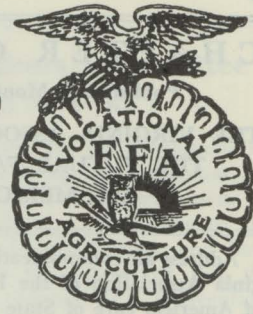
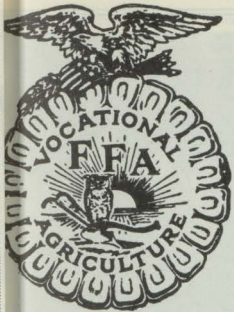


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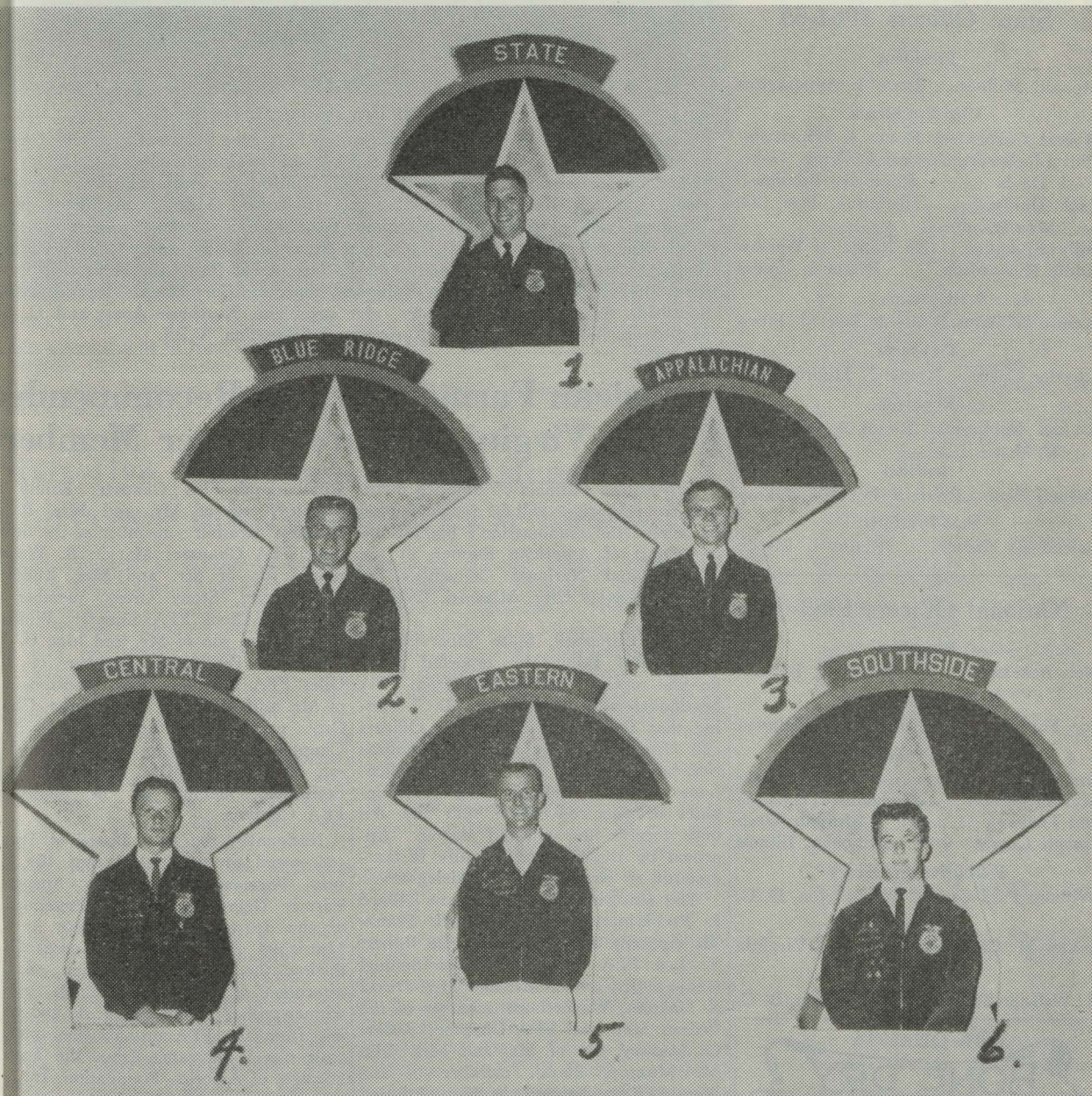
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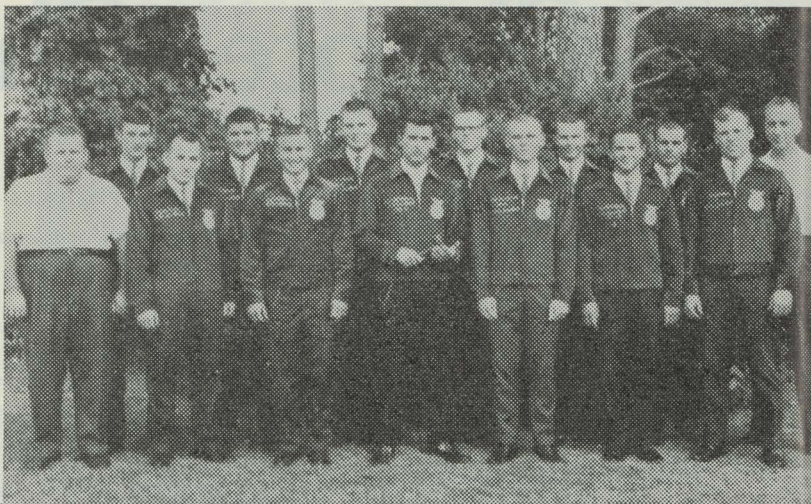
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STATE OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE—The newly elected officers of the Virginia Association FFA met at the FFA-FHA Camp during the week of August 3-8 for a leadership training conference. Those in attendance were: (front row, L-R) W. C. Dudley, convention advisor; Delmas Dean, sentinel; Kenny Williams, secretary; Ronald Millner, president; Jack Dunford, vice president, Appalachian Area; Lowell Koontz, past president; Eddie Richardson, vice president, Central Area; (back row, L-R) Charles Curry, treasurer; Billy Bryant, vice president, Eastern Area; Phil Lineberry, vice president Blue Ridge Area; Lucian Robinson, reporter; Carl Davis, vice president Southside Area; Robert Carpenter, vice president, Northern Area; and C. S. McLearn, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, V.P.I.

