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Sept 17, 1929

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Mr. Henry Groseclore  
Blacksburg - Virginia

My dear Mr. Groseclore

Enclosed is application of the  
Association of Young Farmers of New York  
for Charter in the Future Farmers of America.

Two checks are also enclosed; one for  
\$5.00 for the Charter and one for \$153.80  
covering dues of 10¢ per member of the entire  
1929 membership of the Association of Young Farmers  
of New York.

Executive functions in connection with  
the Association of Young Farmers of New York  
have been delegated to me as a member  
of the advisory council.

Very truly yours  
W. Jack Weaver

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Mr Henry Groseclose  
Blacksburg - Virginia

My dear Mr. Groseclose

Mr. A. P. Williams has written me  
that you had prepared certain special  
blanks on which applications for the  
American Farmer degree were to be  
filed. It so I shall appreciate  
receiving these blanks

X very truly yours

W. J. Weaver

sent 6 9/20/29

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

To Henry C. Groseclose,  
State Board of Education  
Richmond, Virginia

We, Howard Hill, President, Bruce Mack Secretary;  
and Stephen O. Salmon, Adviser, officers of the State organization  
known as The Association of Young Farmers of New York  
a State organization  
for students of vocational agriculture, having at present 81  
chapters and 1538 members, and being empowered to act for this  
organization, do hereby make application to be chartered as branch of  
the "Future Farmers of America".

(1) See April Times

We are attaching to this application (1) the proposed State  
constitution and by-laws under which we desire to work; (2) a copy of  
our State program of work for the year; (3) a list of all local chapters  
and a statement of the total membership of each; (4) a check for  
\$5.00, to cover cost of issuing charter; and (5) a check for \$153.80  
covering dues of 10¢ per member.

(3) See July Times

The names and addresses of our State officers are as follows:

Officers for  
1929-30

President	<u>Howard Hill</u>	<u>Albion, NY</u>	<u>Empire Farmer</u>
	name	address	grade of membership

Elected Aug 27, 1929.

Vice-Pres.	<u>Seven - One for each major region of State</u>		
Secretary	<u>Bruce Mack</u>	<u>Dryden, NY</u>	<u>Young Farmer</u>
Treasurer	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Reporter	<u>Myril Hall</u>	<u>Forestville, NY</u>	<u>"</u>
Adviser	<u>Stephen O. Salmon</u>	<u>Endicott, N.Y.</u>	<u>Chairman of advisory council</u>

If granted a charter, we promise to comply with the national  
constitution and by-laws of the Future Farmers of America and to work  
for the success of the organization.

We certify that the information given in this application and  
attached hereto is correct.

Advisory Council

S. O. Salmon - Teacher of Agr. Endicott - Chairman  
E. R. Hoskins - Wthaea  
H. L. Smith - Alfred  
E. L. Black - Fulton  
W. G. Weaver - Albany  
A. R. Helman - Albany

Signed: Howard J. Hill State President  
Bruce D. Mack State Secretary  
Stephen O. Salmon State Adviser



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WE  
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## Fourth Annual Meeting of Association of Young Farmers of New York August 27, 1929

**E**ACH chapter of the Association of Young Farmers of New York should plan on sending two delegates to the business meeting of the Association, to be held at the State Fair on August 27th at 2 P. M.

There are now 80 chapters in the State and each one should designate certain members to represent it at the annual meeting. This will be a most important meeting, for there are many vital subjects to be acted upon. Among some of the high points to which I wish you would give some thought before the meeting are: (1) The new constitution. (2) New charters. (3) To redistrict the state, and know what district your chapter had rather be in. (4) Selecting our first delegates to the annual meeting of the Future Farmers of America. (5) Selecting your new officers, who should be selected from those (principally the Vice-presidents) who have shown real ability to work during the past year. (6) There will be other important business that your club will want to have a part in deciding.

I want to thank all the officers for the splendid work accomplished during the past year, especially the President, George M. Press; the Editor of the Timer, Thomas Cave, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Armstrong. The State Association is in a good healthy condition in every sense of the word, ready to go through with another successful year. Will see you in Syracuse.

S. O. SALMON,

Chairman Advisory Council.

## Prizes Offered for Superior Achievements

(1) The Farm Journal is offering three prizes of \$500, \$300, \$200 to the local chapters of Future Farmers of America that rank first, second and third in a national competition based upon programs of work and accomplishments. Details for scoring the work of local chapters have not yet been perfected. However, it is suggested that each chapter of the Association of Young Farmers of New York desiring to be considered for these prizes prepare and keep complete records of the achievements of the chapter and the individual members beginning as of March 1, 1929, covering the following items of endeavor:

1. Supervised practice. 2. Cooperative activities. 3. Community service. 4. Leadership activities.

## Winners Selected In Sectional Speaking Contests For Final Contest at State Fair

**I**N the sectional speaking contests held during the latter part of May and first part of June, 40 young farmers representing the same number of local chapters took part. From these 40 the following 7 were selected to take part in the final contest to be held at the State Fair on August 27th: Kenneth Purdy of Greene—Ins and Outs of Rural School Consolidation.

Howard Hill of Albion—The Successful Farmer.

Hughes Dearlove of Bath—Young Farmer's Association.

Grant Sharp of Hoosick Falls—Alfalfa, the Farmer's Friend.

Harris Stanley of Marathon—Remedies for Farm Blues.

Daniel Waite of Randolph—Needs of the Dairy Farmer.

Roy Temple of Gouverneur—Denim vs. Broadcloth.

The alternates chosen were:

Robert Kegebeim of Shockbridge Valley—Reforestation.

Wilbur Jorgensen of Geneva—A Dollar Saved is a Dollar Earned.

Ross Ames of Endicott—The Needs of the American Farmer.

Clifford Nadler of Homer—Marketing of Farm Products.

Millard Hawthorne of Fulton—Why I am to be a Farmer.

Lester Young of Cherry Creek—Welfare of the American Farmer.

Other young farmers entering the sectional contests who gave very good accounts of themselves were:

Joseph Cahill, Sherburne—"Taxes."

Wesley Ike, De Ryter—"Rural Problems."

Raymond Nichols, New Woodstock—"Rural Recreation."

Paul White, Edmeston—"The New Crisis the Dairyman's League Is Facing."

Howard Willis, Naples—"Forestry."

Edwin Cohoon, Sodus—"Cooperation."

Clarence Aman, Webster—"The Association of Young Farmers of New York."

Gordon Butler, Perry—"Cooperation in Agriculture."

