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Rally For Freedom Will Be Held At State Future Farmers Camp

As announced in a previous issue of **Chapter Chats** many changes have been made in plans for the 1942 Rally. In spite of the reduced size of the Rally this will probably be one of the most important ever held by the Virginia Association.

New officers will be elected to guide the destinies of our organization through another year; awards will be made to the winning chapters; the winning public speaker will be selected, and a new "crop" of Third Degree applicants will receive the coveted key. Dr. Luther Richman will again be present and direct those who are interested in singing.

National Officers Represented.

Mr. W. A. Ross, the National Executive Secretary, will be present and with the help of others direct the schools of leadership to be conducted for presidents, secretaries, treasurers and reporters.

George Sisk, National 3rd Vice-President of the F. F. A. from Joiner, Arkansas, will also attend and give the benefit of his experience and serve in many helpful ways.

Delegates From Federations.

The thirty-seven Federations in the State will send a total of 149 delegates. The plan of selecting delegates has been worked out mathematically and is fair to all concerned. All advisers have been requested to call Federation meetings and elect delegates just as soon as possible. Plans are progressing satisfactorily and with the cooperation of every chapter we know success is assured.

Future Farmers need to pull together now as never before to set up a good program and carry it out. We need the inspiration that a state meeting gives in order that we may do our part and more than our part in the present world calamity—"that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."



Rustburg High School Repair Program—Mower Ready for Delivery

Future Farmers Help Repairing Machinery

Farm Machinery Repair is the order of the day in most of the 7,300 shops operated in the United States by Future Farmers and their local advisers. Virginia Future Farmers are proud to have a part in this program which is so essential to the successful conduct of the Food for Freedom drive.

Each Future Farmer in Virginia is asked to help by surveying the farm machinery needs of his home farm and of four farms of his neighbors. In this way the local chapters find out the extent and nature of the job to be done.

In some shops the farmers do their own farm machinery repairing. In others they are assisted by the boys. In some cases the boys not only make their own repairs but gain additional skill and experience by doing some of the work for their neighbors and friends.

Spring work is now upon us. Do your bit by helping with the surveys, getting the farm machinery into the shop, repairing or replacing worn or broken parts, testing the machine to be sure it will do the work efficiently and, finally, by helping get it back home so as to make room for further farm machinery repair in the school shop.

Future Farmers are playing a big part in what has been done to date. They should be proud of their accomplishments.

The Agriculture Department got an early start on its guayule rubber crop by sowing 500 acres of nursery beds in the last week of March, near Salinas, California.

Richard Walker Wins Swift Essay Contest

The winners of the Swift Essay Contest were recently announced, and the winner of First Prize was Richard Walker, a member of the Chilhowie Future Farmers and a freshman in high school there. The second prize was won by Carl S. Herzog of Oley, Pa., and there were two other prize winners from Virginia: Garland Peregoy of Ashland and H. G. Musick, Jr., of Honaker.

Although Richard just enrolled in Vocational Agriculture last fall, he is certainly starting on the road to success. Living on a 400-acre farm, he has al-

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CHILHOWIE CHAPTER SETS WAR GOALS.

By Charles Radcliffe, Reporter.

The United States is not only the arsenal for democracy, but is the breadbasket as well. Since in war food is power, we need it not only for our armed forces and civilian population, but also for our many allies. Our Government is asking American farmers to produce in amounts never dreamed of previously, and there is no time for needless delay. Japan's attack in the Pacific challenges every American farmer to greater effort. Already our Government is taking steps to rush food to stricken and vulnerable areas. For example, plans have been made for a \$50,000,000 reserve food stock for Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Alaska and the Virgin Islands; enough to enable them to withstand at least a six months siege. Great food reserves are being stored in England. Since the Germans have occupied the sugar-beet producing areas in the Ukraine, we have purchased 17,500,000 pounds of sugar for shipment to Russia. This is to be followed by other products such as wheat, meat and flour. In all, one billion five hundred million dollars worth of food, under the Lend-Lease Act, is pledged to England, Russia and other United Nations. Add to this the amount needed for home consumption, and we get some idea of the huge task that confronts us.