American Farmers Degree Recommended
For 10 Virginia Future Farmer Members

Ten Future Farmers of America members from Virginia will be recommended to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the 37th annual National Convention of FFA in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16.

J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, reported today he has received information from FFA headquarters in Washington, D.C., stating that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the national organization have reviewed the Virginia applications and will recommend to the delegates at the convention that the ten boys receive the coveted degree. Approval by these Boards usually is tantamount to election by the delegates.

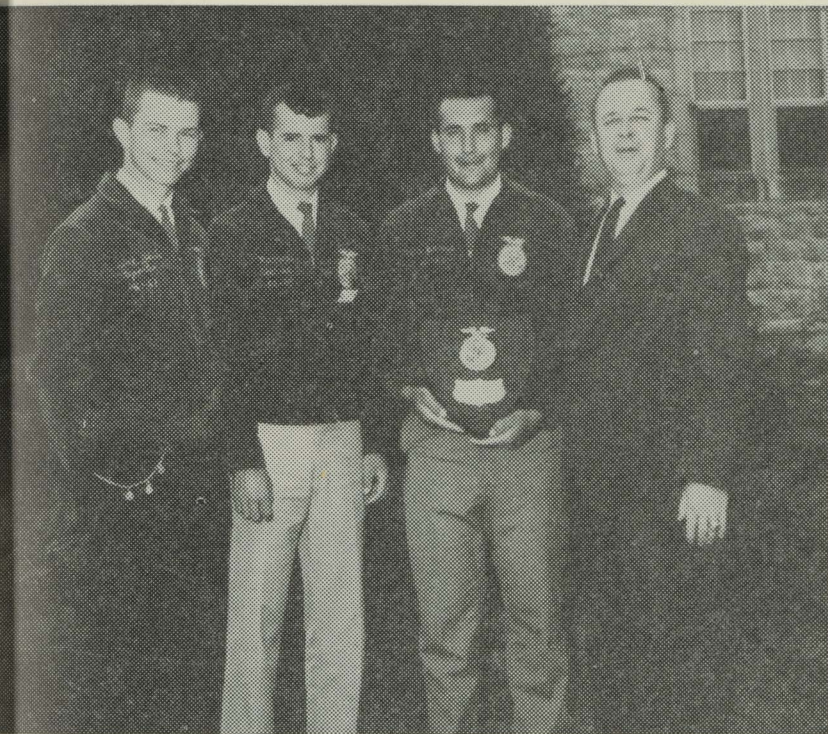
The ten Virginians named are Dillard L. Franklin, son of Mrs. Mattie Franklin, Appomattox, member of the Robert E. Lee FFA Chapter; David Samuel Geiman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Geiman, Waynesboro, member of the Wilson Memorial FFA Chapter; Robert O. Munsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin M. Munsey, Bland, member of the Bland FFA Chapter; William Edward Paulett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paulett, Blackstone, member of the Blackstone FFA Chapter; W. W. Sanderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sanderson, Farmville, member of the

Cumberland FFA Chapter; Phillip Stickley, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Stickley, Strasburg, member of the Strasburg FFA Chapter; Marvin R. Wachmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wachsmann, Stony Creek, member of the Stony Creek FFA Chapter; Winfield B. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams, Pembroke, member of the Giles FFA Chapter; Roy Wootton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Wootton, Charlottesville, member of the Bluestone FFA Chapter, and William G. Yeoman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Yeoman, Smithfield, member of the Smithfield FFA Chapter.

Nationally, the FFA Board of Directors voted to recommend that 405 Future Farmers receive the American Farmer Degree this year. Presentation of the degrees will take place in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City during the convention session on the afternoon of October 14. Each degree winner will receive a certificate and a key from the FFA organization, plus a cash travel allowance from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Attainment of the American Farmer Degree is based on the Future Farmer record in farming, leadership, and scholarship. The degree is limited to

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STATE CROPS JUDGING TEAM—The William Campbell Crops Judging Team scored tops in the crops contest. Team members and coach will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16. (L-R) Carl Davis, Gary Williams, Jimmy Eades and D. B. Riddle, vocational agriculture instructor and coach.

Sixty-five Virginians Will Attend The Thirty-seventh National FFA Conclave

Approximately 65 Virginians will attend the 37th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16, according to J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

The Virginia party will include two official delegates, ten American Farmer Degree candidates, three National FFA Band members, forestry winners, advisors and two division superintendents. Other groups making the trip include foundation award winners, out-of-state crops, Dairy mechanics, livestock, meats and poultry judging teams, federation and chapter representatives, special guests and an area supervisor.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company through its industrial and agricultural development program, will again sponsor the delegation to the 1964 National Convention. The Virginia party will board a special chartered air-conditioned, reclining seat car on the "Pocahontas," Sunday, October 11 and will return to Virginia, Sunday, October 18.

Although the list is not complete those included in the Virginia delegation are: **Delegates:** Ronald Millner, Appomattox, State President and Lowell L. Koontz, Elkton, Past State President.

American Farmer Degree Candidates: Dillard L. Franklin, Appomattox; David S. Geiman, Jr., Wilson Memorial; Robert O. Munsey, Bland; William E. Paulett, Blackstone; William W. Sanderson, Cumberland; Phillip L. Stickley, Strasburg; Marvin R. Wachsmann, Stony Creek; Winfred B. Williams, Giles; Roy T. Wootton, Bluestone, and Williams G. Yoeman, III, Smithfield.

National Band Members: Roy Montgomery, Narrows; Gene Rhyne, Ashland and Jerry Worsham, Crewe.

