley Manor Chapter elected the following officers: Kenneth Landes, president; Dewey Sensabaugh, vice-president; Robert Riley, secretary; Curtis Wood, treasurer; Kemper Croft, reporter, and Paul Kesterson, sentinel.

The chapter voted to give $2 in cash to the boy with the highest scholarship in agriculture for the year. Kemper Croft, whose average for the year was 91, has been declared the winner, with Dewey Sensabaugh running close second with an average of 90.

Kenneth Landes, the incoming president, was elected to represent the chapter at the F. F. A. Rally to be held at Massanetta Springs in August.

The livestock judging team selected to represent the chapter in the B. A. R. Federation Livestock Judging Contest was composed of the following boys: Kemper Croft, Dewey Sensabaugh, Kenneth Landes, Robert Riley and Wilfred Smith.

The chapter set July 14 as the date for the next meeting.

During the scrap paper campaign the chapter collected 5,131 pounds of paper, for which it received $11.00

The chapter voted to contribute $1.00 to the National Wildlife Federation for conservation of wildlife.

During the spring the sophomores and juniors in vocational agriculture visited the experiment station near Fishersville to observe the results of experiments on application of nitrogen to wheat. Plots of new barley varieties were also visited and found very interesting.

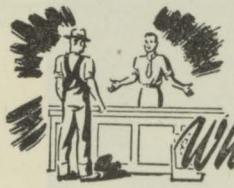
Six of the chapter members having wheat enterprises, applied nitrate of soda to part of their acreage in order to observe the benefit of nitrogen. It must cases the wheat showed a darker green color and was slightly taller where the nitrate of soda was applied.

CURTIS WOOD,
Reporter.

Brownsburg.

The Brownsburg Chapter held its annual Father and Son Banquet on April 20 in the Home Economics room of the Brownsburg High School. The Home Ec. girls, under the direction of Miss Helen Watson, served. W. R. Legge, district supervisor of Agriculture for Northern Virginia, was the principal speaker. In his talk, Mr. Legge stressed the importance of physical fitness.

Tommy Shirley, Luray, president of the Virginia Association, F. F. A., told the group several things that make an ideal chapter in any organization. Boyd Stuart, president of the Brownsburg Chapter was toastmaster. Others on the program were Joe Fitzgerald, Ollie Berry and Bruce Slusser.



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The Brownsburg Chapter sponsored a degree team contest, in which Middlebrook, Spotswood and Brownsburg participated. The Brownsburg Chapter won and competed with other winners at Weyers Cave.

Bruce Slusser won the public speaking contest held at the regular school chapel period, April 27, and represented his school at the district contest at Weyers Cave.

Dayton.

The Dayton Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its regular meeting on May 18 in the chapter room, with C. N. Wine, treasurer of the State F. F. A. Association, as guest speaker. Billy Wampler presided at the meeting.

Mr. Wine spoke on the meaning of vocational agriculture and outlined the purposes and value of the various activities and the degrees that may be attained in the F. F. A. program of work. He pointed out that the various judging contests, F. F. A. camps and tours, conferences and training in parliamentary procedure were educational, as well as a pleasure to the boys taking vocational agriculture.

During the business period, the adviser presented the following achievement awards:

Best supervised farming program: Paul Barnhart, Billy Wampler, Donald Bowman, Clark Wisman, David Liskey and Leo Kiracofe, who were presented with F. F. A. emblems. Branscom Haney won the pest-eradication campaign and was given a hammer with the compliments of the Rockingham Milling Co. Elwood Kenney won the farm shop jobs contest. The record book of Paul Barnhart was adjudged to be the neatest and most accurately kept, and Billy Wampler was elected by the members to have shown the best leadership in the chapter. The latter two winners will receive cash awards.

The seventh grade boys were the guests of the chapter

After deciding to meet regularly during the summer months, the meeting was closed with the regular ceremony.

