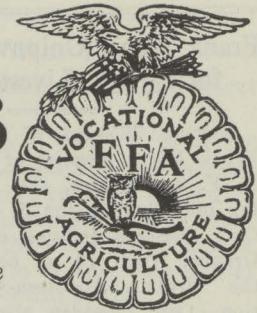


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FFA-FHV Camp Will Open if Help is Found

The Virginia Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers summer camp at Morgarts Beach on the James River will be opened between July 15 and August 15, if satisfactory and adequate operating personnel—director, dietitian, cooks, life guards, recreation leader, etc., can be employed, it is announced by Dowell J. Howard, state supervisor, agricultural education, and Miss Martha Creighton, state supervisor, home economics education.

On the question, "Do you favor operating the camp during the summer of 1945," 76 F. F. A. chapters voted "No," but 53 chapters said "Yes" and indicated that if the camp was held 352 of their members would attend. Although a majority of the chapters voted not to hold the camp this summer the state executive officers feel justified in operating it for 352 F. F. A. boys plus about the same number of Home Economic girls, if the necessary help can be obtained. Every effort is being made to locate operating personnel and if the persons needed can possibly be found, the camp will be held. More definite information will be sent to F. F. A. chapters as soon as possible.

93 of the 182 Former Sugar Grove FFA's Are in Service

Ninety-three former members of the Sugar Grove Chapter of Future Farmers of America are in the armed forces, according to a complete record kept by the chapter. This record reveals that 182 have gone through the department since 1926. Of these there are 93 in the armed forces, 19 are at home with a definite or indefinite allowance and two are home with income from one or more enterprises. One boy is a farm laborer away from home and seven are partners in farming at home. Three are renters and operators of farms.

Nineteen of the former students are in occupations related to farming and 27 in occupations not related to farming. The record shows that seven are dead—two being killed in action in World War II. The record also shows that 49 completed only one year in Vocational Agriculture, 38 completed

STATE RALLY MAY BE POSTPONED.

Due to limitations of the Office of Defense Transportation affecting meetings and conventions of more than 50 persons there is a possibility that the 1945 State Rally of the Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America may be postponed until this fall. The question is being considered by the state officers and ODT officials and as soon as a decision is reached detailed instructions will be sent to all F. F. A. chapters. If the Rally is not held the week of June 18, as planned, plans are made to hold it this fall.

In the meantime, district contests; public speaking, degree team, etc., will be held and awards made as planned. Applications for "State Farmer" degrees should be submitted as usual.

We are sure that all concerned recognize the importance of having the state convention. At the same time, the state executive committee believes that all F. F. A. boys are most anxious to cooperate with the authorities in the war emergency.

two years, 23 completed three years and 72 completed four years. Thirty-eight boys completed only one year of high school while 38 completed two years; 17 completed three years and 89 have completed four years. Eight boys have attended agricultural colleges while 12 have gone to colleges other than agriculture.

ODIS PARKS, Reporter.

Instructors' Summer School, VPI July 10-13

Because of the general need for additional information in special fields of Vocational Agriculture as Forestry, Soil Conservation, etc., plans are being made for a summer school course in these subjects for all Instructors of Vocational Agriculture at V. P. I., July 10-13, according to Dowell J. Howard, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

The instructors will receive detailed information later, Mr. Howard says.

WPB Asks Future Farmers to Help Get Scrap Iron, Steel

Chapters of Future Farmers of America in Virginia are requested by the War Production Board to assist in the collection of urgently needed iron and steel scrap, as explained in a letter from D. M. Clements, Federal Agent, Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education, to Dowell J. Howard, State Supervisor, as follows:

"The Conservation and Salvage Division of the War Production Board is requesting the state associations of the Future Farmers of America to cooperate in securing from 250,000 to 300,000 tons of heavy melting grades of cast iron steel scrap per month. This is a selective drive for heavy scrap. Prices on this grade of scrap are good. No scrap, such as buckets, bed springs, thin sheet or wire is wanted.

"The WPB regards the Future Farmers of America vital to the solution of this critical situation. F. F. A. chapters should contact local salvage committees and secure detailed instruction on this drive. F. F. A. members will no doubt be requested to contact farmers at once to secure heavy melting steel and iron scrap. Let us do what we can to make this drive a success. However, chapter members should be urged not to collect any usable parts of farm machinery and equipment."

Frank Kube, Unionville, Ties for First in Livestock Judging

Scoring 385 out of a possible 400, Frank Kube, member of the Unionville F. F. A. Chapter, tied for high scoring individual in the F. F. A. and 4-H Club livestock judging contest held at Orange, April 16, in cooperation with the Virginia Aberdeen-Angus Association. Cecil Lumsden, also of Unionville, and John Hix, of Pamplin, each scored 370, tying for second highest score with eight other contestants, all of whom were 4-H Club boys.

In the team competition, Herbert Banton, Robert Maxey and Alvin Patterson, representing the Buckingham F. F. A. Chapter, placed 5th. The Unionville F. F. A. team—Cecil Lumsden, Robert Nixon and David Boston; and the Criglersville representatives—Bob Alderson, Jack Blakenbaker and Billy Hilt, tied for 6th place with the Amherst 4-H team. Horton Southall, John Hix and Rodney Roach, judging for the Pamplin F. F. A. Chapter, tied with Campbell and Buckingham Jr. 4-H teams for 9th place.

RICH VALLEY WINNER OF BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Rich Valley Shorthorn Chapter F. F. A. boys won the annual Smyth-Wythe F. F. A. basketball tournament held at the Sugar Grove High School, March 10, by defeating both the Chilhowie and Sugar Grove chapters.

The first game, which was held at 3:00 P. M., was taken by the Rich Valley boys, over the Chilhowie Chapter, with a score of 70 to 20. The night game between Rich Valley and Sugar Grove was won by Rich Valley, 50 to 27.

The high scoring medal and the medal for the best all-around player was presented to Capt. Ross Orr, who shot 42 points in the two games, and Rush Gwyn, who scored 34 points. The medal for best sportsmanship was presented to Capt. Jimmy Horn, of Sugar Grove.

W. T. BLAIR TOP SCORER, WHITMELL HIGH TEAM IN JUDGING CONTEST.

W. T. Blair, reporter of the Brosville Chapter, was high scoring individual, and the Whitmell Chapter B-Team led all other chapters in the annual crops and livestock judging contest held by the Pittsylvania F. F. A. chapters at Chatham Experiment Station, April 4. Other high scoring individuals, in order, were: George Craddock, Renan; Charles Edwards, Whitmell; Clyde Pucket, Dan River; A. D.

Lewis, Whitmell; Grayson Bromfield, Renan; James Soyars, Brosville; Ernest Terry, Spring Garden; Edward Petty, Whitmell; and Johnnie Edwards, Renan.

Renan A-team placed 2nd in the competition with Whitmell A-team 3rd; Dan River 4th; Renan B-team 5th; Spring Garden 6th; Brosville 7th; Callands 8th. Classes judged in the contest included corn, potatoes, wheat, cow peas, eggs, poultry, hogs and dairy cows.

Mt. Jackson FFA Team Wins Winchester Judging Contest

The Mt. Jackson F. F. A. Chapter livestock judging team of O. Miller, G. Baker and H. Jordan won top honors in the F. F. A. 4-H Club contest held April 28, at Winchester, in connection with the Virginia Polled Shorthorn Association sale. Odell Miller, Mt. Jackson Future Farmer was high scoring individual in the contest.

The Criglersville F. F. A. team—H. Seal, Blankenbaker and R. Alderton—was third in the team competition; and Boyce F. F. A. boys, R. Frazier, L. Russell and G. Oiler, tied the Marshall 4-H team for 4th place. Two classes of heifers and one of bulls were judged.

In the individual scoring, Robert Alderton, of the Criglersville F. F. A. Chapter, and Maurice Dwyer, Leesburg Future Farmer, tied for 3rd place. Lawrence Russell, from the Boyce Chapter, tied with Bobby Neff of the Meems Valley 4-H Club for 4th highest score.

In the class competition F. F. A. boys placed as follows: Bulls—1st, Maurice Dwyer, Leesburg; 2nd, Odell Miller, Mt. Jackson; 3rd, Frankie Allison, Lincoln. Heifers No. 1—2nd, Sammy Updike, Front Royal; 3rd, Dee Griffith, Front Royal. Heifers No. 2—1st, Robert Blankenbaker, Criglersville; 3rd, Walter Grove, Calverton and Harold McKimney, Leesburg, tied.

ANDREW LEWIS FORESTRY PROJECT.

Approximately 45 boys of the Andrew Lewis Vocational Agriculture Department, under their instructor, James E. Peters, began a forestry project March 16, on the farm of Col. J. Sinclair Brown, when more than two acres of waste land were planted with 2,000 white pine and tulip poplar trees.

This project provides instruction for the boys in planting trees and in caring for forests and forest lands.

LACROSSE PLANTS CORK OAKS.

The Lacrosse Chapter has set out about 30 cork oak trees given to them by the State Forestry Service, in cooperation with the Southside Soil Con-

Former Disputanta FFA Writes from "Somewhere in Germany"

Jimmy Chudoba, of Disputanta, former 3rd degree Future Farmer and Sears Roebuck award winner, now serving in the U. S. Army overseas, sends regards and "sincerest wishes for the continuous success of F. F. A. activities throughout the State," in a letter from "Somewhere in Germany," to Dowell J. Howard, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, as follows:

From: Pfc. G. J. Chudoba, 33858966
Hqs. Co. 1st. Bn. 232 Inf.
A.P.O. No. 411—care of P.M.
New York, N. Y.
March 26, 1945
"Somewhere in Germany"

To:

Mr. D. J. Howard,
State Board of Education.
Richmond, Va.