Forestry Winners: Louis Terrell, C. T. Smith, winner of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Forestry Award and his instructor of vocational agriculture, W. B. Coleman.

Tractor Driving: Joseph Boone, Floyd County Chapter, Floyd, Virginia.

State Judging Teams:

Crops: Carl Davis, Jimmy Eades, Gary Williams and D. B. Riddle, vocational agriculture instructors and coach, all of William Campbell High School in Campbell County.

Farm Mechanics: Weldon Armentrout, Gregory Trobaugh, Tony VanPelt and

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Resolutions Committee 1964-65

We the committee on Resolutions on behalf of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America, wish to submit the following resolutions to the individuals and organizations who have contributed to the success of this the Thirty-Eighth Annual FFA Convention.

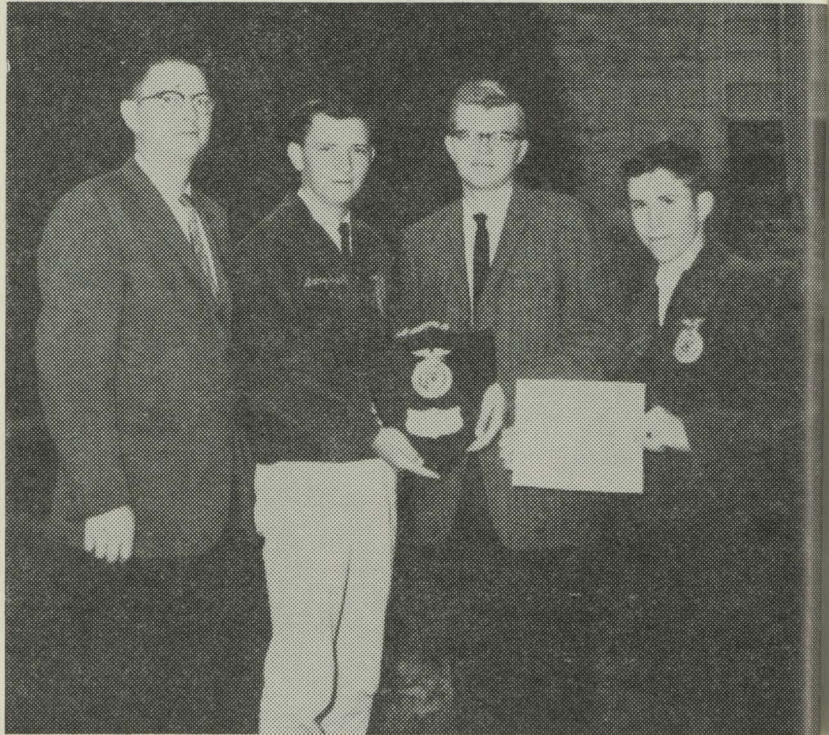
1. To the administration, faculty, and staff of VPI for the unlimited use of facilities and services during the convention.
2. To Mr. Julian M. Campbell, his Supervisory Staff and the convention clerical staff for their assistance in making this a successful convention.
3. To Dr. Brandt, the Vice President of VPI for his encouraging and inspiring welcome to the convention.
4. To the state officers for their leadership and untiring efforts to make this a successful convention.
5. To the Young Farmers of Virginia and our sister vocational organizations for their expressed interest in our program.
6. To Joseph Coyne, National FFA Vice President from the Central Region, for visiting our convention and contributing to its' success.
7. To the FFA Foundation Donors, other industries and individuals for their continued support of our organization.
8. To the Southern States Co-operative, The Smith-Douglas Fertilizer Company, The Seaboard Airline Railroad Company and to WSLR Radio and T.V. Station for their contribution in special areas of our program.
9. To all of the newspapers, radio, and T.V. Stations who have given recognition to our program throughout the year.
10. To Miss Marie Reynolds, Director of the FFA Chorus and her accompanist, and Mr. Tom Dobyns, director of the FFA Band at our convention.
11. To the Vocational Agriculture Instructors who have guided us in the conducting of our programs during the past year.
12. To the members in attendance for their fine co-operation and participation in the week's activities.
13. To our Heavenly Father for his Divine Guidance and Blessings which He Bestows upon us daily.

**It's human to have your mind wander,
but the trouble comes when you follow it.**

Public Relations Committee - 1964-65

The Public Relations Committee wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Each chapter strive to put on at least four radio programs and one television program each year.
2. Invite principals, teachers, key farmers, members of the board of supervisors, businessmen, and parents of members to attend special functions of the chapter.
3. Each chapter put on one or more programs before out-of-school groups such as Ruritan, PTA, Grange, and other farm and civic organizations.
4. Encourage all members to exhibit in local and state shows and fairs and provide proper identification such as Future Farmer exhibitor signs.
5. Strive to have 100 per cent membership subscribe to Future Farmer Magazine and present complimentary copy to persons such as school principal, superintendent, school library, honorary members, etc.
6. All members assist the reporter in preparing articles for publication which should be sent to all newspapers in the area.
7. Encourage educational exhibits by chapters, including floats, at parades and bulletin board displays both in agriculture department, school, and store windows.
8. Each chapter participate in the distribution of the official FFA calendar.
9. Each chapter participate in National FFA Week by planning special events including radio and television programs, participation in church programs as a group, increased publicity in papers, and school assembly programs, etc.
10. Each chapter keep a scrapbook of FFA activities.
11. Each chapter send pictures along with articles of outstanding activities of boys of the chapters to the Chapter Chats and to the National FFA Magazine.
12. Each chapter strive to have all members conduct themselves in accordance with the FFA Code of Ethics.
13. Chapters cooperate with other high school organizations and with extra curricular activities of the school.
14. Cooperate with all farm and



STATE DAIRY JUDGES—The Woodlawn Dairy Judging Team will represent Virginia in the National Dairy Judging Contest at Waterloo, Iowa, October 4-6. Members of the winning team are: (L-R) M. C. Huff, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, Gary W. Russell, Alan W. Cox and Curtis J. Jones.

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members who have been out of high school at least one year and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in farming. State Association of FHA are limited to one American Farmer Degree candidate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof.