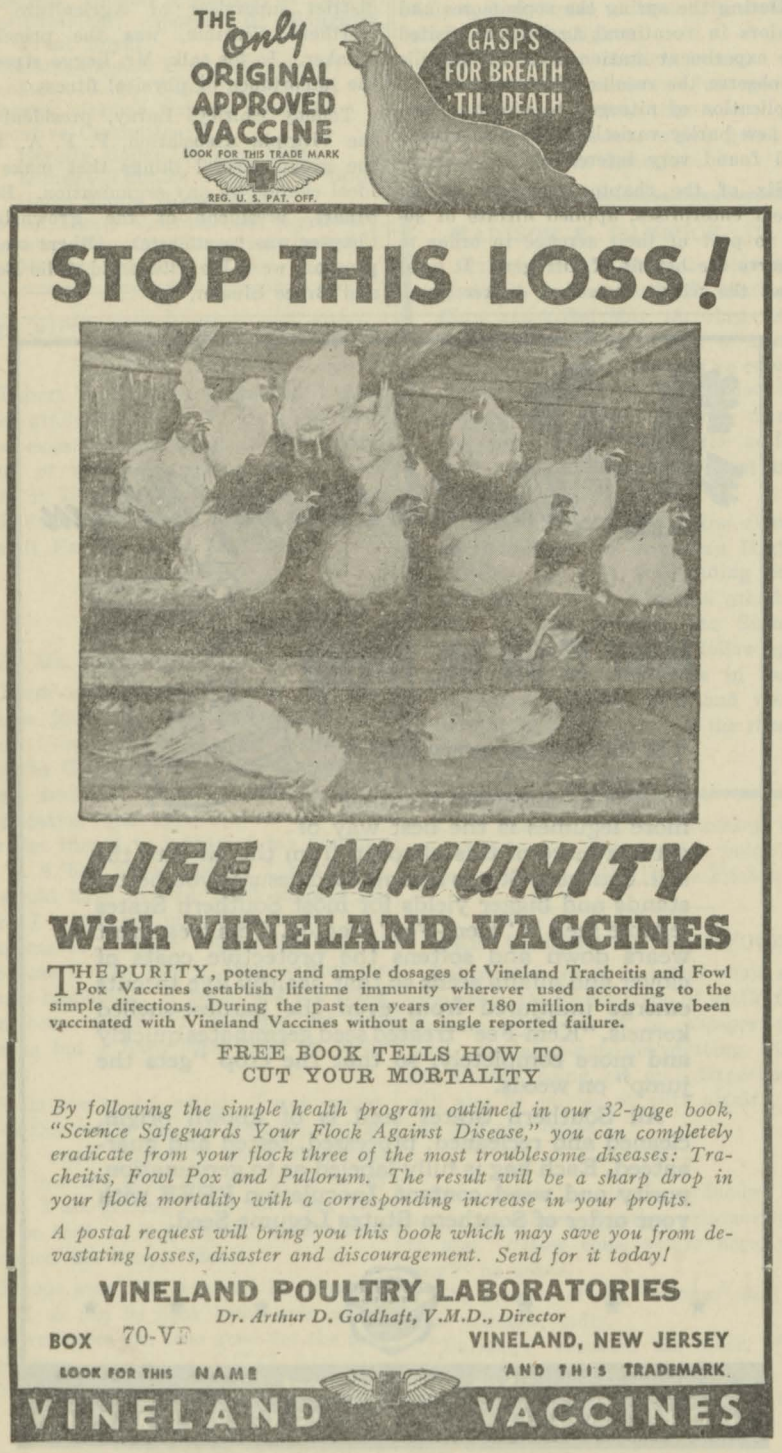
Following a stunt the members were served sandwiches and lemonade by the committee, Paul Barnhart, Branscom Haney and Donnie Wampler.