Mr. Howard:

Just a few lines to send my regards from overseas. I hope you remember me as one of Mr. Beazley's F. F. A. boys from Disputanta. Things have been plenty rugged over here lately, but, thank God, I'm still all right. However, quite a few of our buddies haven't been so fortunate as I have been. Still, I have hopes that this mess will be over before very long.

I understand that you were at the Father, Son Banquet in Disputanta, recently. I certainly wish I could have been there with the boys this year. I am sure I would have enjoyed it.

With sincerest wishes for the continuous success of F. F. A. activities throughout the State, I remain,

Sincerely,

JIMMY CHUDOBA.

Jimmy was an active and outstanding member of the Future Farmers of America. He completed three years of Vocational Agriculture at Disputanta High School, was president of his F. F. A. chapter one year, and reporter for two years. He was awarded the State Farmer degree at the 1943 rally at Massanetta Springs, August 22-26, and on the basis of his achievement record won second place in the Eastern Virginia District Sears Roebuck Award. At the time he entered the service he was farming on a 274 acre general farm.

These trees are new to Virginia, and we are experimenting with them.

John Cleaton, of our chapter, won the Southside Federation public speaking contest April 27.

EUGENE EVANS, Reporter.

Dan River Finances Chapter and Other School Activities

Perhaps Dan River Chapter F. F. A. has done nothing spectacular during the past two years, but it has made an effort to do regularly some small things which add up.

For the past two years the chapter boys have run an F. F. A. store, serving the school with stationery supplies, fresh fruits and other items hard to get by students who have to travel long distances by bus. This store has earned enough that \$500 are on deposit to purchase sound motion picture equipment when Uncle Sam releases it. Also a loan of \$300 was made to the community cannery to help it out of a close financial spot; a similar loan, now repaid, of \$200 was made to the school cafeteria; the chapter financed \$200 worth of certified lespedeza seed and hybrid corn seed; as well as regular F. F. A. activities, including father and son banquets. This fund is acting as a revolving fund to assist the chapter and other community and school programs.

The chapter has contributed Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to needy families the past two years.

Cooperative buying and selling have featured chapter interest in running "For Sale" and "Wanted" advertisements on the classroom blackboard. Pigs, pure-bred calves, farms for rent and for sale, etc., have been listed through this "Adv. column."

A culling chart, used in culling chickens; 8 new books for the department library, and farm journals have been bought out of this same fund; in addition to paying all dues, state, federation and camp dues.

This year's officers are: Claude Rowland, president; Melvin Vernon, vice-president; Donald Ingram, secretary; Harry Shelton, reporter; Thomas Booth, treasurer; Stewart Thompson, sentinel; C. E. Angel, advisor.

HARRY SHELTON, Reporter.

SHORTHORN F. F. A.'S START NEW PROJECT.

By Ross M. Orr, Jr.

The Shorthorn F. F. A. Chapter Berkshire pig project, the idea of M. M. Lewis, instructor of vocational agriculture at Rich Valley High School makes a perfect project for an active chapter. Mr. Lewis, during his work in Rich Valley, has guided the Shorthorn Chapter to a first place in the Virginia State Chapter Contest, and a bronze award in the National F. F. A. Chapter Contest; and this activity promises another out-

standing accomplishment that will help the community as well as the boys of the chapter.

Under the project plan the chapter will furnish two registered gilts to two deserving members, who must feed and care for them as advised by the instructor, and return two registered pigs to the chapter. This makes the chapter then own four gilts which will be given to other deserving members, based on the same agreement.

The agreements are drawn up by a committee of the chapter, are signed by the recipients of the gilts and provide a form of contract between the chapter and the members. The plan is already under way with three gilts now being tended by members of the chapter and one gilt yet to be received from a member in payment for his gilt. The project is looked upon with favor by leading farmers of the community and it looks as though our instructor has again hit the jackpot in devising a method to improve the livestock of the Rich Valley section.

The chapter has been given a free life membership in the National Berkshire Association.

Lovettsville Wins Grain-Seed Show Held by Lincoln Chapter

The Lovettsville Chapter won the judging contest at the 11th Annual Grain and Seed Show, sponsored by the Lincoln F. F. A. Chapter and Home Economics Class at Lincoln High School, February 2. The Lincoln Chapter was 2nd and Aldie 3rd. Frank Keesling, Jr., of Lovettsville, was high scoring individual. A banner was given to the winning team by the Northern Piedmont Federation. All chapters in the Federation participated.

The Lincoln Chapter won 1st and Herndon 2nd prizes for entering the most exhibits of corn, eggs, small grain, seed, potatoes and shop articles. The Home Economics clubs exhibited biscuits, muffins, rolls, cookies, pies, ginger bread, cake, clothing and needle work.

The F. F. A. exhibits were judged by S. F. Grubbs, W. F. Cockerille, and Edwin Payne, and Thomas Elsea awarded the prizes. The Home Economics judges were Mrs. Mary V. Kephart and Miss Ann F. Dick, and Helen Pierpoint and Patsy Hindman presented the prizes.

The Homemakers class presented an entertaining program in the afternoon, and an address by J. Lupton Simpson, principal of Lincoln High School, climaxed the activities for the day.

WELBY SOWERS, Reporter.

Front Royal Wins Triangle Federation Basketball Meet

The Front Royal F. F. A. basketball team won the basketball championship of the Northern Triangle Federation, embracing the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Warren, Page and Rappahannock, March 9th, in the Warren County High School gym, at Front Royal.

In the semi-finals, Boyce defeated Washington in a close and hard-fought contest 24-20. Both teams missed numerous shots and the shooting of free shots by the Boyce team was the deciding factor. The last game of the semi-finals found Front Royal walloping Luray 40-23, with a fine exhibition of basketball.

In the finals Front Royal showed their undisputed ability by an overwhelming defeat of Boyce to the tune of 35-8. Shiflett and Dee Griffith starred in each contest for the Front Royal boys.

Score of final game:

Front Royal—D. Griffith, 16; S. Griffith, 0; Shiflett, 11; Jones, 2; Robinson, 4; Updike, 2; Redmon, 0. Total, 35.

Boyce—Tavener, 0; Hawkins, 2; Tanner, 0; Estep, 0; Cone, 0; Russell, 2; Oiler, 2; Burtner, 2; Grubbs, 0; McCarty, 0; Frazier, 0. Total, 8.

SAMMY GRIFFITH, Reporter.

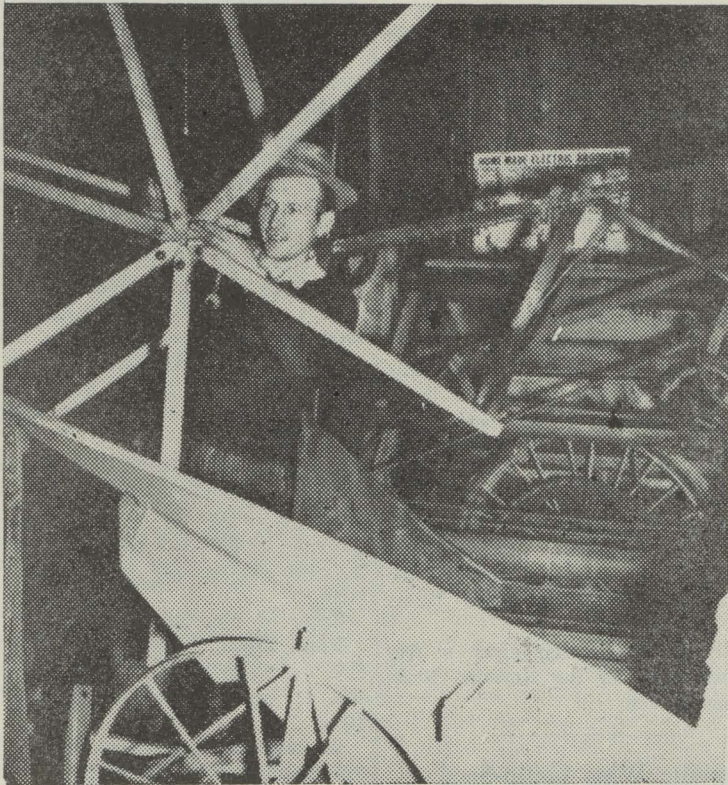
TROUTVILLE AGRICULTURE BOYS SERVE HOME ECONOMICS GIRLS BANQUET.

To demonstrate what they had learned, after exchanging classes with the home economics girls for two weeks, the Troutville students of vocational agriculture prepared and served a 75-plate banquet to the home economics girls and their mothers. During the exchange of classes the girls spent two weeks in the agriculture shop, learning the use of shop tools and machinery, and making useful articles for their homes.

The Troutville boys have been very active in their regular vocational agriculture program and some of their activities include vaccinating 116 calves, purchasing cooperatively \$1,600 worth of nursery stock—apples, peaches, pears, cherries, and \$300 worth of garden seed. All of the boys are buying War Bonds and stamps. The chapter has pruned 300 peach and 200 apple trees. They have also worked the school grounds and are now engaged in building playground equipment for the grade school under the supervision of our instructor, M. L. Maddex.

BUDDY BRYAN, Reporter.

Former Future Farmer Now Farming, Repairs His Grain Binder



Picture, Courtesy Smyth County News.

Sherman Frye, former Chilhowie F. F. A. boy, now farming, is shown above repairing his grain binder in the farm machinery repair class at the Chilhowie shop. More than 100 farmers have used this shop to repair equipment this year.

