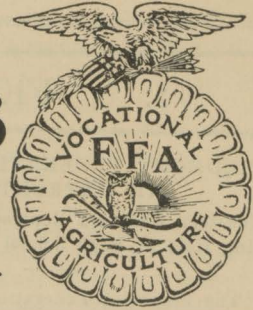


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No. 1.

Crops Judging Team Is Awarded Trip to National Livestock Show

By Willard Blanchard, Whaleyville, Va.

On Monday, December 2nd, after an early dinner, my instructor, Mr. L. E. Pettyjohn, took me to Suffolk, where I boarded the train at 1:55 P. M., headed for Chicago. When we arrived in Petersburg, the coach, Mr. Seal, and another member of the judging team, got on the train. At Appomattox another member of the team got on the train, and at Roanoke we picked up another member of the team. This made our party complete, Mr. H. D. Seal, Coach, Wilson Chapman, Joe Brown, Wm. Moon and myself.

At Bluefield, West Virginia, about eleven o'clock, we changed from the day coach to the sleeper and went to bed. With the exception of one boy, this was our first experience in a sleeper—and what an experience. When we had gotten dressed on the next morning, we were pulling into the depot at Cincinnati. We had an hour to wait, so we ate breakfast and then took a walk around the city. At

about ten o'clock we got on the Pennsylvania train for Chicago, arriving there about four o'clock. We were met at the train and piloted to our hotel, the Congress, on the shore of Lake Michigan. After registering and getting our rooms straight, we ate supper and then went to the Stockyards to see the Horse Show. This was a real treat, 250 of the finest horses in the world were on exhibition. Saddle classes, all types of hitches, up to six horses to one wagon. When we had seen all these pretty horses, we could hardly visualize the old mule we left at home. At one o'clock we decided there would be another day, so returned to our hotel and to bed.

Wednesday morning by eight o'clock, we were up and ready to go. After breakfast we returned to the stockyards to see the Livestock Exposition in every detail. There were around fifteen hundred cattle present, of every breed and style, hogs almost without number, sheep of every kind. Every animal was dressed up



State F. F. A. Executive Committee.

Standing, left to right: William Shaffer, Pres. Nat'l F. F. A.; Wayne Larrowe, State Pres.; H. C. Groseclose, State Adviser and Nat. Treas.; Fred Fadely, State Treas.; Oscar Carlton, Reporter. Front Row: Thos. Hildebrand, V.-P.; Spencer Earp; D. J. Howard, Acting State Sup. Agl. Edu.; Earl Shiflet.

to the height of style and represented many days of hard work and care. Some, who won prizes, were very happy, some who did not tried to look happy. No one knows what is possible in the way of a finished animal until he has visited the National Livestock Exposition. It is a real inspiration. One department of the Exposition is made up of all types and kinds of grains, which we were interested in looking over. No one has seen corn until he sees the exhibits made there.

Wednesday afternoon we decided to look over the city. We chartered a taxi and by chipping in an extra fifty cents, we really saw that city. First we went

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Executive Committee Meets

Makes Recommendations to Local Chapters.

The State Executive Committee held its semi-annual meeting in the library of the State Department of Education on December 27th. Every member was present and took an active part in discussing plans for improvement of the State Organization. The following matters are called to the attention of the local chapters.

The 1936 Rally.

In general, the usual plan of conducting the Rally will be continued. The following recommendations were made:

1. The seating of delegates be reversed in order that those falling in the lower end of the alphabet shall be seated toward the front.

2. That all advisors and chapter officers instruct their chapter delegates to the 1936 Rally that they are expected to attend all sessions of the Convention and to remain in their seats during the meeting. The cooperation of everyone is asked in avoiding the confusion caused

by delegates coming in late and passing in and out during the meetings.

Candidates for Advanced Degrees.

The Committee strongly recommends the early selection of boys who are to be candidates for advanced degrees. It is felt that all chapters should urge worthy and qualified members to apply for the Virginia Farmer Degree. They should begin now to work up their record and submit complete and accurate applications.

The Executive Committee regretted the fact that while Virginia was eligible to receive 5 American Farmer Degrees, only 2 applicants were successful. The failure

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:: FEDERATION NEWS ::

PIEDMONT FEDERATION FORMED IN WARRENTON.

Fourteen Chapters Represented at Meeting Held at High School on Nov. 21st.

The Piedmont Federation was organized at Warrenton on November 21, 1935, at the Warrenton High School. Mr. Whitmore, agricultural instructor at Warrenton and Calverton High Schools, instigated this movement and called together representatives of the Oakton, Herndon, Fairfax County, Nokesville, Manassas, Prince William Co., Stafford, Falmouth, Stafford Co., Lincoln, Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Bealeton, Remington, Marshall, Upperville, Warrenton and Calverton chapters, Fauquier County and their advisers, for the purpose of forming an organization.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Whitmore, who extended the welcome and who introduced Mr. Legge, acting district supervisor of agricultural education. Mr. Legge added much impetus to the meeting by telling us of the great possibilities and opportunities which might be realized in such an organization.

Fourteen chapters were represented by the presence of forty delegates and their advisors. A total of forty-five persons were present.

At this point the meeting was turned over to Mr. Whitmore, advisor of the Warrenton chapter, who acted as chairman. He appointed committees which immediately went to work and set up a constitution, objectives and elected officers.

Some outstanding objectives that were set up are: Each chapter to have a judging team at the State Grain Show; to sponsor an educational and recreational tour; to sponsor a degree team contest and public speaking contest; to select representatives for district contest and several other worthy objectives.

Officers elected for 1935: President, Grant Moffett, Marshall, Virginia; Vice President, Ralph Wines, Warrenton; Secretary, Robert Kitts, Bealeton; Treasurer, Earl Legge, Fairfax; Reporter, Elmer Lunceford, Manassas; Sergeant-at-Arms, Willie Cross, Herndon; Advisor, J. A. Whitmore, Warrenton.

ELMER LUNCEFORD,
Reporter.

BOTETOURT FEDERATION.

The Botetourt Federation of Future Farmers of America held its first regular meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, in the Eagle Rock High School building at 8:00 P. M. Twelve delegates from the four chapters in the county were present.

The meeting was opened with the regular F. F. A. ceremony with a temporary

chairman presiding. The first business to come before the meeting was the election of officers for 1935-36. The following officers were elected: Eddie Strickland, Buchanan, President; John Weeks, Troutville, Vice Pres.; Richard Sprinkle, Fincastle, Secy.; Robert Honts, Eagle Rock, Treas.; James Beamer, Reporter; S. C. Hildebrand, Fincastle, Advisor; Shelvin Thompson and John Duvall, of Troutville and Fincastle, Executive Committee.

A motion was made and seconded that the Federation be called the H. M. Painter Federation in honor of our present superintendent of schools.

Objectives for the year were discussed and the following agreed upon:

1. Hold monthly meetings throughout the year.
2. Use member control in organization.
3. Sponsor radio program.
4. Hold County Father and Son Banquet.
5. Hold Federation Public Speaking Contest, the winner to represent County F. F. A.'s in further contests.
6. Publish Federation news sheets quarterly.
7. Organize and plan Federation baseball and basketball contests, every player to pass at least two high school subjects.
8. Aid the game warden in protecting and conserving wild life.
9. Send at least two news articles to Chapter Chats.
10. Award a Federation Scholarship prize.

The meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting in November, at Buchanan High School.

JAMES BEAMER,
Reporter.

TRI-COUNTY F. F. A. BANQUET HELD AT HOLLAND, VA.

The Holland chapter of F. F. A. sponsored the Tri-County Federation Banquet on the night of December 12th, at eight o'clock. The banquet was for the members and their dads, with guests.

When everybody was situated in the banquet hall, the meeting was opened with the regular opening ceremony, then everybody took their seats. The president, Mr. Cecil Duke, of the Carrsville Chapter, called the roll of chapters and asked that all guests be introduced to the group. Invocation was given by Dr. N. G. Newman of Holland. The welcome address was given by Sidney Harrell, of the Holland chapter, and response by a member of the Courtland chapter.

A report was then given of the Federation Objectives, by the Federation Secretary, S. Roy Turner, of the Isle of Wight

chapter. A report on the District Seed Show was given. We then had special music by members of the Wakefield Chapter, after which suggestions to agricultural students, were given by Ross Minton of Smithfield, ex-president of the Virginia Federation.

Mr. D. J. Howard, Acting State Supervisor, gave some splendid advice. Then Mr. J. R. Holland, Member of Nansemond County Supervisors, of Holland, introduced the principal speaker, Honorable Colgate W. Darden, U. S. Representative from the Second District of Virginia. Mr. Darden talked on the subject "Agricultural Problems." The State song, "Hail the F. F. A." was given by the Holland chapter, after which the meeting was closed with the regular closing ceremony.

There were approximately 140 members and guests at the banquet which was thoroughly enjoyable as well as instructive.

FORMER AGRICULTURAL STUDENT RAISING LIVESTOCK.

Tip Chadwell, a former agricultural student of Ewing school is engaged in raising pure bred Poland-China hogs and high grade beef cattle. He has studied vocational agriculture for three years and is making good use of some of the many things he learned in his study of agriculture. Two years ago he purchased two pure bred gilts and a male for eighty-seven dollars and has been selling bred gilts for twenty-five dollars per head. He has ten head of hogs at the present time. Of this number four are bred gilts that will farrow litters of pigs in March. He recently purchased a pure bred male, since he did not want to breed animals that are related. The plan is to get rid of all grade animals and keep only purebreds since the better hogs are easier to sell, and bring more on the market when sold for breeding purposes. He has three hundred dollars invested in hogs and nine hundred dollars in beef cattle. He sold ten head of beef cattle last fall for seven hundred and thirty-five dollars.

He is succeeding in his work because he likes animals and is interested. The training he has received in agriculture has enabled him to be a better farmer and a better citizen. In speaking of his agricultural training, Tip said: "It really paid me to study agriculture. I realize the value of agricultural work more than ever before and it is valuable training for any farm boy." Vocational agriculture is for the purpose of teaching farming, and success in farming is measured by achievement on the farm.

JOE COMBS,
Reporter.

Be ashamed to die until you have gained some victory for humanity.—Mason.

HIGH POINTS OF THE EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Delegates. There were 89 delegates present from 47 States and Hawaii. The total Congress attendance was 4,000.

