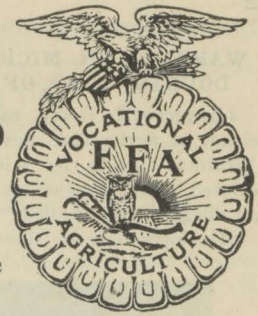


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## American Royal Live Stock Show To Be at Kansas City in November

### Future Farmers of Entire Nation Will Meet in Convention

The dates of the American Royal Live-stock Show at Kansas City are November 9-16, nearly a month later than last year, and the Future Farmer National Convention dates are November 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Virginia official delegates are to be Robert L. Copenhaver and Jack McAboy, present and past presidents of the Virginia Association. In addition the Virginia delegation will include members of the judging teams and their coaches; candidates for the American Farmer degree; the outstanding third degree member from each of the four districts, winners of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda award; and the instructor of the outstanding chapter in each of the districts, also awarded the trip by the Chilean Nitrate Company.

This, the thirteenth annual convention, will include business sessions, special coast-to-coast broadcasts, band concerts, a parade, agricultural products' exhibit, chapter scrapbook exhibit, a banquet, State Farmer awards, chapter awards, State Association awards, Public Speaking Contest, and various special day and evening programs.

National F. F. A. Day is November 12. There will be a Nation-Wide F. F. A. broadcast over the N. B. C. Farm and Home Hour from the convention floor. A block of seats for the American Royal matinee horse show on that day have been reserved for F. F. A. members.

At the time of the horse show the annual F. F. A. parade will take place in the arena. The order of this parade, as last year, will probably be as follows: Official F. F. A. Band, National Officers, All 1940 American Farmers, Winners of National F. F. A. Awards, Official Delegates to the Convention, Contestants in National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture.

In the evening of this day, there will be a special program staged in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium. This program will be put on by special F. F. A.

talent brought to the convention for this purpose.

No educational tours of Kansas City are being planned but full information regarding points of interest in the city will be available and those who wish to may make such trips in groups made up in the State delegation.

Advance information on the convention calls attention to the Carlot Show of Fat Cattle and Feeder Calves. The educational value of this particular event is stressed and attention is called to the opportunity of buying feeder calves at this time.

On pages two and three of this issue of Chapter Chats are pictures of the Out-of-State Crops, Live Stock and Poultry Judging Teams. At the time of going to press there is not available a picture of the Out-of-State Judging Team. This team is composed of the following members: Talmadge Weddle, Floyd; Archer Bowman, Boone Mill; Andrew Garnett, Caroline; Gaylon Limerick, Falmouth; M. A. Williams, Coach, Boone Mill.

### FARMERS ARE WARNED NOT TO OVERPRODUCE

Virginia farmers should not over expand their activities in view of the uncertainties created by war abroad, states the Virginia Agricultural Department through Commissioner L. M. Walker, Jr.

The one bright ray of hope in the July farm bulletin, as it affects the war situation, is summed up as follows:

"The ability of England to buy from us the products she normally obtained from bordering European countries, though handicapped with the hazards of war, may help further to improve domestic economic conditions."

Farmers are advised by the Agriculture Department not to create unnecessary obligations, and urged to maintain and increase the productivity of farm lands.

### BECOMES PROFESSOR AT VIRGINIA TECH

E. Y. Noblin, agriculture teacher at South Boston for the last 14 years, has resigned his position, effective October 1, to become Assistant Professor of Education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Noblin went to South Hill in August, 1926, from his home in Clarks-ville, Mecklenburg County, and became the first instructor in agricultural work there. In 1917 he received his B. A. degree from the University of Richmond and in 1921 he received a B. S. degree from V. P. I.

For a number of years Mr. Noblin divided his time and taught at Buckhorn and LaCrosse High Schools in addition to the work at South Hill.

In the fall of 1926 he started a Future Farmers of Virginia chapter. After the Future Farmers became a national organization, Mr. Noblin's efforts were rewarded when his chapter was judged the finest in the nation in 1938.

In the spring of 1939 the Mecklenburg County School Board asked the agriculture teachers to assist the families of indigent school children to raise gardens and give their surplus to the school to can for use in the cafeteria. The project in his school was so well taken care of by Mr. Noblin that this year a number of schools in the county did this work through their agricultural teachers.

Last year, under Mr. Noblin's supervision, 996 quarts were canned. This summer 5,000 quarts of vegetables and fruits were canned in this project. He also signed 35 applicants to make mattresses with government cotton.

It was through his interest that several citizens of the South Hill district wrote the farmers in the section to approve the plans of the government to put the CCC Camp near town. Recently, it was moved to Clarksburg, after nearly seven years.

