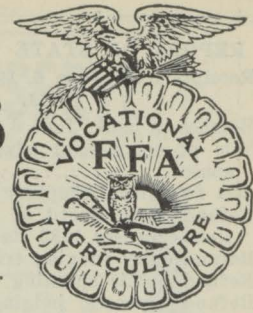


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Judging Teams are Given Trip to the Chicago World's Fair.

At the time of this writing fourteen Virginia Future Farmers, including three coaches and eleven judging team members are en route from the Century of Progress in Chicago to their homes in Virginia.

The national organization of the F. F. A.'s decided not to sponsor national judging contests in dairy, poultry and crops during the present session. This, of course, meant that the boys who won out in the State judging contests at the annual Rally would not have an opportunity to show their prowess in competition with boys from other States in the national contests. The Executive Committee of the State organization, however, felt that they should be rewarded for the attainment they had shown and decided that a trip to the World's Fair in Chicago would be a worth while reward.

The team members and their coaches are widely scattered over the State, making it a complicated matter to get them all together in a party in order that they might make the trip together. Through the courtesy and cooperation of Mr. C. A. Overton, Jr., district passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, Richmond, Va., and his assistant, Mr. W. B. Plaine, this jigsaw puzzle was finally completed.

Saturday, September 9th, was the day for all the fellows to get together and leave Virginia over the Norfolk and Western Railway System. Shelton Hall, of Montross, and Archie Brooks, of Sparta, were perhaps the first to leave their homes. It was necessary for them to come by bus to Richmond, where they took the train to Petersburg and were met there by Mr. R. M. Ritchie, coach of the dairy team and two of his team members, E. Mitchell and H. Butterworth. Mr. Overton, the godfather of the group, was on hand in both Richmond and Petersburg to see that things went well.

When the train reached Appomattox, Mr. R. W. Wilkins, coach of the poultry team, and Twyman Dinkins, joined the then rather small group. The train made a twenty-minute stop in Lynchburg and at this point Mr. Ritchie began looking for Robert Yowell of Criglersville, another member of the dairy judging team, who met the group at that point. Mr. Wilkins was also using his eyes and soon located Dwight Ritchie



FIRST PRIZE EXHIBIT AT STAUNTON FAIR.
Displays Arranged by Stuart's Draft-Middlebrook Chapters.

of Bealeton, who had come down on the Southern Railroad to Lynchburg in order to join the party there.

At Roanoke there was another addition in the form of Charles Haynie of Front Royal, who had made the trip down over the Shenandoah Valley division of the Norfolk and Western. This completed the roster of the dairy judging team and Mr. Ritchie felt that his family was complete.

Roanoke was also the point where Archie Brooks, up to this time the lone member of the crops team, joined the other members of his group: Mr. O. C. Cox, coach, Marvin Parks, Lawrence Hamric and Camett Scott, who had come down from Sugar Grove by way of Marion on the Norfolk and Western to join the group here.

The entire group of fourteen was now
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AUGUSTA - ROCKINGHAM FAIR EXHIBITS.

Augusta-Rockingham Agricultural Departments Feature Various Phases of Work at Staunton Fair.

In the main exhibition building of the Staunton Fair, much interest was centered in the six exhibits of the Augusta-Rockingham Vocational Schools, with each school carrying out in detail one phase of the vocational program in the community. The following departments from the Valley contributed six exhibits: Broadway-Timberville, Bridgewater-Dayton, Stuart's Draft-Middlebrook, New Hope - Fishersville, Weyer's Cave-Mt. Sidney, North River-Churchville. Broadway-Timberville exhibit contained various posters and educational charts pertaining to evening school work. Part-time work was demonstrated by Bridgewater - Dayton. Stuart's Draft-Middlebrook had a good display of school shop work. Weyer's Cave-Mt. Sidney gave a good account of how community service work is carried on in those communities. New Hope - Fishersville demonstrated a classroom set-up for F. F. A. work, while North River - Churchville specialized in school and home ground improvement.

Charts were shown by each department to carry out the following points: (1) Economic cost of production of projects; (2) Representation of project assignment. Quality of products and attractiveness were also included in the score card.

The Augusta-Rockingham departments used cooperative buying this year in connection with their Fair exhibits to a good advantage. All crepe paper, tacks, shelf paper and thumb tacks were purchased together for all exhibits. Another committee took charge of the printing and poster work and all posters were made uniformly at a nominal cost. Each exhibit received \$25.00 for exhibiting, and ribbons were given the different winners as distinction.

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REPORT OF STATE TREASURER.

Receipts from June 6, 1932, to June 15, 1933.

Balance in bank, June 6, 1932..	\$1,716.97
Sale of commercial advertising space	225.28
Ads from local chapters	15.00
Refund State Board of Education, expenses 1932 Rally....	398.75
Refund dairy judging trip.....	120.50
Refund public speaking contest	31.98
Refund expenses, judging team and delegates to Kansas City	105.66
Lost pins re-ordered63
Annual dues V. P. I. Collegiate Chapter	10.00
Annual dues, 4,102 active members	4,102.00
Check protested 1932, taken up.	21.40
Checks received for dues and protested by banks	152.00

Total

Disbursements from June 6, 1932, to June 15, 1933.

Expenses of 1933 Rally.....	\$ 734.77
Remainder of 1932 National dues	85.00
L. G. Balfour Co., pins 1932...	61.17
Scholarship to Blaine Blackburn	300.00
Publishing six issues of Chapter Chats	698.95
Advance to dairy judging team	400.00
Loan	40.00
Advance to public speaking contest	100.00
Charters	2.27
L. G. Balfour Co., pins, medals, plaques, keys, etc.	1,026.25
Advance to livestock judging team and delegates to Kansas City	641.32
Advance to crops judging team	311.05
Prizes for chapter contest.....	60.00
Donation to State Corn & Grain Show	50.00
National dues in part	300.00
Advance, poultry judging team	150.00
Tax on checks70
Checks returned by banks.....	173.40
Judging cards, ribbons, etc., for 1933 Rally	18.80
Donation to National F. F. A. Pilgrimage to Monticello.....	150.00
Balance in bank	1,595.89

Total

The actual balance as of June 15, 1933

Outstanding bills to be collected

Total balance of.....

