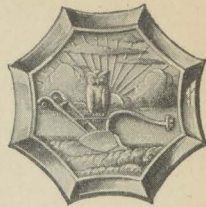


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A NEW PLAN FOR GREATER PROGRESS

The Future Farmers of Virginia can look back with a great deal of satisfaction upon their accomplishments during the eighteen months of their existence. We cannot say too much in praise of the local chapters and members for the splendid work they have done in promoting thrift banks, buying and selling organizations, community fairs and exhibits and other activities which have resulted in the improvement of the several communities in which chapters have been in operation.

During the past eighteen months we have seen the members diligently studying the principles, aims and objectives of our organization in order that they might enter into the real spirit of the work and contribute to the success of the State organization. As stated above, we have made wonderful progress, but I believe that we have now arrived at the time when we can very advantageously use our experiences of the past several years in mapping out our future program.

Any organization which is to become great and powerful must "stand on its own feet" and accept the entire responsibility for putting over its objectives and upholding its principles. The response of the local chapters of the Future Farmers of Virginia to the calls that have been made upon them has been in the past almost unanimous. We have no reason to believe that each local chapter will not continue to respond willingly to the suggestions coming from the executive committee, but we also feel that the time has come for the State organization to adopt some systematic plan for providing funds for meeting certain definite financial responsibilities.

What phases of our organization's work demand financial aid? Perhaps if we can answer this question we can then devise some method of reaching the objective. The activities of the State body embrace three major undertakings—the annual rally, sending teams to national judging contest, and the publishing and distribution of *Chapter Chats*, the official publication of the F. F. V.

The phases of the rally which incur financial responsibility directly affecting the organization are the awards given the winners in the judging events and the keys presented to the successful Virginia Planter candidates. You will recall that a silver loving-cup and about twenty medals are presented the winners in the judging events. As many as twenty ac-

tive and four honorary planter keys can be presented in any one year.

The athletic contest, comprising a very important phase of the rally, is in reality sponsored by the Athletic Association of the V. P. I., and they have expressed their desire of continuing the generous awards they have been giving in the past.

It seems, however, that the prizes in the judging contest and the planter keys should be presented by the Future Farmers of Virginia, as only members of this organization can compete for these

GOVERNOR BYRD TO ATTEND RALLY.

Governor Byrd is definitely planning to be present at the rally on Friday, April 20th. Because of pressure of work, he was unable to be with us last year, but he is mapping out his itinerary now in such a way as to be in Southwest Virginia during the week of the rally, and in this way he feels that we can count on his being with us.

He states that he is hoping that no unexpected happening will turn up to make him change his plans and to prevent his being with the Future Farmers of Virginia during their Annual Rally.

awards. Heretofore, these have been contributed by another organization, but it is very doubtful if this body will be able to continue this practice.

Last year we sent teams to both the Kansas City Royal and the National Dairy Show at Memphis. The local chapters throughout the State contributed \$5 per chapter towards sending the teams, and the local chapters having a member on the team were asked to contribute \$50 towards helping defray the expenses. Most of the chapters came across with their quota, and, with assistance secured from other organizations, we find ourselves practically out of debt.

It is questionable, however, if this scheme for financing our teams is sound and fair to all chapters. Some groups have a membership of twelve to fifteen, while the enrollment of other chapters is forty to fifty. The \$5 assessment per chapter, therefore, is not an equitable

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Chilean Nitrate Plans for Contest

The Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau is offering \$250 in prizes to members of our organization, and four radio sets to the chapters doing the best work in a contest embracing the production of field crops.

Any student regularly enrolled in an all-day, day-unit, or part-time class in vocational agriculture in Virginia is eligible to enter the contest.

One of the main purposes in conducting supervised practice with crop enterprises is to teach the proper management and treatment of the soil on which the crop is grown. This naturally involves the question of crop rotations, and no project is ever entirely successful unless it is carried through the rotation recommended for the local community.

The Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau recognizes the value of conducting projects which will assist in soil improvement and at the same time offer splendid advantages for gaining experience in several different crops on the same piece of land.

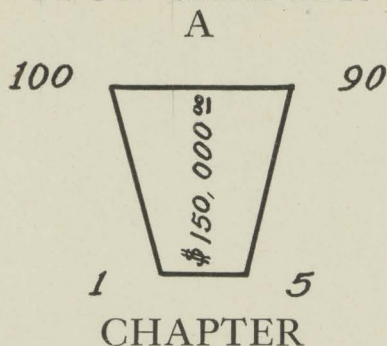
Our Agricultural College recommends the following crop rotations for the various sections of Virginia:

1. Valley, Southwest and general farming sections—corn, wheat, grass and clover (two years).
2. Dark tobacco—tobacco, wheat, and clover.
3. Bright tobacco—tobacco, small grain and red top (three years).
4. Peanuts, cotton, etc.—Corn with soybeans, cotton with crimson clover, peanuts.
5. Truck rotation—early potatoes and corn, cotton and crimson clover, peanuts or soybeans (or any other recommended truck rotation).

