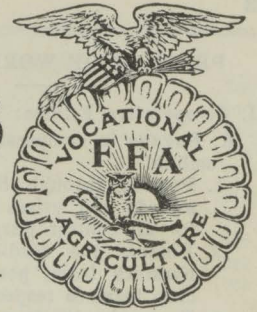


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Over Nine Hundred Future Farmers Attend "The Best Rally Ever Held"

Nine hundred and seventy Future Farmers and chapter advisers attended the 1934 Rally held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute June 18th to 22nd. During the Rally the following events took place; the agricultural judging contests in dairy, livestock, poultry and crops; the annual track meet; schools for leadership in parliamentary procedure, news-writing and recreation; the state public speaking contest and the ninth annual state convention of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America.

The State Executive Committee arrived in Blacksburg on Sunday preceding the Rally. This committee worked with Dr. Newman all day Monday selecting the successful applicants for the State Farmer degree from a list of over one hundred. These names were put in nomination at the first meeting on Monday night and the nominees elected by the convention.

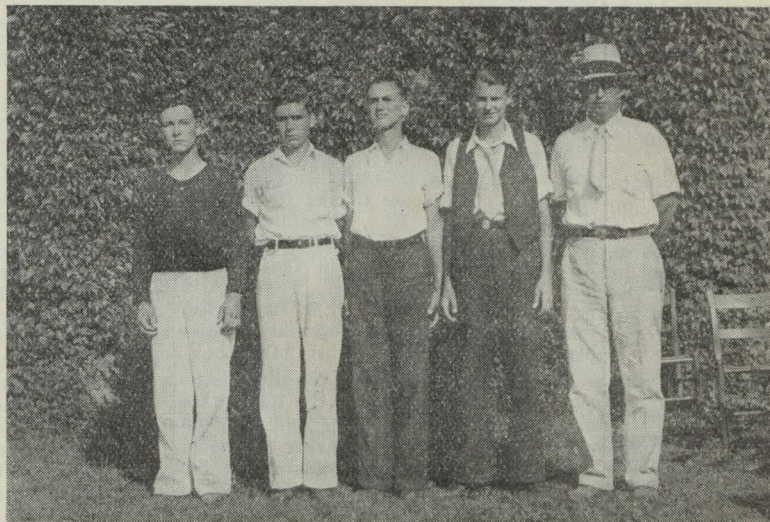
All meetings were considerably improved this year due to arrangements made by the recreation committee, headed by Professor Magill, whereby the services of the Handley High School band were secured. Miss Dorothy Ikenberry of Daleville, composer and winner of the National F. F. A. song writing contest, assisted as pianist. Professor Nelson T. Huffman of Bridgewater acted as song leader.

Agricultural judging contests were held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The twelve high individuals in each contest judged additional classes on Thursday morning. Winners in the judging contest are announced on other pages of this issue of Chapter Chats.

While judging was being done, other Future Farmers were attending schools for leadership. The School for Parliamentary Procedure was taught by Mr. H. M. Love of Manassas; the School for News-writing was taught by Professor R. H. McNeil, Office of Publications, V. P. I.; the School for Recreation was con-

ducted by Mr. R. E. Bass of Chillhowie and Professor E. C. Magill of V. P. I.

The preliminary track meet was held in Miles Stadium on Tuesday afternoon and the final meet was held Thursday afternoon with results as announced elsewhere on these pages. The new V. P. I. swimming pool was open to Future Farmers every afternoon as were the bowling alleys. These latter attractions cut down



OUT-OF-STATE CROP TEAM.

Left to right: Winston Kirby, Atlee; G. C. Powell, Ivor; Sidney Wortman, Chase City; George Thorp, Newsoms; J. S. Bryant, Ivor, Coach.

attendance at the track meets but were thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. Over six hundred boys went swimming in the pool on Wednesday afternoon. Professor Buford Blair and the V. P. I. life-saving corps were in charge.

All meetings of the State F.F.A. Convention were held in War Memorial Hall where Professor Rudolph Michael had installed microphones and a loud-speaker system that made it possible for all to hear.

Maurice Hawkins of Blacksburg won the State Public Speaking Contest held Tuesday night and will represent Virginia in the Southern Regional Contest at Baton Rouge, Louisiana in September.

Baseball games between district teams were played each afternoon in Miles Stadium. The team representing Middle

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PRESIDENT MINTON'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—1934 RALLY.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the year has been the increase in active membership as evidenced by paid-up dues. To date four thousand, seven hundred and eighty-four members have paid their annual dues, which represents an increase of six hundred and eighty-two over last year. This is the largest increase that we have experienced during the last three years, and is due to the better payment of dues on the part of members rather than the increase in

number of departments of vocational agriculture. Last year we reported one hundred and sixty-four active chapters and at the present time one hundred and seventy-seven chapters are considered bonafide one hundred per cent paid-up chapters. The increase in membership, therefore, as stated above, has come from increased active membership in the already established chapters, rather than from new members in new chapters because thirteen new chapters could not have accounted for the six hundred and eighty-two increased paid-up membership.

Another encouraging development that has gained momentum during the past year is the formation of chapter associations. These in scope vary from county associations taking in the chapters in four or five counties located in one area. This type of activity seems to be conducive of good results in that it increases the opportunity for co-operative effort on the part of the affiliated groups and the members of the local organization. Quite a number of worth while activities have been undertaken by these associations and the general results show evidence of splendid work. Due recognition should be given to the Hub Federation, which was the first such federation, formed several years ago. The idea has spread rather rapidly throughout the State and now an incomplete check-up indicates ten federations. Some of these are very well organized and others are in the process

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PROGRAM OF WORK—1934-'35.

I. Co-operative Efforts:

- A. Engage in co-operative buying and selling.
1. Provide through State Rally the awards and prizes to be awarded for all contest purposes.
 2. Finance the sending of winning livestock team, poultry team, and crop team to respective contests.
 3. Every chapter to raise money during the year to finance chapter delegation to Rally by holding F. F. A. entertainment, or conducting stores, etc.
- B. That we encourage the formation of chapter federations.

