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## VPI President



**WELCOME**—Dr. Walter S. Newman, president of VPI, will welcome Virginia FFA chapter representatives to the VPI campus at the first session of the convention Monday night in Burruss Hall.

## Boykins First, Ridgeway Second in First Virginia FFA Forestry Judging Contest

The forestry judging team of the Boykins FFA chapter scored 1,166 points to narrowly edge out the Ridgeway team for first place in the first Virginia FFA Forestry Judging Contest held at Stony Creek on April 13. Third highest in the team scoring was Disputanta.

The first phase of the contest was tree identification, in which the contestants were required to identify 10 species of common trees. Then the boys estimated the board foot contents of sawtimber trees using their homemade cruiser sticks. A similar exercise was conducted in a pulpwood stand using cubic feet of merchantable wood as the unit. In order to test the ability of the students in determining areas for forest maps, a pac-

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## Nearly 1,000 to Attend 1948 State FFA Convention at VPI June 21-24

### CAMP DATES CHANGED

A combination of circumstances has made it necessary to change the opening date of the FFA-FHA Camp from June 14 to June 21 thereby eliminating the week of June 14-19 as originally planned and operating for nine weeks instead of ten.

Livestock, Dairy, Poultry Judging; Degree Team Contests, Baseball Will Highlight Activities

### ANNOUNCE TENTATIVE PROGRAM

“State Farmer” Degree; Presentation of State FFA Officers Features Night Programs

Nearly 1,000 members of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America are expected to attend the twenty-second annual State convention at Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, June 21-24.

Livestock, dairy and poultry judging contests by federation teams, degree team contest by districts and the district baseball tournament will highlight the con-

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## National President



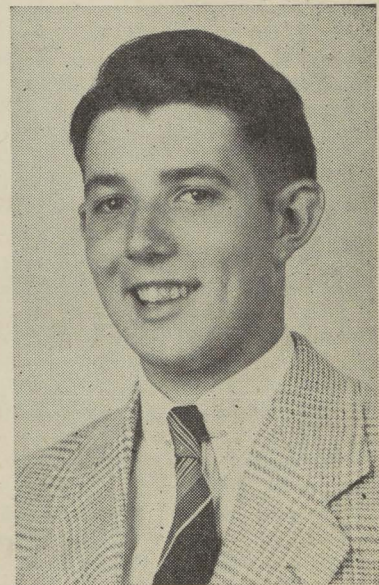
**ADDRESS**—Ervin Martin of Salem, Indiana, national president of the Future Farmers of America, will address the convention at the Wednesday morning session in the Student Activities building.

## 4,003 World War II Veterans Enrolled in 180 On-Farm Training Classes April 30

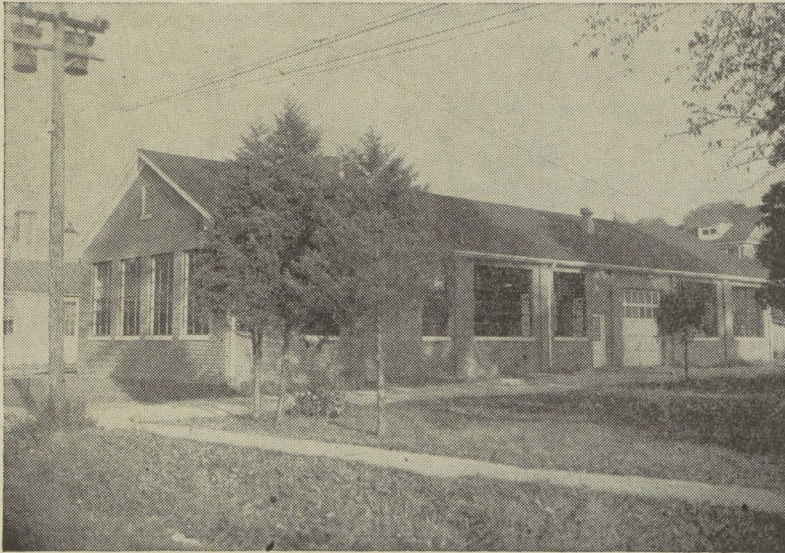
A total of 4,003 World War II veterans were enrolled in 180 institutional on-farm training classes conducted by departments of vocational agriculture as of April 30, it is announced by W. R. Crabill and B. C. Bass, assistant supervisors of agriculture education, directing the GI training program in agriculture.