He saw soil districts instituted in the counties of Mecklenburg, Halifax and Charlotte.

His field of work in Blacksburg will follow closely his work at South Hill, and will be under Dr. H. W. Sanders. He will instruct senior students, with classes in methods and supervision.

### WARNING ON MICHELS' GRASS DOUBTS VALUE OF "HYBRID."

Lawrence T. Berry, assistant commissioner of agriculture, advised farmers of Virginia not to be misled by highly colored advertisements as to the value of an alleged hybrid called "Michels' grass." His advice is in line with a notice

Government, investigating the claim, found that neither the seeds nor the plants growing in the field could be distinguished from rye and concluded that it can be classified only as a variety of winter rye.

Tests on the longevity of the grass showed that, under favorable conditions,

eral Bureau of Plant Industry points out, have a certain amount of weakly perennial habits.

### NO CURE NOW KNOWN FOR BANG'S DISEASE OF COWS.

Despite advertised claims, backed by testimonials, there still is no cure for Bang's disease, the animal husbandmen of the Virginia Agricultural Extension Division say.

Recent tests conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry give further evidence of the inability of "remedies" either to prevent exposed animals from contracting the disease or cure those that already have it.

For these tests the investigators selected the two products believed to be most widely advertised and used as remedies for Bang's disease. The products were tried on 97 heifers.

Before the test was begun, the heifers were tested several times to make certain that they were free of the disease. Then the investigators exposed the animals to the disease, and again tested them to be sure that all were infected. More than half of the animals were given one or the other of the remedies, according to the directions of the manufacturers. Some were treated before exposure to the disease, and some after.

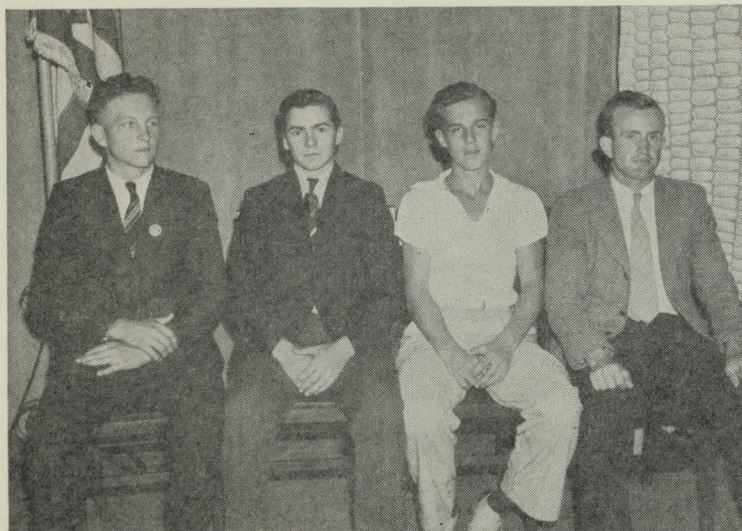
Of the 97 heifers used in the test, 94 of them lost their calves by abortion or gave birth to calves so weak they died soon after. Only three gave birth to calves that lived.

### ORCHARD GRASS VALUE SEEN.

The very fact that it does not form sod, which formerly was regarded as a disadvantage, is causing renewed interest in orchard grass as a pasture plant. This applies particularly in the belt through the Ohio Valley and to the South where Korean lespedeza has been making an excellent record for itself as a legume that supplies first-class pasture in hot weather.

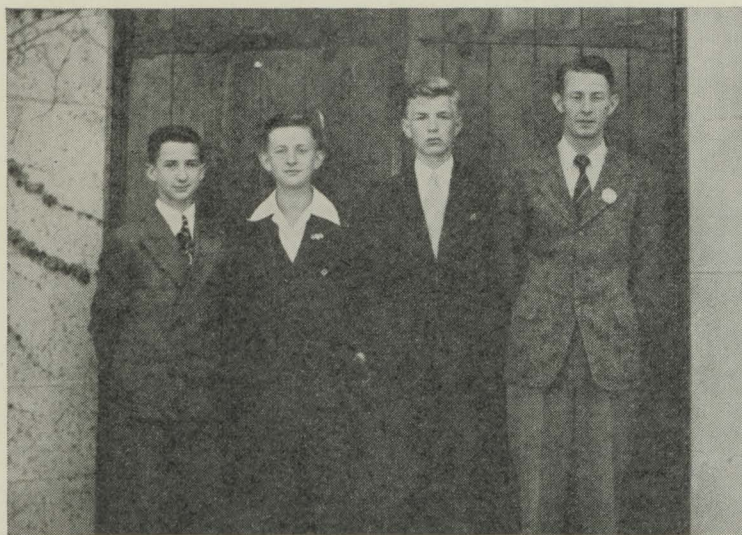
The bunchy growth of orchard grass, says E. Marion Brown, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, allows for free development of the lespedeza between the clumps of orchard grass. This favors the always desirable partnership of a grass and a legume, with the grass benefiting from the nitrogen which the legume draws from the air. Thus the orchard grass-lespedeza combination has one of the qualities that has made bluegrass and white clover a favored partnership.