Every student of vocational agriculture in the State will be able to grow some crop that fits into one of the above rotations. A prize of \$50 will be given to the student who does the best work with any project crop in each of the rotations. In other words, a boy in a general farming section can grow either corn, wheat, grass or clover this year and have just as good a chance to win the prize on one crop as on another. An evaluating scheme will be applied to the several crop projects, so that each crop can be graded on the same basis. After the evaluation device has been applied, the score-card for determining the winner in each rotation shall be as follows:

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAKE YOUR CHAPTER



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

100% of Members with a Savings Account

Achilles	Lebanon	Woodstock
Atlee	Middletown	Strasburg
Buckhorn	Nassawadox	Stanardsville
Carson	Pennington Gap	Max Meadows
Clintwood	Powhatan	Stephens City
Darvills	Rural Retreat	Temperanceville
Disputanta	South Hill	Weyer's Cave
Elk Creek	New Market	Wicomico
Great Bridge		

90% of Supervised Practice Enterprises Completed

(Final reports have not been closed.)

1 "Father and Son" Banquet

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

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

Achilles	Clintwood	Hardin Reynolds
Amherst	Cobbs Creek	John Randolph
Apple Grove	Culpeper	Ivy
Appomattox	Cumberland	Kenbridge
Atlee	Dan River	Lebanon
Axton	Dinwiddie	Lincoln
Blacksburg	Disputanta	Manassas
Boyce	Dublin	Marshall
Berryville	Edmund Pendleton	Montross
Boykins-Newsoms	Elk Creek	Mica
Bridgewater	Ewing	Middletown
Broadway	Fincastle	Stephen City
Buchanan	Fishersville	Mt. Jackson
Buckhorn	Stuart's Draft	New Market
Burkeville	Gloucester	Nassawadox
Carson	Great Bridge	Naruna
Charlotte C. H.	Hickory	New Hope
Chase City	Holland	New London

PLAN FOR GREATER PROGRESS.

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the membership. Also, it is doubtful if a local chapter should be called upon to contribute or raise \$50 for every member of the judging team that they can develop.

Chapter Chats, up to this time, has been published in mimeograph form and distributed from the State office. It is practically impossible to run off more than 750 copies in mimeograph form, and this provides only one copy for every three to four members. We should have a copy of the paper in the hands of each member. Then, too, the cost of mimeographing and distributing the publication has reached the point where the budget of this department will not accommodate it. This paper is the official publication of the organization, and a much better product and one more appreciated by the members would follow if the body would participate in the financing of the paper.

Proposed Plan.

In order that the organization can stand on its own feet and feel and meet the responsibilities which are rightly its own, the following plans, or suggestions, are being offered:

1. That annual State dues of 50, or possibly 75 cents be assessed against all active and honorary members of the organization.

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

That the printing of the paper be financed by selling advertising space (the State supervisory and teacher-training staffs to be responsible for selling half the adds necessary to finance the paper, and the local chapters to assume the responsibility of selling the other half of this space).

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

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

Good Investment.

Under the plan, every bona fide, active member who pays his annual dues will have contributed to the success of his organization. This, however, will not be an out-and-out gift, as by paying his dues he will receive, or is eligible to receive, the following returns from his investment:

1. He will receive six individual copies of Chapter Chats during the year.

2. If he is successful enough to be a high man in some judging event, the organization will reward him with a medal.

3. If he is one of the four high men in judging livestock, dairy cattle or crops, he will represent the Future Farmers of Virginia at a national contest, with all expenses paid.

4. The twenty active and the four honorary Virginia Planter Keys will be given

by the organization to the individuals who have achieved the greatest success in the work of the organization.

Boys, take this matter up at the next meeting and thresh it out carefully and thoroughly. Come to some definite conclusion as to your ideas in this matter and instruct your delegates how to vote when the question comes up at the State meeting.

WALTER S. NEWMAN.

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

Chapters leading in total investments in savings and farming:

Manassas	\$10,400
Dan River	8,150
Bridgewater	6,393
Powhatan	6,278
South Hill	5,943
Floris	5,669
Marshall	5,454
Amherst	5,349
Climax	5,076
Rural Retreat	5,034
Whitmell	4,866
Lincoln	4,304
Dublin	4,262
Berryville	4,098
Blacksburg	4,017
Willis	3,884
Boyce	3,864
Axton	3,631
Pearisburg	3,591
Appomattox	3,424
Front Royal	3,258
Poquoson	3,015
Buckhorn	2,992
Gloucester	2,842
Turbeville	2,826
Boykins	2,760
Strasburg	2,752
Kenbridge	2,670
Buchanan	2,618
Elk Creek	2,533
Disputanta	2,508
Achilles	2,508
Nassawadox	2,490
Temperanceville	2,425
Weyers Cave	2,376
Woodlawn	2,369
Whaleyville	2,351
Burkeville	2,341
New Hope	2,320
Atlee	2,312
Broadway	2,210
Middletown	2,109
Hardin Reynolds	2,007
Wicomico Church	2,001

TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS WITH THE LARGEST INVESTMENTS IN FARMING.