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## State President



**PRESIDE**—Dallas H. Johnson of Fluvanna, Virginia, president of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America, will preside over the twenty-second State convention, June 21-24.



**NEW HOME OF BUCHANAN CHAPTER**—Members of the Buchanan chapter are justly proud of their new vocational agriculture building which is being used for the first full session this year. The building which incorporates the latest features of design and construction includes a large classroom, office, washroom, storage room, and nearly 3,000 square feet of shop space. Not shown in the above view are the tool room and sanding room which were constructed as offsets to the shop proper and make possible improved arrangement of the shop equipment.

### 200 Attend Ashland FFA Father-Son, FHA Mother-Daughter Banquet April 1

Two hundred persons attended the Henry Clay (Ashland) High School FFA father-son and mother-daughter banquet held in the vocational agriculture shop April 1, it is reported by Ray Tyson, FFA chapter news writer.

Mike Turner, FFA and Betty Lou Blunt, FHA, shared the master of ceremonies position. The Rev. George A. Williams gave the invocation. Kitty Kennon, FHA chapter reporter, reviewed the objectives of her chapter and Ken Myers, secretary of the FFA, told of the vocational agricultural department program.

For the first time in its history the Ashland chapter conferred honorary chapter degrees upon four members of the community in recognition of their contributions to vocational agriculture and the local Future Farmers of America. The most surprised recipient of the honor was H. D. Seal, instructor of vocational agriculture at Ashland, whose contributions were lauded highly by the FFA chapter officers. Others receiving the honorary degree were Cabel Luck, member of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors and local dairy farmer; George B. Compton, principal of Henry Clay High School and W. R. Blunt, local farmer and former vo-ag shop instructor.

Entertainment included a piano solo by Clara Jean Mitchell, a vocal solo by

George Campbell; a baritone horn solo by Ned Stiles; and a quartette by Betty Lou Blunt and Kitty Kennon of the FHA and George Campbell and Ned Stiles of the FFA who sang several songs, closing with the Henry Clay High School "Alma Mater."

### EAGLE ROCK WINS FEDERATION CONTEST

The Eagle Rock chapter won the BRB federation judging contest at Montvale April 29.

Two hundred forty-five FFA boys participated, writes Henry Scott, Eagle Rock reporter. The winning team scored 361 points out of a possible 500. Montvale was second with 358 points; Troutville, third with 357; Finecastle, fourth with 342; Andrew Lewis, fifth with 320 and Buchanan, sixth with 304 points.

High scoring individuals who will represent the federation in the State judging contest during the State Convention June 21-24 are Paschal Rose, Montvale; J. C. Parr, Eagle Rock and Roger Grant, Montvale.

### DR. ALVEY IS BANQUET SPEAKER

Dr. Edward Alvey, Jr., dean of the Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia (Fredericksburg) was the guest speaker at the Stafford joint FFA-FHA father-son and mother-daughter banquet February 28. There were 75 in attendance. Members of the Stafford Parent-Teachers Association served the dinner.

### FFA a "Great Organization" Says Dallas Johnson, State FFA President in Cumberland Address

"The Future Farmers of America is truly a great organization, its aims, purposes, principals and ideals are outstanding in every phase," Dallas H. Johnson, president of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America, told the guests attending the Cumberland father-son banquet March 12.

Eric Robinson, chapter president, was toastmaster and Wilson Shores, chapter reporter, welcomed those present. Allen Hunter in speaking on the Vo-Ag supervised farming program and chapter accomplishments pointed out the importance of having a well rounded farm program. In listing a few of the chapter accomplishments, Allen pointed out that the Cumberland group had won first place in the Piedmont Federation degree team contest and public speaking contest last year. Allen stated that the chapter members carried out 97 per cent of their supervised farming program, 103 per cent of the supplementary and improvement projects and purchased certified seed for all chapter members.

Guests introduced by E. H. Vassar, instructor of vocational agriculture, included T. J. McIlwaine, superintendent of schools; E. A. Smith, principal; W. C. Dudley, district supervisor; Mrs. Edna Hindle Goodman, member of school board; M. E. Blanton, president of the Ruritan Club; Garland Blanton, chairman, Board of Supervisors; Thomas Scott, president, Randolph Young Farmers Club; Joe Hayes, State forest ranger; Charlie Goodman, president, O. G. Flippen and Co.; J. F. Blair, county agent and N. R. Patrick, soil technician.

