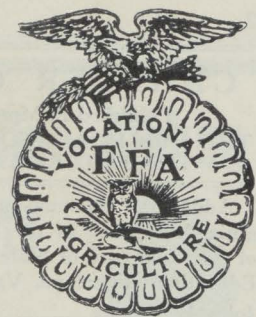


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Five Awards For Distinguished Service Presented

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to five individuals for their significant and outstanding service to the FFA during the 47th Annual State Convention, Mr. Joseph A. Hardy, Mr. John W. Myers, Jr., Professor Chester S. McLearn, Mr. Frank M. Pierce and Professor Robert A. Wall.

Mr. Hardy has devoted 36 years to agricultural education in Virginia as a teacher and assistant supervisor. He also served two years as supervisor of National Youth Administration programs. After graduating from Virginia Tech, he taught agricultural education in Botetourt and Pulaski Counties. While teaching at Draper High School his FFA chapter received the gold emblem rating in national competition and he was awarded the Honorary American Farmer degree. He has been active in civic and community affairs and has served as District Governor of Ruritan National.

Mr. Myers has devoted 35 years of distinguished service to agricultural education in Virginia as a teacher and assistant supervisor. After doing graduate work at Virginia Tech, he began teaching agricultural education in Halifax County where he taught 21 years. In 1959, he joined the State Department of Education as assistant supervisor of agricultural education. In this position he has served as executive secretary of the Virginia Association FFA for the past 14 years and has provided outstanding leadership and support for the State FFA organization. As a teacher and assistant supervisor he has provided inspiration and encouragement to the many teachers, school administrators, parents and students with whom he worked.

Professor McLearn has devoted 38 years to agricultural education as a teacher and teacher educator. Beginning in 1937 he taught agricultural education for eleven years. While teaching at Rocky Mount High School, he was an



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS—(L-R) J. A. Hardy, R. A. Wall, C. S. McLearn and J. W. Myers. Note: F. M. Pierce absent due to illness.

outstanding local FFA chapter advisor, having taught and trained three American Farmers and one State FFA president.

As a teacher educator at Virginia Tech the past 27 years he arranged and coordinated State FFA judging contests, taught FFA and parliamentary procedure to prospective teachers, edited "State FFA Convention and Awards Manual" and assisted with State officers leadership conferences.

Mr. Pierce has devoted his entire professional life to public education. As a teacher of agricultural education in Virginia for the past 29 years at Great Bridge High School and Chesapeake Vocational Center, he has provided inspiration and encouragement to the many students who have been enrolled in his classes. His FFA chapter has

rated among the best in his area and in the state, and he has served as advisor of area and state FFA winners. For a number of years he served in leadership positions on local, area and state committees and organizations, including the State FFA Advisory Council.

Professor Wall has devoted 43 years to agricultural education as a teacher, itinerant teacher and teacher educator. From 1930 to 1960 he taught agricultural education in Frederick, Page and Montgomery Counties and served Northern Virginia. In each school his three years as itinerant teacher in students received State and National recognition. For several years he served as vice president of NVATA and was elected president in 1953. For the past 13 years he has served as assistant pro-

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Carroll County Tops In Forestry Judging

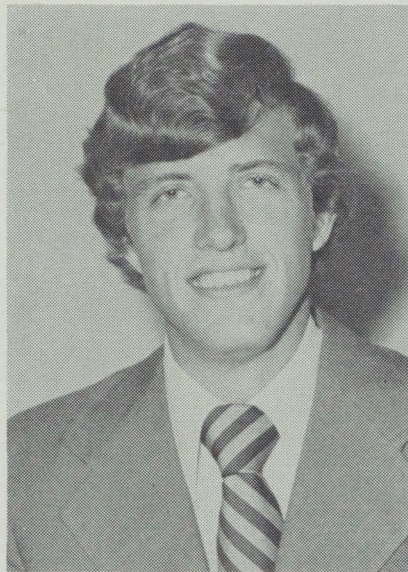
The Carroll County High School FFA Chapter of Carroll County was presented a plaque as winner of the State Forestry Judging Contest held last November. The presentation was a highlight of the fourth session of the 47th Annual Convention of the Virginia Association FFA. Members of the winning team were: Jerry Nester, David Lineberry, Mike Williams and G. L. McGrady, Coach.

Area plaques were previously presented to the area winners as follows:

Blue Ridge Area—New Castle
 Central Area—C. T. Smith
 Eastern Area—Chesapeake Technical
 Northern Area—Broadway
 Southside Area—Halifax County Senior

Virginian Named FFA Counselor

B. Randy Roller, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Beverly Roller of Weyers Cave, Virginia, has been hired as one of the three National FFA Leadership Conference counselors for the 1973 Summer



RANDY ROLLER

cellor of the Virginia Chapter of Alpha Zeta and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (Honorary Leadership Fraternity), and Alpha Tau Alpha, the Agricultural Education Honorary Fraternity. He also enjoys singing with the New Virginians, a 41-voice musical entertainment group. Randy will be assisted this summer by other counselors—Dennis Engelke of Luling, Texas, and Sammy Peebles of Brewton, Alabama.

Randy's vocational agriculture instructors were Mr. W. L. Simmons and Mr. O. B. Roller, and his college advisor is Dr. Larry Miller.

Money Available For BOAC Projects

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner S. Mason Carbaugh has announced that up to \$16,000 in rural rehabilitation trust funds is being made available this fall for the Virginia FFA Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program.

The Commissioner said, "We hope this grant will encourage FFA chapters to become involved in community development activities which in turn will help to make those communities better places in which to live, work and play."

Individual chapters of FFA in Virginia schools will receive applications to apply for project grants this fall. The chapters will then work out their own projects. They will devote a portion of their class time to a discussion of problems in their local communities, and conduct surveys to determine an action project. A careful study of available resources will be made, including both labor and financial need. Other rural clubs and organizations will be invited to participate in the community project. Once project plans have been developed to this point, they will be sent before a review board.

The board, before making the grant of funds, will evaluate each project to see if it meets the overall BOAC purposes that will (1) develop active, experienced and knowledgeable community leaders and citizens, (2) develop a rural-urban balance by creation of job opportunities, community services and a better quality of living in rural communities, and (3) improve the social and physical environment in the cities, towns, villages and farm communities of rural Virginia.

Local applications for funding BOAC projects will be distributed to agriculture education teachers by September 1, 1973.

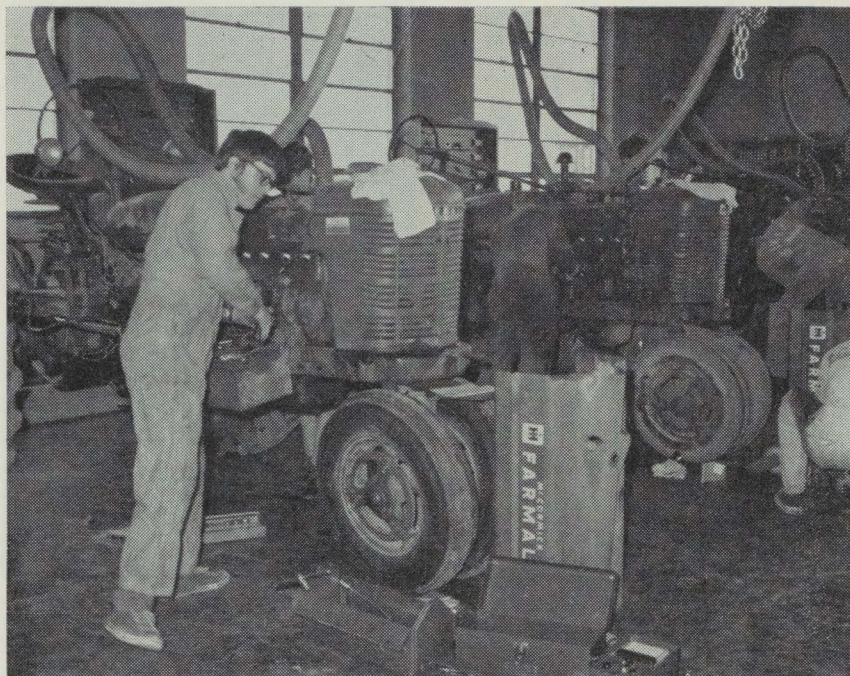
FFA Washington Conference Program. The announcement was made today by C. Coleman Harris, FFA Associate Executive Secretary.

Randy, who is currently a senior in Agricultural Education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, will help plan and direct five, week-long leadership conference programs for FFA members. The conferences are to be held in Washington, D.C., this summer beginning June 18.

Nearly 500 FFA members from all over the nation are expected to attend the 1973 conferences. The programs are designed to help develop leadership and citizenship traits in state and chapter FFA officers. In addition, the FFA members will have an opportunity to visit many of the historic areas of the Nation's Capital.

A 1970 graduate of Fort Defiance High School, Randy was an active FFA member himself serving as chapter president, and as secretary of the BAR Federation. In 1970-71 Randy served as president of the Virginia FFA Association.

In addition to several leadership positions in FFA, Randy has been active in a number of college organizations. He was president of the Agricultural Education Society and served as a member of the Student Advisory Council to the College of Education of Virginia Tech. He is presently serving as Chan-



TRACTOR TROUBLESHOOTING CONTEST—Northern Virginia conducted the first Farm Tractor Troubleshooting Contest in the state—pictured above is a scene of the contest in progress at the James Wood Department, Winchester Virginia.

Tractor Trouble Shooting Contest

The Northern Area held its first Tractor Trouble Shooting Contest in the Agricultural Education department at James Wood School, recently. The contest is designed to give students an opportunity to learn some of the fundamentals and skills in the operation, repair, and maintenance of tractors. One of the goals in the Trouble Shooting contest is to interest and prepare high school students for rewarding careers in the Mechanics-Service field. Emphasis is placed on the importance of high quality workmanship, skills, and the time taken to get the tractor in proper running order.

Hylton Clark, teacher of Agricultural Education and in charge of the Ag Machinery-Service option at James Wood High School, served as head of the contest. The following are the results of the contest:

- 1st Place—James Wood
- 2nd Place—Loudoun County
- 3rd Place—Ft. Defiance
- 4th Place—Clarke County

The teachers of Agricultural Education in Northern Virginia have agreed that this will become an area contest because of its importance and good learning experience for the contestant.