Douglas Deuel, Churchville—"The Farmer and the Eight-Hour Day."

Francis Craddock, Holley—"Cooperation Benefits Farmers."

Karl Putnam, Prattsburg—"Electricity on the Farm."

Barna Eastman, Owego—"Feeding Five Hundred Hens."

William Roberts, Boonville—"Milk and Cream Tariff Laws."

Floyd Armstrong, West Winfield—"Common Practices in Farming."

Donald Race, Weedsport—"Reforestation for New York's Abandoned Farms."

Fred Dearborne, Hannibal—"Dairy Improvement Associations."

George Brown, Belleville—"Dairy Improvement Association."

Arthur Mott, Dryden—"The Challenge of Rural Life."

Robert Crane, Odessa—"Appreciating the Advantages of Rural Life."

Burton Ward, Moravia—"The Road Situation in New York."

John Brennan, Tully—"The Need of Cooperation Among Farmers."

All of these young men are to be congratulated regardless of where their presentations were placed by the various groups of judges. To undertake something worthwhile in itself, carry it to completion and to do one's best is all that can be asked.

In some of the young farmer chapters every member prepared a talk and then through the process of elimination before the chapter group, the school assembly, the local grange and finally the chamber of commerce the lad to represent the chapter was selected. This is the ideal situation. Next year, not only will it be desirable for every chapter of the Association of Young Farmers of New York to be represented in the semi-finals but also for every member of every chapter to prepare a talk and take part in the chapter elimination.

5. Earnings and savings. 6. Conduct of meetings. 7. Scholarship. 8. Recreation.

(2) The Kansas City Star offers \$1,000 to the individual student of vocational agriculture in America who is a member of a State Association affiliated with the Future

Farmers of America.

This award will be determined by comparisons among students entered in respect to the following points:

1. Farming status. 2. Ability to farm. 3. Earnings and investments. 4. Ability to work with others. 5. Leadership. 6. Scholarship.

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## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

President ..... George Press, Forestville  
Sec'y-Treas. . Donald Armstrong, Endicott

## VICE-PRESIDENTS BY STATE DISTRICTS

Binghamton—Arthur Hammond, Newark Valley.  
Buffalo—William Brownell, Orchard Park  
Southwestern—Smith Parkman, Forestville.  
Ithaca—Bruce Mack, Dryden.  
North Country—Ernest Trim, Malone.  
Rochester—Howard J. Hill, Albion.  
Syracuse—Francis McCauley, West Winfield.  
Hudson River—Alexander Williams, Elmhurst, L. I.

Editors — Thomas Cave, assisted by District Vice-Presidents and The Division of Vocational and Extension Education of the State Department of Education.

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### Order of Business for the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Association of Young Farmers of New York

1. Call to order by President.
2. Roll call of delegates by State Secretary.
3. Minutes of farm and home week meeting (read for approval).
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Appointment of nominating committee for state officers.
6. Regional movements and developments in New York State, J. F. Bonner.
7. Suggestions for redistricting the state for regional activities, E. R. Hoskins.
8. Discussion of the Constitution of the Association of Young Farmers of New York (from April Timer).
9. Vote on the Constitution.
10. Relationships of the Association of Young Farmers of New York to the Future Farmers of America. A. K. Getman and W. J. Weaver.
11. Vote on affiliation with F. F. A.
12. Report of advisory council on recommendations for Empire Farmer degree.
14. Report of the nominating committee.
15. Election of officers.
16. Election of the Advisory Council.
17. Installation of officers.
18. Election of delegates to national meeting of Future Farmers of America.
19. Awarding honors for reports of sectional activities, by Advisory Council.
20. Vote on the adoption of cap colors for association colors.
21. Tryouts of songs for adoption.
22. Other business.
23. Adjournment.

### Memberships Record for 1929 of the Association of Young Farmers of New York

Charter	Name	Members Paying Dues	Amounts Received
1	Young Farmers Club of Endicott .....	42	\$ 10.50
2	Albion High School Agricultural Society .....	38	9.50
3	Greene High School Agricultural Club .....	14	3.50
4	Young Farmers Club of Randolph High School .....	23	5.75
5	Sherman Young Farmers Club .....	5	1.25
6	The Forestville Young Farmers Club .....	41	10.25
7	Mapleland Young Farmers Club (Lowville) .....	33	8.25
8	The Young Farmers Club of West Winfield .....	27	6.75
9	Delhi Young Farmers Club .....	67	16.75
10	The Agricultural Club of Gouverneur .....	34	8.50
11	The Cherry Creek Branch .....	20	5.00
12	The Young Farmers Club of Malone .....	15	3.75
13	Agrarian Club of Orchard Park .....	30	7.50
14	Odessa High School Young Farmers Club .....	20	5.00
15	Pioneers of Modern Agriculture (Marcellus) .....	21	5.25
16	The Trumansburg Vocational Club .....	80	20.00
17	The Webster Agricultural Club .....	23	5.75
18	The Haverling Young Farmers Club (Bath) .....	30	7.50
19	Young Farmers Club of South Dayton .....	12	3.00
20	The Homer Academy Agricultural Club .....	—	—
21	Canandaigua Young Farmers Club .....	24	6.00
22	Brushton Young Farmers Club .....	9	2.25
23	The O. B. Trowbridge Agricultural Club (Pulaski) ...	—	—
24	Churchville Young Farmers Club .....	18	4.50
25	Sherburne High School Young Farmers Club .....	20	5.00
26	Franklin Academy Farm Club (Prattsburg) .....	20	5.00
27	The Young Farmers Club of Geneva High School .....	28	7.00
28	Chautauqua Agricultural Club .....	18	4.50
29	Marathon High Farmers Club .....	12	3.00
30	Chateaugay Young Farmers Club .....	—	—
31	Horseheads Young Farmers Club .....	24	6.00
32	Boonville Young Farmers Club .....	25	6.25
33	Hammondsport Young Farmers Club .....	10	2.50
34	Fulton Young Farmers Club .....	8	2.00
35	The Naples Young Farmers Club .....	22	5.50
36	The Cato Aggies .....	15	3.75
37	Dryden Agricultural Club .....	26	6.50
38	Young Farmers Grade "A" Club of Weedsport .....	14	3.50
39	The Genesee Country Vocational Club of Perry .....	25	6.25
40	Owego High School Young Farmers Club .....	12	3.00
41	Newtown High School Agricultural Club .....	20	5.00
42	The Young Farmers Club of Marion .....	—	—
43	Agriculture Club of N. V. H. S. (Newark Valley) .....	12	3.00
44	Union Academy Young Farmers Club (Belleville) .....	16	4.00
45	Sir William Johnson Agricultural Club (Wolcott) .....	28	7.00
46	Macedon Agricultural Pioneers .....	15	3.75
47	Young Farmers Club of the Genesee Country (Castile) ..	9	2.25
48	Young Farmers Club of Interlaken .....	14	3.50
49	Edmeston Young Farmers Club .....	22	5.50
50	The Young Farmers Club of Little Valley .....	22	5.50
51	The Bergen Young Farmers Club .....	22	5.50
52	Worcester Junior Farm Bureau .....	*	*
53	Young Farmers of Tully .....	22	5.50
54	TenBroeck Academy Young Farmers Club (Franklinville) ..	20	5.50
55	Elmer's Young Farmers Club (Parish) .....	18	4.50
56	Industrial Young Farmers of Mexico .....	8	2.00
57	Future Farmers of Hannibal .....	12	3.00
58	Skaneateles Young Farmers Association .....	15	3.75
59	Moravia Young Farmers .....	20	5.00
60	The Wilson Gleaners .....	16	4.00
61	Young Farmers Association of Watkins Glen .....	20	5.00
62	Young Farmers Association of Sodus .....	12	3.00
63	The Young Farmers of DeRuyter .....	9	2.25
64	The Stockbridge Valley Aggies .....	11	2.75
65	Ace High Young Farmers of East Otto .....	18	4.50
66	The Portville Agricultural Club .....	19	4.75
67	Catskill Cultivators Club .....	11	2.75
68	Newfane Agricultural Club .....	17	4.25
69	The Madison Aggies (Sheridan) .....	11	2.75
70	Newark Young Farmers Club .....	13	3.25
71	Phelps Aggies of Ontario County .....	14	3.50
72	Alden Young Farmers Cooperative Association .....	22	5.50
73	Afton .....	23	5.75
74	The Dansville Association of Young Farmers .....	19	4.75
75	Young Farmers Club of Ellington .....	10	2.50
76	Holley's Young Farmers .....	13	3.25
77	The Young Farmers of Hoosick Falls High School .....	29	7.25
78	The Young Farmers Association of Almond .....	11	2.75
79	Cassadaga .....	12	3.00
80	New Woodstock .....	6	1.50
81	Walton .....	22	5.50
		1538	\$384.50

