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National Convention Safety Winners

Three local chapters of the Virginia Association FFA were honored at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, for outstanding achievement in school and community safety. The Montevideo FFA Chapter, Rockingham County and the C. T. Smith FFA Chapter, Caroline County were recognized with "Gold Emblem" ratings and the Shorthorn Chapter, Rich Valley High School, Smyth County received "Bronze Emblem" rating.

In all, 28 FFA chapters nationwide were presented "Gold Emblem" safety awards, 24 were recognized with "Silver Emblem" plaques, while another 24 chapters received the "Bronze Emblem" award.

The chapters recognized this year were involved in safety activities including: farm and home safety surveys, auto and farm equipment safety inspections, promotion and sale of slow moving vehicle signs, safe corn harvest campaigns, programs to illustrate safety procedures in the use of farm chemicals and many other farm and home safety projects.

The FFA Chapter Safety Award is one of three awards recognizing chapter participation in activities of national significance. It is designed to increase awareness of safety practices through classroom instruction and educational activities. Each year accidents on the farm and in the home exact a tragic toll of death, destruction and mutilation among rural and urban families. The FFA Safety Program is designed to make students aware of the causes of accidents and how they can be prevented.

All FFA chapters are eligible to participate in the National FFA Safety Program. Applications containing information on safety programs carried out by the chapter are submitted to the State FFA Association which must rate the chapters. Ten percent of the Superior FFA Chapters at the state level are

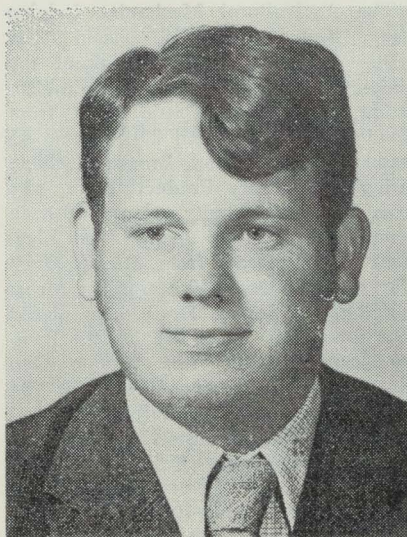
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American Farmer Degree Awarded to Fifteen at the National Convention

Fifteen members representing the Virginia Association FFA received the coveted American Farmer Degree at the 45th Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12. This is the highest degree granted by the National Organization and is limited to a maximum of two for the first thousand members and one additional degree for each thousand state membership above one thousand. Each American Farmer in attendance received a gold key, certificate and a check for \$125 to assist in covering their expenses, from the National FFA Foundations.

Each of the 15 young men, receiving the degree, have shown outstanding achievement in agricultural education and in their FFA activities. They have in operation an outstanding supervised occupational experience program and have shown exceptional leadership ability at the local, state and national levels.

GEORGE EDWARD ANDERSON, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie J. Anderson, Clover, Virginia, is a member of the Halifax County Senior and



GEORGE ANDERSON

the VPI Collegiate Chapters of FFA. He is a 1969 graduate of the Halifax County Senior High School and is majoring in Agricultural Education at VPI & SU.

George began his program in vocational agriculture on the family farm with .5 acre flure-cured tobacco, .8 acre corn for grain, and 1 market hog. By developing his program on the enterprise system, in a five year high school period, he completed eleven crop and fourteen livestock enterprises. On the basis of his farming and leadership activity, he earned his State Farmer Degree in 1968. Since entering VPI & SU in 1969 he has continued his investment in agriculture, and has continued his crop and livestock enterprises.

In his chapter, George served as Vice-President and Treasurer and also as Treasurer of the Southside Federation. He served as chairman of committees on supervised practice, and earnings and savings. George participated in Degree Team, Public Speaking, was a chapter and county delegate to AIC, and served as chapter delegate to the FFA Convention. He worked on the planning committee for three Father-Son Banquet Programs, and made a major presentation on one. He achieved well in Agricultural Mechanics and Forestry Judging competition.

Recognition came to George for achievement in crops farming, tobacco production, swine production, scholarship, records, and as the Star Chapter Farmer in 1969.

George held membership in the National Junior Honor Society, the National Honor Society, and is a member of Alpha Zeta. He is active in his church school, church, and community. Recently he has served as business manager of the Collegiate FFA Chapter Yearbook.

JERRY W. BLESSING, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blessing of Route 1,

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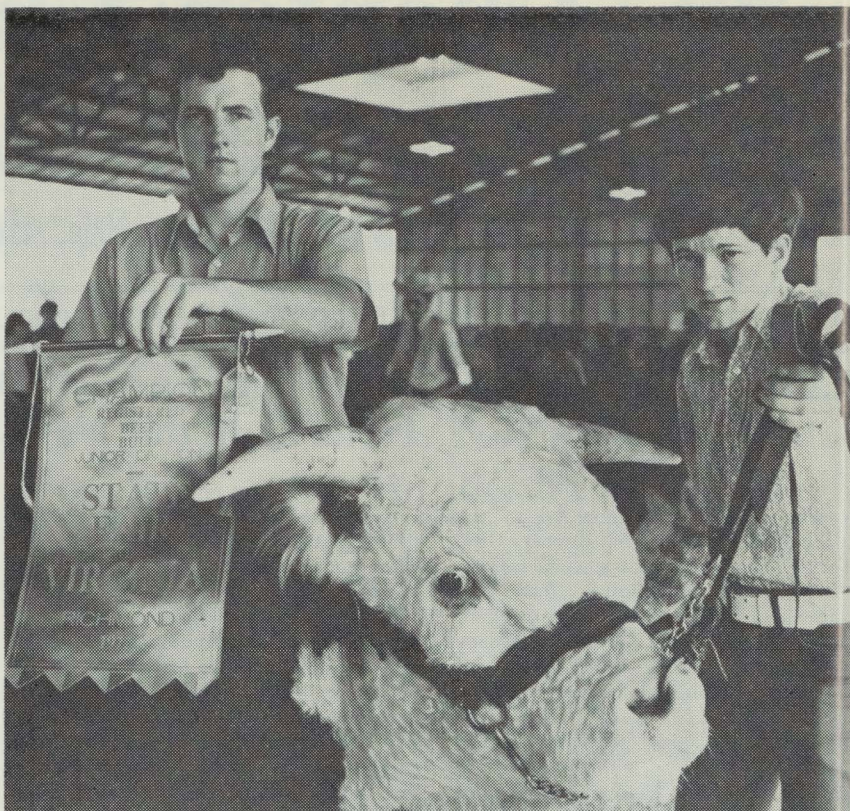
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Safety Winners

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eligible for national competition. At the national level, chapters are rated gold, silver or bronze, and are presented a spur designating their rank. The spur is to be placed on a plaque presented the first year the chapter earns recognition. The plaque is designed for spurs to be attached over a period of several years.

The FFA has approximately 8,000 local high school chapters in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Judging of the safety award applications in national competition was done under the supervision of agricultural specialists representing the U.S. Office of Education.



HEREFORD CHAMPION—Bobby Kirk, Independence High School, shows the grand champion hereford bull of the FFA show at the State Fair.

National Judging Contest Results

National Judging Contests are held in connection with the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. This year teams representing Virginia participated in the Agricultural Mechanics Contest, Dairy Cattle Contest, Dairy Products Contest, Livestock Contest, Meats Contest, and Poultry Contest.