Girl Memberships. The following resolution was adopted: "That when officially found that any State Association in the Future Farmers of America has girl members on its rolls, such State Associations shall be participation in all contests and national F. F. A. awards. And no funds from the national treasury shall be available to such State Associations for the purpose of transporting delegates to the national conventions until such time as the names of the girl members are removed from the official rolls of the state association and local chapters in accordance with the constitution."

Subjects for Public Speaking: By unanimous action the delegates definitely disapproved of outside concerns being allowed to offer prizes which would influence the contestants to select and speak on subjects prescribed or urged by said outside concerns in order to win prizes on special subjects. This means that in all F. F. A. public speaking contests the subjects should be selected in accordance with the general rules without pressure or prejudice.

Representatives to Grange and Farm Bureau Meetings: The F. F. A. was officially represented at both these national meetings occurring recently in Sacramento, California and Chicago, Illinois respectively. James Eager of California was designated to attend the Grange meeting and the national president, William Shaffer, attended the Farm Bureau meeting.

American Farm Youth Magazine. A resolution was passed encouraging the efforts of Homer Paul Anderson, editor of this publication, and suggesting further cooperation and support from the F. F. A.

F. F. A. to Sponsor All National Vocational Activities. In order to eliminate confusion between activities of the National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students and the National F. F. A. Convention it was voted to accept the responsibility for sponsoring all vocational agriculture activities at national meeting.

Use of Emblem. Delegates voted that wherever the national F. F. A. emblem is used, it should be used as a whole and not split up or defaced in any way. The emblem should always stand out distinctly when used as a part of a decoration. When used on products to be sold, it should only appear on the highest grade products equal at least to government standards.

Star Farmer Award. Continued with Regional Star Farmer designations and prizes recommended in addition to Star American Farmer.

Public Speaking Contests. The regular contest will be conducted in 1936 on a

basis similar to that of 1935. An extemporaneous contest may be added.

Chapter Contest. Rules for 1936 will be liberalized, prizes added and distributed further down the line.

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK—1935-36.

Adopted at the Eighth National Convention of F. F. A.

1. Encourage membership increase.
Goal—125,000 members by Ninth National Convention.
2. Encourage use of official opening and closing ceremonies in chapter meetings and State Conventions.
Goal—100% of chapters and State Associations using ceremonies regularly.
3. Encourage possession and use of official Manual by every member.
Goal—75% members owning a Manual.
4. Encourage parliamentary procedure in meetings.
Goal—90% chapters have one meeting on instruction.
5. Encourage organization of thrift banks and long-time project programs.
Goal—50% chapter participation.
6. Encourage participation in public speaking contest.
Goal—100% chapter participation.
7. Encourage home improvement including landscaping, beautification, repair and providing conveniences.
Goal—100% chapter participation.
8. Encourage rural fire prevention programs.
Goal—50% chapter participation.
9. Encourage conservation programs.
Goal 75% chapter participation.
10. Encourage pest eradication.
Goal—50% chapter participation.
11. Encourage State F. F. A. camps and leadership training conferences.
Goal 100% State participation.
12. Encourage State F. F. A. Bands and similar musical groups.
Goal—25% State participation.
13. Encourage exchange of State F. F. A. publications (including Hawaii and Puerto Rico) and suggest that these be kept on file by the State Adviser.
Goal—75% State participation.
14. Encourage State radio broadcasts.
Goal—75% of States conducting programs.
15. Have national Father and Son Banquet night program with national F. F. A. radio broadcast at noon previous to banquet. Date to be set at least three months in advance.
16. Publish and distribute to every chapter the Proceedings of the Eighth National Convention.
17. Strive for more and better publicity on F. F. A. activities.
18. Have preliminary plans for Tenth Anniversary Celebration ready by Ninth Convention.
19. All vocational agriculture contests sponsored by the F. F. A.

ESSAY CONTEST CONTINUED.

The Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc., is again sponsoring the Essay Contest. The subject has been changed from that of last year. It reads: "Fertilizer and Cropping Practices of a Farm in My Community as Compared to Experiment Station Recommendations." This is a subject which would be valuable for every boy to study. Ask your teacher of agriculture to assist you in securing the necessary information. I am sure your English teacher would be glad to assist you in writing the essay.

Copies of rules and regulations have been sent to all instructors. The contest offers splendid opportunities for every F. F. A. member. The generosity of the company making the awards possible warrants your fullest support. At least one member of every chapter should submit an essay. Act promptly!

D. J. HOWARD.

ONE-ACT PLAYS.

NOTE—Occasionally Chapters request information concerning plays suitable for use in programs. The following are listed as ones that may be found useful.

The Ghost Hunters, by L. W. Watkins. 4 boys, 2 girls. A mystery play for young people. Plenty of thrills and satisfactory solving of the mystery. No royalty if five copies are purchased.—Walter H. Baker Company, 41 Winter St., Boston, Mass.—Price 25 cents.

Not Quite Such a Goose, by Elizabeth Gale. 2 boys, 3 girls. Albert, a "young brother," despises girls but shows remarkable improvement in his appearance when a friend of his sister arrives.—Walter H. Baker Co.—Price 35 cents.

Sauce for the Goslings, by E. J. Warren. 3 boys, 4 girls. The elder members of the family correct the speech of the son and daughter by adopting slang before an important guest of the young people. Samuel French, Inc., 25 West 45th St., New York, N. Y.—Price 30 cents.

Enter Dora—Exit Dad, by Freeman Tilden. 4 men, 1 woman. Excellent comedy. Samuel French.—Price 50 cents.

The Heritage, by Jack Knapp. 3 men and 2 women. A fine rural play.—Samuel French.—Price 30 cents.

Bimbo, the Pirate, by Booth Tarkington. 4 men, 1 woman. Brilliant comedy of private life. Samuel French.—Price 50 cents.

Stunt Plays, by Owen Kelley. 15 very short plays. Town and Country Publishers, Box 353, Madison Square Station, New York City.

A Woman of Judgment, by Leon M. Pearson, in a collection of 20 one-act plays under the title "Seven to Seventeen."—Samuel French, price \$2.00.

The Unexpected Guests, by Wm. Carson. 2 men, 1 woman. Amusing efforts to discover what gift the guest sent.—Walter H. Baker Co.—Price 35 cents.

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To Chapter Presidents.

The response of local chapters to the request for news for Chapter Chats has been excellent, and sincere appreciation is expressed for this splendid cooperation.

Chapter Chats is the State Association paper. It should be what the Association would like to have it. This issue contains much news from chapters, Federations and some reports from former members. It is felt that every member should read this material for the purpose of learning what others are doing. You might find helpful suggestions for your own chapter. The reports from former members are interesting. Encourage more of these boys to let us know about what they are doing.

A report of the Executive Committee meeting appears in this issue. Please read this carefully and give these suggestions every consideration.

Some members of the committee stated that members of local chapters were not well informed of the great advantages to be derived from membership in the F. F. A. They urge that time be set aside to thoroughly acquaint all members with their own organization. A thorough study of the Manual is strongly recommended.

Public Speaking Contest.

Full participation in the Public Speaking Contest is strongly urged. This contest offers excellent training and seems to be the only phase of Future Farmer work for which Virginia has not received national recognition. Every chapter should have at least one contestant. We have the material so let's develop it to a higher degree than formerly.

Poultry Industries Exposition.

All advisors were sent a pamphlet several weeks ago explaining the opportunities offered Future Farmers by The Poul-

try Exposition. Many of you, no doubt, have eggs that are worthy of exhibit. Ask your advisor about this and do your part in having Virginia represented in the exhibits department.

Make Suggestions.

All local presidents are urged to read Chapter Chats carefully and discuss it with their members and urge them to read it. By doing this you will not only make

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas it has pleased the Divine Creator of the Universe to remove from among us by the hand of death our beloved friend and schoolmate, Willie Cross, who was a loyal, faithful and useful member of our F. F. A. Chapter; Whereas, he having been elected its president for this term as well as an active member for the past two years, we deeply feel his loss and extend to his parents and his brothers as well as all his relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathies; Whereas, his kind disposition, his frank open life, his spirit of fair play and his faith in his fellow students, endeared him to our heart and mind for such an ideal character cannot be forgotten.

Therefore, be it resolved; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased, a copy published in the county papers, a copy be published in the official state F. F. A. publication, and a copy be filed with the records of the Herndon Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

**LOMAX WAMSLEY, JR.,
HAROLD COCKERILL,
Committee.**

Editor's Note—The Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America concur in the above expressions and join in the expressions of sympathies. Willie's loss will be keenly felt by members of the State organization.

a better use of it but will be in a splendid position to make suggestions for improvement. We want to make it what you want it to be and your recommendations will be appreciated and given every consideration. D. J. HOWARD.

SOIL FERTILITY CONTEST.

The Barrett Company of Hopewell, Va., is sponsoring a Soil Fertility Contest which is practically the same as the Crops Contest of former years.

Copies of Rules and Regulations will be mailed by the Company to all chapter advisors within the near future. The generosity of the Company making the awards possible, warrants your fullest support.

CROPS JUDGING TEAM AWARDED TRIP TO NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW.

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thro' Chinatown, which must be just a part of the real China, transferred over to Chicago; then we went thro' the Jewish section of Chicago which we were sure must be Jerusalem at Chicago. We saw what was left of the World's Fair and then traveled what we thought was all over the city.

Wednesday night we felt that we should see a real show, so Mr. Seal took us to see Ginger Rogers in "In Person," which we enjoyed very much. We decided that we would have seen just as much at Loew's at home. We then returned to our hotel for some sleep.

Thursday morning we went to the Field Museum, which we found very interesting. We then went to the Planetarium. Here they used some method by which they showed us all the stars and planets, on the ceiling, as they are in the sky; their relation to the sun and how the sun is located from us, each season of the year; how the earth revolves on its axis; why the sun sets in some parts and why it does not in others. To me, this was the most interesting thing we saw. From the Planetarium we went to the Aquarium where we saw all kinds of fish. That afternoon we went shopping, looking for souvenirs. Here we found stores that would hold a whole town, like Suffolk. We found that instead of going up on an elevator, they had a thing called a escalator. It was a set of stairs, you stepped on one step and just stood still and the step carried you up to the next floor. We had to go up and down stairs most all afternoon.

Friday was our last day, so we tried to see everything we had not seen. We first went thro' Swift & Co., packing plant. We followed the hog from the time he was killed, until he was wrapped up as sliced bacon, in the box. We saw them killing cattle and sheep and how each department was operated. We were then given lunch by Swift & Co., which we enjoyed very much. We had to hurry to catch the train for home.