15. Encourage erection of welcome signs to the various counties of the state by federation or chapters.
16. Encourage the display of roadside markers and FFA mailbox posts by all chapters and by chapter members.
17. Encourage members to purchase official FFA jackets and wear them in the proper manner.
18. Encourage members to display official FFA Award Pins. Only in accordance with 1964 FFA Manual.
19. Continue to insert all committee reports in Chapter Chats. The chapter advisor should see that these reports are read, used, and a copy filed for future reference.

FFA Conclave

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D. L. Flory, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, all of Montevideo High School in Rockingham County.

Livestock and Meats: Stanley Craun, Garland Flory, Ralph Wright and H. A. Hawkins, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, all of Fort Defiance High School in Augusta County.

Poultry: Tommie Crickenberger, D. L. Flory, Eddie Sheets and O. B. Rolle, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, all of Fort Defiance High School in Augusta County.

Dairy: Gary Russell, Curtis Jones, Alan W. Cox and M. C. Huff, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, all of Woodlawn High School in Carroll County. This team will represent Virginia in the National Dairy Contest at Waterloo, Iowa, October 4-6.

J. W. Myers, Jr., assistant supervisor of vocational agriculture, and executive secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Association, will supervise and direct the conclave.

Approximately 350 business concerns, organizations, and individuals make annual contributions to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., which provides a national awards program for members.

FFA-FHA Camp 1964-65

1. That the Board of Directors be commended for their excellent work.
2. That we express our appreciation to the International Harvester Company and the Smithfield Implement Company for the equipment used at camp.
3. That each FFA and FHA Chapter set aside one club meeting of class period to discuss FFA-FHA Camp encourage more members to attend by the use of slides supplied by the state and experienced campers.
4. That the entire staff of the FFA-FHA Camp be commended for their outstanding work with the camp.
5. A copy of the committee recommendations be sent to every FFA chapter in the State of Virginia.
6. An article be published with pictures in the Chapter Chats informing all members that \$.25 of their dues goes to upkeep of the camp.
7. That the camp directors look into the possibility of having a trained person to instruct the night program.
8. The committee expresses its appreciation for the new girls dormitory and also the installation of hot water in the boys showers.
9. The Board of Directors do all possible to keep the beds in good state of repair.
10. The committee strongly urges the board of directors to install a fountain on the lawn.
11. The committee urges all chapters to donate a piece of lawn furniture to the camp.
12. The committee urge all chapters to offer a scholarship to camp for one of their members.
13. That a committee of instructors be appointed to study the entire camp program and come up with ideas of improvement. (The members of this committee be composed of people who have attended camp at least three times)

Report of the 1964 Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee has examined the financial records of the State Association and finds them to be in order. We would like to congratulate those concerned on the efficient way in which the books have been kept.

President's Annual Report

By Lowell L. Koontz
Retiring President

Last June 19, a very surprised, but deeply grateful Future Farmer came to this stage to become the 38th president of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America. I will always be grateful for the knowledge and experience I have gained this past year. My experiences of the past five years will always remind me of the value of our F.F.A. in developing good citizens who will be prepared to accept responsibility and leadership in agriculture.

After returning home from the State Convention, I worked on the farm before joining my fellow officers in Smithfield for the Fourth Annual Leadership Training School. It was here I had the opportunity to get to know Vern France, our National Student Secretary of the last year, and to prepare for the year's work ahead.

Two weeks later John Orrock and I, along with Mr. W. B. Coleman, attended Camp Minawanca, near Muskegan, Michigan. Camp Minawanca is a Christian Leadership Camp which we attended from August 12-25. It was the most enjoyable and meaningful two weeks I have ever spent. I will always feel indebted to the Ralston Purina Company and the Virginia Association for making this wonderful experience possible.

Not long after returning from Camp, I attended the Augusta County B.A.R. Federation Meeting and helped them choose their officers for the coming year.

On September 10, I had the opportunity to attend a Rockingham Young Farmer and Advisor Banquet and hear a discussion on a Farm Credit Plan. It was also here that I met William Groseclose, a second cousin of Henry C. Groseclose, one of the founders of our organization.

Then I left for Ferrum College, near the end of September, and put my mind to my studies, until October 6. when I left Roanoke with the Virginia delegation by train for the 36th Annual National Convention at Kansas City, Missouri. Here I had the privilege of meeting all of our National officers and serving with David Geiman as your delegates to the National Convention. I also served as a member of the Leadership Training Committee, which was really an enjoyable experience. I attended all of the sessions and two of the most important orders of business that came before the convention were a proposed change in the constitution which was not carried, and a discussion of reorganization of a National Chorus.

Then on December 18, I attended the Rockingham Federation Parent-Son

Banquet. I brought greetings from our Virginia Association and presented the new officers with their officer pins for the coming year.

It was the next morning that I left for Richmond to join my fellow officers for the State Executive Committee meeting to plan for our 38th Annual Convention. After the meeting was adjourned, the State Executive Committee along with invited members of the State Department of Education, were guests of the Agricultural Committee of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for a luncheon before returning home.

I again returned to Richmond on February 2 through the 4th for the National Officers' Good Will Tour. This was really an enjoyable two days. We visited the General Assembly, the Civil War Centennial, Governor Harrison, Mr. Richard Chumney, who is the Commissioner of Agriculture, Williamsburg, and Reynolds Metals Company. Nels Ackerson, our National President, spoke before the General Assembly, and we made a radio tape just before the end of our tour. I want to thank Mr. Bill Richardson, Director of Southern States' Youth Relations, for making the tour so very delightful and interesting. I also want to thank the many others who helped in making the tour possible.

I returned to school on February 6th and then on the 8th I brought greetings to the Young Farmers of Virginia at their 14th Annual State Convention in Roanoke. It was just after this convention that I had the privilege of visiting a number of chapters.

On February 14, I visited the Floyd Chapter for their Father and Son Banquet. Bobby Keith was also able to attend the banquet. Bobby presented the greetings of the evening, and I gave the main address. I was also very pleased to see so much interest shown by the parents of the Floyd Chapter.

