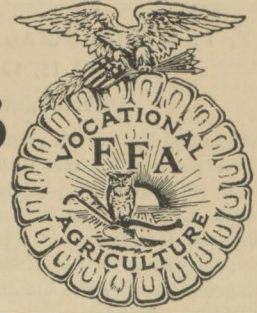


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Future Farmers Hit New High In Membership

Grand Total Is 6,305 Individuals

Future Farmer membership in Virginia showed an increase of 437 or 8.3 per cent in 1936, and twelve new chapters were added in this period, according to the Annual Report of the Virginia Association recently submitted to Washington by Henry C. Groseclose, State Adviser.

The Virginia Association made substantial advances during the year just closed. There were 202 active chapters in the state reporting a total of 5,675 paid-up members with 318 associate members, 287 honorary (local) members and 25 honorary (state) members. The grand total membership of the Virginia F. F. A. is 6,305 individuals.

Thrift bank deposits of active members on January 1, 1936, was \$103,629.07, while the amount involved in farming on the same date was \$360,755.18, or a total saving and investment by Virginia Future Farmers of \$464,384.25.

Some interesting highlights of chapter activities are that 152 chapters engaged in some form of cooperative buying or selling; 188 chapters were members of a federation; 198 out of 202 chapters were 100 per cent paid up in membership dues, a most creditable record; 180 chapters took part in home, church, or school beautification; 104 chapters held county fairs; 193 chapters reported cooperation with Secretary of Agriculture in carrying out the Agriculture Adjustment Program; 163 chapters held father and son get-togethers; 200 chapters conducted a camp, tour or some such activity and the same number participated in the Rally, two almost 100 per cent activities.

Further interesting bits of information from the State Report:

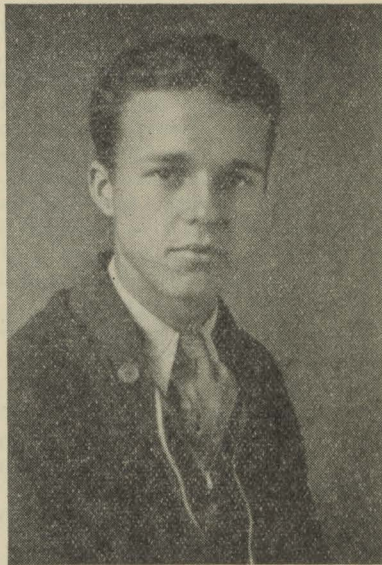
Members possessing copy of Manual, 3,328; members with long-time project program, 4,703; members of F. F. A. home where members of family listened to F. F. A. radio program, 2,266; F. F. A. attendance at Rally, 1,200.

Members of the Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America have due

cause to be proud of the accomplishments of their organization under the administration just completed.

HAYSI FIRST

All hats off to Haysi Chapter F. F. A. Under date of August 13th, they mailed in a check covering annual dues and another check for record books, the first payments for 1936-37 to be received by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.



George Stevens

MY TRIP IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST AT RALEIGH

By George Stevens, Oldhams, Va.

When I went to the F. F. A. Rally at Blacksburg in June, little did I realize that I would come back as the winner of the State Public Speaking Contest. I had won three contests before this, but I felt sure that the competition in a state contest would certainly be too strong for me. My coach continued to encourage me until I finally decided that this was no time to let down.

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Virginia F. F. A's. Go to Convention At Kansas City

Thirty Virginians to Attend

The 1936 Convention of the Future Farmers of America and the National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 17-24, 1936, in conjunction with the Thirty-eighth American Royal Live Stock Show.

The complete 1936 program consists of judging contests, livestock exhibits, conferences, banquets, luncheons, horse shows, tours of Kansas City industries, the National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest, and the various other features. This program offers a rare educational opportunity for those in attendance.

The above paragraphs will be of especial interest to some thirty Virginia Future Farmers who will go to Kansas City in October. It should be of interest to many another Future Farmer because every Virginia Future Farmer has a like opportunity of being one of those who represent the State Association at some time in the future, whether it be as a member of a judging team, delegate, or in some other capacity.

Each year those who go to Kansas City bring back glowing and enthusiastic reports of the convention. As usual this year the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America and the National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture will hold the center of attention.

The 1936 Convention will be an outstanding one for Virginia due to the fact that our own Bill Shaffer will preside over the Convention as National President of the Future Farmers of America.

News of the Convention will appear in a later issue of your Chapter Chats.

Puerto Rico F. F. A. members were enthusiastic over the recent visit of two national officers, President Shaffer and Adviser Linke. A meeting of thirty chapter presidents was held during their visit.