From this balance the following items must be paid:

Additional Nat'l dues..

Chapter awards in chapter contest

Expenses of 1933 Rally

Mailing Chapter Chats

for 1932-1933

Total

Leaving an estimated balance, after all bills and collections made of

We wish to call the attention of the membership to the fact that during the past year it has been impossible to secure any great number of commercial ads for Chapter Chats, and that the \$3.00 ads from local chapters have been very few. During the past year the organization,

for the first time, sent a crops judging team on an out-of-state trip. It has become necessary for the organization to defray the mailing expenses of Chapter Chats, and this has been another drain on the treasury. Under the conditions, therefore, it would appear that the estimated balance of better than \$700.00 is an enviable achievement.

HOLLAND F. F. A.'s HAVE A BIG TIME AT OCEAN VIEW.

The Holland Chapter of F. F. A. spent a very enjoyable week at Ocean View in August. They met at the agricultural building on Saturday morning, August 5th, with enough cantaloupes, beans, tomatoes, corn, chickens, peas, etc., to last the entire week. After getting an old Negro cook, they started for Ocean View in a large bus secured from the school board.

The group arrived at Drewery's Cottage on the waterfront, at noon, and after much work, finally finished taking their week's supply of food up to the third floor of the cottage where they stayed.

The daily routine of work was done by two boys appointed for each day, who had to help the cook prepare the food for cooking, feed the chickens, wash the dishes, keep the floors clean, etc.

Most of the time was spent in swimming or on the beach, which was enjoyed very much by all the group. The chapter hopes to be able to spend one week at the Beach again next year.

DAVID JONES,
Reporter.

JUDGING TEAMS GIVEN TRIP TO WORLD'S FAIR.

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complete and they made a dive for the dining car inasmuch as the personally conducted all-expense tour provided for meals on the train en route to and from Chicago. There were about fifty individuals making this trip and they were taken care of in a special coach.

There were two other members of the poultry team, namely, Mark Strosnider and Granville Bly of Strasburg. Owing to the fact, however, that the date selected by a majority of the boys to make the trip conflicted with the Shenandoah County Fair in which these boys were taking part, it was impossible for them to make the trip at this time. In company with Mr. W. F. Wall, Jr., coach, these two members of the poultry team took a bus trip to the World's Fair, leaving Virginia on August 26th, and returning on September 1st.

After leaving Roanoke the main party did not change cars until they arrived in Chicago at 3:15 Sunday, September 10th. They went direct to the Morrison Hotel, where they were quartered for four nights and we shall have to wait until we get individual reports from the group as to what their activities were until they left Chicago at 1:00 on Thursday, September 14th.

We have had several postal cards from members of the group and from the sentiments expressed on these cards it appears that they have had a very, very enjoyable trip and we are expecting in the next issue of Chapter Chats to have reports from them that should be of great interest to all Future Farmers.

MILK SCORE CARD.

(Note—The following points or scores are to be followed in training students in judging milk. This is the card that will be used also in connection with milk judging at the next annual Rally.)

Flavor.

Score 25-23.....No criticism
Score less than 23—Bitter, cardboard, cooked, cowy, disinfectant, feed, flat, garlic, high acid, metallic, musty, rancid, salty, unclean, weedy.

In this contest no sample shall be scored less than 12 on flavor and odor.

Sediment.

Score cottons as per photograph in Department Circular 384, "How to Conduct Milk and Cream Contests," issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Smallest cut given .1 point. No criticisms required.

Bottle and Cap.

Score 5.....No criticism
Score 4.9 or less—Absorbent cap protector, chipped mouth, dirty bottle, leaky cap, lip not protected, lip partially protected, loose cap cover, not full.

Instructions—Student will score each item and place check mark to right of defect. If defect is not listed write it in blank space.

Note—Normal range of score on flavor, 12 to 24; normal range of score on sediment, 5 to 10; normal range of score on bottle and cap, 3 to 5.

Suggested Cuts on Bottle and Cap.

Bottle not full.....	.25 to 1.0
Dirty bottle5 to 2.0
Cap poorly seated or leaky (if uncovered)1 to 1.0
Chipped lip1 to .5
Pouring lip unprotected....	1.0
Pouring lip partially protected	.25 to .75
Cap covering loosely fastened	.25 to .5
Cap covering non-waterproof.	.25 to .75

ALUMNI ORGANIZE.

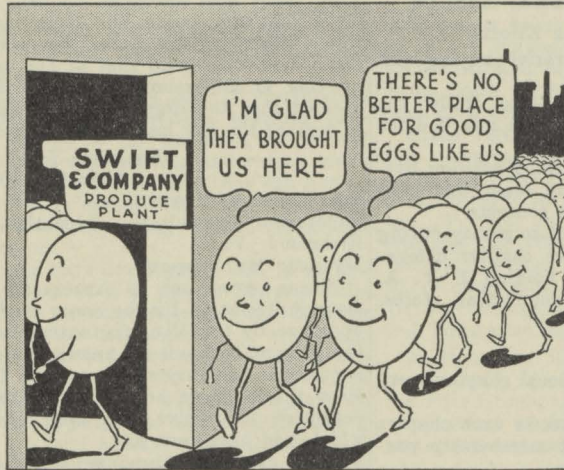
The boys in the Rich Valley community who have had two or more years of Vocational Agriculture, met Saturday afternoon, September 9th, in the agricultural class-room for the purpose of organizing a local alumni chapter of the Future Farmers of America. These boys were very active in F. F. A. work while in high school. The only way we can keep in close touch with the National and State F. F. A. program is to have a local organization of our own. A large per cent of our boys are working on their home farms. This organization was perfected, and the following officers were elected: William Buchanan, President; James Buchanan, Vice-President; J. Sam Buchanan, Secretary; Walter DeBord, Treasurer, and Robert Buchanan, Reporter.