In order that we may supply food for ourselves and the other United Nations the Government is calling for increased production of all farm products except tobacco, cotton and wheat. To be more specific, the goal for milk production in 1942 is 125 billion pounds or an increase of 8 billion over the 1941 production. Our Government is asking for 79 million swine, 28 million beef cattle and 750 million chickens, which represents increases of 8, 3, and 70 million head respectively over that of last year. The soybean acreage is set at 7 million acres compared to 5½ million acres in 1941. The goal for peanuts this year is 3½ million acres which is an increase of 1,592,000 acres over that of 1941. A 4 per cent increase in truck crops is suggested. It is desired to increase flax production by one third. Slight increases in corn, oats, barley and grain sorghums are desired. Much could be written on this subject, but the above is sufficient to emphasize the importance of the role agriculture must play if we are to win this war.

When thinking in terms of millions and billions the production goal for any single F.F.A. chapter is almost infinitesimal, however, when the total number of chapters in the nation are taken into consideration it is evident that the Future Farmers of America organization represents an important factor in in-

creasing our national production of food stuffs.

The members of the Chilhowie F. F. A. chapter have caught the spirit of the times, and are increasing their acreage of cabbage 100 per cent; potatoes, 200 per cent; beans, 100 per cent; orchard and garden, 9 per cent; head of poultry, 61 per cent; and number of dairy cows, 54 per cent over that of last year. The project scope for small grains, corn, sheep, and swine is about the same as in 1941. Since the chapter membership for the two years involved is approximately the same, the above mentioned increases in food production represents a rather decided change in project selection on the part of the students.

Members of the Chilhowie chapter feel that an article in **Chapter Chats** dealing with the combined efforts of all the Future Farmers in the state, along the line of increased food production, would be both interesting and stimulating.

MASSANUTTEN CHAPTER PROFITS WITH PIGS.

By F. A. Buchanan, Chapter Adviser.

The Massanutten Chapter of the F. F. F., located at Jackson, Va., serves one of the largest agricultural communities in Shenandoah County, with farm enterprises of general farming, livestock and fruit growing.

In the fall of 1940 the chapter officers, in planning for the objectives of the year, made a survey as to the needs of improved livestock. It was determined from the survey, that the entire school district there were no purebred registered hogs, except for a few Poland-China boars, on widely scattered farms. The need for better livestock gave the officers a goal for an objective to bring into the community improved pure-bred hogs. The result was the formation within the Chapter of the Massanutten F. F. A. Pig Club, controlled within the chapter by a Pig Club committee of five, with one member from each school class and one member at large. Contracts were prepared to provide for each pig club member, who received a registered gilt, to return to the chapter two sow pigs from the first litter resulting from the mating with a pure-bred registered boar of the same breed as the sow.

The Poland-China breed was selected and with 32 of the 55 chapter members applying for a Pig Club contract, the problem was to find a sufficient number of well bred registered gilts of the proper age. When the project was fully underway, the committee had selected twenty-one gilts, from the best herds of Poland-China hogs in the State.

The following results are from the first years operation of this very successful chapter project:

Investment by the Chapter.

Registered	
20 Poland-China Gilts	\$220.00
1 Berkshire Gilt	11.00
2 Poland-China Boar Pigs..	27.50

Total original investment.. \$258.50

Returns to Chapter and Members.

(Including only first litters of Gilts.)	
No. Gilts farrowing	16
No. Pigs farrowed.....	128
No. Pigs raised	120
Average size of litter....	8
Pigs returned to chapter..	30
Inventory Value of	
Incomplete contracts	\$ 48.00
New Contracts, 1941-42 ...	104.00
Non-breeders sold	3 44.00
Sales Value of Chapter	
Pigs, 17 head, 1 boar.....	156.25
Value of members' pigs ..90	720.00
Increase in Inventory of	
Sows and Boar	959.00
Gross Returns and Value	\$2,031.25
Feed costs (average \$25.86) .	465.45

Net returns of Project... \$1,565.80

Chapter Financing of Project.