\* Dues paid for 1929 in 1928 for 9 members.

## Financial Report—Association of Young Farmers of New York Period—Sept. 1, 1928—July 1, 1929

AMOUNTS RECEIVED	
Balance, Sept. 1, 1929	\$100.35
Dues, 1538 members	384.50
Dues, 55 members for 1928	13.75
Charters, 31 new chapters	31.00

AMOUNT PAID OUT	
1st Issue Timer	\$ 47.74
2nd Issue Timer	43.89
3rd Issue Timer	39.27
Multigraphing	7.50
Letterheads	7.00
Printing	4.75
Envelopes	6.60
Stamps	1.75
Stamps	.98
Vice Pres. Mack, Dryden	1.50
Vice Pres. Hill, Albion	3.00
Miscellaneous	3.00

Totals	\$529.60
Balance on Hand	362.62

\$529.60

DONALD ARMSTRONG.

### Chautauqua District Second Annual Rally

THE second annual Young Farmers Rally of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus county district was held at Chautauqua, Saturday, June 8th. The rally was attended by about 300 representatives from the chapters of Forestville, Cassadaga, Ellington, Westfield, Mayville, Chautauqua, Cherry Creek, Randolph, Portville, East Otto, Franklinville, Sherman and South Dayton.

Among the mornings' athletic events was the 50 yd. dash, won by Forestville, second, Randolph and third Chautauqua. The 100 yd. dash was won by Franklinville; second Portville and third, Forestville. The half mile relay was won by Chautauqua; second, Forestville and third, Portville. The running broad jump was won by Franklinville with Chautauqua following in second place and Portville third. The high jumping honors were won by Portville, Franklinville and Forestville, respectively. The agricultural teachers cow calling contest was won by Cherry Creek, with East Otto and Cassadaga following in second and third places respectively. The Tug-of-War, which proved to be a hard one before it was finished, was won by Chautauqua, followed by Forestville and Randolph. Horse-shoe pitching was won by Chautauqua; second Randolph and third, Forestville, followed by Randolph and Franklinville. The swimming race had ten entrants. It was won by Chautauqua with Forestville second and third with two entrants.

At the business meeting which was held after dinner, John Gleason of Chautauqua and Myril Hall of Forestville were elected as candidates for district vice-presidents. At this meeting the body voted to hold the 1930 rally at Chautauqua again. They also voted to call the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus district, the Chautauqua District.

At 6:30 o'clock the young Farmers attended a dinner at the hotel. Following, they went to the speaking contest at the high school. The speaking contests and the music and songs furnished by the clubs of different schools were very interesting.

The speaking contest was won by

Daniel Waite of Randolph. His topic was, "Needs of the Dairy Farmer." The second prize winner was won by Lester Young of Cherry Creek, who spoke on "Welfare of the American Farmer." The score obtained by these two speakers was very close as there was but one point difference.

Thomas Cave

### Syracuse District Has Rally

THE weather man was somewhat against the Syracuse district when they had their first get-together as the guests of Fulton Chapter on February 19th, so the boys decided to have another rally at Syracuse University on May 23rd and a splendid day this turned out to be. At this fine rally there were 14 schools present and a day of merriment lasted throughout. The district was divided into northern and southern competing groups. The south was very strong in the field events and accumulated 69 points to the 48 points of the north; but the northern group were a consistent combination coming from behind in the baseball games, defeating the southern boys.

Next came the business meeting with William Williams of West Winfield as chairman. The following are the minutes of the meeting as recorded by Austin of Fulton, who acted as secretary. The meeting was called to order by the chairmn. Dean Nye gave a few words of welcome. We gave a rising vote of thanks to Dean Nye and Syracuse University. Next roll call was taken to which 11 schools were present. Candidates for Vice-Presidency were announced. Mr. Weaver gave suggestions concerning the new charter. Mr. Howe gave an account of the track meet. Other suggestions and remarks were heard. Motion for adjournment made, seconded and duly carried. Meeting adjourned. The last thing which was to be taken care of was the prize speaking contest. This contest had seven participants. William Williams acted as chairman. The contest proved to be very interesting. Grant Sharpe of Hoosic Falls was awarded first place by the judges.