On April 9, a committee composed of E. B. Bonham, P. D. McKee, J. B. Cole, A. B. Farmer, agriculture instructor, with Superintendent R. M. Buchanan, appeared before the Smyth County Board of Supervisors requesting funds to construct

an extension to the present Agriculture building, and a cafeteria building at the Chilhowie school. Mr. Farmer showed the above picture, with others to the board to illustrate the crowded condition and show the need for larger facilities.

70 Attend Floyd Chapter Father and Son Banquet

Seventy members, fathers and guests, attended the annual Father and Son Banquet of the Floyd Future Farmers of America in the auditorium of the high school Friday, February 23. The girls of the Home Economics Department prepared and served the meal. Our president, Carnice Mannon, was toastmaster.

One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of the silver emblem and with it the degree of Honorary Chapter Farmer to G. F. Poteet, Division Superintendent of Floyd County Schools, John P. Cock and Archa Vaughan, all of whom have for a number of years been very helpful to the local chapter. The awards were made by our adviser, H. P. Jennings, on be-

half of the chapter. Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the State Farmer Degree Key to our Superintendent, G. F. Poteet. The State Association elected him to this degree at the last annual rally. Mr. J. O. Hoge, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, for Southwest Virginia, made the presentation.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. Hoge, who stressed the need for an all out effort by everyone, and especially the part that can be played by the F. F. A. organization to end the war. He also pointed out the place, the present F. F. A. members will have in the future of the American farmers. Others on the program were: Warren Lane, B. T. Mannon, Archa Vaughan, H. P. Jennings, Charles Spangler, Jr., Edgar Scaggs, Claude Rorrer and Wilbert Hatcher.

ARNTON SNEAD, JR., Reporter.

Sgt. Rupard Gets Citation "For Meritorious Service"

Staff Sgt. Arthur G. Rupard, a graduate of the Chilhowie High School in 1939, with three years of vocational agriculture to his credit, has been awarded the Bronze Star and promoted to Tech. Sgt. Sgt. Rupard is serving in the Pacific theatre with the 977th Ordnance Company, 77th Division. He received the following citation for award of the Bronze Star medal:

"To Staff Sgt. Arthur G. Rupard, Jr., Ordnance Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 29 December to 31 December. A 155 mm. Howitzer, and its prime mover, loaded with two tons of ammunition had crashed through a reinforced bridge fourteen miles north of Valencia, and lay in the mud under approximately twenty-five feet of water. Sgt. Rupard, called upon to salvage this material, devised a serviceable diving helmet from a gas mask, an air hose, an air compressor, the regulating device of a paint spray, and a pair of earphones. Sgt. Rupard reached the submerged equipment, and made an accurate estimate of the situation. Returning to the surface he directed the rigging of chains and cables, and supervised the activities of the personnel and equipment to complete the salvage."

Tech. Sgt. Rupard entered the service in May, 1941. A brother, Staff Sgt. Mack Rupard, also a graduate of the Chilhowie High School with several years of vocational agriculture to his credit, is a waist gunner on a B-17 bomber serving in Italy.

CLINCH FEDERATION FEED AND GRAIN SHOW

The Clintwood F. F. A. Chapter won first prize in the Feed and Grain Show, sponsored by the Clinch Federation at Dickenson Memorial School, Clintwood, January 12. Gate City was second; Ervington, third, and Dungannon, fourth. The Dungannon team won the judging contest. John Artrip, a Dickenson Memorial High School boy, was practically a feed and grain show by himself. He carried off all honors in prizes, winning 10 first place ribbons, 7 second and 5 third place ribbons. There were about 150 exhibits.

After the show, Ervington won the basketball tournament in which all the Federation chapters participated.

JIMMY ROSE, Reporter.

Former Greendale President Is Killed in Action In Germany

P.F.C. Kermit K. Hagy, president of the Greendale F. F. A. Chapter 1943-44, was reported killed in action on March 1, in Germany.

After graduating from Greendale High School, Class of '44, Kermit was inducted into the army on July 31, 1944. He received 17 weeks' training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was sent overseas about the first of January. He was with an infantry regiment, 84th Division, First Army.

Kermit had four years of Vocational Agriculture at Greendale High School, receiving the State Farmer Key at the 1944 State Rally. He was a great athlete, taking part in basketball, baseball and track. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hagy, of Abingdon, Va. Mr. Hagy is one of our very influential farmers, and a strong supporter of the F. F. A.

1942-43 President Wounded.

Jack Atwell, president of Greendale Chapter, 1942-43, has been twice wounded in action in Germany, and is now being treated in a hospital. Jack received the State Farmer Key at the 1943 Rally, and represented the State at National Convention 1943, as the outstanding crop judge. Jack was one of the outstanding farm boys of the community and took an active part in all F. F. A. and school activities.

BOB LITTON, Reporter.

TAZEWELL CHAPTER INITIATES TWENTY-EIGHT.

At a meeting of the Tazewell Chapter, January 12, the following Green Hands were initiated and received the Green Hand pin: Glenn Buchanan, Graham Buchanan, Howard Brown, John Hall, Darmon Murray, Russell Richards, Marvin Wimmer, Bruce Yost, Bobby Christian, Herbert Chapman, Troy Jessie, Roland Hankins, Howard Niswander, Ralph Witten, Carl Rhudy, George Bowman, Bob Steele, Fred Shrader, Jimmy Young, James Morrison, Bill Bowling, J. C. Barrett, Charlie Nuckles, Jack Puckett, Alfred Monk, Claude Stevenson, Carl Morrison and Leon Yost.

On initiation day the Green Hands were required to wear overalls and a straw hat, a bandana handkerchief tied around the neck, and a large F. F. A. sign on their back. The prize for the best outfit was won by Bobby Christian.

First prize for collecting the largest number of bags of milkweed pods was awarded to Albert Smith and second prize to Russell Richards at the Father and Son Banquet in March.

CARL MORRISON, Reporter.

National Future Farmer Officers Are Guests of Senator Thomas



The National Officers of the Future Farmers of America are shown above at a luncheon in the Senate Dining Room in the National Capital, February 6, when they were the guests of Senator Elmer Thomas, of Oklahoma. Those present were: (seated l. to r.) Senator Millard E. Tydings (Md.); President (then Vice-President) Harry S. Truman; Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard; Senator Elmer Thomas (Okla.). (Standing l. to r.): Senator George L. Radcliffe (Md.); Senator Abe Murdock (Utah); Merrill J. Hallam, 3rd Vice-President (Utah); George C. Fry, Student Secretary (Md.); Oliver H. Kinzie, President (Okla.); David B. Jameson 2nd Vice-President (Pa.); Sig-

vald J. Sandberg, 1st Vice-President (Minn.); Tom Vaughan, 4th Vice-President (Tenn.); Senator Henrick Shipstead (Minn.); and, Senator Tom Stewart (Tenn.)

The national officers were in Washington the first week in February for a Leadership Training School, directed by Mr. A. W. Tenny, Acting Executive Secretary, of the national organization. Senator Thomas, from the same state as the national president, Oliver H. Kinzie, invited Mr. Kinzie and all of the other officers to a luncheon. He also invited the senators from the states represented by F. F. A. officers present; President (then Vice-President) Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Wickard.

Disputanta Holds Father-Son Mother-Daughter Banquet

The Disputanta Chapter, Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers of Virginia held their annual father and son, mother and daughter banquet in March with 110 persons attending. George Oleyar, president of the F. F. A. Chapter was toastmaster. Mr. Dowell J. Howard, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board of Education, was the principal speaker.

Emil Stech and George Kump were on the program and told about the work of the future farmers. Ruth Bresko and Lilly Mae Blick, representing the Future Homemakers, explained the work of the girl's club.

Guests included Mr. Howard and his mother, Mrs. Henry Howard; Mr. T. V. Downing, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education; Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Poole, Gar-

net Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walton, our school principal, and Mrs. John W. Burrow, whose husband is a former member of our chapter and now serving as chief warrant officer in the Navy, somewhere in the South Pacific.

MARION KING, Reporter.

SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVED BY PAMPLIN CHAPTER.

The Darleaf Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has concentrated on improving the facilities of the school during the spring.

A water line is being laid by the chapter to supply the new school community cannery.

The athletic field has been improved greatly by the erection of a screen and benches by the F. F. A. members. Later in the year a F. F. A. baseball series with the Robert E. Lee Chapter is planned.

J. M. COBB, JR., Reporter.

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Guest Editorial . .

ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE?

By J. O. Hoge.

Ahead of you is a lifetime fraught with possibilities and opportunities. What you accomplished in the past is not the important thing now. What you are going to accomplish is the thing you are interested in.

At the beginning of the year practically every business concern makes an inventory. As a future farmer you are preparing to be a business concern.

You will be the executive and administrative force of this business concern of yours. Your stock in trade consists of many assets—not one of which you cannot improve with careful thought and study.

Personal or individual characteristics may play a big part in your success. Sit down and analyze yourself. Be critical, be harsh with yourself. The future farmer who sounds his heart to the bottom, who makes a close analysis of himself and who finds out his own faults gets thoroughly acquainted with himself. This self-analysis may make you blush but it will do you good.

If you will be fair with yourself and take real measure of your present position, you will probably come to the conclusion that to get more results and more reward, you must put more effort into your work. Remember you are where you are by what you are.