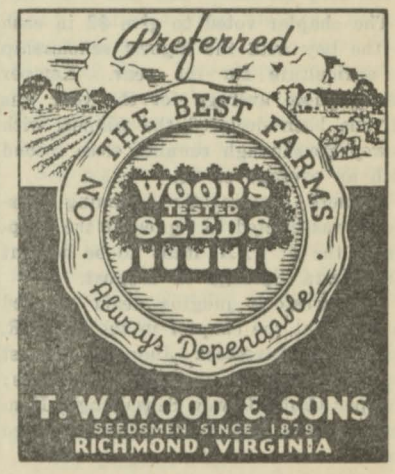
BRANSCOM HANEY,
Reporter.

Disputanta.

Two hundred and forty-one students have left the Disputanta Department of Vocational Agriculture since its establishment in 1923. Of these, 98 are in the armed forces, 63 are farming, 29 are employed in war industry, 19 are in allied occupations. Seven are dead.

Of the men in service, 11 are commissioned officers, 45 are non-commissioned officers. The boys rank from captain down to privates. They are serving in





all branches of the service. Two of the number have been awarded distinguished service medals.

The Father and Son Banquet was held on April 20 with 100 attending. At this meeting the chapter presented the Principal, Mr. W. A. Walton, with a traveling kit, it being his twenty-fifth year as principal of the school. He has seen the chapter grow into one of the best in Eastern Virginia.

At the May meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: George Olejar, president; Paul Varga, vice-president; Adam Klimek, secretary; Frank Soucek, treasurer; Marion King, reporter; Emil Stech, sentinel, and L. L. Beazley, adviser.

GEORGE OLEJAR.

NOTE OLEJAR or OLEYAR? ——

Madison.

About sixty F. F. A. boys and Home Economics girls of Madison School held a picnic on Wednesday, May 3, and attended movies at Charlottesville afterwards. The picnic, an annual affair of the F. F. A. Chapter, was served by the Home Economics group.

Members of the chapter attended the Aberdeen-Angus auction and judging contest to place first on the Madison judging team. At the auction sale, Bennet Lohr purchased a purebred heifer, "Bandolier Belle of Castlewood," from the herd of Peter M. Gann, Greenwood.

REPORTER.

RICH VALLEY CHAPTER HAS RALLY DAY.

The Rich Valley Shorthorn Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held a Rally Day in connection with the annual Father and Son Banquet on May 12. Guests for the occasion were: fathers, Farm Club members, Farmerettes, Future Homemakers, representatives of the Smyth-Wythe Federation, honorary and associate chapter members, the school faculty, and wives of the Farmers Club members.

The program consisted of a softball game, won by the Shorthorn Chapter, and a livestock judging contest. Robert Coulthard, John L. DeBusk and Ross M. Orr, Jr., members of the Shorthorn Chapter, gave a milk testing demonstration.

The banquet was served by the Home Ec. Girls in the school cafeteria. Champ Clark, presidentof the local chapter was toastmaster. Robert F. Williams, superintendent of Schools, addressed the group. M. M. Lewis, chapter supervisor, and Eugene DeBord also spoke.

After the dinner, the Farmers Club met and elected Ross M. Orr, president; C. T. DeBusk, vice-president, and John L. DeBusk, secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

At the meeting of the Smyth-Wythe Federation, Ross M. Orr, Jr., Rich Valley, was elected president for next year. Garland Blevins of Chilhowie was elected vice president, and the secretary's position is to be filled by a representative of the Jackson Memorial Chapter. The treasurer is from Wytheville and the reporter from Rural Retreat.