Some of the objectives which were set up are as follows:

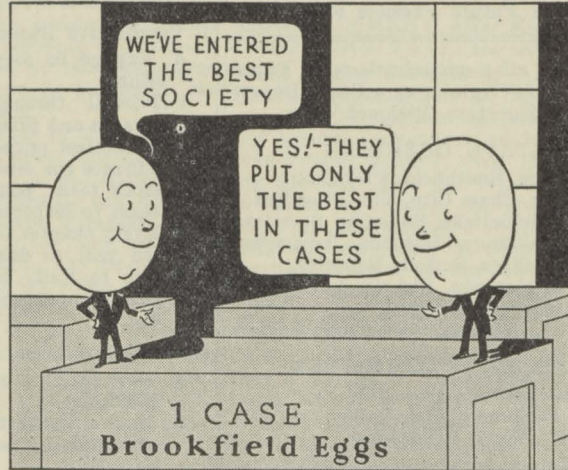
1. To do everything we can to support the agriculture program of the Rich Valley High School.
2. To aid in putting over the community fair.
3. Have a regular monthly meeting.
4. Have one meeting with the Short-horn F. F. A. Chapter.
5. Have a barbecue or banquet.
6. Assist community organizations.

ROBERT BUCHANAN,
Reporter.

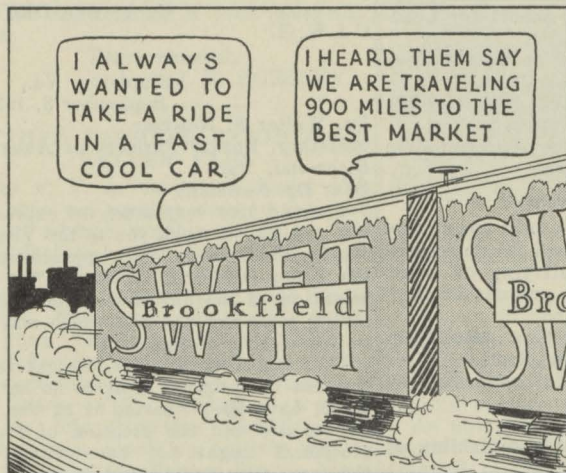
WHERE GOOD EGGS GET WHAT THEY DESERVE



Every day hundreds of thousands of eggs are delivered by farm patrons to more than 100 Swift & Company produce plants over the United States. Producers are paid cash for all they offer.



In these plants all eggs are carefully graded and packed in cases. Only the best, in size and quality, are destined eventually to go into cartons and be sold under the Brookfield label. Others, perhaps not so large or so even in color, are sorted to get the highest price for their grades.



Under refrigeration and in carload lots Swift & Company ships the eggs to more than 400 branch houses, each the distributing center for a great population. Every retailer customer of every branch house is a possible customer for any eggs that arrive at a produce plant.



In these branch houses the best eggs are packed in cartons with the Brookfield label. Thousands of salesmen daily made their rounds, selling eggs, poultry and butter as they sell meat. That means economy in sales cost. Deliveries are so frequent the eggs reach the consumer in perfect condition just as they were when Swift & Company selected them.

With Swift & Company as a guide, every egg has the chance to make the most of itself. Demand is dug up by the sales force and fostered by product advertising. Costs of service are as low as long experience and great volume can make them. Profits are low—over a period of years our profits from all sources have averaged only a fraction of a cent per pound.

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World's Fair visitors are cordially invited to go through the Swift plant in Chicago. It is only thirty minutes on the South Side Elevated from downtown.

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SECRETARIES, LOCAL CHAPTERS:

The secretary of the local chapter of F. F. A.'s should make a special effort to secure a book for minutes of the meetings. At each meeting it is a good idea to jot down the proceedings as they take place. These should be arranged in such form as to make them readable at the end of the meeting. At the end of the meeting they should be read before the group. By doing this, necessary corrections can be made. These records should be transferred to the permanent minute book as soon as the secretary finds time to do so. This can be done in legible long-hand or typewriter. At the next meeting the records should be read before the group to check up on any errors that have been made in transcribing.

It is essential that a record be kept of all the proceedings, although some items may not appear so important at the time. This will help to keep the business in a systematic condition. It will also avoid confusion in case questions come up that have been previously discussed.

An accurate record of all receipts and disbursements should be kept. Everyone who contributes should be given full credit at the time. It is so easy to lose sight of items of importance if neglected even for a short time.

The minute book should be kept at school. Every instructor can provide a place in his files where the secretary can get it on short notice. Of course, if it becomes necessary to take it home to work on it, this may be permitted.

We learn from the Executive Secretary that many of the local secretaries start in the fall full of enthusiasm. They make a good job of it for a few months and then begin to lag. My appeal to you is to continue full strength throughout the year. Consider the last month just as important as the first.

The secretary has an opportunity to know more about the internal workings of the chapter than any other member. He should keep in close contact especially with the treasurer and reporter. He can help the treasurer by assisting him in getting the dues paid on time. He can

help the reporter keep an even flow of news articles throughout the year.

I wish to extend my best wishes to all the chapters in the State for the 1933-34

PROGRAM OF WORK—1933-34.