### Rich Valley Future Farmers Hear Banker at Father-Son Banquet Held April 2

Clyde Crafts, cashier of the National Bank of Saltville, was the principal speaker at the Rich Valley FFA father and son banquet April 2, it is announced by Clifford Necessary, chapter reporter. He spoke on the subject, "Learning Thrift for FFA."

Johnny Barns, chapter president, presided and John DeBusk was toastmaster. The invocation was given by Rev. D. M. Monroe. The dinner was served by the senior FHA girls under the direction of Glenna DeBord. Chapter members on the program were Kenneth Surber, Douglas Maloyed and Warren Olinger. An honorary chapter farmer degree was conferred upon R. M. Buchanan, division superintendent of schools.

## 199 Farms Purchased by Vets In Farm Training Classes; Other Accomplishments Announced

Virginia World War II veterans enrolled in institutional on-farm training classes in high school departments of vocational agriculture have purchased 199 farms since the initiation of the program early in 1946, according to F. B. Cale, State supervisor of agricultural education.

Beginning in March, 1946, enrollment in this farm training program under the G. I. Bill of Rights has increased until approximately 3,500 veterans were enrolled April 1.

A recent survey of outstanding accomplishments of veterans receiving this training since the inception of the program reveals that 643 owned the farm on which they are "learning by doing" the latest farm practices; 377 vets are renters, 720 share croppers and 534 are farming in partnership with their dads, another member of their immediate families or others.

This group of young farmers who attend classes for at least 200 hours per year and receive on-farm instruction and supervision for another 100 hours are devoting full time to their farm work and gradually increasing the value of their farming operations. Since the program started, 1,949 milk cows have been purchased by veterans enrolled in the program; 3,276 head of beef cattle have been bought; 1,361 breeding hogs procured and 6,519 feeder hogs added to increase meat production. These boys have marketed 132,759 broilers and increased poultry laying flocks.

One hundred and seventy-seven new farm homes have been constructed throughout Virginia by these young farmers and 983 new farm buildings have been added. Home improvement by these veterans includes painting 321 homes, landscaping 226, the establishment of 554 home orchards, the repair of 78 farm homes, the installation of electricity in 50 and the addition of running water in 10. Soil conservation has not been neglected and 1,204 veterans have definite soil conservation plans for their home farms. They have developed 17,843 acres of pasture and terraced 1,887 acres of land. Forestry improvement practices have been initiated on 63 farms. New farm tractors have been added on 309 farms by the veterans involved and 494 other major items of farm machinery have been purchased. A total of 22,252 items of farm machinery and equipment have been repaired, overhauled or constructed in vocational agriculture farm shops.

The wives of these veterans have processed, mostly in school community canneries, a total of 691,121 pints of food.



**MASSANUTTEN CHAPTER FEEDS WILDLIFE**—Heavy snows during the past winter made it impossible for game birds in many sections of Virginia to secure feed. Here a committee of the Massanutten chapter is putting out feed for birds near their school. The above photo was made on the 2,000-acre estate of Alfred S. Vanderbilt.

## BUCKINGHAM CHAPTER ACTIVE

R. Edward Bass, assistant State supervisor of agricultural education, traced the rise of vocational agriculture in Virginia at the annual father and son banquet of the Buckingham Chapter of Future Farmers of America, March 19, in the home economics cottage at Buckingham Central High School.

About fifty fathers, sons and guests attended the dinner and program at which Powell Anderson, president of the chapter, presided and led the other officers through the impressive FFA ceremony. A fine turkey dinner was prepared by the Future Homemakers.

Gordon L. Baldwin, adviser to the chapter and vocational agriculture teacher in the high school, pointed out that the 34 boys in the organization were participating in 102 projects including the supervision of 89 acres of crops, 66 head of livestock, 350 head of poultry, construction of 250 rods of fence, farm shops, improvement of electrification and pasture land.

Guests present in addition to fathers were T. B. Hall, R. S. Ellis, B. D. LeSueur, I. W. Pendleton, T. Stanley Jeffrey, I. S. Driscoll, the Rev. W. R. Jones, and John Steck of Farmville.

Other officers of the club are Ralph Tapscott, vice-president; Albert Wood, secretary; Pete Harris, reporter; Jesse Griffin, treasurer and Herbert Haxey, sentinel.