Saturday we got into Old Virginia and started losing members of the party along the way until I was the last one to leave the train at Suffolk, about five P. M.

We all enjoyed the trip to the limit. We saw many strange, as well as educational things. We learned more in that week than in any week we have ever lived. We had pleasure while we were learning. Any boy going to Blacksburg would be well repaid for his efforts, regardless of how hard he trained, if he wins a place on the team and gets a trip like we had. I, personally, want to thank the F. F. A.'s of Virginia for giving me this wonderful trip.

EXCELLENT RECORD IN PAYMENT OF DUES.

The payment of dues this fall by members has exceeded the record of any previous year. The State Executive Committee wishes to express to all members of the following chapters their deep appreciation of this splendid support and cooperation. The information supplied below on the number of paid-up members in each chapter includes those chapters who have sent in dues.

An asterisk indicates those paying dues on or before October 1, 1935. A number of schools did not open until after October 1st. Many of these chapters paid dues promptly and while they are not listed among those paying by October 1st, deserve much credit for their splendid cooperation:

*Achilles	25
*Amherst	32
Apple Grove	25
*Appomattox (R. E. Lee)	59
*Andrew Lewis (Salem)	27
*Atkins	29
*Auburn (Riner)	26
*Axton	40
Bealeton	36
Beaver Dam	22
Beverly Manor	57
Blacksburg	56
*Botetourt	38
Boyce	15
Berryville	13
Battlefield Park	35
Bridgewater	30
Broadway	30
Brookneal	9
Brookville	20
*Brosville	16
*Buchanan	43
Buckhorn	28
Burkes Garden	26
*Callands	46
Calverton	21
Capron	9
Carson	32
*Carrsville	13
*Central (Accomac)	19
*Charlotte C. H.	9
Clover	39
*C. T. Smith	29
Chase City	55
Check	28
Chilhowie	29
*Chuckatuck	27
Churchville	33
*Cleveland (Washington Co.)	16
*Climax	32
Cobbs Creek	30
*Concord	23
*Creeds	13
Criglersville	25
*Cleveland (Russell)	31
*Cople	22
Courtland	18
Culpeper	35
*Dan River	47
Dayton	36
*Dickenson Memorial	46
*Dinwiddie	23
Darvills	14
*Dendron	15
*Disputanta	34
*Drakes Branch	20

Dublin	37
*Dungannon	17
*Eagle Rock	13
Eggleston	15
*Edinburg	12
Elk Creek	22
Earleysville	15
*Edmund Pendleton	13
Ewing	11
*Fincastle	43
Falmouth	25
Fisherville	32
*Farnham	20
Franktown-Nassawadox	13
*Glade Spring	14
Gladys	20
*Goochland	44
*Great Bridge	41
*Greendale	31
*Greensville	26
*Hamilton	20
Hardin Reynolds	32
*Haysi	18
*Herndon	35
*Hillsville	65
*Holland	22
Honaker	58
*Independence	20
*Isle of Wight	11
Ivor	6
John Barton Payne (Remington)	24
John Randolph	35
Kempsville	30
Kenbridge	26
*Keysville	19
*King George	57
*King William	34
*LaCrosse	17
*Lebanon	57
*Liberty Hall	6
*Lincoln	26
*Lovettsville	14
*Linville-Edom	21
*Lloyds	22
Lee-Maury	22
McGaheysville	12
McKenney	11
Madison	33
Maywood	22
*Manassas	30
Marshall	39
*Mendota	12
Meriwether-Lewis	28
Mica	26
*Midway	20
Middlebrook	20
Montpelier	33
*Mt. Clinton	32
Mt. Sidney	25
*Middletown	13
Millboro	25
Naruna	15
New London	37
New Hope	22
*New Market	14
Newsoms	28
*Newport	26
*Nokesville	36
*Nora (Ervington)	26
North River	58
*Oceana	18
*Oakton	35
Orange	22
Palmer Springs	10
*Pamplin	9
Pembroke	17
*Port Republic	33

Phenix	24
*Pennington Gap	40
*Poquoson	34
*Powhatan	57
*Rappahannock Dist.	7
*Renan	37
Rose Hill	21
Rural Retreat	47
*Rustburg	18
*Saluda	14
*South Hill	36
Scottsburg	23
*Sparta	25
*Smithfield	27
Stafford	19
Spencer Penn	31
Sperryville	15
*Spring Garden	35
*Stephens City	45
*Strasburg	29
Stuart	16
Stuarts Draft	25
Spottswood	36
Spottswood (Green Co.)	10
Sugar Grove	31
*Surry	12
*Syringa	19
*Tappahannock	6
Tazewell	12
Temperanceville	20
Temple Hill	60
*Toms Brook	16
*Triplett (Mt. Jackson)	49
Timberville	26
Troutville	21
*Turbeville	39
Upperville	11
*Unionville	19
*Varina	28
Victoria	23
Virginia-Carolina	40
*Volens	73
Wakefield	12
Warren Co.	25
Warrenton	28
*Wallace	30
*Washington-Henry	27
*Washington & Lee (Montross)	22
Washington (Rappahannock Co.)	25
*Warsaw	27
Weyer's Cave	36
Whaleyville	21
*Whitmell	52
*Wicomico	32
Willis	33
*Winchester	51
*Windsor	20
*Woodlawn	84
*Woodstock	50
*Wylliesburg	14
*Wytheville	11

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Those men who think as a boy never grow old. The boy loves adventure, he loves to plan, he looks forward, not backward. The atmosphere of a boy is wholesome, alive, vigorous and inspiring. Boys are more daring than men—they love to invent new things and explore new fields. The successful executive of to-day must be a pioneer, no matter how old his business is, to keep abreast of a fast-moving business world.—Efficiency.

THOUGHTS FOR FUTURE FARMERS

HE DUG.

He wanted a job, and like everyone else,
He wanted a good one, you know;
Where his clothes would not soil and his
hands keep clean,
And the salary mustn't be low.
He asked for a pen, but they gave him a
spade,
And he half turned away with a shrug,
But he altered his mind and, seizing the
spade—he dug.
He worked with a will, was bound to suc-
ceed,
And the months and the years went
along.

The way it was rough, and the labor was
hard,
But his heart he kept filled with a song.
Some jeered him and sneered at the task,
but he plugged
Just as hard as he ever could plug;
Their words never seemed to disturb him
a bit—as he dug.

The day came at last when they called
for the spade
And gave him a pen in its place.
The joy of achievement was sweet to his
taste.
And victory shone on his face.
We can't always get what we hope for at
first,
Success cuts many queer jigs.
But one thing is sure—a man will succeed
—if he digs.

Lolis E. Thayer.

MYSELF.

I want to live with myself and so
I want to be fit for myself to know;
I want to be able as days go by
Always to look myself in the eye.
I don't want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've done.

I don't want to keep on the closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself
And fool myself as I come and go
Into thinking nobody else will know.
One kind of person I really am;
I don't want to dress myself up in sham.

I want to go out with head erect;
I want to deserve all people's respect;
For here is the struggle for fame for
self;

I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty
show.

I can never hide myself from me;
I see what others can never see;
I know what others can never know;
I never can fool myself, and so
What ever happens I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.

CULTURE AND AGRICULTURE.

It has long been a favorite theory of
mine that agriculture could be made one
of the most cultural in the whole range
of studies and an agriculture school the
center of a very high type of culture.

For, has not agriculture intimate rela-
tions with chemistry and physics, with
botany and zoology, with transportation
and with commerce, with banking and the
development of society, and with politics?

Has it not indeed its aesthetic aspects,
and its possible relations with the fine
arts?

And might it not be possible so to edu-
cate the farmer that he should be con-
scious of these relationships, that his
daily task should relate itself in his
mind on the one hand to the great world
of the physical and vital forces and on
the other to the evolution of society and
the trend of history and the making of
a better world for children to be born in
and men and women to live in?—E. D.
Burton, Formerly President of the Uni-
versity of Chicago.

THE JOB.

Take this, my boy, and remember it long,
Though now it may strike you as funny,
A job with a chance to improve and ad-
vance

Is better than one that pays money.
Take a hint from an old man who's trav-
eled the way,

Just heed to his counsel a minute,
There's a job that may pay you five dol-
lars a day,

But that's all there will ever be in it.
Don't look at the cash as so many boys do
Take a look at the long years before
you;

See how much you can learn, not how
much you can earn,

And the place which the future has
for you.

Can you rise from the post where they'd
have you begin?

How far will this humble job take you?
These are questions to ask. They pay
well for the task—

But what sort of a man will make you?
Oh! many a boy has begun with a rush,
And has grabbed for a man's wages
blindly;

Now he sticks as a man at the spot he
began

And thinks life has used him unkindly.
So look for a job with a future ahead

Seek a chance to grow greater and
greater;

Seek a place where you know as you work
you will grow;

And the money will come to you later.

—Edgar A. Guest.

THE MAN WHO DOES HIS BEST.

No matter how little he's getting;
No matter how little he's got
If he wears a grin and is trying to win—
He is doing a mighty lot!

No matter how humble his job is
If he is striving to reach the crest
The world has a prize for the fellow who
tries—

The man who is doing his best!

Today he may be at the bottom
Of the ladder to wealth and fame,
On the lowest rung, where he's bravely
clung,

In spite of the knocks—dead game—
But slowly he's gaining a foothold,
His eyes on the uppermost round;
It's hard old climb, but he knows in time
He will land—and be looking down!

The fellow who never surrenders,
And is taking things as they come,
Who never says "quit" and exhibits the
grit,

When the whole world's looking glum.
The fellow who stays to the finish
That nothing can hinder or stop,
And who works like sin is the chap who'll
win—

And some day he'll land on top!

—James Hungerford.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT— DOES IT APPLY TODAY?

"We thank you," said the Iriquois Chief
in 1774 to the Governor of Virginia which
had offered to educate some of their
young men, "We have already had ex-
perience of your education, and some
whom you have educated in all your sci-
ences come back to us bad runners, ig-
norant of woodcraft, unable to trap a
deer, snare a perch, to build a wigwam;
we cannot accept your offer. Though we
appreciate your goodwill, but we will
take a few of your sons and make men
cut of them."—Copied—Mississippi Vo-
cational News.

YOU MUSTN'T QUIT.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are.
It may be near when its seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest
hit,

It's when things seem worst that you
mustn't quit.—Anonymous.