Korean lespedeza will thrive on poorer and more acid soils than white clover, and orchard grass does not require as rich soil as Kentucky bluegrass. Orchard grass—particularly if well nourished with nitrogen stored by the lespedeza—makes a strong early growth in spring. In summer when the orchard grass is resting, lespedeza is productive.



OUT-OF-STATE CROPS TEAM—1940.

Left to Right: Warren Ford, Midway; Letcher Craddock, Renan; Calvin Fadley, Edinburg; E. H. Kell, Coach, Midway. Absent from picture, M. Richard, Toms Brook.



OUT-OF-STATE POULTRY TEAM—1940.

Left to Right: Calvin Jordan, Mt. Jackson; Barnil Zirkel, Mt. Jackson; Guilford Ware, Center Cross; J. M. Skeen, Coach, Mt. Jackson. Absent from picture, Bertram Hawkins, North River.

recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The claims that this plant is a true perennial, Mr. Berry said, are not supported by tests at several experiment stations.

Advertisements state that Michels' grass is a cross between Mosida wheat and giant wild rye grass. The Federal

probably 20 per cent or less of the plants may persist for more than one year. Even these plants in the field practically all are gone by the second year. Normally, most of the plants die after seed is formed, showing a winter annual habit of growth.

A few common rye varieties, the Fed-

: : NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS : :

**Mathews Initiates New Members.**

Ten new members were initiated into the Mathews Chapter September 23. They were: Bobby Miller, Foster Jones, Vernon Thompson, Donald Kemp, Vernon Armistead, Arthur Lewis, Billy Smith, Luther Cray, Bobby Hutson, and William Sadler.

Jack Ward was elected president of the chapter at a meeting held September 24. Other officers for the coming year are: Harold Lewis, vice-president; Williard Garrett, secretary; Thomas Carmines, treasurer; Alvin Ranier, reporter; and Soles Howlett, watch dog.

REPORTER.

**Haysi Chapter News.**

The first meeting of the Haysi Chapter for the new year was held August 22 and the following officers for the new year elected: Arthur Coleman, president; Shelton Mullins, vice-president; Paris Colley, reporter; Clyde Colley, treasurer; Eugene Bowman, secretary.

PARIS COLLEY,  
Reporter.

**Summer Activities of the Amherst Chapter.**

Participation in the annual Father and Son Summer Outing and plans for exhibiting at the Amherst County Fair, State Fair, Lynchburg Farm Show, and State Seed and Grain Show this fall have been the highlights of the summer program of the Amherst Chapter.

Over 30 boys and their fathers attended the summer outing which consisted of a program of games followed by a barbecue. About three-fourths of the members are planning to participate in Fairs and Shows this fall. Regular night meetings have been held monthly and one special meeting was called.

Officers of the Amherst Chapter for 1940-41 are: Lewis Patterson, president; Samuel Ellington, vice-president; Warren Campbell, secretary; Maynard Bailey, treasurer; Napoleon Miller, reporter; Alfred Casey, business manager; Aubrey Campbell, watch dog; W. C. Dudley, adviser.

NAPOLEON MILLER,  
Reporter.

**Wicomico Wins At Fair.**

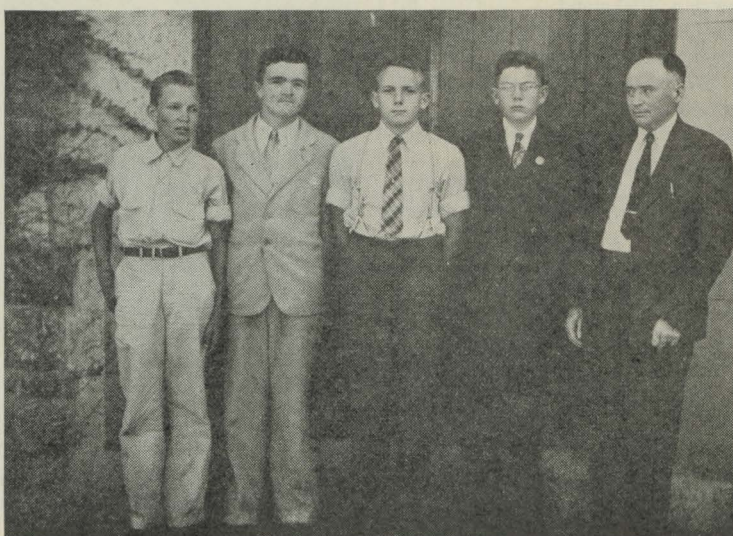
The Wicomico Chapter members won a ribbon on everything they took to the Northern Neck Fair. The placings are as follows: Mash feeder made by Wallace Kent, Fitzhugh Harding and Bill Tignor, received first place. Lawn chair made by H. H. Pittman received second place and lawn chair made by J. P. Conley received