On Monday, April 19, the chapter went on an all-day field trips at which time 2,000 loblolly pine seedlings were set out on a neighboring farm. They also practiced judging a class of beef cattle, a class of hogs and a class of dairy cows.

The federation judging contest was held on Saturday, April 24, at Bucking-

ham Central High School. The judging consisted of a class of dairy cows, beef cows, beef heifers and poultry. The contest was won by Randolph Henry High School.

## FFA - FHA HOLD BARBECUE

Under the leadership of William McCoy, chairman, the members of the Blacksburg Chapter of the FFA and FHA held their annual barbecue Friday, April 30, 1948, on the Walnut Springs farm of J. O. Hoge. Over a hundred members and guests were present.

Kenneth McPherson, William Hilton, Bobby Elliott, Hueston Johnston, Eugene Shaver, Don Croy, Herbert Price, and Eugene Price were in charge of the cooking committee. W. M. Scott, VPI student teacher, directed the cooking and according to the guests did a bang-up job; at least the group consumed all of the lamb and ham.

Recreation consisted of softball, horse-shoes, fishing, scavenger hunt, and from the standpoint of the FFA boys strolling around with the FHA girls.

The FHA girls prepared all of the food other than the meat.

Guests included the staff of the agriculture education department, J. O. Hoge, district supervisor, and members of the Montgomery County School Board.

## JUDGING TEAMS COMPETE

The members of the Christiansburg, Riner, Blacksburg, Dublin, and Draper Chapters of the Future Farmers of America held their annual dairy judging contest at the Riner High School, May 21.

Two classes each of Holstein, Jersey and Guernseys were judged. The winning team will compete in the State judging contest to be held in June at VPI.

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## State FFA Membership Hits Highest Post-War Total of 7,193; All Chapters Paid-Up

Membership in the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America for 1947-48 stands at 7,193, with 100 per cent of the State's 214 chapters having paid dues, it is announced by R. Edward Bass, executive secretary-treasurer.

Chapters and the number for whom State dues have been paid since the last report, follows (the smaller numbers indicate additional members since last report, whereas the larger figures represent total chapter membership not previously published):

Middlebrook .....	1
Millboro .....	23
Ervinton .....	26
Herndon .....	16
Stephens City .....	1
Wilson Memorial .....	1
Battlefield Park .....	17
Washington-Henry .....	23
Lovetsville .....	9
Chuckatuck .....	22
Andrew Lewis .....	2
Bridgewater .....	1
Mt. Clinton .....	1
Honaker .....	37
Dungannon .....	33
Chilhowie .....	1
Rich Valley .....	1
Boykins .....	2
Stony Creek .....	3
Wytheville .....	1

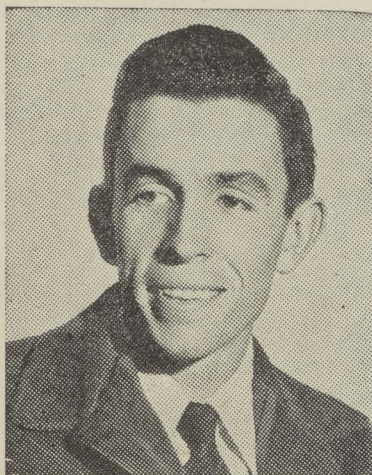
## NEARLY 1,000 TO ATTEND STATE FFA CONVENTION

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vention activities. The State Farmer degree ceremony the last night (Wednesday, June 23) will highlight the business sessions of the convention. At that time State officers of the Virginia Association Future Homemakers of America will be guests of the Virginia Future Farmers.



**VICE-PRESIDENT**—Wilbur Ray Dunk, national first vice-president of the Future Farmers of America, whose home FFA chapter is Segovia, Texas.



**SECRETARY**—Eugene Hansen, national student secretary of the Future Farmers of America, hails from East Garland, Utah.

The election of new State officers, committee reports and awards will feature the final session of the meeting Thursday morning, June 24.