II. Self Government:

- A. Hold meeting of local chapter every month.
- B. Have a thrift bank in each chapter with 100 per cent membership participation.
- C. Every boy enrolled in agriculture to be a member of local chapter with 100 per cent dues paid up by October 1, 1934.
- D. Exchange ideas with other chapters and organizations.
- E. Each chapter to have at least one member to attend School for Leadership at Rally.
- F. Each chapter send at least five news articles to "Chapter Chats."
- G. Each chapter to have objectives displayed in chapter room.
- H. Each chapter to be represented in some literary contest.
- I. Each chapter to have an up-to-date record on all former members of their local chapter.
- J. Each district make appropriate awards for the three first placings in the public speaking contest in the district; awards to be financed by the districts and awarded at the State Rally.

III. Community Improvement:

- A. Assist at least one local community organization to reach its objectives.
- B. To assist in beautifying of home, church and school grounds of community.
- C. Assist Parent-Teacher's Association in solving school problems.
- D. Advertise farming of community by following:
1. Staging community fair.
 2. Putting on one educational exhibit at some other fair.
 3. Sending at least three exhibits to State Corn and Grain Show.
- E. Every chapter to co-operate with President Roosevelt in his national conservation and employment program by maintaining humus in soil, or by protecting game and fish or by preventing forest fires, or by aiding in the relief work.
- F. Every chapter to co-operate with the Secretary of Agriculture in carrying out the Agricultural Adjustment program.

IV. Recreation:

- A. Each chapter to hold father and son get-together of some form.
- B. Each chapter to conduct a camping trip, farm tour or some similar activity.

C. Encourage and foster in State F. F. A. Rally convention and judging contest.

F. J. JORDAN, Jr.,
Chairman.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, 1934 RALLY.

We feel that the 1934 Annual Rally has been the most successful in the history of the organization. Many individuals and groups have contributed to the success of this meeting and we would like to express our appreciation to all who have in any way added to our pleasure and enjoyment.

We wish to extend to the Administration and Faculty of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute our deep appreciation of the facilities extended by them which have made possible the holding of the convention on this campus. Particularly we wish to thank Dr. Julian A. Burruss, President, for what he has done, Mr. E. C. Miller for his help, and Dean J. E. Williams for his welcoming address. To Pop Owens we want to say that the meals and accommodations in his place have been even superior this year to former years. We wish to particularly express our appreciation to Professor R. D. Michael and Mr. Curtis Anders who have been untiring in their efforts in assisting with the problem of acoustics during all meetings. We are indebted to Mr. R. H. McNeil for his handling of the publicity during the Rally.

To the Athletic Association of V. P. I. and to the Alumni Association we wish to extend our sincere thanks for the use of the Memorial Hall, including all of its facilities, as well as the stadium and the assistance rendered in the athletic and recreational features. Particularly we want to thank Mr. H. B. Redd, Secretary of the Alumni Association, and Mr. C. P. Miles, Director of Athletics.

To Professor Edm. C. Magill, Chairman, and all members of the Committee on Recreation, we wish to extend our deep appreciation for their untiring efforts in making the entertainment feature of the Rally so very successful. We wish to thank all of the various groups and individuals who have added to our pleasure and entertainment, including Mr. Cross, Mr. Mike Garber, Mr. Maurice Wing, the Handley High School Band and its director Mr. McIlwee. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mr. W. R. Legge for his assistance in this connection. We wish to thank Mr. R. E. Moore and the Future Farmer members who put on the pantomime.

It is quite difficult for us to express our appreciation to Professor Nelson T. Huffman for the splendid leadership he has shown in directing the singing and contributing to the school for recreation. We are very grateful to Miss Dorothy Ikenberry for her performance and assistance and wish to express to her our keen appreciation of her wonderful contribution in composing the new song, "We're the F. F. A."

We realize that there are many, many disturbing and difficult details to be arranged for in connection with such a conference as this. We wish to congratulate Henry C. Groseclose for his very efficient

and successful handling of these details and wish to assure him that all of the members of this organization are heart-felt in their appreciation of his efforts and in their praise for him.

We want to be sure to thank all members of the agricultural faculty who handled the difficult job of arranging for and running off the judging contests. We particularly wish to thank the instructors of vocational agriculture who served on such and other committees for their splendid work.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS ELECTED TO STATE FARMER DEGREE AT 1934 RALLY.

Northern Virginia.

1. Roy James, Herndon.
2. Robert Griffin, Culpeper.
3. Shirley Broyles, Madison.
4. David Earle Houff, Stuarts Draft.
5. Thos. Reynolds, Fincastle.
6. Glenn Gochenour, Strasburg.
7. Albert Groves, Bealeton.
8. Fletcher Blakenbaker, Criglersville.
9. Fred Fadely, Mt. Jackson.
10. Elbert Turner, Fincastle.
11. David Swartz, Buchanan.
12. Dwight Ritchie, Bealeton.
13. Rodney B. Hall, Montross.
14. Alfred Zirkle, New Market.
15. Charles Wampler, Dayton.
16. Robert B. Black, Stuarts Draft.
17. George Dinkle, Bealeton.
18. Richard Fadely, Mt. Jackson.
19. Turner Wheeling, Apple Grove.
20. Kenneth Crowder, Fincastle.

Middle Virginia.

1. John Ray Gee, Kenbridge.
2. Thos. Hildebrand, Varina.
3. Halsey Dean, Turbeville.
4. Hugh Richeson, Amherst.
5. John Cole, Appomattox.
6. Donald Timberlake, Atlee.
7. Frank Jennings, Appomattox.
8. James Gunter, New London.
9. James Massey, Amherst.
10. Harry Gee, South Hill.
11. Buster Wood, Chase City.
12. Herbert Broaduss, Mica.
13. Jesse Crews, Scottsburg.

Eastern Virginia.

1. Woodrow Holland, Holland.
2. Henry Gardner, Holland.
3. Wilson Taylor, Temperanceville.
4. Bradley Coghill, Lloyds.
5. John Alphin, Whaleyville.
6. Howard Ives, Oceana.
7. Thurman Thompson, Cobbs Creek.
8. Ray Scott, Isle of Wight.
9. Robert Lee Bristow, Jr., Saluda.
10. J. Sam Luter, Ivor.
11. Magruder Brown, Saluda.
12. Fred Hale, Saluda.
13. Lester Redd, Wicomico.
14. Geo. Ed. Laurence, Windsor.
15. Vernon Trevillian, Gloucester.
16. Horace Shipp, Great Bridge.
17. Lester Williams, Newsoms.