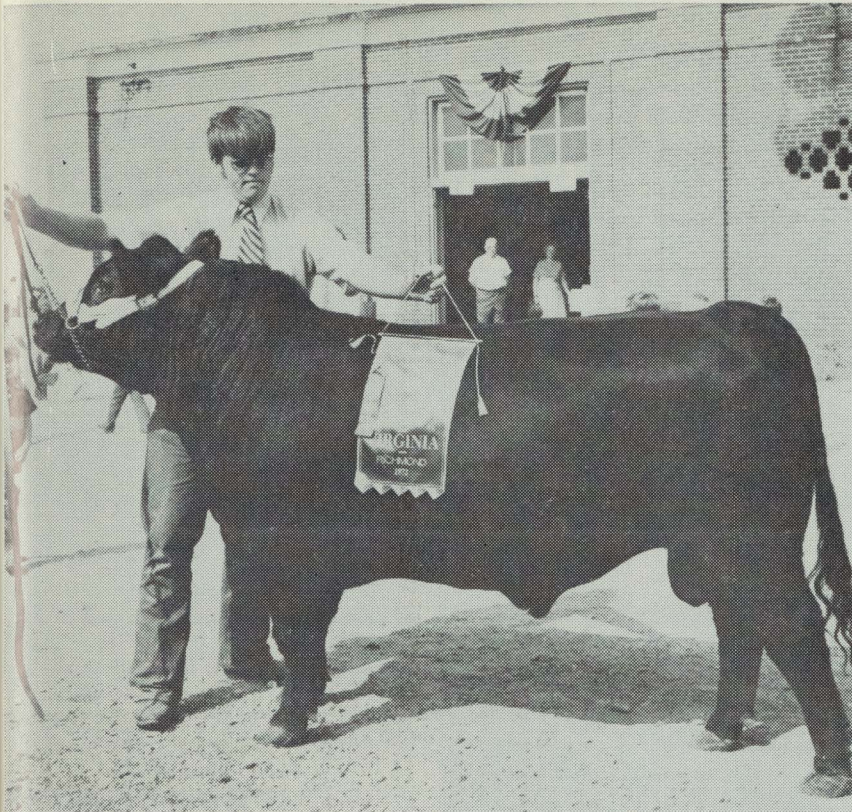
The Agricultural Mechanics Judging Team from Chilhowie placed 21st among 35 teams from throughout the United States and won Bronze Emblem rating. The Dairy Cattle team from Loudoun County placed 27th among 45 teams and also won Bronze Emblem rating. The Dairy Products team, also from Loudoun County, placed 29th in competition with 34 teams. The Livestock Judging team from Stuarts Draft placed 40th among 46 teams. In Meats Judging, the Stuarts Draft team placed 29th among 37 teams. Finally, the Poultry Judging team from Buffalo Gap placed 13th in competition with 34 teams and won Silver Emblem rating.

In individual competition in Agricultural Mechanics, Edward McKee, Chilhowie, won a Silver Emblem medal. Donnie Duncan and Randall McClure, also of Chilhowie, won Bronze Emblem recognition. Individual placings in the

Dairy Cattle contest, representing the Loudoun County Chapter, George Greenfield, rated silver medal and Gene Bernhardt rated bronze. Also, the Loudoun County team in Dairy Products Judging, Gene Bernhardt won bronze rating. In the Meats Contest, Stuarts Draft placed Keith Phillips in the bronze classification. The same team placed two individuals in Livestock competition in the Bronze Medal rating, Keith Phillips and Roger Weaver. In Poultry Judging Ernie Reeves, Buffalo Gap, rated Gold medal with his two team mates, Ricky Marshall and Bill Root in Silver Medal ratings.

Glenn Anderson, Agriculture teacher, Chilhowie High School, coached the Agricultural Mechanics team. The Dairy Cattle and Dairy Product teams were coached by D. A. Jenkins, Loudoun County High School. The Livestock and Meats teams were coached by C. A. Marks, III, Agriculture Instructor, Stuarts Draft High School. Finally, the Poultry Judging team from Buffalo Gap High School was coached by G. R. Kinzie, Instructor of Agricultural Education at this school.

Each Virginia team participating in the contest won in state competition prior to entering the National Contest.



GRAND CHAMPION ANGUS—Kenneth Hammer proudly sets up the grand champion angus bull consigned to the Montevideo FFA Chapter, Rockingham County.

Results of the ARE Beef Bull Show

The 21st Annual Purebred Registered Beef Bull Show, formerly sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and now sponsored by the State Fair of Virginia and the Virginia Association FFA, was held Tuesday, September 26, in the Junior Club Building on the State Fair Grounds.

Prior to the show, announcement was made of the winners in the Livestock Improvement Program. Record books were scored on the basis of: (1) number of cows bred, (2) number of farms served and (3) educational program conducted. Certificates were awarded the three top chapters in this phase of the program. Bulls consigned to local chapters placed as follows:

First—Taylor Junior FFA Chapter
 Second—C. T. Smith FFA Chapter
 Third—Randolph-Henry FFA Chapter

The purebred Registered Beef Bull Show was judged by E. D. Reeves, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Buffalo Gap High School, Augusta County. John R. Smith, Instructor of Agricultural Education, Independence High School, Grayson County, served as ring master and supervised the show.

The results of the show were:

Class I—Aberdeen Angus Bulls

First—Montevideo FFA Chapter—
 \$25.00
 Second—Holston FFA Chapter—20.00
 Third—Abingdon FFA Chapter—15.00
 Fourth—J. S. Battle FFA Chapter—
 10.00

Class II—Hereford Bulls

First—Independence FFA Chapter—
 25.00
 Second—Park View Senior FFA Chapter—20.00
 Third—Holston FFA Chapter—15.00

Class V—Showmanship

First—Kenneth Hammer — Montevideo
 —Trophy
 Second—James Johnson — Holston —
 Trophy

George Washington—Newly elected officers for the 1972-73 school year are: Alpha Trivette, president, Ladysmith; Will Likins, vice president, Bowling Green Sr.; Milton Gallahan, secretary, King George; John Monteith, reporter, Spotsylvania; and Nathan Wenrich, sentinel, Bowling Green Jr.

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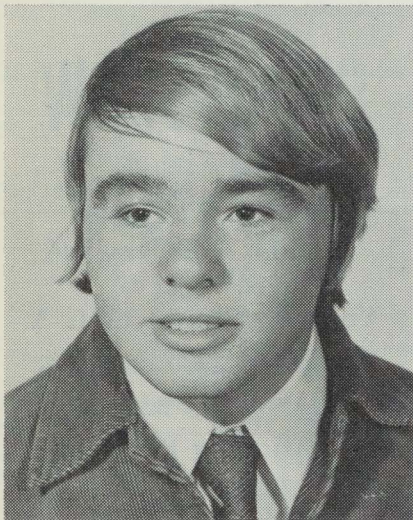
Meet Your State Officers

Steve Flaherty, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Flaherty lives with his wife and daughter, RFD 2, Ruther Glen.

Steve, a graduate of Ladysmith High School is this year serving as State Secretary. During his high school years he served as Sentinel, Secretary, and Vice President of the C. T. Smith Chapter. He participated in Farm Mechanics Judging and Degree Team work. Steve served as Secretary of the George Washington Federation in 1971-72.

Steve was also an active participant in football and basketball at Ladysmith, serving as co-captain of each two consecutive years.

Now enrolled in Pre-Engineering at Germanna Community College, his future plans are to transfer to VPI & SU, upon obtaining an A.S. degree at Germanna, after which he will pursue a career in the field of Agricultural Engineering.



STEVE FLAHERTY

Dickie Saunders, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Saunders of Scottsburg, Virginia is a senior at Halifax County Senior High School. Dickie was elected State sentinel at the 1972 State Convention.

Dickie has served as chairman of 3 committees and as president of his chapter degree team. He also has served as a Sophomore officer and home room secretary and president.