I. Cooperative Business Efforts.

- A. Engage in cooperative buying and selling
1. Provide through State Rally the awards and prizes to be awarded for all contest purposes.
2. Finance the sending of winning livestock team, poultry team, and crop team to respective contests.
3. Every chapter to raise money during the year to finance chapter delegation to Rally by holding F. F. A. entertainment or conducting stores, etc.

II. Self Government.

- A. Hold meeting of local chapter every month.
- B. Have a thrift bank in each chapter with 100 per cent membership participating.
- C. Every boy enrolled in agriculture to be a member of local chapter with 100 per cent dues paid up by Oct. 1, 1933.
- D. Exchange ideas with other chapters and organizations.
- E. Each chapter to have at least one member to attend School for Leadership at Rally.
- F. Each chapter send at least 4 news articles to "Chapter Chats."
- G. Each chapter to have objectives displayed in chapter room.
- H. Each chapter to be represented in some literary contest.

III. Community Improvement.

- A. Assist at least one local community organization to reach its objectives.
- B. To assist in beautifying of home, church and school grounds of community.
- C. Assist Parent-Teachers Association in solving school problems.
- D. Advertise farming of community by following:
 1. Staging community fair.
 2. Put on an educational exhibit at some other fair.
 3. Send at least three articles to State Corn and Grain Show.
- E. Every chapter to cooperate with President Roosevelt in his national conservation and employment program by maintaining humus in soil, helping develop water power, or by protecting game and fish, or by preventing forest fires, or by aiding the relief work.

IV. Recreation.

- A. Each chapter to hold father and son get-together of some form.
- B. Each chapter to conduct a camping trip, farm tour or some similar activity.
- C. Encourage and foster in State F. F. A. Rally convention and judging contest.

session. If I can be of any service to any of you, please let me hear from you.

MAXWELL TIMBERLAKE,
 State Secretary.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION.

The following splendid letters have been received from Congressman Clifton A. Woodrum and Mr. J. R. Horsley. Mr. Woodrum was presented with the State Farmer Key at the last annual Rally. This honor was conferred on Mr. Horsley a year ago, but in the disastrous fire which destroyed his home, his key was lost. You will recall that at the annual meeting at Blacksburg this year it was decided that the organization would like to replace the key lost by Mr. Horsley.

Roanoke, Va.,
 August 9, 1933.

Mr. Walter S. Newman,
 Supervisor Agricultural Education,
 Richmond, Va.

My dear Mr. Newman:

Please permit me to express my very deep appreciation for the honor conferred upon me by the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America in electing me to honorary membership. I consider this a great honor and I shall be delighted to receive and wear the key which you have sent me.

I was greatly disappointed that I could not attend your meeting, and I hope the next time you have one, you will permit me to come and extend personally my good wishes and appreciation to your organization.

Please call on me when I can serve you.

Sincerely yours,
 C. A. WOODRUM.

C.A.W./I.

Stapleton, Va.,
 September 8, 1933.

Dr. Walter S. Newman,
 Secretary, Future Farmers of America,
 Richmond, Va.

Dear Dr. Newman:

I would like very much to express to you and also through you to the Virginia Future Farmers my deep appreciation of the honor conferred on me in the presentation of the duplicate emblem of the Order, replacing the one which was lost in the burning of our home.

If I had been a little less careful to see that the original came to no harm, I would have been wearing it at the time of the fire and the occasion of the replacement might not have arisen. At the same time the distinction of this exceptional replacement would have been lost to me, as are words in the present case to express my obligation to those who have so honored me.

The Order of Future Farmers has grown to such an extent that it is no longer possible for any individual to have personal acquaintance with any appreciable part of the membership. I wish I could know them all. My appraisal of the Order, which I do not believe is exaggerated, is based on the fine type with whom I have personal acquaintance and the things for which the Order stands.

In this unique Order which anticipates life's vocation and seeks to prepare for the highest efficiency and ideals in that vocation there is a logical and consequential difference which should distinguish it from a similar organization affecting most any other vocation. It is in the fact that farming is not simply a business or profession: it is a life. This fact, which is largely accepted today, was almost universally denied when I

had the temerity to proclaim it many years ago to a business group.

The business side of farming is important; even essential—because the standards of the life are largely measured and limited by the business success of the enterprise. One outstanding hope I have of the Order is that the highest values of life will be saved from being submerged and lost in material business considerations.

Whatever may be said of the limited opportunity for achieving so-called business success in the amassing of wealth, there are compensations and values which may be found in the life that can not be measured in money standards, which may be realized according to individual appreciation.

If our boys could get a look in on the sand dunes of Will Rogers' Beverly Hills and get an impression of the millions which have been spent to artificially transfer to that barren waste the adornments of nature the equal of which abounds throughout our own Virginia, as well as the perpetual cost of maintaining that artificial beauty, which thought and industry could excell in most any Virginia homestead, I believe a new inspiration would be brought into the lives of our Future Farmers, an appreciation of that which money can not buy.

With every wish for the highest success of our Future Farmers individually and for the Order, and assurance of my personal appreciation of their generosity, I am,

Yours sincerely,
J. R. HORSLEY.

FUTURE FARMERS EXHIBIT AT KELLER FAIR.

The F. F. A. exhibit at Keller Fair this year was smaller than in the past, due to adverse weather conditions and other factors beyond the control of the members of the association, but the shortage in quantity was made up in quality. The shop exhibits were especially good. The educational booths of the three chapters were especially interesting and educational. Temperanceville won first place on its exhibit of a brick brooder, this attracting much attention since it was something entirely new to the people of the Eastern Shore. Many visitors expressed their desire to construct a brooder of this type.

Central, demonstrating a practical, low cost hog feeding program, based on pastures, won second place. Nassawadox, demonstrating how to produce quality sweet potatoes, won third place.