William Williams,  
Vice-President of Syracuse District.

### Rochester District Rally

THE Rochester district Young Farmers Rally was held in the Churchville Monroe County Park Saturday, June 1st.

There were about 150 representatives from the twelve chapters of Albion, Webster, Perry, Wolcott, Holley, Geneva, Nables, Macedon, Bergen, Churchville, Dansville, East Bloomfield and Sodus.

The rally began at 10:30. The athletic events and winners were as follows: 50 yd. dash, Perry 1st, Naples 2nd, Albion 3rd; 100 yd. dash, Macedon 1st, Albion 2nd, Holley 3rd; 1-2 mile relay, Naples 1st, Macedon 2nd, Bergen 3rd; running broad jump, Holley 1st, Churchville 2nd, Macedon 3rd; running high jump, Wolcott 1st, Sodus 2nd, Perry 3rd.

In baseball, the west side won 8-3. In the speaking contest, Howard Hill of Albion was awarded first place, Wilbur Jorgenson of Geneva second and Gordon Butler of Perry third.

Nominations for Vice-Presidents were Clayton Woodruff of Albion and Fred Snyder of Churchville. The prizes for the speaking contest were \$10, \$5, \$2.50. The athletic contests prizes were: 1st place a blue ribbon on a silver medal, 2nd place a red ribbon on a silver oxidized bronze and 3rd place a yellow ribbon on a bronze medal.

Howard J. Hill, Albion;  
District Vice-President.

### Binghamton Sectional Rally

THE first sectional rally of the Young Farmers in the Binghamton District was held at Endicott, Saturday, May 25th. There were about fifty members present, representing the chapters of Endicott, Greene, Delhi and Owego.

A track meet was warmly contested, Greene finishing first and Endicott second.

After the track meet a short business meeting was held. Ross Ames of the Young Farmers Club of Endicott was selected as the vice-president of the Binghamton District. The meeting was a success in every way.

### IN MEMORY OF HOWARD BROWN

Howard Brown of West Winfield passed away on April 2nd at the Utica hospital after a short illness. Howard was a very active member of the West Winfield Chapter, serving as its treasurer. He was a member of the judging team at the State Fair in 1928 and with his team mates won the championship trophy plaque.

The Editor, on behalf of all young farmer members, extends sympathy to the West Winfield chapter and to the parents and sisters of Howard Brown.

## Paul Landon Believes Training and Service Activities Will Play Big Part in Future Farming

Trumansburg Young Farmer while making his own way finds time for training and derives pleasure out of service.



Paul Landon

**F**ARMING has always appealed to me from the standpoint of service and the opportunity that it affords for one to realize life to its fullest extent. I think of these factors as well as making money."

This statement was made by Paul Landon to the writer recently during one of his numerous calls at the Bates farm. Many of the readers of The Times will remember Paul as the first president of the Trumansburg Vocational Club, or as the second president of the Association of Young Farmers of New York. Much of the expansion of our association took place during the year of his presidency.

"Come and see my young chicks," said Paul, as he came out of the barn when I first drove up. "Besides the 600 breeders which you saw last winter, I now have a lot of young ones. The new brooding house which I built is working out fine."

**PAUL'S** life has not been an easy one but he gets a lot out of it. In order to secure a high school education it was necessary for Paul to find a place to work. He was fortunate in selecting the Bates farm, two miles north of Trumansburg. Charles Bates has always been a good farmer and the Bates home has always been a good home. Charlie needed a boy and Paul needed work and a home. Since 1916 there has been a mutual bond between the pals and partners.

It was on the Bates farm where Paul carried out such major projects as poultry, calves and beans while taking his course in vocational agriculture at the Trumansburg high school. The choice of projects gave Paul a good cross section of the farming business on the 130-acre farm, which was primarily a Seneca county crop farm with beans as a major cash crop. At the time that Paul was in high school, Mr. Bates kept 7 head of cattle and 200 laying hens. In reference to his courses in vocational agriculture, Paul made the following statement:

"High school vocational training is a very valuable asset to any boy who expects to remain on a farm or train for an agricultural occupation. A Young Farmer should have

a definite program mapped out and his projects should be selected to develop that program."

Paul was graduated from high school in 1919, receiving the first vocational diploma granted at Trumansburg. The course in vocational agriculture created in him a desire for more training, so Paul continued to work on the Bates farm but registered for short courses at Cornell for three winters. One course was in general agriculture, one in dairying and one in poultry. In speaking of his short courses, Paul expressed his purposes for taking them:

"I thought after two years of practical farm work that a college short course would be a help in solving certain farm problems that had come to my attention, and I planned to go after a definite line of information and training. After completing my short courses I did cow-testing association work in Oswego county for one year before coming back to help Charlie reorganize the farm for a two-man business. At first we rented more land until the farm was reorganized to meet the changing agricultural conditions."

As the writer talked over the changes that have taken place on the Bates farm with both Charlie and Paul, he found that a complete reorganization has taken place. Timothy hay and grain as cash crops have disappeared. They have been replaced by mixed grain for feeding and 27 acres of alfalfa. Three acres of potatoes and 15 to 20 acres of beans are still grown for cash crops. The dairy has doubled and the farm now carries 14 head. Five pure bred Holsteins have replaced grades. Paul bought a well bred Holstein bull, which proved to be a profitable investment and a herd builder for the neighborhood. It is with pride that Paul shows the 4 pure bred daughters and the young son of this sire. "That bull has made some money for us as well as improving many herds in this neighborhood," said Landon as he arranged the Holsteins for a picture.

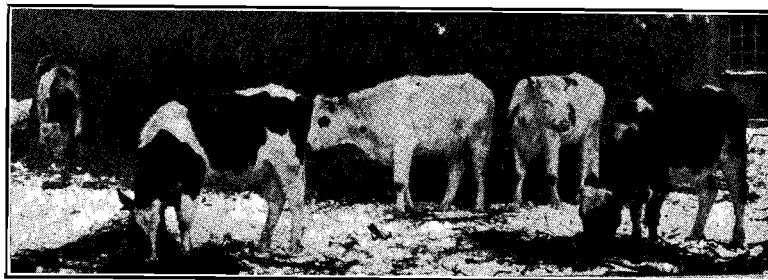
These experiences of Paul's in assisting to reorganize the farm business on the Bates farm are of help to him now in his membership on

the "Agricultural Conference Committee," created to formulate a long-time program for the development of Seneca county agriculture. He was included as a Farm Bureau committeeman and a Granger to serve with other leaders in the two organizations and to work with the supervisors, bankers and other groups. If this group can reorganize their big Seneca county hay and grain area as the Bates farm has been reorganized, they may consider their program to be highly successful. Paul is serving on the poultry committee and he hopes to encourage the raising of more and better poultry in Seneca county.