Loan from Shenandoah Production Credit Association....	\$ 270.00
Returns—First Year of Project.	
Sales of Pigs and Contract	
Adjustments	\$ 200.25
Inventory Value of	
Chapter Boar	40.00
New Contracts	104.00
Incomplete Contracts	48.00

Total Worth of Project.... \$ 392.25

Payment on Loan 1941..... 125.00

Balance due and interest. 158.40

As of March 1, 1942, this one chapter project has not only resulted in a net return to the chapter and members of over \$1,500.00, but it has greatly added to the future livestock value on the farms of the 21 members. To this may be added the educational value of each project, by the fact that each student carrying a pure-bred Gilt project, was more intensely interested, since the profits from a project stimulates interest in almost direct ratio to the results attained.

To make it possible for the members of the Pig Club to have the use of the Registered Poland-China boar owned by the chapter, a trailer was built in the Agricultural Shop of the School and during the breeding season every project member can call for the services of the Boar. A small fee is charged for the service, which goes to the member who feeds and cares for the Boar between seasons.

The chapter officers look forward to continuing this project as a source of regular chapter income and to also provide a definite means of adding each year to the value of livestock in the district.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Amherst.

The judging team representing the Amherst chapter won first place in the Hub Federation Judging Contest which was held at the Montview Farms on Wednesday, April 22. The judging team was composed of Billy Shelton, Warren Campbell, and Morris Thomas. Billy Shelton tied Mott Roberts of Concord for the high man in the contest.

The contestants were required to place one class of Jersey cows, one class of Jersey heifers, one class of feeder hogs, one class of poultry, one class of yellow corn, one class of white corn, and one class of wheat.

The Amherst chapter will receive a cup for winning the contest.

CARROLL TOMLIN,
Reporter.

Carrsville.

Carrsville F. F. A. chapter in cooperation with the Home Economics Department, held its annual Father-Son banquet on February 10, 1942, in the Carrsville gymnasium.

The speaker for the occasion was Mr. W. B. Ramsey, County Agent. After his speech, the Carrsville sextet sang a number of songs.

GEORGE HEDGEBETH,
Reporter.

Concord.

The Concord chapter of F. F. A. held its last regular meeting May 6, 1942. The members of the chapter have bought \$100 worth of Defense Bonds and Stamps. The chapter also assisted the school in the collection of paper.

The chapter bought garden seed cooperatively through Hub Federation. We resolved to assist the Community League in beautifying the school grounds.

Joe Carson, Jr., was elected as new reporter as our former one, Berkley Evans, is not with us now. Richard Roberts, chairman of the program committee, has also left us, and John Hunter Harvy was elected in his stead.

The Concord chapter won the Hub Federation basketball tournament cup through the cooperation of all the team.

The chapter ranked third in the Hub Federation Judging Contest, with Matt Roberts tying for first individual place with a score of 550 points.

Victory gardens are being planted by individuals of the chapter.

JOE CARSON, JR.
Reporter.

Disputanta.

The Disputanta F. F. A. and Home Economics chapters held their Mother-

Daughter, and Father-Son banquet April 16, 1942. Committees were appointed to take special duties in making the banquet a success.

The program was as follows:

1. Opening exercise.
2. Invocation by Mr. W. A. Walton.
3. Dinner served.
4. Welcome address by Joseph Hanzlik.
5. Music selection by Dora Lee Williams and Jean Baird.
6. Speech, "Why I Took Agriculture," by George Oleyar.
7. Talk by the High School Principal, Mr. W. A. Walton.
8. Speech, "What I Have Learned in Agriculture," by John Clements.
9. Music selection by Dora Lee Williams and Jean Baird.
10. Speech, "A Trip to Kansas City," by Jimmy Chudoba.
11. Speech by a former Home Economics girl, Mrs. Henry Harrison.
12. Remarks by the Home Economics teacher, Mrs. Henry Rice.
13. Report of the year's work by Bobby Minor.
14. Remarks by the Agricultural Instructor, Mr. L. L. Beazley.
15. Closed by singing "God Bless America," and then saluted the flag.