Did you ever stop to think that your
"good enough" work never wins prizes.

Winners of races, of prize awards, of
high honors in any field, are the men who
do their best from start to finish—who
concentrate on excelling.

The world's worth-while rewards only
go to those who do their jobs better than
most people.—Caroline Progress.

HOLD FATHER AND SON BANQUET.

The auditorium of the Herndon High School was a scene of a very festive occasion Tuesday, November 26th, at 7:30 o'clock when members of the Herndon and Fairfax Agricultural Departments entertained their dads at the sixth annual Father and Son Banquet. The chapter color scheme was carried out in the blue and yellow crepe paper, overhead decorations with yellow chrysanthemums and blue candle used to beautify the tables.

The crowd assembled around the tables to be served a bounteous repast by the Home Economics girls under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Virginia Belchee. The menu consisted of roast turkey, giblet gravy, dressing, peas, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, coffee, hot rolls and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Previous to the meal the officers of the local chapter opened the program with the opening ceremony used at all F. F. A. occasions. The address of welcome was given by Charles Thompson followed by a toast to "Our Dads" by Joseph Moffett. Rev. Garner Butt of the M. E. Church pronounced the invocation after which the meal was served. During the course of the meal musical selections were rendered by Bruce Trickett, Lomax Wamsley and Burley Coulter. Edward Cross, a former F. F. A. member, acted as toastmaster in the absence of his brother, Willie, who was taken ill at the last moment and was unable to be present. Edward's dry wit was much enjoyed by those present and all agree he made a huge success as toastmaster. The F. F. A. Creed was recited by Eugene Niswander at this time in an effort to reveal the principles for which the organization stands. Harold Cockerill gave in a very effective manner the chapter's program of work for the year 1935-36. While Burley Coulter gave a summary of the preliminary project program. News of the State Convention held at Blacksburg was presented by Clifton Jones. How we plan our projects was discussed by Arthur Powell. The value of training was discussed by Franklin Ellmore, former F. F. A. member who is now farming in the local community. Several features of the program were eliminated due to the absence of members of the organization. During the evening's entertainment members of the chapter sang their National song, "Hail the F. F. A." and several other favorites. Brief talks were offered by J. H. Rice, principal of Herndon High School; G. E. Smith, principal of Fairfax High School; Dr. E. C. Shull, president of P. T. A.; W. R. Crabill, Advisor for the chapters, introduced Mr. W. A. Ross, Specialist in Agricultural Education from the Department of the Interior, as chief speaker of the evening. The well-chosen remarks of Mr. Ross were much enjoyed by all. J. H. Rice next presented Mr. J. A. Linke, Chief of Agri-

cultural Education Service, U. S. Department of the Interior and National Advisor to the Future Farmers of America who vied with Mr. Ross in winning many favorable comments from his listeners. The presence of these celebrities was an inspiration to our chapters, and we feel very fortunate in having had them with us. The evening came to a close with everyone singing Auld Lang Syne. The Sixth Annual Father and Son Banquet was voted the best yet.

THE LYNCHBURG FARM SHOW.

The First Annual Lynchburg Farm Show was held in the Lynchburg City Armory, November 20th to 23rd, 1935. The show was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Lynchburg Retail Merchants Association, cooperating with the County agents, Home Demonstration agents, instructors of vocational agriculture and Home Economics of the four counties, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell.

The exhibits began coming in early on the morning of November 19th and continued until late that night. The boys and girls were busy all day arranging the exhibits of the products of their project work. The exhibits consisted of all kinds of farm crops, vegetables, poultry and eggs in the agricultural department. The Home Economics and 4-H Club girls displayed clothing outfits, food projects and educational exhibits. Premiums were offered for the best county educational exhibit, these booths creating a great deal of interest. A very attractive educational exhibit was put on by the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. This exhibit cleverly showed the effect of soil erosion and how to overcome this condition by terracing, strip cropping and reforestation.

The exhibits were judged the following day by competent judges furnished by the State Extension Division and the State Department of Education.

The Farm Show was visited by a large number of the residents of the city of Lynchburg as well as many people from the surrounding counties. Some of the spectators were heard to say: "These are some of the best products I have ever seen."

The largest crowd to visit the show was on Friday, November 22nd. At this time the school children were brought in on school buses from the surrounding counties. The E. C. Glass high school of Lynchburg entertained the visitors with a band concert at 12:00 o'clock noon. This was very much enjoyed by all.

Those in charge of the show have declared it to be most successful and will, without doubt, be continued next year when very probably additional classes will be added.

SCOTT EVANS,
Reporter.

MT. JACKSON JR. FARMERS' CLUB MEETING.

The October meeting of the Mt. Jackson Jr. Farmers' Club met Wednesday night, October 30th, in the Agricultural Classroom of the Triplett School. The primary purpose of this meeting was to work out a set of objectives for the coming year, which are as follows:

1. Send exhibits to State Corn and Grain Show to be held in Warrenton, Va., January 30th and 31st, 1936.
2. Send a delegate to American Country Life Convention at Columbus, Ohio.
3. Increase enrollment up to 24 members or more if possible during the year.
4. Each member to carry out some improved farm practice and keep a complete set of records on some farm enterprise and give to secretary at end of year.
5. Work out some form of initiation ritual to be used in the initiation of new members.
6. Work out some standard form for opening and closing meetings.

Recreational Activities.

1. Cooperate with F. F. A. chapter in staging a Father and Son Banquet.
2. Take a farm tour or attend some State Agricultural Meeting during the year.
3. Organize a soft ball team next spring.

Braden Miller was elected editor from this organization to serve on the county Agricultural Editorial Board which will be composed of representatives from the County Home Economics Departments, County F. F. A. Association, County 4-H Clubs and County Jr. Farmers' Clubs. This publicity committee will publish a monthly news bulletin of activities of the different organizations named above.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Phelps Payne—(second term); Vice Pres., Fred Fadely; Secy. and Treas., Braden Miller; Asst. Secy. and Treas., Richard Fadely. Fred Fadely was elected Reporter, with Granville as assistant.

After adjournment of the meeting Paul Rose, Assistant County Agent, gave some boxing exhibitions and gave the boys some boxing lessons.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD AGRICULTURAL TEACHER.

"The strength of an ox, the tenacity of a bulldog, the daring of a lion, the industry of a beaver, the versatility of a chameleon, the vision of an eagle, the disposition of an angel, the loyalty of an apostle, the heroism of a martyr, the faithfulness of a prophet, tenderness of a shepherd, the fervency of an evangelist, and the devotion of a mother."—Author Unknown (Contributed by F. R. Sampson, Mead, Neb.)

:: NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS ::

Beverley Manor

The Beverley Manor Chapter held its regular F. F. A. meeting on December 20, 1935.

This meeting was called to order by the President, James Cleveland. It was decided to put on a radio program at Harrisonburg on January 21, 1936. It was also decided that each boy pay a nickel towards buying a basket for one of our old F. F. A. members, Cecil Sandridge, who is sick in the hospital. A splendid program was given by the program committee.

The program consisted of selections by the Smoky Row Ramblers, song, Jingle Bells by entire group, reading by Tracy Hazellet and Cecil Jones, music by the Fulwider brothers and Dick Craig. After the program, the Smoky Row Ramblers played while Mr. Brumback passed around the candy.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

HAMPTON QUICK,
Reporter.

Capron.

We elected officers for our chapter at our September meeting.

They are as follows: President, Wilton Burgess; Vice-Pres., Alex Vargo; Secy., Samuel Edwards; Treas., Wilson Vick; Reporter, Dalton Johnson; Farm Watch Dog, Joseph Pope.

One of our members, Alex Vargo, captured a large owl several weeks ago, and we are having it mounted for use in our chapter meetings.

DALTON JOHNSON,
Reporter.

Courtland.

The Courtland High School Chapter of Future Farmers of America held its regular monthly meeting in the agricultural class-room on Thursday night, December 19, at 6:00 o'clock. The meeting was begun with the regular opening ceremony, and was presided over by the chapter president, Braxton Holcomb.

After reading the minutes of the November meeting and calling the roll, the chapter secretary, Junis W. Pulley, Jr., gave a progressive report on objectives of the chapter. He stressed the point that many of the objectives set up by the chapter for the year have already been accomplished, and that the chapter should feel entirely pleased with its work so far reported, and gave an interesting account of the Tri-County Federation's Father and Son Banquet held at Holland on Thursday night, December 12.

Following the several reports, six Green Hands were initiated into the chapter. The new Green Hands are as follows:

Odell Joyner, Earnest Newton Wilson, O. K. Hall Gardner Hundley, Gurney Carnwell and Charlie Babb.

Each Green Hand was given a bronze F. F. A. pin—the pin of his rank in the organization. Members receiving the gold pin of the Future Farmer were: William Simmons, William Babb, Kilby Simmons, Braxton Holcomb, Junius W. Pulley, Jr., William Laslo and William Bryant.

After the business meeting, members went into the school lunch room and held a most enjoyable luncheon. Sandwiches, roasted peanuts, hot chocolate, cakes and candy were served.

Below are some of our chapter's objectives for this year:

1. Award a prize to the student in each of the four classes who carried the best project work during the year.
2. Each student to carry both crop and livestock enterprises.
3. Each student be at least half owner and have complete supervision of his projects.
4. Run F. F. A. store at school to raise money with which to finance chapter activities.
- Engage in co-operative buying and selling.
6. Send judging team and exhibits to Eastern Virginia Seed Show to be held at Newsoms.
7. Build up our agricultural library by each member paying \$1.00 book fee.
8. Take active part in the Southampton County School and Agricultural Fair.
9. Join the Tri-County F. F. A. Federation, and take an active part in carrying out its objectives.
10. One or more of our members raise pure bred seed corn, and sell improved seed to farmers in the community.
11. Take pictures of outstanding students and their projects, and display same in room where meetings are held.
12. Hold a Father and Son Get-together of some kind.
13. Have some form of entertainment at each regular meeting of the chapter.
14. Secure a room down town in which to hold meetings at night.
15. Divide chapter into two groups, each group being responsible for putting on a program when called on to do so.
16. Display objectives on wall of room where meetings are held.
17. Publish five articles in **Chapter Chats**.

18. Keep an F. F. A. scrap book.
WM. LASLO,

Dungannon.

The Dungannon chapter of Future Farmers of America met Wednesday,

November 21st and the following program was given:

Bible Reading—Wilburn Cox.

Questions and Answers—Hollis Lucas and Paul Porter.