On March 5, I visited with the Naruna Chapter and brought greetings from the association. We had a very nice evening with Mr. Copenhaver, our Blue Ridge area Supervisor, presenting a speech along with slides of what he had seen on his tour of Russia.

It was the next day that I attended the Brosville Chapter Parent-Son Banquet and was the guest speaker. Jackie Hardy, brought greeting from our association. I want to compliment the Bosville Chapter on the showing of slides the Chapter had taken during the year of some of their highlights and some of the individuals' enterprises.

I visited the Will Reynolds chapter along with the Dean of my college on March 12. Dean Sandridge gave the main speech on this evening and I

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brought greetings from our association. It was also here that I met one of our past State Presidents.

It was only two days later that I attended the Dublin Chapter and brought the main address of the evening, and J. W. brought greetings from our association. They topped off their evening by giving away door prizes donated by different stores throughout the community.

On March 18, I gave the main speech at the Woolwine Chapter, and on April 11th I gave the main address at the Luray Chapter. I enjoyed the fellowship and good meals at both chapters.

I attended the Father and Son Banquet at the Rockbridge Chapter on April 17 and presented the main address. It was here that I had the privilege of sitting beside the chapter's sweetheart, and I had a most delightful evening.

On April 25, I attended the Future Business Leaders of America 14th Annual Award Banquet and brought greetings from our association. It was really nice to learn a little more about their organization and their aims and purposes. Some of their aims are to place an emphasis on leadership, cooperation, active citizenship, and a faith in the future.

On May 8, 1964, I attended the Lord Botetourt Chapter Father and Son Barbeque, and presented the main address. I really enjoyed the nice barbequed chicken and the fellowship of the evening.

During this past year the Virginia Association has granted 5 new charters. They are:

- A. New Kent
- B. Fauquier
- C. Smith Mountain
- D. Marion Junior
- E. Highland Chapter

We welcome you to the association.

This past year I have traveled 6,545 miles for the Virginia Association. My five years in F.F.A. and especially this year as a state officer have been a most

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STATE POULTRY JUDGING TEAM—The Fort Defiance Poultry Judging Team won top honors in the State Poultry Judging Contest and will represent Virginia in the National Poultry Judging Contest at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16. Team members are: (L-R) Eddie Sheetz, Donald Flory, Tommie Crickenberger and O. B. Roller, vocational agriculture instructor and coach.

rewarding experience. But it would not be complete if I did not express appreciation to those who have helped me. First of all I would like to thank all of my fellow officers for all they have done in helping to make this a successful year. I also want to thank Mr. Myers and Mr. Dudley for all they have done in assisting me in my work.

To Mr. F. H. Jackson and Mr. Ed Long, my chapter advisors, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the training and inspiration you have given me.

To all of the kind people who have encouraged and helped me this year, I thank you and hope I have not let you down. A special "Thank You" to Mom and Dad for the sacrifices they have made in my behalf.

Fellow Future Farmers, serving you this year has been a most rewarding experience. As I turn my office over to the new president on Thursday, and he to presidents to come, I have faith that the F.F.A. shall continue to be the trademark of farm youth, noted for having high ideals and always holding true to the best tradition of our rural America.

As a part of their course of study, vocational agriculture students are required to have farming programs, under the supervision of the teacher.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee—1964-65

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has reviewed the present constitution and recommends the following change:

Article VII, Section B, which reads: Chapter officers shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel and advisor. Other officers may be designated, if desirable. The local teacher of vocational agriculture shall assume the responsibilities of local advisor. Officers of the local chapter shall be elected annually or semi-annually at the regular meeting of the local chapter.

To be changed to read: Chapter officers shall consist of a president, vice president, 2nd vice president, retary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel and advisor. Other officers may be designated, if desirable. The local teacher of vocational agriculture shall assume the responsibilities of local advisor. Officers of the local chapter shall be elected annually or semi-annually at the regular meeting of the local chapter. Officers of the local chapter must not rank lower than the grade of chapter farmer and the chapter has been established in the given school for one year, except the sentinel may come from the greenhous if the chapter so desires.

Contests and Awards Committee — 1964-65

We, the members of the Contests and Awards Committee of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America make the following recommendations:

FFA AWARDS

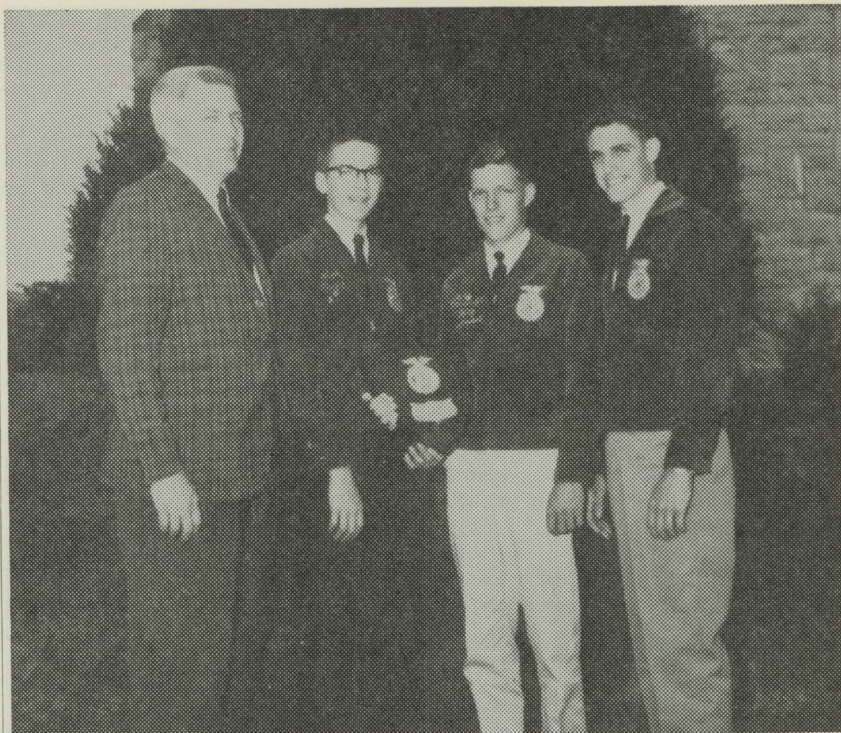
- a. That all FFA Awards be made on the basis of six areas of the State.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS PROGRAM

- a. That instructors of vocational agriculture thoroughly explain the entire contest and awards program early in the freshman year. That instructors continually check on progress, making sure deserving FFA members make application for awards.
- b. That more FFA Chapters make greater use of the Foundation Award Medals, and submit applications of local winners to the Area Supervisors. Local Award presentations be made at Father-Son FFA Banquets or similar occasions.
- c. That the FFA Advisory Committee and the FFA Executive Committee review FFA Award eligibility rules for Star Farmer and Foundation Awards and that basic rules of eligibility be published in the Chapter Chats.