Southwest Virginia.

1. Deward Colvard, Grassy Creek.
2. Frank Jordan, Jr., Dublin.
3. Clyde Sutherland, Clintwood.
4. Claude Overbay, Atkins.
5. Clarence Beamer, Woodlawn.
6. Haskel Arrington, Haysi.
7. Elmer Webb, Hillsville.

RESULTS ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MEET.

Pole Vault.

1. F. Hoff Upperville
2. R. O'Neil C. T. Smith
3. Wilson Smith Herndon
4. Carter Warriner, Jr. Varina
5. G. Mundie Atlee

Height 9 ft. 10½ inches.

100-Yard Dash.

1. H. Hite Spottswood
2. Robert Eager Lee-Maury
3. T. Marks Capron
4. C. Spicer Atlee
5. A. Wilson Chase City

Time—10.9 seconds.

Discus.

1. R. Crisman Winchester
2. B. Pruden Isle of Wight
3. Warriner Varina
4. H. Hite Spottswood
5. Fred Fadely Mt. Jackson

Distance—109 feet, 6½ inches.

220 Yard Dash.

1. L. Baker Kempsville
2. Roland Eager Lee-Maury
3. G. Taylor Spottswood
4. C. Spicer Atlee
5. L. Michael Bridgewater

Time—24.6 seconds.

Broad Jump.

1. Brooklyn Pruden Isle of Wight
2. Tom Marks Capron
3. F. Wines Upperville
4. L. Michael Bridgewater
5. Carter Warriner, Jr. Varina

Distance—20 feet, 10½ inches.

(New Record.)

One Mile.

1. B. Davis Clinchco
2. H. Conner Clover
3. O. Fleming Upperville
4. H. Halsey Wytheville
5. Horne Varina

Time—5 minutes, 2.4 seconds.

½ Mile Relay (4 Men)

1. Spottswood.
Hite Taylor
Hucheous Rosen
2. Kempsville.
3. Mt. Jackson.
4. Lee-Maury

Time—1 minute, 40.2 seconds.

880 Yard Run.

1. H. Mast Kempsville
2. E. Kell Clover
3. Robert Eager Lee-Maury
4. F. Roszel Upperville
5. R. Fadeley Mt. Jackson

Time 2 minutes, 10.2 seconds.

High Jump.

1. Floyd Newman New London
2. Brooklyn Pruden Isle of Wight
3. J. Carpenter Unionville
4. Karl Crouch Varina
5. Wilson Smith Herndon

Height—5 feet, 6¾ inches.

Shot Put.

1. Brooklyn Pruden Isle of Wight
2. Rudolph Crisman Winchester
3. Carter Warriner Varina
4. F. Newman New London
5. Fred Hundley Hillsville

Distance—48 feet, 2¾ inches.

Team Scores.

	Points
1. Isle of Wight	18
2. Spottswood	15
3. Kempsville	14
4. Lee-Maury	13
5. Upperville	13
6. Varina	12
7. Winchester	9
8. Clover	8
9. Capron	7
10. New London	7
11. Atlee	5
12. Clinchco	5
13. Mt. Jackson	5
14. C. T. Smith	4
15. Herndon	4
16. Bridgewater	3
17. Unionville	3
18. Wytheville	2
19. Chase City	1
20. Hillsville	1

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Records.

100-yard dash—B. Emory (Chase City) 1926, 10 4-10 seconds; Rinehart equalled record of 10 4-10 seconds in preliminaries (1928).
220-yard dash—B. Emory (Chase City) 1926, 23 seconds.
880-yard run—Brown (Blacksburg) 1926, 2 minutes, 10 1-10 seconds.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All members of out-of-state judging teams should bear in mind the resolution passed by the delegates at the Annual Rally. Each member of an out-of-state team, including the coach, must deposit at the State Office the sum of \$15.00 towards helping defray expenses of the trip before departure of the team.

Mile—Gresham (Oceana) 1928, 4 minutes, 57 6-10 seconds.
Shot—(12 lbs)—Pruden, B. (Isle of Wight) 1933, 46 feet 5 inches.
Broad Jump—Pruden, B. (Isle of Wight) 1934, 20 feet, 10½ inches.
High Jump—Duvall (Winchester) 1932, 5 feet 7½ inches.
Pole Vault—Turner (Chase City) 1929, 10 feet, 8½ inches.
Discus—Wallo (Varina) 1930, 115 feet, 7½ inches.
Relay (½ mile)—(Winchester) 1928, 1 minute, 40 1-10 seconds.

RESULTS OF JUDGING CONTESTS.

TEAM STANDINGS.

Livestock.

	Rank.
Hillsville A	1st
Fisherville	2nd
Upperville	3rd
Pearisburg	4th
Weyers Cave A	5th
Weyers Cave B	6th
Willis	7th
North River B	8th
Castlewood B	9th
Grassy Creek	10th

Crops.

Sugar Grove	1st
Ivor	2nd
Smithfield	3rd
Holland	4th
Isle of Wight	5th
Greenville Co.	6th
Spring Garden	7th
Turbeville	8th
Surry	9th
Windsor	10th

Dairy.

Stuart	1st
McKenney	2nd
Keysville	3rd
Front Royal	4th
Appomattox	5th
Criglersville	6th
Mica	7th
Broadway	8th
Middletown	9th
Charlotte Court House	10th

Poultry.

Clintwood	1st
North River	2nd
Ivy Depot	3rd
Strasburg	4th
Mt. Jackson A	5th
Madison	6th
Appomattox	7th
Boone Mill	8th
Mt. Jackson B	9th
Lloyds	10th

OUT OF STATE TEAMS.

Poultry.

Robt. Reddish, Madison	1st
Fred Fadley, Mt. Jackson	2nd
Clair Compton, Haysi	3rd
Wm. Moore, Appomattox	4th
C. E. Richards, Mt. Jackson, Coach.	

Livestock.