Approximately 75 federation judging teams are expected to participate in one or the other of the three judging contests. Federations are eligible to send one team for each 100 federation members or major fraction thereof. The number of teams of three members each

to which each federation is entitled, based upon membership, is indicated below:

	Paid-Up Member- ship	No. Teams Allowed
<b>Central—</b>		
Brunswick-Greenville ..	105	1
Land .....	267	3
Richmond .....	133	1
George Washington ...	225	2
Flag .....	361	4
<b>Eastern—</b>		
Northern Neck .....	246	2
Tidewater and Glo-Mid-Math .....	118	1
S. S. & P. G. ....	60	1
Southampton .....	84	1
Peanut .....	107	1
Panay .....	82	1
Eastern Shore .....	73	1
<b>Northern—</b>		
BAR Federation .....	398	4
Northern Piedmont ...	80	1
Rockingham .....	324	3
Blue Ridge .....	168	2
Shenandoah .....	158	2
Northern Triangle ...	325	3
<b>Southside—</b>		
Hub .....	282	3
Piedmont .....	155	2
Southside .....	297	3
Fairystone .....	348	3
Pittsylvania .....	272	3
BRB .....	256	3
<b>Southwest—</b>		
Clinch .....	202	2
Lee .....	183	2
Tri-County .....	471	5
Smyth-Wythe-Bland ...	458	5
ABCD .....	265	3
Herefordshire .....	269	3
Giles-Craig .....	219	2
Washington County ...	125	1

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## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

**Monday—June 21**

**Afternoon**

- 2:00 Executive Committee Meeting—  
Student Activities Building.  
Registration and Assignment to  
Quarters—War Memorial Build-  
ing.
- 3:30 Baseball — Southwest vs. South-  
side.
- 5:45 Supper.

**Night**

- 7:15 First Session—Burruss Hall.  
Group Singing.  
Opening Ceremony.  
Address of Welcome—Dr. Walter  
S. Newman, President, VPI.  
Nominations and Election of State  
Farmer Degree Candidates.  
String Band.  
Announcements — Committees,  
other.  
Closing Ceremony.
- 8:30 Movies.
- 11:00 Lights Out.

## Tuesday—June 22

## Morning

- 6:45 Reveille; Showers.  
 7:15 Breakfast—College Dining Hall.  
 8:30 State Judging Contests—Livestock, Dairy, Poultry.  
 11:00 Review of Classes.  
 8:30 Second Session—Student Activities Building.  
 Group Singing.  
 Opening Ceremony.  
 9:00 State Degree Team Contest.  
 String Band.  
 11:00 New Business.  
 11:30 Organization of Groups for Field Trips.  
 12:15 Lunch—College Dining Hall.

## Afternoon.

- 1:00 Field Trips.  
 3:30 Baseball—Northern vs. Monday's Winner (Stadium); Central vs. Eastern (Drill Field).  
 5:45 Supper—College Dining Hall.

## Night.

- 7:15 Third Session—Burrus Hall.  
 String Band.  
 Opening Ceremony.  
 State Public Speaking Contest—H. W. Sanders, Officiating.  
 Closing Ceremony.  
 9:00 Movies.  
 11:00 Lights Out.

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## Wednesday—June 23

## Morning

- 6:45 Reveille; Showers.  
 7:15 Breakfast—College Dining Hall.  
 8:30 Fourth Session—Student Activities Building.  
 Group Singing.  
 Opening Ceremony.  
 Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer—R. E. Bass.  
 President's Annual Address—Dallas H. Johnson, President, Virginia Association FFA.  
 String Band.  
 Nominations for State Officers.  
 Committee Reports:  
 Auditing Committee.  
 Budget Committee.  
 Constitution and By-Laws Committee.  
 Chapter Chats Committee.  
 String Band.  
 Address—Ervin Martin, National President, Future Farmers of America.  
 Closing Ceremony.  
 12:15 Lunch—College Dining Hall.

## Afternoon.

- 1:00 Field Trips.  
 3:30 Baseball—Championship Game (Miles Stadium).  
 5:45 Supper—College Dining Hall.

## Night.

- 7:15 Third Session—Burrus Hall.  
 Group Singing.  
 Opening Ceremony.  
 Presentation of State Officers of the Virginia Association Future Homemakers of America.  
 Response—Ruth Skalsky, President, FHA.  
 String Band.  
 Conferring State Farmr Degrees:  
 Active—Introduction, R. E. Bass.  
 Honorary—Introduction, Dowell J. Howard.  
 Humorous Skit—Joseph E. Hardy, Manager Rad-Tech (VPI).  
 Closing Ceremony.  
 9:00 Movie, "That Inspiring Task."  
 11:00 Lights Out.