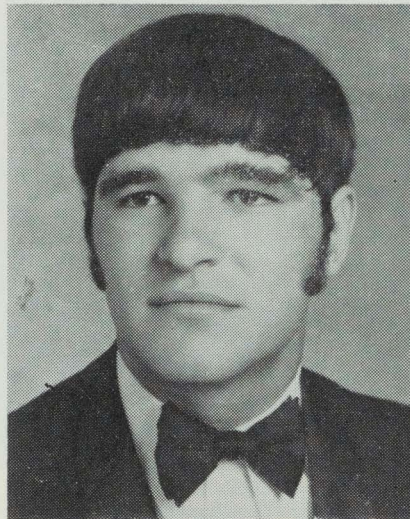
As a member of Halifax County Senior High Chapter, Dickie won Foundation awards in livestock and crop production, home improvement, public speaking and was the 1972 State winner in Soil and Water Management. He received his greenhand, star greenhand, chapter, star chapter, and state farmer

degrees. Dickie also participated in Forestry and Livestock Judging.

Dickie lives on a 60 acre farm with his parents and brother. He and his 10 year old brother, Bill, carry 2 acres of tobacco, 8 acres of corn, 10 acres of hay and 25 head of polled hereford beef cattle.

Dickie is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Future plans for Dickie are to attend



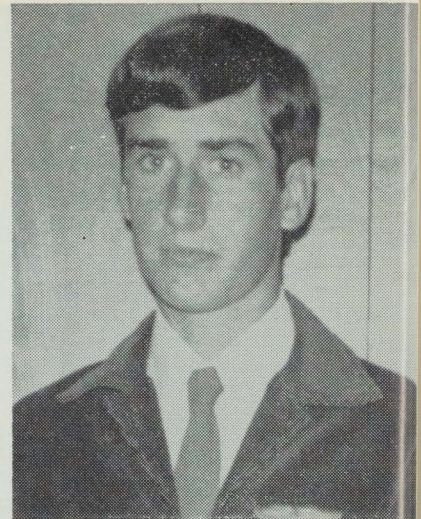
DICKIE SAUNDERS

Danville Community College and transfer to VPI & SU to major in Agricultural Education.

George Edward Zahradka, Jr., Eastern Area Vice President, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Zahradka, of Petersburg, Virginia. He is a senior at Prince George High School and a member of the Prince George Senior FFA Chapter. His agriculture instructors are Mr. M. D. Pierce and Mr. J. B. Fields. While an active member of the Prince George Junior Chapter, his agricultural instructor was Mr. P. A. Glass.

As a chapter member, George has served as reporter and president. He has also been chairman and a member of many program committees.

During the years as an FFA member, George participated in public speaking in chapter, federation and area contests. He also placed high individual in Forestry and Shop Judging. Other contests included Soils, Swine and Crops Judging. He has represented his chapter four times as a team member at the State contest in crops and mechanics judging. George received his State Farmer Degree at the past State Convention. This year he was honored by the Prince George Ruritan Club as the Most Outstanding Agriculture Student in the county.



GEORGE ZAHRADKA, JR.

George lives with his parents on a 420 acre general farm. Working in partnership with his father; George's productive enterprises included sows and litters, feeder pigs, corn for grain, soybeans, small grain and the sale of mixed hay.

During high school he has been active in the Student Cooperative Association and served as a class representative.

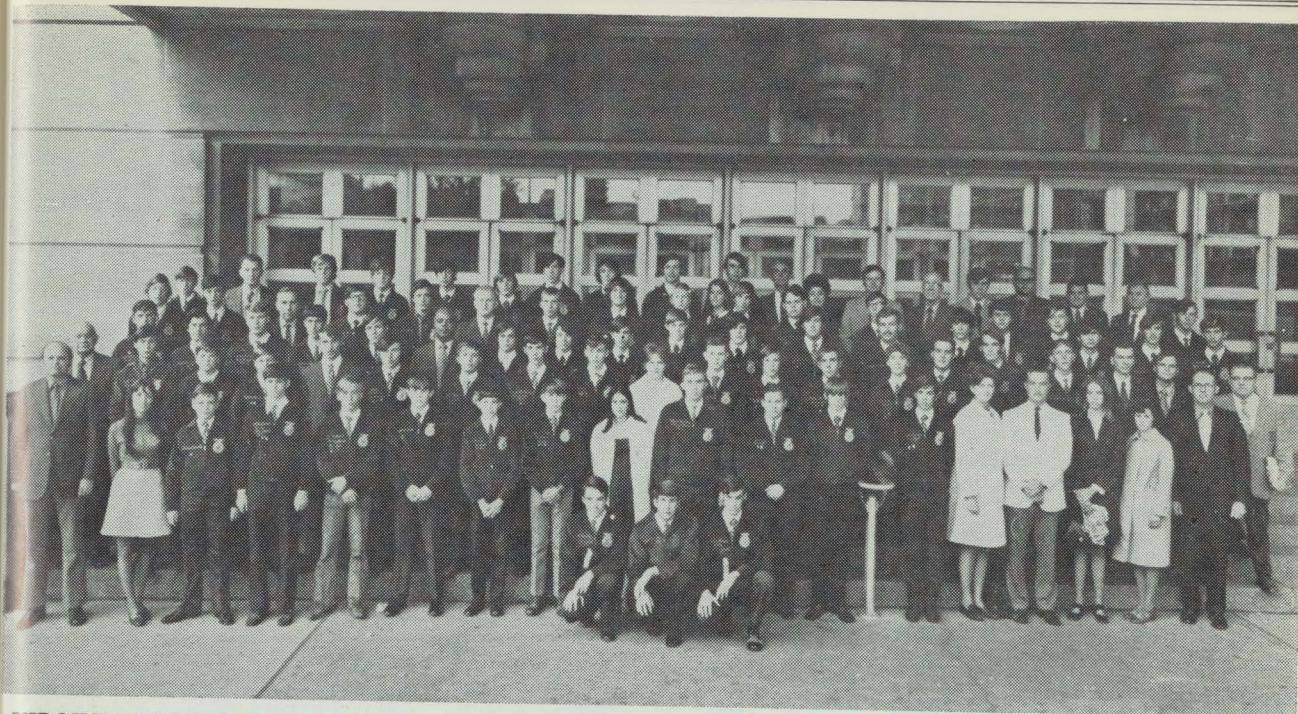
In the future, George is planning to farm in full partnership with his father.

Community Action Awards Presented

Seventy-eight FFA Chapters were recognized at the National FFA Convention for outstanding efforts to make their communities better places in which to live and work through their participation in the FFA Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. Thirty-eight chapters including the Appomattox County Chapter were presented the National Gold Emblem Award. Forty other FFA Chapters were recognized with Silver and Bronze Awards. Among the Bronze recipients was the Rich Valley Chapter, Smith County. The awards were presented during the Thursday morning session of the 45th National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 10-13, 1972.

A brief description of the Appomattox County Chapters activities follows:

The Appomattox County FFA chapter conducted a wide variety of small projects to improve the school and community. Projects included construction of over 100 picnic tables, planting trees, construction of new mailbox posts at 28 locations and distribution of rat poison.



VIRGINIA DELEGATION to 1972 National FFA Convention. Pictured above is the largest delegation to attend the National FFA Convention representing the Virginia Association to date.

Four Chapters Honored at National Convention

Four local chapters of the Virginia Association FFA were honored at the National Convention for outstanding achievement in the Chapter Awards Program. "Gold Emblem" plaques or spurs symbolic of the highest national recognition in chapter activities were presented to the Appomattox County chapter; the Montevideo chapter, Rockingham County; the C. T. Smith chapter, Caroline County; and the Turner Ashby chapter, Rockingham County. This is the first time in recent state records that all chapters submitted for recognition received Gold Emblem rating.

