

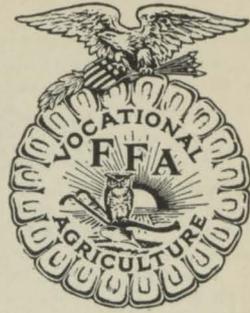


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Fall Events Of Interest To Future Farmers!

The next few months will be busy ones for all Future Farmers, and particularly interesting ones for certain members who have shown proficiency in judging, public speaking, farming, etc.

Before December 1, 1931, three judging teams and one public speaking contestant will represent our organization in out of the State contests. All of us will, with intense interest and hope, watch for the outcome of our reputation in the national Contests.

Ernest Goodrich of Surry County will journey out to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on September 24th, to compete in the regional public speaking contest which will be held at this famed resort on the 25th. The winner in this contest will be announced and will deliver his speech over KTHS at Hot Springs, at 9:45 P. M. Central time, September 25th. Tune in!

The National Dairy & Milk Judging Contest will be held at St. Louis, October 10th to 12th, in connection with the National Dairy Show. The names of our representatives appear under their picture in this issue.

For the first time since our organization we are sending a poultry judging team to the national contest. This event will also be held in St. Louis, and will take place on Monday, October 12th. Look over the picture of this crowd. They ought to be able to select poultry.

Again we will invade Kansas City, November 18th to 20th, with a livestock and meat judging team, when "Pat" Arrington and his team from the southwest crosses the Mississippi. This group has a rather difficult position to maintain, as the other teams representing us in the past have made very enviable records. They will have excellent support, how-

ever, as other members of our group will accompany them and participate in the proceedings of the National Congress of Future Farmers. At this meeting we hope to have present, in addition to Mr. Groseclose, National Treasurer, and Joe Henry Gardner, Vice-President representing the Southern Region, our two delegates and our four nominees for the



Dairy and Milk Judging Team to Compete in National Contest at St. Louis: W. Fuller, Burkes Garden; C. Gibson, Honaker; F. Barrett, Honaker; T. Marsh, Calverton; H. H. Linberry, Coach.

American Farmer degree. These will make up a fine delegation.

At this meeting announcement of the winners in the National Chapter Contest will be made. The records of the Whaleyville, Wicomico and Disputanta chapters are being submitted from Virginia. As Virginia was awarded first place last year in the F. F. A. contest between the various States, we are not eligible for that contest this year. We hope however, to hear good news from our judging teams, 4th degree applicants, and others.

Watch for announcements concerning these interesting activities.

A UNIQUE AND WORTH WHILE ACTIVITY.

One of the first 1931-32 objectives that has been reached by the Virginia Carolina Chapter was the construction of a private camp for the chapter. This was completed August 15th, at which time the local Future Farmers celebrated by camping in the new quarters.

The camp is located in a deep, heavily wooded valley, opening into New River a short distance below. The fact that the camp is located near the Virginia-Carolina State line makes the arrangement unique. Visitors say it is a very beautiful and comfortable spot for a camp.

During the camp the Future Farmers enjoyed water games and life saving practice in the splendid "swimming hole." Also, camp craft, first aid to the injured, and athletic games and stunts, made the hours spent in camp very enjoyable.

The log cabin constructed by the chapter is of the pioneer type, not even a single piece of sawed lumber being used. The roof is made of boards rived by the Future Farmers, and a chimney, constructed of rocks and clay, makes a very quaint appearance. About 30 feet from the cabin is a spring of clear, cold water. Firewood and fish, as well as other game, abound.

An unusual feature of this organization of the Future Farmers consists of the appointment of a camp leader for every five campers. He acts as a leader in all capacities and the other five boys under his charge are responsible to him. This, it is believed, tends to develop the qualities of leadership which every Future Farmer should possess. Also, it makes it possible for one or two leaders to camp with their respective groups without the attention of the advisor or without waiting until all members of the chapter are ready to camp. It should be understood that this system is not expected to work satisfactorily.
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NEWS FROM STATE CHAPTERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS.

Amherst.

On the morning of June 8th, a bus loaded with twenty seven Future Farmers rolled out of the town of Amherst for a seven day tour. The tour was sponsored by the Amherst chapter and conducted by C. M. Kincaid, Instructor of Vocational Agriculture at Amherst High School. Richmond, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, Langley Field, Fortress Monroe, the Newport News Ship Yards, Cape Charles, Chincoteague Island, Annapolis, Washington, Charlottesville and Monticello were the chief places visited. The tour also included two ferries across the Chesapeake Bay and a fishing trip to the Atlantic Ocean.

It would be hard to say what places or phases of the trip were most interesting, because it was a continuous round of very interesting things, places and experiences. The boys were so well pleased with the trip that they plan to make it an annual affair, covering the same territory only once in four years of agriculture to see new places and things on each trip.

For the benefit of other future farmers who plan to take a trip of this kind it may be added that by camping in tents and doing their own cooking, the whole trip was made for the total sum of six dollars per boy.

Apple Grove.

