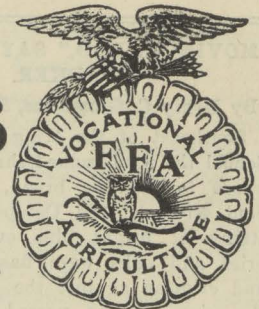


# Chapter Chats

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No. 1.

## State Officers Make Plans For 1944 Holiday Meeting Held in Richmond

The State F. F. A. Executive Committee met in Richmond, December 29, and agreed upon plans for the year 1944. More money was voted for the Public Speaking Contest, Rally plans were made, ways and means for improving Chapter Chats were discussed, awards for outstanding State Farmer candidates were set up, and it was decided not to operate the Future Farmer-Future Homemaker camp during the coming summer.

### Rally Plans.

It was agreed that 1944 Rally program will be essentially the same as the 1943 program. The Rally will be held at Massanetta Springs, August 21 to 24. In addition to the usual medals awarded for public speaking, \$150.00 will be awarded winners in the state contest. Winners of district public speaking contests will also receive money prizes.

Virginia has two national F. F. A. officers: Beverly Roller, national first vice-president, and Dowell J. Howard, national treasurer. Two other national officers will be invited to attend the Rally.

The schools for leadership will be run as usual, and the same number of delegates will be accommodated as last year. It is hoped that the Future Homemakers will meet at Massanetta with the Future Farmers as they did last year.

### Star Farmer Awards.

Five hundred dollars in money was voted to the ten outstanding candidates for the State Farmer degree. A Sears Roebuck donation made it possible to award 1943 State Farmers on the following conditions:

1. The candidate must be farming and must use the money award to further his farming program.

2. He must submit a plan for using the money award and have the plan approved by his teacher before receiving the award.

3. \$100.00 is being awarded the most outstanding boy receiving the State Farmer degree in 1943.

4. First and second place awards of \$50.00 and \$40.00 will be given to outstanding State Farmers in each of the five districts in Virginia. The district from which the star award winner is chosen will not receive an additional first place, but will receive \$40.00 for a second award.

5. Each district supervisor submits the records of his two outstanding State Farmer candidates, and from these the winners are picked.

In all probability this scheme will be followed with the 1944 candidates.

### Chapter Chats.

Each state officer is to write at least one article for Chapter Chats during the year and to encourage chapters to send in news.

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## Stress Public Speaking

### More Money Prizes Voted Winners.

The Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America will pay real money to successful contestants in public speaking this year. The following public speaking awards will be made at the Rally:

- First prize—\$50 and a gold medal.
- Second prize—\$40 and a silver medal.
- Third prize—\$30 and a bronze medal.
- Fourth prize—\$20.
- Fifth prize—\$10.

Under this arrangement, each district representative in the state contest will receive an award.

Future Farmers participating in district public speaking contests will receive money prizes as follows:

- First prize—\$15.
- Second prize—\$10.
- Third prize—\$5.

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## Help Back the Attack Buy War Bonds Now!

During the school year of 1942-1943, Virginia Future Farmers bought bonds and stamps to the tune of \$127,365.80.

With this money Uncle Sam probably bought some ammunition for the Gerand rifles used on all fronts. If he did, he bought two million, three hundred and sixteen thousand cartridges with the money loaned by Virginia Future Farmers in that one year. And if these two and a third million cartridges are used in the right way—and we can count upon a lot of squirrel-hunting ex-Future Farmers to do that—they ought to make a heap of difference in the way Adolp and Tojo feel next Christmas.

"A stamp's a bullit, a bond's a gun;  
Buy them both 'til the war is won."

Uncle Sam is doing a lot of shopping these days. We must keep up our purchase of bonds and stamps in order that he may have the money to pay for this war. How about buying \$200,000 worth by July 1? Buy bonds to save. Buy bonds to prevent inflation. Buy bonds to help Uncle Sam with his shopping.

Here is a small part of Uncle Sam's shopping list with prices: Bandages, 25c per dozen; 20-mm. shells, \$1.00; hand grenade, \$1.65; anti-tank shell, \$2.98; tent stove, \$5.38; life vest, \$6.25; hospital bed, \$18; 30 cal. carbine, \$60; Gerand rifle, \$85; life float, 7 persons, \$90; airplane cannon, \$315; machine gun, \$275; scout car, \$7,500; training plane, \$25,000; submarine, \$7,000,000; battleship, \$85,000,000.