HOWARD BICKINGS,
Reporter.

Fairfax.

Ten members of the Fairfax F. F. A. chapter, along with their adviser, Mr. Cecil N. Smith, were guests of the Maryland Association of Future Farmers of America at their annual rally on Saturday, April 26, at the University of Maryland, College Park.

In the morning the Fairfax boys visited the various contests that were going on, including the F. F. A. poultry judging and milk judging. All were very greatly interested in the livestock showing and fitting contest and dairy show, which was being conducted by the University of Maryland chapter of the Block and Bridle Club.

Following the banquet at which Dr. H. F. Cotterman, supervisor of vocational agriculture in Maryland and adviser of the Maryland F. F. A. Association, spoke the boys attended the baseball game between V. M. I. and the U. of Maryland.

Among the other outstanding activities of the year the sending of Chapter Secretary Russell Ross as the chapter's delegate to the national convention at Kansas City last fall, the banquet at which W. A. Ross, National Executive-Secretary of the F. F. A., was the speak-

er, and construction of a trailer, work on which is now in progress. The chapter also operates a purebred pig club and this year distributed eight purebred Berkshire gilts to F. F. A. members.

New officers recently elected are: Walter Gander, president; Raleigh Morris, vice-president; Billy Whipp, secretary; Henry Freeman, treasurer; and Cecil Thompson, reporter.

CECIL THOMPSON,
Reporter.

R. E. Lee Chapter Names Officers.

The R. E. Lee chapter (Appomattox) held its final 1941-42 meeting on June 2, with the main item of business the election of officers for the ensuing year. Among those named were:

Charles Patterson, president; E. W. Marshall, vice-president; Allen Torrence, treasurer; Charles Crews, reporter; Elantha Drinkard, watchdog; Mr. W. C. Dudley, advisor.

The chapter conducted a barbecue for the Lynchburg College on Founder's Day in April, with an attendance of

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MEMBERS OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—1940-1941.

President, David Walker, Farmville.

Vice-President, James Garland, Callao.

Secretary, Geraldyn Herring, Nokesville.

Treasurer, Walter Jennings, Austinville.

Reporter, Oliver Peer, Toms Brook.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dowell J. Howard, Richmond.

Adviser, Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg.
Executive Committee:

Robert L. Copenhagen, Rural Retreat.
Keister Adams, Turbeville.
Jack Ward, Mathews.

NEW \$25.00 DEFENSE BOND AVAILABLE FOR F. F. A. CHAPTERS.

Originally it was not possible for a Future Farmer Chapter to purchase, in the name of the organization, a defense bond of less than \$100.00. Many chapters, however, wish to purchase bonds with a maturity value of \$25.00. This has now been made possible.

The following is quoted from a communication received from the Treasury Department of Washington, D. C.

"At any time after January 1, 1942, there are available \$25 (maturity value) United States Savings Bonds of Defense Series F, the issue price of which is \$18.50. The sale of Defense Savings Bonds of Series E was restricted to individuals. Therefore, many small associations found it difficult or impossible to participate in the Defense Savings Program, as the smallest denomination issued to them, prior to January, 1942, was the \$100 denomination of Defense Series F. With the addition of this new \$25 Bond, the participation of these small associations will be greatly encouraged.

"Series F Defense Bonds are twelve-year Bonds, issued on the discount basis, the issue price being 74% of their maturity value if held to maturity. The investment yield is 2.53% compounded semi-annually. These bonds are redeemable before maturity at the option of the owners at fixed redemption values.

"Bonds of Defense Series F are issued only by the Federal Reserve Banks and the Treasury Department, but commercial banks generally handle applications."

For detailed information chapters

should see their local postmaster or bank cashier. It should be possible to make application through either of these sources.

DOWELL J. HOWARD,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

ATTENTION—AMERICAN FARMER APPLICANTS.

"Each successful candidate in the 1942 'crop' of American Farmers can look forward to receiving a check for \$25.00, made available by the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company of Crawfordsville, Indiana.