Besides holding their regular meetings the Apple Grove Chapter of the F. F. A. took the trip on July 30th as was planned before school closed in June. The trip was in every way a success. At 6:00 a. m. on July 30th, the chapter left the high school at Apple Grove. The first visit was to Curls Neck Farm near Richmond. Here the party was shown every courtesy by those in authority. We could not hope to see all of this immense farm in the space of a few hours, but we did see the hogs, horses, beef and dairy cattle.

Our next stop was Yorktown where we arrived in time for lunch. The after-

noon was spent and greatly enjoyed by the boys in bathing, fishing, boating and sight seeing about the historic town. The return trip was uneventful. Everyone enjoyed the trip and said another must be planned for 1932.

Atlee.

The Atlee chapter is getting reorganized for 1931-1932 session, with the following officers. George Green, Pres., Lloyd Palmer, Vice Pres.; Lewis Smith, Secty.; Garland Smith, Treas.; Robert Carter, Reporter; Clifton Strother, Watch dog; H. D. Seal, Agr. Director and Administrator; Executive Committee, Charles Madison, Stuart Thomas and Donald Timberlake.

The chapter is setting up its objectives for the ensuing year, and hope to have them ready for publication soon. We have a large class of first year boys and we are already planning for a "Green Hand" initiation before very long.

Here's hoping all the F. F. A. chapters a successful year.

Atlee Chapter, F. F. A.
GEORGE GREEN, Pres.
ROBERT CARTER, Reporter.

Axton.

The Axton chapter has held its election for the next session, is planning to take a camping trip in a few days, and will try to make the next session the best in its history. Three boys from this chapter are entering V. P. I. this session to take work in the Department of Agricultural Engineering there.

Bridgewater—Dayton.

A short trip was taken by the Bridgewater and Dayton Chapters into Augusta County this year. Boys assembled at the Bridgewater High School building to start the trip. Our first stop was at the State lime plant in Staunton, where we saw the ground limestone and machinery. Then we went to the experiment farm, where many interesting farm experiments were observed. Thence to Titus nursery. The day was wound up with a ball game at Weyer's Cave, with their F. F. A.

team. All enjoyed themselves very much and are anxious for a tour next year.

We are busy getting ready for the Staunton Fair now.

Buchanan.

The Blue Ridge Chapter of Buchanan, Va., held a picnic on July 24th with fifteen boys and the instructor present.

Recreation was in charge of William Shaver, Tom Ransom and Walter West, who provided stunts and other forms of amusements. We discussed a farm tour to be held during the latter part of August, and the purchase of a F. F. A. banner for the high school class room.

LENWOOD FALLS,
Reporter.

Carson.

The people in our section of Virginia have had a very good season. The crops are looking fine, and the "live-at-home" program is at work. Our bank has not gone broke, which is very encouraging to our Future Farmers. The Chapter has been somewhat inactive during the summer, but we are looking forward to this fall for a little more action. Most of us have been attending the Lee's Mill Saturday afternoon gathering at the pond. Horse shoe pitching and swimming were the main features of entertainment.

The two agricultural clubs at Carson and Lee's Mill have been very active this summer, buying clover seed and wheat, and holding monthly meetings. A joint lawn party was held for the benefit of the Poultry and Seed Show, which will be held October 9th, at Carson. A horse shoe pitching tournament, along with the show will be a feature, and the local Chapter will present a short play during the evening, after which four silver cups will be awarded to the winners at the show.

Central.

The first judging contest at the Keller Fair was held during the fair, August 24-29, 1931. There were the three chapters on the Eastern Shore participating, viz: Franktown-Nassawadox, Central and Temperanceville. There were four classes judged, Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes in the crops class and Guernsey cows and Barred Rock hens for poultry. The contest was very close, with Central winning the first place and Temperanceville a close second and Franktown-Nassawadox less than a hundred points behind.

This is the beginning of what is hoped to be an annual event in connection with the F. F. A. department at the local fair. It is expected to add other classes of both crops and livestock in the future contests.

Chase City.

Engaged in Farm Tour in co-operation with the County Agent. Two of the F. F. A. boys gave a demonstration, at the noon hour, on the selection of seed corn in field. These boys, Boyce Fagert and Roy Gleasner, used (1) ideal stalk with ear near ground, (2) stalk with ear high up on stalk, (3) diseased stalk, barren stalk, and isolated stalk, in this demonstration.

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Cleveland—Wallace.

School opened September 7th. Fair project work this year. Play given in June, "Hen-pecked Hero," by the F. F. A. Chapter of Cleveland. Wiener roast given by Cleveland F. F. A. for the benefit of girls assisting in the play.

Dickenson Memorial.

The Dickenson Memorial Chapter has just completed a camping trip of four days in the Breaks of the Cumberland Mountains of Virginia. There were fourteen boys in all that made the trip, and every one reported the best time that they had ever had on a camping trip of any kind.

The chapter is sponsoring a big movement this year of running a Farmers' Produce Exchange in town as a means of disposing of the farmers' produce and

much rain and some outbreaks of wild-fire.

Our school opened September 8th. We expect to elect F. F. A. officers in the next few days. We are preparing our exhibit which will be put on here in the Scott County Fair. The fair association is giving a cup for the best F. F. A. judging team. Other school that are near enough are invited to participate in the contest.