Editors Note: The Tractor Trouble Shooting Contest will become a part of

the activities of the State FFA Convention in 1974. Look for the regulations in the "Virginia FFA State Convention—Regulations and Awards" to be published in the near future.

Wisecarver Is Top In Tractor Driving

Gary Wisecarver, a member of the Rustburg FFA Chapter in Campbell County, has been declared winner in the 1973 State Tractor Operators Contest held at Virginia Tech during the State FFA Convention. In recognition of his accomplishments, young Wisecarver was awarded a check for \$20 and will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, with a major portion of his expenses paid by the Virginia Association FFA.

The contest consists of a written examination and a demonstration of the operator's ability to handle a tractor safely under practical driving conditions.

Other contestants in the order of their placings were: Mack Wright, C. T. Smith; Kenny Williams, George Wythe; Allan Gusler, Giles; John Hundley, Smithfield; and W. B. Speck, Jr., Riverheads.

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C. T. Smith Is Top Chapter

The C. T. Smith FFA Chapter was recognized as winner of the State FFA Chapter Contest during the closing session of the 47th Annual State FFA Convention.

The C. T. Smith Chapter has 711 active members. Chapter members conducted well rounded supervised occupational experience programs. The Chapter conducted excellent forestry and wildlife community programs, as well as a comprehensive safety program. The chapter was recognized as a National Winner for its safety program during the National Safety Council Meeting in Chicago last fall.

The Chapter President, Alpha Trivette, was presented a check for \$50.00 and the State Plaque. Chapter advisors are F. W. Latham and D. Wayne Wells.

Second place in the State Chapter Contest went to Montevideo, of Rockingham County. Third place was won by Appomattox FFA Chapter; Turner Ashby, of Rockingham County, placed fourth; John S. Battle, of Washington County, placed fifth and Rappahannock FFA Chapter, of Richmond County, placed sixth.

John S. Battle, Botetourt, C. T. Smith, West Point, Montevideo and Appomattox received Area Plaques.

C. T. Smith Is Top Degree Team

First place honors in Degree Team work went to C. T. Smith FFA Chapter in Caroline County.

Montevideo of Rockingham County was runner-up. Third place went to Tunstall of Pittsylvania County. William Campbell of Campbell County, John Battle of Washington County and Greenville of Greenville County placed fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Five members of the C. T. Smith team were named to the 1973 All-State degree team. They are Alpha Trivette, president; Bobby Orrock, treasurer, and Terry Bullock and Gregory Jordan, conductors.

Other members of the All-State team include Joe Liskey, Montevideo, president; Keith Liskey, Montevideo, secretary; Eddie Jones, Tunstall, reporter; Tommy Beam, Montevideo, sentinel; David Scott and Danny Jennings, William Campbell, candidates.

Degree team is an FFA leadership training activity which includes skills in the use of parliamentary procedure and conducting chapter meetings.

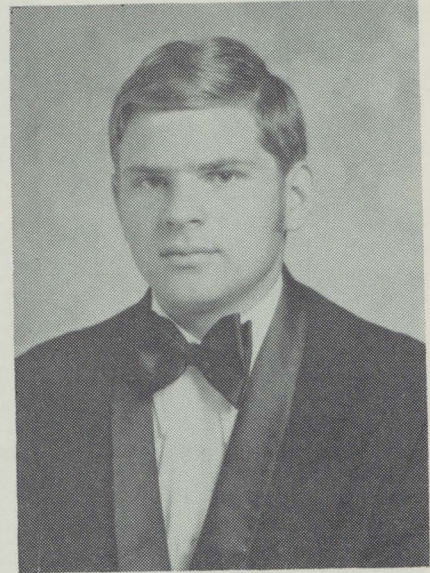
Coleman Wins the Forestry Award

Wickam B. Coleman, Jr., the 18 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Wickham B. Coleman of Caroline County, placed first in the Seaboard Coast Line Management Contest for 1973.

Wickham planted 30,500 loblolly pine seedling during his four years in Agricultural Education. In addition to this, he prepared planting sites by bulldozing 10 acres, poisoned 18 acres of hard wood, and assisted with a control burn on 80 acres of cut over hard wood land. He thinned 3 acres of loblolly pine. He harvested 20 cords of pulpwood, 8,000 board feet of logs, and 400 fence posts.

The recipient has been active in his FFA and school and community organizations. He has participated on Forestry, Soils, and Farm Mechanics Judging Teams. He has also participated in Tractor Driving, winning the 1971 State Tractor Operator Contest. He has also participated in Degree Team Contests on the Federation, Area and State levels. He was a member of the 1973 State Winning Degree Team. He has served as FFA Chapter Sentinel, Reporter and Vice-President.

His instructors are F. W. Latham



W. B. COLEMAN, JR.

and D. Wayne Wells.

Others who placed among the first four include:

- 2nd—Charlie Lee Gunter, Jr—Appomattox
- 3rd—Larry Rex Walls—Holtson
- 4th—Thomas A. Newton—Buckingham

Montevideo Wins Community Service

The Montevideo Chapter of FFA was recognized as performing outstanding service to the school community and was awarded a check for \$25 given by the Virginia State Grange.

The Montevideo Chapter has 150 members who participated in such community activities as sponsoring radio programs on safe hunting and proper use of fire arms; conducting surveys of farm and home accidents; sponsoring a safety poster contest; and displaying exhibits at three civic organizations in the community during National Farm Safety Week.

In addition to these activities, the chapter members entered 600 livestock and crop exhibits in local, county and state shows; demonstrated proper use of parliamentary procedures to civic and school clubs and to state officers of the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

The chapter members also contributed \$60 to the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, McGaheysville Fire Department, Week Day Religious Education, March of Dimes and United Givers Funds together with providing toys and food baskets for needy families at Christmas.

Other community activities included

mixing and distributing bird feed and rat bait and planting 25,300 pine seedlings.

Appomattox Wins Wildlife Award

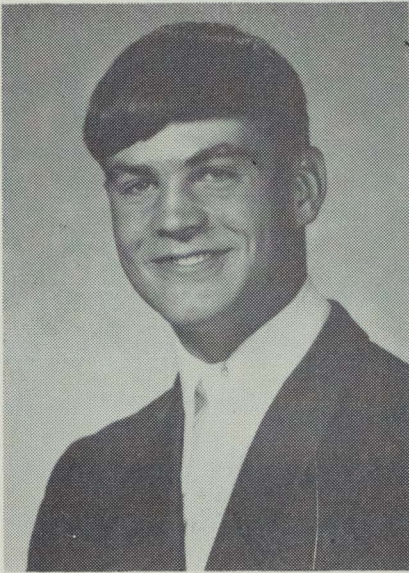
The work of the Appomattox County FFA Chapter in wildlife conservation was recognized as the state's most outstanding.

More than 100 wildlife feed patches have been planted by members of the chapter. A wildlife exhibit was prepared and placed in a local store.

Members of the chapter presented programs on wildlife to local civic clubs. Eighty-six percent of the chapter members are carrying supervised occupational experience programs in wildlife management.

As state winner, the chapter received a check for \$40 and the state plaque.

A check for \$30 and a plaque was presented to the second place winner, Clintwood of Dickerson County. Montevideo of Rockingham County placed third and received a check for \$20. Fourth place, a check for \$10 and a plaque, went to Turner Ashby of Rockingham County.



HARVEY ALGER

William Campbell Wins BOAC Award

The William Campbell FFA Chapter of Campbell County was recognized as state winner of the Build Our American Communities Contest. This is the second year which this award has been available. It is designed to get FFA members involved in improving living conditions in rural communities, and to develop leadership abilities of FFA members by encouraging them to take an active role in their communities.

As state winner, the chapter worked with four community groups in carrying out its objectives. Some of the major projects carried out by the chapter were development of a nature trail, preparation of a recreation area, and improvement of the facilities for athletics.

Every member of the 169-member William Campbell Chapter participated in at least one activity to improve the community. Four radio programs were presented on community improvement. Seven news articles were written for daily and weekly papers and a series of slides developed for us by interested groups.

Appomattox of Appomattox County was runner-up. Third place went to Turner Ashby, Rockingham County; Montevideo of Rockingham County; Greenville Junior of Greenville County; and Bowling Green Senior, Caroline County placed fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively.

It is my principle that the will of the majority should always prevail.—Jefferson

Virginia's Star Agriculturalists

Wickham B. Coleman, Jr. of C. T. Smith FFA Chapter in Carolina County and Harvey Alger of the Broadway FFA Chapter in Rockingham County were honored last night by being selected the "Virginia Star Farmer" and "Virginia Star Agribusinessman" of the FFA. The impressive ceremony took place on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University as the FFAs held their 47th Annual State Convention. The "Star Farmer" and the "Star Agribusinessman" are the highest two awards that can be bestowed by the State Association. The awards are given for efficiency in Agricultural Production and Agricultural Business.

Each of the two winners received a check for \$200 from the FFA Foundation and a certificate from the Virginia Association of FFA.

Wickham, Jr., 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wickham B. Coleman of Ruther Glen, has conducted an outstanding supervised occupational experience program under the leadership of Messrs. F. W. Latham and D. Wayne Wells, instructors of Agricultural Education. During his five years at Ladysmith High School his program has consisted of beef cows, beef bull, baby beef, numerous swine projects, soybeans, hay and corn. He has conducted a comprehensive forestry program and was named 1973 State winner of the Seaboard Forestry Management Contest. He has exhibited his livestock during the past five years in local, regional and State shows.

He has served his FFA Chapter as Sentinel, Reporter and Vice-President, and as chairman of several committees. He has represented his chapter in Forestry Judging, Soils Judging and Farm Mechanics on the local and State level. He was named to the 1971 State Winning Degree Team. He is active in his Church and Sunday School, having served as President of his Sunday School class and several other church offices. He has served as a chapter delegate to the National FFA Convention and the National Safety Council.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, President of his Senior class and an active member of the Ladysmith Rescue Squad.

He was an honor graduate of Ladysmith High School and plans to attend V.P.I. this fall and study Animal Science. He plans to be a veterinarian.