John Peck, Pearisburg	1st
Owen Grove, Weyer's Cave	2nd
Eemon Thompson, Willis	3rd
Tom Brooker, Fisherville	4th
T. J. Sharitz, Fishersouth, Coach.	

Dairy.

Cecil Weary, McKenney	1st
Fletcher Blankenbaker, Criglersville	2nd
Hinton Smithers, Lee-Maury	3rd
Twyman Dinkens, Appomattox	4th
G. V. Nelson, McKenney, Coach.	

Crops.

George Thorp, Newsoms	1st
Sidney Mortman, Chase City	2nd
Winston Kirby, Atlee	3rd
G. C. Powell, Ivor	4th
J. S. Bryant, Ivor, Coach.	

RESULTS OF THE STATE F. F. A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST.

First:—

Maurice Hawkins, Blacksburg, Virginia, representing Southwestern Virginia.
Subject: The Future of Agriculture in the United States.

Second:—

Thurman Winslow, Carrsville, Virginia, representing Eastern Virginia.
Subject: The Value of Cooperative Marketing to the Virginia Farmer.

Third:—

Thomas Pugh, C. T. Smith School, Caroline County, representing Middle Virginia.
Subject: The Future of the Future Farmers of America.

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burg.

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John Ray Gee, Kenbridge.
John Cole, Appomattox.
Ross Minton, Smithfield.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT.

Maurertown, Va.
July 10, 1934.

Dear Fellow F. F. A.:

Now that the effects of "Pop" Owens' luscious and bountiful meals have worn off it might be well to take a look at the coming year's work.

The fact that over 600 new members were added to our ranks and over 10 new chapters were formed during the past year should be an inspiration to all of us and should make us work doubly hard for our organization which undoubtedly is still in its infancy. All records can and are being broken constantly and even this fine record of the past year can be shattered if we will but follow the chief objective of the F. F. A.—cooperation.

The best way in our opinion to get full cooperation of chapters and members is thru county associations and federations. Already a few progressive chapters have formed such chapters and the experiment has met with success. Thru such work the individual is permitted to form a closer personal contact with his neighbors than would otherwise be possible. Also thru such organizations cooperative buying and selling could be practiced on a much larger scale, with more savings and advantages to the individual.

We are told that the few years thru which we have just passed were the most distressing to the farmer since the colonization of this country. That we have made profits or broken even on most of our project work should be an example of what our work has accomplished right at home.

In a recent statement by Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing Prison he says that during his term of office never has he had a prisoner in his institution who has had vocational agriculture training in high school. This is a demonstration of the high moral standards created thru the F. F. A. work.

We would like to have your opinions and would be glad to hear from any of

you at any time concerning any business which you think should have immediate consideration and we will present the same at the meeting of the Executive Committee in December.

We desire to take this opportunity of expressing our most sincere thanks for your support in the recent elections and assure you that we will do all in our power to help the Virginia Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

Wishing you, one and all, a pleasant and prosperous summer vacation, I remain,

Sincerely,
Your President,
"Bill" Shaffer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From June 15, 1933 to June 10, 1934

Total receipts as shown below:	
Balance on hand June 15, '33.	\$1,595.89
Late 1932-'33 dues	9.00
Refund from poultry judging team, 1932-'33	148.79
Additional payments to cover bad checks	99.75
W. S. Newman, travel check improperly recorded at bank	87.33
Annual membership dues	4,784.00
Receipts for record books purchased by non-members	31.35
Ads from local chapters	18.00
Ads from commercial companies	171.84
Orders for additional pins	4.28
Refund from dairy judging and public speaking contests	7.80
Total receipts	\$6,958.03
Total disbursements:	
Expenses of 1932-'33 poultry judging team	\$ 49.77
Expenses of poultry, dairy and crops teams to Chicago World's Fair	759.74
Expenses of livestock team to Kansas City	431.80
Expenses of public speaking contest, regional meeting	40.50
Expenses of delegates to National Congress	100.00
Remainder of 1932-'33 national dues	111.10
Publishing "Chapter Chats"	759.02
Mailing "Chapter Chats, 1932-'33, and post cards for radio program	182.50
Contribution to American Vocational Association	9.00
Charters	31.87
Refund on record books	4.35
Refund on dues	3.00
Printing programs for federation banquets	16.50
Expenses of meeting of State officers in Richmond	20.50
Expenses of 1933 Rally	696.37
National dues, in part, for 1933-'34	478.40
Score sheets for judging contests for 1934 Rally	7.50
L. G. Balfour Co., for pins for 1933-'34	889.99
Awards in 1932-'33 chapter contest	60.00
Prizes, Corn and Grain Show.	50.00

Checks returned by bank for insufficient funds	126.08
Settlement for improper recording of W. S. Newman travel check	87.33
Tax on checks	1.06
Balance in bank	2,041.65

Total disbursements \$6,958.03

Additional Bills to be Settled:

Expenses for keys, plaques, medals, etc., 1934	\$ 350.00
Awards for chapter contest	60.00
Mailing "Chapter Chats"	180.00
Cost of record books, 1933-'34	300.00
Estimated cost of 1934 Rally.	950.00

Total of Bills to be Paid .. \$1,840.00

Bills outstanding to be collected	\$ 40.00
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Estimated balance after outstanding bills have been settled	230.00
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Total estimated balance .. \$ 270.00

FRANKLIN ELLMORE,
State Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, 1934 RALLY.

Article V. Officers.

Section A. 1. To be amended to read as follows:

1. The officers of the (State) Association of Future Farmers of America shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, adviser, executive secretary-treasurer, and reporter. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State convention of "Future Farmers." The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective offices. Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates in the State convention who shall represent the local chapter in balloting for officers and members who are nominated to be advanced to the grade of "State Farmer."

Section B. To be amended to read as follows:

Section B. The executive committee of the State organization of Future Farmers of America shall consist of the state officers plus three active members elected at large by the delegates in the State Convention. This committee shall perform the usual duties of an executive committee, review and approve receipts and disbursements, act as a nominating committee, placing in nomination at the State convention at least one candidate for each office of the State organization—other candidates may be nominated from the floor—and be responsible for the welfare of the organization.