The FFA has approximately 8,200 high school chapters with associations in 49 states and Puerto Rico. The top Gold Emblem rating was awarded only 112 chapters.

Local chapter applications are judged first by the State FFA Association. Top applications are then submitted for National evaluation. Each of the 49 State Associations is permitted to enter two applications or 10% of the applications of chapters earning a superior rating in state competition. Judging the applications at the National level, is done under the supervision of agricultural specialists representing the U. S. Office of Education.

The New F.F.A.

by Steve Flaherty, State Secretary

Over the past ten or fifteen years Agricultural Education has widened its scope so that today's high school instructional program includes not only production agriculture but, forestry, processing, natural resources and environmental sciences, horticulture, floriculture and a number of other options. If the F.F.A. is to remain a part of these instructional programs, some modification in our organization is needed. Thus, we have the concept of a new F.F.A. "relevant and flexible."

Three of the largest F.F.A. chapters in the United States are found in the heart of the cities of New York, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia. Many of these members have never placed a foot upon farm soil. Therefore how are they expected to relate to an organization whose symbols are an ear of corn and a plow? Here in our own State of Virginia we find the presence of the problem of irrelevance. A chapter in Norfolk whose only instructional option was floriculture found it hard to relate to our opening and closing ceremonies because the members were unfamiliar with the symbols. Due to this Mr. J. W. Myers, Jr., Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education, rewrote the opening ceremonies so that they may conform to this particular chapters needs.

In Virginia there are approximately

21,000 students enrolled in some phase of Agricultural Education. There are only about 14,000 F.F.A. members. For some reason, the F.F.A. has failed to generate enough interest within these 7,000 students to make them want to become members of the organization.

Where is the solution to our problem? In March of this year a National Ad Hoc Committee met in Washington, D. C., and developed their ideas into what is known as The New F.F.A. These committee members, after several more meetings, had drawn up new opening and closing ceremonies, primary aims, and constitution which are to be proposed at the National Convention in October at Kansas City. If these proposals are passed by the delegates at Kansas City, this will be a big step toward a solution but the big job lies in our hands. That job is to spread the "good word" of the F.F.A. We must inform the people of what the F.F.A. has to offer them. Maybe if we as officers and members do our job well enough the difference in the number of students in Agricultural Education and F.F.A. members will be smaller.

Forest Glen—Chapter officers elected for the 1972-73 school year were: Mile Dunn, president; Ronnie Synder, vice president; Mike Green, secretary; Foy Baggett, treasurer; Dennis Harrell, reporter and Richard Holland, sentinel.

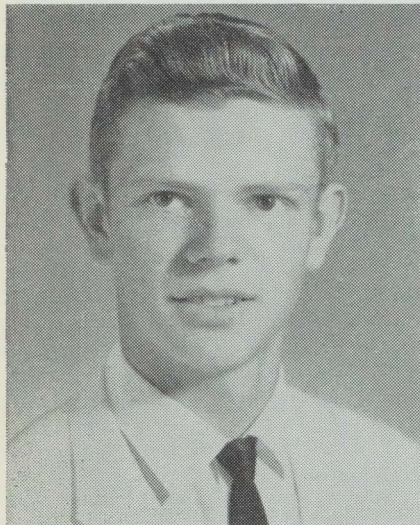
American Farmer Degree

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Wytheville, Virginia, is a graduate of Rural Retreat High School.

During his high school career, Jerry developed an outstanding farm program in dairy cattle. Throughout his high school program, he farmed, in partnership, with his father. When he graduated, he had accumulated a total earnings of ten per cent of 40 dairy cows, 30 dairy heifers, 28 acres of oats, and 4,000 bales of hay. Jerry's responsibility consisted of feeding all the cows, calves, and heifers in the winter. In the spring and summer months, he was responsible for putting out crops, making hay, building, and repairing fences. Also, he was responsible for keeping the farm records of all expenses and income.

In Agriculture Mechanics, Jerry has overhauled motors, put in rear ends of dump trucks, welded plain points, welded scraper blades, and other pieces of broken equipment. He made a pan



JERRY BLESSING

to go on their front end loader to use in loading dirt.

Jerry served as Chapter President for two years, Reporter and Sentinel for one year each. He served on the Dairy Judging Team at the FFA State Convention for three years, received the Area Farmer, Award Chapter Star Farmer and received his State Farmer's Degree. As an active church member, he was UMY Vice-President, UMY President, member of a Quartet, Treasurer of Wytheville District, President of Sub-District, and he sang in his church choir.

At present, Jerry is training to become a Southern States Store Manager. He is married to the former Lynn Keen.

CABEL COBBS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Cobbs of Callands

and is currently employed as a mechanic in Danville, Virginia. He has attended a special mechanics school for his present employment.

He earned the American Farmer Degree on the basis of his accomplishments as a FFA member of the Chatham High School Vocational Agriculture Department at Chatham, Virginia. He lived on a tobacco farm and his farm enterprises consisted of tobacco, corn, hay, hogs, Dairy cow, and home garden. He



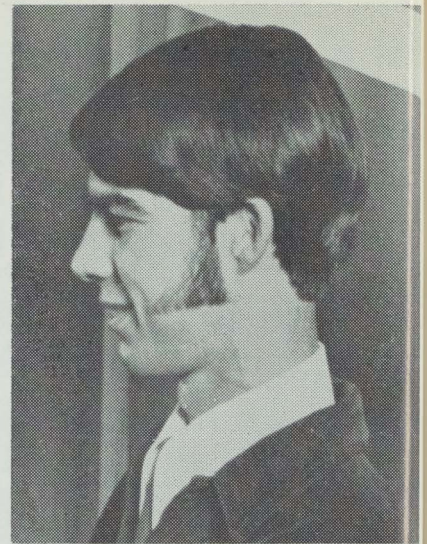
CABEL COBBS

was an active member in the Chatham FFA, taking part as a contestant in many of the contests, serving as president and other offices, taking part in several leadership conferences, attending state and national conventions, and serving as a State officer. He was very interested in Forestry and Mechanics.

Chatham Senior High School Vocational Agriculture instructor and FFA advisor is B. F. Kissam of Chatham, Virginia.

JIM A. COMBS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Combs of Briston, Virginia, is a member of the John S. Battle FFA Chapter. He is presently enrolled as a senior in Industrial Technology at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Jim demonstrated his leadership ability in the FFA as State vice president of Appalachian area, president of the county federation, chapter president for two years and vice president, as well as chairman of many standing committees. During his senior year, he was awarded the Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment award. He represented the chapter in Federation public speaking contests, tractor driving, and served as a member of the Livestock Judging team. Jim exhibited livestock and crops in several fairs and shows in Southwest



JAMES COMBS

Virginia. He served as junior director of the Bristol steer and heifer show and is a member of the Virginia Polled Hereford Association. Jim was the highest scoring individual at the Virginia Junior Hereford Field Day at Still House Hollow Livestock Judging Contest and was awarded a registered Hereford heifer.

Jim is in partnership with his father on a 350 acre dairy and livestock farm with additional rented land for crops.

He is now a member of the John S. Battle Young Farmer Association and is presently serving as vice president of that organization.