The individual winnings were as follows:

Farm Shop Work—First, Francis Ashby; second, Jack Whittington; third, Page Ashby.

Cabinet Shop Work—First, Harry West; second, Jiggs Dunton; third, Edward Stewart.

Red Sweet Potatoes—First, Page Ashby.

Yellow Sweet Potatoes—First, Central High School; second, Central High School; third, Edgar Fox.

Pen Barred Rocks—First, Francis Ashby.

Irish Potatoes—First, Central High School.

Hogs—First, Central High School; second, Central High School.

TRIP TO CHICAGO.

The Salem Chapter, Future Farmers of America, visited the World's Fair in Chicago during the second week in August. This was the fifth annual tour arranged by this organization.

The tour was made in four passenger cars and a truck on which was loaded all of the baggage, camping and cooking equipment and eight of the passengers. There were thirty-two in the party, including a colored cook.

Plans were first made in May and with few changes these were followed. The party left Salem at 6 A. M., August 7th, going by way of Newcastle and Charleston, W. Va., to Point Pleasant, there crossing the Ohio River and going as far as Jackson, Ohio, the first night, where camp was set up. The next day, driving through Columbus, Fort Wayne, and Valparaiso, put the party in Chicago.

A camp-site had been arranged for in advance. It was fourteen miles from the Fair Grounds, but an ideal site with camp stove, wash rooms, showers, police protection and store available.



Members of Salem, Check and Willis Chapters Return from World's Fair.

The Fair was visited four days with side trips to Swift's Packing Plant and the Grain Pits. The Field Museum and the Shedd Aquarium, adjoining the Fair Grounds, were also visited. August 9th to 12th were spent in Chicago.

An uneventful trip home was made on August 13th-14th by the same route traveled to Chicago, spending the night at the same place in Jackson.

The cost of the trip was \$15.00 per boy, paid into a general fund. From this all expenses were paid. Drivers of the cars were allowed \$25.00 for the use of their machines and were taken care of the same as the boys at no cost, their expenses coming out of the general fund. The cook served without pay, just to take the trip.

Mr. T. E. Burke, chapter adviser, was fortunate in having two very capable assistants on the tour. Mr. S. D. Stone, of Salem, owner of a feed store, took his truck and was in charge of all food and cooking. Mr. J. E. Givens, agricultural instructor at Buchanan, taking part of his vacation, drove his car and was in charge of the camp.

Only one camera was taken, Mr. Burke being designated official photographer. Some 200 pictures were made. A small camera was used and film strips on positive film will be used to project the pictures on a screen for an illustrated account of the trip for the special benefit

of those who were unable to go. Prints and enlargements will be available to all those who want a pictorial record of the trip.

This is considered the most successful trip made by the local chapter.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND RULES FOR 1933 SONG WRITING CONTEST.

The Future Farmers of America, the National organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools, announces at this time a song-writing contest with prizes totaling \$150.00. This contest is conducted in order to secure appropriate songs which are characteristic of the organization, its ideals, and its purposes. Competition is open to any one anywhere. Entries may be submitted in the manner outlined later in this announcement.

All songs submitted will be reviewed by a committee of competent persons and they shall select three or more of the songs which in their opinion are most suitable and appropriate. The songs selected by the committee will be rendered before the delegates at the Sixth National Convention of Future Farmers of America, to be held in November, 1933. The delegates present will make the final selections.

Rules.

The rules governing the F. F. A. song-writing contest are as follows:

1. The composition, including words and piano accompaniment, must be original.

2. Words and music may be by the same author or by different authors. In case of joint authorship, the prize may be divided according to the wishes of the authors.

3. Two complete copies of the composition on manuscript paper ready for rendition and in form suitable for printing must be submitted.

4. Both copies of the song submitted must bear the following information at the end of each manuscript submitted:

a. Name of author or authors.
b. Share of authorship (if more than one author).
c. Complete address of author or authors.

5. Entries as indicated may be submitted at any time up to November 1, 1933. All entries to be considered must be mailed on or before that date to the Executive Secretary, Future Farmers of America, 1800 H Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

6. Authors will be duly credited with their composition but receipt and acceptance of prize money by individuals will constitute evidence of the fact that the authors thereby relinquish all rights and claim to their compositions, and that the said composition henceforth become sole property of the Future Farmers of America.

7. Manuscripts will be returned to the authors on request after the contest closes.

Prizes.

First prize song.....\$75.00
Second prize song..... 50.00
Third prize song..... 25.00

This amount will be payable immediately upon selection of a song which is accepted by the Future Farmers of America.

WHITMELL CHAPTER SETS UP OBJECTIVES FOR YEAR.

The local chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its regular meeting Thursday evening, August 24th, in the Agricultural Department of Whitmell Farm Life School. Mr. Aylor Harper, acting president, made a brief talk in which he summarized the work of the chapter during the summer months since school closed. He emphasized the points which contributed to the success of the chapter, and brought out those that accounted for some of the things the chapter failed to do.