Other area winners were:

Appalachian

Dale E. Akers—Carroll County High

Blue Ridge

Ricky L. Moon—Gretna Senior

Northern

C. McCheyne Swortzel—Riverheads

Eastern

Harold A. Griffin—Smithfield

Southside

Larry B. Barden—Amelia

Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alger of Broadway in Rockingham County, has been a member of the Broadway FFA Chapter for five years and has been most outstanding in his program of Agricultural Business.

Harvey has received over \$2600.00 for working seven thousand hours in his agribusiness occupational experience program. His training has varied in the processing, wholesaling, and retailing of agricultural products such as eggs and livestock produced on his father's farm.

Harvey is responsible with his father for the daily marketing operation where twelve thousand eggs are produced, cooled, graded, and packaged for wholesale and retail distribution. They are delivered daily under the brand name of Robin Roost Farms throughout Northern Virginia and parts of West Virginia.

The Broadway FFA boy shares in the management and business operation of the company office where business and financial decisions are made. Harvey has had considerable experience in display advertising and proper procedures in the retailing of farm products. He is well informed on the pedigree and performance of the beef herd from which purebred and commercial animals are sold.

Young Alger has been very active in his church where he served as President of the Youth group, usher, and assistant church school teacher.

Harvey has found time to be active in the Broadway FFA Chapter—serving as President of the 100 member organization during the past year. He has won three chapter proficiency awards and has participated in degree team and judging contests. He has been awarded The Future Tree Farmer Pin for his active participation in good forestry procedures on the home farm. Although quite busy in his work experience program, he is always willing and ready to cooperate in many chapter activities.

Others recognized as area winners were:

Appalachian

J. Randall McClure—Chilhowie

Blue Ridge

Curtis R. Cox, Sr.—Blacksburg

Southside

David A. Brunk—Liberty

Central

Billy Harper—Richmond County

William Campbell Chapter Wins Forestry Contest

William Campbell FFA Chapter in Campbell County won first place in the State Chapter Forestry Contest. As state winner, the team members received a plaque and \$40.

Under the leadership of the local chapter advisors and instructors of Agricultural Education, J. D. Puckett, D. D. Jearnette and Clarence Vaughn, one-hundred percent of the chapter members carried forestry as a part of their occupational experience programs in Agricultural Education Labor income by the students from forestry projects was nearly \$10,000.

Members devoted more than 2,900 hours to forestry practices on their home farms. The chapter sponsored four "Keep Virginia Green" crews.

A check for \$30 and plaque was presented to the second place winner, Clintwood of Dickerson County. C. T. Smith, Carolina County, placed third and received a check for \$20. Fourth place, a check for \$10 and plaque was won by Montevideo of Rockingham County.

C. T. Smith Is Safety Winner

The C. T. Smith Chapter of Caroline County has been declared the 1973 Chapter Safety Winner for the State of Virginia. All 111 members of the chapter participated in various activities designed to improve safety in the home, on the farm, in school and on the highways.

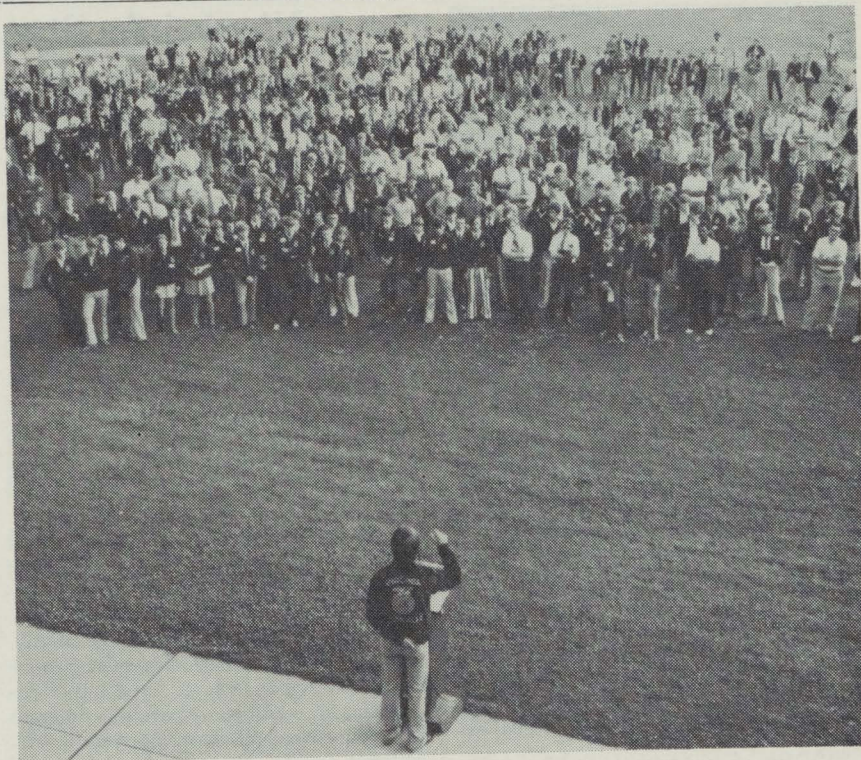
Farms and homes were surveyed and 523 hazards were corrected. These covered safety hazards in farm mechanics, electrical wiring, power equipment, chemical storage, farm ponds, buildings and fires.

Their objectives were accomplished by teaching safety in the classroom, farm and home surveys, safety campaigns and newspaper publicity. Courses were taught for K.V.G. crews, hunting safety, fire fighting and on slow-moving vehicles.

The Chapter Safety Program was conducted under the leadership of Messrs. F. W. Latham and D. Wayne Wells

Other area winners include:

Appalachian—Rye Cove
Blue Ridge—Tunstall
Eastern—West Point
Northern—Montevideo
Southside—Park View Sr.



VESPER SERVICE

FFA Band, Chorus Liven State Convention

A State FFA band and State FFA chorus selected from chapter members throughout the state provided special entertainment at each convention session. Students selected to play in the band will be trained by Mr. M. Joe Gallehon, band director of Giles High School. Mr. Archie G. Snider, director of choral music, Giles High School, will train and direct the FFA chords.

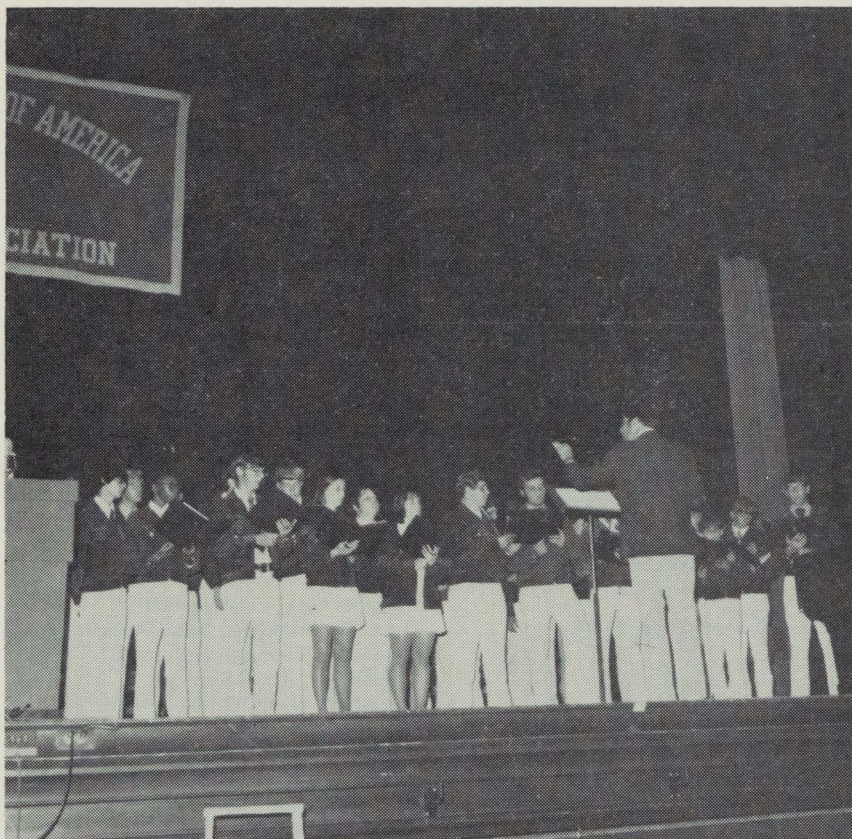
The following FFA members have been selected to play in the State FFA band:

Appomattox—James Lee St. John
Buffalo Gap—Andrew Gutshall
Buffalo Gap—Sherrill Michael
Buffalo Gap—James Ramsey
Madison—Jowel Thomas Yowell
New Kent—Wilson A. Christian, Jr.
Rappahannock—Paul Evans Smith
Rappahannock—Dean Bareford
Broadway—Joseph Allen Alger
Broadway—Ronald Leon Yankey
Elkton—Steve Davis
Montevideo—Keith Edward Allen
Montevideo—C. H. Lam
Montevideo—Joel Liskey
Montevideo—Keith Wayne Liskey
Montevideo—Robert Ray Swartz
Montevideo—Harold Richard Morris, Jr.
Montevideo—William F. Tuttle
John C. Myers—Dale Bowman
John C. Myers—James Reedy
Turner Ashby—Fred Burkholder
Turner Ashby—Michael Heatwole

Turner Ashby—David Gardner
Turner Ashby—Linda S. Lilly
Turner Ashby—Kenneth Will
John W. Wayland—R. D. Rhodes, III
Rich Valley—William Howard Fullen
Gretna Sr.—Tim Stephens
Tunstall—Jackie Wayne Finney
New Kent—Larry Thagard
Chatham—Wayne Moore
Chatham—Dennis Burnett
Gretna Jr.—Steve Rowland
Gretna Sr.—Wesley Hall
Montevideo—Steve Lineweaver
Montevideo—Tim Long
Montevideo—Butch Williams
Turner Ashby—James L. Bolton
Turner Ashby—Gordon Driver
Chilhowie—William Allen
Chilhowie—Robert Edmiston
Chilhowie—Anthony Martin
Rural Retreat—Rusty Miller

The following FFA members have been invited to sing in the State FFA chorus:

Fort Defiance—Mike Western
Fort Defiance—Kenneth W. Roller
Fort Defiance—Harrold R. Morris, Jr.
William Campbell—Jeffrey Jennings
Riverheads—Diana Gaddy
Frederick Co. Jr.—Holmes L. Spears
Robert E. Aylor Jr.—Harman M. Brumback
Robert E. Aylor Jr.—Larry Dale Ludwick