**F. F. A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 15, 1936.**
Disbursements

St. Louis Button Co., for Rally badges and buttons (1935)...	\$ 52.77
L. G. Balfour, keys, plaques, medals, 1935 Rally.....	444.31
Expense Handley Band (1935)...	25.00
Expense song leader (1935)....	20.00
Expense Executive Committee at Rally (1935)	40.65
Prizes for State Chapter Contest 1935 Rally.....	60.00
H. C. Groseclose, 1935 Rally expense	629.00
Central Publishing Co., Inc., score cards and programs.....	39.65
Baseballs for Rally (1935)....	10.20
H. C. Groseclose for National dues	523.80
High jump medal, 1935 Rally..	1.11
Engraving cups, 1935 Rally....	9.76
Plaque for winning chapter 1935 Rally	14.94
Printing Chapter Chats.....	809.60
St. Louis Button Co., for badges and buttons, 1936 Rally.....	48.05
Expenses of Executive Committee mid-year meeting.....	59.10
L. G. Balfour Company for pins Peanuts for National Convention	20.20
Judging cards for 1936 Rally....	39.69
Mailing Chapter Chats.....	173.20
Third degree keys for 1936 Rally	308.75
Expense Southern Region Public Speaking Contest.....	40.00
Report book for chapter representing State at National Convention	4.85
Charters for new chapters.....	2.37
National dues, 1936.....	561.10
Expense of crop team to Chicago	251.82
Seed Show, 1936.....	50.00
Float	7.81
Grain for Rally, 1936.....	11.38
Frame for charter.....	1.75
Expense of judging teams to Kansas City	1,414.88
Programs for F. F. A. banquet	3.75
Checks returned from bank, payment for record books, etc....	183.41
Check for \$14.00 to D. J. Howard for return of money advanced personally to boys on Kansas City trip	14.00
L. G. Balfour Co., for pins....	2.37
L. G. Balfour Co., plaques, medals, 1936 Rally.....	120.80
Balance in bank, June 15, 1936.	2,559.13
Total	\$9,904.69

Receipts

Balance on hand, June 15, 1935.	\$2,850.47
By payment of annual dues....	5,675.00
By receipt of amount from out-of-State judging teams.....	300.00
By payment from F. F. A. for expense of a delegate to Kansas City Convention.....	55.15

By sale of advertising space in Chapter Chats	277.28
By sale of pins.....	.70
By sale of Manuals.....	.90
By sale of Judging Cards.....	4.20
Refund printing programs for Richmond Federation	1.17
Refund Kansas City trip.....	5.76
Pullman refund Chicago trip....	10.00
Record books	512.84
Redeposit of checks.....	211.22
Total	\$9,904.69

Report of Auditing Committee

This report was audited by the Auditing Committee and was found to be correct.

Chairman, Roscoe Burtner, North River; Evans Thompson, Willis; Charles Haynie, Front Royal; Harlan White, Keyesville; James Thacker, Smithfield; Oscar Carlton, Ex-Officio; H. L. Saville, Axton, Adviser.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Presented to the State Executive Committee and Approved at 1936 Rally.

The Budget Committee met in room 407 of the Dairy Building with R. L. O'Roark, Jr., presiding. The meeting was called to order and opened for business. A motion was made to set aside \$160 to defray expenses of State officers to mid-year meeting and other necessary travel. The motion was carried. A motion was made and carried that \$130 be set aside to buy F. F. A. jackets, to be worn by all representatives to Kansas City and the Out-of-State Judging Team.

The following budget was recommended by the committee for 1936-37:

Estimated Receipts

Balance on hand, June 20, 1936 (after Rally)	\$ 800.00
By payment of annual dues....	5,800.00
By receipt of out-of-state judging team	300.00
By sale of advertising in Chapter Chats	250.00
By payment of National for delegate expenses to Kansas City	55.15
Total	\$7,205.15

Disbursements

Expenses 1937 Rally.....	\$1,000.00
National dues	575.00
Pins and badges for Rally....	60.00
Keys, medals and plaques for Rally	460.00
Mailing Chapter Chats	180.00
Prize for 1936 Chapter contest	60.00
Printing Chapter Chats.....	850.00
Expenses of out-of-state judging teams	1,400.00
Expenses of regional public speaking contest	65.00

Pins for members.....	975.00
Expenses of delegates and fourth degree applicants to Kansas City	160.00
Manuals for Green Hands.....	375.00
Expenses of Executive Secretary and Treasurer.....	100.00
Miscellaneous expenses	50.00
F. F. A. jackets for Kansas City	130.00
Executive Committee, traveling expenses of State F. F. A. officers	160.00
Estimated balance	605.15

Total \$7,205.15

ROBT. O'ROARK, Chairman,
New Market,
JAMES W. GARLAND,
Syringa,
NELSON PAYNE,
Whitmill,
ECMON THOMPSON,
Willis,
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Ex-Officio.