Education is the systematic development and cultivation of your natural powers. It is the harmonious develop-

ment of your facilities to absorb knowledge. Knowledge is something no one can take from you. Over the horizon of your farm each morning rises the sun of opportunity. Unless you study and prepare yourself, you will find yourself shrouded in the darkness of inefficiency—groping and stumbling along with those who haven't paid the price to know. A habit is a tendency toward an action which by repetition has become spontaneous.

some of these will never return; many who return will not be able to farm and many will have no desire to farm. The gap is here to stay. You will have to close up this gap by taking on responsibilities much sooner than you would under normal conditions. Are you getting ready? Are you willing to pay the price?

Life is fair; her price is high, and she never haggles. She offers you your heart's desires—and demands that you pay.

Guest Editor . . .



J. O. HOGE.

Mr. Hoge, District Supervisor of Agricultural Education in the Southwest Virginia district since 1927 is our Guest Editor for this issue of Chapter Chats. He is a native of Montgomery County and believes in practicing what he preaches in Agriculture—he is also a farmer. Mr. Hoge received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1922, and his Master's Degree from the same school in 1930. From 1924 to 1927, Mr. Hoge was

instructor of agriculture at Rural Retreat in Wythe County, where he pioneered in evening class work with adults through such groups as the "Black Lick Moonlight Discussions," described in the following story by him in the "Virginia Agriculture Instructor" of February 1, 1926.

"Last night was one of the worst nights I believe I was ever out. The rain came down in torrents and the wind was worse than the rain. I thought that there would be no one there but I went. By seven-thirty there were twelve of the farmers and ladies there for work and instruction. One lady lived three miles away and the streams were so high she could not get a car across, so she got on a horse and came through the rain. All of the farmers had to come several miles and could not even get horses across the streams, so they walked and crossed over a swinging bridge. There were eight farmers and four ladies there. They did not seem to mind the weather and seemed more worried about me coming five miles in my Ford than about themselves coming through the rain.

Can you beat that? If I don't have the best evening school in this country I should be fired.

Last night we decided we would call it "Black Lick Moonlight Discussions."

I also hope to get a class known as the "Cripple Creek Twilight Reviews" started down in that section.

This is ideal community for such work as there is nothing at all within 18 miles to take these folks out at night."

What of your Supervised Practice Program? That is where you learn by doing. Have you a good plan? Are you truly working your plan? Be fair with yourself, analyze your Supervised Practice Program.

In the classroom get a complete knowledge of your business of agriculture. In your supervised practice program back your knowledge with self-confidence and hard work. Are you paying the price?

You young men in school today will have to close the gap that now exists, the gap made by the induction of those older than you into our armed forces,

Winning a prize from life is like gathering a crop from the farm. Unless you dig deep, putting your back into the job, unless you feed the soil, and sow and water, weed and cultivate, rise early and stay out late to care for what you have planted, unless you ache with the labor of its growing, you never harvest the crop of your dreams. You have not paid in full. You must be interested enough in your own success to be willing to pay the price.

Yes, as Tom Downing says, you can be the kind of a farmer you want to be. But you must pay in full.

SAFETY IN AGRICULTURE.

Rushing to get things done, the use of more machinery in our Vo-Ag shops and on the farm, the "jitters" of the times, and sometimes just plain carelessness increases the chance for accidents, which prompts us to print in this issue the article "Teaching Farm Safety," by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chief, Agricultural Education Services, U. S. Office of Education. Cuts were furnished through the courtesy of the National Safety Council, and the story and pictures appear in the January-February, 1945, issue of "Farm Safety Review."

The possibilities of accidents on the farm are perhaps more numerous than in any other occupation. Accidents are painful, costly, and in too many cases result in death. Safety engineers tell us that all accidents can be prevented. This must be true or industry would not spend millions every year for the employment of safety engineers and the carrying out of safety programs.

How about instituting a safety program in your F. F. A. chapter? Appoint a committee to observe things done in the shop in a manner that might cause an accident; make a list of these and discuss them at chapter meetings. Study each accident that happens, for methods of prevention. Carry over the safety program into your farming operations, discuss at your chapter meetings methods of preventing farm accidents, and write **Chapter Chats** what you do in t his connection.

OUR PIG CLUB.

By Joe B. Carr.

Since entering the Blacksburg Chapter of the F. F. A. I have been trying to get a pig club started, which would give the chapter members a start in the hog business.

This year, with the consent of the chapter adviser and the members, the pig club is getting started. The boys selected the Berkshire breed because it is the most popular breed among the farmers of the community.

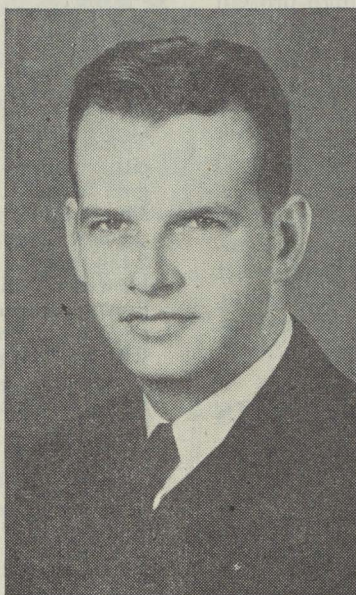
Joe Wall, chapter president, has a good type pure bred Berkshire boar, which has been bred to a pure bred Berkshire sow owned by one of the farmers in the community. The farmer has told us that he would allow us to select two good type gilts from the litter at eight weeks old.

The chapter will give the gilts to two members who will raise them, and give back two of the sow pigs from the first litter. The members will furnish all feed and bear other expenses involved in raising the pigs. It is hoped that the chapter will be able to get a pure bred boar of another strain next year.

Appreciation . . .

You will observe in this issue a picture of Mr. R. E. Bass. To him goes the lion's share of the credit for editing and issuing your official paper **Chapter Chats**.

Mr. Bass is a former teacher of vocational agriculture, having taught at Chilhowie, Virginia, for nine years, where he also served as adviser of his F. F. A. chapter. In 1935 he was coach of the State Livestock team which represented Virginia at the National F. F. A. Convention in Kansas City. He was again awarded a trip to the National Convention as adviser of the outstanding



R. E. BASS.

chapter in Southwest Virginia for 1938. From 1939 to 1942 he was with the National Youth Administration in Virginia, serving during this period as State Director of Projects and as Assistant Administrator. In August, 1942, he became assistant to the Director of The Food Production War Training Program.

His knowledge of the F. F. A., originality of thought and sincere interest in the progress of the Future Farmers eminently qualifies him for the responsibility he is so cheerfully carrying out.

The cooperation of reporters in sending news to **Chapter Chats** is greatly appreciated. You should be proud of the accomplishments of your chapter and what you accomplish is an inspiration to others. Let us know what you are doing.

DOWELL J. HOWARD,
State Supervisor of
Agricultural Education.

6,454 Virginia Future Farmers Pay Annual Dues for 1944-45

As of May 1, 1945, 6,454 Virginia Future Farmers have paid their dues for the 1944-45 session. Included in the list of chapters below are: (1) those that had not paid when the list of chapters paying dues was published in the January **Chapter Chats**, but now have paid dues for the number indicated, and (2) those chapters paying dues for additional members since the last list was published, showing total paid for the year. Those marked with an asterisk (*) paid before October 7, 1944 for all members at that time.

Burkeville	26
*Calverton	18
*Christiansburg	30
Chuckatuck	31
*Clover	26
Cypress	15
*Elk Creek	28
Franklin	23
Greensville County	29
Lawrenceville	30
*Lincoln	23
*Meadows of Dan	30
Midway	24
Narrows	33
New Market	15
*Red Bank	11
*Renan	56
*Rich Valley	40
*South Hill	33
Syringa	31
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Total	6,454

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE IMPROVES FARMING METHODS.

By Howard Bousman.

As a result of my three year's work in vocational agriculture, the income from my full-time farming program has been increased by the application of such improved practices as; using certified chicks, good housing, parasite control, the use of certified seed, proper fertilizing, and culling undesirable animals and chickens. My plans are to make farming my life's work and further improve my program by the construction of a silo, seeding 20 acres of permanent pasture, strip cropping and construction of terraces and the purchase of purebred dairy stock.

While in high school, I gained experience by conducting the following home projects under the supervision and guidance of my teacher of vocational agriculture: Corn, dairy cows, pigs, wheat, poultry, hay and tomatoes. The first year my net profit was \$53.25; 2nd year \$143.71; 3rd year, \$1,795.70.

No Runts among these

A LOT of credit goes to our Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations where men spend their lives working out improved methods of breeding and feeding. For example, E. F. Ferrin, head of the swine division of the University of Minnesota, recently ran a feeding test with seven lots of pigs. He found that *too small an amount of protein in the ration produces more runts, slower gains and less profit.*

All pigs in the test started at an average weight of 50 pounds and were self-fed without pasture for 14 weeks. All seven lots received the same kind of protein supplement which was tankage and soybean meal in equal parts with 10% alfalfa meal to supply adequate amounts of B vitamins. Some lots got a high-protein ration (18% of the total feed); others were cut down to 15% and 12% protein. As pigs get heavier, they need less protein, so in some lots the amount of protein was reduced as they gained in weight.



E. F. Ferrin

The best results came from an 18% protein ration until the pigs reached 100 pounds, and 15% protein after that weight. The hogs on low-protein rations made smaller gains and were more uneven in individual weights when the test ended. By just such careful experiments, the "know-how" of hog raising has reached its present efficiency.