STATE FFA CHORUS IN ACTION

Greenville Jr.—William A. Bagley
 Greenville—Bobby W. Oakley
 Patrick Henry—Walton I. Bourne
 King and Queen—Roy Phillips
 Auburn—Gary Dean Reed
 Chatham—Marty Duane Cobbs
 Chatham—Phillip Allen
 Chatham—Timothy Ray Moore
 Gretna Jr.—Johnson G. Christopher
 Gretna Jr.—Richard Allen Mease
 Gretna Jr.—Barry Jean Wood
 Gretna Sr.—Herbert Clements
 Gretna Sr.—Tim Stepens
 Tunstall—Jackie Wayne Finney
 Rappahannock—Paul Evans Smith
 Rappahannock—Dean Bareford
 Broadway—Joseph Allen Alger
 Broadway—Ronald Leon Yankey
 Montevideo—C. H. Lam
 Montevideo—Keith Wayne Liskey
 Montevideo—Robert Ray Swartz
 Montevideo — Harold Richard Morris,
 Jr.
 Montevideo—William F. Tuttle

John C. Myers—Dale Bowman
 Turner Ashby—Michael Heatwole
 Turner—Linda S. Lilly
 Turner—Kenneth Wild
 John W. Wayland—R. D. Rhodes, III

Softball Results

Team	Won	Lost
Northern—(Champion)	3	0
Central	2	1
Appalachian	0	1
Blue Ridge	0	1
Eastern	0	1
Southside	0	1

In Memorium

William Roy Crabill, Assistant Supervisor, (retired) Agricultural Education, Northern Virginia, passed this life, June 23, 1973.

Mr. Crabill devoted over 37 years to agricultural education in Virginia as a teacher and assistant supervisor. Also, he served 6½ years in the United States Army and Air Force having attained the rank of colonel. He taught agricultural education for 12 years in Fairfax County and coached several state winning teams in poultry and dairy judging.

In 1947, he was appointed supervisor of Agricultural Education by the State Department of Education and was responsible for veterans programs in agriculture. For the last 17 years, he has been an Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Northern Virginia. He has provided outstanding leadership and support of the FFA program and the total program of agricultural education. Throughout his professional career, he has been an inspiration and an encouragement to many teachers, school administrators, parents and students.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and three grandchildren.

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The great use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.—William James



STATE FARMER CEREMONY IN PROGRESS

1973 State Farmer Recipients

Three hundred thirteen members of the FFA were elected to receive the State Farmer degree. The FFA is an organization of students studying Agricultural Education in the public high school. The election was a part of the first session of the 47th Annual State Convention of the FFA held this week at Virginia Tech. The degree conferring ceremony and awarding of keys took place at the Wednesday night session. The State Farmer Degree is the highest honor a State Association may confer upon its members in recognition of accomplishments in agriculture as well as other high school and community activities. The number receiving the degree is limited to 2 percent of the active membership. This year's membership is 15,848 in 196 chapters.

In addition to the honors conferred upon the active members, the State Association elected 15 Virginia adults to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree. These were selected in recognition of their contributions to Agricultural Education and the FFA. They will also receive the Degree at the Wednesday night session.

Those elected to receive the State Farmer Degree were:

APPALACHIAN AREA

BLAND COUNTY

Jimmy Lee Kidd, Bland
Charles Ray Bowling, Rocky Gap
Lawrence Dale Burton, Rocky Gap

CARROLL COUNTY

Dale Edward Akers, Carroll
Thomas R. Bunn, Carroll
Garry Thomas Cox, Carroll
Dylan T. Edwards, Carroll

Kenneth R. Jones, Carroll
David Junior Lineberry, Carroll
Jerry L. Nester, Carroll
Clark Reese, Carroll
Harold T. Smith, Carroll

DICKENSON COUNTY

Randy Hayes, Clintwood
Tony Bailey, Haysi

GALAX CITY

Steve Blevins, Galax
Greg Liddle, Galax

GRAYSON COUNTY

William Gayle Bolt, Independence
Ronald David Galyean, Independence
Ralph Neal Jones, Independence
Eugene McKnight, Independence
Kenneth D. Ogle, Independence

LEE COUNTY

Onza Collier, Jr., Jonesville
Andrew Osborne, Jonesville
Billy Walton, Jonesville

SCOTT COUNTY

Darrell G. Jackson, Gate City
Doug Cobb, Rye Cove
Joe Horton, Rye Cove
Jack McDavid, Rye Cove
Tony Maness, Rye Cove

SMYTH COUNTY

Virgil L. Blevins, Chilhowie
Scotty Hopkins, Chilhowie
J. Randall McClure, Chilhowie
Ronald Eugene Winebarger, Chilhowie
Walter Leon Conklin, Marion
Charles Richard Meek, Marion
Roy Clayton Price, Marion
Gary Dale Ross, Marion
Gary Darrell Smith, Marion
Lacy Allen Widener, Marion

John F. Burgess, Rich Valley
Luther Havens, Jr, Rich Valley

TAZEWELL COUNTY

Larry Whitt, Richlands

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Gary W. McCall, Abingdon
Steve Smith, Abingdon
Michael L. Snead, Abingdon
Jim Sprinkle, Abingdon
Ray Warren, Abingdon
Michael Buckner, John S. Battle
Randall Wayne Dixon, John S. Battle
Tim Hall, John S. Battle
Kemper N. Meade, John S. Battle
Samuel Rock, John S. Battle
Nelson L. Shortt, John S. Battle
Howard Blevins, Holston
Jeff Blevins, Holston
Albert Walls, Holston
Jommy Clifford Walton, Holston

WYTHE COUNTY

Eugene Alley, Fort Chiswell
John H. Miller, Jr., Rural Retreat
Kenneth Tibbs, Rural Retreat
Dan Ward, Rural Retreat
Dennis Williams, Rural Retreat
Mark Layne, George Wythe
Jay Poole, George Wythe
Eddy Umberger, George Wythe
Kenny Williams, George Wythe

BLUE RIDGE AREA

BOTETOURT COUNTY

Danny Heck, James River
Jerry Cahoon, Lord Botetourt
Lawrence Kinzie, Lord Botetourt
Robbie Theimer Lord Botetourt

FLOYD COUNTY

Denton Reed Floyd
Roger Oliver Slusher, III, Floyd

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Michael Altice, Franklin
Glen R. Angle, Franklin
Donnie Lee Bower, Franklin
Wayne Eugene Bower, Franklin
Thomas Guthrie, Franklin

GILES COUNTY

Jeffrey L. Morris, Giles
Rodney Morris, Giles
Larry Jay Williams, Giles

HENRY COUNTY

Larry W. Murphy, G. W. Carver

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Curtis Ray Cox, Sr., Blacksburg
Gilbert Lee Cumbee, Blacksburg
Terry Lee Hodge, Blacksburg
Michael Lee Meadows, Blacksburg
Steve Flinchum, Riner
Paul White, Riner

PATRICK COUNTY

Harvey Largen, Patrick
Robert Akers Shelor, Patrick

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

John William Craddock, Chatham Sr.
 Donald Moore, Chatham Sr.
 Wallace D. Turner, Chatham Sr.
 Robert D. Eastwood, Dan River
 Thomas E. Owens, Dan River
 Wesley Hall, Gretna Sr.
 Ricky Linton Moon, Gretna Sr.
 Gary Owen Shotwell, Gretna Sr.
 Jerry Ashworth, Tunstall Sr.
 Charles Richard Carter, Jr., Tunstall Sr.
 Jerry Flinchum, Tunstall Sr.
 Calvin E. Jones, Jr., Tunstall Sr.
 Irvin R. Moss, Jr., Tunstall Sr.
 Leon Adrian Wright, Tunstall Sr.

PULASKI COUNTY

Terry Dennis Covey, Dublin
 Timothy Dole Sutphin, Dublin

CENTRAL AREA

ALBEMARLE

John Cobb, Albemarle
 David Wade Wood, Albemarle

CAROLINE COUNTY

Joseph Wayne Parker, Bowling Green Sr.
 Wayne Denton Pickett, Bowling Green Sr.
 David Selph, Bowling Green Sr.
 Michael R. Sherrill, Bowling Green Sr.
 David A. Whittaker, Bowling Green Sr.
 Mason Bullock, C. T. Smith
 Wickham B. Coleman, Jr., C. T. Smith
 Ronald Lee Durette, C. T. Smith
 Michael W. Gayle, C. T. Smith
 Wayne C. Hall, C. T. Smith
 William Wayne Hayes, C. T. Smith
 Ellard Randolph Jones, C. T. Smith
 Edward Pickett, C. T. Smith
 Stuart Satterwhite, C. T. Smith
 Michael Steven Terrell, C. T. Smith
 Wallace Leland Tingler, Jr., C. T. Smith
 Alpha E. Trivette, C. T. Smith

CULPEPER COUNTY

Glen Alden Nalls, Culpeper

FAUQUIER COUNTY

David Chapman, Fauquier
 Ashby Grove, Fauquier
 Richard Henry McCarty, III, Fauquier

GREENE COUNTY

David Cox, William Monroe
 Gregory Haney, William Monroe

HANOVER COUNTY

Tommy Cecil, Lee-Davis
 Michael Kirby, Lee-Davis
 Gary Martin, Lee-Davis
 Edwin Mills, Lee-Davis
 Tommy Talley, Lee-Davis
 Douglas Terry, Lee-Davis
 Robert Worley, Lee-Davis
 John Carroll Beck, Patrick Henry
 Walter Bourne, Patrick Henry
 Stuart Melton, Jr., Patrick Henry

Garland R. Nuckols, Patrick Henry
 Samuel Randolph Smith, Jr., Patrick Henry
 Eddie Stockner, Patrick Henry

KING GEORGE COUNTY

Robert Elam, King George
 Arthur Roosevelt Jewell, King George
 Ben Temple Pryor, King George

LANCASTER COUNTY

Marin Wayne Dittler, Lancaster

LOUISA COUNTY

Cecil Bickley, Louisa

MADISON

Robert Douglas Coppedge, Madison
 George R. Hamm, Madison
 John Lamb, Madison
 Randall Lillard, Madison
 Gary Martens, Madison
 Glenn Yowell, Madison