**RICHMOND FEDERATION REPORTS
SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

The Richmond Federation of the Future Farmers of America enjoyed a very successful year during the past school term. Regular meetings were held from September to June. The Instructors met for conference every month and the boys came with the men every two months for transacting Federation business. At the first meeting officers were elected for the year. The second meeting was concerned with setting up the annual objectives and appointing committees for executing each objective. The following objectives were set up:

1. Hold Federation Basket Ball Tournament.
2. Hold Father and Son Banquet.
3. Give Radio Broadcast over WRVA.
4. Hold Degree Team Contest.
5. Hold Federation Track Meet.
6. Hold Federation Judging Contest.

We are much encouraged by the hearty support of the program and the almost complete participation of the chapters.

There were eleven chapters in the Federation at the year's beginning and there were added six chapters during the school term bringing the total up to 17. The men and boys in the entire Federation feel that valuable experiences have been gained by association and in actually planning and doing things together.

This Federation was 100 per cent in attendance at the Rally in June. The Richmond Federation feels a bit of pride when it is remembered that James Via, its president, has been elected to the high office of state president.

CARROLL GATHRIGHT, JR.,
Reporter.

MY TRIP IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST AT RALEIGH, N. C.

(Continued from page 1.)

Finally, on Wednesday Night, June 16, I found myself almost unconsciously competing in the State Contest. I could hardly believe it.

When the judges decision was announced on the following Thursday Night, it was still worse. For a short time it just didn't seem real.

After this was over, I was informed that the next contest would be the elimination for the Southern Region, and would be held at Raleigh, N. C., July 17.

It was really getting interesting now because I was going to a place where I had never been before with all expenses paid by the F. F. A.

In order to allow plenty of time to get there, I left Warsaw about 6:00 A. M., Thursday, July 16. I stopped for a short time in Williamsburg to get breakfast. Then I went on to Suffolk, then to Whaleyville where I had lunch. After getting lunch there, I made no more stops until I reached Raleigh around 5:00 P. M.

The first thing I had to do now was locate Mr. Thomas who has an office at the North Carolina State College. I went out to the College and, after looking around for a few minutes, found Mr. Thomas' office. Mr. Thomas was not in, but his secretary introduced me to Mr. Teacher who acted as Chairman of the Contest instead of Mr. Thomas.

After receiving instructions from Mr. Teacher about the contest, I went down town and secured a room in the Hotel Carolina where, after seeing a show, I enjoyed a good rest.

I went out to the College on Friday morning around 10:30. The contest was scheduled for 11:00 sharp.

Well, it was soon over, and the decision of the judges was not very pleasing to my ear. They gave South Carolina first place, North Carolina third place, leaving second place for Virginia. I sincerely wish that I could have put old Virginia on top. I feel that I did my best.

After this was over, I went out to Chapel Hill and Duke University. Then I came back to Whaleyville where I spent Friday night.

Saturday morning I came back to Suffolk and left there on the 1:00 p. m. bus, thus ending my journey.

I certainly did enjoy this trip very much. It was really worth while.

May I add that I am proud of the fact that I am a member of the Future Farmers of America. I would like to see every boy in America, if possible, become a member of this great organization. It offers you greater opportunities and gives you a better knowledge of profitable farming. Even though you may not turn out to be a farmer, it will teach you things that will always help, no matter what you may do.

ATKINS FUTURE FARMERS TOUR THE NORTH.

Ed. Note.—Because of the interesting style (and lack of copy) no deletions were made in this article. As a rule accounts for Chapter Chats should be much briefer.

A group of Atkins F. F. A. members, in company with representatives of the Cabbage Chapter of Rural Retreat, added this summer to their touring experiences a 3,300-mile trip which took them into all but one of the Northeastern States and two Canadian Provinces.

Leaving home Aug. 3rd, through Bluefield the first of the trip gave glimpses of soft coal mining along the way toward Charleston, merging there into hilly farming areas through which the road led to Parkersburg and across the Ohio River into Marietta. With darkness, a camp was made along the highway, whence daylight saw the group speeding on to Columbus and visits to the State Capitol and Art Museum, and the campus of the Ohio State University. Here the magnificent stadium with 110,000 total seating capacity, the fine gymnasium and the natatorium with its three pools, the crowded buildings and the College barns housing some of the fine stock for which Ohio is noted left their impressions. Northward, at Delaware, a visit to the farm of George Dix, noted as the breeder of several International Grand Champion Percherons, some of which he proudly showed the group, definitely demonstrated the possibilities to be expected through a judicious combination of sound farming and the producton of high class livestock.