DEGREE TEAM

- a. That the contest continue on a State level.
- b. That a degree team contest shall be held prior to the State Rally with a demonstration at the annual rally by the state winner if the program will permit.
- c. That a limit of three boys from any chapter be permitted to serve on the State Degree Team.
- d. That if any change in this contest shall be made, the advisors will be notified before January 1. The advisors shall be notified who made the change and why the change was made.
- e. That the judges give the problem to the degree team and carefully consider the selection of the problem and not give one that cannot be carried on at a general FFA meeting.
- f. That the advisor of the second place winner in the area contest shall serve as judge in the State Contest.
- g. That more Chapters in the state have degree teams and enter



STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGES—The Fort Defiance Livestock Judging Team placed first in the State Livestock Contest. Team members and coach will represent Virginia in the National Livestock and Meats Judging Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16. (L-R) H. A. Hawkins, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, Ralph Wright, Garland F. Flory and Stanley Craun.

them in their Federation Degree Team Contest.

IV. PUBLIC SPEAKING

- a. That the advisor of the second place winner in the area contest shall serve as judge in the State Contest.
- b. That the rules of the National Public Speaking Contest be followed in the local, federation, area, and State contests.
- c. That each chapter have a local contest and enter the winner in a federation contest.
- d. That the judges be trained.

V. JUDGING CONTEST

- a. That each chapter shall enter a team in a State Judging Contest.
- b. That the scores of the top teams be re-checked.

VI. FARM MECHANICS

- a. That the farm mechanics judging contest be conducted on the basis of judging workmanship, as well as identification of tools and hardware.
- b. That the Farm Mechanics Contest continue to be conducted on the same basis as this year.
- c. That Federations conduct a Farm

Mechanics Contest as part of their program of work.

VII. CHAPTER AWARDS

- a. That recognition be given the winner and the runner-ups in Chapter Safety Contests.
- b. That chapters put more emphasis on safety activities and make more entries in Chapter Safety Contests.
- c. Since each chapter must meet the standard award to attend the State FFA Rally we encourage more chapters to qualify for the Superior Chapter Awards.

VIII. LAND JUDGING CONTEST

- a. That a land judging contest be held on a local, federation, and area level.

IX. TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST

- a. Each federation shall hold a tractor driving contest prior to the State Convention. The winners in the Area Contest will compete at the State Convention.
- b. Runner-ups in each respective contest will be alternate contestants.
- c. That the rules of the State Con-

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State Program of Work, 1964-65

I. SUPERVISED FARMING:

1. Encourage each member to plan long-term balanced supervised farming program suitable to the home farm plan by first making a home farm survey.
2. Encourage each boy to contact and cooperate with available government agencies in securing maps and farm plans for his home farm in planning long-term balanced supervised farming program.
3. Continue to stress the procuring and use of certified seeds, adapted hybrids, and pure-bred poultry and livestock in the boys' projects.
4. Each boy endeavor to carry out some practices for the conservation of our natural resources, cooperating in constructing farm ponds, forestry plots, and stress pasture improvement as part of Supervised Farming Program.
5. Encourage members to join 100 bushel corn club if economically feasible, and return per ewe contest and county forestry clubs.
6. Encourage the adjustment of crops and livestock production to meet the changing condition.
7. Encourage the use of artificial insemination especially on dairy animals owned by the members.
8. Stress the use of good managerial and financial practices in supervised Farming Programs.
9. Encourage members to enter FFA sponsored contests and to keep up to date records of all achievements.
10. Chapter and chapter members exhibit FFA products at fairs when possible and give special emphasis to exhibits and judging contest at the Atlantic Rural Exposition.
11. Encourage members to establish and/or improve home farm shops.
12. Conduct farming program tours.

II. COOPERATION

1. Encourage all chapters to engage in cooperative buying and selling with added emphasis on the selling.
2. Encourage chapters to invite State Officers to visit them.
3. Encourage members to retain their active membership after finishing high school. (State dues for out-of-school members \$1 per year)
4. Encourage cooperation with the Future Homemakers of America.
5. Teach all members the organiza-

tion and the working of cooperation.

6. Every boy in agriculture to be a member of local chapter with 100 per cent of dues paid by October 1 or two weeks after school opens.
7. 100 per cent of chapters to enter Standard, Superior, State and National Chapter Award Program.
8. Each chapter secretary see that a complete record of the chapter activities be sent to his area supervisor by May 1.
9. Encourage seniors in vocational agriculture to become affiliated with the Young Farmers Association.
10. Cooperate with civic clubs, agriculture agencies, and other organizations.
11. Encourage all chapters to conduct demonstrations, showing improved agriculture practices.
12. Encourage members of all chapters to subscribe to the National Future Farmer Magazine, the goal being 100 per cent of the State membership.
13. Encourage chapters to cooperate with local civil defense units.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Assist local community organizations to reach their objectives.
2. Assist in beautifying the home, school, and church grounds or other community centers.
3. Assist local school organizations in achieving their goals.
4. Every chapter aid its community by:
 - a. Cooperate with local game warden and wildlife commission for the protection of game and fish and seed, feed, and cover plots.
 - b. Cooperate with the local fire warden in preventing forest fires and by encouraging members to join the K.V.G. Crew.
 - c. Cooperating with the soil conservation service.
 - d. Buy seedlings cooperatively and assisting farmers in planting them.
 - e. Assist farmers in water conservation practices.
 - f. Conduct a farm fire prevention program.
 - g. All chapters cooperate with state police.
5. Each chapter cooperate with local county organizations in giving assistance to needy in the

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county.