Richard Debutts, Boyce	\$2,440
Charles Lewis, Manassas	1,500
John Thompson, Dublin	1,000
Elmo Rorer, Climax	909
Gibson Waddell, Marshall	893
T. F. KIDD, Jr., Rural Retreat ..	875
L. Wetsel, Stanardsville	764
J. C. Tisdale, Jr., South Hill ..	733
Bernard Boswell, South Hill ..	710
Hugh Morris, Dublin	600
Ward Martz, New Market	600
Mancoes, Disputanta	562
Ward Sutherland, Elk Creek	500
Taylor Meetze, Marshall	478
Thomas Taylor, Lincoln	450

Pearisburg
Pennington Gap
Poquoson
Powhatan
Riner
Rural Retreat
Salem
Scottsburg
Stanardsville
Spring Garden

South Hill
Sunnyside-McKenney-
Darvills
Temperanceville
Toano
Turbeville
Unionville
Varina
Weyers Cave
Whaleyville

Wicomico
Whitmell
Brosville
Sparta
Willis
Windsor
Woodlawn
Woodstock-Strasburg
Wytheville
Max Meadows

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

(The following chapters have reached their quota.)

Amherst
Axton
Blacksburg
Boyce
Buckhorn
Boykins
Bridgewater
Buchanan
Climax
Clintwood

Disputanta
Dublin
Elk Creek
Floris
Front Royal
Gloucester
Lincoln
Manassas
Marshall
New Market

Nassawadox
Pearisburg
Powhatan
Rural Retreat
South Hill
Strasburg
Stanardsville
Toano
Willis

Which Chapter will be the First to Become
A "KEYSTONE CHAPTER"?

Evans, Disputanta	450	Walter Echols, Darvills	100.00
M. Knabe, Powhatan	400	Oscar Pierce, Rural Retreat	100.00
Joe Elam, Buckhorn	400	Horace Stafford, Burkeville	100.00
Chalkley Buchanan, Clintwood ..	390	Clay Wright, Weyers Cave	96.58
Garnett Huddle, Rural Retreat ..	355	Walter Copenhagen, Rural Re-	
S. Hazelwood, Toano	350	treat	78.00
J. Johnson, Toano	350	Wilbur Carden, Charlotte	76.00
Joe Vaughan, Elk Creek	340	Clifford Jesse, Lebanon	75.00
Earl Anderson, Fincastle	302	Bernard Fallen, Charlotte	75.00
Bascom Dickinson, E. Stone Gap ..	300	Leonard Baber, Fincastle	65.00
John Barker, E. Stone Gap	300	Edwin Payne, Lincoln	64.60
		Mancoes, Disputanta	61.00
		Floyd Longerbeam, Lincoln	55.12
		Evans, Disputanta	51.00
		Allie Coleman, Appomattox	51.67

CHAPTERS LEADING--AVERAGE INVESTMENTS PER MEMBER IN SAVINGS AND FARMING.

Marshall	Rural Retreat
Pearisburg	Willis
Powhatan	Lincoln
Boyce	Buckhorn
Disputanta	Boykins
Blacksburg	Whitmell
Floris	Strasburg
Manassas	Axton
Berryville	Bridgewater
South Hill	Dan River

MEMBERS WHO HAVE DEPOSITED MORE THAN \$50.00 IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS SINCE SEPT., 1927.

Willard Cross, Manassas	\$500.00
John Thompson, Dublin	425.00
Stewart Carmines, Poquoson ..	412.50
Charles Lewis, Manassas	380.00
Joe Elam, Buckhorn	352.00
Robert Tonner, South Hill	350.00
Cabell Owen, Scottsburg	300.00
Boyd Bullington, Axton	300.00
Preston Gilliland, Scottsburg ..	250.00
Carey Crutchfield, South Hill ..	235.00
John Shorter, Poquoson	219.25
Raymond Johnson, Carrsville ..	170.00
H. T. Mason, Buckhorn	161.00
Lawrence Calhoun, Elk Creek ..	160.46
Felton Johnson, Carrsville	150.00
Francis Hardwick, Dublin	140.00
Povall Noble, Burkeville	125.00
Homer Babeck, Appomattox ..	120.00
Owen Childs, Berryville	119.00
George Fultz, Dinwiddie	116.00
Cecil Hockman, Strasburg	105.75
Charles Gordon, New London ..	100.00

THIRTY-FIVE MEMBERS WITH THE LARGEST SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.