A group of Future Farmers can actually name a plane by successfully completing a campaign to pay for the plane through the purchase of War Bonds. Plans for the campaign must be submitted to the State War Finance headquarters for approval in advance. The following types of ships can be named: Pursuit ship, \$75,000; C-3 Ambulance plane, \$110,000; medium bomber, \$175,000; heavy bomber, \$399,000.

Will the delegates to the 1944 Rally vote to put a B-17 Future Farmer over Tokyo? Meanwhile buy a bond!

### "MOVIN' IS BAD," SAYS GRANDPA PARKER.

By Henry C. Groseclose, State Adviser.

Southeast of the King William High School the road snaked through the pine weeds toward the broad, quiet Mattaponi River. The October sky was a streak of bright blue overhead; hickories and oaks were flashes of yellow and crimson against the dark green of the pines as we passed. School was out for the day, and Mr. Cowles and I were on our way to see one of his boys, Franklin Parker, a Future Farmer who has had two years of agriculture and enrolled for the third year this fall.

Mr. Cowles was telling me his troubles. "Only two boys enrolled at King William this fall, and Franklin Parker was one of them. We had to discontinue classes there, and I teach only at Marriott High now. Sometimes I think I am a failure after 15 years at this game."

We made a left turn toward more open country. "Franklin will keep up his good work," Cowles continued, "regardless of a teacher. I think he ought to get the State Farmer degree next year and the American Farmer degree after that."

When Cowles tells you a boy is good, he's good; as I soon found out. Franklin's Grandpa Parker met us at the side of the farm house. It was a typical Eastern Virginia farm home, spreading this way and that as the family grew, and nestled in a grove of trees. Down back of the house I caught the glint of blue water shining in the sun just beyond the long row of poultry houses.

"Come in! Come in, Gentlemen! The boy's changing his clothes," said Grandpa. Introductions over, Franklin appeared and we got down to business and went to see the corn. Grandpa went along. It was nice corn, well filled and yellow. Grandpa guessed it would shuck out ten barrels to the acre. Franklin looked proud.

Cowles and Grandpa fell to talking, so Franklin took me to see his brood sow and "shoats." The shoats averaged well over two hundred pounds—an extra good strain of spotted Poland Chinas. Next we went to see the pure bred registered Guernseys, a bull, a cow and three heifers—Franklin's pride.

Franklin next showed me the best home farm shop I ever saw, and Grandpa joined us there. A tool-room with every tool in place, a plenty of room for farm mechanics and at one side,—the first I ever saw—a home scratch feed grinder for baby chicks, made out of one of those old, red electric grinders you used to see at your grocer's. It worked fine. High up on one side wall

of the shop were some long, stout bamboo poles, with hooks, lines and bobbers on them. Grandpa caught me looking at them.

"Do you like to fish for bass?" he asked.

"I sure do. That river looks like fish to me," I replied.

"We like to catch a few now and then," said Grandpa, "and we have a mile of the river on this side. Some good swamps for sora shooting, too. The boys have been out and got the limit twice so far this year."

"How long have you lived here, Mr. Parker?" I asked.

"Forty-nine years, Sir," he said. "I worked on this farm and then I bought it. Married here, and my son married here. Now my grandson, Franklin, there is taking over. I never was one to run around. Movin' is bad. The money is slow here but sure. And we are happy here, me and my son and his son. And my wife and my son's wife—Franklin's mother—they think more of each other than sisters."

After looking at the baby chicks, pullets, hens, soy beans, rye, hay and some more of Franklin's enterprises, I looked over his records. And after looking over his records, I was sure that Grandpa was wrong about the money being slow. Here's a summary of Frank Parker's supervised farming:

First year—1941-42: Five enterprises, as follows: 7 acres corn; 4 acres hay; 3 dairy heifers; 60 hens; 250 baby chicks. Labor income, \$647.96.

Invested in farming: 3 heifers, \$350; 60 layers, \$60; 185 pullets, \$231.25 shop tools, \$50. Total invested first year, \$691.25.