6. Conserve farm machinery by encouraging chapters to repair it in their school shop and encourage chapters to hold tractor maintenance school.
7. Encourage the chapter to assist the community in the production, conservation, and processing of food.
8. Each chapter put much greater emphasis on safety on the farm, in the home, and in the community.

LEADERSHIP

1. Each chapter to hold the annual election of officers prior to the Rally in order to send an officer that he may render greater service to the chapter in following year.
2. Chapters encourage membership participation in public speaking contests; not only in FFA but other contests open to members.
3. Each chapter emphasize instruction in parliamentary procedure in early part of the school year.
4. Have National officers visit annual Rally if possible.
2. Continue the annual rally the place to be selected by the FFA Executive Committee. Also, continue public speaking contests and any other contest that the supervisory staff and FFA Advisory Council deem advisable.
6. Continue field trips at the Rally.
7. Have a minimum of twenty-five candidates qualify for the American Farmer Degree, in order to have the full state quota for the degree elected.
8. Encourage each member to use the FFA manual—a copy available for each boy.
9. The Executive Committee to provide for and finance the trips of State Officers and Delegates, and continue the practice of paying mileage for State officers to visit local chapters.
10. Encourage chapters to build good chapter libraries.
1. Each chapter set up objectives by October 1, adopting a satisfactory system of keeping an accurate and complete record of accomplishments.
2. Have all chapters participate in the degree team contest and state winner if possible, give a demonstration at the State Rally.
3. Encourage members to compete for FFA Foundation Awards.
4. Advance members to higher degrees following the qualifications



STATE FARM MECHANICS JUDGING TEAM—The Montevideo Farm Mechanics Judging Team will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16. Team members making the trip are: (L-R) Douglas L. Flory, vocational agriculture instructor, Tony Van Pelt, Gregory Trobaugh, and Weldon Armentrout.

set forth in the National Constitution.

15. Encourage leadership training programs in chapter and federation meetings and encourage federations to have leadership training schools.
16. Each chapter discuss in class the Chapter Chats.
17. Encourage outstanding chapter members to run for a State office.

VI. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS:

1. All chapters conduct one, two, or more activities that encourage thrift among members and stimulate investments.
2. All chapters have an operating budget committee and set up and use a budget.
3. Develop a plan for raising sufficient funds to carry out chapter activities.

VII. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:

1. Officers of each chapter to know opening and closing ceremonies as found in the FFA manual. Goal-by first meeting after election.
2. Each chapter should use official FFA stationery in business letters.

3. Each chapter should use official FFA Secretary's and Treasurer's Book.
4. Each chapter to use official FFA paraphernalia and jackets.
5. Each member appear on chapter program at least once a year.
6. Use accepted parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings.
7. Chapter distribute membership cards for the payment of dues.
8. Encourage more chapters to make applications for State Band and Chorus.
9. Encourage the election of assistant chapter officers for the development of leadership and have them conduct one or more meetings during the year.
10. Set up a definite schedule for regular meeting, to include summer meetings.
11. Each chapter set up an examining committee for the election of officers.

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Each chapter raise scholastic attainments by:
 - a. Maintaining honor roll
 - b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding

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Highlights of the 1964 State FFA Convention—(Top to bottom, L-R) (1) President Lowell L. Koontz, calls convention to order; (2) Miss Marie Reynolds, director state chorus, Miss Sandra Stockner, pianist, and Tom Doby, director state band. (3) Public Speaking Contestants, George Brobosky, C. T. Smith; Sam Mizer, Fort Defiance; Rob Hinson, Richmond County; Phil Lineberry, Woodlawn; Ronald Millner, Appomattox and Jack Dunford, Fort Chiswell. (4) State Public Speaking winner and coach, R. B. Carter and Ronald Millner; (5) Lowell Koontz presents distinguished Service Awards to Joe Collins, Appalachian Power Company, and George Dean, Virginia Division of Forestry. (6) Joseph Coyne, national vice president FFA, brings greetings from the National Organization. (7) Philip Shull, New Idea Company, responds for the donors to the National Foundation FFA. (8) W. B. Coleman and Louis Terrell receive the Seaboard Forestry Award from R. N. Hoskins, General Forestry Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railroad. (9) R. N. Campbell, state advisor, examines the turbine "Car of the Future" developed by Chrysler Motors.

1964 Chapter Chats Committee Report

The Chapter Chats Committee commends Mr. Julian M. Campbell, State Advisor and Mr. John W. Myers, Chapter Chats Editor, and others who have been responsible for the fine work done in improving Chapter Chats over the past several years.

We further wish to make the following recommendations to the Thirty-ninth Annual State Convention of the Virginia Association of FFA for its consideration and approve:

1. That each chapter and federation take full advantage of the opportunities provided through Chapter Chats for publicizing the work of our organization. This can be further accomplished by having local reporters submit more articles and pictures of chapter and member activities to Chapter Chats.
 2. That the chapter submitting the article during the year which is judged most outstanding by the editor of Chapter Chats be given a suitable award at the following State Convention. Points to be considered in making the selection are subject matter, composition, and supporting pictures.
 3. That Chapter Chats be distributed to each member and that class time or meeting time be used to study each issue; and if the July issue has not been distributed to members prior to the opening of school, we encourage instructors to do so as early as possible after school opening.
 4. That each State Officer submit at least one article of an editorial nature during the year.
 5. That a short biography of each newly elected State Officer appear in the July issue or subsequent issues.
 6. That enrollment of local chapters in counties be published in the January issue.
 7. That Chapter Chats continue to give publicity to the FFA-FHA Camp and serve as a medium to inform members of the privileges and opportunities to be gained through attending the camp.
 8. That articles submitted to Chapter Chats be sent to the State Office at least 30 days prior to issue dates. The publishing dates are January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1.
 9. That Chapter Chats continue to serve as a medium for informing members and officers of the opportunities to be gained through FFA.
- National FFA officers (there are six) travel extensively. During his year's term of office each officer will travel 50,000 miles or more, and spend about two-thirds of his time working in the interest of the FFA.