Elbert Turner, Chmn.

Author (unhappily): "I ought to have been a chemist."

Wife: "A chemist? Why, dear?"

Author: "Everything I write becomes a drug on the market."

INVESTMENT PROPHECIES.

"This is a good time for a young man to prepare for farming. One who studies agriculture now probably will be ready to start farming when he can buy a good farm business at a low price. From the long time point of view, farming promises as desirable a mode of life as ever. The present panic is causing the loss of the life time savings of thousands of thrifty persons who happened to start farming too recently to be out of debt, but the men who begin when prices are at the bottom may actually profit by the disaster to agriculture.

"Wages are good so that one can earn money rapidly during vacations. Probably it will be a long time before there is a better opportunity to save money out of wages, provided the worker is willing to go without some of the things that are not necessary for his health or education. Many persons always spend all they earn as soon as they get it, if they have not spent it before. They prefer temporary pleasure to future happiness, or may be carried along by their associations rather than control their own lives. The young man who plans to be a farmer must have more self-control. He must pass by the shop windows, see things that he desires and keep his money in his pocket, because he wishes to save it for future needs. One who plans to control his own destiny rather than always depend on some one else for his income should keep an account of his receipts and expenditures and occasionally go over the expenses and see which of them he would now prefer to exchange for the cash that they cost. **The safest investment of time and money for a young man is an education.** We hear men regretting all kinds of expenditures and mistakes of the past. Have you ever heard a man regret that he studied so long?"

The above was written in 1924 by the economist who has done more accurate prophesying than probably any other thinker—Dr. F. G. Warren. Practically every forecast he made has come true. The above was addressed to boys and young men. Estimating four to eight years training with one to three years for getting "lined-up" for farming brings us up to the present period, 1930-36. Cheap land, cheap buildings, cheap livestock and plenty of good farms to choose from. Easier long time credit. Finally every indication of an improved buying power for the farmer and a regulated industry. Farming is basic. It will come into its own as in past history. The present is a good time to begin farming. The first forecast of Dr. Warren's appears to be realized.

The second one still holds—thriftiness. It is a time when a beginning farmer or a young man aspiring to be such, must be sure of full returns for every penny spent. But the third prophecy—it is questioned by some. Men with college degrees even with doctor's degrees have been without employment—but this has existed seriously only in isolated lines and as a general matter only for the past year. The "uneducated" has been on the bread line or near it for four years. The proof of the effectiveness of being **educated** is not in immediately being offered employment and a good salary. School-

ing does not guarantee being educated, it offers the opportunity of making a more intelligent start. It can't **make** a man—he must do that. Any approach to being educated has a cardinal principle that one continues educating himself through thinking, reading, more schooling, part time and evening classes and experimenting. Education when of that brand has been, is now and always will be a sound and safe investment. In this light Dr. Warren's third prophecy is scarcely open to question.

CONTROLLING INSECT PESTS AND PLANT DISEASES.

One of the greatest difficulties home gardeners have to face in properly protecting their flowers and vegetables from insects and plant diseases is that the various pests require different materials to control them—just as the various human diseases require different medicines for their treatment. Tobacco products are among the oldest and most effective sprays and dusts used to control some insects, yet other pests feed and thrive upon them.

We believe that for the average home garden four different dusts will be sufficient to control most of the serious pests, and when kept and applied according to the accompanying illustration, the job is not a difficult one. Liquid sprays may be somewhat more effective in controlling insects and plant diseases but they are also more difficult to mix and apply. The method described here is for the small garden where little time and trouble is to be expended.

The type of duster needed is not expensive and is manufactured by a number of companies. It is a simple plunger type duster with a screw top that fastens on to an ordinary fruit jar. Four jars are used.

In the first jar should be placed one of fluosilicate dusts for use against poultry lice, cattle lice, ants, cockroaches, and silver fish. In a second jar have nicotine or Pyrethrum dust for aphids (plant lice) and other plant feeders with sucking mouth-parts. Jar number three should be filled with copper-arsenate-lime dust for use against chewing insects and for diseases of plants for which Bordeaux mixture is generally advised—white potatoes, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, melons grapes etc. In a fourth jar put finely ground sulphur dust for dusting roses to control powdery mildew and evergreens and other plants for red spiders.

The jars keep the dust dry and fresh and it is a very simple matter to remove the jar top and screw on the duster. The operation is clean, and it works. Those who have tried it, like it, and to us it looks good.—The Southern Planter.

Patient: "Five dollars for drawing one tooth. You earn your money lightly. Five dollars for a few seconds of work."

Dentist: "If you like I can draw it more slowly"

"Just think, Aunt Josie, my husband got Hamburg and Java on the radio last night."

"Now, my child, don't think I'll ever believe that they can deliver groceries on that contraption."

"THE BEST RALLY."

(Continued from page 1.)

Virginia won the championship and that district will hold the Balfour cup during the coming year.

This year for the first time one meeting of the convention was entirely devoted to a model recreational program. The Handley Band, under the leadership of Captain McIlwee, gave a splendid concert. Mr. Cross of Herndon, a former F. F. A., entertained with his skill as a magician; a group of Future Farmers put on a pantomime under the direction of Ralph Moore; Dean John E. Williams of V. P. I. welcomed the group to the campus; Maurice Wing of Dunganon gave several selections on the mouth harp; and Professor Huffman led the singing. This Wednesday evening recreational program was inspiring and should serve as a model for the chapters back home.

A strictly business session of the convention was held on Thursday morning. Reports of the committees were heard and are printed elsewhere in this issue of Chapter Chats.

Thursday noon the F. F. A. radio program was broadcast from the college studios under the direction of Professor Magill. The Future Farmers listened in near the college entrance to the broadcast over a loud speaker supplied by the Lyric Theatre.

Delegates cast their ballots for State Officers Thursday afternoon with the following results:

State Officers for 1934-1935.

President, William Shaffer, Maurertown,

Vice-President, George Edward Lawrence, Zuni.

Secretary, Magruder Brown, Urbanna, Treasurer, Wesley Kessinger, Buchanan,

Reporter, Claude Overbay, Atkins, Adviser, Henry C. Groseclose, V. P. I., Executive Sec'y.-Treas., Walter S. Newman, Richmond.