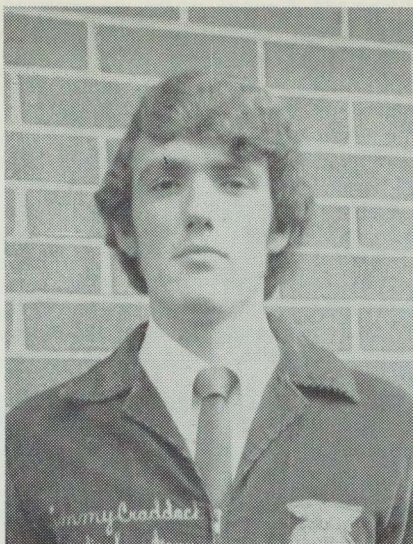
ROBERT PAUL COFFMAN is the 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coffman of Route 2, Harrisonburg in Rockingham County. Young Coffman is a 1970 graduate of Broadway High School where he completed five years of agricultural education under the direction of Mr. I. W. Diehl and Mr. James Hively.

During his studies in the agriculture production option, Robert developed an outstanding supervised farming program centered around dairy and poultry enterprises. Throughout most of his high school career he farmed in partnership with his father and two younger brothers. During his senior year his enterprises in partnership were 100 dairy cows (Grade A), 24,000 heavy breeder pullets, 8,000 breeder hens, 9 acres of pasture, 6 market hogs and several replacement dairy heifers. Most of the farm is class IV, V of VI land and not suitable for production of field crops, therefore, all forage and concentrate feeds are purchased.

Robert was a very active member of the FFA both at John C. Myers Intermediate School where he served his chapter as vice-president and judged

in several teams and at Broadway High School where he served as reporter and president, chaired numerous committees, and judged in poultry, mechanics, soils, dairy and crops contests. In 1969 he was a member of the state winning poultry judging team at the State FFA Convention and received a bronze award for his judging abilities at the National Poultry Judging Contest. During his junior year he served as president of the Rockingham FFA Federation. At the 1970 State Convention Robert was named Northern Area Star Farmer. For his outstanding leadership to the Broadway Chapter he was presented the Dekalb Agricultural Leadership Award during his senior year.

He has continued his training in agricultural education by becoming an active member of the local Young Farmers Association. He is a member of several other organizations and is active in his local church.

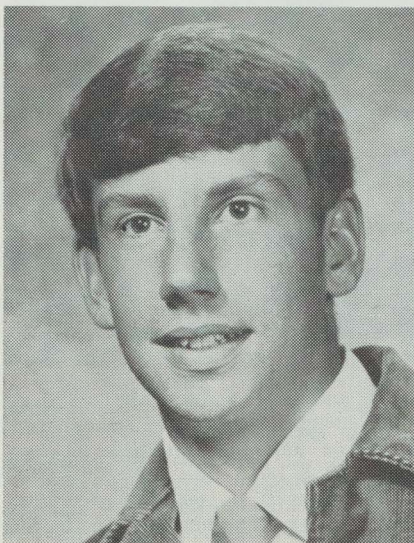


JAMES CRADDOCK

James' high school vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor is B. F. Kissam of Chatham.

PAUL SAMUEL CRAUN is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lurty S. Craun of Route 1, Mt. Crawford, Virginia and is a 1971 graduate of Montevideo High School. He served last year as President of the Virginia Association FFA. He attended several National and State leadership conferences while serving as State President.

While in high school, he was reporter, vice president, and president of his local chapter and vice president of the Rockingham FFA Federation. Paul was president of the Degree Team that won the state contest in 1970. He was selected as All-State Degree Team President. Also in 1970, Paul placed second in the state in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest. On a local and fed-



PAUL CRAUN

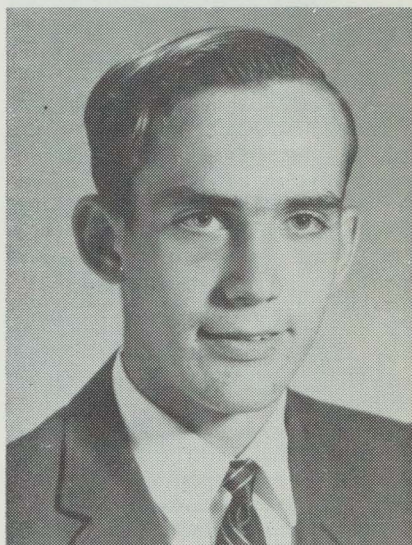
eration level, young Craun represented his chapter on the crops, livestock, forestry, dairying, and farm mechanics judging teams. In 1971 he was selected as the State Star Farmer from the Northern Area.

During his five years in high school, Paul carried a total of forty livestock and crop enterprises. He showed livestock and crops at local and county fairs. Based on his supervised farming program Paul received the Crop, Livestock and Agricultural Mechanics Proficiency Awards. Also, he was selected as the Outstanding FFA Member by the Cross-Keys Mill Creek Ruritan Club in 1971.

Besides being active in FFA activities Paul was also very active in many other school organizations. He was vice president of the FBLA, president of the Student-Faculty Advisory Council and a member of the SCA.

He has been active in church work, serving as a member of the church council as well as very active in his Sunday School class.

LARRY EADES, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Eades, of Route 2, Gladys,

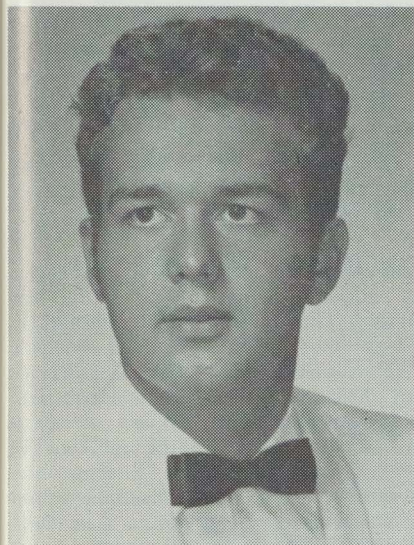


LARRY EADES

Virginia is a 1971 graduate of William Campbell High School where he was an outstanding member of the FFA Chapter. He was awarded the State Farmer Degree in June, 1971.

Larry has held the offices of secretary and president of his local chapter as well as president of the Hub Federation. Also he was elected vice president of the Virginia Association FFA during the year 1971-72. He was a member of the state winning Forestry Judging Team in 1968 and Crops Judging team in 1970. Larry has participated in all levels of competition in the FFA and

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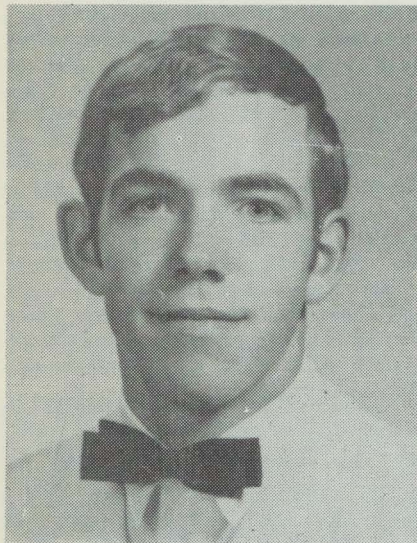
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JAMES CRADDOCK is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie L. Craddock of Chatham and is currently farming in partnership with his grandfather and has made plans to attend a second year at Danville Community College in Danville, Virginia.

He earned the American Farmer Degree on the basis of his supervised farm program and his leadership ability as a student for five years at Chatham High School Vocational Agriculture Department. His main productive enterprises consist of tobacco, corn, oats, clover hay, beef cattle, and hogs. He hopes to be a teacher of agriculture and have a livestock farm also. James served the Chatham FFA Chapter well as an officer and served the State Association as Secretary. He has been one of our most successful young men in the industry of agriculture.

was awarded the Southside Area Star Farmer in 1971. He has held many offices in his high school clubs and Varsity sports activities, being awarded the Most Valuable Track Team Member.

He is presently enrolled in VPI & SU majoring in Engineering and maintaining a strong farming program. At the present his farming program includes 25 feeder pigs, 10 brood cows and 91 acres of crops.