Jokes—B. F. Beard.

Believe it or not—Earl Cassell.

We wonder—Ireland Hilton.

Debate: "Resolved that General Farming Has More Income Than Crop Farming."

The decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

Our instructor, Mr. Busie and some of the members of the chapter enjoyed a camping trip to Stone Mountain in the latter part of November.

The chapter is getting a permanent loan of books from Howard University, Washington, D. C., which we are thankful for.

EARL KEITH,
Reporter.

Eagle Rock.

The Eagle Rock Chapter of F. F. A. held its regular monthly meeting in the Agriculture Building on September 30th, at 1:30 P. M. The meeting was opened with the regular ceremony with a temporary officer presiding. Officers were elected for the coming year, they being:

President—Robert Hontz.

Vice-President—James Beamer.

Treasurer—Earl Stull.

Secretary—Lloyd Hudson.

Reporter—William Fisher.

Adviser—Mr. S. C. Hildebrand.

Farm Watch Dog—Elwin Haymaker.

The meeting was closed with regular ceremony.

WILLIAM FISHER,
Reporter.

Fairfax.

The Fairfax Chapter of Future Farmers held their Green Hand initiation Friday night, November 15th. The meeting was called to order by our president, Earl Legg. After the opening ceremony, the regular initiation for the Green Hand Degrees was held.

The new initiated were the following: Ralph Beahm, William Thomas, Vance Berry, William Moser, Stanley Murphy, Russell Nelcon, Russell Piper, Phillip Ward, Kenneth Reid, and George Waple.

Following the initiation ceremony, refreshments were served.

Ten boys who were not present will receive their degrees at the next meeting

VINCENT SUTPHIN,
Reporter.

Fincastle.

The Painter-Patrick chapter of the F. F. A. held its regular monthly meeting in the Agriculture Building on September 30th, at 11:00 A. M. The meeting was opened with the regular ceremony with a temporary officer presiding. Offi-

cers were elected for the coming year, they being:

Samuel Bowman, President.
Richard Sprinkle, Vice President.
Norman Armentrout, Treasurer.
Warren Stevens, Secretary.
Dennis Lucas, Reporter.
Mr. C. S. Hildebrand, Advisor.
Cecil McFarland, Farm Watch Dog.
Executive Committee members at large:
E. P. Obenshain, Jr.
Howard Riley.
Orion Shanks.

Objectives for the year 1935-36 were discussed and the following were approved by the Chapter:

1. 100% members with savings account.
2. Engage in cooperative buying and selling.
3. Send at least five news articles to Chapter Chats.
4. Hold F. F. A. Camp or Tour.
5. Exhibit at County Fair.
6. Exhibit at State Corn and Grain Show.
7. Send judging team and delegates to State Rally.
8. Hold County Father and Son Banquet.
9. Aid County Welfare Organizations in caring for destitute families.
10. Aid game warden in protecting and conserving wild life.
11. 100% boys in agriculture paying state dues.
12. Sponsor a radio program.
13. Assume responsibility for taking care of school grounds.
14. Have F. F. A. boys publish an issue of the school paper.
15. Have an entry in the public speaking contest.
16. Have boys participate in some essay contest.
17. Have boys use project markers.
18. Start an F. F. A. Scrap Book.
19. Display objectives and check accomplishments on charts placed in the F. F. A. chapter room.
20. Become more familiar with Parliamentary Procedure used in meetings.

The meeting adjourned with the regular ceremony.

DENNIS LUCAS,
Reporter.

Fishersville.

The Jefferson Highway chapter held one of its best meetings of the year on December 4th. Interesting reports from the following committees were given and showed the progress on objectives to date.

The Sunday school attendance committee reported that the percentage of attendance to date was 85%.

A social was held on November 29th, in the high school auditorium.

Give a Christmas box to some needy family. The committee in charge of this objective found a family in the community which was very needy. Each boy helped with the box by bringing food, cloth-

ing, toys and other items. When it was all placed together we had enough to fill a car. The box was delivered to the family Friday before Christmas.

A very interesting program was presented which consisted of a talk on: "Watch Your Poultry," by Norriss Coiner, jokes by Walter Brown, poem by Francis Brower, and riddles by Jack Shiflett. Following this other members of the chapter gave interesting reports on some recent magazine articles they had read.

A basketball team was entered in the BAR tournament played at Fishersville. We lost our first game to Beverly Manor.

The committees in charge of our Father and Son Banquet, and our intitations are busy making plans for the completion of these objectives in January.

At the recent BAR meeting we had four representatives and their dads. We will be host to the next meeting of the Federation in February. Norriss Coiner, Ree Kiblinger, and Jack Shiflett were appointed to be in charge of the program for this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until January 8th.

JACK SHIFLETT,
Reporter.

Hamilton.

The Hamilton F. F. A. chapter met in the agriculture building at Hamilton early in October and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Nelson Robertson; Vice President, Harold Parker; Secretary, Walter Frayser; Treasurer, Cecil Sheldon; Reporter, Linn Rowh; Watch Dog, Billy Carter.

A short time after the election of officers another meeting was called to decide upon the objectives for the following year.

1. Hold a box Supper.
2. Hold a picnic.
3. Cooperate in carrying out the Richmond Federation objectives as follows:
 - (a) Basketball tournament.
 - (b) Father and Son get-together.
 - (c) Radio program.
 - (d) Judging contest.
 - (e) Track meet.
 - (f) Degree team contest.
4. Organize the Basketball team.
5. Send judging team to State Seed and Grain Show.
6. Send judging team to Rally.
7. Improve school grounds.
8. Build material in shop for sale.
9. Exhibit agriculture products at Five-County Fair.
10. Hold Achievement Day.
11. Help each other in case of illness.
12. Show agriculture moving picture for benefit of community.
13. Hold Farm Tour.
14. Raise money to wire agriculture building.

The first of our objectives, a Box Supper, has already been carried out. The

entertainment was well attended and everyone had a good time. Our organization has raised enough money this year to pay off the remainder of the debt on wiring the agriculture building.

LINN ROWH,
Reporter.

Haysi.

The local chapter of the Haysi F. F. A. held their regular monthly meeting Friday, December 13th. The meeting was opened by the regular ceremony, after which the following boys were initiated into the Green Hand degree: Sylvan Adkins, Garnie Anderson, Hines Colley, Atley Fields, Nolan Kiser, Raleigh Kiser, Oscar Mullens, and Maynard Ratcliffe.

The local chapter does not boast of as large an enrollment as in the past, but we feel that we have a more select group. The first year high school boys are not permitted to take a regular course in Vocational Agriculture, but are given a preliminary course in connection with the General Science course offered to all first year students. The result, we feel, is fewer boys who enroll in Agriculture who do not have the facilities for carrying out their supervised practice program.

We are very proud of a forty dollar addition to our department library. We also have our order for a large number of the books which are being offered by the Howard University.

FRENCHMAN ROBINSON,
Reporter.

Herndon.

On September 20th, the Herndon chapter of F. F. A. elected the following officers for the session of 1935-36:

President—Willie Cross.
Vice President—Lomax Wamsley.
Treasurer—Burley Coulter.
Secretary—Harold Cockerille.
Reporter—Wilton Balenger.

Farm Watch Dog—Charles Thompson.

Since the election, the officers have been working hard on arranging the program of work.

The objectives in the agricultural classes for this session are:

I. Work in Supervised Practice.

1. Complete 95% of enterprises and supplementary jobs.
2. Award prizes to boys performing best project work and doing best F. F. A. work.
3. Have an average of two projects for first and third year boys and average of three projects for third and fourth year boys.
4. Have average of two supplementary jobs per boy.
5. Have scope of supervised practice work meet hour requirement.
6. Each boy be at least half owner and have complete supervision of projects.

II. Earnings and Savings.

1. Encourage boys to add to savings account.
2. Have 100% of boys with savings accounts.
3. Conducting thrift bank with 100% members participating.

III. Community Service.

1. Test soil for farmers in community.
2. Secure good seed corn and test it for the farmers if required.
3. Have all pigs castrated on home farm before weaning.
4. Continue the upkeep of the school grounds within reach of department.
5. Distributing clothes and food to the poor and needy families at Christmas.
6. Assist and encourage poultry raisers in the community to treat flocks for worms.
7. Enter Chilean Crops and Essay Contest.
8. Encourage farmers in community to use improved practice as recommended by the agriculture department.
9. Cull poultry for farmers of the community.

IV. Recreation.

1. Hold Father and Son Banquet.
2. Take Farm Tour.
3. Sponsor F. F. A. basketball team.
4. Hold preliminary track meet.
5. Have members take part in Piedmont Dairy Festival.
6. Send Judging team to Blacksburg.
7. Send track team to district meet.

V. Conduct of Meeting.

1. Use proper opening and closing ceremony.
2. Have program of entertainment for each meeting.
3. Each officer memorize routing ceremony.
4. Each officer memorize Green Hand initiation ceremony.
5. Hold meeting on an average of once a month.
6. Have some official business to attend to at each meeting.
7. Each member wear F. F. A. pin.
8. Each officer have proper equipment at each meeting.
9. Officers have proper position at meeting.

VI. Scholarship.

1. Have average of all boys "C" or better.
2. Have at least one boy attend school for leadership at State Convention.

VII. Leadership Activities.

1. Put on special F. F. A. exhibits at community fair.
2. Have at least one boy send in application for State Farmer Degree.
3. Enter initiation team in District contest.
4. Each officer have a manual.
5. Send at least one member to attend school leadership at Rally.
6. Give program at school assembly.

VIII. Cooperative Activities.

1. Have 100 per cent of boys pay state dues by October 1st.
2. Cooperation with P. T. A.
3. Support the F. F. A. Federation.
4. Send at least five articles to **Chapter Chats** during the year and to the community, school, and Washington paper.
5. Assist in judging, track and delegate expenses to Rally.
6. Put on some joint project with Home Economics Department.
7. Put on program for the P. T. A. association in the school regular meeting.
8. Buy certified seed together.
9. Improve school room.
10. Buy chickens cooperatively.
11. Keep magazine rack neatly arranged and reference material filed neatly and correctly.
12. Keep shop neatly arranged and equipment in good shape.

Reporter.

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Herndon.

The chapter recently accomplished one of its objectives, that of improving the agricultural classroom, they then completed the painting of it on the inside.