John Ray Gee, Kenbridge; John Cole, Appomattox, and Ross Minton, Smithfield, retiring president, were elected to the State Executive Committee.

The final session of the convention was held Thursday night at which time keys were awarded to 57 active third degree candidates and the following honorary members: Frank Jordan, Sr., of Dublin; James H. Brown, Rich Valley; Harry Moore, V. P. I. Poultry Department and Robert H. McNeil, V. P. I. Director of publications. Track and judging medals and plaques were awarded by Professor Miles and Dr. Newman after which the convention adjourned.

All of the facilities of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute were made available to the visitors. The college infirmary cared for the sick, the mess hall, presided over by "Pop" Owens, State Farmer, fed the boys amply, there were beds for every one, recreation for all and pleasant meeting quarters. The agricultural college departments furnished excellent classes for judging and every agricultural teacher worked on a committee to make the occasion a success. We are all grateful for the services just mentioned and for the good work of our retiring state officers. It was a real Rally and should presage a year of real progress in Future Farmer work in Virginia.

:: NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS ::

NOTE: Quite a few of these "News Notes" were left from last issue due to lack of space. However, even though somewhat belated, they are of sufficient merit to justify printing.

Nassawadox (Groseclose).

Edward V. Stewart, Jr., will serve as president of the Groseclose Chapter, F. F. A., for the next twelve-month period. He was elected at the semi-monthly meeting Tuesday. Other officers elected are Robert Dennis, vice-president; Lloyd Bayly, secretary; "Jiggs" Dunton, treasurer; Frank Mapp, reporter; Mr. Sellers, adviser.

The outgoing officers of Groseclose Chapter are now bringing to a close the most successful year in the history of the Groseclose Chapter. Ninety percent of the twenty-nine objectives set up by the boys to be carried out this year have already been attained. Walter Downing, Jr., is the retiring president.

The boys all feel that they have a very capable staff of officers for next year and are looking forward to a big year's work.

Nokesville.

The Nokesville Chapter has fully equipped the classroom with emblems which are used in conducting a regular meeting. Chapter meetings have been held regularly during the year but it seems that the members take more pride in their work since the "Great Horned Owl" is perched on the limb and apparently observing everything. Our chapter is indebted to Ivan Fountain for the owl since he caught and delivered it to us in good condition.

Considerable co-operative buying is being done by the members of our chapter. More than two thousand chicks have been purchased by our group from an old certified hatchery which allowed us a discount of 10 per cent. The members are making big plans for supplying the Washington market with quality eggs and chickens that have not been seen in a long while. It is our plan to develop a scheme for selling in a co-operative way under an F. F. A. trademark.

At a recent meeting, the chapter started plans that are calculated to lead to a "Better and Bigger" District Fair in the early fall. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to have the fair before school opens in September. The fair last fall was on a very small scale, but created considerable interest among our members and their friends in the community, who faithfully assisted.

During the last week we have started shop work in a big way. It now seems that the class gets more pleasure from mashed fingers and sawed thumbs than can be derived from regular classroom work. Shop jobs include most everything from axe handles to double "A" harrows. Some of the boys seem to surprise themselves with the quality of shop work.

Considerable interest has recently been aroused in the plans for sending a judg-

ing team to the Rally in June. The membership is putting on a rather stiff local contest in order to eliminate and determine the best representatives for the team. In connection with this, several boys are trying to get points that will help them in preparing and showing their animals. This is done in preparation for the coming fair.

ERNEST HALE,
Vice-President.

Oceana.

Four members of the Oceana Chapter took their school holiday on February 22nd to make a map of the farm of W. J. Ives, local farmer. The measurements and angles were all taken the first day, but then the sketch had to be made by more advanced members. The sketch was sent to Blacksburg to make a blueprint from.

Mr. Ives was well pleased with the work of the F. F. A.'s and will give the chapter \$10.00 for the job. This money was the subject of discussion at the last F. F. A. meeting, and it was decided to send the most outstanding student to Blacksburg next summer to the Rally, without cost to him. The student would be rated upon his project work, his F. F. A. work, and his class record.

The members of the class are buying approximately 1,000 baby chicks for their projects at a price of 7c, which is a special price made to F. F. A. members.

The F. F. A. chapter will move soon into their building, which was partly destroyed by fire in January, and is now being repaired.

At the last meeting of the Oceana F. F. A. the matter of beautifying the school grounds was presented. This was the last objective of the year. The chapter decided to convert a small area back of the Agricultural Building into a small nursery. The members would collect all the cuttings and sets that they could during the summer and next fall. They will try to produce enough shrubs to supply the school as well as sell a few for money making in the chapter. The project is to be an educational laboratory as well as a F. F. A. activity of financial benefit.

A few members borrowed a horse and plow and broke the land up the next day. This will give the chapter a good chance to be a great service to the school and the community.

JACK HARRIS,
Reporter.

Pembroke.

Thirty members of the Pembroke and Eggleston agricultural classes spent Thursday, April 26th, at Blacksburg, on a tour of the V. P. I. farms. The group was divided into two sections: the third-year class spent the day studying farm implements and machinery, while the remainder made a general tour of the experiment station, the college orchard and farms, and the barns and poultry plant. Some of the buildings visited included

the power plant, the shops and the dairy husbandry building.

Horace Snidow represented Giles County in the district F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest held at V. P. I. Saturday, April 28th. The entry from Blacksburg High School won, and the entry from Check High School in Floyd County took second place. Another contest will be held soon in Southwest Virginia, to decide the contestant for the State contest to be held at Blacksburg in June.

E. J. DRAPER, Jr.,
Reporter.

Smithfield Ham.

Since the last report to Chapter Chats the Smithfield Ham Chapter has reached many objectives.

The chapter has secured a wrestling mat, and preliminary matches have been held with neighboring chapters, and regular matches were scheduled to take place.

The F. F. A.'s have purchased over 6,000 chicks co-operatively at a saving of about 2c per bird. They plan to purchase more chicks and buy fertilizer co-operatively. A plan for selling broilers co-operatively, which was worked out last year, is being followed again this season.