Second year—1942-43: Eight enterprises, as follows: 6 acres corn; 8 acres hay; 5½ acres soy beans; 4 dairy heifers; 1 brood sow; 185 layers; 550 pullets; 1050 baby chicks. Labor income, \$1,112.87.

Here's what Franklin Parker has now: 3 heifers, \$350; 1 cow, \$200; 1 bull, \$75; sow and 8 shoats, \$130; 550 layers, \$687.50; poultry houses, \$75; shop tools, \$75. Total invested in farming, \$1,542.50.

This is not a financial report. That will come later when Franklin applies for that State Farmer degree next year. And there isn't room to list improved practices, supplementary farm jobs, or to tell you how Frank grinds his own dairy feed (no, he has another grinder for that), markets his eggs and the like. Go down there and see him. Franklin won't say much, but Grandpa will tell you. And Grandpa has a right to be proud and to boast a bit. The money MAY be slow down there on the Mattaponi River, but it's sure.

They've solved the farm labor short-

age down there on the Parker plantation. Here's the answer: everybody works. Grandpa works, grandma and Franklin's mother work. Franklin's father comes in with the big Standard oil truck, parks it and mounts a tractor. Franklin comes home from school and climbs aboard another tractor, or packs eggs, or grinds feed.

And they all love life and living—and one another.

"Movin' is bad," I warned Cowles when I left.

### STRESS PUBLIC SPEAKING.

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In the event there are not as many as three contestants in a district contest, only second and third prize money will be awarded.

These cash awards total \$300.00 and were set up to stimulate interest in the public speaking contest in this state. Although Virginia Future Farmers have won their share of honors in national contests, a Virginia boy has never participated in the finals of the national public speaking contest at Kansas City. As a matter of fact, a Virginia boy has never won the Southern regional contest. A stranger might be tempted to conclude that Patrick Henry's homeland has ceased to function as an incubator of orators. However, such is not the case. The boys have been busy with other things and just haven't concentrated on this last peak to be taken. This is the year. Kansas City, here we come.

A little figuring will show you that the fellow who scales that peak will also hit the jack pot. District prize, \$15; state prize, \$50 and a gold medal; national prize, \$250; total money, \$315, a gold medal and all traveling expenses paid! Walk, do not run, to your local adviser and your English teacher.

Let's do it this way: Every chapter hold a local contest before April; every federation hold a contest in April; every district hold a contest in May, at the same time and place as the district degree team contest. Choose as your subject any interesting agricultural topic, learn all about it, prepare a ten-minute speech with the help of your adviser and English teacher, learn to deliver that speech effectively and be ready to answer about \$315 worth of questions about your speech in case the judges of the contest ask them.

One good ten-minute speech will pay your actual expenses at college for a year, or purchase a pure bred bull calf and some heifers. Furthermore, it will give you a nation-wide reputation as a public speaker. But the speech will have to be good. Page a young Patrick Henry.

## : : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

**Appomattox.**

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of Future Farmers, at Appomattox, has made extensive improvements to the chapter room. During the fall an addition to the shop was completed. The members of the group have conducted a thrift bank this session with deposits being converted to War Bonds as the member accumulates sufficient deposits to purchase the bond they are planning to buy. Over two hundred dollars has been deposited.

TOM RAY BURNETT,  
Reporter.

**Beverly Manor.**

At the regular meeting of the Beverly Manor Chapter of Future Farmers of America held in the chapter room of the agricultural building on January 13, a report was made on the results of the pest eradication campaign which ended recently. Howard Sensabaugh, captain of the losing team, reported a total of 763 points, while Robert Railey, captain of the winning team, reported a total of 1303 points. The losing team treated the winners to ice cream and cakes.

The summary of both teams showed that 957 mice and English sparrows, 215 rats and starlings, 229 crows, and 14 hawks had been destroyed. Ammunition was used to good advantage during the contest, as one boy reported killing six crows at one shot with a 12 gauge shot gun.

The chapter voted to hold its Father and Son banquet on March 17. The social committee was authorized to make necessary arrangements for the banquet and to report back at the next meeting.

The chapter voted to allow the interest from the \$200 in war bonds owned by the chapter to be used by the Junior Farmers group to pay for refreshments and entertainment at their meetings, since many of these boys helped to earn the money invested while they were members of the chapter.