**S**ERVICE activities on the part of Paul Landon have not been confined to the Grange and Farm Bureau. He is well known for his social, fraternal and religious activities as well. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Trumansburg and is very active in lodge and club life. In talking with Landon about Future Farmers, he said: "The farmer of tomorrow must be able to organize his business on a basis equal to that of an industrial organization and to hold his own with other business and professional men." Though Landon is still a young man he is able to meet and deal with any business or professional man in his community. He has always believed in co-operation and practiced his belief; his part in our association is well recorded in the minutes of the meetings and in former copies of the New York Times, and he is still an active member in the Trumansburg Vocational Club.

We are safe in saying that leadership, fellowship, co-operation, training and service are the key words that distinguish Paul Landon, who in expressing his views about the future of our association said, "The Association of Young Farmers of New York is a great organization, and the training of young men to work together and place service to the group above selfish interests is going to be a great help to the future agriculture of New York State. If the present generation of farmers who are trying to work out a program for agricultural relief could have been trained to work together in high school days, their efforts might be much more effective now."

E. R. HOSKINS.



The four pure bred heifers and young bull raised by Paul Landon.



# Constitution on Pages 2 and 3

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### Young Farmers Meet at Cornell, Farm and Home Week

**T**HAT the Association of Young Farmers of New York is growing, was made evident at Cornell Farm and Home Week. The Association was represented by five hundred members, the largest crowd that has ever represented the association in the activities at Cornell.

The judging contests began Thursday morning when the boys selected for the livestock judging teams, assembled in the judging pavilion to show their ability as judges. In the afternoon the potato judging was carried on in the new greenhouses. The plant disease judging contest,—a new branch this year, was also conducted at the same time, in the dairy building. Friday morning the fruit and milk judging teams assembled in the dairy building to complete the judging contests.

Friday afternoon at two o'clock, several of the Young Farmers went to Bailey Auditorium, where they heard the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York, speak on Farm Relief, the Gasoline Tax and the Revision of Town Governments.

Immediately after the speech, the Association of Young Farmers met in the assembly room of the dairy building for its annual mid-winter business meeting, George M. Press presiding. At this meeting, Professor G. F. Warren spoke on "The Future of Farming and the Young Farmers' Association".

Friday evening at 6:15 o'clock, members of the school judging teams and members of the Young Farmers' Association went to Willard Straight Hall for a banquet.

Donald Armstrong, the first President of the Association of Young

Farmers, was toast master. Brief talks were given by Dean A. R. Mann of the College of Agriculture, who gave the boys a hearty welcome to Cornell and asked them to spend their college days in Cornell University; Dr. C. H. Lane of the Federal Board of Vocational Education, at Washington, D. C., who spoke on the National organization of Young Farmers Clubs, the Future Farmers of America; Director A. K. Getman of the State Department of Education at Albany, and Senator L. G. Kirkland, of Randolph, chairman of the New York State Senate Committee on Agriculture. After the addresses had been given the announcement of the winners of the judging contests and the awarding of cups and medals, took place.

The winners in the livestock judging contest were: first prize, Alden High School; second, Lowville Academy and third, Webster High School. George Gibbs of Forestville was high scorer in cattle judging and therefore won the individual medal. Howard Castler of the West Winfield High School won the individual medal in judging horses. Ralph Steenburg of the Franklin Academy of Malone, won the individual medal in judging brood sows. The highest score in judging all classes of livestock was obtained by Wilbur Hermance of the Webster High School.

The winners in the milk judging contest were: first, Warren Scott of South Dayton High School; second, Harold Walters of Newark High School and third, Burton Payne of Canadaigua High School.

The potato judging contest winners, were: first prize, Morrisville

State School of Agriculture; second, Marathon High School and third, Trumansburg High School.

The fruit judging contest winners were: first prize, Sodus High School; second, Trumansburg High School; third, Webster High School.

The poultry contest winners were: first prize, Joseph Suttin of Skaneateles High School; second, John Thompson of Union-Endicott High School, and third, Earl Saigeon, Westfield High School.

The winners in plant disease judging were: first, Wolcott High School; second, Webster High School and third, Union-Endicott High School.

**W**HILE the judging contests were being held Thursday and Friday, the Young Farmers Association had a Training School for Agricultural leadership in the Caldwell building.

At this leadership school, Professor G. E. Peabody instructed the boys in parliamentary procedure in conducting Young Farmers meetings. He also gave instruction in conducting debates. Professor Ralph A. Felton taught the boys how to lead games, besides giving them a list of games which might be played at club meetings.

Friday morning, members of the conference had a business meeting, under the direction of Mr. Peabody, for the purpose of practice in parliamentary procedure.

We, the New York State Association of Young Farmers have shown much interest in the Associations' activities in the past year. Let's keep it up and have a record attendance at the State Fair this fall.

Thomas Cave.



Officers of the Association of Young Farmers of New York present at the Leadership Training Conference at Farm and Home Week at Cornell.

Left to right—Howard Hill, Albion; Bruce Mack, Dryden; Donald Armstrong, Endicott; Ernest Trim, Malone; George Press, Forestville; Smith Parkman, Forestville; Thomas Cave, Randolph; William Brownell, Orchard Park; and William Williams, West Winfield.

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### Push Your Pound

**C**ERTAINLY our semi-annual meeting held in connection with Farm and Home Week at Cornell University was a huge success from every standpoint. The leadership school was most worthwhile and I know will mean much to the Young Farmers who put into practice what they learned there.

Spirit is running high among all the Young Farmers and I appreciate the efforts put forth by the boys, their Clubs and their instructors. I ask each one of you to put your shoulder to the wheel and push, do your part. I especially appeal to the various Vice Presidents to see that there is a sectional athletic meet and rally in each of our Regional Sections. Use care and judgment in selecting your new Vice-Presidents and at these rallies urge everyone who can to attend our Third Annual meeting at the State Fair in August.

Stephen O. Salmon, Chairman,  
Advisory Council.

### District Rallies to Be Held

We the Vice-Presidents do hereby resolve that we will endeavor to work out rallies for our respective districts this spring or early summer, the purposes of which shall be:

- (1) Election of two candidates to run for state offices at annual election at State Fair; (three delegates from each club in district voting)
- (2) Competitive sports and games;
- (3) Picnic dinner and social time;
- and (4) Educational feature.