NELSON COUNTY

James David Duncan, Nelson Sr.
 Vern Mike Massie, Nelson Sr.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

George Purcell, Northumberland

ORANGE COUNTY

Dennis Franklin Brown, Orange
 Robert Frank Feldman, Orange
 Mark Allen Herndon, Orange
 Ronald W. Mason, Orange
 Charles Curtis Sacra, Orange

RICHMOND COUNTY

Dean Bareford, Rappahannock
 Louis Bromley, Rappahannock
 Steve Bryant, Rappahannock
 David Carter, Rappahannock
 Mark Dungan, Rappahannock
 Billy Harper, Rappahannock
 Norris Harper, Rappahannock
 Ed King, Rappahannock
 Paul Smith, Rappahannock
 Aubrey Withers, Rappahannock

EASTERN AREA

ACCOMACK COUNTY

Robert L. Marshall, Atlantic

DINWIDDIE COUNTY

Norman Delano Edwards, Dinwiddie
 George Thomasson, Dinwiddie
 Randy Wells, Dinwiddie

ESSEX COUNTY

David Cooke, Essex
 Bill Ellis, Essex

GREENSVILLE COUNTY

Edward Tucker, Greenville
 William L. Whitman, Greenville Jr.
 Kirby Moss, Greenville Jr.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

Harold A. Griffin, Smithfield

KING WILLIAM COUNTY

Gerald Farmer, King William

NANSEMOND COUNTY

George Michael Arrington, Forest Glen
 Foy Webster Baggett, Jr., Forest Glen
 Jerry Hall, John F. Kennedy

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

Earl Banks, Southampton
 Sammy Carr, Southampton
 Bill Pittman, Southampton

SUSSEX COUNTY

Carl Gibson, Central
 Dallie L. Jarratt, Central

NORTHERN AREA

AUGUSTA COUNTY

Darryl Wayne Bosserman, Buffalo Gap
 Robert L. Cramer, Buffalo Gap
 Ernest Sanderson Reeves, Buffalo Gap
 Mike S. Martin, Fort Defiance
 Danny McAllister, Fort Defiance
 Peter Palmer, Fort Defiance
 Thomas Nelson Terry, Fort Defiance
 Jimmy Thorne, Fort Defiance
 David Earl Wampler, Fort Defiance
 John Brownlee Christian, IV, Riverheads
 Michael Scott Glenn, Riverheads
 Wayne E. Heizer, Riverheads
 Michael Hemp, Riverheads
 C. McCheyne Swartzel, Riverheads
 Douglas Wayne Alexander, Stuarts Draft
 Dennis James Terrell, Stuarts Draft

CLARKE COUNTY

Kirk M. Brumback, Clarke County
 Edward W. Corbin, Clarke County
 Raymond D. Horton, Clarke County
 Clarence H. Johnson, Clarke County
 Haven M. Wolfe, Clarke County

FREDERICK COUNTY

David Stuart Brown, James Wood
 Stephen T. Grant, James Wood
 James Michael Snapp, James Wood
 Tracy Stiles, James Wood

LOUDOUN COUNTY

Matt Runnels, Loudoun County

PAGE COUNTY

Davy Atwood, Page County
 Jerry Allan Burner, Luray
 Paul Catron, Luray
 Wayne Luther Comer, Luray

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

T. Earle McMichael, Brentsville-District

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

David James Swink, Lexington
 Larry Preston Weeks, Jr., Broadway
 Kenneth Michael Wilson, Rockbridge

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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Joseph Allen Alger, Broadway
 Harvey Alger, Broadway
 Marvin Dennis Combs, Broadway
 John Mathias, Jr., Broadway
 David D. See, Broadway
 Steven Eugene Davis, Elkton
 Ricky Herbert Kite, Elkton
 Dawn Etta Carper, Montevideo
 Jeffery Garrison, Montevideo
 Gregory Roy Arey, Turner Ashby
 Bruce Harper, Turner Ashby
 Sonny Meyerhoeffer, Turner Ashby
 Dale Keith Rusmisl, Turner Ashby
 John Glenn Shank, Turner Ashby
 Dennis L. Smith, Turner Ashby
 William Switzer, Turner Ashby
 David VanPelt, Turner Ashby
 Sherrill Wright, Turner Ashby

SHENANDOAH COUNTY

Robert Paul McIlwee, Central
 Nelson Sine, Central
 Dennis Baker, Stonewall Jackson
 Donnie Earl Estep, Stonewall Jackson
 James R. Hisghman, Jr., Strasburg
 Wesley Allen Hockman, Strasburg
 Rickey B. Renner, Strasburg

SOUTHSIDE AREA

AMELIA COUNTY

Larry Bruce Barden, Amelia
 Jerry Clay Coleman, Amelia
 Vernon Matthew Worrell, Amelia

AMHERST COUNTY

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 Gary R. Taylor, Amherst County

APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Tim Burnett, Appomattox County
 Michael Gallier, Appomattox County
 Phillip Carlton Harris, Appomattox Co.
 Robert Allen Layne, Appomattox County
 Richard Clark Lewis, Jr., Appomattox County
 Calvin Martin Mitchell, Appomattox Co.
 Marvin Hugh Mitchell, Appomattox Co.
 James Lee St. John, Appomattox County
 Edward Taylor Stratton, Appomattox County
 Thelbert Marshall Stratton, Appomattox County
 Richard Steve Tanner, Appomattox Co.
 Russell Lewis Tomlin, Appomattox Co.
 David Brent Washburn, Appomattox Co.

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Jesse B. Booth, Liberty
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J. B. Austin, William Campbell
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 George Jones, William Campbell
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 Lewis Stevens, William Campbell
 Jimmy Trent, William Campbell

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

James E. Carwile, Randolph-Henry
 Joseph Wayne Crews, Randolph-Henry
 William Hunter Green, Randolph-Henry
 Raleigh H. Wade, Randolph-Henry

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

William P. Flippen, Cumberland

HALIFAX COUNTY

Kim Crews, Halifax County, Sr.
 William B. Crews, Halifax County, Sr.
 Henry Moon, Jr., Halifax County, Sr.
 Larry Dean Roller, Halifax County, Sr.
 Mark L. Slabach, Halifax County, Sr.
 Tony Stevens, Halifax County, Sr.

LUNENBURG COUNTY

Keevin Durwood Francisco, Central Lunenburg
 David Maxwell Moore, Central Lunenburg
 David Earl Rakes, Central Lunenburg

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Bobby Blair Dalton, Bluestone Senior
 Charles Michael Elliott, Bluestone Sr.
 Steven Douglas Jones, Bluestone Senior
 Thomas Ramsey, Bluestone Senior
 Dennis Wilon, Bluestone Senior
 Eddie Hunter Callahan, Park View Sr.
 Clarence W. Conner, Park View Senior
 Larry Mise Hale, Park View Senior
 Sam Franklin Tudor, Park View Senior
 Sandy Walker, Park View Senior
 Mark Russell Wells, Park View Senior
 Robert Wayne Wilson, Park View Sr.

NOTTOWAY COUNTY

David Bruce Fore, Nottoway Senior
 James Hill, Nottoway Senior
 James J. Paulett, Nottoway Senior

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Allen Burnette, Prince Edward County

DEGREE OF HONORARY STATE FARMER CONFERRED UPON:

Mr. W. J. Bloomer, Principal, Nelson County Senior High School, Lovings-ton, Virginia
 Col. D. P. Barnett, Assistant Director of Housing, VPI&SU, Blacksburg, Va.
 Mr. Ralph Cheek, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Gate City High School, Gate City, Virginia
 Mr. S. H. Cooper, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Mary N. Smith High School, Accomac, Virginia

Miss Mary Payne Copenhaver, Guidance Counselor, Chilhowie High School, Chilhowie, Virginia

Mr. A. B. Culbertson, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Gretna Senior High School, Gretna, Virginia

Mr. Roland B. Geddes, District Forester, Virginia Forest Service, Tappahannock, Virginia

Mr. Raynard T. Hale, Division Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools, Christiansburg, Virginia

Mr. F. W. Latham, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Ladysmith High School, Ladysmith, Virginia

Dr. J. P. H. Mason, Jr., Head, Agricultural Engineering Department, VPI&SU, Blacksburg, Virginia

Mr. Dwight Newman, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Montevideo High School, Penn Laird, Virginia

Mr. George S. Orr, Director, Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Richmond, Virginia

Mr. W. B. Ramsey, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Randolph-Henry High School, Charlotte Court House, Virginia

Mr. Wip Robinson, III, Farm Director, WSWA, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Mr. Udy C. Wood, Division Superintendent, Halifax County Schools, Halifax, Virginia

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 Mr. Olander Fleming, Richmond, Va.
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 Mr. J. H. Vance, Strasburg, Virginia
 Mr. George Zahradka, Sr., Petersburg, Virginia

Chapter News

Turner Ashby—Chapter officers elected for the 1973-74 school year are: Jimmy Roberts, presiden; Billy Meyerhoeffer, vice-president; Allen Ketterman, secretary. Dave Wampler, treasurer; Mike Heatwale, reporter; and Dennis Rawley, sentinel.

Service Awards

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fessor of agricultural education at Virginia Tech where he has devoted most of his time in the area of agricultural mechanics. He holds the American Farmer degree and is a member of Alpha Zets.

Torrence, Jenkins Award Winners

James Drinkard Torrence, an Appomattox County High School senior, was named state winner of the FFA Foundation award for placement in agricultural production.

This award recognizes the accomplishments of students who receive practical experience in agriculture on farms other than their own farms. James has worked more than 3,000 hours on farms in the county, most recently on the dairy farm of Mr. John C. Cole.

As state winner, he received a check for \$100 from the FFA Foundation and a certificate from the Virginia Association FFA.

Area winners in placement in agricultural production are:

Appalachian — David T. Humphreys, Rural Retreat
Blue Ridge—Stuart Hawker, Dan River Central—Joseph W. Parker
Eastern—Robert Grizzard, Southampton
Northern—Gary W. Rhodes, Broadway

Placement In Sales And/Or Service

Eighteen year old Randy Jenkins of the Madison FFA Chapter has been declared winner in the Placement in Sales and/or Service Contest. During his high school career he worked a total of 3,800 hours and earned over \$5,000.00. He had experience in stocking, ordering and selling agricultural supplies in a locally owned Southern Agency.