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## Thursday—June 24

## Morning

- 6:45 Reveille; Showers.  
 7:15 Breakfast—College Dining Hall.  
 8:00 Sixth Session—Student Activities Building.  
 Opening Ceremony.  
 String Band.  
 Election of Officers.  
 Committee Reports:  
 Program of Work Committee.  
 Rally Executive Committee.  
 Resolutions Committee.  
 Awards.  
 Installation of New Officers.  
 Reports of Retiring Officers.  
 Closing Ceremony.  
 12:15 Lunch—College Dining Hall.  
 Leave for Home.



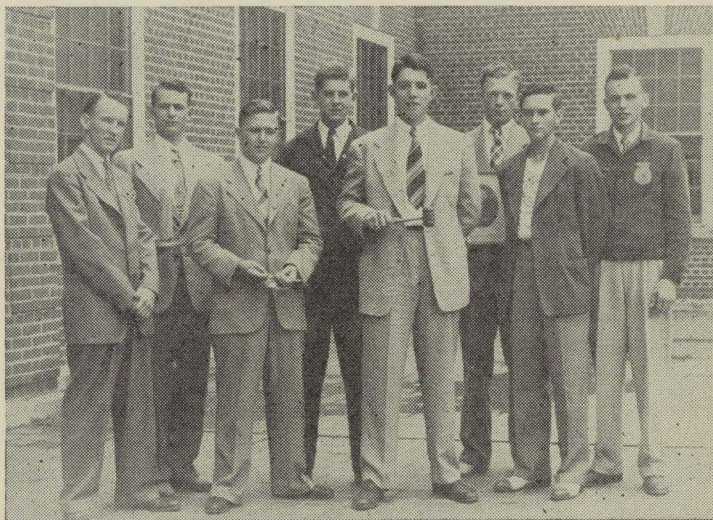
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**PRESIDING OFFICERS**—Officers of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America who will preside at the 1948 State Convention are (l to r): Richard Carter, Appomattox, reporter; Avon Omph, Gainesboro, secretary; Courtney Hatcher, Montvale, vice-president; George Baily, Dublin, executive committee; Dallas Johnson, Fluvanna, president; Harold Drumheller, New Hope, treasurer; Donald Braswell, Whitmell, executive committee and Carnice Mannon, Floyd, executive committee.

V P I  
TEACHER TRAINING  
F COLLEGIATE CHAPTER  
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Highly successful was the first field day for fathers and friends of the VPI Collegiate Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held Friday, April 16. The day began at 8:30 with Dean T. B. Hutcheson, '06, welcoming the guests to Tech. Dr. H. N. Young, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, spoke about the experimental work at VPI.

Then visits were made to the agricultural engineering, horticulture, agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry departments. Lunch was served in the dining hall. The day was concluded with a banquet in the Faculty Center at which Dr. Walter S. Newman, president, was the principal speaker. Professor H. W. Sanders, head of the vocational educational education department, was the toastmaster. Dr. Newman and Prof. Sanders are two of the four founders of the FFV which grew into the national FFA. M. B. Rowe, Fredericksburg, president of the chapter, welcomed the guests. J. W. Midyette, Sr., Ashland, one of the visiting fathers, responded.

W. M. Scott, Roanoke, gave the purposes and accomplishments of the collegiate chapter. Douglas Moore, Charlotte Courthouse, pronounced the invocation. Al Payne, associate secretary of the YMCA, gave a humorous skit and a quartet sang. The opening and closing ceremonies were given by the chapter officers who follow: M. B. Rowe, Fredericksburg, president; Erdman Mullins, Clintwood, vice-president; O. B. Roller, Weyers Cave, secretary; C. H. Gilmer, Lebanon, treasurer; A. L. Spencer, Critz, reporter; E. A. Woolwine, Abingdon, sentinel; and Prof. C. S. McLearn, adviser.

State Convention Hosts

The VPI Chapter of the student section of the American Society of Agronomy is looking forward to the annual FFA Rally and to having as many FFA boys as possible as their guests on a conducted tour of the Virginia Agriculture Experiment Station. We will also manage a refreshment stand for the convention.

FALMOUTH WINS

The Falmouth FFA Chapter team won the George Washington Federation Dairy Judging Contest May 13 in which Caroline and King George chapters tied for second place, Spotsylvania placed fourth, C. T. Smith, fifth; Stafford, sixth and Culpeper seventh.

"Close competition and good sportsmanship" featured the contest according to John Q. Peers, instructor of vocational agriculture, Caroline High School.