The walls and ceiling of the classroom in the agricultural department were badly damaged a few years ago by smoke from a defective stove. At a chapter meeting the members voted to improve the appearance of the room by cleaning and painting it. After cleaning the walls the members studied how to mix the paint they were going to use which consisted of white lead paste, linseed oil, turpentine and drier with medium chrome yellow pigment used to obtain the desired color.

After mixing the paint three coats were applied to the walls and ceiling and the wood work was varnished with a dark oak varnish. All of the members feel that they have gained considerable knowledge and skill in fixing and applying paint as well as improving the appearance of their classroom.

Reporter.

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Kenbridge.

Varied and interesting activities have been included in the program of the Kenbridge Chapter of the Future Farmers of America since the opening of the fall term of school in September. Trips, meetings, and contest participation have been on the calendar.

On December 5th, Henry Rudd, Aubrey Hawthorne, and Richard Thomas attended the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Southside Virginia Federation of F. F. A. held at Chase City. The Federation is composed of sixteen F. F. A. Chapters in the counties of Lunenburg, Charlotte, Mecklenburg and Halifax. Richard Thomas is treasurer of the Federation. Henry Rudd and Aubrey Hawthorne at-

tended as delegates of the Kenbridge chapter.

The time and place of holding the annual father and son banquet was the chief topic of discussion at the Federation meeting. Last year the banquet was held at South Hill with over 250 people attending.

Highlights from the Chapter diary to date follows:

October 3rd. James Bagley, Jr., and Douglas Ragsdale represented the Kenbridge chapter at the October meeting of the Southside Virginia Federation. At this meeting Richard Thomas of Kenbridge was elected treasurer of the Federation for the year 1935-36. James Bagley served on the nominating committee.

October 4th. Twenty-nine members and friends of the Kenbridge chapter, together with eighteen agricultural students from Victoria, spent a gala day at the Virginia State Fair in Richmond. The boys left Kenbridge at 9:30 on a school bus and a truck and, after witnessing all the displays and attractions of the fair including the fireworks, returned home in the small hours of the morning with the unanimous verdict that "a good time was had by all." Mr. L. E. Kent and Mr. L. J. DeFrees, agricultural instructors of Victoria and Kenbridge respectively, accompanied the boys on the trip.

October 8th. Two trips to fairs within five days constituted the record, as the entire chapter, accompanied by the agricultural class of Lochleven High School visited the Mecklenburg County Fair at Chase City and spent an enjoyable day. The Chapter cooperated in putting on an educational exhibit of a balanced farm program at this fair.

October 14th. The objectives of the chapter for 1935-36 were adopted at the regular meeting of the chapter on this date. These objectives were drawn up by a committee composed of Thomas Clarke, Richard Thomas and Aubrey Hawthorne and were unanimously adopted by the chapter. Durward Snead, President, appointed a committee to make plans for the carrying out of each objective. The objectives with the committee in charge of each are:

1. Engage in cooperative buying and selling. (Richard Thomas, James Compton, Francis Doyle, Morris Russell.)
2. Finance transportation of judging team to State Rally. (Henry Rudd, Douglas Ragsdale, Stockton Powers.)
3. Hold meeting each month during the year. (Durward Snead.)
4. Organize a thrift bank with at least 50 per cent of membership participating. (T. D. Clarke, Carroll Spruill, Louis Bridgforth.)
5. Help at least one local community organization to reach its objectives. (Jas. Bagley, Eldred Gunn, O. T. Oakes, Roy Smith.)
6. Send news articles to **Chapter Chats**. (James Bagley, T. D. Clarke.)



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7. Have one member of chapter to attend School of Leadership at Rally.

8. Help beautify the school grounds. (Leland Lyons, Gordon Billings, Walter Crafton, Beny Johnson.)

9. Take field trips during the year. (Aubrey Hawthorne, John Hatchett, Henry Bishop.)

10. Hold a father and son banquet. (Ammon Cathran, Durward Snead, Warren Jansch, Marvin Harris.)

October 31st. Kenbridge's poultry judging team, composed of Durward Snead, Leland Lyons, and Gordon Billings, placed second in the F. F. A. poultry judging contest held in connection with the Virginia State Poultry Federation meeting at South Hill. Leland Lyons was second high individual scorer in the contest. Nine teams from the counties of Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, and Dinwiddie competed.

November 15th. The officers of the Kenbridge Chapter installed the new Victoria chapter by conducting the formal initiation of twenty-four Green Hands and presiding while the new Victoria Future Farmers elected their officers. The ceremony was carried out impressively and effectively. Those who participated in it were: Durward Snead, President; Henry Rudd, Vice President; T. D. Clarke, Secretary; Richard Thomas, Treasurer; James Bagley, Reporter; Aubrey Hawthorne, Watch Dog; Ammon Cathran and Gordon Billings, conductors; and Mr. L. J. DeFrees, Adviser.

JAMES BAGLEY,
Reporter.

Keysville.

The Keysville F. F. A. chapter held their annual father and son banquet Thursday evening, November 21st, at seven o'clock. The dinner was served by Mrs. Winifred Garner and her class in the home economics building.

Officers of the organization gave the opening ceremony of the F. F. A., with Harland, the president, in charge. Robin Robey acted as toastmaster. The program included an interesting talk by Charles Forrester on "The Aims and Purposes of the F. F. A." J. T. Wilkerson read the F. F. A. creed, and Joe Vaden made a short talk on "Agriculture Boys of Today." James Hamner enlivened the evening with jokes. Dudley Shumaker, Wister White, and Jimmie Gee entertained with music and singing. Besides the chapter program there were talks by Mr. Lee W. Morton, Mr. H. M. Collins, and Mr. B. M. Wright.

ROBIN ROBEY,
Reporter.

Manassas.

In our first meeting we elected officers. The following were elected:

President: Woodrow Smith.
Vice President: Gilbert Rollins.

Secretary: Elmer Lunsford.

Treasurer: Richard Vetter.

Reporter: Harris Collins.

Watch Dog: Arlie Vance.

In our next meeting the Green Hands and Future Farmers were initiated. There were 10 Green Hands and eleven Future Farmers.

Elmer Lunsford was elected Reporter of the Piedmont section of the F. F. A. of Northern Virginia.

Manassas was well represented at the Nokesville Fair. We won quite a few prizes.

HARRIS COLLINS.

McGaheysville.

The McGaheysville chapter was among the four new ones organized in Rockingham county this year. We are glad indeed for our new agriculture building and new equipment. Although the work is new, the boys are entering into it wholeheartedly. Fine cooperation is being shown by both parents and boys.

Our first F. F. A. meeting was held in October. At this meeting our plans for the year were discussed and definite ones accepted as objectives for the chapter. Committees were appointed and each given definite things to accomplish for the year. The following officers were elected for the year:

President: Russell Life.
Vice President: Jennings Armstrong.
Secretary: Francis Kite.
Treasurer: Kenneth Kite.
Reporter: Russell Shifflet.
Watch Dog: Rudolph Kyger.

Our objectives for the year are as follows:

1. Effect an F. F. A. organization.
2. Secure necessary paraphernalia for F. F. A. room.
3. Enter team in livestock and crops judging at Staunton Fair.
4. Enter representative in public speaking contest sponsored by BAR.
5. Organize a Thrift Bank.
6. Be represented at the State Rally by: (a) A judging team. (b) Two delegates. (c) One pupil to attend school for leadership.
7. 100 per cent membership dues paid by October 1st.
8. Award a suitable prize to boy conducting most outstanding enterprises in supervised practice.
9. Raise necessary money to finance chapter.
10. Cooperate fully in carrying out objectives of the State F. F. A. and BAR organizations.
11. Aid in making needed schoolground improvement.
12. F. F. A. boys enter exhibits at local fair.
13. Cooperate in putting on radio programs.
14. Each boy enter at least two exhibits from his projects at fair.

15. Strive toward proficiency in Green Hand initiation and parliamentary procedure.

16. Each officer know part in opening and closing F. F. A. ceremony.

17. Hold Father and Son Banquet or similar get-together.

18. Conduct chapter tour or camping trip.

19. Have F. F. A. basketball team.

20. Hold fall and spring F. F. A. picnic.

21. Assist one worthy family of the community.

22. Frame and hang F. F. A. Creed and Charter in chapter room.

23. Display F. F. A. objectives in classroom.

RUSSELL SHIFLETT,
Reporter.

Middlebrook.

The Middlebrook F. F. A. chapter met November 25th, for the purpose of electing officers for the new year. The meeting was opened with the F. F. A. ceremony.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President: Brown Hanger, Jr.

Vice President: Cliff Gregory.

Second Vice President: Raymond Fitzgerald.

Third Vice President: George Hanger.

Secretary: Charles Harris.

Treasurer: Robert Hanger.

Reporter: David Bowman.

Watchdog: Fred Brubeck.

Seven new members were initiated into the chapter, which made a total of 26 members.

The following objectives were set up for the year 1935-36:

1. To continue planting trees and shrubs to beautify school grounds.
2. To sponsor the Middlebrook community F. F. A. Fair next year.
3. To have Father and Son Banquet.
4. To have livestock judging team.
5. To sponsor F. F. A. basketball team.
6. To help buy equipment and improve shop.
7. To buy seed corn and potatoes cooperatively.
8. To cooperate with Beverly Manor chapter in putting on an educational exhibit at Staunton fair.
9. To have a thrift savings club.
10. All members have dues paid by last of November.
11. All officers have parts learned by next meeting.
12. To paint lines and bankboard of gymnasium.
13. To put on one community league program during the year.

It was decided to have the regular meeting the third Thursday of each month.

The chapter adjourned to meet December 19th.

The Middlebrook F. F. A. chapter met Thursday, December 19, 1935, in the

Agricultural Building. The chapter was opened with the F. F. A. ceremony, with twenty-four members present.

After the business meeting, a program was given by the program committee.

The Plowing Song by class.

Recitation by Grover Sandy.

Harp Solo by Glenn Bartley.

Home on the Range by class.

Harmonica Solo by Glenn Bartley.

The meeting was closed by the F. F. A. ceremony and adjourned to meet January 16, 1936.

The regular meeting of the Middlebrook F. F. A. chapter was held Jan. 16, 1936 in the agricultural building. The meeting was opened with the F. F. A. ceremony, presided over by the President, Brown Hanger.

The roll was called with 21 members present and 3 absent. It was decided that the members should have their F. F. A. pins at each meeting and if not presented the member be charged five cents. The minutes were read and approved.