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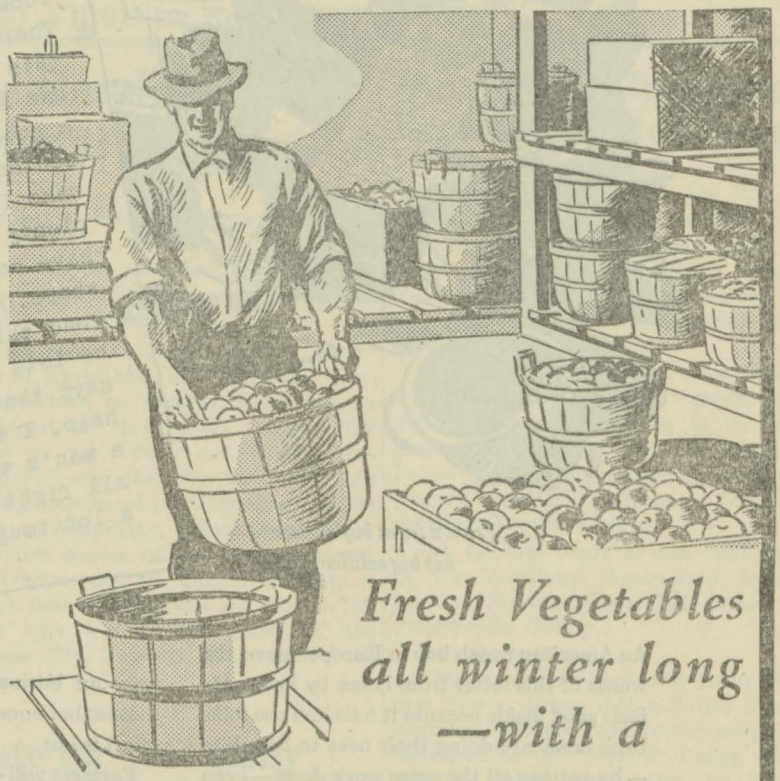

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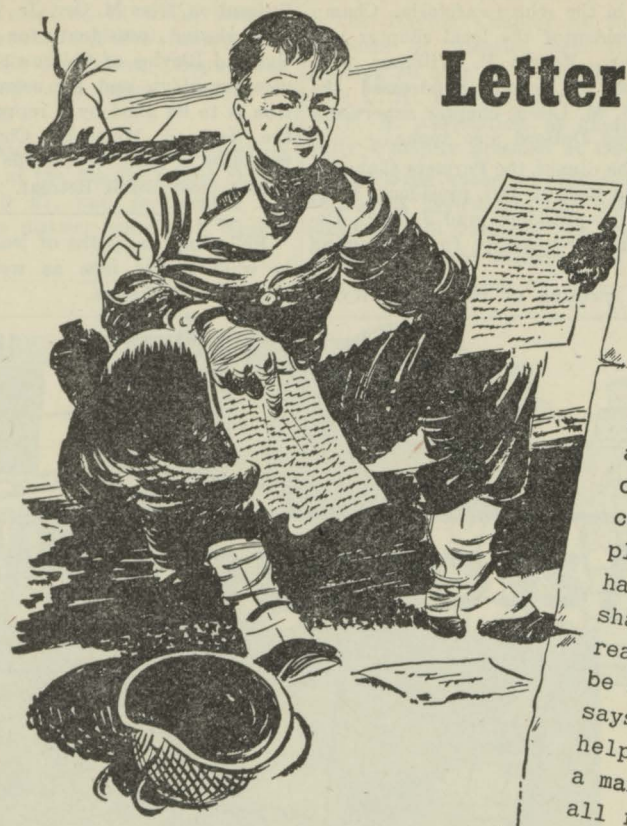
Letter to John



March 1, 1944

"Last Sunday Dad and I rode through the meadows down along the river to look over our steers. There hasn't been much snow this winter and we haven't had any bad storms. That's a good thing because we couldn't get much cotton cake last fall, but we had plenty of hay. The steers have come through in good shape. About the time you read this letter there will be lots of work to do. Dad says that, without you here to help, I will have to take on a man's work this year. That's all right with me. You're doing a lot tougher job, I guess."

From a farm boy's letter to his big soldier brother

An American ranch boy in Europe knows the words of this letter from home by heart. He feels good inside because it tells him the folks back home are doing their best to help him — by getting all the extra work done — even though he isn't there to lend a hand.

The production of beef and other meat is a mighty important war job. Meat keeps John and all the other American fighting men fit for the hardships of battle. Meat provides proteins and vitamins for home-front workers who are keyed to peak production of the things John needs.

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