The chapter sent delegates to the Father and Son Banquet held in Windsor, December 13th, last, by the Tri-County Federation F. F. A.

A radio program of thirty minutes was put on over Station WTAR, Norfolk.

The chapter held its annual Father and Son Banquet, April 20th, at the high school, with about 80 present, including guests. The food was furnished by the boys and prepared by the girls of the Home Economics Department.

This season the chapter has honored several members with the second degree.

At each meeting some member is appointed to give a lesson of parliamentary law.

WM. R. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

Spottswood (Cyrus H. McCormick).

A regular meeting of the Spottswood F. F. A. Chapter was held Thursday, March 29, 1934.

The business part of the meeting was held, the roll called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. We then elected Hunter Hite to be manager of the Spottswood Potato Pool. He gets sale for the boys' potatoes, and we pay him 5 per cent of what he sells.

We then ordered 4,600 pounds of fertilizer co-operatively.

A fair committee was then elected, consisting of Martin Harris, chairman; James Fauber and George Taylor as helpers, to put on a fair this fall.

There being no further business, we adjourned until the next regular meeting.

JAMES FAUBER,
Reporter.

Virginia-Carolina.

The champion tobacco grower of this section of Southwest Virginia and Northwestern North Carolina is a Grassy Creek farmer—Edd C. Phipps.

On one acre Mr. Phipps produced 1,810

pounds of extra high grade tobacco selling for \$300.00. This tobacco was said by officials at Abingdon to be the best tobacco placed on the floor during the season.

There were several reasons for this good yield and the high grade of tobacco produced according to Wm. C. LaRue, Instructor at the Grassy Creek School. In the first place Mr. Phipps selected good soil which he properly prepared. Setting out plants, cultivating, worming, and suckering were all done carefully and accurately. But most important of all was the extremely careful manner in which the tobacco was harvested and cured.

Mr. Phipps, a member of the farmer's class, is a leader in starting better farming practices. He was instrumental in organizing the Grassy Creek Sheep Producers Association, which has been very successful for two years. Also, he has assisted in putting on the Corn and Hog reduction program and other cooperative enterprises for the benefit of the community and school.

Wakefield.

We had 22 boys enrolled for Agriculture at the beginning of the year 1933-34, of which 10 have risen to the degree of Future Farmer. One of the boys moved away from the community, two dropped out of school and three others have stopped to work this spring.

The chapter sponsored a minstrel last fall to finance the club, in which \$35.00 was cleared. Later on we sponsored a play put on by the Dendron Community League to raise money for the Cooperative Association being organized.

One of the members brought in an owl which we had mounted for our club room. This was a horned owl with a wing spread of 52 inches. Both the F. F. A.'s and ex-F. F. A.'s sent a judging team to the District Seed Show held in Surry last January. They won several prizes on seed exhibited at the show. The chapter is planning on sending a judging team to the Rally at Blacksburg in June.

The F. F. A.'s have joined with the senior F. F. A.'s composed of ex-Agricultural boys, in forming the Wakefield Co-operative Association. Each member to pay 50c as dues to the association. Its purpose is to establish grades and co-operatively market the various farm products produced. The officers of the association are as follows: E. M. Estes, adviser; Sol Jenkins, president; Emmett Richardson, vice-president; Wilson Griffin, secretary, and Wilson Clark, manager.

The association had three cuts made, for printing stationery, peanut and ham sacks, etc. The cuts carry the regular F. F. A. seal with the Future Farmers of America on ribbon above. The seal extends into the Virginia map, with the words Co-operative Association of Wakefield, Va., on the map under the seal, with X indicating the location of Wakefield.

The small cut, $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ inches, is used in printing envelopes, salted peanut bags, peanut and ham recipe cards, also business cards. The next sized cut is $2 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and is used in printing letter heads, hand-picked peanut sacks, and the fancy shelled sacks. The third cut

is 4×7 inches, and is to be used on ham sacks only. The association has had stationery and envelopes printed, using the above cuts, and carrying out the regular F. F. A. color scheme.

One thousand glasene salted peanut bags were printed, a bolt of cotton cloth was purchased and the Home Economics Department made over 400 peanut bags, which have also been printed.

The peanuts are sold in three ways: 1. Salted in 3-oz. bags at 5c and in $\frac{3}{4}$ -lb. cellophane bags at 20c. 2. Fancy shelled in $2\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. bags at 40c., and 5-lb. bags at 70c. 3. The hand-picks in 2-lb. bags at 25c, and 5-lb. bags at 45c. The latter two are supplied with recipe card telling how to prepare peanuts.

The association has been able to sell about 50 pounds of salted peanuts since February 1st, and over 100 bags of hand-picks and quite a number of fancy shelled peanuts. Also some hams and several cases of eggs have been shipped to the G. L. F. in New York City and to the Government Egg Grading Station in Washington. We hope to get off to a good start next fall, now that we are ready to go ahead in our efforts at cooperative marketing and grading of some of our farm commodities.

Warrenton.

The Warrenton F. F. A. Chapter held its Father and Son Banquet on Washington's Birthday, and it was considered a success from every angle.

The banquet room was decorated in keeping with George Washington's birthday, and several pictures of Washington were displayed about the banquet hall.

Angus Myers, president of the local chapter, presided as toastmaster, and took charge in a most delightful manner, meaning that Angus was a good toastmaster—a role hard to fill.

The banquet was prepared and served by the Home Economics girls and Miss Vaughn, who is in charge of the Home Economics Department. Miss Vaughn and the Home Economics girls are due all the praise that was given them by the various speakers.

Murray Edwards, secretary; Robert Teats, vice-president; Morton MacDonald, treasurer, and LeClaire Gray were called upon for short speeches, and all responded like veterans.

During the course of the banquet, we were treated with several selections from the F. F. A. quartette and orchestra.

Others who made speeches were: Rev. Mr. Cooper; Mr. Tiffany, president of the Fauquier National Bank; Mr. John Benner, prominent farmer; Mr. Jenkins, agricultural instructor; Mr. Copley, county agent; Mr. Wood, coach at Warrenton High School; Mr. P. B. Smith, principal; Mr. Whitmore, agricultural instructor of the local chapter, and Mr. D. J. Howard, district supervisor of agricultural education, who made the address of the evening.