Edmond Pendleton.

The Edmond Pendleton, Mica and Sparta Chapters all went to the Rally in one school bus. With the help of the school board, local firms, and the State officers, the trip was conducted at no expense to the boys. All three of the above chapters are planning on conducting an F. F. A. store.

9. Culled hens and fed balanced egg laying rations.

10. Got a great deal of experience in grading tobacco.

Harry Sanders.

The chapter has just finished a camping trip at Dawson's Beach, and all the boys reported a good time. Plans have already been made for a bigger and better camp next year.

Our chapter is planning to send a judging team to the State Corn and Grain Show, at Marion, Virginia. Plans are also under way to enter six pure-bred dairy heifers at the Annual Dairy Festival, which will be held at Manassas, Virginia, October 31, 1931.

A good many prospective new students have been lined up for the coming year in vocational agriculture.

ARTHUR CARTER.

Haysi.

The Haysi Chapter held a meeting on July 17th, in the agricultural building, and the following topics were discussed:

1. Thrift.
2. Objectives for the current year.
3. Agriculture show, or a Community Day.
4. Set up constitution and by-laws.
5. Holding recreational meetings.

The recreational meeting that Haysi chapter decided upon was a camping trip to the Breaks of the Cumberland. The boys planned to start on August 14th and stay till the 16th, in order that they might have time to view the entire Breaks, this being one of the greatest natural sceneries east of the Rockies.

WALTER SUTHERLAND,
Secretary.

Herndon.

John Beard, Henter Blevens and Graham James composed the F. F. A. judging team for Herndon, who won the judging contest and silver cup at Marshall Fair, August 9th. The Marshall team won second place.

There were nine schools judged, which included Manassas, Noakesville, Culpeper, Lincoln, Bealton, Calverton, Oakton, Marshall and Herndon.

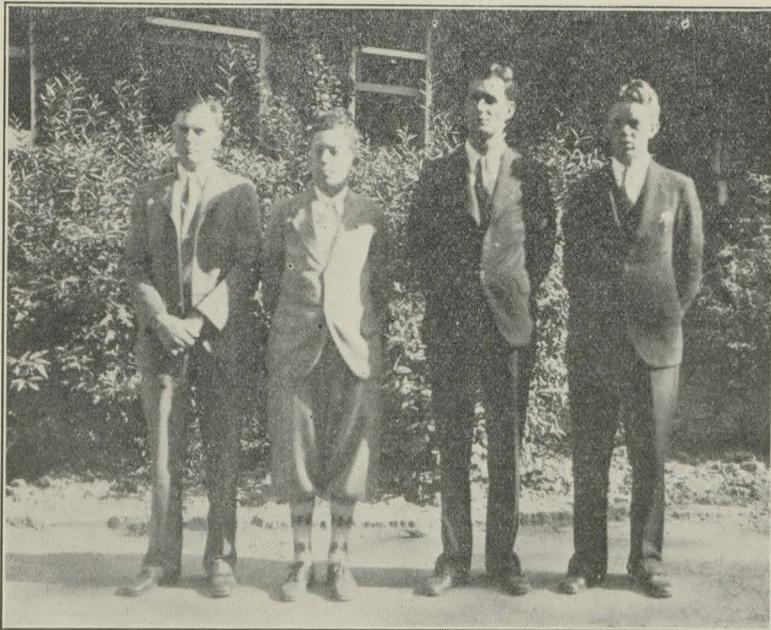
John Beard was the highest scoring individual, and won the gold medal, Henter Blevens was the next highest individual.

Herndon—Oakton.

Twenty F. F. A. boys, two dairy farmers, and their agricultural teacher, took a three-day farm tour to the Walker Gorden Dairy Farms, beginning on July 26th.

We left home in the school bus about 5 A. M., and arrived at Plainsboro, New Jersey, about four o'clock that afternoon. We were received by Mr. Davis, who took us directly to the Roto-lactor milker which was in operation at that time. This was a wonder to see. We had read lots about this machine, but could not visualize its operations until we actually saw fifty cows being automatically washed, dried and milked in 12.5 minutes. Everything was explained in detail as we looked on when each operation was performed. We then went to the exhibiting room, where the handling of milk

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Poultry Team to Compete in the National Contest at St. Louis: C. Clare, Madison; W. Savage, Whaleyville, E. Eastridge, Sugar Grove; J. Beard, Herndon; W. R. Crabill, Coach.

Ewing.

Below is given a list of accomplishments of our chapter during the 1930-1931 session:

1. Father and Son Banquet held.
2. Organized and conducted a thrift bank.
3. 100 per cent membership dues paid.
4. 100 per cent members with savings account.
5. \$3.00 ad for Chapter Chats.
6. 90 per cent of projects completed.
7. Judging team sent to State Rally.

Other activities of our chapter included:

1. Chapter conducted chapel services twice during the school year.
2. Planted trees on campus.
3. Gave a public program.
4. Treated cows for milk fever.
5. Docked and castrated a large number of lambs.
6. Sprayed grapes for black rot.
7. Pruned fruit trees at home.
8. Made many articles in shop and took home.

later on in the year, it is hoped that it will be a large buying and selling organization.