William B. Claggett, Berryville.
N. Maupin, Stuart's Draft.
Phillip Williams, Dan River.
Odell Owen, Climax.
Richard Crenshaw, Marshall.
Taylor Meetze, Marshall.
John Ed. Rose, Carrsville.
M. Knabe, Powhatan
Greear Sutherland, Clintwood.
Marshall Hamilton, Berryville.
C. Wood, Powhatan.
Boyd Bullington, Axton.
Glenrue Richardson, Dan River.
James Evans, Blacksburg.
Willard Cross, Manassas.
C. McCune, Fishersville.
Charles Lewis, Manassas.
Cartin Martin, Appomattox.
Robert Tonner, South Hill.
Garnett Ford, Atlee.
Stewart Carmines, Poquoson.
Eugene Roberts, Appomattox.
Joe Elam, Buckhorn.
George Fultz, Dinwiddie.
Armand Etter, Rural Retreat.
Cabell Owen, Scottsburg.
Garland Mahan, Climax.
Cabell Butterworth, Dinwiddie.
Edwin Payne, Lincoln.
Thomas Taylor, Lincoln.
Woodrow Roach, Axton.
Wallace Taylor, Whaleyville.
Charles Johnson, Buckhorn.
Preston Gilliland, Scottsburg.
Henry Dunn, Burkeville.

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Remember our friends who are adver-
 tising in our paper.

"CHAPTER CHATS" IN NEW GARB.

This is our first attempt to carry out one of the suggestions offered in this issue for improving our work. We realize that this the first printed issue of your paper is far from perfect, and we hope that the members in the various local chapters will offer suggestions for improving the appearance and contents of the publication. Remember, this is your paper, and is the mouthpiece of your organization. Please use its pages to express your views and tell of your accomplishments.

Mr. W. M. Welch, of the Welch Scientific Company, Chicago, is very much interested in your organization and the work you are doing. He wishes to make a contribution to the cause, and has suggested that perhaps he would like to offer some cash prizes to the chapter making the most contributions to Chapter Chats during the year. What do you think of the idea? How can Mr. Welch's offer be handled so as to do the most good? Please write to us about this and send along suggestions for improving your paper.

APPLICANTS FOR PLANTER DEGREE.

From preliminary applications, it appears that competition for the coveted Virginia Planter degree will be rather keen this year. At present, the following young men have been recommended by their respective chapters:

William Clagget, Berryville.
 Clarence Daughtrey, Holland.
 Joe Henry Gardner, Holland.
 Thomas Taylor, Lincoln.
 John Harley, Manassas.
 Orin Kline, Manassas.
 Ralph Beahn, Manassas.
 Taylor Meetze, Marshall.
 Gibson Waddell, Marshall.
 Clarence King, Pearisburg.
 Chalkley Buchanan, Clintwood.
 B. H. Warren, South Hill.
 J. C. Tisdale, Jr., South Hill.
 John Bowers, Bridgewater.
 Joseph Craun, Bridgewater.
 Sam Hardwick, Dublin.
 John Payne, Woodlawn.
 Dexter Williams, Woodlawn.
 Elmo Smith, Woodlawn.
 J. M. Gardner, Hillsville.
 T. F. Kidd, Jr., Rural Retreat.
 Earl Willard, Rural Retreat.
 Garnett Huddle, Rural Retreat.

Inquiries have been received from Floris, Stephens City, Montross, Powhatan, and several other chapters, so we are hoping that we will receive an application from every boy who is of real Planter quality.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

Achilles.

The annual "Father and Son" banquet was held at Achilles High School Friday night, February 10th. The following program was given by the members of the F. F. V.:

Prayer—Mr. M. F. Starnes.
 Address of Welcome—Claude Carmine.
 Address—"What I have Gotten Out of the Agricultural Course," Floyd Gibbs.
 Essay—"Thrift," James Ashe.
 "Community Objectives," D. J. Berger.
 Address—"If a Farmer Be the Best Farmer," J. W. Kenney.
 Address—"The Value of Vocational Courses in High School," R. F. Heywood.

Debate—"Resolved, That the Farmer Should Marry Young," affirmative: Bernard Ambrose and Claude Roberts; negative: Claude Carmine, Benjamin Jenkins.

The invited guests were the members of the agricultural advisory committee, the home economics class, and the fathers of the members of the agricultural classes. After enjoying the program, every one was refreshed with a bountiful serving of cream and cake. The attendance was good and every one seemed to have a good time.

D. J. BERGER,
 Agricultural Instructor.

Apple Grove.

Our chapter held its annual "Father and Son" banquet on the night of February 10th. All of the boys and parents were present, and these, with special guests, made a total attendance of fifty-four.