SULPHUR FOR LAMB COCCIDIOSIS

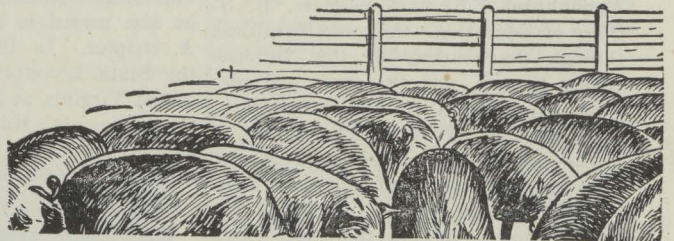
Coccidiosis in lambs may be successfully prevented by the addition of ground crude sulphur to their feed in proportions ranging from ½% to 1½% of the ration, claims the Idaho Wool Growers Bulletin. Effectiveness of this sulphur treatment has been demonstrated by the U.S.D.A. working in cooperation with large lamb feeders, the report states.

LOST! A MILLION EXTRA ANNUAL MEAT RATIONS

Approximately 200 million pounds of meat a year are being wasted as a result of bruises, crippling and death losses of livestock in transit to market, according to H. R. Smith of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board. This Board has found that all of us who have to do with the handling of livestock can help save much of this needed meat by following these simple rules:

1. Inspect chutes, trucks and cars for nails and rough corners.
2. Do not overload or jam animals. Partition mixed loads of livestock.
3. Never beat or prod with whips or clubs.
4. When trucking, start and stop with caution; watch for bumps, ruts and sharp curves.
5. Check your load frequently. Livestock shift in transit.

By observing these simple rules, we can all cooperate in cutting down this loss of a million extra meat rations a year; and we can help contribute to the nation the additional meat supplies which it needs so greatly *right now!*



A Martha Logan Recipe

for PARTY-STYLE MEAT PIE

To serve four, buy ½ pound of table-ready meat loaf—either minced ham, New England cooked specialty or bologna. Dice. (Or, if you prefer, use 1½ cups of cubed beef.) Mix 2 tablespoons flour with 1 teaspoon salt and dash of pepper. Dredge cubes of meat in flour mixture. Brown in 2 tablespoons of melted fat. Add 1 medium onion which has been diced, and brown. Combine with ½ cup each of cooked green peas and cooked sliced carrots. Cover with hot water or leftover gravy. Pour into a deep, wide casserole. Top with mashed potatoes. Bake in a hot oven (450° F.) about 20 minutes, or until potatoes are browned. Serve with a fresh fruit salad, hot rolls and dessert.

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1. Keep first aid articles—tape, gauze, iodine, etc.—handy in a glass jar in the kitchen, workshed or barn. Also keep nuts, bolts, and nails assorted as to size in glass jars.
2. Use a salt shaker in planting small seeds in vegetable or flower gardens. They are distributed more evenly.

—Z. A. Dine, Borger, Texas

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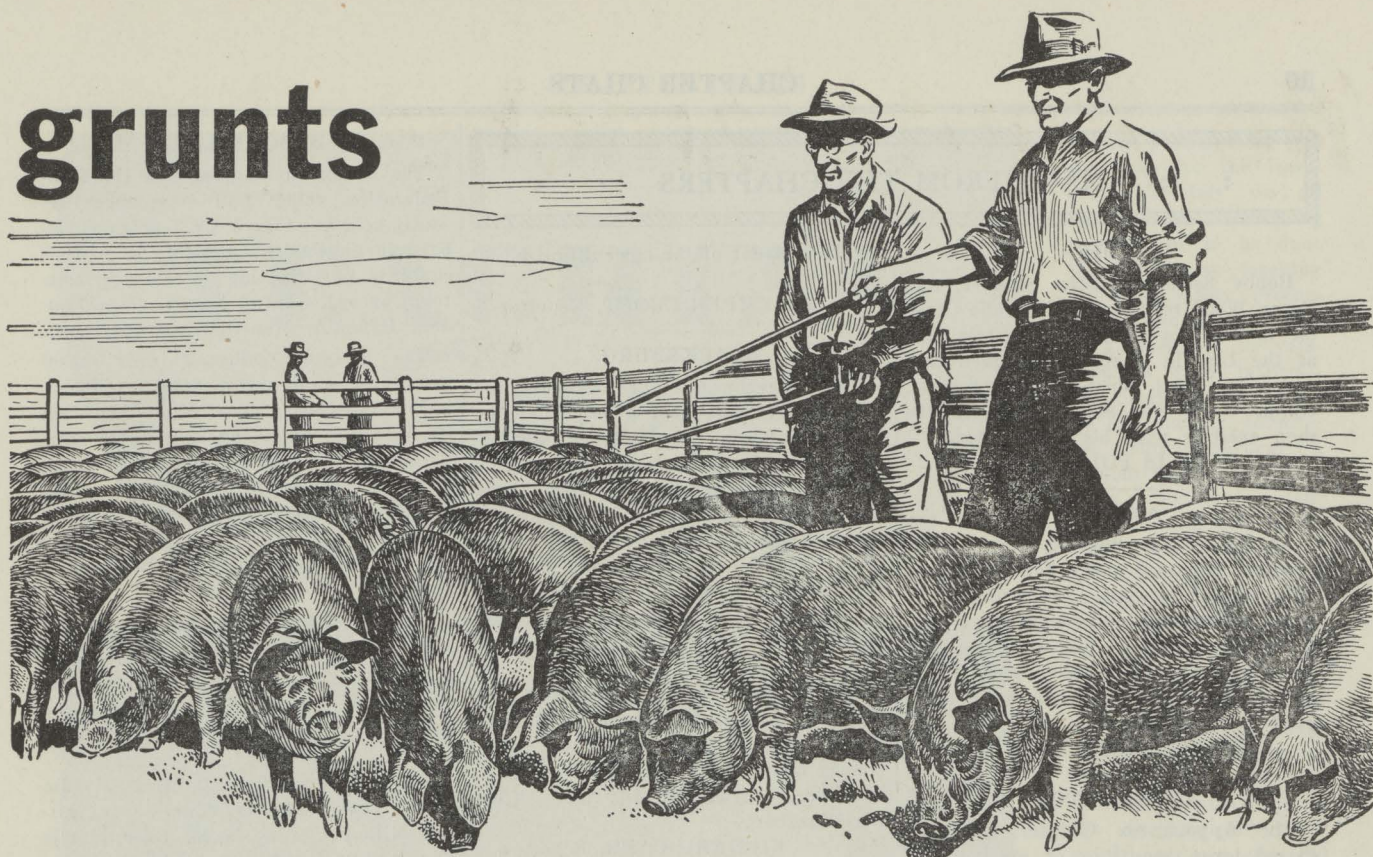
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Catfish can't use that fertile mud to raise corn, and that's too bad. Because right now, America needs all the corn it can produce. There's no need to let catfish have any part of your farm. Your topsoil can be saved. Soil conservation practices hold the raindrops where they fall, control water erosion, stop gulying, stabilize the soil. The Agricultural Extension Service of your State University will be glad to help you work out a special program to fit your farm.

Through soil conservation practices fertility is maintained, crops make better yields, carrying capacity of pastures is increased, more and cheaper feeds are provided for livestock. All this means more money in the farmer's pocket. Swift & Company believes that whatever helps livestock helps all of us—producer, meat packer and consumer. To you as a producer, we earnestly suggest that an investigation of soil conservation land management may be worth your while.

F.M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Dept.

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Keep Your Cream Checks Up!

If you've noticed that the cream content of your milk goes down at this time of year, it may indicate that your dairy cows are not getting all the feed they need for heavy production. Those first blades of grass aren't as good as they look, for they won't give the cows all the proteins they require. So don't turn your dairy cattle out to graze and expect them to take care of all their feed requirements with early pasture.

Supplement their spring ration of grass with grain and protein supplement mixture, and hay . . . grain and protein supplement for milk production, hay for necessary roughage. This tonic is sure to put new spring in the step of an undernourished cow.

The best indication of contentment in the dairy herd is the butterfat test of your milk!



\$5 IDEA

Salvage metal pails or tubs which have holes in the bottom by pouring in a half-inch of concrete. Let stand a week before using. Makes them a trifle heavier, but serviceable.

—Mrs. A. L. Miskimon, Wellsville, Kans.

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: : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

ALDIE.

Bobby Spindle, Milton Skinner, and Byron Wood represented the Aldie Chapter in the Grain Judging Contest held at the Lincoln Chapter, February 2nd, and won third place in the contest. Byron Wood won second place in the shop exhibits with his rope halter.

CURTIS POLAND, Reporter.

AMELIA.

At its March meeting the Amelia Chapter discussed plans for starting a "Pig chain" project, purchasing fruit trees cooperatively and conducting a public speaking contest. The class has been studying dairy cattle feeding and now almost all of the boys can work up a good dairy ration.

MITCHELL EASTER, Reporter.

APPOMATTOX.

The Appomattox Chapter has purchased large quantities of garden seed and seed potatoes cooperatively. This marks the tenth straight year that cooperative purchase of seeds has been a major item of the program of work of the Robert E. Lee Chapter.

We have also organized a local unit of the Virginia Forest Fire Fighters Service, with a large number of the members participating. Much interest is being shown in the Federation Public Speaking Contest and the fourth county judging contest to be held this spring.

BILLY WHEELER, Reporter.

BEVERLY MANOR

The Beverly Manor Chapter of Future Farmers of America recently held a public speaking contest for the purpose of selecting a winner to represent the chapter in the B.A.R. federation contest. The winner of the contest was Dewey Sensabaugh, vice-president of the chapter, who chose as his topic "Soldiers of the Soil." Second place in the contest went to Tommy Whitesell and third place to Franklin Arhart. All three young men received cash prizes offered by the chapter.