MILLER FARRIS, JR.

MILLER FARRIS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyree Farris of Newbern and is currently farming in partnership with his father and attending New River Community College.

He earned the American Farmer Degree on the basis of his supervised experience program. He currently has a 48 cow dairy herd and an additional 41 dairy heifers and calves. 63 beef cows and 60 breeding ewes are included in the partnership operation.

Miller served his local FFA Chapter as treasurer and participated in Public Speaking, Leadership training conference, Degree team activities. He was the State winner of the livestock proficiency award while actively enrolled in agriculture. He has also served as president of his Sunday School class and youth group. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, 4-H Club and Volunteer Fire Department.

Dublin High School Vocational Agriculture instructor and FFA advisor is Stanley Burke of Dublin.

J. VINCE GARLAND, IV, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James V. Garland, III of Village, Virginia. Vince's father obtained the American Farmer Degree in 1942 at the 15th National FFA Convention.

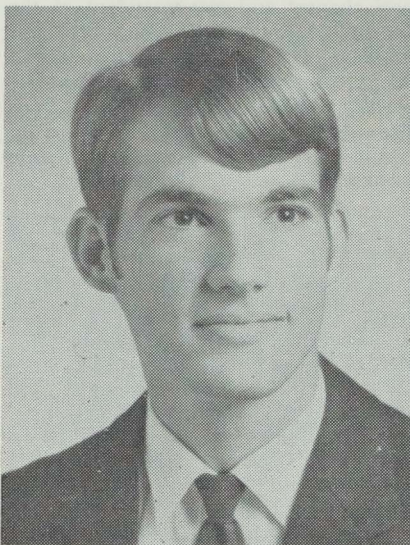
Vince is a 1972 graduate of Rappahannock High School of Warsaw in

Richmond County where he received five years of Agricultural Education and the FFA training. For the next two years he attended Ferrum College and is now at VPI & SU majoring in Agricultural Education. The last two summers Vince has divided his time working on the home farm and being employed as a "Work-Study-Student" for the Extension Service in his home county.

While in high school, Vince amassed an outstanding record of accomplishments. He served as Northern Neck FFA Federation President and Vice-President and as State Vice-President for Eastern Virginia as well as holding several offices in the Richmond County FFA Chapter. He attended Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, the Forestry Institute at VPI, three State FFA Conventions and the 1968 National FFA Convention. He received the State Farmer Degree in 1969 and was the Star Farmer of Eastern Virginia along with being the Area Crop Farming Foundation Award Winner. The next year Vince was the area Soil, Water and Air Award winner.

Vince participated in many judging events including Tractor Driving, Forestry Judging and Farm Mechanics. He was on the Degree Team which placed in the State contest and spoke every year in the chapter public speaking contest. Besides being active in the FFA, Vince was a real leader in his church.

The Supervised Production Program Vince conducted included crops and livestock. The crops included corn, soy-



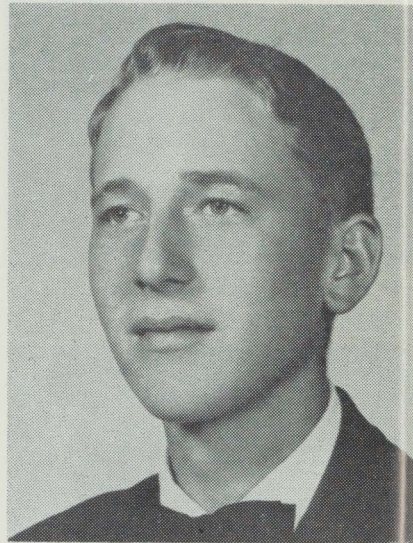
VINCE GARLAND, IV

beans, and small grain while the livestock included both beef cattle and hogs. The total program shows a gross income of \$11,977 with a \$6,260 profit.

Vince hopes to teach Agricultural Education and continue to farm in his spare time.

THOMAS WILTON GOODMAN, JR., 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilton Goodman, Sr., Route 5, Abingdon, Virginia, is one of many outstanding young men from Southwest Virginia. Tommy and his wife, Suzanne, own a 40 acre farm of their own and work in partnership with Tommy's father on an additional 240 acre farm.

Their farming program consists of 30 dairy cows, 15 beef cows and steers,



THOMAS GOODMAN, JR.

3½ acres of Burley Tobacco, 2 acres of strawberries and 1 acre of October beans. The farm also provides corn, silage and hay for all of their livestock.

During his high school career, Tommy held the offices of treasurer and sentinel in the FFA as well as chairman and member of numerous committees. He was the Farm Electrification winner in the Appalachian Area and attended the AIC Conference at Ohio State. He was also runner-up in the Star Farmer competition in the Appalachian Area. Since graduation he has been a member of the Abingdon Young Farmer Club and held the offices of reporter and vice president.

While in high school and also after graduation, Tommy has supplemented his farm income by working part-time for Valleydale packers and local tobacco warehouses during the tobacco market season.

FRANK KEATTS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keatts, Sr., Route 1, Axton, is currently attending Ferrum Junior College pursuing a degree in pre-veterinary medicine.

He earned the American Farmer Degree on the basis of his outstanding supervised farming programs and leadership activities while enrolled in Agricultural Education at Tunstall High School, Dry Fork, Virginia.



FRANK KEATTS, JR.

While a student at Tunstall in Agricultural Education, Frank served his local FFA chapter in many capacities including assistant vice president, sentinel, and parliamentarian. He also represented the chapter as a member of state FFA band for three years and as an exhibitor in the local fair and livestock shows for four years.

At Tunstall High School Frank's vocational agriculture instructors and FFA advisors were J. W. Thomasson and J. J. Bohannon.

REESE McCORMICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. McCormick of Route 5, Chatham, Virginia received the American Farmer Degree October 12 at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, Missouri.

In receiving the award Reese has shown qualities of leadership and an outstanding farming program during his years at Gretna Sr. High School. He is the first member of the Gretna Chapter to receive this coveted award.

Reese has farmed in cooperation with his father for several years. His farming program included beef cattle, swine, corn for grain, corn for silage, oats, wheat, barley, soybeans, milo and mixed hay.

At Gretna Sr. High School, he served his FFA chapter as president, secretary, reporter, and chairman of numerous committees. He also served as vice president of the Pittsylvania Federation of FFA and served as vice president of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America last year.

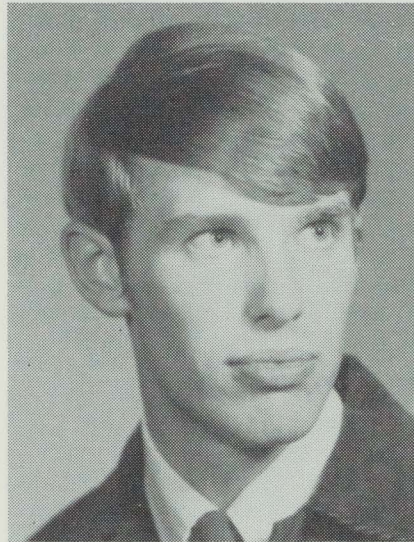
Reese represented Gretna three years as a member of the state Farm Mechanics Judging Team.

As an FFA member, Reese received numerous awards which included crops, Livestock, soil and water management, Scholarship, public speaking and lead-

ership. Reese was awarded the Star Chapter Farmer, Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment and Outstanding Chapter Member awards.

Reese represented Virginia at the National American Institute of Cooperatives Convention held at Ohio State in 1970.

Reese is a recent graduate of Danville Community College. During his two years at Danville, he served as treasurer of the Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity and as board member of Circle K. Reese represented the college at the Student Legislator Open Forum.