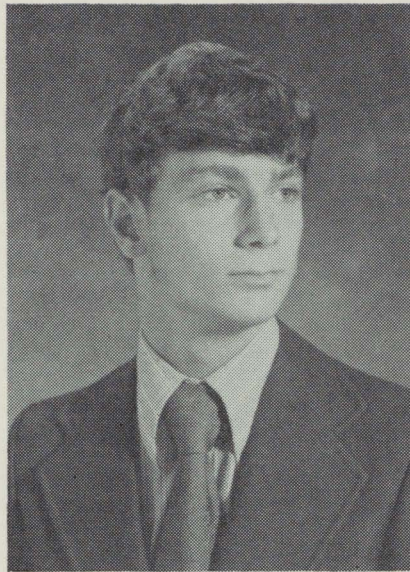
During his four year program the recipient served as chairman of two standing committees and as a member of several other committees. He was also a member of high school band for four years and of the State FFA band for two years.

He plans to attend Germanna College next year and study Business Management.

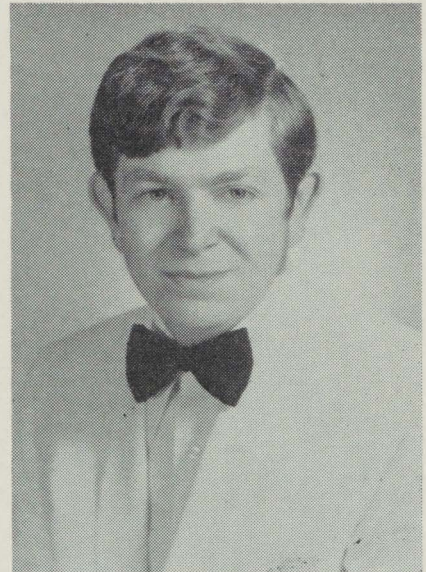
Area winners were:

Appalachian—Blane S. Atwell, Abingdon H. S.
Blue Ridge—Jerry W. Flinchum, Tunstall H. S.
Northern—Dennis Smith, Turner Ashby H. S.
Southside—David A. Brunk, Liberty H. S.

Galax—A unique situation occurred in the election of the 1973-74 chapter officers in that three brothers were elected. They are: Doug Bartlett, secretary; Sammy Bartlett, treasurer; and Grey Bartlett, reporter. Other officers are: Randy Sizemore, president; Mitch Leonard, Grayson Robinson, and Jerry Goad, vice-presidents and Larry Robinson, sentinel.



JAMES TORRENCE



RANDY JENKINS

State Judging Contest Results

State honors in the Annual Judging Contests at the 47th State FFA Convention were won by the Rustburg FFA Chapter (Campbell County) in Crops Judging; Brentsville District FFA Chapter (Prince William County) in Dairy Judging; Gretna Senior FFA Chapter (Pittsylvania County) in Agricultural Mechanics Judging; Herndon FFA Chapter (Fairfax County) in Ornamental Horticulture Judging; Montevideo FFA Chapter (Rockingham County) in Livestock Judging; and the Broadway FFA Chapter (Rockingham County) in Poultry Judging.

Team members and coaches of the winning teams in dairy, agricultural mechanics, livestock and poultry will represent Virginia in a similar contest this fall in Kansas City, Missouri, October 17-19, 1973.

Team members and coaches of the winning teams are:

Crops: Rustburg — Richard Franklin, Mike Coles, Barry Waller, and W. R. Austin, Coach.

Dairy: Brentsville District — James Croushorn, Dale Flony, Steve Wood and B. N. Douglas, Coach.

Agricultural Mechanics: Ricky Moon, Billy Tucker, Roger Robertson and G. S. Shorter, Coach.

Horticulture: Herndon—Joyce Griffin, Kim Cockrill, Howard Regal and C. C. Beam, Coach.

Livestock: Montevideo—Kevin Armentrout, Kenneth Hammer, Joe Liskey and W. W. Cupp, Coach.

Poultry: Broadway — David Coffman, David See, Bobby Lohr and I. W. Diehl, Coach.

Team members and coaches of the second place team in each of the six judging contests, some of whom will represent Virginia at the State Fair of Virginia, in September are:

Crops: William Campbell — Randy Eales, George Jones, Sheldon Miles and J. D. Puckett, Coach.

Dairy: Holtson—Danny Wolfe, Danny Johnson, Tommy Widener and Phil Lineburg, Coach.

Agricultural Mechanics: Tunstall — Lawrence Hylton, Steve Payne, Norman Riddle and J. J. Bohannon, Coach.

Horticulture: Hermitage—Mark Earnhardt, Bert Butler, Deborah Amb, and T. H. Ashe, Coach.

Livestock: Riverheads — James Williams, Mile Hemp, Mac Swortzel and L. B. Fields, Coach.

Poultrys: Turner Ashby—Bruce Harper, Allen Ketterman, John Shank and R. Z. Arey, Coach.

FIVE HIGH JUDGING TEAMS

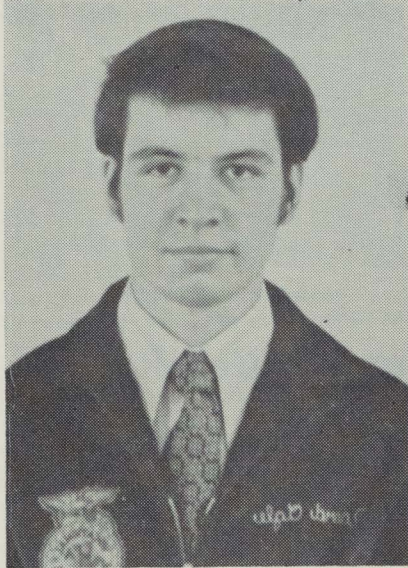
CROPS	
School	Score
Rustburg High	2149.5
William Campbell	2139.5
Rustburg Intermediate	2088.5
Luray	2059.5
Liberty	1852.5
DAIRY	
Brentsville District	1532
Holston	1498
Nottoway Senior	1466
Turner Ashby	1457
Wilson Memorial	1279

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Foundation Awards Won by Six Members

Six of Virginia's top FFA members received state awards at the second session of the 47th Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of FFA.

David Ogle, Fort Chiswell FFA Chapter, Wythe County, and George L. Jones, William Campbell FFA Chapter, Campbell County, were recognized for



DAVID OGLE

outstanding accomplishments in livestock and dairy production.

David F. Coffman, Broadway FFA Chapter, Rockingham County, was recognized as the top poultry farmer, and Phillip B. Lucado, Appomattox FFA Chapter, Appomattox County, was recognized as the State Crop Farmer.

Bobby Grubb, Rural Retreat FFA Chapter, Wythe County, and William B. Smith, III, Halifax FFA Chapter, Halifax County, were recognized for their outstanding programs in soil, water and air management and agricultural mechanics respectively.

Each of the six winners received certificates and \$100 cash awards in recognition of their accomplishments.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

David Ogle, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Ogle of Max Meadows in Wythe County, received the State FFA Foundation Award for livestock production. He was presented a check for \$100 and a certificate for his accomplishments.

During the four years that David has been enrolled in Agricultural Education, he has carried 105 head of livestock as his supervised farming program and many acres of feed and forage crops. He owns 21 purebred registered Angus

cows, 4 registered Angus heifers and one registered Angus bull. He has purchased 2 Angus show steers, 2 registered Angus show heifers and has raised 19 head of registered Angus calves. He has received training in selecting, managing, feeding, fitting and showing of beef animals. He has served as Reporter, Vice-President, Delegate to the State FFA Convention and is a member of the Livestock Judging Team of his Chapter. He is a member of the American Angus Association, and a junior representative of the Southwest Virginia Angus Association.

Other area winners were:

Blue Ridge

Jud Lester—Tunstall

Central

Richard Beasley—Bowling Green

Eastern

George Zahradka, Jr.—Prince George

Northern

C. Mac Cheyne Swortzel—Riverheads

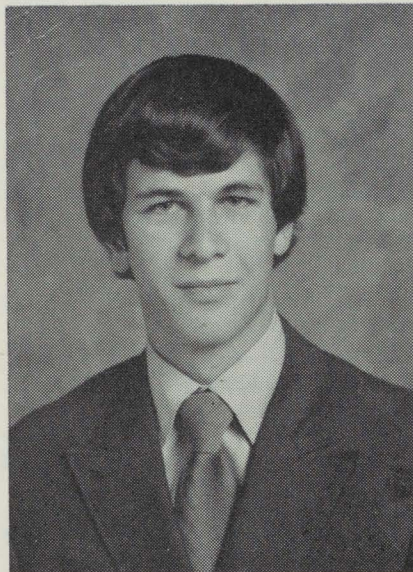
Southside

Floyd H. Saunders, Jr.—Halifax

DAIRYING PRODUCTION

George L. Jones, a William Campbell High School senior, received the state FFA Foundation award for dairy production.

Beginning with three dairy heifers in 1969, George now has an interest in



GEORGE JONES

85 head of dairy cattle. He is a member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and the WCHS FFA dairy judging team.

As state winner, George received a check for \$100 from the FFA Founda-

tion and a certificate from the Virginia Association FFA.

Area winners in dairy production are:

Appalachian

Sam Rock—John S. Battle

Blue Ridge

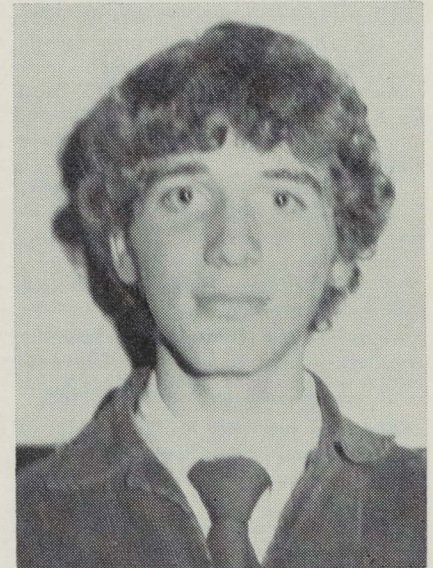
Paul L. White—Riner

Central

John G. Lamp—Madison

Northern

Kenneth W. Roller—Fort Defiance



DAVID COFFMAN

POULTRY PRODUCTION

David F. Coffman, a member of the Broadway FFA Chapter, was announced the winner of the State Poultry Proficiency Award and was presented a check for \$100 and a certificate.