A splendid dinner was prepared and served by the Home Economics Club, under the supervision of Miss Florence Farkner, teacher of home economics. The banquet proper was a decided success, and the songs and speeches added to the enjoyment of all present.

WESLEY PARRISH, Secy.

Appomattox.

The Robert E. Lee Chapter is very proud to report 100 per cent saving accounts, the local banks having co-operated to help us push over the top.

We wish to submit the names of William Ford and Homer Babcock to be considered for Virginia Planters. Their records will be given at a later date.

We also wish to report 1,200 trees pruned and 2,000 ears of corn tested.

We next expect to do some milk-testing.

ROBT. SHIREY, Secy.

Berryville.

Our combined Boyce-Berryville "Father and Son" banquet was a decided success, and we have even larger plans in store for next year.

We have played several games of basket-ball with nearby chapters, with some small degree of success. We won from Lincoln by a large score, and defeated the Strasburg F. F. V.'s two out of three games.

TURNER LOCKE, Secy.

Boyce.

The Berryville Chapter co-operated with us in holding a combined "Father and Son" banquet in the parish hall Febru-

ary 1st. We feel that the results justified our efforts.

With the co-operation of the Home Economics and History Clubs, we gave an entertainment on the night of February 18th which netted us \$16. This will be used towards defraying the expenses of the judging team and delegates on their trip to Blacksburg to attend the rally.

Blacksburg.

During the past two months our chapter members have been thinking whether membership should be compulsory or not.

At the meeting on the first Monday of February, we decided by a vote of the members present that membership should not be compulsory, and this decision was sustained by the faculty adviser. We now have a membership of sixteen active members, which is a little over 50 per cent of those enrolled in vocational agriculture.

We are much pleased with the change, for we have now the pick of the bunch, the live wires, and all are interested in the activities of the chapter.

JOE KEISTER, Secy.

Broadway.

One of the newest of our activities has been the organization of an egg-shipping association. We have been shipping eggs for the past six weeks and have made as high as 5 cents above market price on some of our shipments.

We have also played four games of basket-ball with nearby chapters, and next week we will start to test seed-corn for the farmers in the community.

J. W. MILLER.

Burkes Garden.

On February 28th we held our "Father and Son" banquet in the agricultural class-room. The home economics department, sponsored by Miss Gibson Kitchen, home economics instructor, co-operated with the F. F. V.'s in preparing and serving the food. The banquet was held in the banquet hall of the high school building, which was attractively decorated in red, white and blue.

Plates were laid for fifty guests, who were served a five-course banquet by five members of the home economics department—Misses Georgia Fox, Elizabeth Groseclose, Clarus Umbarger, Hazel Hilt and Mallie Barnes Hoge, assisted by Elsie Hilt, Francis Cassell, Loyd Short, and Nanola McGinnis.

A. S. Greever, superintendent of Tazewell County schools, served as toastmaster. During the entire banquet, music was furnished by Miss Josephine Groseclose, pianist, and Charles Sutter.

George Boling, president of the local chapter, gave an address of welcome. Robert Davis, secretary and treasurer, explained the organization of F. F. V.'s and outlined the objectives for the current year.

After the banquet, the guests were invited into the assembly-hall, where they were entertained by a number of interesting speakers. The first, Wm. Roberts, county demonstrator of Mercer County, W. Va., gave a splendid talk on the importance of farm organizations. F. D. Woods, manager of the Southern Refrigeration Company, Bluefield, gave an interesting talk pertaining to his line of

work. Dr. Leeper, in charge of the city health department work of Bluefield, gave a beneficial talk on milk sanitation. Colonel Boyer, member of the Tazewell County school board, gave a humorous and educational talk.

G. L. Strong, principal of the school, and H. H. Lineberry, agricultural instructor, outlined their plans of work and gave a general discussion of local school conditions.

Carrsville.

Our "Father and Son" banquet was held on February 3rd, at Dew Drop Inn. Nearly all of our members and their fathers were present. As we now have \$50 with which to purchase fertilizer and grass seed for our school grounds, we are planning to grade the grounds and sow the seed in the near future. This will make our campus the prettiest in the county.

We are saving our money to take an educational tour this summer through the Valley of Virginia and on to Washington, D. C.

ELMO EASON, Secy.

Charlotte Courthouse.

The boys of the local chapter have been spending some time on the improvements of the school grounds. This is one of the projects elected by the third and fourth-year boys. This work is carried on in connection with the field work.

Both classes have been busy in the shop for some time. In connection with our regular shop work, we have been cleaning and repairing our shop and equipment.

Some time in the near future we will start work on judging. We expect to send a fine team to Blacksburg this year, and hope to meet some of our old friends there.

GEO. HARRIS, JR.

Chase City.