The high spot of the next morning was a tour of the Goodyear tire plant in Akron with its intensely specialized industrial activity, while the early afternoon brought the group into the grounds of the Great Lakes Exposition at Cleveland where the wealth of displays permitted only a few vivid recollections of such things as Byrd's Antarctic Ship, the City of New York, moored at the lakeside, the automotive displays, bits from Governmental exhibits, or the colorful Florida State building. Camp near Lake Erie shores, with the recurrent grunting of a fog horn as an accompanist to sleep offered a novelty preceding an early morning drive westward along the lake through Toledo to Dearborn, there to be guests of the Ford Motor Company on a trip through the River Rouge plant, seeing steel bars rolled out at express train speed and white heat, valves, bearings, motor blocks and pistons machined out by the thousands, boatloads of ore being unloaded at one point, while at another, finished automobiles were being driven off assembly lines that had seen only 56 minutes earlier the frames placed on the carrier; all apparent confusion with man insignificant in the midst of it, yet all conceived and controlled by man

and designed to achieve in the most efficient manner the ends he has in view.

Northward near Port Huron, after spending the coldest night of the trip in camp, passage into Canada was secured without difficulty, after which travel across the rich farming country of Ontario, parched by the widespread drought, led through London to a delightful swim in the invigorating waters of Lake Erie at Long Beach. Later, at Cheppewa, with the kind help of a former Atkins neighbor, night views of Niagara Falls, including a visit to the lighting rotunda, comfortable camping in the park grounds, a trip on the "Maid-'o-the-Mist," views of the gorge, the whirlpool, the monument to Colonel Brock, and the power and ship canals were arranged. Thence onward through the Niagara fruit belt by Hamilton to a glimpse of Toronto, with its Canadian National Exposition buildings, its lakeside bathing beaches, and its metropolitan air, and by Oshawa to camp at Kurv Inn.

Onward, next day through Bellville, and Kingston, with glimpses of the Thousand Islands, to a dip in the St. Lawrence River at the Brockville Municipal Bathing Beach, the road led on through less parched countryside by the Canadian National Agricultural Experiment Station to camp north of Hull. Vivid recollections of the beautiful Canadian city parks must be crowned by remembrance of the brilliance and wealth of bloom seen nearly all over Ottawa, lining roadsides, adorning public buildings, and adding to the attractiveness of winding watercourses and private residences. Glimpses of imposing Parliament buildings next morning, with a deep, full-toned bell sounding the hour, served to bring to mind the storied Big Ben of London, and the might of Britain, "on whose lands the sun never sets." Eastward into Quebec, or New France, at Hawkesbury, with 90 per cent French population, the only English heard was that spoken by or addressed to members of the Virginia group, boys along the way calling, "Ver-shin-yah! Au revoir." Winding down along the St. Lawrence once again, after a ramble through the streets of Montreal the route bent southward toward home. Immigration inspectors, challenging entry at the Vermont border, had Bert Clark and Robert Mercer, who happened to have no identification papers at hand, envisioning years of roaming the world as "men without countries," before passing them on identification by more fortunate travelers. After passing through Montpelier, camp was made near one of the recently publicized new Green Mountain flood control dams, east of Barre, the Granite Capitol of the nation.

Next morning, with souvenirs of Vermont maple sugar, the group passed over into New Hampshire, to gaze upon the

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 Wayne Larrowe, Woodlawn.

A NEW YEAR AHEAD

While the thought of returning to school may not be a pleasant one for all of us, certainly for red-blooded Future Farmers, many of us are glad of the opportunity of returning to the classroom in order to renew more intimately the association with our fellow class members and to be enabled to contribute our part to the success of our local chapter for the coming year.

No doubt one of the first activities of your chapter will be to draw up the annual Program of Work, and this, in many respects, is the most important committee assignment that you will meet with for this year. You should of course consider the State Program of Work, but your real objective is to see that your organization functions in the most efficient way possible not only for its members, but for the other youth and citizens in your community, so that by your efforts others will be helped.

It is with real pleasure that I return as Executive Secretary-Treasurer after a year's absence, and, while it will perhaps take me some time to get back into the harness and be able to converse intelligently on your problems, I want to assure you that the spirit is willing, and I am delighted at again being able to be listed as an active member of the Virginia Association and contribute whatever I may to the success of the State and local chapters.

WALTER S. NEWMAN.

Visitor (To angler at riverside)—"Is this a good place for fish?"

Angular—"Yes, I never see any of them leave it."—(London Tit-Bits.)

HERE AND THERE

The V. P. I. F. F. A. chapter was the first organization of its kind to be affiliated with the American Country Life Association.

Bill Shaffer, National President of the F. F. A., recently attended State F. F. A. Conventions in North Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia. Bill reports record attendances at each of these conventions, and large gains in membership in each of these states.