It was decided that a publicity program should be included in the list of objectives of the chapter for the coming year. Objectives for the year are as follows:

1. That the school grounds be improved by planting trees and shrubbery, and by their proper protection.
2. Hold a Father and Son Banquet.
3. Hold a farm tour.
4. Enter a basketball team in the State tournament.
5. That at least 90 per cent of our enterprises in Supervised Practice be completed this Fall.
6. Aid in arranging for evening classes for adult farmers.
7. Raise money for benefit of chapter.
8. Have refreshments served at 25 per cent of the meetings.
9. Each boy strive for a Sunday School record.
10. Hold open meeting for farmers with agricultural specialists as speakers.
11. Elect honorary and associate members each year.
12. Send delegates to State F. F. A. Convention.
13. Increase enrollment in Vocational Agricultural classes.
14. Help to pay expenses of judging team to State contests.
15. Hold annual summer F. F. A. picnic.
16. Invite seventh graders to a special meeting prepared for them.
17. Keep a scrap-book on all publicity.
18. Put on a high school assembly program.
19. Discuss the aims of F. F. A. at one meeting during the year.
20. Hold at least one F. F. A. debate during the year.
21. Secure an ad for Chapter Chats.
22. Hold at least an average of one meeting per month during the year.
23. Write at least six articles for Chapter Chats during the year.
24. Have a definite program for each meeting.
25. Enter the State Oratorical Contest.
26. Have Agricultural Department improved by painting and laying new floor.
27. Have a meeting during the year for the Home Economics girls.
28. See that each member wears his F. F. A. pin.
29. Increase attendance of the F. F. A. meetings.
30. Keep principal and school board informed as to what the chapter is doing.
31. Meet all State objectives.
32. Send at least five exhibits to the State Corn and Grain Show.
33. Help foster and attend the County picnic.
34. One hundred per cent paid-up State dues.
35. Each F. F. A. meeting with an amusement feature.

Judging from interest and enthusiasm of the membership, the Whitmell Farm Life F. F. A. will put over a worth-while program this coming school year.

MARTIN A. COLLIE,
Reporter.

WEYER'S CAVE HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING.

The White Owl Chapter, Future Farmers of Virginia from Weyer's Cave High School met in regular meeting August 5th, at which about twenty boys were present in spite of a threatening storm.

Several important matters of business were transacted at this meeting:

1. Election of officers for the coming year, as follows: President, Cletus Houff; Vice-President, Sidney Crickenberger; Secretary, Winston Croushorn; Treasurer, Julius Craun; Reporter, Ward Reubush, Jr.

2. The matter of exhibits at Staunton Fair was discussed by the Agricultural Instructor, Mr. Craun. He asked the boys to have all records complete through the month of July, so as to use the data in making up posters for the booth, and to have such accounts ready to be collected during his visit of project work during the next two weeks.

3. About fourteen boys expressed a desire to take an educational tour, and Mr. Craun will take up the possibility of such a tour with other schools of Augusta and Rockingham at a meeting next Monday, and will notify those interested of the plans.

4. The following list of objectives was set up for the coming year:

(a) Have every boy enrolled in agriculture to be a member of the local Chapter with 100 per cent dues paid by November 1st.

(b) To encourage thrift and have 100 per cent of boys making a productive investment or practicing saving systematically.

(c) To train and send two judging teams to next year's Rally.

(d) To act as hosts to our Dads at an outing or Father and Son Banquet.

(e) To hold meeting monthly and to train in parliamentary procedure.

(f) To have 85 per cent of projects represented in booth at Staunton Fair.

(g) To enter a contestant in the National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest.

(h) To hold an annual Grain and Egg Show and send three exhibits to State Corn and Grain Show.

(i) To practice cooperative buying and selling whenever practical.

(j) To plan an educational tour to Washington for boys who wish to see our Capital and go over the Federal Experimental Farm at Arlington and Beltsville.

(k) To entertain the chapters of Augusta County at a party during the month of September.

(l) To have some kind of entertainment to raise money for support of the chapter.

Leonard Grove, Hinton Saufley, and Lury Craun, former members, were welcome guests; also Mr. George Carter was present and assisted in several musical numbers.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. E. B. Craun, assisted by Mrs. Minor Plecker and Miss Helen Shifflett, served ice cream and cake.

The meeting adjourned to meet in September.

JAMES EAKLE, Pres.,
WARD REUBUSH, JR., Sec'y.

HUB ASSOCIATION ADOPTS PROGRAM OF WORK FOR YEAR.

1. "Hub News"—four issues:

(a) October 10th-25th. Summer activities, featuring trip to Rally; Amherst Chapter tour; Appomattox Poultry Team! Chapter objectives and plans; marketing plan; trip to Chicago. C. M. Kincaid.

(b) December 1st-15th. Christmas issue; preliminary project report results; report on Hub Rally and radio program. R. W. Wilkins.

(c) March 1st-15th. Results of final project report; write-up of the Star program from each chapter; State Corn and Grain Show; radio program. W. P. Wilkins.

(d) May 10th-30th. Dedication issue. Results of summary report; chapter officers' election; chapter summer plans. J. J. Reigel.

(e) Hall of Fame will include outstanding boys and former students, school officials, farmers, politicians and other friends of vocational agriculture:

Appomattox—J. A. Burke, J. R. Horsley, Miss Merle Davis, Joel Flood, E. R. O'Brien.

Amherst—Dr. W. E. Walker, Judge Strode, W. D. Cox.

New London—J. E. Rosenberger, J. W. Jenks.

Naruna—J. J. Fray, C. W. Wingfield.

(f) Editorials—Timely articles dealing with supervised practice work, local F. F. A. activities, etc.

(g) Personal mention column—Human interest facts; humorous incidents and interesting facts of local interest.

(h) Chapter reports—Every chapter will be represented in all issues. Home Economic news—as much as we can get.

Radio Program.

1. November 1st to 20th—Outstanding project programs; short summary of preliminary project report; marketing plan for F. F. A. produce; high school principal; corn and grain show; music. W. P. Wilkins.

2. March 1st to 20th—Results of final project report; corn and grain show; outstanding project programs and chapter activities; music. C. M. Kincaid.

3. May 1st to 20th.—(Alumni Program)—Summary report on former students; talks by outstanding alumni; follow-up program. R. W. Wilkins.

Civic Clubs.

The Association will appear on several programs before Lynchburg civic clubs on dates not yet scheduled. Kiwanis, C. M. Kincaid; Rotary, W. P. Wilkins; Lion's Club, R. W. Wilkins.