third place. Best three pullets, Fitzhugh Harding received second place and Wallace Kent third place. For the best Duroc gilt Stanley Headley won first place and also grand champion in 4-H and F. F. A. hog class. Stanley also won first place in showmanship. In the open farmers class Wallace Kent won third place on wheat.

REPORTER.

**Drewryville Meeting.**

The Drewryville Chapter held its regular meeting September 11 and elected the following officers to serve for the 1940-41 session: William Lee Everett, president; Lewis Covington, vice-president; Albert Francis, secretary; Johnny

**OUT-OF-STATE LIVESTOCK TEAM—1940.**

Left to Right: Junior Phillips, Willis; Emery Eaton, Pearisburg; Jimmy Addison, Cleveland; Ernest Hill, Hillsville; F. R. Kirby, Coach, Hillsville.

Johnson, treasurer; Clifton Williams, reporter; Irvin Moore, watch dog.

The chapter president will serve as chairman of the objectives committee with Lewis Covington, Johnny Johnson, and Albert Francis as members. Arthur Lee Parker, LeRoy Covington and Roland Modlin were appointed as members of the refreshment committee.

CLIFTON WILLIAMS,

**C. T. Smith Chapter Elects Officers.**

The C. T. Smith Chapter held a meeting September 12 and elected the following officers for the session of 1940-41: James Houck, president; Hugh Flagg, vice-president; Robert Greene, secretary; Jean Mills, treasurer; Harry Satterwhite, reporter; Roderick Vaughan, watch dog; Mr. H. A. Dean, adviser.

The chapter had all 26 members paid up by September 13.

HARRY SATTERWHITE,  
Reporter.

**Battlefield Park Elects Officers.**

The Battlefield Park Chapter held its first meeting of the school year September 10 for the purpose of electing officers and appointing committees.

The following officers were elected for the 1940-41 session: Lynn Martin, president; Ernest Lee Mantlo, vice-president; Carroll Lipscombe, secretary; Edmund Hall, treasurer and thrift bank cashier; Robert Johnson, reporter; Preston West, watch dog; B. W. Sadler, adviser. Merle Smith was elected first conductor and Wesley Snipes, second conductor.

The members of the committees appointed are: Executive Committee: Lynn Martin (chairman), Robert Moore, John

Binnix and Marion Martin; Objective Committee: Robert Johnson (chairman), Brinkley Mantlo and Oscar Via, Jr.; Entertainment Committee: Robert Moore (chairman), Preston West and Everett Glass; Finance Committee: Edmund Hall (chairman), Marvin Wharton and Cleveland Boshier.

ROBERT JOHNSON,  
Reporter.

**Broadway News.**

The Broadway Chapter held a meeting on September 12 for the election of officers. The new officers are: Granvil Turner, president; Thomas Yancey, vice-president; Billy Zirkle, treasurer; Dewey Moyers, secretary; Warren Hill, reporter; Warren Will, reporter; Warren Lohr, (Continued on page 5.)

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### MEMBERS OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—1940-1941.

President, Robert L. Copenhaver (Rural Retreat), Crockett.  
Vice-President, Rolfe Robertson, Jr. (Haymarket), Haymarket.  
Secretary, Willie Lanier (Renan), Hurt.  
Treasurer, Jennings Morris (Port Republic), Mt. Crawford.  
Reporter, Charles Bristow (Botetourt), New Upton.  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Walter S. Newman, Richmond.  
Adviser, Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg.  
Executive Committee:  
Jack E. McAboy (Stephens City), Brucetown.  
George Wells (South Hill), Meredithville.  
Glyn Phillips (Lebanon), Hansonville.

### OHIO FUTURE FARMERS ON TOUR.

According to a letter from A. T. Leward, instructor at V. P. I., a group of F. F. A. members from Ohio and their instructor, on a tour of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia, stopped for the day, August 12, at Blacksburg, for a visit of the V. P. I. campus.