David farms in partnership with his father and two brothers in both poultry and dairy operations in which he has a 10% interest. The poultry operation currently consists of 24,000 broiler breeder hens and 18,000 replacement pullets.

Since David enrolled in vocational agriculture four years ago, many major improvements have been added to the poultry operation including installation of modern feeding and ventilating equipment, construction of a new poultry house, having a capacity of 9,000 hens, and construction and installation of slats in all hen houses allowing for a 13% increased housing capacity. The hatchability rate of eggs has been nearly 90% during recent months.

David has been quite active in FFA activities having served as chapter secretary, vice-president, and was recently elected president for 1973-74. He has also served as federation vice-president

and attended the National FFA Convention. He has judged in poultry, mechanics, and forestry contests at the chapter, federation, and state levels. Following graduation from high school in 1974, David plans to enter V.P.I. and major in poultry science.

Others recognized as area winners were:

Blue Ridge

William H. Booze—Lord Botetourt

Central

Lynwood Pierson—Richmond County

Southside

Thomas A. Newton—Buckingham



PHILLIP LUCADO

CROPS PRODUCTION

An Appomattox County High School senior, Phillip Bass Lucado, was honored as state winner of the FFA Foundation Award for crops farming.

Phillip used certified seed in his corn, hay and tobacco enterprise. He is currently tending more than 100 acres of crops.

As state winner, Phillip received a check for \$100 from the FFA Foundation and a certificate from the Virginia Association FFA.

Area winners in crops farming are:

Appalachian

Randy Ervin—Rye Cove

Blue Ridge

Ricky L. Moon—Gretna Senior

Central

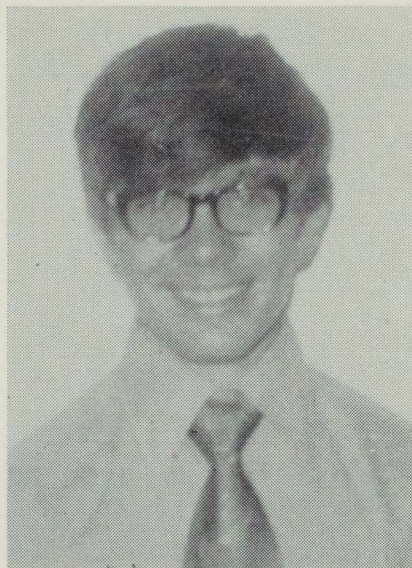
Mike Terrell—C. T. Smith

Eastern

Bill Pittman—Southampton

Northern

Gregory R. Arey—Turner Ashby



BOBBY GRUBBS

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Bobby Grubb, 16, won the state award of the FFA Foundation for soil, water and air management. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Grubb of Rural Retreat. He was reared on the home farm near Crockett, Virginia. His training program has been developed on his father's and grandfather's farms. He has practiced Soil & Water Management through dairying and the production of feed and forage crops necessary on a dairy farm. He has gained experience in maintenance, operating, adjustment of tillage, planting and harvesting machines and in the feeding and management of dairy animals.

He plans to follow a career in either farming or in a related agricultural occupation.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

William B. Smith, 16, a Halifax County Senior High School junior, was



WILLIAM B. SMITH, III

presented the state award for agricultural mechanics.

Some of the items constructed by William are five tobacco slides, a farm trailer, a tobacco sprayer, and a work bench. He has made numerous repairs to farm machinery and assists his father in maintaining the home farm equipment.

As state winner, William received a check for \$100 from the FFA Foundation and a certificate from the Virginia Association FFA.

Area winners in agricultural mechanics are:

Appalachian

James E. Sprinkle—Abingdon

Blue Ridge

Harry Johnson—James River

Central

Norris Harper—Richmond County

Eastern

Bobby R. Tucker—Greensville County

Northern

Dennis Richard—James Wood

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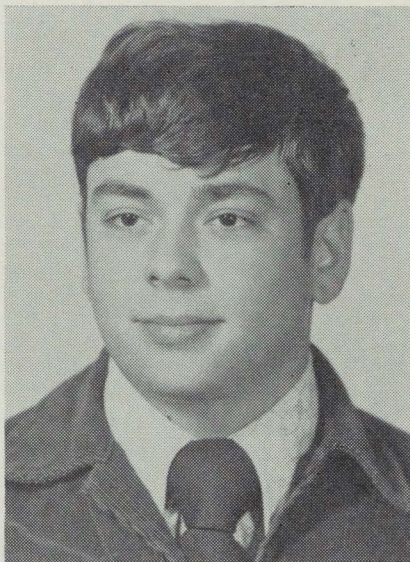
Honorary State Degree Awarded

Miss Mary Payne Copenhaver is the second lady to be honored with the Honorary State Farmer Degree in the history of the Virginia Association FFA. She serves as head of the Guidance Department at Chilhowie High School.

After being educated in the public school system of Smyth County, Miss Copenhaver graduated from Martha Washington Junior College, Abingdon; attended Westhampton College, Richmond, and received her degree in Education from Emory & Henry College, and also has done advanced graduate work at the University of Virginia.

Her entire teaching experience has been in the public schools of Smyth County at Chilhowie and Marion High School and she specializes in the high school subjects of English, Dramatics and Social Studies. She returned to Chilhowie High School and established a Guidance Program there. She has taken leading roles in many community projects, such as directing the community Christmas Pageant and working with Emergency Civil Defense Programs during World War II and holds membership in both the local, State and National Educational Associations, Virginia Guidance Association, American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamm, Honorary National Teachers Sorority, and the Chilhowie Garden Club. She is an Honorary Member of the Chilhowie FFA Chapters. As an active member of the Women's Society of Christian Service, she teaches Sunday School.

Through the years, Miss Copenhaver,



MICHAEL McDOWELL

McDowell Wins FFA Speaking Contest

First place in the State Public Speaking Contest has been won by Michael McDowell, a member of the Halifax County Senior High School FFA Chapter in Halifax County. Young McDowell will represent Virginia in the Tri-State Contest (Virginia, North and South Carolina) in the near future.

In advancing to the State Finals, Mike placed first in his local chapter contest, the Southside Federation Contest, and the Southside Area Contest. His subject is, "The Wise Decision."

As State Winner, he received a cash award of \$100 and an expense paid trip to the Tri-State Contest.

Other speakers in the state contest and their placings were: Temple Compton, Greene County Chapter, \$75; Dennis Houff, Montevideo Chapter, \$50; Eddie Stowe, Blairs Junior Chapter, \$40; Gary McCall, Abington Chapter, \$30; and Andrea Lee Morgan, Kellam Chapter, \$20.

Awards for the contest were provided by the FFA Foundation and Southern States Cooperative.

as head of the Guidance Department at Chilhowie, has worked very closely with the administration and teachers of agriculture in establishing a sound Agricultural Education program. In rendering valuable service, she counsels with teachers of agriculture and high school students and schedules students in agriculture. The Agricultural Education program at Chilhowie and in Smyth County and in the entire Commonwealth of Virginia experiences her strong support.

Judging Contest Results

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AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Gretna Senior	1800
Tunstall	1783
Fort Defiance	1751
Carroll County	1674
Galax	1595

HORTICULTURE

Herndon	not given
Hermitage	not given
James Wood	not given

LIVESTOCK

Montevideo	1791.5
Riverheads	1775.0
Halifax County Senior	1763.0
Buffalo Gap	1745.5
Dublin	1690.0

POULTRY

Broadway	1268.1
Turner Ashby	1245.4
Rappahannock	1229.3
Bowling Green Senior	1147.7
Bluestone Junior	1129.1

FIVE HIGH INDIVIDUALS

CROPS

Individual	Score
Richard Franklin, Rustburg	373
Randy Eades, William Campbell	372
Mike Coles, Rustburg	371
Phil Cabbage, Luray	371
Shelton Miles, William Campbell	364

DAIRY

Tony Parcell,	
Franklin County Junior	276
Glenn Norton, Nottoway Senior	275
Danny Wolfe, Holston	273
Jeff McConnell, Abingdon	270
David Gardner, Turner Ashby	268

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Charlie Gunter, Appomattox	369
Roger Robertson, Gretna Senior	368
Lawrence Hylton, Tunstall	366
Billy Tucker, Gretna Senior	364
James Douglas, James Wood	363

HORTICULTURE

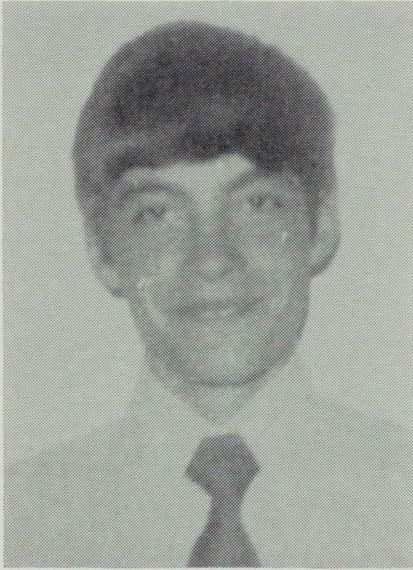
Joyce Griffin, Herndon	no score given
Howard Regial, Herndon	no score given
Steve Grant, James Wood	no score given

LIVESTOCK

David Slaback,	
Halifax County Senior	315
Harry Crosby, Buffalo Gap	309
Kenneth Hammer Montevideo	308
Kevin Armentrout, Montevideo	306
Mac Swortzel, Riverheads	305

POULTRY

David Coffman, Broadway	438
John Shank, Turner Ashby	425
Lynwood Pierson, Rappahannock	424
Bobby Lohr, Broadway	418
Allen Ketterman, Turner Ashby	418



DARRELL MILLER

Miller Honored for Home Improvement

The State Winner of the Home Improvement Award was Darrell Blaine Miller of the Rural Retreat FFA Chapter in Wythe County. During Darrell's four years in Agricultural Education at Rural Retreat, he has improved his farm home by constructing a fireplace and chimney, building a new porch, a new walk and a picnic table. He has painted the outside of the house, swings, repaired lawn chairs and made flower beds. He has re-seeded an old driveway, pruned trees and shrubs, planted new shrubs and improved the turf in the farm lawn. He has improved his farmstead by painting the mail box. He has replaced run down fences, replaced gates, constructed a livestock loading chute and pen and cleared brush from the farmland. He has constructed a new sheep barn and granary and repaired farm buildings and the interior of the home. He has developed competencies in running electrical circuits, skills in home plumbing and in operating power construction tools and devices safely.