Miscellaneous.

Hub Rally—To be staged at Rustburg, November 1st to 30th. J. J. Reigel.

Judging Contest—To be held in Lynchburg, April 1st to 30th. J. J. Reigel.

The Advisers' Club will meet on the first Friday in each month.

(Note: The Hub Association is made up of the Appomattox, Naruna, Rustburg, New London, Brookville and Amherst Chapters. We wish to congratulate this group of chapters on this very splendid program of work, and wish them success in carrying it to completion.)

STATE FARMERS ELECTED AT THE 1933 RALLY.

(Concluded from last issue.)

Hayes Sadler, Cobbs Creek.

He made an average labor income of \$275.00 per year from his projects, and has \$510.00 invested in farming and in savings.

His average scholastic grade was 94 on all high school subjects.

Hayes has put in an average of 620 self hours per year on his projects. He expects to follow farming (poultry and truck). He already has an interest, along with two older brothers in the home farm. One of the largest enterprises is poultry, consisting of 2,500 hens. The three brothers and father all work together, share the responsibility and the profits.

Camet Scott, Sugar Grove.

Camet Scott has successfully completed four years of vocational agriculture. During his three years' home practice work completed, he has averaged: Five completed enterprises each year; six correlated enterprises each year; 1,170 hours in supervised practice work; 390 hours average supervised practice work each year.

Profit in three years: Investment in farming, \$403.00; investment in savings, \$150.00; investment in betterments, \$77.00; total, \$630.00.

Offices held: President of the F. F. A. Chapter two years; president of senior class; president of Hy-Y Club; member of program and objectives committee; member of committee, Epworth League; especially good in leading group discussions.

Judging and Athletic Record: Member of judging team 1932, and was State champion in poultry; captain and star player basketball team this year (team played in Smyth-Wythe Federation); star on baseball team; member judging team this year.

Scholarship record: Average grade in agriculture, four years, 94; average grade other high school subjects, four years, 92; average grade in high school, four years, 92.

Twenty-five improved practices carried over into farm operations. Camet is 18 years of age. Lives on general purpose farm. Expects to follow farming.

William A. Shaffer, Woodstock.

William has completed four years of instruction, with a total of 12 enterprises and 2,128 hours of labor. His average increase in hours per year is 503. He has earned and productively invested \$220.00.

Offices: President of the senior class; president Woodstock F. F. A.; president Shenandoah County F. F. A.; president sophomore class; secretary Woodstock F. F. A.; editor in chief of the school paper; manager of track and basketball teams for two years.

Led the class several times, and participated in local and county F. F. A. public speaking contests.

He represented his school at the corn show and egg show two years; judge at State Rally; delegate to Rally; public speaking contest twice.

Scholarship grade of 86.5; subject matter test, 80.1. He expects to follow farming.

Otey Shelton, Amherst.

Has completed four years classroom instruction and three years supervised practice.

Has completed eleven enterprises in three years and has devoted 1,040 self hours to his enterprises.

Total profit, \$164.81.

Ten improved practices carried into farm operations. Has \$320.00 invested in farming.

Offices: Secretary Epworth League, vice-president Epworth League, leader in class discussions.

Otey has about complete management of the home farm, as his father is sick most of the time. This boy has made splendid progress for his opportunity.

Interested in and expects to follow farming.

John M. Skeen, Clintwood.

John has completed four years of instruction in vocational agriculture and four years of supervised practice work. This year he is in charge of his home farm of 177 acres, and is acting head of the family at home. His father is dead.

Although John has finished high school, he is still an active member of his local chapter, and a regular member of evening school.

As a result of his project work there have been 27 new standard operations carried over into farm practices.

John has earned and productively invested in farming a total of \$338.00. He has an average of 86.5 on all his high school subjects.

Mason F. Smith, Jr., Herndon.

Smith has completed four years of instruction. He has a total of 15 enterprises and 1,519 hours of labor. He has an average increase in hours per year of 148. The average net profit of \$233.23 per year is shown, with \$968.40 productively invested.

Offices: President school glee club; vice-president F. F. A.; president church choir; led B. Y. P. U. four times; class discussions; F. F. A. meetings; member of baseball team three years; member of basketball team two years; member soccer team two years; represented his school on judging team.

Average grade for four years of 83.7; grade of 75 on subject matter test. His average grade is 81. He expects to follow farming.

Lawton Thorne, Windsor.

Lawton has \$252 invested in farming. He has made an average net labor income of \$99.00 per year.

He was a member of Out-of-State Crops Judging Team for 1932.

He has represented his school on the judging teams at V. P. I. Plans to go to V. P. I. to study agriculture.

He is active in various school organizations. Has an excellent record book.

Lawton has an excellent supervised practice program which he owns and controls, consisting of 75 hens, 300 baby chicks, 4 acres of corn and beans, 1 acre of peanuts, 1 brood sow, 6 fat hogs,

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home cow, and several supplementary enterprises.

He aims to farm eventually, but is anxious to study agriculture in college.

Maxwell Timberlake, Powhatan.

He has completed four years of classroom instruction and three years of supervised practice.

He has completed twelve enterprises in three years and devoted 3,823 self hours to his enterprises. His total net profit was \$2,329.99.

Sixteen improved practices carried into farming operations. He has \$160.00 invested in savings; \$1,000.00 invested in livestock, and \$375.00 in farm improvements.

Maxwell lives on a dairy farm in Powhatan County, and has had almost complete management of same for the past three years.

Offices: Secretary F. F. A. Chapter; member of the judging team for three years; member basketball team.

He has demonstrated his ability to lead a group discussion for more than 20 minutes.

He expects to follow dairy farming.

Frank Turner, Fincastle.

Frank has completed four years of agriculture, with a total of eight enterprises, and 3,960 hours. His average net profit was \$1,524.17. He has \$175.30 invested and in savings.