In North Carolina, Governor Eringhaus was awarded the honorary degree of State Farmer. In West Virginia Bill reports that an F. F. A. Chapter recently purchased cooperatively for chapter members, sixty-eight tons of certified seed potatoes from an F. F. A. Chapter in the State of Maine. Bill says "That's the kind of cooperation we like to see."

Leslie Fry, past national president of the Future Farmers of America, was guest speaker of the Moapa Valley Chapter located at Overton, Nevada, on May 1st. Information comes to us that the following day, young Fry was married to Miss Jean Sauer, home economics teacher of the Moapa Valley High School—and that's the cooperative item from out in the "Silver State." (Leslie attended our Rally when National President).

Several members of the Collegiate F. F. A. chapter have been active in various organizations at V. P. I. this year. Ivan Mothershead of Mica, Va., is captain of the track team and has been high score man in several meets. "Pete" Cregar of Wytheville, Va., and "Bill" Garrett of Haymarket, Va., have been outstanding players on the baseball team. The General Agricultural Club, which is the largest club on the campus, was headed by an F. F. A. man, Clyde Bradshaw of Rice, Va. T. N. Broyles of Madison was President of the Y.-M. C. A. and a member of the poultry judging team. Bobbie Sadler, of Dixie, Va., was manager of the Varsity Boxing Team. T. A. Allison of Maysville, Ky., was on the Livestock Judging team and on the championship intermural football team.

WHAT IS A BOY?

Read by Trone Bishop at the Marshall-Upperville Father and Son Banquet

He is the person who is going to carry on what you have started.

He is to sit right where you are sitting and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are so important.

You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him.

Even if you make leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them.

He is going to sit at your desk in the Senate and occupy your place on the Supreme bench.

He will assume control of your cities, states, and nation.

He is going to move in and take over your prisons, churches, schools, universities and corporations.

All your work is going to be judged, praised and condemned by him.

Your reputation and future are in his hands.

All your work is for him, and the fate of the nation and humanity is in his hands.

So it might be well to pay him some attention.

Note: It is necessary to state the reader of this article because the author is unknown.

AS TO YOU.

Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of man,

And bearing about all the burden he can. Did you give him a smile? He was down-cast and blue,

A smile would have helped him to battle it through.

Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill,

And the world, I fancied, was using him ill.

Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road,

Or did you just let him go on with his load?

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight,

When a lift just in time might set everything right?

Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip

And the glistening tears down the pale cheek that slip?

Did you try to find out what he needed from you

Or did you just leave him to battle it through?

Were you brother of his when the time came to be?

Did you offer to help him, or didn't you see?

Don't you know it's the part of a brother of man

To find what the grief is and help where you can?

Did you stop when he asked you to give him a lift,

Or were you so busy you left him to shift? Oh, I know what you say may really be true

But the test of your manhood is—What did you do?

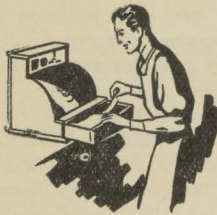
Did you reach out a hand? Did you find him the road,

Or did you just let him go by with his load?

Author Unknown.

YOUR PROFITS AND OURS

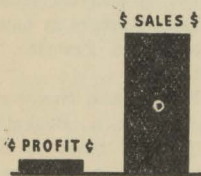
[*Over a period of years, Swift & Company's net profits from all sources have averaged only a fraction of a cent per pound.*]



SHOULD any farmer, grocer, druggist, or baker make a net profit of only \$190 on each \$10,000 in sales handled by him, he would unquestionably feel that he was running his business on a very low margin of profit, and one that left him little for all the work he was doing.

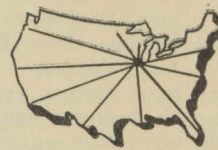
Swift & Company, owned by a group of some 54,000 employes, farmers, grocers, druggists, bakers, housewives, and others from every walk of life, earned profits as small as these in 1935. Even though the company's sales were in the millions of dollars, its net profits from all sources amounted to only 1.9 cents per dollar of sales.

In return for this very small profit of \$190 on each \$10,000 in sales, consuming markets, often thousands of miles away, were found for Texas beef, Iowa pork, Montana lamb, Missouri eggs, Minnesota poultry, Wisconsin cheese, Oregon butter, and like products



from other leading livestock, dairy and poultry regions.

Out of Swift & Company's packing and produce plants flows a never-ending stream of such foods to every near and remote part of the land, where thousands of retail



shops and millions of consumers await them. Day in and day out, thousands

of refrigerator cars, loaded with these products, hurry north, south, east, and west, to help feed the nation.

The low profits made by Swift & Company over a long period of years is convincing proof of the highly competitive nature of the packing



and produce business. So keen is this competition that the company's net earnings from all sources average

only a fraction of a cent per pound of products handled.