He has served as Secretary of the Rural Retreat Chapter and has chaired many important committees. He has represented his school in basketball, football and track. He is a member of the Sharon Baptist Church.

He plans to continue his education and become a teacher of agriculture.

Others receiving area recognition and awards were:

Blue Ridge—David L. Jones, Tunstall
Central — Ronnie D. Finch, Bowling

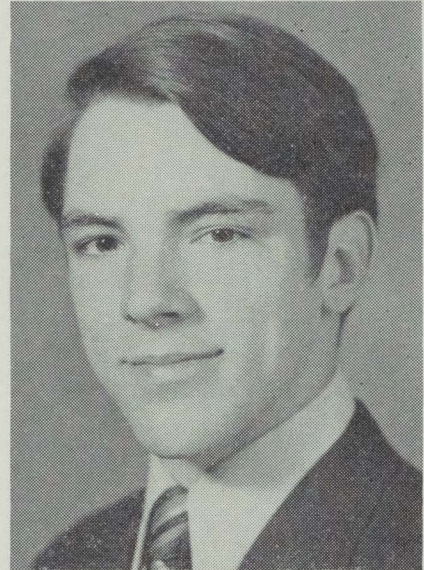
John Good Wins Horticulture Award

John P. Good, Jr. of James Wood FFA Chapter in Frederick County was named state winner of the FFA Foundation Award for ornamental horticulture and received a check for \$100.00 and a certificate.

John Jr., 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Good, Sr. of Winchester. John is currently in his fifth year of agricultural education and his accomplishments have been most outstanding.

John has worked approximately 270 hours in the school's greenhouse and was in charge of carnation production in 1971-72. He has cared for the greenhouse over weekends and holidays several times for Mr. DeHart, his instructor.

For home enterprises, John has constructed a 3 foot by 8 foot hotbed he uses to root cuttings of shrubbery, primarily English boxwood. In 1972, he rooted over 800 cuttings in the hotbed, and in 1973 that figure will double. John pots these cuttings in gallon cans or sets them out in a nursery row directly. In 1972, John had 600 such potted shrubs. Each year he hopes to add to his inventory and increase production, and sell enough shrubbery to cover the costs of buying more equipment. In addition to shrubbery, each spring John raises tomato plants for sale.



JOHN P. GOOD, JR.

John has been very active in FFA activities. He is currently serving as State FFA President.

Other recognized as area winners were:

Mike Montgomery—Abingdon

Blue Ridge

Kent Wright—Tunstall

Central

Dean Bareford—Richmond County

Southside

James D. Lacy—Brookville

Turner Ashby Holds Banquet

The Turner Ashby High School cafeteria was gaily decorated recently when 170 parents, guests, and members met for the annual FFA Parent Banquet.

Sherrill Wright, FFA President, served as Toastmaster and the invocation was given by Jimmy Roberts.

A lovely dinner was prepared by the Cafeteria Staff and served by the FHA girls from the rolled turkey breast donated by Shen-Mar Food of Bridgewater.

David Wampler gave the welcome and some 25 guests were introduced by Greg Arey.

Greetings from the State Association were presented by Gary Vance, State Vice President of the Strawsburg Chapter.

Sonny Meyerhoeffer related some of the outstanding accomplishments of the TA Chapter.

Green Senior
Eastern—William Whitman, Greensville
County Junior
Northern—Robert J. Lohr, Broadway
Southside — David B. Slabach, Halifax
County Senior

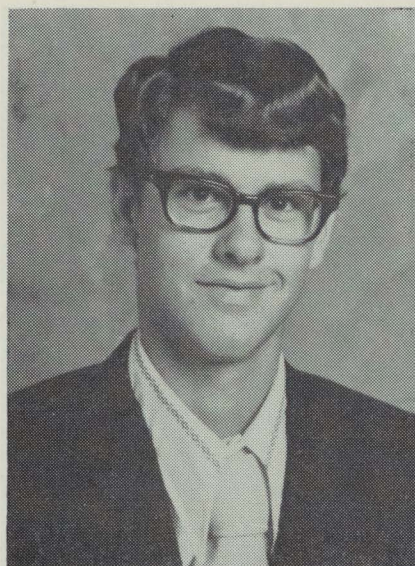
The assistant Chapter officers bestowed the Honorary Degree on Mrs. Clara M. Bowman, head Dietitian for the TA School Cafeteria. Mrs. Bowman has served in that capacity since the school opened 17 years ago. Mrs. Bowman received a corsage, plaque and pin from the Chapter.

For the second time in the Chapter's history an agri-businessman of our community was presented an appreciation award for their interest and help in supporting the activities of our Chapter. Dennis Smith, a senior A.C.T. student, presented this award to Mr. William D. Wampler, Vice President representing Wampler Foods, Inc. of Hinton, Virginia.

The program was the showing of the film "FFA Starts Our America" which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Ronnie Snyder & William Switzer were in charge of drawing for over 20 very nice door prizes which had been donated by businesses of our community.

The Banquet meeting was closed with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



GARY RUTROUGH

Rutrough Tops in Electrification

Gary W. Rutrough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Rutrough of Rt. 1, Boones Mill, won the State Award of the FFA Foundation for Agricultural Electrification.

Gary has completed three years of Agricultural Education at Franklin County High and has been able to apply the knowledge of electricity learned in his agriculture classes to develop skills in performing electrical jobs. He has assisted in wiring seven new houses and in rewiring five older houses. His project in agriculture include repairing electric motors and the installation of electric equipment in homes as well as the school shop. He has also installed radios and electronic equipment in automobiles. He has purchased his own electrical tools and performs all work in compliance with the electrical code.

Gary has served his FFA chapters in many leadership roles. He served as president of the Junior High Chapter and Vice-President of the Senior High Chapter. After graduation in 1974, Gary plans to continue his education in some electrical field or enter business with his father.

Area winners in Agricultural Electrification are:

Appalachian

Randall W. Dixon—John Battle H. S. Central

Michael W. Case—Patrick Henry H. S. Eastern

Dallie L. Jarrett—Sussex County H. S. Northern

Russell N. Armentrout—Turner Ashby H. S. Southside

Wally Clark—William Campbell H. S.

Spirit of '76

Nationally the Bicentennial Celebration of the founding of the United States will be observed in 1976. Additionally, the Virginia Association FFA will celebrate its 50th Anniversary State Convention. All Virginians should be proud of the part their citizens played in both of these important events.

Now is the time for each local chapter to begin making plans for their own participation in the Bicentennial Celebration. Activities should be planned for each school year, culminating in the 1975-76 celebration.

The National Student Advisory Committees on Vocational Education met recently and developed guidelines for local chapters. These guidelines are applicable to either the state association or the local chapter.

Locally, the FFA is encouraged to cooperate with all other student vocational organizations in the high school.

Through BICEP—"Bicentennial Environmental Program," vocational student groups are encouraged to work together at improving the environment—social and physical—through activities which include on-going organizational efforts, programs and projects.

Annual themes as set forth by the National Committee are:

1972-73 "Working Students — Proud Citizens"

1973-74 "Student Sharing — Student Caring"

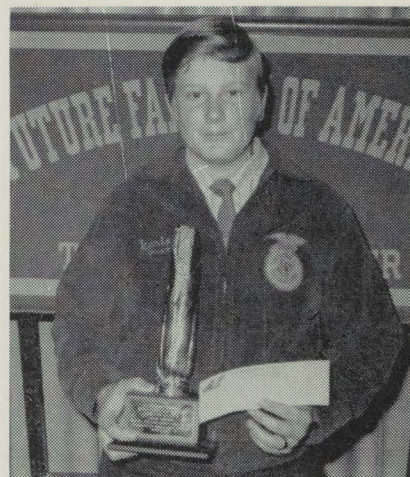
1974-75 "Founded on Pride—Strengthened on Service"

1975-76 "Forward in the Spirit of '76"

Some group activities for BICEP, as suggested by the National Student Advisory Committee are:

1. Encourage youth to enter vocational education.
2. Assist in establishing recreational centers.
3. Holding historic plays and assemblies.
4. Establish community service awards for younger persons.
5. Build community spirit.
6. Prepare a donation program (food, toys, etc.)
7. Designate an event (Boston Tea Party, etc.)
8. Emphasize the dignity of work.
9. Hold special banquets.
10. Hold week long activities.
11. Inform public about student organizations, what they have done, are doing, and plan to do.
12. Use all news media for public relations.
13. Use state officers as special resource people.

Each vocational student organization has the freedom to develop suit-



GARLAND KEATTS

Keatts Wins Corn Contest

Garland Keatts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keatts, Sr. of Rt. 1 Axton, has won the State Award for the one acre corn growing contest sponsored by the Muncy Chief Seed Co. The award was presented to Garland during the regular meeting of the Tunstall FFA Chapter.

The contest is an annual event sponsored and conducted by the Muncy Chief Seed Co. of Muncy, Pennsylvania, growers of certified seeds. It is a nation wide event with the top five individuals from each state being recognized with a trophy and cash award or scholarship.

Keatts won the state title with his yield of 116.8 bushels. He began the contest last spring when he planted one acre of corn with seed provided by the company. He also used specified management practices in raising the crop. In the fall a sample from the field was taken by Tunstall Agricultural Education Instructor, J. W. Thomasson, and analyzed to determine the yield. The results were forwarded to the company.

Keatts received a gold trophy and a cash award of \$50 for his achievement. He is also eligible for the top national award.

able programs and activities. There are many local projects available which will strengthen pride in the community and its surroundings.

1. Aid to Senior Citizens and/or handicapped.
2. Hold Veterans Recognition Day.
3. Assist the poverty stricken and/or sick.
4. Stress and practice Highway Safety.
5. Assist in National Crime prevention week.