All of the boys are preparing exhibits for the county fair, and at their last meeting elected the following officers for the coming year: president, Bob Priode; vice-president, Bob Baker; secretary, Virgil Hughes; treasurer, Clyde Ross, reporter, Buford Stanley.

E. C. SMITH,
Instructor.

Dinwiddie.

The Dinwiddie and Midway Chapters have been rather inactive during the summer and will have to be revived when school opens.

R. M. RITCHIE.

Dungannon.

As this issue of Chapter Chats goes to press the majority of the Dungannon members are harvesting the weed called Burley Tobacco. The crop was not an average one in low lands due to too

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TO MEMBERS OF OBJECTIVE COMMITTEES.

In setting up the program of work, or objectives for your local chapter for this year, it occurs to some of us that one or two rather pertinent facts should be borne in mind.

If you will study carefully the background and history of your organization, you will be thoroughly convinced that the aims in the minds of the framers were not to stress the recognition and development of individuals, but to set up an avenue for increasing group activity. In a sense it seems, however, that most of our contests and devices recognizing good work have been stressing individual rather than group activity. Most of the recognition in the form of prizes, advanced degrees, etc., have been awarded individuals rather than groups. It seems to the writer, therefore, that in setting up your chapter objectives that you should bear in mind the idea of group activity and arrange so that individual recognition will not submerge those endeavors which stress the co-operation of individuals for the good of the entire group.

Local chapters must of course support the State program of work. The fundamental reason, however, for having local chapters is to improve each individual member of the chapter and to strengthen the home community of this chapter. In studying objectives of local chapters during the past, it is apparent that all chapters have been very loyal to the State program and have included in their list of objectives those set up for the advancing of the State organization. This is a very commendable attitude on the part of local chapters, but if your local organization is to thrive and prosper, it must first contribute to the welfare of all its members and to the beneficial activities present in your local community. As a member of the program of work committee of your local chapter, it seems to us that there are three or four things that you should bear in mind in sub-

mitting chapter objectives to your group for their approval:

1. What organizations both junior and adult are now in operation in your community and doing good work? How can you assist these organizations in what they are now attempting to do?

2. What activities can your chapter engage in which will result in the maximum development of each member of the group?

3. What are some of the apparent needs of the adults and young people in your community which are not being attended to by any already existing organization? What are the most important of these needs that your group can attempt to alleviate?

4. What particular phases of the State program must your chapter participate in in order to keep the State organization a live and growing one?

WALTER S. NEWMAN.

FUTURE FARMER "BILL" WRITES TO FUTURE FARMER "BUD."

F. F. T. Camp,
Doyle, Tenn.

Dear Bud:

You know I promised to write and tell you something about the Future Farmers' Camp. Bud, if you had known what I know now, you would have come on with us anyway. Boy! its great.

I hardly know how to tell you all I want to tell. Suppose I start at the beginning: You know we left Mt. Juliet about 8:30 Monday morning. Well, we came up to camp by way of Murfreesboro and McMinnville. The camp is located two miles off of Highway No. 1, about ten miles south of Sparta. We came to camp just before dinner. The first place we came to was the main building. It is a large, three-story frame structure, with auditorium and kitchen on the first floor and lockers and sleeping quarters on the second and third floors.

We were met by Mr. G. B. Thackston, our supervisor for Middle Tennessee. He issued us our equipment, which consisted of a regulation army mess kit, knife, fork and spoon, and an enameled cup that will hold about a quart. We soon used these, as the dinner bell rang about this time. We passed by the counters and were served cafeteria style. And boy, what helpings! Corn bread, creamed potatoes, fried chicken and gravy, iced tea (the big cup full) and ice cream. We took our food down the steps into the dining hall. There is nothing in the dining hall except a table fifty feet long, with benches on each side to sit on.

After finishing dinner, we took our "dishes" and washed and dried them. (This was the first time I missed Mama.)

Just off the northwest corner of the main building is a small structure. In this are servants' quarters, showers, lavatories, etc. It sure does feel refreshing to get under a cold shower, after having so much hot, dry weather at home.

Immediately after dinner we were assigned lockers and cots. The cots are double deckers—one fellow sleeps about three feet above another. I happened to get a "lower." I am glad of it, for I might fall out and get a hard bump. There are cots to accommodate 200 boys.

The next place we visited was the swimming "hole." It is the Caney Fork

River, about nine miles above Rock Island dam. The water is from three to twenty feet deep. Anchored to the bank are two floating docks to play on, a motor boat, and about a dozen row boats. These boats are privately owned, but can be rented for a small sum.

Now, Bud, I'll tell you what we do during the regular day: A whistle blows at 5:30 A. M. This is a signal to rise and dress for breakfast. If a fellow wants to, he can go to the river and swim for half an hour. My observation is, however, that few boys avail themselves of this opportunity. They begin forming a line in front of the dining room door nearly an hour before each meal.