High score honors went to Garland Beach of Falmouth, who won in a close decision over David Swisher of C. T. Smith. Third place went to Wayne Beazley of Caroline. Robert Morris of Spotsylvania came out fourth, and three-way ties for fifth, sixth and seventh places were broken to give Richard Shocklette of Falmouth fifth place, Edward Taylor of King George sixth and Campbell Hitt of Culpeper seventh place. Johnny Allensworth of King George won eighth place by a margin of five points from Roy Estes of Culpeper.

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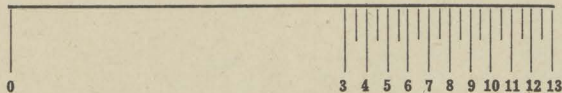
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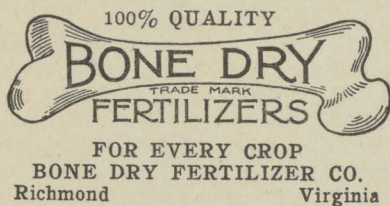
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## Agrietes . . .

Over 130 persons attending the annual banquet of the Weyers Cave Chapter held April 8 heard Dr. H. L. Shrader of the USDA. . . The Weyers Cave Chapter can probably lay claim to the title of having more baby beeves being carried as project work than any other chapter in Virginia. Fifteen baby beeves are being raised as enterprises and two were among those sold at the recent Virginia 4-H Club and FFA Fat Stock Show in Richmond. . . Members of the Fal-mouth Chapter had as their guest speaker Dr. Charles Martin of Mary Washington College at their annual banquet on April 16. . . Members of the Andrew Lewis Chapter are conducting a reforestation project including over 4,500 trees. This



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project is now in its fourth year. . . David Plunkett, a member of the Andrew Lewis Chapter, is following up his chapter experience by planting over 2,000 trees on his own farm. . . Robert Penley of the Bland Chapter is one of the winners in the 1947-48 Swift & Company essay contest, according to F. M. Simpson, director of agricultural research, who was in charge of the contest. Also among the prize winners in the essay contest is John Sanderson of the Amelia Chapter. . . Another registered Guernsey bull has been won by a Virginia FFA chapter—Bob Baker reports that Drapers Valley Chapter is very pleased with their son of Fairlawn Maxims Jigger. . . Steve Slaughter, Oscar Hale, Charles Cannon, Ashby Bumpass and Claude Mallory have been raised from the degree of Green Hand to Chapter Farmer according to Ray Tyson, reporter of the Ashland Chapter. . . Over 3,500 tree seedlings have been set out on the farms of Dayton chapter members, writes Richard Swoope, chairman of the chapter community service activities committee.

## FORESTRY JUDGING CONTEST

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ing course was conducted. Here the students had to pace through rough woodland and calculate the acreage of timberland within a rectangular area.

A number of saw logs were then brought out for tests in scaling their board foot volumes, using measuring sticks and the International Log Rule. Some of these logs contained red heart rot and the students had to estimate the proper cull deductions.

The winning Boykins team was composed of Joe Ricks and R. T. Lassiter. Joe was also high individual in the contest while R. T. Lassiter took second place in the individual scoring. Other high individuals were Mark Turner, Courtland, third; Jimmy Sizemore, Ridgeway, fourth; and Floyd Elder, Disputanta, fifth. In addition to Boykins, Ridgeway and Disputanta, teams from Stony Creek, Surry, Courtland, Newsoms and Axton participated in the event.

The Stony Creek Ruritan Club sponsored and assisted in conducting the contest. It also provided prizes for the contest and honored the participants at a dinner following the event. At the dinner, the team members heard addresses by George W. Dean, State Forester, Senator Garland Gray of Waverly, Representative Floyd Yates of Powhatan and Mr. Curtis Old, District Governor of Ruritan from Great Bridge. Also appearing on the program was R. Edward Bass, executive secretary of the Virginia Association of the FFA, who presented team and individual awards to the winning participants.

## Test Your Hybrid Corn I. Q.

### Questions:

1. On the average, how much larger yield does a Southern States hybrid produce over open-pollinated varieties?
2. Are the ears of Southern States hybrids larger than most open-pollinated varieties?
3. What do we mean by an inbred line?
4. Are single crosses produced commercially?
5. Which cross is best?