Swift & Company serves both producers and consumers at a profit so small that it has no appreciable effect upon the prices of either meat or livestock.

Swift & Company

In daily touch with every meat, dairy and poultry consuming city, town, and hamlet in the United States

: : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA F. F. A. CHAPTER WINS INTERSECTIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Virginia-Carolina boys won the Federation Championship by defeating Elk Creek, which automatically placed them in the Southwest Virginia District Tournament, held at Chilhowie under the direction of Ed Bass, Agricultural Instructor at Chilhowie. Teams from all Southwest Virginia counties were invited to take part.

In the tournament play-off, Virginia-Carolina defeated Liberty Hall 73 to 11, and in the finals Virginia-Carolina defeated Chilhowie 58 to 14. The Referee was W. B. Stradley of Emory and Henry, and Tournament Manager J. B. Noffsinger, Director of Athletics of Chilhowie High School.

In the play-off for the Intersectional Championship, Virginia-Carolina met Woodstock at V. P. I. under the direction of Coach Monk Younger, Director of Athletics at that Institution. The final score, 30 to 16.

The Tournament Officials selected an All-State F. F. A. team as follows: Forward, Gochenour, Woodstock; forward, S. Walker, Virginia-Carolina; center, Segraves, Virginia-Carolina; guard, Vaden, Virginia-Carolina; guard, Hoover, Woodstock.

LESTER THOMPSON,
Reporter.

DENDRON-SURRY BOYS CAMP.

Eight members of the Dendron F. F. A. Chapter and two members of the Surry Chapter spent the week beginning August 9 at Burwells Bay on the James River. The trip was planned last winter and committees were appointed by the president, Braxton Epps. Judging from the success of the trip, it is evident that each committee carried out its duties to the fullest extent.

The trip was financed in part by the F. F. A. Chapter and in part by each boy. The Chapter paid \$15.00 for the cottage and \$5.00 for the cook. Each boy brought from home 2 dozen eggs, 2 pounds of bacon, 1 gallon meal, 3 cans beans, one loaf of bread, and fresh vegetables from their home gardens. Each boy paid \$1.15 for additional groceries and vegetables.

The boys enjoyed a full week of swimming, boat riding, playing games and living together. Darold Hart, Braxton Epps, Lawrence Maynard, Clarence Clarke and Watson White learned to swim while on the trip. Each boy should be rested from the long hours of cultivating corn and peanuts, and should

be ready to go into the harvest and back to school full of pep.

The following are those who attended the camp: Braxton Epps, Taylor Burgess, Lawrence Maynard, Clarence Clarke Hudson Bennett, Ralph Hart, Darold Hart, Robert Slade, Melvin West, Watson White and A. T. Sowder, chapter adviser.

DAROLD HART,
Reporter.

POWHATAN F. F. A. FARM TOUR INCLUDES SIX STATES

Recently the Powhatan Chapter of Future Farmers took their sixth annual farm tour. The trip was made in a school bus, the only transportation cost being the amount paid for gasoline.

Farming practices of Northern Virginia, Eastern Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey were observed. The Beltsville Experiment Station was visited. The Future Farmers also had an opportunity to observe four major types of farming, including general, poultry, dairy and truck farming in practice. It was a realization of some of the practices that had been taught in class.

Places of historical interest visited included the Capitol Building, Museum, Zoological Park and Washington Monument in Washington. Other cities visited were Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia, Jersey City and New York. The group attended a theatre on Broadway and a double-header baseball game between the Boston Bees and New York Giants at the Polo Grounds while in New York City.

Each boy furnished his own food supply and camping outfit, thus making the expense small to each individual. It was an inspiring and recreational trip.

E. M. WALTON, JR.,
Reporter.

CHURCHVILLE F. F. A. CHAPTER MAKES EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF WASHINGTON AND VICININTY

A group of 28 Churchville F. F. A. boys, with their instructor, C. S. McLearn, left Churchville early on the morning of the 4th of June traveling in one of the buses owned by the county school system. They arrived in Washington about noon. The group visited the zoo and the airport that afternoon. Friday morning they visited Arlington Cemetery, the Monument and a number of public buildings. In the afternoon they visited the museums, and in the evening went to a picture show. Saturday morning they visited the Government Experiment Station at Beltsville. Saturday afternoon they were guests of the

Washington ball club for their game with Detroit. That evening they went to Glen Echo and enjoyed the amusements there. The group left Washington early Sunday morning and returned home by way of Skyline Drive.

BILLY EAST,
Reporter.

OBJECTIVES OF VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CHAPTER FOR 1936.