Offices: President F. F. A. for two years; vice-president F. F. A.; president senior class and sophomore class; vice-president junior class; vice-president of debating club; president Citizenship Club; member debating team for two years; member judging team at Rally for two years.

His scholastic grade was 87. He expects to follow farming.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OR SING-SING.

By R. E. Bass, Chilhowie, Va.

Warden Lawes, of Sing-Sing, speaking to the National Education Association in Atlantic City last June was inclined to lay the blame for the increasing number of high school graduates among the convicts at the big Ossining prison upon the lack of manual or trade instruction in the public schools.

Quoting from an editorial in "The Roanoke Times," under date of July 6th, "When youngsters in their late teens emerge from the public schools with a white-collar viewpoint without white-collar opportunity, the result is inevitable and can be summed up in one word—'Failure.' More vocational schools are mandatory. Something must be done to turn the footsteps of high school graduates in the direction of successful, useful and happy living. Vocational instruction is the answer, at least in large part."

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Anxious to obtain more information on the subject from a man who thinks thoroughly along educational lines, I wrote Warden Lawes on July 7th, and received the following letter from him:

State of New York,
Department of Correction,

Mr. R. E. Bass,
Chilhowie High School,
Chilhowie, Va.

Dear Mr. Bass:

During the year ended June 30, 1932, 3.1 per cent of newly admitted prisoners at Sing-Sing received trade or specialized business training. During previous years the percentage was somewhat lower. Our records do not show any men who studied Vocational Agriculture in high school.

Vocational training, particularly for those who are not scholastically inclined or have no ambitions for the professions, is important to avoid placing many of our youths in the position of a ship without a rudder. Few, if any boys set out with a criminal aim. The lack of preparation and consequent inability to find gainful employment often makes the opportunity for crime attractive when a boy is confronted with the circumstance, the power of resistance being dependent upon the boy's former environment, companionships, moral complexion, and many other contributing conditions. A boy who centers his interest in a trade at which he is adept takes pride in producing more and better work and furthering his studies during spare time. The opportunity for crime is not as likely to reach out for him as it does for those who are casting about for a job or shifting from one thing to another. We are prone to set our boys adrift too early in life. They should have helpful and sympathetic guidance until they have gotten a firmer foothold. This point, however, leads to the establishment of boys' clubs, which I have stressed in recent articles and talks, but which is aside from the question you raise.

I would try to determine as early as possible, with the aid of the boy's parents, a boy's preference and adaptation to certain lines of work and guide him accordingly. This applies especially to those who are apparently not scholarly inclined. What trades or types of work should be taught, of course, depends upon the facilities available to the school authorities and the requirements of the locality. The high school conducting night or late afternoon classes for those not regularly enrolled would find an enthusiastic response from boys whose parents cannot finance them through private courses. That only three out of every one hundred prisoners received at Sing-Sing were specially instructed during school days points to the fact that the men who come here are chiefly those who were not prepared early in life to assume their social responsibilities. In practically all States the school is vested with parental authority and must therefore at least share with the parents the responsibility for character building and preparation for a boy's future stability.

The most important factor, in my opinion, is to avoid the perpetration of the first crime and vocational education can do much to accomplish this. Unfortunately, the structure of our legal processes is not conducive to reform or improvement, in many cases, once a boy becomes enmeshed with the law. In juvenile homes and reformatories they

come in contact with others who feel that they were wrongfully treated: they are able to compare notes, relate experiences, and all too often leave the institution determined to commit the "perfect" crime and escape detection. A study of the habitual or professional criminal, whom it should be our purpose to eliminate as far as possible, shows that almost invariably the first crime was committed as a minor, even though his first arrest came in later years.

There are, of course, many other phases of crime motivation and prevention, but the above I believe adequately answers your letter on the question of vocational education.

Yours sincerely,
LEWIS E. LAWES,
Warden.

BRIEF GLEANINGS FROM CHAPTERS.

The Grassy Creek Community Fair, sponsored by the Virginia-Carolina Chapter, will be held Saturday, September 23rd. A striking feature of the community fair catalogue is an account of the present occupation and activities of twenty former F. F. A.'s, who are farming and engaged in other work in this community.

The Chilhowie Community Fair was scheduled for September 14th and 15th. Last year over 2,000 people attended this fair, and it was said to be one of the very best ever held in that section of the State.

The Rich Valley Community Fair and Horse Show will be held on October 6th. The Future Farmer Chapter is very much interested in this affair, and last year it was one of the outstanding horse shows in the State.

The Future Farmers of Darvills and McKenney are planning to visit the State Fair in Richmond and hope by observing the judges in action and the 4-H Club judging contest, to gain worth while experience in this phase of their training.

According to Martin W. Collie, reporter of the Whitmill Chapter, this group is preparing a scrap-book which will contain, among other items of interest, clippings of their newspaper publicity throughout the year.

The Meriwether Lewis and Earlysville Chapters of Albemarle County, are off to a fine start and have already sent in to the State Office the sum of \$37.00 in payment of annual dues, representing 100 per cent payment on the part of all members of each chapter.

A new department has been inaugurated at Millboro in Bath County, and Mr. T. R. Cox reports that each of the twenty-five boys enrolled in the department has paid his annual dues and they are anxious to become members of a full-fledged chapter.

AUGUSTA-ROCKINGHAM FAIR EXHIBITS.

(Continued from page 1.)

The committee in charge of the vocational exhibits at the Staunton Fair were E. B. Craun, superintendent; Geo. W. Miller, L. O. Brumback, E. W. Roller, Paul France, T. J. Sharitz, assistant superintendents.

Dowell J. Howard, district supervisor of Northern Virginia, was judge of all the agricultural and vocational exhibits.