CURTIS WOOD,  
Reporter.

**Brookville.**

The Brookville Chapter of Future Farmers of America held their regular December meeting in the school auditorium with Selbert Myers, the president, in charge. A report was made on the amount of hay already delivered as being 220 tons. 35 more tons have been ordered. Rustburg Chapter has helped in delivering four carloads. Mr. J. J. Gwaltney presented a moving picture,

"Twenty Fighting Men" and "Training Your Dog."

A special meeting was called to order with Wyatt Wilson, vice-president, presiding on December 20 in the chapter room. The fire of the Worley family, in which all of their belongings were destroyed was discussed, and it was decided to take up a collection of canned foods and money. Several boxes of canned food were collected and a blanket was bought with the money donated.

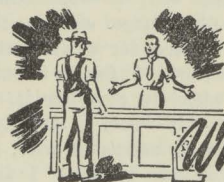
To boost our sales of war bonds and stamps, we had a contest to see how many grains of corn a duck would eat in three minutes. The total amount of bonds and stamps sold in the contest was seventy-five dollars.

EARL ORE,  
Reporter.

**Brownsburg.**

The Brownsburg Chapter of Future Farmers of America held its regular monthly meeting in the classroom on the night of December 20. The first part of the evening was turned over to the business meeting. At this time it was voted that the treasurer be authorized to pay \$15 from the chapter treasury to the Rockbridge County School Board for the chapter's part of the sixty dollar order of books for the agricultural library. The treasurer made his report and it was found that there was over forty dollars in the treasury, so it was decided that the adviser be given the privilege of buying some small tools for the shop with about one-half of the money remaining in the treasury after the books were bought.

The chairman of the bond and stamp sales committee reported that \$88 worth of stamps and bonds were sold during November, but that only around \$45 (Continued on page 5.)



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### CHANGES IN F. F. A. NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

To All State Advisers, Executive Advisers and Executive Secretaries:

At the Sixteenth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, the following changes were made in the National Constitution and By-Laws:

Paragraph 8 of Section D and paragraph 5 of Section E of Article IV were eliminated. Paragraph 7 of Section D and paragraph 4 of Section E of Article IV were amended to read:

"Show outstanding ability as evidenced by his leadership and cooperation in student, chapter, and community activities, and have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal."

Section A of Article X was changed to read:

"Proposed amendments to the national constitution or by-laws must be submitted in writing by authorized representatives of State associations to the National Board of Trustees at least 60 days prior to any national convention of the Future Farmers of America. These proposed changes must be submitted to the several States at least 30 days prior to the next succeeding national convention, be reviewed by the National Board of Trustees, and submitted to the delegates in national convention with recommendations. Amendments may be adopted or revisions made in the national constitution at any national convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegation present, provided they represent a quorum."

The revised Constitution and By-Laws has been included in the Official F. F. A. Manual which has been reprinted since the last convention.

Sincerely yours,  
A. W. TENNEY,  
Acting Nat. Executive Secretary.

### MAKE FARM WORK EASIER.

By Lester Marsh.

As a young farm boy doing many of the jobs around our farm, I found that many of these jobs could be made much easier, if one would only stop and think for a while.

As our farm has a large number of poultry, we have much corn to shell. Our only means of shelling was with a hand sheller which required much time and labor to shell any amount of corn. Therefore it was to my interest to get an easier way to get the needed amount of corn shelled. I thought of many ways to do this, but finally settled down to using a washing machine motor which I have on my bicycle.

Due to the war, it was difficult to find a V-pulley large enough for the job, and it seemed for a while that my idea was off, but I finally secured an old bicycle wheel to complete it.

I attached this wheel to the fly-wheel on the sheller by means of wire, adjusting it until it was in line. I fastened the sheller and the motor to a platform so it could be moved, with the motor close enough to use a 1-belt to run it.

This outfit does very good work, and its cost is little, as the motor can be used to do many jobs on the farm. It will shell 80 or 90 bushels of corn to one gallon of gas. An electric motor could be used to better advantage, as there is no exhaust to contend with. This is one thing that was done to save labor on our farm.