After breakfast, a group of boys clean up the building and grounds, and the rest of the morning is taken up in sports. Baseball, tennis, pitching horse shoes, swimming, boat riding, or whatever a fellow wants to do.

Dinner is served at noon. From then until about two o'clock is a rest period. A fellow may sleep, play checkers, dominoes, or read the papers.

From 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. are sports again. Supper is served at 6:30. After supper, vesper services are held, announcements made, and stunts put on. Indoor games are also played after supper.

At 10:00 P. M. we begin to get ready for bed, and at 10:15 the lights are turned out. I am unable to give you any report of happenings from then to 5:30, as I am unconscious during that period.

I know when you hear all about the good times to be had up here you will plan to come next year. It's great! Our boys are planning to come up next summer just after corn is laid by, and before tobacco is ready to be cut and put in the barn.

See you at school September 1st.

BILL.

—From Tennessee Educational Bulletin.

CUT OR TURN UNDER STANDING STALKS.

Flea beetles, horn worms and other destructive tobacco insects, by the thousands, are feeding and breeding on the suckers growing from tobacco stalks standing in the fields, while the boll weevil enjoys going to his winter bed fat and content from feeding on the cotton left in the fields after harvest.

"Insect damage to tobacco has been heavy this season, and anything that may be done to decrease this damage for another year will pay just that much more profit. There is no good reason why the tobacco stalks should be left standing in the field and every sound reason why they should be cut or plowed under," says C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at N. C. State College. "Plowing under the green stalks does not hurt the land, but improves it by adding humus and organic matter. The same is true of the cotton stalks."

NOTICE.

The winner of the Southern Regional F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest will broadcast his speech over KTHS, Hot Springs, Arkansas, at 9:45 P. M. Central time, September 25th. Ernest Goodrich of Surry is our representative in this contest.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS

By Roy Sellers, Instructor, Franktown-Nassawadox.

"An exhibit must halt the farmer-visitor; spill its message fast, and by virtue of its simplicity and clever presentation of a momentary appeal, impress its story on the farmer's mind."

The vocational agriculture departments on the Eastern Shore this year laid greater stress than ever on the instructional value of their educational exhibits at the 54th annual Keller Fair at Keller, Va., the week of August 24th. The Franktown-Nassawadox school exhibit put on by the F. F. A. of that school won first prize.

This exhibit tells the story of the present status of Eastern Shore farming. The theme is picturesquely portrayed by the statue of an Eastern Shore farmer standing erect, and with outstretched arms. The right arm is noticeably shorter than the left; being decidedly dwarfed.

display for some moments, because by process of recapitulation he will begin to connect in his mind the different threads of evidence before him. He will notice that streamers lead from the little right hand to certain crops and statements which are of peculiar interest to him. Then reflecting on the caption again he will finally realize that the lesson there is that he should develop those crops represented by the undeveloped arm.

A UNIQUE AND WORTH WHILE ACTIVITY.

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without each member feeling his full share of the responsibility and knowing that upon his individual shoulders rests the success or failure of the venture.

Note.—We believe this is the first camp constructed and owned by a single chapter in the State. Please check us on this.

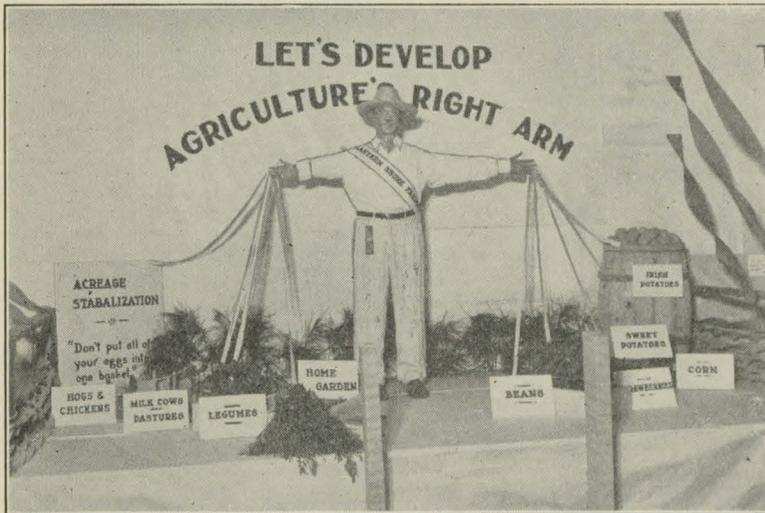


Exhibit put on by the Franktown-Nassawadox Chapter at the Eastern Shore Fair, August, 1931.

The left hand holds streamers which lead to the crops in which the Eastern Shore is developed, and the right hand holds streamers leading to the most needed improvements in the present system of farming there.

A large placard on the wall back of the dummy, in bold-faced type of "box-car" proportions, carries the plea of "Let's develop Agriculture's right arm."

The key to the exhibit is the statue. By virtue of its realistic and picturesque value, it should capture the attention of the farmer as he strolls past, and coupled with these attributes, the contrasting arms should appeal to his mental faculties for a vivid impression thereon, that "here is something to interest me."