Mr. Leward carried the party through many of the college buildings and they were given dinner and a treat of ice cream in the school dining hall. According to Mr. Leward, they said that Virginia was the "tops" of all places they had been or had seen, that V. P. I. was a wonderful place and that they would like to remain longer. They left about the middle of the afternoon for Waynesboro, where they expected to spend the night. Some wanted to know what it would cost per year to attend V. P. I.

### WILLIAM HENRY COPLEY DIES FROM ACCIDENT.

William Henry Copley, Jr., 19, of South Hill, former State F. F. A. Treasurer, died September 15, from injuries received August 20 when he dived in a pool at Camp Miniwance, the American Youth Leadership camp near Shelby, Mich.

Copley, who had taken nearly all the F. F. A. honors possible while in high school, won the trip to Michigan on his first year's record at V. P. I. He ranked

second of all freshman agriculture students in the nation.

Copley was elected treasurer of the Virginia Association and was made a State Farmer at the 1938 Rally. He was sent to the National Convention in the fall of this same year as the outstanding third degree member from his district. While at the convention, Copley received the plaque won by South Hill as the outstanding chapter in the country.

Funeral services for Copley were held September 19 at the Trinity Methodist Church near South Hill and interment was in the Oakwood Cemetery in South Hill. Over 200 members of the high school student body attended the services at the grave.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Copley, he was survived by one broth-



WILLIAM HENRY COPLEY.

er, Lewis Copley, a student at V. P. I.; two sisters, Miss Mary Copley of Farmville State Teachers College and Miss Lillian Copley of South Hill; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Copley of South Hill.

### THE DUTIES OF A SECRETARY.

The opening of school brings to our minds more vividly, the things which we, as F. F. A. members, wish to accomplish for the year 1940-41. One of the things which the State Association desires to do is to aid local F. F. A. secretaries in being more efficient in their work.

It is the duty of the secretary to call the meeting to order in the absence of any presiding officer, and call for the election of a chairman pro tem. The secretary must also prepare and keep an accurate list of all F. F. A. members of his chapter. He must keep an accurate record of the proceedings of each meet-

ing and provide the chairman with a statement of all business to be done at each meeting and a list of all committees.

A secretary records all motions that are seconded and assists the chairman in keeping the business in order. It is also his duty to put to vote any motion not appropriate for the chairman. He reads all papers proposed to the chapter and has custody of all documents and books of records belonging to the chapter.

The secretary's minutes should record every principal motion, whether carried or lost. All resolutions and reports of committees should be included and a definite understanding of the nature and acts of the meeting should be conveyed. Lastly, the minutes should be approved and signed by the chairman before the secretary's signature.

A good secretary never criticizes, favorably or unfavorably, any action taken, although he may engage in debate or other business; otherwise he may only answer any questions of fact concerning the minutes or orders. He acts as correspondent for the chapter and should be able to write easily and concisely. He should have a good knowledge of parliamentary usage and a good voice and reading ability.

Fellow F. F. A. secretaries:

Let us keep posted on the duties of a good secretary and better aid our chapter.

WILLIAM LANIER,  
State F. F. A. Secretary.

### NORTH CAROLINIAN WINS DISTRICT SPEAKING CONTEST.

Bob Harris of Newell, N. C., represented North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia at the Seventh Regional F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest at Columbia, S. C.

Harris won the Tri-State contest at South Hill July 26. He spoke on "The Better Farmer Movement," stressing crop diversification and education of youth and adults in better farming methods.

Other contestants and their subjects were: Edward Proctor, Conway, S. C., who spoke on "Economic Problems of the South," and Marvin W. Ham of Spottswood, winner of the Virginia contest at the Rally in June, who spoke on "The Farmer and the Future."

Dr. W. S. Newman, State Superintendent of Vocational Education, and Executive Secretary of the Virginia Association, presided. Judges were Dr. P. D. Sanders of Richmond, editor of "The Southern Planter," and John Mapp, director of the Richmond Consultation Service.

The winner of the regional contest will compete in the national F. F. A. contest at Kansas City in November.

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**FEDERATION NEWS.**


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**Clinch Federation Meets.**

The following officers have been elected by the Clinch Federation to serve for the 1940-41 session: Charles Baker, Clintwood, president; Theo Yates, Ervinton, vice-president; Fred Quillen, Dungannon, treasurer; Clyde Colley, Haysi, secretary; Jack Miller, Ervinton, reporter; E. C. Smith, Clintwood, adviser.

JACK MILLER,  
Reporter.

**Hub Federation News.**

Three hundred members, fathers and guests of the Hub Federation attended the annual rally and barbecue at Seminole Lake, July 31. All chapters in the federation, including Appomattox, Amherst, Brookville, Brookneal, Concord, Gladys, Pamplin Naruna, New London, and Rustburg, were represented.