To be a real good F. F. V., we believe the following are necessary:

First: A real school spirit. Try to make this school the very best possibly by

1. Talking up this school.
2. Taking part in school activities, such as literary organizations, athletics, and other clubs organized in the school for the benefit of the students.

3. Striving to keep the school grounds and buildings in good shape, and improve same where possible.

Second: Try to be of service in advancing agriculture in this section. This can be done by—

1. Doing good class-work in agriculture.

2. Make shop work of real value by doing each job well in school shop and by doing needed shop jobs at home.

3. Having two real enterprises, learn all possible regarding the best method of conducting them, so they will give outstanding results and keep an accurate record of the work, etc., on them and enter this in the record book at the close of each month.

Third: Do all possible to make our chapter the best one in the State by—

1. Attending every meeting.
2. Abide by the rules of the chapter.

3. Start a saving account as soon as possible and try to add at least a little to it each month.

4. Where practical, to make a farm investment and continue to add to this if it proves a good investment.

5. To do all possible to help put across the objectives of this chapter.

Clintwood.

The Clintwood Chapter has been very successful in meeting four of the objectives set up for the year.

The class of eleven boys have brought over 2,000 pounds of chicken-feed, co-operatively. Plans are being made for extensive school-ground improvement as soon as the weather conditions permit. The advanced class has made tool cabinets and painted in silhouettes. We are rendering community service by buying feed, seeds and stock, letting the farmers have it at cost. A meeting was held February 24th, and five boys were elected to the grade of Greenhand, four to the grade of Virginia Farmer, and one candidate nominated for Virginia Planter.

CHALKLEY BUCHANAN,
Reporter.

Critz (Hardin Reynolds).

We have purchased magazines for our class-room from money in our F. F. V. treasury. This spring we intend to build a walk from the administrative building to both dormitories. Our "Father and Son" banquet will be held as soon as the roads improve sufficiently to permit the use of automobiles in getting to the school.

HARLEY TRULL, Secy.

Dinwiddie.

Two earloads (88 tons) of lime have recently been distributed to the F. F. V. of Dinwiddie. This lime was given the boys for demonstration purposes by the Bertha Mineral Company, of Austinville, Va.

The "Father and Son" banquet was held on February 24th. Covers were laid for fifty-two, and fifty-one were present to enjoy the feed and learn what the F. F. V.'s of Dinwiddie were doing. The dinner was served by the girls of the home economics department, and we wish to thank and congratulate them for the splendid meal.

East Stone Gap.

Our "Father and Son" banquet was held December 16, 1927, and was a big success. We organized a thrift bank, but owing to shortage of money haven't made much progress to date. We have signboards painted to put up where they are most needed for the help of the tourists. Bulletin-boards for farmers have been placed in banks and the post-office. We bought our Irish potato seed co-operatively, saving us quite a sum of money.

ROBT. E. SMITH, Reporter.

Edmund Pendleton.

Our thrift bank was reorganized February 7th. One-third of our members opened accounts and the rest said they would join in a short while.

We are planning to hold a "Mother, Father and Son" banquet on March 1st. One of our objectives is to put on a community exhibit, featuring our work, at the county fair next fall.

JAS. E. HEAD, Reporter.

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Elk Creek.

Some of the accomplishments of our chapter to date are: One water tank, with a capacity of 400 gallons, erected; walks have been made from the dormitory to the school building and domestic science cottage; we have built one modern poultry house and repaired two old poultry houses.

These jobs are part of the objectives set up by this chapter of the F. F. V. There will be some work done on a school-ground improvement program and germinating seed corn for the farmers of this community this spring.

B. C. POOLE, Secy.

Lebanon.

Since the organization of our chapter has been completed, 89 per cent of our members have started a savings account. One hundred per cent of our members now have a savings account.

Every member of our chapter is doing his best to make it a success, and we feel sure that not a single member is going to lay down on his job. A number of our boys sold their tobacco last month and it brought a good price.

We are planning to have our "Father and Son" banquet March 3, 1928.

GRAHAM JACKSON.

Liberty Hall.

The Bluegrass Chapter, at Liberty Hall, is at present practicing a play which we intend to give about the 20th of March. The proceeds are to be used for athletics and sending a judging team to the rally.

Every member that has tobacco for a project, has the bed burned and the seed sown.

Friday, March 2nd, is our regular banking day. A local banker is going to pay us a visit and tell us how a bank is

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operated. A poultry specialist will also be with us Friday and will give a lecture on the feeding and care of baby chicks.

BLUEGRASS CHAPTER.

Note: The members of our chapter voted unanimously to change the name of our chapter from Liberty to Bluegrass.

Lincoln.

Our "Father and Son" banquet was held February 22nd, with fifty present. The evening turned out to be a rainy one, but it was completely forgotten for an hour and a half. The table decorations and the menu carried out a patriotic scheme. Thomas Taylor, in a George Washington costume, acted as toastmaster, while the home economics girls dress-

ed in Martha Washington costumes, served the banquet.