Three objectives have been completed up to date:

1. To sponsor F. F. A. basketball team.
2. All members have dues paid up by last of November.
3. To paint lines and bankboards of gymnasium.

It was decided to put on a radio program January 21, 1936 from Harrisonburg at 2:30.

A motion was made and carried that all officers know their parts by the next meeting. If not known they will be fined five cents.

It was voted to have a fish picnic instead of a Father and Son Banquet.

The meeting was closed with the closing ceremony and adjourned to meet February 20th.

DAVID BOWMAN,
Reporter.

Middletown—Stephens City.

The Middletown-Stephens City chapters held their annual father and son banquet in the auditorium of the Stephens City High School, December 13th. Over 150 fathers and their sons attended notwithstanding the steady rain.

The meeting was opened by the two chapters, with John Fred Larrick, president of the Middletown chapter presiding. Other officers taking part in the opening ceremonies who gave the F. F. A. ritual, were: Eugene Pope, vice president; Charles Reely, Secretary; Henry Brumback, reporter; Harry Cook, treasurer; R. A. Wall, advisor; and Robert Brumback, watch dog. When called upon each told of his duties in the organization. They closed by singing the F. F. A. song.

After this feature was concluded, Wade Rothgeb, president of the Stephens City chapter, acting as toast master, introduced the various speakers. Those called

upon for brief remarks were Miss Annie P. Starling, rural supervisor of Frederick county schools, C. I. Brumback, chairman of the board of supervisors; G. W. Ropp, Superintendent of schools for the city of Martinsburg, W. Virginia; I. Fred Stine, county agent; Orville Wake, principal of Middletown high school; R. E. Aylor, principal of Stephens City high school; and Leslie D. Kline, superintendent of schools of Frederick county, who introduced the speaker of the evening, Burr P. Harrison, Commonwealth Attorney of Frederick county. Mr. Harrison painted a vivid word picture of the horrible consequences of automobile driving.

The meeting was closed in regular form by the officers after Wade Rothgeb, the toastmaster, thanked Mrs. Rhodes, home economics teacher, and the home economic girls for serving us such a delicious banquet.

The Middletown-Stephens City chapters work together in most of their activities, therefore it is necessary that we make our report as a department.

On October 16, and 17, we held our annual F. F. A. fair at Stephens City agricultural building. Fifty seven F. F. A's in the two departments took part in this fair. There were over four hundred exhibits entered by the F. F. A. boys. Ross Lillard of Stephens City won the high score for winning the most points which is given on the prizes won, as; 1st. 4 points. 2nd. 3 points. 3rd. 2 points and 4th. 1 point, besides receiving \$2.00 for top score he received a large ribbon, which was framed and hung in the class room. Ray Barley was second with high points, Charles Cook third and John Carbaugh fourth, all of Stephens City.

On the afternoon of the second day a judging contest was held for the Shenandoah Federation and the Northern Triangle Federation, which are composed of New Market, Mt. Jackson, Woodstock, Edinburg, Toms Brook and Strasburg (Shenandoah) and Handley, Boyce, Berryville, Front Royal, Middletown, and Stephens City, (Northern Triangle). A silver cup was won for the second time by the Strasburg Chapter. Harry Cook of Stephens City was the high individual in the contest with a score of 332 points out of a possible 400.

Our two chapters have built a rifle range and expect to start try-outs in a few days for chapter rifle teams.

Both chapters will enter the basketball tournament which will be held in Winchester on Feb. 24. (for the Federation).

Our degree teams plan to start work as soon as the exams are over, which will be about January 20.

HENRY BRUMBACK,
BOB MONTGOMERY,
Reporters.

New Hope.

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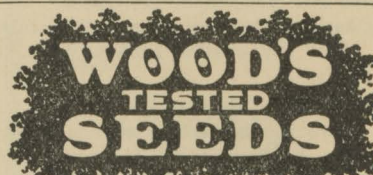
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on October 11th, the activities of the chapter were planned for the coming year.

Those objectives adopted by the group are:

Section I. Cooperative Activities.

1. Every boy enrolled in Agriculture to be a member of the local chapter with dues paid by October 18th.

2. Cooperate with the BAR by:

a. Entering a judging team in Contest at Staunton Fair.

b. Buying and selling cooperatively.

c. Having 5 news articles from local chapter in the BAR.

d. Enter 2 contestants in the Public Speaking contest.

e. Entering a basketball team in the Basketball Tournament.

f. Have a representative in tract meet.

g. Have 100 per cent attendance at all BAR meetings.

3. Have program or play for benefit of F. F. A.

4. Cooperate with Fisherville F. F. A. in putting on an educational exhibit at the Staunton Fair.

5. Put 4 articles in Chapter Chats and send 4 to local newspaper.

4 to local newspaper.

6. Send judging team, delegates, and track members to Rally.

Section II. Recreation.

1. Conduct a farm tour.

2. Hold Father and Son Banquet.

3. Hold a social meeting quarterly.

Section III. Conduct of Meetings.

1. All meetings to be held on the first Thursday of each month.

2. All members attend all meetings.

3. All officers know parts in opening and closing ceremony.

4. Initiate new members to Green Hand Degree.

5. Raise eligible Green Hands to Future Farmers.

6. Every member be on one program during the year.

Section IV. Thrift.

1. Conduct a F. F. A. thrift bank with 50 per cent of members participating.

Section V. Community Service.

1. Help some needy family.

2. Each boy test seed corn for his project.

3. Continue improvement of schoolyard.

Section VI. Leadership Activities.

1. Assist in holding a community fair.

2. Each boy exhibit project work at local fair.

Section VII. Other Activities.

1. Have Sunday school or church attendance of 80 per cent. The winners to be awarded by the losers.

2. Send at least 3 exhibits to State Corn and Grain show.

3. Participate in some commercial contest.

4. Display objectives in classroom.

5. Conduct an educational program at High School assembly or at P. T. A.

6. Buy soil tester and film strip machine for use of chapter.

7. Chapter award prize to first year boy carrying best project program.

Officers of the chapter for the year are Eldon Power, President; Peyton Paxton, Vice President; John Staple, Treasurer; Carl Via, Secretary; Oliver Sandridge, Farm Watch Dog; Oscar Almarode, Reporter; and T. J. Sharitz, Advisor.

The chapter helped to place an educational booth at the Staunton Fair in cooperation with Fishersville. There were eight booths put on by 15 chapters from the BAR Federation. All kinds of farm products were included in the exhibits.

We also entered a judging team, composed of Oscar Almarode, Eldon Poers, and John Staples in the judging contest sponsored by the Staunton Fair. Nineteen teams competed, Timberville winning first place. At the recent BAR meeting Oscar Almarode was elected editor of the BAR paper for the year.

The New Hope chapter of Future Farmers lent a helping hand on the 10th of December to a man who could not work because of ill health. His family consisted of his wife and five children. On that morning we brought axes and cross-cut saws and went out to one of our member's woods. We cut the man two wagon loads of wood. Another boy furnished a team. We hauled the wood and put it in his back yard. The people were very grateful for our act and we know it was one half a day well spent.

OSCAR ALMARODE,
Reporter.

Nokesville.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4th, the Nokesville Future Farmer boys and Home Economics girls held their annual banquet.

This year they made it an open house and served all those who contributed and helped in the erection of the new Agriculture Building. About 130 patrons and contributors attended this banquet.

After the banquet in the High School Auditorium, a program dedicating the new building was rendered.

Mr. J. W. Harpine, the former President of the Community League, presented the building to the School Board.

Mr. R. C. Hayden accepted the presentation in behalf of the School Board.

The Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, of Northern Virginia, Mr. W. R. Legge was present and gave a very interesting talk on "The Boy of Today at the Crossroads."

BILL HALE,
Reporter.

North River.

The North River F. F. A. Father and Son Banquet was held Friday night, Dec. 13th. The banquet was a great success in spite of the inclement weather.

There were 125 fathers, sons, and guests present.

Mr. W. S. Pence, our principal, acted as toastmaster.

The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. M. J. Craun. The address of welcome was given by our chapter president Carl Craun, and the response was given by the Rev. W. H. Zigler.

The three main speakers were Dr. Guy R. Fisher of Staunton, Mr. D. J. Howard, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture for Virginia, and Mr. W. R. Legge, District Supervisor of Agriculture for Northern Virginia.

Among the guests who made brief talks were Supt. A. C. Gilkeson, Sheriff G. M. Gilkeson, Supervisor W. L. Reeves, Mr. S. H. Brenaman, Mr. R. A. McChesney, and two school board members, Mr. J. H. Arehart and Mr. William Young.

Mr. P. H. France, our instructor, emphasized the continuation of the triangle of cooperation between the boy, father, and the instructor.

Mr. Roy Cline, manager of the Augusta County Farm Bureau and Mr. Chester McLaren, Instructor of Agriculture at Churchville, were recognized.

One of the most enjoyable events of the program was the delicious dinner prepared by the ladies of this community and three teachers of this school, Misses Ella Reeves, Emily Miller, and Louise Randol.

The dinner was served in an admirable manner by the home economics girls under the supervision of Miss Mary V. Coyner.

The music was furnished by the Moscow Ramblers and members of the F. F. A. organization.

The North River F. F. A. chapter reached another one of its objectives for the year, that of helping some needy family during Christmas time. The chapter collected \$6.00 in cash which was used by a committee to purchase Christmas presents for two needy families in our community. A letter of appreciation was received by the chapter from the families receiving them.

OREN HALTERMAN,
Reporter.

Poquoson.

The Poquoson chapter of F. F. A. was recently elected to membership in the PAN Federation of Future Farmers. This federation is composed of the F. F. A.'s of Princess Anne, Norfolk and York counties. George Cluverius was elected as Poquoson representative in the federation.

November 22nd the Poquoson chapter held its Parents and Sons' Banquet in the cafeteria of Poquoson High school. About ninety-five guests were present. Elmer Ensley, president of the chapter, acted as toastmaster. George Cluverius, the Vice President, welcomed the guests. Samuel Hopkins read the chapter's objectives, Robert Lindsay talked on the trips which are taken by the F. F. A.'s; Nelson Mar-

tin spoke on the classwork and Lucas Meredith on the project work. Short responses were made by Rev. N. D. Blackman, Rev. B. E. Hudson, W. F. Watkins, N. L. Thomas, principal of the Poquoson high school, P. W. Crockett, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Superintendent of Schools, T. Ryland Sanford, Jr. T. V. Downing, District Supervisor of Agriculture Education spoke on "The Aims of Agriculture Education." The mothers of the boys and the girls of the home economics class prepared the banquet.