"There are no strings of any kind tied to this offer according to N. A. Holmer, through whom the offer was made, and no special contest will, of course, be necessary to determine those who will receive the checks. The money belongs to the candidate to use as he sees fit.

"F. F. A. Advisers will be pleased to learn that the 'rank and file' of the American Farmer group are to have this special recognition."

Sincerely,

W. A. ROSS,
National F. F. A.
Executive Secretary.

STATE F. F. A. CONVENTION ESSENTIAL.

While certain competitive activities among F. F. A. members will probably have to be curtailed for the duration, those responsible in the national F. F. A. office feel that an annual State convention which includes at least a delegate session is essential in every State if the organization is to function efficiently in all out war effort. Delegates can use common carriers as a means of transportation, thus saving rubber and gasoline. Necessary business can then be transacted as in the past in a democratic fashion by the members themselves. Programs of work can be set up, checked upon, and revised in light of new developments. Money can be voted to carry through the activities selected. Plans can be implemented, morale maintained, and ideas and experiences exchanged—all in the interests of Victory and in terms of what the F. F. A. organization can do to help bring it about.

Sincerely,

W. A. ROSS,
National Executive Secretary,
Future Farmers of America.

ATTENTION ADVISERS.

World conditions have made it necessary to change the style of certain F. F. A. jewelry and certain articles can no longer be manufactured during the war. The following is quoted from an announcement received from L. G. Bal-

four Co., our official jeweler. This explains the situation and is being passed on to you in order that you will understand reasons for the changes.

Due to the fact that some metals used in the manufacture of Future Farmer of America jewelry, are on the priority list and none of these metals can be fabricated after March 31, your orders for any of the following articles should be placed immediately.

Degree Pins—Since March 31, all of these pins in bronze, silver plated, or gold plated, have a sterling silver base.

Chapter Degree Pins—Since March 31 the Green Hand pins are of sterling silver with bronze finish, Future Farmer pins are of sterling silver and the gold plated State Farmer Charms are of sterling silver, gold plated.

Collegiate Chapter and Adviser Pins—Same as above.

State Award Medals—First Place will be sterling silver with a gold plate; Second Place will be sterling silver; Third Place will be sterling silver with a bronze finish.

Standard Award Pins—Same as State Award Medals.

Watch Fobs—Same as the medals.

New prices on articles will be mailed to you shortly.

The following articles have been discontinued since March 31. They will no longer be manufactured:

State Award Plaques, Intra-State Plaques, Miniature Plaques, Special Etched Plaques, Special Rotating Award Plaques, Cups and Trophies.

The following articles are no longer manufactured. Orders accepted until present supply is exhausted:

Belt Buckles, Tie Holders.

An appeal has been made to the Priority Metals Board in Washington, D. C., to allow us enough metal for use in the manufacture of these articles we have supplied in the past.

L. G. BALFOUR COMPANY,
Attleboro, Massachusetts.

NATIONAL F. F. A. CAMP NOT TO OPEN DURING SUMMER OF 1942.

Since the F. F. A. organization is bending every effort to help win the war, officials responsible for the organization have decided that it would be unwise to open the National F. F. A. Camp during the summer of 1942. The situation with regard to automobile tires, gasoline rationing, and congested traffic, especially in the Washington area, is largely responsible for this action. F. F. A. tours and trips are not to be encouraged under the circumstances.

So rapid has been the increase of dairy products that butter, cheese and eggs are selling for less at wholesale now than when the war came,

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEAT PACKER IN NATIONAL DEFENSE.

By Richard Walker, Chilhowie, Va.

With the coming of 1942 we are facing a crucial year. It will be a year of hard work and many sacrifices for everyone of us from the small farmer to the large industrialist. Since this war has been thrust upon us, we must use every effort and resource of our strong and united nation to defend those principles of freedom and democracy which we cherish above all else. Everything that we hold dear as American citizens is at stake, and our present and future welfare as well as destiny depends upon the strength of our National defense.

To most of us defense means armaments such as guns, tanks, planes, and battleships. These, of course, are extremely important in the defense program, but we should keep in mind the fact that they are by no means all of the program.

