

Vo-Ag Program, Other Activities At A. H. S.

"Learning to do by doing" is the motto for eighty-five boys enrolled in vocational agriculture in Appalachian High School during the current year. A program of action is set up for the year.

Several repair jobs have been made on the bus which the F. F. A. chapter owns. These jobs have been the putting of grease seals in the wheels, packing the wheels with grease, having the battery charged, and installing a new part for the distributor.

All these jobs are performed in preparation to harvest two acres of potatoes that the boys have grown this year. The bus is used to transport the boys and equipment. A tentative date has been set for digging potatoes. With the approval of the faculty, about forty boys will spend the day soon digging and grading potatoes for sale. Any profit from this project will go into the treasury for financing other activities. A trip to the state fair and another to Caw Caw Plantation, Orangeburg, South Carolina, are being discussed at this early date.

Many shop jobs, both repair and construction jobs, will be done during the year. The most outstanding job done last year was the building of a boat for Dr. A. B. Crew's summer camp. Reports indicate that the job was well done.

The agricultural boys will take

part in several contests with boys from other schools during the year. The year's calendar for these contests is listed below: November, shop contest; December, seed judging; February, public speaking and Parliamentary procedure; March, land judging; April, livestock and dairy judging. This program will give the pupils plenty of action during the year. Activities Program

An activities program which provides extra-curricular activities for all members of the student body will begin this year's operations on Friday. Students will have an opportunity to visit two clubs with a view toward selection of one club for membership during the school year.

In addition to athletics, cheer-leading, band, majorettes, school plays, and other activities in which a small number of students participate, the school offers clubs which help to develop hobbies or major interests of high school boys and girls. This year approximately sixteen clubs will be meeting during the activity period, which is held twice a month on Fridays from 8:45 to 9:25.

Every student is encouraged to join one club; activity points for club membership and participation count toward graduation requirements. Study halls are organized for students who do not desire to join clubs.

Clubs available to students this year are Girls' and Men's "A" Club, Boys and Girls 4-H Clubs, Audio-Visual Club, Bible Club, Debate Club, Fishing and Fly-tying Club, Future Farmers of America, the school paper staff, the annual staff, Home Economics Club, Model Plane Builders Club, Photography Club, Radio Club, and the Student Store Club.

Other organizations such as the Student Council, the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, and athletic teams will have regular meetings not to conflict with the club program.

This year, for the first time in several years, students will be limited in the amount of activities in which they can participate. A program of limitations was set up by the faculty last spring in order to provide equal participation for a majority of students and to maintain a proper balance between the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. A student, for example, who plays football or any other sport will be limited to a number of minor activities so that he will have time for sports, study, and school clubs.

The entire activities program is maintained in an effort to provide the best possible training and experiences for high school youth.

Forestry Crop Considered

As fall approaches and the harvest season for summer crops comes to a close many Tar Heel farmers are turning their thoughts to the farm woodlands.

John Gilliam, forestry specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service at State College, says those who are properly managing their trees as a cash crop will not have to wait another year for a paying crop but will start selectively cutting their woodland acres and thinning where needed. Some are also selling their timber to a demanding market whether saw timber, fence posts, poles or pulpwood.

These wise farmers, according to Gilliam, have a crop of trees to market each year. This practice is not only furnishing an additional source of income for these farm families but is also furnishing a much needed raw material to the ever-expanding wood using industries.

Gilliam declares that every farmer in North Carolina should turn to his woodland acres and ask this question: "Is my woodland doing its share in furnishing additional income to the farm?" If the answer is "no" it's time to stop and take a look at the land and decide what can be done to improve the situation.

The forestry specialist says there are trained foresters in every area of the state ready to help the farmer make his woodlands profitable and put it on a paying basis every year.

Farmers should contact their local county farm agent or nearest forester for expert advice with his forestry problems. "Let's put our woodland on a paying basis," urges Gilliam.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES
Assets of life insurance companies in the United States increased by \$2,395,000,000 in the first six months of this year, to \$98,239,000,000. In the same period insurance companies invested or reinvested \$7,426,000,000, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

NEWS ABOUT OUR Servicemen

SERVING IN KOREA

1 Corps, Korea—Army Sgt. Jack G. Hollars, son of Ellard Hollards, Valle Crucis, N. C., recently was graduated from the 1 Corps Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Korea.

Sergeant Hollars completed the academy's four-week course which trained him in leadership, map reading and other military subjects. He entered the Army in 1951 and was last stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

COMPLETES COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATION COURSE


Fort Gordon, Ga.—Pvt. Bennie L. Robinson, son of Mrs. Pauline J. Robinson, Route 1, Blowing Rock, N. C., is scheduled to complete the communications center operation course Sept. 13 at the Army's Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

The eight-week course trained Robinson to receive, process and relay messages by various means of communications.

Robinson entered the Army last April and received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

He was graduated from Blowing Rock High School in 1956 and was employed by H and L Tobacco Company, Gastonia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer of Morganton visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stansberry and children of Kentucky visited last week end with Mrs. Stansberry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harmon.

FLU VACCINE

The Public Health Service announced recently the release of 10,028,295 additional doses of Asian Flu vaccine—bringing to 3,705,770 the total dosage made available so far. The vaccine first became available on August 12.

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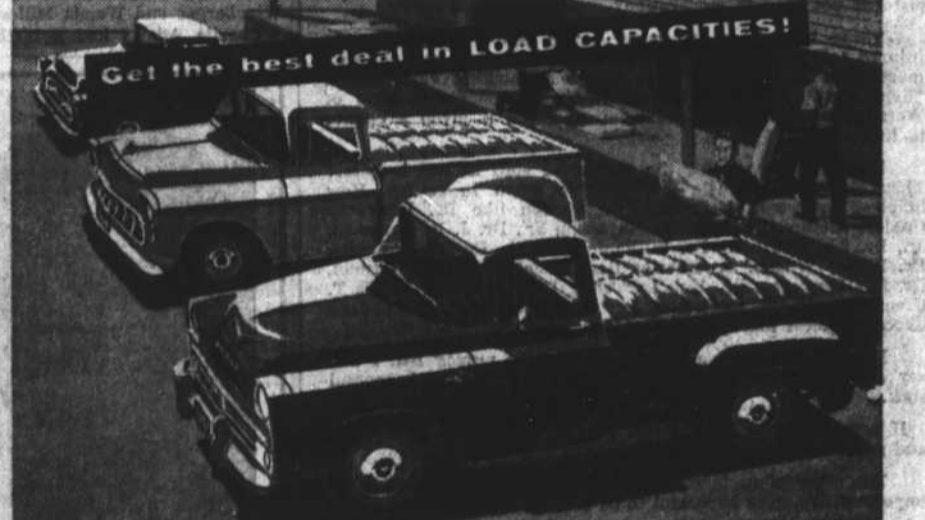
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