

Young Farmers' Club



The Young Farmers Club was an outgrowth of the Institutional on Farm Training (Veterans) program. It has served a similar purpose to the adult farmers as the FFA has to the high school students.

The first Spring Garden Club was organized in 1944. They received their Charter in 1955. Mr. E. P. Bridges was their first advisor.

The Young Farmers have continued an educational program to the present. They have held regular monthly meetings. They have held special classes during the winter months on subjects of particular interest at that time.



Each year they have held an annual banquet in honor of the Outstanding Young Farmer of The Year.

The local club has sent delegates to Federation, Area, and State meetings. They have held offices in these organizations and have participated in most of the contests sponsored by the Virginia Organization.

The Young Farmers try to encourage all adult farmers to keep abreast of times in the new approved practices for technical agriculture. They try to work together for an enriched rural living.

Young Homemakers' Club



Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mrs. Irma Carter, Mrs. Jewel Owen, Mrs. Katharine Carter, Mrs. Nellie Owen, Mrs. Sara Atkinson, Mrs. Nancy Burnett, Mrs. Fannie Lester, Mrs. Peggy Burnett, Mrs. Maria Adams, Advisor, and Mrs. Louise Lewis.

In September of 1955, a group of young farmer's wives met after a PTA meeting to organize a group similar to the Young Farmers. Mrs. Rawley Lester was elected as first chairman. In January of 1956, a group of women attended a district meeting at Rocky Mount. This was the first planned program for Young Homemakers.

The Spring Garden Young Homemakers began meeting once a month with planned programs. They drew up a constitution, having 16 charter members.

In 1956, the group attended the annual state con-

vention. This group held a special meeting to organize on a state level, and, on August 27, 1956, a steering committee met to form a state organization. Mrs. Erma Dallas of Spring Garden served as chairman and was elected as first state president.

Since then, Mrs. Mary Bridges, Mrs. Louise Lewis, and Mrs. Sara Atkinson have served as state officers. Mrs. Rawley Lester and Mrs. Bernice Brumfield have served as district officers.