Then after Mr. Farmer has momentarily paused to look at the "man," he sees the entry in large type over the man's head to "Let's develop Agriculture's right arm." But before full significance of this plea can have completely unfolded in his mind, his attention is attracted to the products on display on the platform before his eyes.

If Mr. Farmer has paused long enough to reach this stage of apprehension—which requires only a moment—he, in all probability will remain before the

CANDIDATES' EXAMS.

One of the forms in which lime may be bought is "moral," another form is "pacificated."

Duroc Jersey hogs are "black" in color; another suggested "spotted."

Thumps in pigs is usually caused by the pig "being born backward."

"Syafraces" is an indication of acidity in soils.

Among the causes for early blight of potatoes were mentioned, "hot sun," "too much rainfall," "changeable weather," "insects," and "funguses." Which is right?

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT."

In Kinston, N. C., William Alston's goat, in seven days, ate the following: an automobile seat, a hollyhoek row, a pair of pajamas, two days' mail 17 hens' nests, a prayer book, three rows of assorted flowers. On the eighth day William Alston slew his goat, and gave it to a negro family. The family ate the goat.—Time.

Fifteen million bushels of wheat have been sold to China by the Farm Board.

REPORT OF F. F. A. TREASURER 1930-1931.

Disbursements made between June 10, 1930, and September 5, 1930, by W. S. Newman:

Expenses of Wade Turner,—	
State Rally	\$ 50.00
Prizes for winning chapters,	
1929-30 Chapter Contest ..	75.00
W. M. Welch Co.—Charters .	64.63
H. C. Groseclose, Ex. Sec.-Tr.,	
231 nat'l dues	23.10
L. G. Balfour 10 keys, 1930 .	50.00
Central Publishing Co., July	
Chapter Chats	82.09
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	\$ 344.82

Statement, Sept. 5, 1930-June 15, 1931.

Receipts:

Balance in bank at time D. J. Howard appointed attorney	\$ 610.91
Collected, 1929-30 dues	1.00
Membership dues collected ..	3,517.00
Commercial Ads	134.94
From Chapters for Ads	93.00
For N. F. V. Charters (Paid for 1929-30)	7.50
Refunds form advance of expenses, nat'l judging teams	21.62
For pins on hand	4.03
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	\$4,390.00

Disbursements:

Expenses judging team to St. Louis	\$ 502.05
Five issues Chapter Chats ...	580.22
Expenses of judging team to Kansas City	504.39
Expenses of two delegates to National convention	100.00
L. G. Balfour for pins	584.88
Expenses of contestant to regional speaking contest ..	53.75
Mailing tubes for charters ..	5.83
Binder for State Chapter record	2.50
Colored paper for State Chapter record	2.95
Prizes for State Corn and Grain Show	50.00
Expenses of State crops team to contest	150.00
Pictures for Chapter Chats .	3.75
Payment of national dues for 3,149 members	314.90
Expenses of State basket ball tournament	100.00
Add. exp. for crop teams ...	1.21
Balance, on hand June 15th .	\$1,433.57
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	\$4,390.00

Supplementary Report.

Ads to be collected, approx. . \$ 80.00

Approximate expenditures to be incurred

Prizes for best chapters	\$ 70.00
Charters for local chapters ..	25.00
Keys, plaques and medals ...	198.00
Expenses of Leslie Frye	25.00
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	\$ 318.00

Will have approximate balance on hand on June 30, 1931, of \$1,100.00

Respectfully submitted

PRESTON POLAND,
Treasurer.
D. J. HOWARD,
Attorney.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

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and feed was explained and studied. Our next big attraction was to see two large hay driers in operation, drying, cutting and bagging at the rate of 7 tons of alfalfa hay per day. We were then taken to the dairy barns which were 18 in number, holding 100 cows each. We saw some excellent dairy cows of the five major breeds, yet we felt sure we had better cows back in old Virginia. The hospital revealed a number of cows with udder trouble and various other diseases. We spent the night at Andy's tourist camp where the mosquitos were known to bite at the rate of forty per minute, more or less.

The next morning we spent at the State Agricultural College of New Jersey. We were taken through the dairy herds and barns by the herdsman and one of the dairy husbandry teachers who gave us a full explanation of herd management, including breeding and feeding. We were especially impressed with the type and production of two four-year-old heifers, one producing 114 pounds daily, and the other 107 pounds.

About noon we toured to the ocean, where we took a salt water bath. In the afternoon we journeyed down the Delaware River to Norristown, Pa., where we spent the night in the Y. M. C. A. This was the most picturesque drive we had yet taken. We traveled along beside the Delaware River for about 25 miles, which revealed many wonders that nature had performed in landscaping.

Wednesday morning bright and early we went to Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. We were somewhat early as the gates had not opened, but the manager was kind enough to let us in. We enjoyed looking over the museum, the battle ground and the headquarters of George Washington. Our time was running short, so we left for home, and arrived there about 5 P. M.

We thoroughly enjoyed this instructive farm tour and hope that we may be able to take one every year.

Holland.

On August 1st, the Holland Chapter, F. F. A., went on a camping trip to

Ocean View for a week. There were fourteen members of the chapter and the chapter advisor making the trip.