To better the health and well being of our people, and to make and keep our country strong, we should list food as one of our essentials in National defense. Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard tells us in a recent article published in one of our leading farm magazines, that food is the keynote of our entire National defense effort today, and this fact was the basis for the enormous 1942 production goal. Out of this 1942 production goal our country plans to send to Britain billions of pounds of milk, eggs, poultry (mostly chicken), pork and lard, fruit, and canned vegetables.

Aside from our British order and perhaps others of the allied countries, we have a population of 130 million of our own to feed. The few commodities listed below will give an idea of the approximate amounts used daily at home:

Meat	50,000,000 pounds
Butter	5,500,000 pounds
Cheese	1,500,000 pounds
Poultry	4,500,000 pounds
Eggs	5,500,000 dozen

These seem like astounding figures to the average citizen of our country, yet these are only a few of our food items.

The United States has always been a great food-producing nation, but owing to geographical conditions, the producing areas are not evenly distributed throughout the nation. Our largest producing areas are through the great central plains, mostly west of the Mississippi River. In fact 80% of our live stock is produced west of the Mississippi River, while only 31% of our people live in this area. This leads to the conclusion that the majority of our population earn their living in occupations other than farming and livestock raising, and depend upon buying their food.

The question immediately arises, how

can these food commodities be prepared and distributed to the various climates and isolated localities?

This question was answered a number of years ago by the establishment of the meat industry. At first it was operated on a small scale, but as time passed each venture proved more successful; and today our country has approximately fifteen hundred meat concerns competing with one another. These large organizations operate now throughout our country and in many foreign countries.

The value of the meat industry to National defense cannot be estimated. It enables the farmer to produce more and better livestock and to receive higher prices. It enables consumers to obtain high-quality products at reasonable prices, and provides employment



Richard Walker.

for a vast number of people. It also enables our government to obtain the large volume of food required to maintain the vast army now in service and training. To win the war our soldiers must be well armed and well fed and both are indispensable for victory.

To the average citizen who has not studied the facts about buying, handling, and distributing food, the problem of meeting war demands seems impossible. However, the meat industry has covered the whole problem. Buyers are sent to the livestock markets to purchase the raw products, meat plants and branch houses are situated at convenient places throughout the country, and railroad transportation provides for quick delivery to the consumer. In 1876 the first refrigerator car was invented. This led to the distribution of fresh meat and perishable food products to all parts of the country, and today a

large number of refrigerator cars are in constant operation.

Economy and large quantity is our country's motto this year. The meat industry answers both. One of the principal economies in operating large meat plants is that there is no waste, not a single element of value is discarded. It should be kept in mind that cattle, calves, sheep and lambs, hogs and poultry are a great deal more than mere food. They are the raw material for a vast range of marketable and valuable commodities.

Almost valueless in a single animal, these by-products assembled from many animals can be converted into products having great value. Small companies cannot make use of all of these inedible by-products because they do not handle enough animals to justify the establishment of extra industries. Many of these by-products such as margarine, soap, poultry and stock feeds, glue, and fertilizer are very essential in our routine of living.

For more than forty years Swift & Company and other meat concerns have handled dairy and poultry products through the same channels as meats. It was found that these products could be handled in the same way as other perishable products and with the same equipment and facilities. Owing to the method of shipping meats in refrigerator cars, eggs, poultry, and dairy products can be added with very little extra expense in the same shipments.

This addition to the volume of business results in the decrease of selling expense per pound. It is interesting to learn that Swift & Company operated over a period of years with a net profit of a little less than $\frac{1}{4}c$ per pound of product or per dozen eggs handled or less than 2c on each dollar received from products sold. It proves that no business could exist on so low a profit unless it handles a large volume of products.

The meat industry often receives much unjust criticism because of the variance of prices. To compare the farm price with the retail price, it should be kept in mind that the average steer contains only 50 or 60% of edible meat, so if the balance of the animal could not be utilized to defray the expenses of handling the consumer would have to pay more for his meat.