SAMUEL HOPKINS.

Reporter.

Port Republic.

Agriculture was introduced in the Port Republic High this year for the first time. Thirty-three boys are regularly enrolled in the agricultural classes. All of them have their enterprises lined up for the year, and are progressing nicely with their work.

At our first F. F. A. meeting the officers were elected, committees appointed, and plans discussed for the year's work.

The following officers were elected: President, George Kemper; Vice President, Stanley Wampler; Secretary, Ervin Long; Treasurer, David Walker; Reporter, Ken Gordon; Watch Dog, Willis Phillips.

Some of the outstanding activities of the chapter are thus far: A F. F. A. picnic on North River with about forty boys participating. The sending of a judging team to Staunton Fair. Securing the necessary paraphernalia for the F. F. A. classroom. Sending delegates to the regular BAR meetings. Helping to put on a Community Fair.

Plans are now being made to enter a F. F. A. basketball team in the BAR Tournament, and send a judging team to the State Grain Show at Warrenton, Va.

KEN GORDON,

Reporter.

NOTE—The objectives adopted by this chapter were identical with those adopted by McGaheysville and are given under their report.

Spring Garden.

The Spring Garden chapter of F. F. A. held its regular monthly meeting on December 20th in the agriculture classroom. The meeting was opened with the regular opening ceremony. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss and make plans for organizing a F. F. A. chapter Thrift Bank, and holding our Father and Son Banquet.

We decided to establish the thrift bank through the Savings Department of the Bank of Chatham. We secured from the bank saving account books for each depositor. One of the purposes of the bank is to save money for the members to take a trip to Washington next summer.

Two cashiers were appointed by the president, one in each class, to head the

bank. They are Richard Owen and Edward East. Money is deposited each Wednesday of the week. We receive the regular rate of interest on all money deposited. This is the first thrift bank that has been organized so far among the chapters of Pittsylvania county.

It was decided to hold our Father and Son Banquet during the latter part of the winter. We hope to have most of our shop work on display at this banquet.

Our chapter regrets very much the loss of Billy Dallas, one of our active members. We all hope him much success at Dan River.

A. B. WOODSON, JR.,

Reporter.

Stuarts Draft.

The Stuarts Draft chapter of the Future Farmers of America, held its regular monthly meeting, January 8th, in the agriculture building. The meeting was called to order by Billy Bradley, president. The roll was called and the minutes read.

We added some additional objectives to our program of work for the coming year. With these objectives we have a total of 38 objectives in our program of work for the term of 1935-36.

The following is a list of our objectives:

Supervised Practice Work.

1. Have 100 per cent of supervised practice enterprises completed.
2. Complete at least two supplementary farm jobs per boy.
3. Each boy have full responsibility for his own projects.
4. Award a prize to the most outstanding student in the class.
5. Have an average of three or more enterprises per student for entire chapter.

Cooperative Activities.

1. Cooperate with Spottswood in putting on vocational booth at the Staunton fair.
2. Have at least one representative at each BAR meeting.
3. Cooperate with the Home Economics department in putting on an oyster supper and in giving a negro minstrel to raise funds for the chapter.
4. Aid in beautifying schoolgrounds.
5. Cooperate with Community League in securing new equipment for the shop.
6. To hold a Father and Son banquet.
7. Purchase seed potatoes cooperatively.
8. Have 100 per cent members pay dues.

Community Service.

1. Aid farmers in testing soil in the community.
2. Aid farmers in community in testing seed corn.
3. Continue to care for school shrubbery.
4. Assist farmers in docking and castrating lambs.
5. Aid some needy family during the year.

6. Aid the Home Economics department in the high school in making equipment needed.

Leadership Activity.

1. Put on F. F. A. Shop work exhibit and invite public in to see it.
2. Send judging team to Rally to be held at Blacksburg.
3. Send at least one boy to Blacksburg to attend school of leadership.
4. Have at least one boy to send in application for State Farmer degree.
5. Enter at least two candidates for public speaking.

Earning and Saving.

1. Organize a thrift bank in cooperation with local bank.
2. Have 100 per cent of boys with savings account.

Conduct of Meetings.

1. Use opening and closing ceremony at each regular meeting.
2. Have program worked out for each meeting.
3. Hold regular monthly meeting.
4. Have regular insignia properly displayed at each meeting.

Recreation.

1. Enter F. F. A. basketball team in Northern Virginia tournament.

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2. Enter F. F. A. district meet.
3. Hold a barbecue for F. F. A. chapter in the spring.
4. Sponsor a social with the Home Economics girls.

Other Activities.

1. Sponsor at least one radio program during the year.
2. Have objectives displayed in classroom.
3. Secure publicity by having all articles sent to the Staunton, Waynesboro and school papers and sending at least five articles to **Chapter Chats**.

The meeting was then turned over to the program committee. We had some jokes read by Franklin Sprouse. David Williams played some songs on his harp.

LERROY ALMARODE,
Reporter.

Turbeville.

Turbeville Chapter, F. F. A., held its regular meeting on Monday night, December 9th. The usual ceremony was observed in opening the meeting.

Tom Owen and Douglas Fulp are to represent the Turbeville Chapter at the Federation meeting to be held at Chase City in January.

Elwood Burton, Sam Cox and Billy Moore were appointed to serve on the program committee, and Spencer Jeter, John Charney and Early Bass make up the refreshment committee.

We had a humorous debate on the subject, "Can a Black Horse Pull More Than a White?" The affirmative side was upheld by Douglas Fulp and Elwood Burton, and the negative by Charles Bass and Ben Earp. Both sides were well argued, but the judges favored the affirmative because Ben Earp's hair was entirely off color.

We then saw some real boxing, which was very enjoyable, even though several boys received sore fingers and black eyes.

After being served refreshments, consisting of grapes, bananas and apples, we went home feeling that we had had a good time as well as a constructive meeting.

CHARLES BASS,

Washington.

The Washington F. F. A. Chapter met in the Agricultural Building at Washington, Va., in October to organize the Chapter and elect officers for the year.

The officers were elected, as follows: President, Burrell Luttrell; Vice-Pres., Gibson Wharton; Secretary Conrade Eastham; Treasurer, William Eastham; Reporter, Robt. Bowen; Watch Dog, Hampson Keyser, and Advisor, J. C. Huffman.

The Chapter set up the following objectives for the year:

1. Have an F. F. A. basket ball team.
2. Care for and improve the Washington School grounds.
3. Take a camping trip or farm tour in the summer.

4. Purchase a F. F. A. banner and some recreational equipment.

5. Improve the shop equipment and arrangements.

6. Have a F. F. A. stand to raise money to take farm tour.

7. Hold a joint Father and Son Banquet with the Sperryville Chapter.

8. Organize a degree team and initiate the Green Hands.

9. All members pay State F. F. A. dues.

10. Have a F. F. A. judging team and enter in contests and Rally at Blacksburg.

11. Send delegates to Golden Horseshoe Federation meetings.

12. Cooperate with Golden Horseshoe Federation.

The degree team was organized and the second Chapter meeting was held Thursday night, November 21st, for the purpose of giving the initiation ceremony to the Green Hands. Ten Green Hands were given the Future Farmer Degree and 14 new members were taken into the Chapter and given the Green Hand Degree. This makes a total enrollment of 24 members in the Washington Chapter, which is only one year old.

ROBERT BOWEN,
Reporter.

Whitmell.

The Whitmell chapter called a special meeting early in October for the election of officers for the year of 1935-36.

The new officers are: President, Tommie Payne; Vice-President, Robert Adkerson; Secretary, Rawley Coleman; Treasurer, Nelson Payne; Reporter, Dennis Parson; Watch Dog, Joseph Hutson.

We have improved the appearance of the Agricultural Building a great deal by buying new shades for the windows and equipment for the library.

Before Christmas on the night of Dec. 18th, the Home Economics girls entertained the F. F. A. boys in the Home Economics cottage. The cottage was decorated with mistletoe and other Christmas decorations. We played a number of interesting games and refreshments were served.

DENNIS PARSONS,
Reporter.

Woodlawn.

In the month of November, the local F. F. A. boys presented to the public one of the best corn shows ever exhibited at Woodlawn. They presented a blue ribbon to the boys who had the best exhibits of the different varieties of corn. Dixie Bedsaul won a blue ribbon for having the most beautiful table. Halnor Burnett won a ribbon on Highland King. Dixie and Mr. Creasy won on Boone County corn. Frank Jones won on yellow corn. Clifford Jones won a blue ribbon on Tennessee Red. Dixie Bedsaul won the all-time record for making the most corn per acre. He made one hundred

and eighteen bushels and a gallon of corn per acre. We all were very pleased to hear that Dixie made a great success this year. We had about ten different exhibits.

The boys are wanting to put on a radio program in the near future.

CLIFFORD JONES,
GORDON LIDDLE,
Reporters.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

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of the other candidates was due largely to the incompleteness of their records. It is felt that Virginia has enough outstanding farm boys to receive their full quota of American Farmer Degrees. Local chapters are strongly urged to give this matter thorough consideration. Some members feel that local chapters have not properly informed their members of the opportunities offered to secure these degrees.

National Convention.

The members of the Executive Committee who have attended the National Convention feel strongly that this meeting is one of the greatest possible inspirations. They feel that, because of the value to be received from attendance at the National Convention and because our own "Bill" Shaffer will be the presiding officer, we should have a large delegation from Virginia at the 1936 Convention. There are some boys who want to go at their own expense. This is of course permissible if they are recommended by their local chapter. There are organizations in some communities which might be glad to assist toward paying the expenses of an outstanding boy. These thoughts are called to your attention in order that you might consider ways and means of enlarging the Virginia delegation to the 1936 National Convention.

The Executive Committee voted to furnish Virginia apples in sufficient quantity to place one by each plate at the banquet to be held at the 1936 National Convention.

Constitution and By Laws.

The following Amendments are recommended for consideration at the 1936 Rally:

(1) The retiring State President shall each year automatically become a member of the State Executive Committee and shall serve in such capacity for a term of one year.

(2) The delegates representing the Virginia Association each year at the National Convention shall be the immediate past president and the newly-elected President. If at any time this shall not be possible the executive committee is authorized to select delegates.

Honor is like the eye, which cannot suffer the least injury without damage; it is a precious stone, the price of which is lessened by the least flaw.—Bossuet.