We left Holland on Saturday morning, August 1st, about seven-thirty in the morning, and arrived at Ocean View in time for dinner. After dinner we went bathing and cleaned up the camp.

During the week the entire group enjoyed bathing, fishing, trips to nearby points of interest and the amusements at Ocean View. The most pleasure was when the entire group took a ride on the skyrocket.

We carried as much of the provisions from home as was possible so that we would have to buy only a small amount. We hired a cook to prepare all food for us so that we would not have to be bothered with cooking, and we sure did have wonderful meals. We had fried chicken, Smithfield ham, butterbeans, hot rolls made at the cottage, and—well most anything good to eat that anyone desired along with all the fish that we desired.

The fishing was unusually good the entire time we were there. Each day we would go fishing and catch a large basket full of fish. Every one that made the trip had a wonderful time, and those who did not go missed a wonderful trip. We are already making plans to go again next summer.

The trip cost each boy about \$4.00, including cost of cottage, food, transportation and necessary living expenses. This did not include the provisions we carried from home.

We have had three night meetings since the first of July. All of our project work is progressing very nicely.

Our school opened on September 3rd, and we are going to get to work just as soon after that date as possible.

ALBERT CARTER,
Reporter.

Ivor.

We had a very enjoyable all-day fishing trip, Thursday, August 20th. We left Ivor early that morning and journeyed to Crittenden. There our boat was all ready and waiting for us. During the morning we caught enough fish for our dinner. The boat being equipped so we

could do our cooking, we got our detail together and soon had a real fish dinner right out on Hampton Rhodes. A storm ran us in before we could catch many fish to carry home.

Everyone had a fine time, and we just hope that every member of the chapter can go next time.

Lincoln.

The Lincoln Chapter spent five days on the beautiful Shenandoah River just above Harper's Ferry during the latter part of July. Swimming and cooking proved the major features of this occasion.

In competition with eleven agricultural schools in Northern Virginia, the Lincoln Chapter exhibited forty-two entries at the Marshall District Fair, and came home with twenty-six premiums. These included nine first places and a clean sweep of first, second and third in the open class of potatoes. However, the Herndon boys, under the able coaching of Mr. Crabill, were entirely too good for us in the grain and livestock judging contest, and ran off with the silver cup as well as the medal for high individual judging.

Marshall—Upperville.

Marshall and Upperville boys had over thirty exhibits at the Fair, August 14th-20th, and won over \$300.00 in prizes, of which the major portion went to B. A. Rucker, Jr. Marshall placed second in the judging contest, Herndon placing first.

Maywood.

The Maywood school opened on September 7th, and plans were immediately worked out for the community fair. Ribbons are to be offered for premiums on corn, chickens, sheep and canned fruits and vegetables. We expect the fair to grow as fast as we are able to finance it.

Mica.

The Mica Chapter of the F. F. A.'s held their regular meeting for August on Friday night, August 21st, and it was attended by about twenty members. After a short business session the members adjourned to the main school building, where the F. F. A. boys entertained the teachers and their girl friends.

On Monday, August 31st, the local chapter left for a two day's camping and fishing trip on the Potomac River. The trip was financed by the chapter, and quite a few members went. In between the fishing trips, the time was spent in eating and swimming.

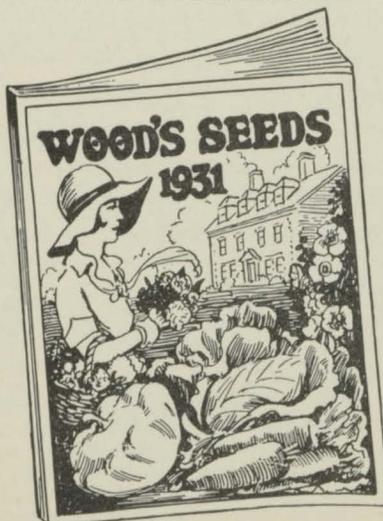
Naruna—Rustburg.

The students of the Agricultural Department of Rustburg and Naruna High School went on a trip Wednesday, Aug-

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ust 26th, visiting the Agricultural Experiment Station at Appomattox and observing the experiments as they are being conducted. The plots of dark tobacco, corn, soybeans, cowpeas, and orchard, proved to be very interesting and were very ably explained by Mr. B. G. Anderson, the director of the station.

After leaving Appomattox, the group was taken to the farm of Mr. J. R. Horsley of Stapleton. Lunch was eaten by a spring in a very large and beautiful oak grove. After lunch Mr. Horsley very kindly showed the group around the farm. Our attention was called to the results that are being secured by the use of commercial fertilizer on pastures. The data read to us proved that it pays to fertilize and take care of our pastures as well as other crops, and that we have a lot of land in Campbell County that would be more profitable if devoted to pastures.

New Hope.

On June 1st, the chapter, along with those of Weyers Cave and North River, went on a tour to points of interest in Washington and nearby places. Some of the points visited were the United States Experimental Farm at Beltsville, the National Capitol, Washington's Monument, Museum, Zoo, Mt. Vernon, the University of Maryland and the Library of Congress. Plans had previously been made to visit the Arlington Farm, but wet weather interrupted. The boys were also guests at the Washington Baseball Club in a game between Washington and Detroit. While there, camping headquarters were made at the Washington Tourist Camp.