Resolved that the date and place be set at least one month ahead of the meet and that programs of the meet be forwarded to clubs in district at least two weeks before the rally. Arthur Hammond, William Brownell, Smith Parkman, Bruce Mack, Ernest Trim, Howard Hill, William Williams.

## Constitution of the Association of Young Farmers of New York

**PREAMBLE.** The Association of Young Farmers of New York was organized in August, 1926 at a meeting of delegates of Young Farmer organizations then existing in individual high schools of the State. It was formed under the name of New York Association of Young Farmers Clubs and a constitution then adopted.

Due to the progress that has been made since that date in the Association in widening the activity and perfecting the organization in the State and also due to the initiation of a national body called the Future Farmers of America, the Constitution has been revised so as to conform more closely with these larger activities and at the same time permit necessary flexibility concerning the work of the Association.

### ARTICLE I. NAME

(1) The name of this Association shall be the Association of Young Farmers of New York.

### ARTICLE II. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Association shall be:

(1) To encourage and assist in the organization of a Young Farmers Association at each high school department of agriculture and at each State School of Agriculture.

(2) To aid local groups of Young Farmers in providing instruction and participation in conducting cooperative enterprises, promoting thrift, encouraging financial saving and improving the educational, social and recreational facilities of the group.

(3) To conduct an exchange service so that there may be mutual financial saving and an exchange of helpful experiences and activities among groups and individual members of the Association.

(4) To conduct an Association paper whereby the Association members may be kept informed of the activities and achievements of the various groups and whereby helpful suggestions relative to the accomplishment of the purposes of the Association and the purposes of local groups may be presented.

(5) To organize and conduct such statewide contests as will promote instruction and participation in working together on the part of individual members and on the part of Young Farmer chapters of the Association.

### ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

(1) The Association of Young Farmers of New York is a state organization with local chapters in schools where instruction in vocational agriculture is conducted.

(2) Local chapters may be organized in such schools by students in agricultural classes by adopting a constitution in harmony with this Constitution, electing officers, setting up a program of work, making application to the Secretary of the Association for membership and paying the prescribed dues. Charter members of such chapters will be considered as belonging to the Young Farmer degree.

(3) Upon admission to membership of a local group as a chapter of the Association, a charter shall be provided by the Association, signed by its principal officers, bearing the date of admission into the Association and designating the name and number which this chapter becomes in the Association.

### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

(1) Membership in this Association shall be active, associate and honorary.

(2) Active Membership. Students who are regularly enrolled and attendant upon some form of agricultural instruction under the direction of the agricultural department of the school are eligible to active membership. A student may retain his active membership as long as he continues to be active in the affairs of the Association and the local chapter, pays his dues, pursues agricultural instruction and carries on supervised practices.

There shall be three grades of active membership based on achievement. These grades are: (1) Green Hand, (2) Young Farmer and (3) Empire Farmer.

Election of a candidate to the degree of Green Hand and advancement to the degree of Young Farmer shall be determined by the local chapter. Election to and conferring of the degree of Empire Farmer shall be a function of the Association.

Requirements for election to and promotion from one grade to another are given in Article XIII of this Constitution.

(3) Associate Membership. Former active members upon completion of school instruction may, upon application be elected to associate membership. Associate members need not take active part in the work of the local chapter nor the Association except on special occasions as they may desire. They shall pay

the regular prescribed dues but they shall not be entitled to hold any office in the local chapter or the Association. Associate members rank as Young Farmers unless they were awarded a higher degree during their period of active membership.

(4) Honorary Membership. Instructors, school officials, business men, farmers, agricultural leaders and others who show special interest and render special service in the promotion of the work of the local chapters and the Association in the State are eligible for election to honorary membership. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote nor hold office in the local chapter other than that of Counselor. They shall rank as Young Farmers unless elected to the Empire Farmer degree at a State Convention.

In any one year, honorary degrees of Empire Farmer may be granted at a State Convention, upon favorable vote of the delegates present, to individuals up to a number not to exceed five per cent of the number of active Empire Farmers elected.

Honorary members shall hold no office in the Association other than that of membership on the Advisory Council.

(5) Only members who have been elected to the Empire Farmer degree are eligible to hold office in the Association after September, 1929, nor shall any but Empire Farmers be elected as delegates from this Association to the National Convention.

### ARTICLE V. OFFICERS.

(1) The officers of the Association shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents a secretary-treasurer and an editor.

(2) The president, secretary-treasurer and editor shall be elected by the delegates at the State Convention from the State at large. Their duties shall be the usual ones falling to these positions.

(3) The vice-presidents shall be elected, one from each of the regional districts of the State. They shall be elected by the delegates at the State Convention from recommendations made by each regional group. (In order to secure these recommendations to place before the delegates, a regional rally of the local chapters shall be held each year preceding the annual convention. At this rally a first and second nomination for vice-president from the district shall be made.

The duties of the vice-presidents shall be to assist the president in promoting the work of the Association in each regional district and to organize and conduct regional activities for the benefit of all active chapters in the region.

(4) The officers of each local chapter shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, a reporter, a counselor and an executive committee. Officers shall be elected for one year, at a regular meeting of the chapter, held at a regular stated time each year, preferably in June.

### ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(1) The executive committee of the Association shall consist of the president and vice-presidents together with an advisory council of seven members. The advisory council shall consist of the president of the Association of Teachers of Agriculture of New York and the Chief of the Agricultural Education Bureau of the State Department of Education as ex-officio members, together with five other persons selected by the delegates at an annual meeting, from the group of Chapter Counselors or other qualified persons. The duties of the executive committee shall be those usually performed by such committees in other organizations together with such other duties as may be authorized by the Association.

### ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS.

(1) The annual convention of the Association of Young Farmers of New York shall be at the time and place designated by the executive committee. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting only. Such other meetings of state-wide character may be called by the executive committee as they may deem desirable to promote the best interests of the Association.

At these supplementary meetings action may be taken on all matters pertaining to the Association, but any action so taken must be approved at the next yearly convention of authorized delegates before it may be finally considered as a part of the plan of conduct of the Association.

(2) Meetings of local chapters may be held at such times and places as may be designated by the executive committee of the local chapter.

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### ARTICLE VIII. DELEGATES.

(1) Each local chapter may designate two delegates each year to represent it at the State Convention. All members of the Association are invited to attend all meetings but official action will be restricted to authorized delegates. As far as possible, official delegates should consist of members meeting the qualifications for the Empire Farmer degree.