### NEW HOPE TEAM VICTORIOUS IN BAR CROP CONTEST.

In the BAR Federation crop judging contest held at New Hope High School on November 13, New Hope was the high team, with Weyers Cave placing second, and North River and Spotswood tying for third. Churchville and Millboro tied for fourth place.

The ten high boys were: Richard Beard, Brownsburg, first; Raymond Borden, New Hope, Nelson Wright, Weyers Cave, and Paul Saufley, Weyers Cave, tied for second; Howard Collins, Churchville, Ben Davis, Churchville, James Wagner, Middlebrook, and Earl Michael, North River, tied for third; and Billy Cox, Beverley Manor, Keith Shaver, New Hope, Billy Cline, New Hope, and Cleatus Cupp, North River, tied for fourth place.

HOWARD COLLINS,  
Reporter.

### STATE OFFICERS PLAN FOR 1944.

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#### Officer Visits.

State officers agreed to visit nearby departments and to go with the district supervisors on trips lasting one or two days. Chapters interested in having a state officer visit them should contact the district supervisor. District supervisors have agreed to plan trips for state officers residing in their districts.

#### Finances Sound.

Dowell J. Howard, executive secretary-treasurer, furnished the executive committee with a financial statement showing that the state organization is living within its budget and has the money with which to carry out the objectives set up for the year.

#### 100 Per Cent Present.

In spite of snow storms and slick roads, the following attended the meeting of the state executive committee: Tom Shirley, president; George Baggary, vice-president; C. N. Wine, treasurer; Jerome Gagner, reporter; Lester Marsh, secretary; Beverly Roller, Galen Flora and Morris Fannon, members of the executive committee; D. J. Howard, executive secretary-treasurer; Henry C. Groseclose, adviser; W. R. Legge, T. V. Downing and J. C. Green, district supervisors.

### PAYMENTS ON ANNUAL DUES RECEIVED TO DATE, \$6,259.

The total number of Virginia Future Farmers who have paid their dues is now 6,259. We list below dues received since our last report:

Alberta (paid before Oct. 1) .....	26
Aldie .....	6
Appomattox .....	41
Auburn, additional .....	11
Axton, additional .....	2
Bealeton .....	33
Boyce, additional .....	1
Ceres .....	34
Culpeper .....	50
Buchanan, additional .....	5
Farnham, additional .....	1
Gore, additional .....	13
Glade Hill, additional .....	2
Goochland, additional .....	6
Maywood .....	16
Narrows .....	39
New Castle .....	20
Pamplin .....	12
Pearisburg .....	42
Pembroke .....	35
Pennington Gap, additional .....	1
Red Bank, additional .....	3
Reedville .....	14
Remington .....	15
Spencer-Penn .....	31
Sperryville, additional .....	16
Syringa .....	25
Victoria .....	15
Virginia-Carolina .....	49
Warrenton, additional .....	1
Whitmell .....	66

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worth had been sold during December. It was decided that talks should be made before the entire school after Christmas to try to encourage the buying of stamps and bonds.

This completed the business of the evening, so the members went into the formal ceremony of raising the sophomore boys, who had met the requirements set up in the constitution, from Green Hands to Chapter Farmers. This is the highest honor that can be given by the local chapter. However, boys that meet the requirements may be awarded the State Farmer degree by the State Organization. The boys who received the Chapter Farmer degree at this time were: Eugene Jarvis, Harry Tolly, Charlie Poole, Milton Miller and Herbert Lotts.

It was also reported at this meeting that Richard Beard won first place in the B-A-R Federation crops judging contest at New Hope. A team of five boys entered this contest from our school.

STANLEY FIREBAUGH,  
Reporter.

## Buckingham.

The Annual Fox Hunt was held on November 13, 1943, at the farm of Mr. Tom Hall. About one-fifth of the class could attend. The following attended: Charles Anderson, Charles Rush, Bruce Rush, Alvin Patteson, Julian Maxey, Gilmore Ranson, Oscar Agee, Robert Seay, James Lann and our teacher, Mr. Jones. After the fox hunt was over, the group ate a lunch of hot dogs and rolls.