- I. Supervised Practice.
 1. 100 per cent of class shall carry Supervised Practice.
 2. Must have an average of three (3) projects for first and second year boys, and an average of five (5) projects for third and fourth year boys.
 3. Should have an average of four (4) supplementary farm jobs per boy.
 4. Have scope of Supervised Practice work meet hour requirements.
 5. Each boy have complete supervision of projects.
- II. Earnings and Savings.
 1. Encourage boys to add to savings accounts.
 2. Encourage thrift bank.
- III. Community Service.
 1. Test soil for farmers in community.
 2. Have all pigs castrated on home farm before weaning.
 3. Have all lambs docked and castrated on home farm.
 4. Cull poultry for farmers in community.
 5. Assist in up-keep of school ground.
 6. Encourage farmers in community to use Supervised Practice.
- IV. Recreation.
 1. Hold Father and Son banquet.
 2. Sponsor F. F. A. Basketball Team.
 3. Send judging team to Blacksburg.
 4. Sponsor F. F. A. minstrel.
 5. Sponsor track team.
 6. Send basketball team to the following tournaments: Grayson County, Emory and Henry, Ashe County, Appalachia, Lenoir, Rhyne and Winston-Salem.
- V. Conduct of Meeting.
 1. Use proper opening and closing ceremony.
 2. Each officer memorize ceremony.
 3. Hold meeting on average of once a month.
 4. Have some official business to attend to at each meeting.
 5. Each member wear F. F. A. pin.
- VI. Scholarship.
 1. Have average of all boys C or better.
 2. Send at least one boy to School of Leadership.
- VII. Leadership Activities.
 1. Have F. F. A.'s put on Community Fair.
 2. Give program at school assembly.
 3. Assist in church programs.
 4. Have one boy try out for State Farmer's Degree.

VIII. Cooperative Activities.

1. Have 100 per cent of boys pay State dues.
2. Support the F. F. A. Federation.
3. Send at least five (5) articles to **Chapter Chats**.
4. Improve school room.
5. Buy cooperatively.
6. Assist in lamb, wool and turkey pool.

DORAS WADDELL,
Reporter.

GREENDALE F. F. A. CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Greendale Chapter met in the Agricultural Building September 11, 1936, and elected the following officers for the year:

President, Eldridge Clifton; vice-president, Bill Grubb; secretary, Lawrence Williams; treasurer, Reese Syphus; reporter, Andrew Grubb; watch dog, Beecher McCroskey; adviser, Mr. R. R. Reynolds.

The following objectives were set up:

1. 100 per cent dues paid by October 1.
2. Hold Father and Son Banquet.
3. Take farm tour.
4. Have at least one weiner roast.
5. Organize a basket ball and baseball team.
6. Initiate Green Hands in October.
7. Aid four destitute families.
8. Clean and improve school grounds.
9. Sponsor an F. F. A. Store.
10. Help sponsor a Community Fair.
11. Improve the appearance of classroom.
12. Each boy bring one or more exhibits to the fair.
13. Elect some boy to keep magazines straight.
14. Have at least one public F. F. A. meeting.
15. Send Judging Team to State Contest.
16. Elect some one to keep the shop cleaned up.

The president appointed the following to make out a program: Bill Grubb, Lawrence Williams, Jack Gray.

The adviser, Mr. R. R. Reynolds, made a very interesting talk at the close of the meeting, and set our next meeting day which will be September 17th.

ANDREW GRUBB,
Reporter.

SURRY

The 1936-37 officers for the Surry F. F. A. Chapter, were elected at the May meeting. These officers will take office in September:

President, Kempter West; vice president, Watson White; secretary, Sherwin Richardson; treasurer, Ashton Little; reporter, Melvin West; watch dog, Jack Judkins, and adviser, A. T. Sowder.

MARSHALL GRIMES,
Reporter.

CHURCHVILLE F. F. A.'s HOLD OUT- DOOR MEETING AT BECK'S FORD

Thursday evening, July 30, at 6:30 o'clock the Churchville F. F. A. chapter held its regular monthly meeting at Beck's Ford. All the boys brought basket lunches and a combination picnic and meeting was held. Several visitors were present and some of the boys brought their girl friends along. Objectives for the coming fair were brought up. After the discussion and meal several members of the group rendered musical selections.

BILLY EAST,
Reporter.

CHURCHVILLE F. F. A. TO HAVE BIG PART IN COMMUNITY FAIR

The Churchville chapter has the big end of the first fair this community has attempted. The F. F. A. boys and the Home Economics girls are working as superintendents of the various departments and the older folks are working in an advisory capacity. Several meetings of the fair association has taken place and everything points toward a very successful fair. September 18 is the date set for the fair.

BILLY EAST,
Reporter.