REESE McCORMICK

Reese was nominated and received recognition to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

Reese graduated with a 3.62 average, Magna Cum Laude.

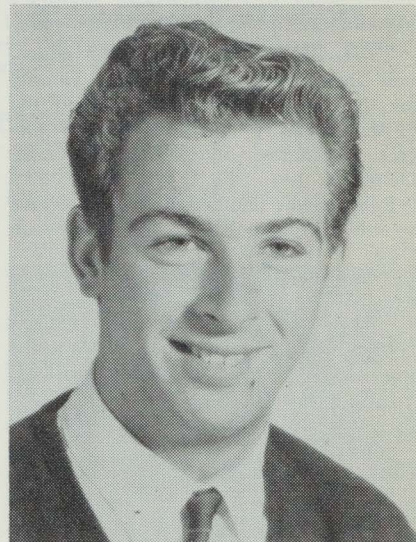
He is currently attending VPI & SU majoring in Animal Science. He plans to become a veterinarian.

STEPHEN LONG SAUFLEY is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Saufley of Port Republic, Virginia and a 1969 graduate of Montevideo High School. Stephen completed five years of agricultural education and received his State Farmer Degree at the 1968 State Convention for his excellent supervised practice program and his leadership activities.

During his high school career, Stephen developed an outstanding farming program centered around crops, beef cattle and hogs. Today he rents the home farm from his father and another farm from a neighbor. His farming operation consists of 217 acres of pasture, 39 acres of hay, 112 acres in crops and 54 acres in timberland. In addition to his farm land he has 79 beef cows, 17 heifers, 15 steers, 4 sows and 35 market hogs.

As an active member of the Montevideo FFA Chapter, Stephen served as vice president and president of the chapter, vice president of the Rockingham Federation and reporter of the Virginia Association in 1969. He served on five standing committees and chaired three of these. Stephen served as president of the second place state degree team in 1968. In addition to the degree team, Stephen participated in the dairy, forestry, crops, livestock, and farm mechanics judging teams. Stephen represented his chapter in the State FFA Band and at the National FFA Convention in 1967. He was selected as the Chapter Star Farmer in 1968 and received the Proficiency Award in crop farming. He showed livestock at the Rockingham County Fair and participated in many other chapter activities during his five years at Montevideo.

Stephen attended Tennessee Technical School where he studied welding, and engine overhaul which he finds very



STEPHEN SAUFLEY

helpful in his farming operation. He is presently treasurer of the Northern Virginia Young Farmers. Stephen is also a member of Rockingham Cooperative Farm Bureau. He is an active member of his church where he has served as Sunday School Teacher and Treasurer.

WILLIAM WINSTON, a graduate of William Campbell High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Winston of Gladys, Virginia. William is married to the former Patty Nash of Brookneal, Virginia.

William held many offices in his local FFA chapter being president and treasurer and served as secretary of the Hub Federation. He has served as State FFA sentinel in 1970-71. William was a member of the Dairy Judging Team,

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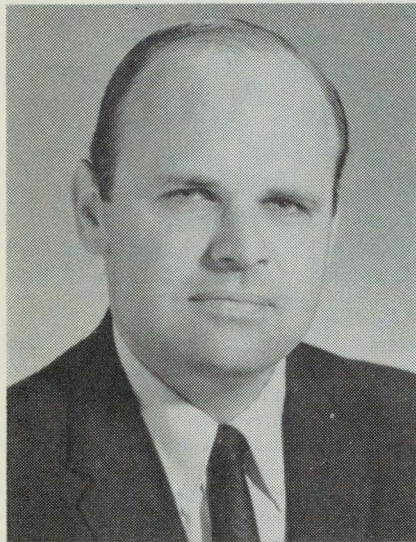
Honorary Degrees Awarded to Four

Four Virginians were honored for outstanding service to agricultural education and the FFA during the 45th National FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12. Virginia teachers honored were: T. D. Burgess, III, Instructor of Agricultural Education, Blairs Junior High School, Pittsylvania County; Carlton M. Hall, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Patrick Henry High School, Hanover County; James A. Hudson, Instructor, Agricultural Education, Park View Junior High School, Mecklenburg County; and D. D. Oliver, Instructor of Agricultural Education, Abingdon High School, Washington County.

Each year a pre-determined number of teachers are selected on the basis of a score card application from among more than 10,000 agriculture education teachers in the United States. Virginia's quota is four teachers, selected from among 364 teachers throughout the state.

T. D. BURGESS, agricultural education instructor in Pittsylvania County for the past eleven years, received the FFA's Honorary American Farmer Degree at Kansas City, Missouri in mid-October.

Burgess was nominated for the degree by the Virginia FFA Association, and



T. D. BURGESS, III

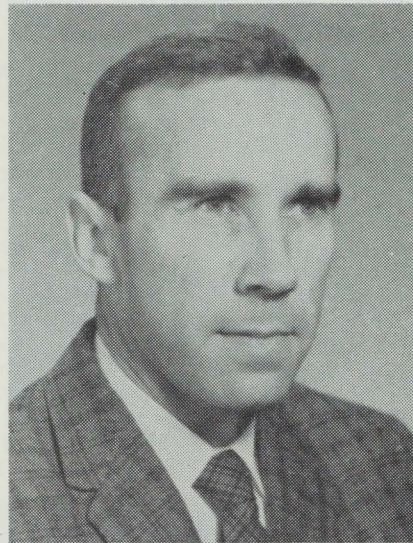
the nomination was approved by the National FFA Board of Directors. The Honorary American Farmer Degree is the highest honorary degree presented by the FFA.

During his teaching career, Burgess has guided 36 students to the degree of State Farmer, 7 students to the degree of American Farmer, 10 have been winners of state proficiency awards, and 2 have received recognition as Star

Farmers of Virginia. His teams have won the state Parliamentary Procedure and Mechanics Judging contests, and his chapter has won national recognition on four different occasions.

Burgess is the regional winner of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association Career Orientation Award Program for 1972, and recently was recognized for having five former students now teaching agricultural education.

Burgess, who resides in Danville, is married to the former Diana Moore of Harrisonburg, and they have four children.



C. M. HALL

C. M. HALL, agriculture instructor and FFA advisor for the past 12 years at Patrick Henry High School, Ashland, Virginia received the Honorary American Farmer Degree during the 45th National FFA Convention.

Hall was born and reared on a Hanover County farm near Beaverdam and spent the first twenty-five years on this general and dairy farm.

After graduating from high school at Beaverdam, Hall taught Vocational Agriculture at Beaverdam and Montpelier for several years on an emergency basis. While here Hall had a winning state dairy judging team which went on to judge in the National Dairy Judging contest held at Waterloo, Iowa.

Hall then attended VPI and received the B.S. degree in Ag. Ed. in 1953 and the Med degree in 1970.

After graduating from VPI in 1953, Hall taught vocational agriculture in Gloucester County for one year. He then went into related agricultural work for five years. He returned to teaching in 1960 at Patrick Henry High School

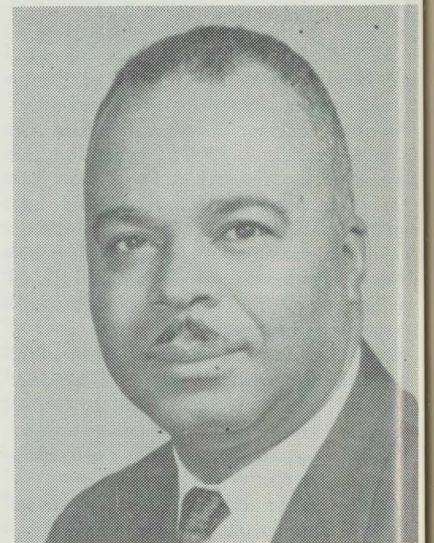
in Hanover County and is presently employed there. Five of his students have received the American Farmer Degree and 48 students were named to receive the State Farmer Degree. 2 students were selected Star Farmers of Virginia Awards, and 1 student received Star Farmers of Virginia Awards, and 1 student received Star Agribusinessman Award for Virginia.