The annual meeting of the Buckingham F. F. A. Chapter was held November 22, in the school auditorium, before the general assembly. We had present at this meeting two guests, David Walker, national past vice-president, and Beverly Roller, national first vice-president. During the meeting a comedy act was presented by Charles Rush, Radford Gilliam and Scott Word. The Creed was recited by Bruce Rush, and the Aims and Purposes were given by Julian Maxey. Mr. Walker and also Mr. Roller gave short talks. The meeting was closed by singing "America."

Our chapter has a good basketball team and will challenge any chapter in the state who has won championship in their own federation to play us.

EARL MAXEY,  
Reporter.

## Eagle Rock.

The Eagle Rock Chapter met and elected the following officers: Harold Wilhelm, president; G. C. Thompson, vice-president; Clarence Bryant, treasurer; Jennings Fisher, secretary; Elwood

Scott, reporter; Ralph Necessary, sentinel, and E. T. Robertson, adviser.

We have initiated and received into our chapter nine Green Hands, and have set up our program of work for the year.

Our chapter has painted the school cafeteria and put the proceeds into a \$60 unit of reference books for the chapter library.

ELWOOD SCOTT,  
Reporter.

## Luray.

The Luray Chapter has a membership of thirty-five boys this year. Edwin Smith, son of E. G. Smith, former teacher of Vocational Agriculture, is our president. The other officers are: Lewis Aleshire, vice-president; Page Bell, secretary; Charles Judd, treasurer; Kenneth Kibler, reporter; R. A. Wall, adviser, and Mike Painter, sentinel.

The chapter has completed the setting up of the program of work for the year 1943-44. The program this year consists of 47 timely objectives assigned to various committees appointed by the president. It is the duty of these committees to see that the objectives are carried to completion. Each member of the chapter is serving on one or more committees.

At the last regular meeting of our chapter, our past president, and now State F. F. A. President, Tommy Shirley, gave us a very interesting talk on the value of the F. F. A. to the farm boy.

Our judging team placed third out of eleven teams at the Stephens City F. F. A. Fair. Mark Kemp, a sophomore in agriculture and a member of the team, was high man in the entire contest.

KENNETH KIBLER,  
Reporter.

## Millboro.

The Millboro F. F. A. Chapter held its first meeting in the Agricultural building of Millboro High School, September 16, 1943. Officers for the year of 1943-44 were elected: Alvin Durham, president; Paul Marshall, secretary; Charles David Armstrong, treasurer; Harman Shanks, reporter, and Richard Woods, sentinel.

Eight Green Hands were initiated on the night of September 30. War time refreshments were enjoyed by all.

At a meeting in October, the chapter raised six Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer.

The F. F. A. boys shucked corn one day for F. F. McCoy and made ten dollars for the chapter.

On November 7, in the Agricultural building, the chapter held an important meeting, choosing objectives for the year and committees to supervise them.

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Objectives and committees are as follows:

1. Supervised Farming: Jack White, Cecil McCoy and Earl Allen.

Each member to have an average of three enterprises; have 90 per cent ownership of enterprise; complete 95 per cent of project started; encourage home improvement projects; encourage the use of certified seed, and offer suitable awards for outstanding accomplishments in farming.

2. Cooperative Activities: Charles Armstrong, Carson Cauley and Charles Armentrout.

Engage in cooperative buying and selling by member participation for the purchasing of all supplies and marketing of products of the supervised practice program.

3. Community: Paul Marshall, Calvin Griffin and Jasper Stinespring.

Assist in beautifying school grounds. Help at least two destitute families worthy of assistance. Have 100 per cent farm machinery at home repaired by June 1. Help farmers harvest crops.

4. Leadership: Herman Shanks and Harrison Salmons.

Put on a program before some civic organization. Have at least one State Farmer from the chapter. Enroll every boy taking agriculture as a member of chapter. Encourage the use of music,

and teach the F. F. A. song, "Hail the F. F. A." to all members. Enter the State Chapter contest. Improve the chapter library. Send at least three news articles of Chapter Chats to the local papers. Encourage members after graduation from high school to remain chapter members for three years.

5. Earning and Saving: Woodrow Rogers and Charles Tenant.

Encourage members to invest savings in land, livestock and farm equipment. Increase the average member earnings. Invest \$375 in War Bonds. Have 100 per cent dues paid up.