After three days of entertainment, the boys returned home, not because they wanted to, but due to the call of the farm work. They are now planning for a similar tour each year.

The money for this tour was derived from the sale of laying mash and dairy feed.

The boys are now making preparations for the coming Staunton Fair, at which they will be competing against other Agricultural schools in a Vocational Agricultural Exhibit.

New London.

The New London Chapter of Future Farmers is closing a busy, and successful summer. Supervised practice work is better than usual. Duval Witt made 100 bushels of barley on two acres, and Wesley Phillips 109 bushels of wheat on two and one-half acres. We went on a camping trip in July to Holcomb Rock.

Nokesville.

Several boys in the department have secured some pure-bred dairy animals which will be exhibited at the Dairy Festival at Manassas, Virginia, October 31st. The advisory council and officers of the club are busy making plans for the annual school fair which will be held sometime in October. It appears that the fair this year will be considerably larger and better than last year, due to the fact that better crops prevail in this section.

New students are being lined up for the department for the coming year. The club intends to send a judging team to

the State Corn and Grain Show, which will be held at Marion, Virginia.

North River.

The members of the North River Chapter of F. F. A. have been kept very busy for the past two months finishing up their projects and records. Our chapter is, in co-operation with our Home Economics department, putting up a booth at the Staunton Fair, September 7th to 12th. Aside from the booth, we are also entering several exhibits in the club classes and a few in some of the open classes.

EDWARD BURTNER,
Reporter.

Pennington Gap.

The Pennington Gap Chapter of F. F. A. took their annual camping trip on the Powell River in August. Nineteen members and two former members enjoyed the three days of fishing, swimming, and boating under ideal weather conditions.

Poquoson.

The Poquoson Chapter had a picnic on Friday, August 7th. After enjoying a swim we made a fire and cooked our supper. We then roasted marshmallows, and returned home late in the evening.

Stuart's Draft—Middlebrook.

The Stuart's Draft and Middlebrook Chapters of F. F. A. are actively engaged in putting on the F. F. A. agricultural exhibit at the local Staunton Fair. Much interest is being manifested by the boys, and the competition is expected to be keen, as there are six departments exhibiting, two from Rockingham and four from Augusta.

Sugar Grove.

The F. F. A.'s of the Sugar Grove Chapter of Future Farmers were instrumental in staging an agricultural exhibit at the Smyth County Fair this year.

The exhibit included the legumes, the grasses, grains, fruits and vegetables, studied in class, and gave us practical

experience in selecting, preparing and arranging agricultural products for display.

ERNEST EASTRIDGE,
Secretary.

Temperanceville.

By the lay out of a model farm, the Spud Chapter demonstrated a perfect "Balanced Farm" for the Eastern Shore farmers. The model depicted the amount of produce that can be economically grown on a forty acre farm, and the amount of livestock that can be advantageously managed. It also suggested the raising of the feed for the livestock and most of the food for the family.

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- First on Community Products booth.
- Second on Educational booth.
- First and second on Irish potatoes.
- First on sweet potatoes.
- Second on garden exhibit.
- Third on shop exhibit.

First on sweet potatoes in the farmers' department.

Varina.

The Varina Chapter of Future Farmers held one meeting during the summer, at which time only twelve of the thirty-four members attended. The chapter took a very active part in the County Fair which was held at Varina, September 2nd to 4th. About \$85.00 was won in prizes, besides putting on a special exhibit.

Whaleyville.

On Friday, August 21st, the Whaleyville Chapter held their father and son picnic. This year a large boat was rented and a trip down Nansemond and James Rivers was taken with the day spent in fishing. The club furnished cheese sandwiches for lunch, with abundance of lemonade. About four o'clock, and corn bread and ice tea, with all the fish one could eat, were served. The boat left the wharf at 9 o'clock in the morning and returned at 6 in the evening. The wind persisted in blowing from the east, and since few fish were caught, the wind was blamed for the trouble. However, every-

one had all they could eat and drink, and reported the day as one of the most pleasant ever enjoyed. The club treasurer paid all bills, amounting to a little over \$37.00, out of money made during the previous session.

Wicomico.

The following activities were engaged in during the summer:

1. Second in State for chapter activities for 1930-31.
2. Attended Rally in June with a judging team to represent the chapter.
3. Took a farm tour the week-end of September 5th, to visit in Washington and at the University of Maryland College Farm.

Woodlawn.

Our boys have done good, faithful work on their projects. We have the best group of projects as a whole that we have ever produced in this section. There is quite a contrast between our projects this year and last. The drouth ruined us last year. We have been able to produce more than we could sell this year.

If you need good seed corn, call on the Woodlawn Chapter. We have some wonderful Silver King corn, also Burpee Stringleas Green-pod seed beans.

We took our camping trip in August. There were seventeen of us in the party. We had a real pleasant trip. One has so much fun on these trips that one always looks forward to the next camp.

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