DENDRON

At the regular May meeting of the Dendron F. F. A. Chapter, officers were elected to take office in September, 1936. The officers elected are:

President, Robert Slade; vice president, Robert Emory; secretary, Clarence Clarke; treasurer, John Huber; reporter, Darold Hart; watch dog, Lawrence Maynard, and adviser, A. T. Sowder.

ROBERT EMORY,
Reporter.

New suburban gardener—"I don't seem able to tell my garden plants from weeds. How do you distinguish between them?"

Old Farmer—"The only sure way is to pull them out. If they come up again, they're weeds."—(Portland Oregonian.)

Policeman—"Miss, you were doing 60 miles per hour!"

She—"Oh, isn't that splendid. I only learned to drive yesterday."—(Hyde Reporter.)

Did you hear about the hen that layed three eggs the other day and then died from over egg-zertion?

Agent—"Why do you want fire insurance on your husband? That won't be any help when he passes away."

Young Bride—"It's so much cheaper, and you see, if he dies I can have him cremated."

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Mountains, with beautiful green pastures and fine dairy herds nestling among the rugged peaks. A power boat ride on a broad spreading lake offered a new experience to some, while later, below Portland, at Old Orchard Beach, famous as the starting point of trans-Atlantic plane flights and attempts, many in the group had their first dip in ocean surf, found to be a chilling experience at this northerly point. On down along the coast, camp, with the first experience of the joys of mosquito companionship, was made short of Boston.

Coming into Cambridge during the celebration of the Harvard Tercentenary, made it possible to enjoy trips "Through the Yard" and "South of the Yard," in which guides told of the early history of the University, showed, among other old buildings, the one which was Washington's first headquarters after taking command of the Revolutionary Army, gave glimpses of the luxurious student houses, the Memorial Library, the Gymnasium and swimming pool, the boat houses, the stadium, and imparted some of the feeling of reverence which they bore for the institution and its founders.

Press of time making further tarrying impossible, the road into Providence gave, shortly, an opportunity to visit the Rhode Island Capitol building, going thence toward Narragansett Pier and Point Judith, with every eating place along the way advertising fried clams or clam chowder, or telling of their lobster pounds, in contrast to the specialization in oysters and crabs found further South. Hastening westward once more, eventide permitted only a glimpse of Yale campus and the low-lying Yale bowl, at New Haven, then the thickening metropolitan area in eastern Connecticut, forced a wide detour in search of a camp site finally found in a patch of pine woods.

Coming into the Bronx next morning, far too early for the opening of the zoological gardens, which had been planned as a stop, the group passed on over the Riverside Drive, with stops at Grant's Tomb and Rockefeller's Riverside Church, along the length of Manhattan Island, by thousands of skyscrapers and shipping piers down to the Battery, thence, fleeing the confusion all about, through the Holland Tunnel and across the far-flung skyways over Jersey City on out into the quiet New Jersey countryside. Passing through the Delaware Water Gap, up over the Pennsylvania Pocono Mountains, through the great anthracite coal fields around Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, with their great breakers and vast piles of waste, on westward through some fine farming sections, nightfall finally brought a treat in the form of a public camping ground "for men," tucked away in the State Forest near Woodward—just an old farm clearing in a mountain valley with a pleasant stream flowing through, and the mail planes flying overhead at

intervals, and freedom to relax in comfort.

Early morning brought the group to the Rockview State Penitentiary at the time some of the trustees were getting their teams out in preparation for a day's work in the fields, on to the campus of the Pennsylvania State College. Here the group enjoyed viewing the College barns, a novelty being the herd of Brown Swiss cows taking their place with better known dairy breeds in the dairy herd, and the Merino ewes being kept for hot-house lamb production. Hurried rambles around the institution showed many new developments, interest being added by the presence of the State gathering of 4-H Clubs there at the time. From here, the homeward trek led by Harrisburg, with a glimpse of the State Capitol, and Gettysburg, where some of the battlefield memorials were seen, through Hagerstown, Md., and Martinsburg, W. Va., back into the Old Dominion. Passing through alternating showers and sunshine down the Shenandoah Valley, all felt very much at home. It was no longer worth while to think of locating the rest of the group by asking bystanders whether "they had seen a car with a Virginia license go by?" After camping near Eagle Rock, a leisurely trip in home was made the next day.

Atkins boys making the trip were: Jeff Atkins, Bert Clark, Billie Hanshaw, Ralph Newman, Wallace Newman, Robert Mercer and Garland Wygal. Cars were furnished by Harlo Atkins and Z. M. K. Fulton, Jr. Each boy contributed \$18.35 to transportation and group expenses, including food and tolls. This is the fifth summer trip made by Atkins F. F. A. members, others having taken the group to Washington, D. C., the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, the North Carolina-Virginia sea coast, and Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas.

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