The fathers and guests discussed crops and times while watching the boys swim and play softball. Some fathers took an active part in the games. Reports were issued periodically on how the barbecue was progressing. Head Chef W. C. Dudley and Assistant Chef V. H. Gill were noticed together receiving congratulations on the excellent barbecue after it was served. Earlier in the day they nearly came to blows over the way to do the cooking. Chef Dudley refused to take the blame if the barbecue was not good and assistant Chef Gill after winning his point refused to make any more recommendations.

Hub Federation President Bob Jones of Rustburg called upon everyone to gather around the microphone just before serving the barbecue and give them a warm welcome from the Future Farmers. This was followed by a response from Mr. Depew from Rustburg. Then Mr. Lloyd Howard, Playground Director from Lynchburg, assured the Future Farmers of the interest of Lynchburg in their organization. Mr. Anderson from Rustburg asked the blessing. All guests and fathers were served first by the boys. All seemed to enjoy this part of the program.

We appreciate Mr. Sweeney, owner of Seminole Lake, allowing us the use of his grounds and Mr. Crockett, principal of New London setting up his loud speaker for the occasion.

Future Farmers representing each chapter served on and had charge of the various committees.

Mistress: "Nora, when you wait on the guests at dinner, try not to spill anything."

Maid: "No, ma'am, I won't say a word!"

**CHAPTER NEWS.**

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watch dog; and Gifford Turner, Dwight Hoover, and Norvell Trumbo, executive committee.

The Broadway Chapter sent Whitney Trumbo to the State F. F. A. Camp for the week of July 29. Five members of the chapter went on the tour to Washington sponsored by the chapters of the country.

WARREN WILL,  
Reporter.

**Smithfield Chapter News.**

The members of the Smithfield Ham Chapter enjoyed the advantage of having the State F. F. A. Camp so near during the summer. Members of the chapter visited the camp at various times and the chapter also had representatives in attendance.

Along with the three chapters in Isle of Wight County, the Smithfield Chapter members visited the Holland Experiment Station during September. The director, Mr. E. T. Batten, showed the boys through the various plots of corn, cotton, peanuts, soybeans, and lespedeza. After the visit a weiner roast was held.

EVERETTE JONES,  
Reporter.

**Brownsburg Chapter News.**

The Brownsburg Chapter, the only one in Rockbridge County, has just completed its first year. This chapter, which outs the "R" in the B-A-R Federation was organized last fall by the Millboro Chapter of Bath County.

The chapter entered several of the contests put on by the Federation last year and plans to enter all this year. The best showing was made in the Shop Judging Contest. One of the members won third place. Billy McCown placed 7th in the Shop Contest at the State Rally.

During the summer the chapter had a joint social with the Home Economics girls and were entertained by the Ruritan Club at a weiner roast. Four members of the chapter attended the State F. F. A. Camp.

At the August meeting of the chapter it was decided that the club use the money in the treasury to purchase a chapter banner, an owl, and pay \$15.00 for books to be bought through the State Library Fund.

MAC STERRETT,  
Reporter.

**Spring Garden Officers.**

The Spring Garden Chapter had its first meeting of the new school session September 17. The following officers were elected to serve during the 1940-41 session: Edward Dalton, president; Frank Yates, vice-president; Everett Dallas, secretary; Edgar Lewis, treasur-

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er; Billy East, reporter; Hugh Adams, watch dog; J. P. Myers, adviser.

During the past year the chapter won the following Pittsylvania contests: track meet, speaking contest, judging contest, and second place in the degree team contest. Two chapter members from the chapter rated in the high 12 of the crops contest at the State Rally.

BILLY EAST,  
Reporter.

**Volens Chapter.**

The Volens Chapter on June 15, elected the following officers for the coming year: Ray Tuck, president; John Bray, vice-president; Malcolm DeJarnette, secretary; B. D. Crews, Jr., treasurer; George Green, reporter; Wayland DeJarnette, watch dog; M. C. Hillsman, adviser.

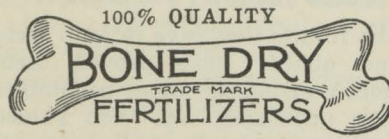
At the first meeting of the 1940-41 session James Tribble was elected reporter to fill the vacancy in that office. Luther Covington, Claude Francis, and Durelle Guthrie were appointed to serve as the committee for the arrangements for the initiation of green hands. Van

DeJarnette and Felix Buchanan were appointed to arrange for the raising of green hands to Future Farmers.

JAMES TRIBBLE,  
Reporter.