6. Conduct of Meetings: George Deeds and Harvey Stinespring.

Officers to know opening and closing ceremony. Have at least two meetings on parliamentary procedure. Have at least one meeting for the purpose of studying Chapter Chats to learn of the activities of other chapters. Secure needed official equipment and supplies. Hold scheduled initiation meetings.

7. Scholarship: Ilo Roberts and Gerald Wood.

Have an average grade of C or better.

8. Recreation: Grey Carter, Alvin Durham and Richard Woods.

Hold Father-Son and Mother-Daughter banquet in cooperation with the Home Economics Department. Have a joint social meeting with them.

The chapter held a joint social meeting with the Home Economics girls on the night of November 11, in the high school building. The evening was spent in preparing and enjoying a big supper for fifty-odd youngsters. Later recreational activities, such as basketball, Chinese checkers, old maid, bingo and dancing were enjoyed in the high school gymnasium.

The chapter conducted a program before the Grange at Vindecove. Paul Marshall made an interesting talk on the history of the F. F. A., and Grey Carter spoke on the objectives for 1943-44.

HERMAN SHANKS,  
Reporter.

#### Oceana.

Oceana Chapter held its meeting on December 9. We opened the meeting with the regular ceremony.

We have gotten a purebred boar from the Norfolk City farm, which is very nice. One of the members is keeping the boar for a period of four years. After the four year period is up, it will become his for the feed bill.

We set the time for our Father and Son banquet sometime in the middle of February.

We plan on having a minstrel show sometime in the spring, which we will give before the school.

GORDON POTTER,  
Reporter.

#### Pamplin.

Improving the athletic facilities of the school playground and sponsoring an F. F. A. basketball team have been the most outstanding features of the outside activities of the Pamplin Chapter this session.

The members have constructed two basketball courts, a volleyball court and numerous items of small playground equipment.

The chapter basketball team has played the varsity teams of Appomattox and

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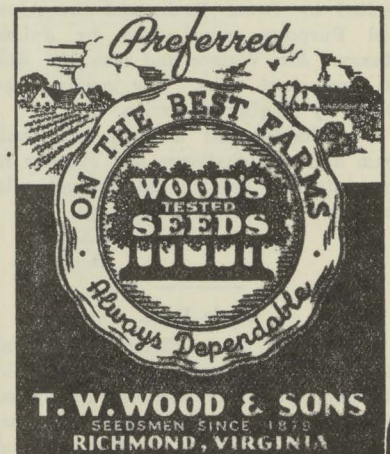
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Charlotte Court house, and won two of the three games played to date.

Horton Southall, the secretary of the chapter, was recently elected to the same office in the Hub Federation.

CLARENCE ALMOND,  
Reporter.

#### Stoney Creek.

The Stoney Creek Chapter of F. F. A. has held four regular monthly meetings to date, and in addition has held initiation exercises in October and initiated eight Green Hands. The chapter meets regularly on the first Monday in each month, at 2:40 p. m.

Officers for the year are as follows: James Mayes, president; Billy Rideout, vice-president; Amos Dunn, secretary; West Chappell, treasurer; John Kennedy, reporter; Robert Wilkinson, sentinel, and A. T. Poole, adviser.

Green Hands awarded pins by the adviser include: Paul Koliadko, Joseph Bondranko, Douglas Spiers, Samuel Kitchen, Mathew Mobley, John Bishop, Brantley Lloyd and Scott Barnes.

Chapter Farmer pins were awarded to: Amos Dunn, Ribble Clark, John Kennedy, West Chappell and James Mayes.

Benjamin Morgan, Jr., and Morton Conwell, Jr., were awarded State Farmer degrees at the Rally in August.

The chapter has set up a worthwhile program of work for the year which includes sixty-five objectives. Following are some of the most important ones:

Each boy increase the number and scope of enterprises to aid in the war effort.

Each boy use purebred sires and certified seed.

Repair and construct school furniture and equipment.

Give demonstrations such as culling hens, caponizing cockerels, tool fitting, etc., to adults.

Each boy contribute to Red Cross.

Each boy buy defense stamps or bonds regularly.

Sponsor a Forest Fire Fighter's unit.

Collect materials needed in winning the war.

Repair farm machinery and aid in the organization of defense classes.