Five of the F. F. V. boys took part in the program, along with the county agent and one member of the advisory committee. Five of the boys' fathers made brief talks commending the work of our local organization.

EDW. J. SMITH, Secy.

Manassas.

Some of the activities of the Harry Sanders Chapter are as follows:

1. At our February meeting we had the pleasure of having the high school faculty, several members of the school board and the advisory committee as our guests. The meeting was well attended, and we received some very excellent suggestions from our guests. The chapter furnished music and refreshments after the business meeting was concluded.

2. Over 90 per cent of our supervised practice enterprises have been completed.

3. We have remodeled our class-room, so that it now has a seating capacity of 125.

4. We gave a play, and from the proceeds purchased a stove for use in the enlarged class-room.

5. We have money in the treasury to finance the trip to the rally at Blacksburg. We expect to send three judges, three members of a track team and two delegates.

Mica.

The agricultural students of Mica High School were hosts to their dads at a "Father and Son" banquet, held in the agricultural building, on Friday evening, February 24th. Covers were laid for forty-five, and two ladies of the community, with the aid of three high school girls, served a meal of three courses. Carl Coogle, president of the Mica Chapter of F. F. V., presided and acted as toastmaster.

Mr. C. J. Sedivy, instructor in vocational agriculture at Elmund Pendleton High School, was the chief speaker of the evening. In speaking of the co-operation between parents, student and agricultural instructor, in regard to the boys' home-work, he said: "The boy deserves a fighting chance—that is, after he has

worked hard all the year on two or three acres of corn, it isn't fair for dad to feed it up and not give him a fair share of it to sell so that he can have some money, which really is his own. This same money he could place in savings account, buy clothes, or pay tuition, and in this way learn the real worth and value of money."

L. C. Daughtrey, instructor in agriculture at Mica, outlined the State objectives of the F. F. V.; also the objectives of the Mica Chapter. Mr. J. M. Minor, principal of Mica school, gave a very interesting talk on "Vocational Training in Agriculture and Home Economics."

This very successful banquet was sponsored by the local chapter of the Future Farmers of Virginia, a State organization of students taking vocational agriculture.

Poquoson.

During the month we have bought laying-mash materials co-operatively and mixed and distributed the same through the chapter.

At our last meeting, the following objectives for each boy were announced:

1. An income of \$100 from a poultry enterprise.
2. An income of \$100 from truck and field crop.
3. Raise a pure-bred flock this year.
4. To exhibit at and attend the State Fair as a body.

RODNEY LAWSON, Secy.

Rich Valley.

The first "Father and Son" banquet was held at the high school Saturday night, February 25th. Fifty people were present, including the boys and their fathers, the local advisory council, and a number of invited guests. A delicious dinner was served by the mothers of the chapter. The principal speakers of the evening were Mr. W. B. Coggin and Mr. H. W. Sanders, of the agricultural educational department of V. P. I. Their speeches were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all present. An interesting feature of the program was the music furnished by a string orchestra.

ROBT. BUCHANAN, Secy.

Scottsburg.

The Scottsburg Chapter is maintaining a bulletin-board for the farmers at the post-office. A committee was appointed to keep on the board all information that might be of value to the farmers of the community, such as seed and feed for sale, livestock for sale, prices on seed, feed, fertilizers, notices of meetings, etc. Many farmers notice the board every time they pass, and we feel that we are performing a real service to the farmer.

SAM BARNES.

Stanardsville.

The F. F. V. have to date carried out two of their objectives—the holding of a "Father and Son" banquet and the getting of electric lights in the school building. The agriculture boys and instructor went to the mountain, cut the poles, and pulled them out of the woods. They also, with help from other boys of the school, dug the holes and planted the poles. We are now waiting for the light company to run the line.

In the egg show, held a week ago, one of the agriculture boys, Price Eddins, came within the prize-winning list. Ivy McMullen was in striking distance of a prize by standing sixth on brown eggs. It might be of interest to some to know that of the ten prizes offered, eight were won by persons interested in the agriculture work, either as students in agriculture class or by members of the adult poultry class.

RAY BREEDEN, Secy.

Strasburg.

Our chapter has organized a basketball team, which has been defeated only once during our nine games. This type of work may not seem appropriate for the F. F. V. Chapter, but through our basketball activities we have gained much publicity throughout the community.

At our last meeting, nine Green Hands were promoted to Farmers. Our club is able to have 100 per cent deposits on account of an automatic teller which we have had installed in our chapter room.

Preparations are under way for our "Father and Son" banquet, which will be held in the near future.

ORVILLE WAKE,
President and Reporter.

Stephens City.