Winners in the Pest Eradication Campaign were awarded as follows: first place, Jimmy Crosby, and second place, Marshall Miller.

The chapter has completed work on grading and seeding the bank in front of and at the side of the grammar grade building. Recent showers have the grass coming along nicely. The chapter has also planted shrubbery consisting of evergreens and flowering

shrubs in front of the agricultural building.

KEMPER CROFT, Reporter.

BLACKSBURG.

The Blacksburg Future Farmers and Future Homemakers held a joint banquet February 23rd. Reverend A. H. Eubank gave the invocation, Dayton Hubbard gave the address of welcome and J. C. Love, Agriculture Instructor, introduced the guests. Barbara Johnson told about the Home Economics Girls' Program of Work. Others on the program were: Frank Brown, Joe Wall, Edward Mabry, Joe Carr, Ronnie Marshall and Dean Croy.

Guests were: H. C. Groseclose, C. E. Richard, E. C. Shortt, Supt. C. C. Shelburne, Miss Olive Salem, Mrs. Hill, Home Economics teacher, and T. J. Wakeman, Agriculture Instructor, from Christiansburg.

RICHARD CARR, Reporter.

BLUE RIDGE.

Theodore Gwynn and John Brown of the Blue Ridge Chapter, were among those receiving the State Farmer Degree at the annual convention last fall. The following is a summary of their farm practice programs for the year just past.

Theodore's enterprises consisted of 210 laying hens, 500 baby chicks, 1.5 acres of corn and 1 acre of tobacco. He worked a total of 786 hours, which netted him \$1,050.24 labor income.

John's program consisted of 1.5 acre tobacco, 2 acres corn, 3 acres oats and lespedeza hay, and one-fourth acre Irish potatoes. He had a total of 810 hours of self labor, which netted \$1,128.00 labor income.

BROADWAY.

The Broadway Chapter held its annual father's and son's banquet on April 10th at Linville Creek Church. Mr. Legge was the speaker of the evening. He spoke on "Keeping Physically Fit." The banquet was held with the Ruritan Club and the Timberville Chapter.

A Federation Shop Judging Contest was held at Port Republic. The Broadway team was: Eugene Biller, Earl Wampler, and Alvin Armentrout. The team won third place, while there were two individual standings of second and sixth.

The Federation Degree Contest will be held in the near future at Linville-Edom.

ALVIN ARMENTROUT, Reporter.

BROOKVILLE.

The Brookville Chapter won the Hub-Federation volley ball tournament recently held at concord, by defeating Amherst in the final game, 21 to 19. Other chapters participating were: Appomattox, Concord, Gladys, Naruna, New London, Pamplin, Montvale and Rustburg.

The chapter collected over 3,000 pounds of scrap metal February 26th.

Freddie Garbee our Hub-Federation president, is expecting a call to enter the navy. Earl Ore, our chapter secretary is entering the merchant marine and Marvin and Melvin Fogle are going into the navy.

BILL ROACH, Reporter.

BROWNSBURG.

The Brownsburg Chapter Treasurer reported a balance of \$175.64 in the treasury at the last meeting when plans were made for the coming month's program.

Tully Coffey, Kenneth Beard, Ollie Berry, Lowrie Martin, Harvey Cox, Milton Miller, Charlie Poole, Billy Harris and Wilson Eareheart, were selected to represent the chapter in the BAR Federation basketball tournament at Fishersville, March 7th. The chapter will hold a public speaking contest to choose an entry in the Federation Contest to be held in May. Plans were also made for selecting a degree time to compete in the Federation. The chapter decided to hold a Father and Son Banquet March 27th.

LOWRIE MARTIN, Reporter.

BUCKINGHAM.

Recent activities of the Buckingham Chapter include a joint social with the 4-H Club, January 18, operation of a candy store from which a profit of \$50.00 has been realized, assisting with the construction of an addition to the school community cannery and holding the Father and Son Banquet in April.

The Buckingham Chapter has been busy during April, completing an addition to the school community cannery. Julian Maxey, Bobby Maxey, Edmond Banton, Herbert Banton and Alvin Paterson, represented the chapter in the livestock judging contest April 16, at Orange, and placed 5th.

GILMORE RANSON, Reporter.

CALLANDS.

The Callands Chapter, Future Farmers of America, has seven old members and nine new members. We had our initiation in March and all members except two received the bronze pin.

We have been working on farm ma-
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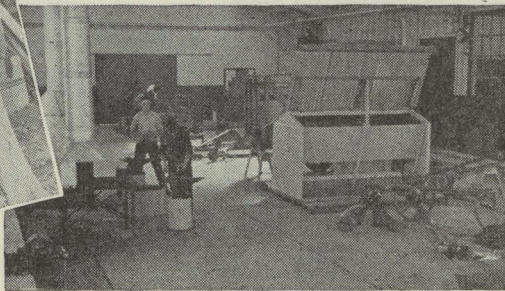
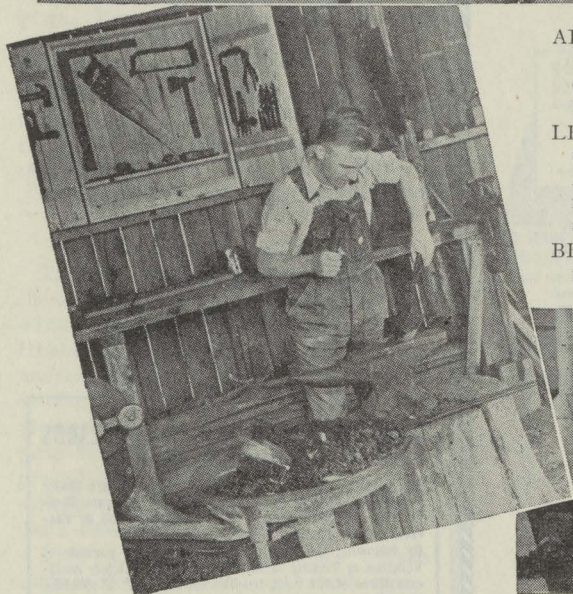
TEACHING *Farm* SAFETY



ABOVE are FFA boys learning to rebuild farm plows. Notice the boy on the left, holding the cold chisel wrong—knuckles up instead of down. Safety is the result of attention to such details.

LEFT: This North Carolina FFA boy deserves commendation for the handy tool cabinet in his home farm shop, but he should be censured for forgetting to protect his eyes from flying iron scale while forging a plowshare.

BELOW: "A place for everything, and everything in its place," is a prime safety formula.



viding participating experiences for the learners. Certainly we all agree that something more needs to be done than the mere teaching of farm safety precautions from a text book in a classroom, as valuable as such information may be in itself. In like manner, showing the learner through a demonstration, while more valuable than telling, still has its limitations. But when an individual actually learns through participating experiences, then in reality he learns through doing, and such learning results in changed habits and behavior. It is only through such methods of teaching that any real progress can be made in the teaching of farm safety and in the reduction of the number of farm casualties.

In addition to teaching farm safety as a regular part of all systematic instruction in vocational agriculture, there are opportunities to provide safety experiences and information by several other means.

First I call your attention to the opportunity for the promotion of farm safety through the Future Farmers of America. Already farm safety is receiving a prominent place on the national and state programs of work of this farm youth organization. Local chapters of F.F.A. have in many instances conducted farm safety surveys, put on farm safety demonstrations and special farm safety programs, and last and most important, many chapters have in-

TEACHING FARM SAFETY

By Dr. W. T. Spanton.

In vocational education great emphasis is placed on "participating experiences" or the bringing of learning to the "doing" level. In fact, we in agriculture pride ourselves on the fact that the project method of instruction first

became nationally recognized in connection with the supervised farm practice activities of students of vocational agriculture.

Very naturally, therefore, most leaders in the field of vocational education in agriculture feel that training in the field of farm safety also should be brought to the "doing" level by pro-

cluded in their local programs of work special recognition for members who have achieved most in promoting safety on their own home farms. Such achievements have consisted mostly of the making of various farm and farm home improvements to eliminate serious accident hazards. In Ohio a detailed farm
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TEACHING FARM SAFETY.

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accident survey was conducted by local teachers of vocational agriculture through the cooperation of their F.F.A. boys. That is a worthy effort that has received national recognition.

Second, the preparation of posters on

safety by national and state experts on farm safety, and the placing of these posters on bulletin boards in vocational agriculture classrooms and farm shops and in other appropriate public places in the community by teachers of vocational agriculture and their F.F.A. boys is a type of service that should be mutually helpful.

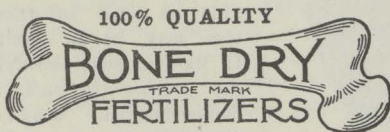
Personally, however, I am of the opinion that it would be best to prepare a comparatively small number of posters, making sure that the ones distributed are the best that can be designed. While posters have their value, they are also subject to abuse and misinterpretation if not carefully thought

out. In this connection, I am always reminded of the advertising concerning Yellowstone National Park. On much of this material appears the picture of a tourist hand-feeding a large bear standing up on his hind legs. Contrast this with the first instructions a tourist receives from park rangers on entering the park warning him to "Beware of the bears, don't feed them; it is dangerous." Largely, in my opinion, as a result of these erroneous posters many serious accidents, some fatal, occur in the park each year.

Third, I believe a great deal of value would result if more good motion pictures showing accidents and their results could be shown in our schools—although I recognize it may be a negative approach. In addition, if the victims of such accidents could themselves be brought before vocational agriculture classes, I am sure the mere sight of such a person injured or maimed for life as a result of such an avoidable farm accident would impress young people as nothing else would.