THOMAS BROWNING,

Reporter.

Whitmill.

Claude Swanson was elected at the meeting of the Whitmill F. F. A., April 26, 1934, as a delegate to the State Convention of F. F. A. to be held June 20, 1934, at V. P. I., Blacksburg, Va. Claude is to represent the local club, uninstructed

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as to how to vote in the coming election of State officers and other pertinent matters. It appears that Claude will run true to his name—"a vote getter."

The following boys have been elected to represent the local chapter of F. F. A. at the County Rally to be held at Chatham, Va., May 16, 1934: Robert Brown, Paul Tarpley, Claude Swanson, Shirley Herndon, James Pollok, Albert Bailey.

ALBERT BAILEY,

Reporter.

The big-game hunter was spinning yarns.

"And as I was walking through the jungle," he went on, "I tripped over a root and let my rifle fall. Before I had time to pick it up two lions approached. Without hesitation, I grabbed each of them by the throat and—"

"Wait a bit," interrupted a listener, "how did you manage to catch hold of both of them? You've only one arm."

The hunter was not perturbed at all. "Yes, I've only one arm," he said, "but in the excitement of the moment I forgot about that!"—Tit-Bits.

A keen-eyed mountaineer led his overgrown son into a country schoolhouse.

"This here boy's arter larnin'," he announced. "What's yer bill o' fare?"

"Our curriculum, sir," corrected the schoolmaster, "embraces geography, arithmetic, trigonometry—"

"That'll do," interrupted the father. "That'll do. Load him up well with trigonometry. He's the only poor shot in the family."—Selected

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PRESIDENT MINTON'S ADDRESS.
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of developing their organization to a greater extent.

One very outstanding and worth while activity during the past year has been the staging of federation Father and Son banquets at which influential members of the State and National governments have been present. Six such federation banquets have been held with better than thirteen hundred individuals in attendance.

The publicity of local chapters through newspaper articles, exhibits at fairs, radio programs, etc., has been better than ever before. More county newspapers have published a special F. F. A. edition than has been the custom in the past and certain chapters are to be complimented on their school papers which also have run special F. F. A. editions.

The quality of the work of the State organization has shown up well in regard to its participation in the national program. Last year the State organization recommended five individuals for the Fourth or American Farmer degree at the 1933 Kansas City Convention, and all of these nominees were rewarded with the degree. This was the largest number of nominees ever recommended by the State association, and no state in the United States received a larger number of Fourth Degree keys. The recipients of these keys from Virginia were: Ashby Brumback, Middletown, Va.; William A. Brooks, Stuarts Draft, Va.; J. Sam Buchanan Chatham Hill, Va.; Hilton Rector, Chilhowie, Va.; and Thornton Oliver, Suffolk, Va.

The State organization for the first time provided out-of-state trips for all of the winning judging teams at the last Annual Rally. Because no national contest was held in dairying, poultry and crops, members of these teams and their coaches were given a free trip to the Century of Progress in Chicago. In addition to sending the livestock team to the Kansas City national judging contest, the State association assisted four of the Fourth Degree applicants in making this trip.

Considering the fact that the drain on the treasury has been greater during the past year due to sending a large number of teams outside of the State, the payment of a part of the cost of the printing of the record and account books and the furnishing of a larger number of free meals for contestants at the Annual Rally, the healthy condition of the treasury is a tribute to the loyalty and support of the membership.

The State officers and members of the executive committee held a meeting in Richmond during the Christmas holidays and this group of officers has taken perhaps a more active part in the work of the State association than has been taken by any group in previous years. Looking into the future, there are two or three things I would like to call to the attention of the group.

1. There is an opportunity for the local chapters to contribute in a greater way than they have done in lining up with the Agricultural Recovery Administration in explaining to growers the various phases of the reduction contract and in assisting in the keeping of the necessary records on the farms of the signers.

2. Continued effort should be placed on the development of better programs for local chapter meetings, and the ritualistic work of the organization should receive greater attention on the part of members.

3. While considerable improvement has been evidenced in the activities of chapters in regard to community improvement added emphasis should still be placed on this phase as a real means of developing practical and worth while leadership on the part of members and the improvement of the various communities in the State.

4. At the present time according to the interpretation of the rulings affecting payment of dues, every boy studying vocational agriculture is more or less compelled to be a member of the State organ-

ization. According to the constitution and by-laws, this is a voluntary organization and compulsion to membership is not the proper keynote. On the other hand, if all active and interested members will show the proper attitude towards those students of vocational agriculture who are somewhat reluctant to affiliate, it is believed that the compulsory idea can be kept in the background and members secured on the basis of benefits to be derived.

5. Every local chapter is urged to pay particular attention about July first to sending in a complete and accurate record of the accomplishments, activities, etc., of the chapter for the past year. In many respects, the year just completed is the best year of the State association's history. We have an excellent opportunity of winning the National award for the best State Chapter Association if we have a complete record of the work of each local chapter.

WHY SO MANY BOYS DISLIKE THE FARM.

By CLAUDE DAVIS, a first year student.

The farm is the best place for a boy to grow up, because he can develop the habit of work. Many boys who are reared on the farm dislike the farm, because they have been made to feel that farming does not offer a boy an opportunity to amount to something in life. The reason for this is plain. The boy has never, in many cases, had anything he could call his own. Where this is true a boy in all probability is not very likely to remain on the farm. He leaves the farm in search of a better job. Boys are educated away from the farm rather than to stay on the farm. Opportunities come to the farm boy just as often as to a boy in the city. A very large number of boys who study vocational agriculture remain on the farm, because they take an interest in tilling the soil and learn to farm in a scientific way. A boy studying agriculture learns to do by doing and earns while he learns. Learning to do things is of first importance in real education. The boy who is deprived of this habit of work is only partly educated. For there is no substitute for the habit of work in efficient education. Education is a training that will fit a boy to cope with the problems of life effectively and this cannot be done without the habit of work and the farm is the best place to get the habit of work.

Teaching a boy how to work is a radically different thing from developing the habit of work. Teaching a boy how to work has some value, but of itself it has relatively a small value. The boy who has acquired the habit of work may be trusted to learn how to work.

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