(2) The delegates present at the annual convention shall select from among those active members present holding the degree of Empire Farmer, the officers for the Association as provided in this Constitution, and two delegates to represent the Association at the National Convention of Future Farmers of America.

### ARTICLE IX. DUES.

There shall be two classes of dues.

(1) Chapter dues of one dollar are to be paid by each local group at the time when application is made to be chartered as a chapter of the Association.

(2) Membership dues of twenty-five cents for each member of each local chapter are to be paid each year. These dues are to be paid prior to November 30th of each year to the treasurer of the Association, through the treasurer of the local chapter. This fee will cover subscription to the New York Timer and assist in defraying other expenses of the Association.

(3) Local dues shall be as may be determined by the Young Farmer members of each local chapter.

### ARTICLE X. INSIGNIA.

(1) The pin adopted by the Association of Young Farmers of New York at its second annual meeting, September 1927, shall be the insignia that may be worn by members of local chapters.

(2) At the time of conferring of the degree of Empire Farmer a pin, button or other insignia shall be awarded to each Empire Farmer so elected. Such insignia shall be in harmony with the design adopted for the Future Farmers of America, and shall also maintain the individuality of the Association of Young Farmers of New York. The design for the pin to be so adopted shall be approved by the executive committee.

### ARTICLE XI. OFFICIAL ORGAN

(1) The official organ of this Association shall be named The New York Timer.

### ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS.

(1) Amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing at a regular annual meeting. Amendments so submitted may be adopted or rejected at once by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

(2) By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of any local chapter, provided they do not conflict with this Constitution.

(3) Upon unanimous consent of the delegates present at any annual meeting, any clause or provision of this Constitution may be temporarily suspended.

### ARTICLE XIII. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRADES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

**Green Hand.** Qualifications for election to this degree shall be:

(1) a. The applicant must be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture, or b. The applicant must be regularly enrolled in a short course under the direction of the vocational agricultural department of the school, or c. The applicant must be regularly enrolled in junior project work under the direction of the agricultural department of the school.

(2) The applicant must have facilities for and must have in progress, a satisfactory program of supervised farm practice.

(3) The applicant must receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of an authorized local chapter.

**Young Farmer.** Qualification for election to this degree shall be:

(1) The applicant must hold the degree of Green Hand.

(2) The applicant must have completed satisfactorily at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture or at least one short term winter course. Such satisfactory completion shall include organized school instruction and supervised farm practice. No student shall be advanced to this grade while still enrolled in elementary school or grades.

(3) The applicant must prepare plans for a comprehensive program of supervised practice for himself suited to his needs in training for farming. These plans shall include the major farming enterprises of the region. They shall be approved by the executive committee and counselor of the local club.

(4) The applicant must give evidence that he is competent to lead in an open discussion from the floor and to preside at a group meeting.

(5) The applicant must have earned and de-

posited in a bank, or have otherwise productively invested, at least twenty-five dollars.

(6) The applicant while holding the degree of Green Hand must have demonstrated his willingness and his ability to work for the welfare of the local chapter.

(7) The applicant shall receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

**Empire Farmer.** Qualifications for election to this degree shall be:

(1) The applicant must hold the degree of Young Farmer.

(2) The applicant must have completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture or three short term courses in agriculture during consecutive years.

(3) a. The applicant must have held office in a local chapter of the Association, or b. The applicant must have participated in a regional prize-speaking contest under the auspices of the Association and cooperating agencies, or c. The applicant must have achieved such other work of exceptional merit in representing the local chapter or in promoting the work of the local chapter or the Association in the State that in the judgment of the officers, executive committee and counselor of the local chapter entitle him to special recognition.

(4) The applicant must show evidence that he possesses the ability to carry on an outstanding program of supervised practice and that a long term and comprehensive supervised practice program is in operation at the time his application is filed. (A part of such evidence submitted shall be, (1) inventory and credit statements for two consecutive years on the home farm business or another farm business with which the applicant is closely connected, and (2) complete plans, records and summary statements of supervised practice work carried on by the applicant up to the time the application is filed.

(5) The applicant must give evidence that he possesses the qualities of leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student organizations and local chapter activities.

(6) The applicant must have earned and deposited in the bank, or have otherwise productively invested, at least two hundred dollars, or such lesser amount as may be approved by the executive committee of the Association.

(7) The applicant must have been recommended for this degree by the executive committee of the local chapter and must have received a majority vote of the delegates present at an annual meeting of the Association.

(8) The applicant must be in attendance at the annual convention in order to receive the Empire Farmer degree.

**Note:**—Not more than five per cent of the membership of the Association of Young Farmers of New York shall be eligible for advancement to the degree of Empire Farmer. Each local chapter will have the privilege of nominating two candidates each year, for the degree of Empire Farmer. Written records of achievement of each candidate must be made by the local chapter verified by the local counselor and filed with the executive committee of the Association, at least one month prior to the annual convention. A part of such written record shall be the evidence required in qualification 4 indicated above.

### Delegates to National Convention.

**Suggested qualifications:**

(1) The delegates must hold the degree of Empire Farmer.

(2) The delegate must be engaged in farming or shall have definite plans for becoming a farmer.

(3) The delegate must have demonstrated his ability to farm by having conducted an outstanding program of supervised practice throughout the period of vocational training.

(4) The delegate must have earned and deposited in a bank, or have otherwise productively invested at least \$500. (In case where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependent the amount so expended should be taken into consideration.)

(5) a. The delegate must have held or at the time be holding an office in the association, or b. The delegate must have represented the State in a national contest or be chosen to so represent the State, or c. The delegate must have achieved such other work of exceptional merit in representing the Association or participating in the activities of the Association that in the judgment of the executive committee of the Association entitle him to special recognition.

(6) The delegate must have demonstrated his ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural cooperative enterprise or movement.

## Minutes of the Second Mid-Winter Meeting of the Association of Young Farmers of New York.

Meeting called to order by President George M. Press at 3:20 P. M., Feb. 15, 1929, in the Assembly Room of the Dairy Building at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

The roll was called by the Secretary-Treasurer.

The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, held at the State Fair, Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1928. These were approved as given.

The Treasurers' report, presented by Secretary-Treasurer Donald Armstrong, was also approved.

Editor of the Timer, Thomas Cave of Randolph, suggested use of advertising in the Timer. He also expressed appreciation to the local clubs and the Vice-Presidents for sending in material promptly.