Fourth, I recommend the appointment of a safety committee to map out a program for removing shop hazards and improving shop practices. It has sometimes proved to be good psychology to appoint to the safety committee the very boys who have been most reckless and careless in regard to safety matters.

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VINELAND VACCINES

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

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chinery for the farmers of the community. Our shop classes started in January and we were having classes twice a week until March, and now we have it once a week.

The officers are: Alton Burch, president; Bobby Easley, vice-president; Cooper Wright, secretary; Clinton Austin, treasurer; Robert Gatewood, reporter; Billy Lewis, sentinel; and V. B. Cauley, Adviser.

Concord F. F. A. boys in service are:

Navy—Clarence Burch, Billy Easley, Bill Fuller, Maury Kendrick, James Pickeral, T. A. Parish, J. C. Reynolds, Emmett Wells, and Otis Maning.

Army—Herman Allen, Fuller Arnn, Roland Arnn, Herman Burch, C. T. Fuller, Forest Gaudin, Mard Grubb, Melvin Herndon, Rodger Herndon (medical discharge), Charles Hubbard, Byree Osborne, Junior Osborne, James Payne, Kenneth Reynolds, Robert Wells, Ryland Wells, Andrew Wright, Billy Wyatt, Otha Wood, Blake Swanson, Hannibal Kendrick, Shirley Easley, John Roy Mitchell, Bill Gregory, Harvey Wood, George Walker, and Maurice Boaze.

ROBERT GATEWOOD, Reporter.

CHURCHVILLE.

At its meeting February 20th, the Churchville Chapter planned a joint F. H. A.-F. F. A. weiner roast, pest eradication campaign and thrift bank program. Ernest Kelly and Milton Michael are captains of two groups in the pest campaign and Linwood Shull and Rawley Collins were named captains in the thrift program. Members of the chapter have \$4,366.60 invested according to chapter records.

CLARENCE MONGOLD, Reporter.

CLEVELAND.

The boys of the F. F. A. chapter of Cleveland High School, have set out 500 white pines under the direction of E. E. Hubble, Russell county chief forest fire warden, and W. L. Creasy, instructor of vocational agriculture. The trees were given to the chapter by the State Forestry Service, and were set on the school ground as a part of the vocational agriculture training program, and to keep down erosion.

Fred Arrington is president of the chapter thrift club through which members have purchased \$61.30 in war savings stamps and \$1,406.25 in bonds. Clarence Jessee is vice-president; Jack Anderson, secretary, and Ferrell Musick, treasurer.

CLOVER.

The members of the Clover Chapter, Future Farmers of America, have done,

and are doing, a fine job in shop work this month. The junior and senior shop class are now building cannery tables and installing ventilators and steam drops in the cannery. They are also building step ladders. The freshman and sophomore boys are constructing milking stools, and wheelbarrows and fitting tools, such as handsaws. Some outstanding jobs are Doble A drags made by Cecile Watts, Oneal Whitlow, Bobby Hudson, and a terracing drag built by Bobby Hudson.

Charlie Covington has four registered Poland China pigs from "Kitty Clover," his Poland China sow. Eighty per cent of the boys in the Clover Chapter will use Adapted Hybrid seed corn this year.

ROY BLANKS, Reporter.

CONCORD.

The Concord F. F. A. Chapter held a father and son banquet in the school

cafeteria April 4th. Mr. J. J. Fray, Superintendent of Campbell County Schols, made a short address. All the boys, many of the fathers, and former F. F. A. members were present and enjoyed a good chicken supper. The program was concluded by the showing of a motion picture.

The chapter this year bought about \$60 worth of certified garden seed and 30 bags of seed potatoes. About eight bushels of certified hybrid seed corn is being planted by the members.

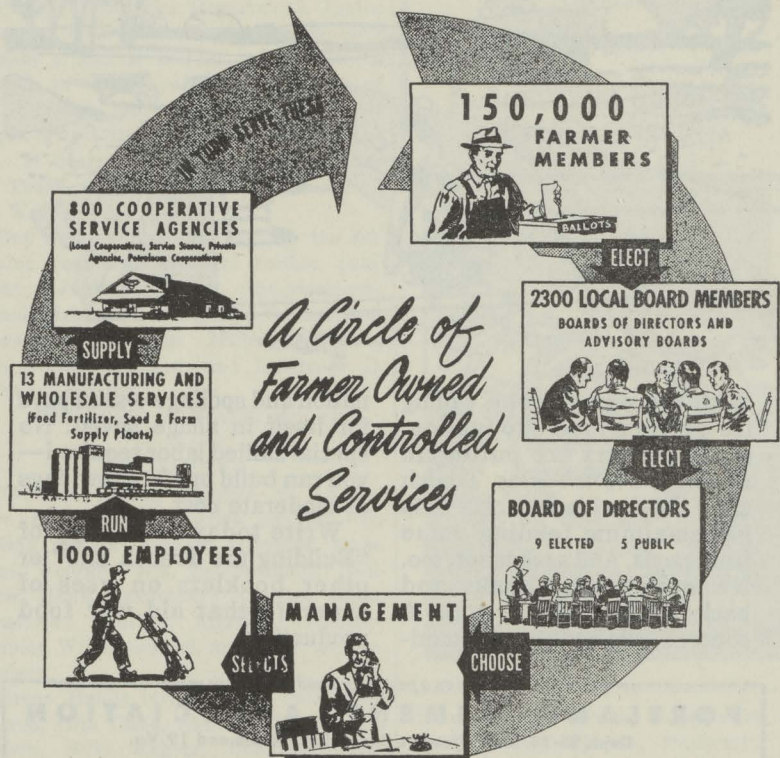
The chapter will sponsor an auction sale at the school April 27, for the benefit of the new cannery building.

GEORGE FRANKLIN, Reporter.

DINWIDDIE.

Ninety-seven of the 246 former F. F. A. boys of the Dinwiddie Chapter are in the armed services as follows: Army, 67; Navy, 25; Coast Guard, 4;

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Two of the boys, Dan and Chester Young, have been reported killed in action. George Howard Wray is reported missing.

J. S. ABERNATHY,
Reporter.

DISPUTANTA.

We plan to increase the yield of corn in our project work by the use of hybrid seed. To date, enough seed has been purchased to plant 42 acres, and

more will be secured, if possible. The members using hybrid seed last year got a much higher yield than those using seed from the farm.

Our May meeting will be held on the first of the month, at which time we will elect officers for the coming year. This is done that our new president may attend the school for leadership, which we hope will be held at the State Rally.

MARION KING, Reporter.

EAGLE ROCK.

Fifty-six attended the joint valentine party held by the Eagle Rock Chapter and the Future Homemakers Club on February 14. The chapter has collect-

ed six and one-half tons of scrap paper, the proceeds from which will be used to buy 200 strawberry plants for each member. Alvin Dwier, chapter secretary, with an average grade of 93.2, and Robert Bryant, with an average of 92.8, won the cash prizes offered by the chapter to the two members making the highest grades on all subjects in school during the first semester.

CHARLES BUHRMAN, Reporter.

FLUVANNA.

Vocational Agriculture students of Fluvanna have completed a course in forestry appreciation and fire fighting. Each boy completed the course and took the final examination and, as a result, is better fitted to help in the preservation of forests, and woodlands on his farm, and to help with fighting forest fires if the need arises.

AUSTIN SHEPHERD, Reporter.

GREENDALE.

The Greendale F. F. A Chapter, with its largest membership in several years, is making an outstanding contribution to the war effort in the production of food, with 141 enterprises, including: 57 acres of corn, 23 acres of tobacco, 25 acres of wheat, 10 acres of hay, one acre of home garden, five acres of potatoes, one acre of tomatoes, two beef cows, five beef calves, 15 beef steers, 14 dairy cows, 25 sheep, 28 pigs for pork, two brood sows, 17 bee hives, 675 baby chicks, and 130 laying hens.

Three of the boys have baby beeves to be shown in the Fat Steer Show at Bristol, May 5. The chapter has bought baby chicks and hybrid seed corn cooperatively. If present plans materialize, the chapter will sponsor a Father-Mother-Son Barbecue in May.

BOB LITTON, Reporter.

GREENSVILLE COUNTY.

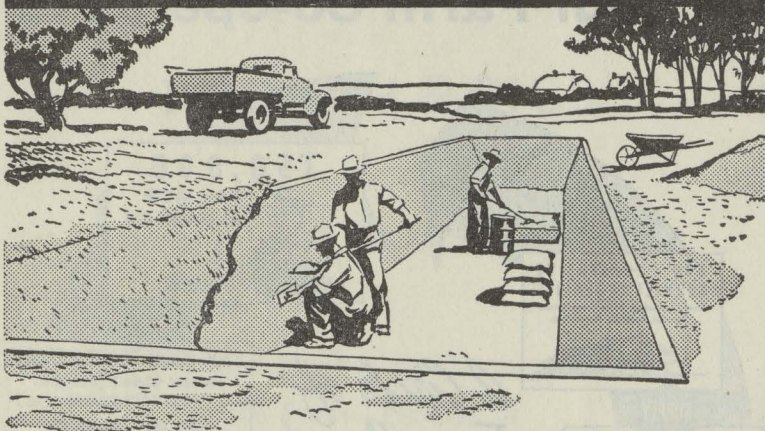
The Greensville County F. F. A Chapter organized February 6 with the following officers: Russell Woodruff, Jr., president; Cato Collins, vice-president; Max Garner, secretary; W. A. Harrison, treasurer; Pete Tudor, reporter and Maynard Allen, sentinel. A formal initiation was held February 12-14.