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- b. scholarship.
- c. Good scholarship required as eligibility for election to a chapter office.
- d. Invite former members now in college and persons who didn't graduate to give talks on the value of scholarship and of graduating from high school.
- e. Chapter sponsor one or more activities which encourages scholarship among members.

VIII. RECREATION:

1. Each chapter hold a banquet or some other type meeting stressing a parent-son get-together.
2. State Department continue the practice of sending films of FFA activities to chapter desiring them.
3. Each FFA chapter follow recommendations of camp committee making contributions to the upkeep and expansion of State FFA Camp.
4. Each federation consider the possibility of holding a social activity during the year.
5. If possible all chapters organize a musical group of some kind.

IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Chapter make use of following media acquainting the public with the FFA organization: magazines, school paper, radio, TV public programs, high school assembly, roadside markers, chapter publications, Chapter Chats, exhibits, and official FFA calendar.
2. Chapters send FFA magazine to honorary members.
3. Encourage all chapters to present radio and television broadcasts during the year and continue the broadcasts at the Rally.
4. Each chapter send at least five news articles during the year to Chapter Chats placing emphasis on articles which will be of interest to all FFA members as a whole rather than of local interest only.
5. The advisor devote as many class periods as needed the first part of the year to teaching the fundamentals of news writing.

X. STATE AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Chapter participate in the official National FFA Calendar Service.
2. All chapters must meet standard chapter requirements to send

delegates to State FFA Convention.

3. Submit applications of qualified candidates for advanced degrees.
4. Each chapter participate above the chapter level in the official FFA Public Speaking Contest.
5. Chapter submit Foundation Awards applications to the area supervisors; the area supervisors to select top candidates in each area; area winners to be submitted to the state association. Winners in the state association to be entered in the national contest.
6. Chapter enter judging contests sponsored or directed by the Federation, State Association or National Organization.
7. State Association to send winning judging teams to National Judging Contests.
8. Each federation send a delegate to the National FFA Convention.
9. Chapter conduct at least one major activity during National FFA week that is appropriate to the occasion.

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Chapter News

Bluestone—At a recent meeting the FFA chapter elected officers for the 1964-65 school year. Larry Yancey was elected president. Other officers elected to serve with him are Jimmy Brewer, vice president; L. H. Newcomb, secretary; Gene Green, treasurer; Jack Neal, reporter; Jimmy Rogers, sentinel. Mr. A. A. LeGrand will serve as advisor.

Floyd County—The Floyd County Chapter held their last meeting at which time they presented the following foundation awards medals. Dairy Farming, Kenny Williams; Livestock Farming, Benny Quesinberry; Crop Farming, Kerry Whitlock; Poultry Farming, Donald Light; Soil and Water Management, Armen Showalter.

Rye Cove—At the last regular meeting of the year the following officers were elected to serve for the coming school year: Jay Bowen, president; Freddie Davidson, vice president; Fred Williams, secretary; Raymond Musick, Jr., treasurer; Barney Gigson, reporter and Bobby McMillin, sentinel.

Contests and Awards

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test be followed in federation and area contests.

X. FORESTRY JUDGING CONTESTS

- a. That the forestry judging contest be continued on the same basis as established during the previous year.

XI. PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

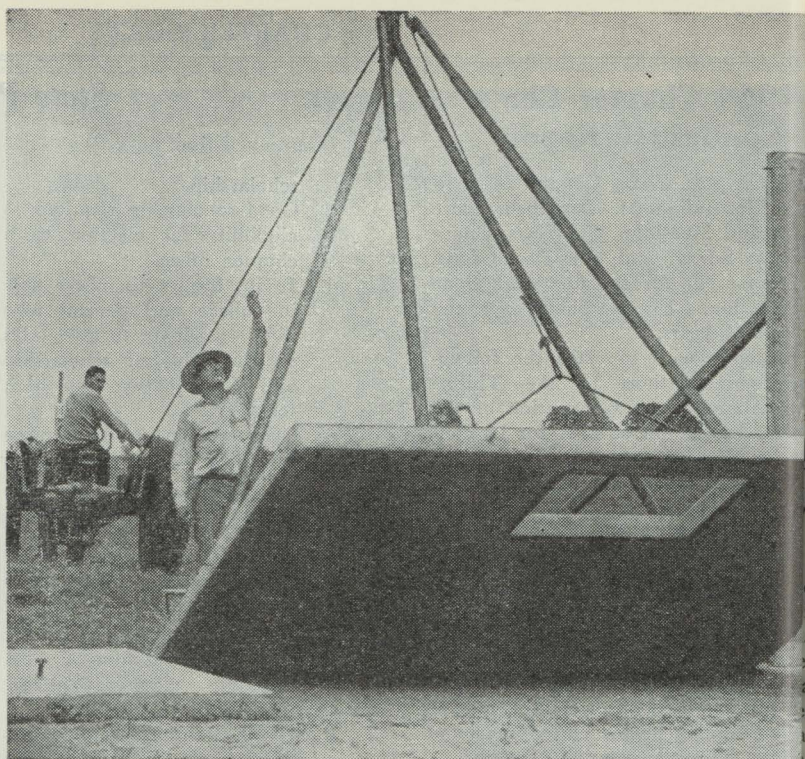
- a. That an effort be made to secure sponsors in each area of the State for public relations program.

XII. That the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America urge the National Board to adopt an *awards certificate* adopted for presentation by the local chapter to FFA members for their participation in various chapter activities, as judging contests, public speaking, etc.

XIII. We further recommend the adoption of the Statewide FFA Contests and Awards program approved by the Executive Committee and published in the January, 1964, issue of "Chapter Chats" with the following modification:

- a. That cash prizes of the same amount as other Foundation Awards be given to Area and State winners in Crop Farming, Poultry Farming, and Forestry Farming.

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