Have worthwhile programs with entertainment and refreshments at each chapter meeting.

Hold Father and Son banquet.

Hold joint outing with Home Economics girls and exchange classes with them.

Contribute \$5.00 to the F. F. A. camp.

Many of the objectives set up have already been accomplished, and members expect the chapter to enjoy one of its most successful years.

JOHN KENNEDY,  
Reporter.

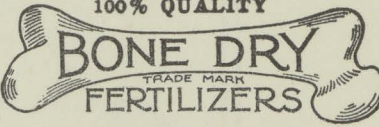
#### ROBERT E. LEE CHAPTER IS HOST TO HUB FEDERATION.

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of Appomattox was host to the Hub Federation at its bi-monthly meeting, December 8.

The 1944 cooperative seed program of the federation was planned at this meeting and the delegates of the eleven chapters reported much interest in the garden seed, potato, corn and tobacco seed cooperative orders being planned by the organization. After the business meeting Elantha Drinkard of the pro-

gram committee presented a magic stunt and the group sang F. F. A. songs. Refreshments were served by the host chapter.

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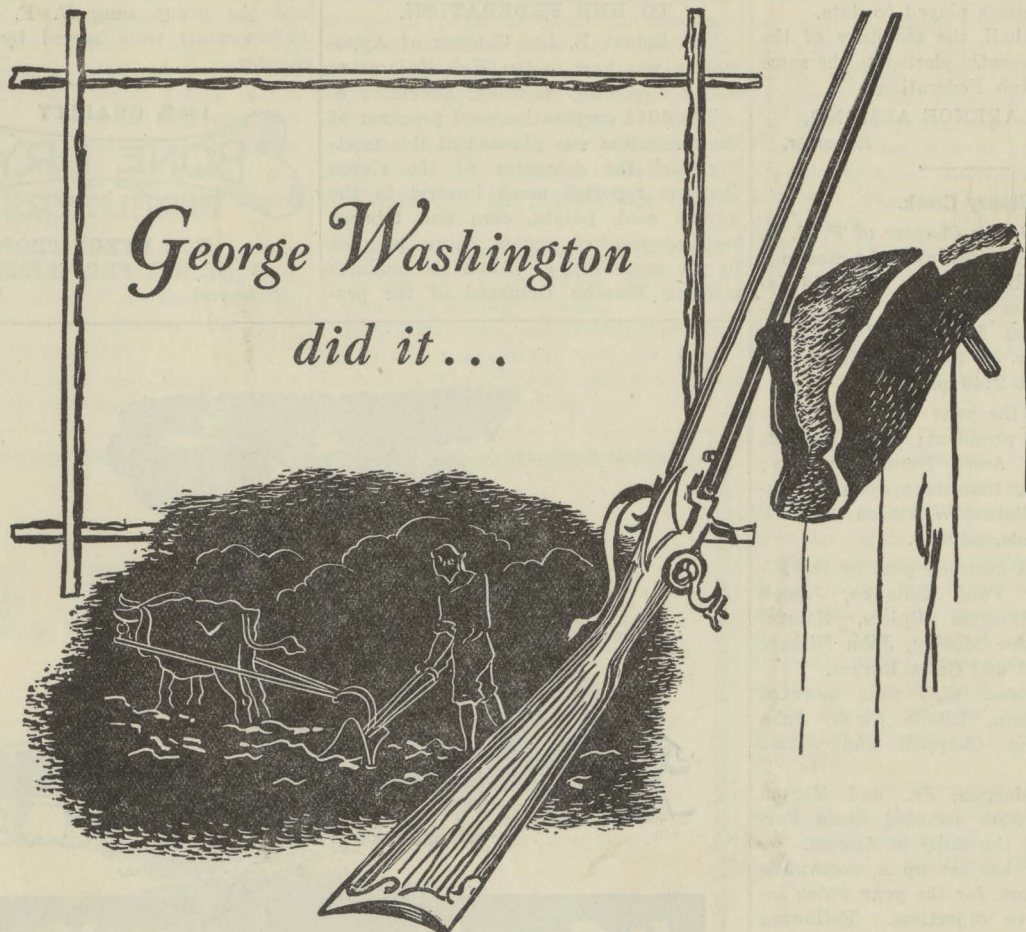
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