Twenty-three members of the chapter attended the pure-bred hog sale in Suffolk, February 7. The chapter entertained the Home Economics Club and high school faculty at a wiener roast February 28 in the Emporia armory. MONROE GRIZZARD, JR., Reporter.

LEESBURG.

The Leesburg Chapter observed a moving picture describing the operation and care of farm tractors and mowers at the February meeting. The chapter

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basketball team beat the Lincoln Chapter 16 to 5 in the first game this year. The chapter has purchased soil testing equipment for use by the members.

CURTIS POLAND, Reporter.

LOUISA.

The Louisa County F. F. A. Chapter this year, with 39 members, elected the following officers: Garrett Hart, president; James Duerson, vice-president; Fred Carpenter, treasurer; Carl Coe, secretary; Russell Carpenter, reporter, and Mr. E. M. Penington, agriculture instructor, advisor. When Russell Carpenter stopped school, Lindsay Cave was elected reporter.

This year the boys of our chapter have collected over five tons of paper, which brought \$63.28, that went directly to the chapter. Also, the boys bought, cooperatively, 3,500 pounds of certified Irish Cobbler potatoes, ten bushels of Illinois 448 hybrid corn, 4,200 cabbage plants, 3,500 tomato plants, 850 sweet pepper plants and culled over 5,000 chickens.

The chapter spent one day pruning apple trees for a farmer and about a week beautifying the school lawn and playgrounds. As one of its objectives the chapter has helped farmers repair machinery. Four members of the chapter were given registered sow pigs by the Ruritan Club for outstanding work. The boys will keep these pigs and raise pigs from them. Then they will give back one sow pig which will be given to another F. F. A. boy next year to raise.

LINDSAY CAVE, Reporter.

MATHEWS.

The Mathews High School Chapter, Future Farmers of America, elected the following officers to serve for the next year at its regular April meeting, April 17: Wallace Deagle, president; Linwood Wilson, vice-president; John Lee Hunley, secretary; Reginald Hunley, reporter; Charles Eden, treasurer; Robert Hudgins, sentinel.

Wallace Deagle, Linwood Allen, Charles Eden and Robert Hudgins are all juniors and will be seniors in high school next year.

John Lee and Reginald Hunley, brothers, are completing their first year of work, and are partners in a farming program at Shadow, Virginia. Wallace Deagle, newly elected president, will represent the chapter in the State Public Speaking Contest this summer.

REGGIE HUNLEY, Reporter.

MERIWETHER-LEWIS.

The first Father and Son, Mother and Daughter Banquet in several years was held by the F. F. A. Chapter and Home

Economics Club of Meriwether-Lewis High School, March 9. Among other activities, the Meriwether-Lewis Chapter has sponsored two square dances, radio program, public speaking contest and have collected over 3,500 pounds of scrap paper. Winners in the chapter's public speaking contest were: Billy Finley, 1st; Marco Wood, 2nd; and James Batten, 3rd.

RICHARD E. BAILEY, Reporter.

MT. JACKSON.

The Massanutten Chapter of F. F. A. of Triplett High School, Mount Jackson, Virginia, has been busy during the month of April with many activities outside the regular class work.

On April 7, the Junior and Senior Agriculture boys visited "Mt. Airy," the two thousand-acre summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Vanderbilt. They were shown through the formal garden by Mr. Robinson, and many pictures were taken to be used by the chapter.

The following Monday, the same class visited Shenandoah Valley Academy and there were shown through the modern dairy and saw a fine herd of dairy cows.

The chapter, with the cooperation of the Home Economics Department, Junior Farmers, and other school agencies, have bought a marble marker, which will be placed on the school lawn in honor of all teachers and students of Triplett High School that served in World War II. It bears the inscription "In Honor of Teachers and Students Who Served in World War II."

Our chapter has organized for the following year with Herbert Jordon, president; Junior Tusing, vice-president; Frank Heishman, secretary; Bobby Neff, treasurer; Holbrook Miller, reporter; Guy Baker, sentinel, and Lawrence D. Bowers, advisor.

HERBERT JORDON, Reporter.

MT. SIDNEY.

The Mt. Sidney Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has the following officers: Harold Wampler, president; George Fultz, vice-president; William Houff, secretary; Charles Good, treasurer; Luther Martin, reporter; Stanley Wine, sentinel, and A. T. Adams, adviser.

Green Hands initiated last fall: Paul Bowen, Olin Cline, Stanley Cline, Glenn Flavin, Billy Kegley, Douglas Pence, Ralph Guffey, Charles Knott and Sidney Saufley.

LUTHER MARTIN, Reporter.

NEW HOPE.

The following boys were chosen to lead the chapter for 1945. David Wampler, president; Harold Drumheller,

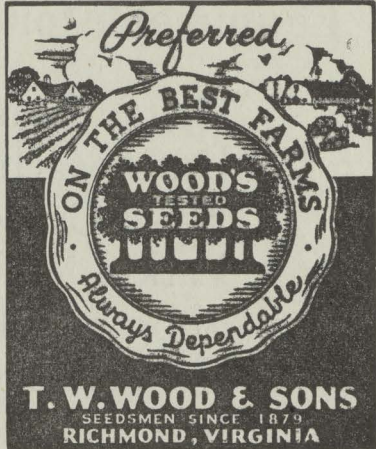


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vice-president; Elwood Meyerhoffer, secretary; Keith Shaven, treasurer; Roy Lee Strale, reporter; Bobby Cupp, watch dog; H. A. Hawkins, adviser.

ROY LEE STRALE, Reporter.

PAMPLIN.

The Pamplin Chapter has conducted a very successful training school for the Virginia Forest Fire Fighters Ser-

vice with all members enlisted. It is thought that ours is one of the few chapters in the State to qualify all of the eligible boys for membership in the V. F. F. S. The chapter baseball team is busily preparing for the Hub Federation tournament and we plan to enter both the public speaking and judgment spring.

Practically 100 per cent of the boys in the group have purchased garden seed and seed potatoes cooperatively.

The thrift bank is again being conducted, with a majority of the members participating.

J. M. COBB, Reporter.

RICH VALLEY.

The chapter officers this year are: Ross Orr, Jr., president; John Debusk, vice-president; Billy Orr, secretary; Rush Gwyn, treasurer; Jeff Monroe, reporter, and Kenneth Surber, sentinel. We started our school year by helping the war effort in gathering milkweed pods and helping the farmers pick apples and cut corn. At our first meeting a talk from our principal on "What the F. F. A. can do for our school" spurred us on to try harder to do bet-

ter work in our organization and in our other school work.

JEFF MONROE, Reporter.

RURAL RETREAT.

The Cabbage Chapter of Rural Retreat sold \$303.65 worth of produce from their 1944 chapter garden. Chapter members have been largely responsible for the construction of the Rural Retreat School Community Cannery, having installed the electrical wiring and the boiler. Six green hands were initiated at the January meeting.

Officers this year are: John Hall, president; James Huffard, Jr., vice-president; Fred Steffey, secretary; Ray Wyatt, treasurer; Edward Wright, reporter.

EDWARD WRIGHT, Reporter.

SUGAR GROVE.

Officers this year are: Jimmy Horne, president; Abie Slempe, vice-president; Howard Cornett, secretary; Ancil Stephens, treasurer; Odis Parks, reporter, and Charles Phillippi, sentinel.

Newly initiated Green Hands are: June Cox, Ralph Hubble, Moody Baker, June Barker, Marion Baumgardner, Al-

fred Cox, Ben DeBord, Phillip Harrington, McNeal Keesling, Billy Meek, Redmond Parks, Charles Phillippi, and D. L. Shumate.

ODIA PARKS, Reporter.

TAZEWELL.

Rev. Clyde F. Watkins was the principal speaker at the Tazewell Chapter's ninth father and son banquet, April 16. Others on the program were: W. L. Painter, treasurer of Tazewell County; Bob Dunnigan, president of the chapter; Russell Richards, Wayne Bandy and Marvin Wimmer.

At the banquet, R. E. Argabrite, instructor of vocational agriculture, awarded prizes to Albert Smith and Russell Richards for collecting the largest quantity of milkweed pods last fall. Bobby Christian was awarded a prize for the best dressed green hand during the initiation.

At its meeting, March 28, the chapter members heard Ashton Sinclair, assistant county agent, explain the different kinds of soils, types best suited to certain crops, etc.

TURBEVILLE.

Officers of the chapter this year are: James Matze, president; Keith Loftis, vice-president; Douglas Gravitt, secretary; Henry Whitt, treasurer; Banks Turner, reporter; William Barker, sentinel; Jack Butler, John Williams and Carlton Elliott, executive committee.

From the profits of vanilla extract sold by chapter members, Turbeville has purchased another \$25 war bond and reached another of its objectives. John Williams sold 16 bottles of vanilla to win first prize of \$3, offered by the chapter, and James Williams and William Barker tied for second and third prizes with 15 bottles each.

BANKS TURNER, Reporter.

WICOMICO.

Officers of the Wicomico Chapter this year are: Walter Hughlett, president; Harding Christopher, vice-president; Horace Barnett, treasurer; Earl Davis, secretary; Charles Ball, reporter, and John Taylor, custodian.

CHARLES BALL, Reporter.

\$40.00 IN FARMING.

Carson Stroop, of Weyers Cave, Secretary of the Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America, used the \$40 he received in the Sears Roebuck award to purchase a Guernsey heifer, a Holstein heifer, and make a partial payment on 5 bushels of certified Maine seed potatoes, according to A. T. Adams, instructor of vocational agriculture at Weyers Cave High School.

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