Prof. S. O. Salmon gives a complete reading of the proposed New Constitution, laying stress on the new amendments, and on the separate divisions of the Farm Skill enterprise. After discussion on the proposed New Constitution a motion was made and carried unanimously for its tentative adoption.

Nominations for election to the Advisory Council was the next order of business, Prof. Peabody, Mr. E. R. Hoskins, Mr. Leon Packer, and Mr. W. J. Weaver were nominated.

A motion was made and carried that nominations be closed. Tellers were appointed and after collecting the votes retired from the room.

Professor Ward Evans of Forestville reported on the Sectional Rallies Committee. He read resolutions drawn up by this committee to the effect that each section will have a rally. At these rallies is to be held the election of two candidates to the Vice-Presidency of that district, the final choice to be made at the big annual meeting of the entire Association at the State Fair.

Mr. E. R. Hoskins suggested that another degree be made between the Farmers Club Member and the Empire Farmer degree as outlined in the proposed New Constitution. The suggestion was postponed pending the adoption of the proposed New Constitution.

Reports of activities in the various regions were next made by the vice-presidents.

A proposal was made to adopt colors for the Association but the matter was allowed to rest on the table.

Mr. W. J. Weaver and Mr. E. R. Hoskins were elected to the Advisory Council in accordance with Article VI of the New Constitution.

A motion was made and carried for adjournment.

Donald Armstrong,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Leo Jones Shows Success Village Lad Can Make in Farming

**Bath Young Farmer with His Own Resources Builds up Paying Business.**

"I AM glad I bought this farm," said Leo Jones. "Ever since I was a lad in town I've always thought I wanted to be a farmer. When I entered high school I took agriculture and the necessity of taking a project got me really started on this business I have built up."

Leo was seated on a milking stool just finishing his day's operations, when Smith Beilby, Counselor of the Bath Young Farmers Chapter, and I called on him, shortly after six o'clock on an evening in March. He was glad to see us and while he kept on with the milking, we talked with him and also looked about the farm and buildings and inspected the cattle.

Leo has a farm of 50 acres located about a mile out of Bath. The buildings are not expensively built, but are good and serviceable. The farm seems just suited to Leo's needs, giving him an economical and handy place to keep his cows, some good land to grow silage and roughage, and to furnish pasture, and is also located near enough to the village on a hard road so as to make milk delivery easy. Added to these features is the fact that Leo was able to purchase this farm at a very reasonable price.

Leo runs a retail milk business, furnishing grade A milk from a T. B. tested herd that conforms in all respects to the State retail milk regulations. At present he is delivering 135 quarts of milk each day, besides a limited quantity of cream to his customers. His present inventory consists of fourteen cows, four yearlings and two calves, a purebred Guernsey bull, a team of horses and farm equipment, a Dodge delivery truck and a Chevrolet coupe.

I was interested in how Leo got started in the business in which he is now engaged. I will let Leo tell the story as he told it to Mr. Beilby and me.

"When I enrolled in agriculture and found it necessary to take some

project, I first decided to keep chickens. We had a small place in the village on which there was a barn and keeping chickens seemed to be the logical thing for me to do. During the winter, as we studied cows, the idea came to me that a few cows could be kept in our barn and this looked to me to be a good chance to make some money. I thought I could get rid of the milk we did not need at home by supplying our neighbors. I talked it over with Mr. Beilby and he said 'Go ahead'.

"I bought my first cow for \$80 and started retailing milk on March 5, 1923. During the summer I bought two more cows and sold more milk. The business grew. By the end of 1923, I had five cows; in 1924, six cows; and in 1925, eight cows. By that time the rear end of the town barn was rather crowded. In the winter of 1926 a farmer near Bath sold his dairy. This looked like an opportunity, so I bought the man's hay and silage with the privilege of keeping my cows in the man's barn. This meant cheaper roughage and a better place to keep the cows. My school training in taking an inventory helped me in figuring the amount of hay, silage, and straw. My next opportunity came when I had a chance to buy this farm where I am now located."

**M**R. BEILBY, who has kept in close touch with Leo since he first enrolled in the Bath high school in 1922, contributed the following information about Leo's work on the farm and in school. Mr. Beilby said:

"During the two years that Leo has been on the farm, he has improved the land by using lime, fertilizer and manure. He raises clover, and each year grows some alfalfa. Next year, he will try some sweet clover for pasture. Leo is handy with tools, and does most of his own carpentry work so it has not been expensive for him to make the repairs and improvements needed on the buildings. He boarded up the end of a tool shed, to make an ice house, which he says will be entirely



Leo Jones

satisfactory until he is able to build the good ice and milk house that he thinks of for some future time. He has put in more concrete floor and cow stanchions, and has built a new silo. A year ago, he bought a Pine Tree Surge milking machine. Last summer he bought the bottling and capping machine required by the new State milk regulations.

"Since he bought his first cow, Leo has paid for everything he has on the farm, including all repairs, with cash made from the business. He has never gone in debt for anything except at the time he purchased the farm, and on this he has already paid in over \$1700.

"Leo is a good cow judge. He was on the high school judging team at Alfred two years. He judged at Cornell Farmers Week in 1925, and at the State Fair in the fall of 1925. Leo not only was a good judge in the show ring, but he could also pick a good cow to buy. He has bought and sold a lot of cows and made some extra money doing so. Leo has always kept his cow tested for tuberculosis.

**L**EO is now twenty-three years old. He keeps a man on his farm the year around, who occupies the farmhouse. Leo still lives with his parents in Bath and travels to and from the farm several times each day. In the village home, Leo pays his share of the maintenance and upkeep.

Leo estimates that he is doing as well as he would with a \$2,000 job in town. He says he has never been sorry he bought this farm or thought seriously of any other work that he would rather do. He says, however, that sometimes when his tires go flat and he spills a can of milk or a customer calls him down, he wishes he was out of it all. However, Leo is very optimistic, has a sense of humor, and blue spells are not characteristic with him.

Leo is an associate member of the Chapter at Bath, and is a regular attendant on special occasions. I am sure that all young farmer members in the State would enjoy, as I did, the privilege of meeting him.

W. J. WEAVER.



The farm on which Leo Jones now conducts his business.

Blacksburg, Virginia  
September 20, 1929

Mr. W. Jack Weaver, Assistant  
The State Education Department  
The University of the State of New York  
Albany, New York

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Mr. Groseclose I received your letter of September 17th. Thank you very much for the charter check of \$5.00 and the \$153.80 check which covers your entire 1929 membership dues.

I am glad to inclose the blanks for the application of the American Farmer Degree as you requested.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Groseclose