Since it is the duty of every American citizen to help to win this war, let us, as producers, put forth our best efforts to send to the meat packers more livestock than ever before. Our country needs food and more food—especially meat, eggs, and dairy products, and keep in mind that the more the meat packers handle and distribute to our soldiers the greater will be our assurance for victory,

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over 400 persons. Other activities have included participation in the Hub Federation baseball tournament and war effort.

Ben D. Wheeler and Garland Ganette are applicants for the State Farmer degree.

The chapter has planned a full program of summer activities.

CHARLES PATTERSON,
Reporter.

Manassas.

The Harry Sanders F. F. A. chapter and the Home Economics club of Osbourn High School bought jointly a \$100 Defense Bond.

It is the custom for the Future Farmers to give an annual Father-Son banquet, but in view of present conditions it was decided it was better to put the money into the bond.

The Home Ec. girls made up their part with money cleared from banquets which they served during the year.

This money will be paid back to the respective clubs with interest in twelve years.

REPORTER.

Pamplin Chapter Chooses Officers.

The main item of business at the final 1941-42 meeting of the Pamplin chapter on June 4 was the selection of officers for the coming year. William Southall was elected president for 1942-43. Oth-

ers named included Claiborne Inge, secretary, and Robert Jennings, treasurer.

During the discussion on progress made on the program of work it was pointed out that the chapter membership was greater at the end of the year than at the beginning.

The chapter baseball team won the first round of the Hub Federation baseball tournament by defeating Appomattox 13-6.

A full program of summer activities has been set up by the chapter.

Lawson Pankey is an applicant for the State Farmer degree.

WILLIAM SOUTHALL,
Reporter.

Rocky Mount.

The Rocky Mount chapter Future Farmers of America held its second annual Father and Son banquet at the Rocky Mount high school last Friday evening. In addition to the fathers, Supt. H. W. Ramsey, members of the town school board and a number of the teachers were invited guests.

The guests were welcomed by Billy Parcell, and William Lovell, president, introduced the guests. Music was furnished by Junior Holcomb and members of the string band.

Other members of the local chapter taking part in the exercises were Clyde Hodges, Marshall Dudley and Jack Eggleston.

The menu consisted of tomato juice, beef stew, string beans, celery, pickles, rolls, coffee, ice cream and cake, and

was prepared and served by the girls from the Home Economics class.

C. S. McLearen, agricultural instructor and director of shop work, presented prizes as follows: First prize, a plane, to Marshall Dudley; second prize, a hammer, to Arthur Hodges; third prize, a brace and bit, to Charlie Tyree; fourth prize, a wrench, to William Hodges; sixth prize, a screw driver, to James Jamison; a special prize was awarded to Clyde Hodges for his interest in agriculture and F. F. A. work.

Prizes for the shop jobs were donated by Angle Hardware Company, Montgomery Hardware Company and Lynch's Cash Store, of Rocky Mount, and the Blue Ridge Hardware Company, of Bassett.

ARTHUR HODGES,
Reporter.

STATE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT.

The annual report of the State F. F. A. Association must be made in June. This report includes the accomplishments of all the chapters in the state and a scrap book, which contains project pictures, newspaper clippings and other substantiating evidence. For the past two years the Virginia Association has ranked in the Gold Emblem group, which is the highest award. This year has certainly been a banner one and no doubt more has been accomplished than in any previous year in the history of F. F. A. While it is true much has been accomplished, accomplishments can not be included in the State report unless you send in the information. The quality and amount of material you send in will determine the rating of the Virginia Association this year.

The teachers of agriculture are asked to do two things. First, be sure to make chapter reports complete. Give amounts in figures so that they can be tabulated. For instance, if the report includes "flocks culled," the number of flocks and the number of hens culled should be given. If an estimate is made, the teacher has more information on which to base the estimate than anyone else. Remember that the state report is a summary of the activities of all the chapters. Second, send the State Adviser the following material: project pictures of all enterprises, pictures of shop work, father-son banquets, tours, federation banquets and any other pictures showing F. F. A. activities, fair ribbons, banquet programs, menus, news paper clippings, special editions of papers, fair catalogs, pictures of agriculture buildings and radio programs. In short, any evidence that the teachers have which may be used in the scrap book to substantiate the activities included in the written report, will be greatly appreciated.