Our thrift bank was organized in December, with 100 per cent of the members with savings accounts. Boys who had no deposits in savings, opened their accounts with at least one dollar and are adding to their deposits each month. We have ordered over a ton of fertilizer, through the Farmers' Union. This material will be used by our members in their farming operations.

ROBT. STICKLEY, Reporter.

Sugar Grove.

The F. F. V. of Sugar Grove are very much interested in the agricultural course. All are enthusiastic about the organization and are anxious to get their pins.

The objectives of the chapter are:

1. Every boy complete at least 90 per cent of the enterprises in supervised practice.
2. Hold a "Father and Son" banquet.
3. Beautify the school-grounds.
4. Put on an exhibit at the fair.
5. Hold mock-trial or public debate.
6. Each Green Hand get a student to enroll in vocational agriculture before advancing to the Virginia Farmer grade.
7. Each member of the class to boost vocational agriculture.

JACK MEEK, Secy.

Toano.

The farm shop class is engaged in making wire potato-dipping baskets, in an effort to aid the farmers of this section in putting on a "better seed potato" campaign. The spray material has been ordered, and the class is lining up for beginning orchard spraying this week.

Unionville (Davidson Chapter).

Our "Father and Son" banquet was well attended and considered a decided success.

We are now quite busy with making arrangements for the egg show and poultry clinic, to be held at the school March

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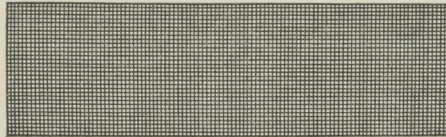
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22nd. Considerable interest is being shown in this event, which will be held under the auspices of the county agent and our department.

HENRY GOLAY, Secy.

Weyers Cave.

The Weyers Cave Chapter of the F. F. V. held their annual "Father and Son" banquet February 29th. The banquet was a wonderful success, with practically 100 per cent attendance of the members and nearly as good a percentage of the fathers present. There were about seventy persons present, including the A. M. A. Orchestra.

The savings bank has been progressing splendidly. One hundred per cent of the members have savings accounts. The thrift accounts have increased very rapidly since September. Besides adopting the five State objectives, as a chapter, we have adopted five local objectives, with

an even higher aim than the State objectives. The chapter, as a whole, has been progressing splendidly.

D. A. CLINE, Secy.

Wytheville-Max Meadows.

On the night of February 10th, the Wytheville and Max Meadows first-year agricultural boys were initiated into the Green Hand degree. The number taking this degree was twenty-three. We were very much pleased to have Mr. Groseclose with us to present the Max Meadows charter and make a splendid talk, explaining different features of the chapter's work.

The instructor then introduced the new members of F. F. V. family to older members. After the adjournment of the meeting, the girls of the home economics department served some very delicious refreshments.

FRANK PEOPLES,
Reporter.

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2. Pure or certified seed of the varieties recommended by the nearest experiment station must be used.
3. All inorganic nitrogenous fertilizer must be supplied by nitrate of soda. Nitrate of soda must be used by all contestants at a rate of not less than 100 pounds per acre.
4. The project plan must be approved by the teacher of agriculture, and must show what improved practices are to be used.
5. Accurate and complete records of all items of cost, such as man, horse and machinery, labor, rent, seed, fertilizer, etc., and all income from the project, must be kept.
6. A complete financial record and a full and accurate history of the project must be turned in to the teacher of agriculture at the close of the project. The project history must show methods used through the project, including improved practices.
7. The scope of the project must not be less than one acre, but to be eligible to enter the Southern regional cotton or corn contest, the scope must be three acres.

Local Chapter Contests.

In addition to the splendid offers of \$50 to each of the individual winners in the crop contests, the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau is offering a radio set to the local chapter of the Future Farmers of Virginia, one in each of the four districts of the State doing the best work in the contest. The four districts composing the State will be designated as Southwest, Northern, Eastern, and Southside Virginia.

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DINWIDDIE YOUTHS LEARNING TO FARM.

During the past year twenty-five boys were enrolled in classes in vocational agriculture at Dinwiddie and Midway High Schools. These boys raised and cared for thirty-four animals and 130 fowls, and cultivated 106 acres of field and truck crops. The report shows a yield of 2,224 bushels of corn on fifty-seven acres, an average of thirty-nine bushels per acre. Tobacco, cotton, peanuts, soybeans and potatoes were grown on smaller acreage, but with equally as good results.

The total cost of producing the above was \$5,675.16, and their value was \$9,019.86, leaving the boys a net income of \$3,344.70. The total income, including the amount the boys allowed themselves for labor, was \$3,978.30, or an average of \$159 per boy. The boys devoted 4,238 hours to their project work, an average of 169 hours per boy. The average boy earned 94 cents for every hour he worked.

The teaching of vocational agriculture does not end in the classroom. Principles taught are carried out on the home farm, resulting in better farming.