### Answers:

1. From 15% to 30%. Southern States hybrid yields are consistently uniform and can be more easily and cheaply harvested. They are stronger, have greater resistance to weather, diseases and insects, and boast stronger stalks and root systems.
2. No. The larger yields are the result of more uniform ears per stalk, rather than larger ears.
3. A pure strain. Developed by careful hand-pollinating for at least five years.
4. No. Single crosses (the result of crossing two inbred lines) cost too much and yield too little to be produced commercially.
5. The double cross. This cross features all the desirable characteristics of two single crosses.

*Southern States free booklet, "What's the Answer on Hybrid Corn?" is being rewritten for its third printing . . . and will soon be available on request.*

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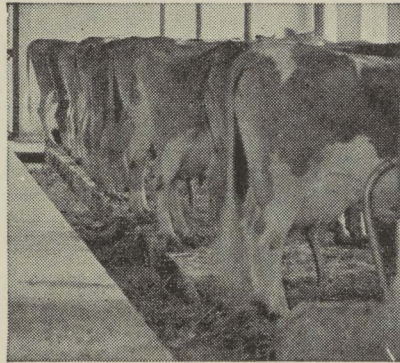
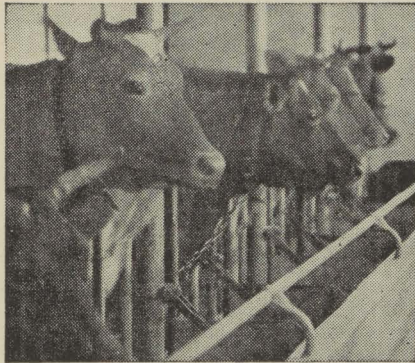
With the Federations . . .

The Cumberland Chapter degree team won first place in the **Piedmont Federation** degree team contest March 25 according to Wilson Shores, reporter. The team which edged out Buckingham for the federation championship was composed of Eric Robinson, president; James Marion, vice-president; Wilson Shores, reporter; Allen Hunter, treasurer; Rudolph Johnston, secretary; Edwin H. Vassar, adviser; Charlie Parker and Herbert Goodman, conductors; Roy Spears and Odis Midkiff, Green Hands and Carl Brow, Jr., sentinel.

The team representing New London Academy out-scored the runner-up Brookville team to win the 1948 dairy judging contest conducted by the **Hub Federation** at Brookville May 6.

Members of the **BRB Federation** joined with the veterans' training classes to make the "New Look" apply to the land, as well as the lasses, at a demonstration held near Fincastle April 14.

The Mt. Clinton FFA team won the **Rockingham Federation** shop judging contest, according to Charles Wright, chapter reporter. Bridgewater placed second. Over 2,000 tree seedlings have been set out on the home farms of chapter members, Charles adds.



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CHAPTER NEWS

The **Fluvanna Chapter** in celebrating National FFA week conducted a chapel program and held special meetings at which Dallas H. Johnson, State FFA president and Harold Bishop, immediate past member of the State executive committee, spoke.

**Fincastle Future Farmers** of America shop judging team won first honors in the Botetourt-Roanoke federation contest held recently at Fincastle High School, writes Allen Rhodes, chapter reporter. The Troutville team placed second and Eagle Rock third.

**Forty Fincastle Future Farmers** completed 134 home projects as a part of their training in vocational agriculture during the past year, according to Allen Rhodes, reporter. Field crops totaling 170 acres produced a net income of \$5,169; poultry—1,279 birds, \$1,555; and 137 farm animals netted \$6,042 for a grand total net profit of \$12,766. In addition to the supervised project program, chapter members gain practical experience in planning and planting 24 home gardens, pruning 400 fruit trees, culling 400 hens, liming and fertilizing 200 acres of pasture and establishing three farm shops.

The **Boykins FFA Chapter** is practicing thinning, seeding, measuring and identifying timber through a group forestry project started as the result of interest created when chapter members attended the forestry training camp at Appomattox. The group activity is being conducted with the advice and assistance of C. C. Sterling, district forester of the State Forestry Service. Appropriate and attractive signs mark the project on the highway.

The **Dayton Chapter** had Charles W. Brown, special agent of the FBI, Richmond, as guest speaker at their recent father-son banquet, says Richard Myers, reporter. Mike Liskey was toastmaster.

WAR VETERANS ENROLLED

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The veterans on-farm training is the newest phase of the program of vocational agriculture in Virginia and has expanded rapidly. This part of the program began early in 1946 and there has been a steady increase in the demand for the training by veterans since that time.

To be eligible for this training, veterans must be full time farmers. The object is to increase efficiency and establish the veterans in farming.