#### Madison Chapter News.

September 13, the Madison Chapter elected the following officers for the 1940-41 session: John Oddenino, president; L. B. Kennedy, vice-president; Monroe Colvin, secretary; James Gilmore, treasurer; David Berry, reporter; David Oddenino, watch dog; Overton Weaver, Sterling Weaver and John Oddenino, executive committee.



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There are 34 members enrolled this year in agriculture classes. Eighteen of these are freshmen and 16 are upperclassmen. At this meeting there was a discussion of plans for the initiation of green hands. It was decided that the ceremony would be held October 19.

The freshmen are setting up project programs and upperclassmen are transferring records and bringing them up to date. The objectives of the chapter will be fixed in the near future. Work is being done on entries for the County Corn and Grain Show and a judging team will be selected to represent the chapter at the Brandy Rock Farm Judging Contest at Culpeper.

DAVID BERRY,  
Reporter.

#### Shorthorn Chapter.

The Shorthorn Chapter held its first regular meeting September 19. New officers elected at the meeting are: Guy Clear, president; Elmer Oakes, vice-president; Charles Bise, treasurer; Frank Taylor, secretary; Edward Phipps, reporter; Chester Slaughter, watch dog.

The chapter members set the date for monthly meetings as the fourth Friday in each month. Edward Phipps gave a short talk on the School of Leadership.

EDWARD PHIPPS,  
Reporter.

#### Jonesville Chapter News.

The Jonesville Chapter met September 16 and elected the following officers to serve during the 1940-41 session: Ray Watson, president; J. B. Combs, vice-president; Joe Odd, secretary; Paschal Hunphreys, treasurer; Dewey Johnston, reporter; John Myers, watch dog; Junior Slagel, Vestal Gilbert and Odell Elkins, program committee.

DEWEY JOHNSTON,  
Reporter.

#### Stuarts Draft Chapter.

Officers for the 1940-41 session, elected by the Stuarts Draft Chapter, are: Hersie Wilson, president; Billy Brown, vice-president; Earl Kendig, treasurer; Ralph Beard, secretary; Ted Payne, reporter; Cecil Campbell, watch dog; Richard Bosserman, thrift banker.

Chapter members cut corn September 23 to earn money for the chapter treasury and attended the State Fair on September 28.

RALPH BEARD,  
Secretary.

#### Newsoms' Trip to State Fair.

The Newsoms Chapter took a trip to the State Fair September 24, in a new school bus. The party left Newsoms at 7:15 and arrived in Richmond at 9:30 in the morning.

The whole group went into the grounds on a pass. First, the exhibits of livestock were seen. The chapter members saw for the first time the washing, rubbing, and polishing of the horns and hoofs of beef cattle for showing; they saw hogs as large as some of the cows at home in Southampton County; and many breeds of livestock they had never seen before.

After leaving the livestock exhibits were examined, and the 4-H Club exhibits were visited.

The party made a tour of the midway and saw the performances in front of the grandstand which included man acrobatic and trapeze acts and the auto stunts of Jimmy Lynch and his Death Dodgers.

The party left Richmond at 8:00 in the evening and arrived home about 10:30.

JAMES COGSDALE,  
Reporter.

#### Burkeville Chapter News.

The Burkeville Chapter began its second year of work under a new instructor, J. S. Clingenpeel. The enrollment this year is a slight increase over last year. Twenty-eight boys have been enrolled.

The first meeting of the chapter was held September 18 and officers for the year were elected. They are: Richard Carrington, president; Arthur Newcomb, vice-president; Norman Taylor, secretary; Weldon Hamlett, treasurer; Latner Payne, reporter; Wallace Owen, watch dog; J. S. Clingenpeel, adviser.

The president appointed a committee to make arrangements for the initiation of green hands. At the next meeting, in October, objectives for the year will be formulated.

Chemical supplies have been moved to the old laboratory and the chapter members are re-arranging the classroom and putting up the paraphernalia for regular chapter meetings.

LATNER PAYNE,  
Reporter.

#### Concord Chapter Meets.

The Concord Chapter held its first 1940-41 meeting September 17. New officers elected were: David Evans, president; Reese Thompson, vice-president; James Jordon, secretary; Filmore Tweedy, treasurer; Gilbert Baldock, reporter; Berkley Evans, watch dog.

Members of the program committee elected at the meeting were: Ralph Torrence (chairman), William McKinney and Melvin Grishaw. Members of the recreational committee, also elected at this meeting, were: David Evans (chairman), Reese Thompson and Aurelius Carson. Objective committee: Herbert Lichford (chairman), Gilbert Baldock and James Jordon. James Jordon, Gil-

bert Baldock and David Evans were elected to represent the chapter at the HUB Federation meeting.