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: : **FEDERATION NEWS** : :

F. F. A. Federation Meets.

The F. F. A. Federation held a meeting Thursday night, May 21, at Christiansburg High School, to elect officers for the Federation for next year.

Frank Johnson, from Blacksburg, was chosen as president.

Earl Spanglin, from Christiansburg, vice-president.

Craig Simkins, from Riner, secretary.

Aster Philips, from Riner, Treasurer.

Thomas Stump, from Blacksburg, was chosen as reporter and T. J. Wakeman as advisor.

It is planned for two or three of these officers to attend the School of Leadership, at the State Camp to be held in July.

THOMAS STUMP,
Reporter.

Hub Federation Elects Officers.

Selection of delegates to the annual Rally, election of 1942-43 officers, and reports on progress made on objectives were the highlights of the May meeting of the Hub Federation at Rustburg. Officers elected were:

Gerald Wrenn, Brookville, president; James Swart, Rustburg, vice-president; Robert Perrow, Concord, secretary; William Southall, Pamplin, Treasurer; Charles Patterson, Appomattox, reporter; Charles Phillips, New London, watchdog; Mr. J. R. Gardener, Rustburg, Adviser.

The annual summer outing was cancelled due to the tire-gas situation.

Reports were heard from all committees and the delegation generally agreed that good progress had been made on the objectives.

CHARLES PATTERSON,
Reporter.

F-L-A-G Federation.

The Flag Federation held its last meeting January 15. At this meeting the Federation set up the following objectives:

1. Have a program and refreshments at each meeting.
2. Have a basket tournament.
3. Have a Federation track meet.
4. Have a Federation judging team at State Farm.

5. Combination of Federation picnic and softball tournament.

6. Have a Federation degree team and public speaking contest.

7. Have a Radio Broadcast.

8. Offer a reward to the boy with the best supervised practice program.

As the former secretary had quit school Garland Maupin from Meriwether Lewis School was elected as new secretary.

GARLAND MAUPIN,
Secretary.

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MILK PRODUCTION MEN ARE WARNED TO BALANCE FARM.

Fluid milk production is becoming highly specialized in Virginia and has all the earmarks of a one-crop farm enterprise, similar to cotton and tobacco, declares R. G. Connelly, Virginia Tech extension dairyman.

Just as other single-crop farmers suffer economically when the market price of their commodity drops below the cost of production, he warns, so the specialized fluid milk producer suffers when the average price of his commodity declines. Generally, unless the dairyman gets back at least \$2.00 to \$2.50 for each dollar's

worth of feed, he is likely to find himself in economic difficulties.

The remedy is balanced farming, or diversification, which means the coordination of several enterprises on a farm so that each properly supplements the others and makes the whole farm more profitable.

The adage that a farmer should keep dairy cows to build up the fertility of his farm is true with certain reservations, Mr. Connelly believes, but no fluid milk producer should ever lose sight of the fact that in every ton of milk sent off the farm there are 14 to 18 pounds of mineral matter, mostly lime or phosphate. This may appear to be a small draft on the land's fertility, but the daily shipments of milk from any farm will steadily wear away the farm's fertility.

The question may be raised as to whether purchased grain concentrates fed to milk cows replenish the mineral loss due to milk production. To some extent purchased concentrate feeds tend to replenish these mineral losses, but this depends upon the mineral richness of the concentrates, whether the concentrates are fed to growing heifers or mature cows, and how the manure from the herd is handled to prevent loss from leaching.

RICHARD WALKER WINS.

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ready started an extensive project program consisting of dairy cattle, sheep, swine, corn, and a one-half acre Victory garden. A 4-H Club member before entering high school, he is now an active F. F. A. Chapter member.

During the current school year he was a member of the chapter's crops judging team, won sweepstakes at the Smyth County Seed Show, was on the school baseball team, and attended his Sunday school regularly.

Richard is active in the chapter's farm machinery repair program and buys War Savings Stamps regularly..

His essay is printed elsewhere in this issue.

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