The farm show was discussed at length at the meeting and the possible entry classes were explained to the new members. The possibility of having a chapter show was discussed but the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

DAVID F. EVANS,  
Reporter.

#### Mathews Members Visit Washington.

Ten members of the Mathews Chapter took a sightseeing trip to Washington, August 27 and 28. Thomas Carmines, Norman Sutton, Milton Atherton, Harold Lewis, Irving Lewis, Willard Garrett, Bobby Hughes, James Faulkner, George Van Valen and Alvin Ranier, with C. F. Cline, instructor, made the trip.

The party left in automobiles the morning of August 27 and made their

headquarters at Camp Washington. The places visited included the Capital, Library, Supreme Court, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institute, and the Zoo. The party attended a baseball game between the Washington and St. Louis teams.

On the return trip home the party visited two large dairy farms and were able to observe modern methods of operation.

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#### Boykins and Newsoms Visit Crop Station.

The Future Farmers of the Boykins and Newsoms High Schools recently visited the Holland Crop Experiment Station which is under the supervision of E. T. Batten. Mr. Batten showed how the variety tests on corn were conducted and pointed out several of the promising hybrids.

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This year the hybrids were little affected by the dry June, while the open pollinated varieties suffered considerably. The hybrid corn was still standing after the August storms while the other corn was badly blown down. While hybrids are showing up well this year, Mr. Batten still cautioned the young farmers to be slow in making complete changes in practices but rather to try out the more promising hybrids on their farms.

Mr. Batten explained many of the detailed tests conducted, such as fertilizing

and liming the various crops, tests on the varieties of cotton and soybeans, planting dates for soybeans and seed treatment practices. Some of the new varieties of soybeans that were growing seemed to be very promising for some of our farming conditions and the tests on planting dates for soybeans were outstanding. A number of helpful recommendations were given the group.

Many of the farmers growing the crops tested at the Holland Station are regularly visiting the station each year

on what is known as "Field Day" and are following many of the practices there that have been demonstrated to be good. Future Farmers will profit by closely studying the results of our experiment station.

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**South Hill Chapter Host to Parents.**

The South Hill Chapter members were hosts to their parents and friends at a brunswick stew given August 23, on the high school lawn.

The president, George Wells, welcomed the guests, after which the Rev. R. W. Grant prayed, remembering Willie H. Copley, Jr., in his prayer, who had the misfortune to break his back while at camp in Michigan.

There were about 175 guests who enjoyed this gala occasion. Many said it was the most delicious stew they had ever tasted.

LYNWOOD COLEMAN,  
Reporter.

**Legume Chapter News.**

The Legume Chapter of Chase City held its first meeting of the current year September 20. The chapter's plan of work is about complete, with 25 objectives decided upon. The chapter slogan for the year is "Cooperation for the good of the school and community." Fifty-four students have enrolled for classes in vocational agriculture.

EARNEST WHITT,  
Reporter.

**Wilson Memorial Chapter News.**

Officers of the Wilson Memorial Chapter elected for the current year are: Junior Durn, president; Jimmy Carson, vice-president; Meredith Dixon, secretary; Frank Owen, treasurer; Calvin Blackstock, reporter; Archer Satterfield, watchdog.

A new supply of tools have been purchased for the school shop and it is expected that work in the shop will be more satisfactory than it has been in the last three years.

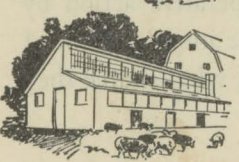
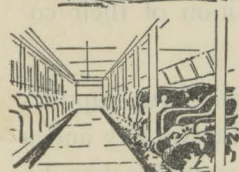
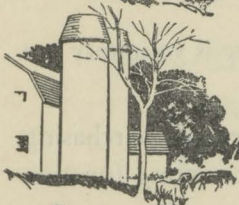
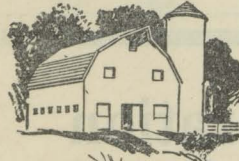
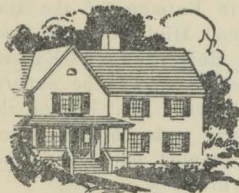
CALVIN BLACKSTOCK,  
Reporter.

**Blacksburg Chapter.**

At a meeting of the Blacksburg Chapter, September 17, Marvin Lawrence was elected president; Kenneth McCauley, treasurer; Linwood Agnew, secretary; Harrison Harmon, reporter.

At this meeting the newly elected president appointed the following committees: Program of Work, Ways and Means, and Recreation.

HARRISON HARMON,  
Reporter.



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