In college Hall was a member of Alpha Zeta, Block and Bridle and Collegiate FFA. Hall has been active in church and civic organizations; having been a steward in Shiloh Methodist Church and has held all offices in the Beaverdam Ruitan Club. He has also been Zone Governor of Zone 7, Chesapeake District of Ruitan National. In professional organizations, Hall is a member of HEA, VEA, NVATA, VVATA, AVA, and VVA.

Hall resides at his home in Beaverdam, Virginia.

J. A. HUDSON, Park View Junior, is a native of Mecklenburg County. He received his elementary and secondary education in the Mecklenburg County Schools. He attended VSC where he earned both the B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural education.

Mr. Hudson served with the Army of the United States during World War II nearly three years. He returned to



J. A. HUDSON

Mecklenburg County as instructor of agricultural education where he has served continuously for more than twenty-five years.

During this period, he has taught forty-two students who received the State Farmer Degree. Three of his students have earned the American Farmer Degree. His students have also received six National Foundation Awards.

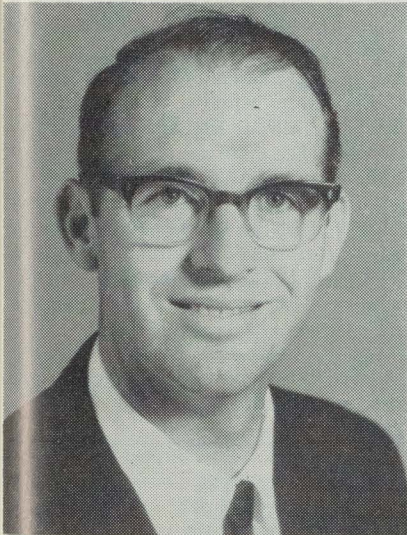
He has been active in civic and

church organizations. He is a member of the Lombardy Grove Baptist Church where he teaches the Senior Adult Bible class and is chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is past president of the Mecklenburg Education Association.

Married to the former Lucille Taylor, the Hudsons have two children—James Jr. who practices veterinary medicine in South Hill, and Constance, a senior at VSC.

DARIUS D. OLIVER, Vocational Agriculture Instructor and FFA advisor at Abingdon High School and past president of the Virginia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association received the Honorary American Farmers Degree at the 45th National FFA Convention which was held in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 10-13.

Oliver attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he was awarded the B.S. and M.Ed. Degrees in Agricultural Education. He is a recipient of the

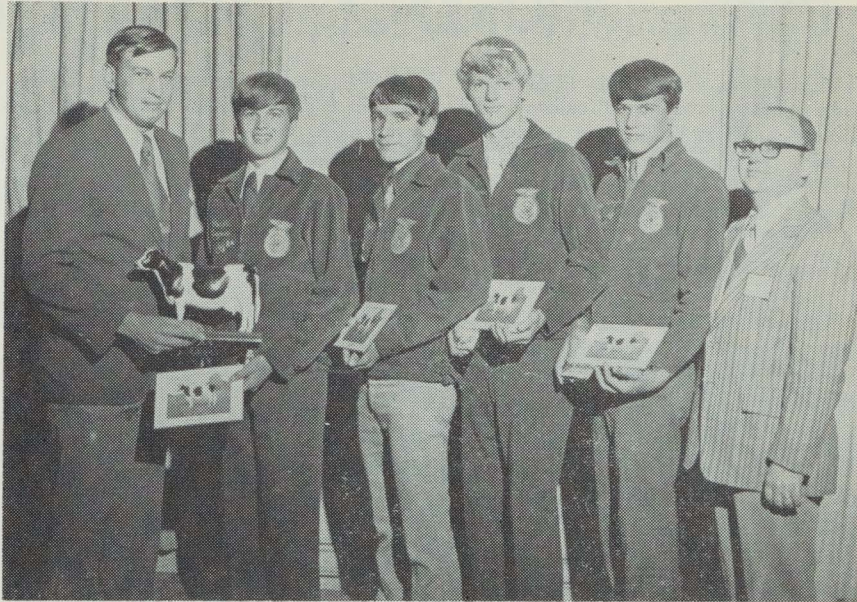


D. D. OLIVER

Prentice-Hall Scholarship (Southern Region winner—applied toward graduate study), Virginia Teachers Award winner for Outstanding Accomplishments in Farm Electrification sponsored by member electric companies of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias, the recipient of the Honorary Degree of State Farmer, received the Southern States Agricultural Leadership Award, and the Geigy Professional Recognition Award.

The Abingdon Chapter along with his past FFA Chapters have had a Star Farmer, 2 American Farmers, several Foundation Award winners, and approximately 36 State Farmers.

Oliver is an active member of the Pleasant View Baptist Church of Glade Spring and has served as teacher of the men's class for 16 years. He and his wife, Sue, have two sons, Ricky and Chris.



DAIRY JUDGING TEAM—Carl Brown, Fieldman, Holstein-Fresian Association, presenting awards to the Franklin County Dairy Cattle Judging team, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (Others in picture l-r) Harold Layman, William Middleton, Wayne Bower, Glen Angle, and Duane Dishon, coach.

Franklin County Team Takes Honors

Members of the Franklin County High School FFA Dairy Judging team captured honors at the fourth Annual Pennsylvania All-American Invitational Youth Judging Contest held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1972.

The four member team placed fourth in overall competition and received a check in the amount of \$120 for their accomplishments. Franklin County's team placed first in Holstein Judging competition.

Individually, Harold Layman placed first in the Holstein division, second in the Ayrshire class and sixth in overall competition. William Middleton was fourth in the Holstein class, fifth in

Jersey competition and fifth in giving reasons. Glen Angle placed fifth in Holstein judging.

Duane Dishon, Instructor of Agricultural Education, Franklin County High School coached the team and accompanied the group to Harrisburg.

Rockingham—Delegates and officer candidates from six local chapters met recently and elected the following officers for this school term: Dennis Houff, president, Montevideo; David Coffman, vice president, Broadway; David VanPelt, secretary, Turner Ashby; Kenny Hammer, treasurer, Montevideo; Greg Arey, reporter, Turner Ashby; Dennis Dove, sentinel, Broadway.

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Virginia Receives Two 2nds, 3rd in Judging

The Wilson Memorial FFA Dairy Judging team and the Broadway FFA Poultry Judging Team were runners-up in their respective contests and the Fort Defiance FFA Livestock Judging Team placed third in livestock judging during

A First

The first Annual Meeting of the National FFA Alumni Association was recently held at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. When the presentation of the State Charters was completed, forty states had chartered a State FFA Alumni Association.

The organization officially adopted a Constitution and By-Laws. Before the meeting ended the fledgling group had adopted a membership pin and established a memorial fund to provide scholarships to FFA members. At the local level, chartered affiliates, numbering in the hundreds, are also conducting numerous other activities all across the country.

The election of an Alumni Council, or governing body of the organization, was held prior to the meeting by mail ballot of the membership and the results announced at the meeting. The following were elected: Pacific Region—Harry Epler, Hillsdale, Wyoming; Southern Region—E. C. Dick Weekley, Houston, Texas; Central Region—Kenneth McMillan, Bloomington, Illinois; North Atlantic Region—Edwin Hadlock, Hammond, New York; Member-at-Large—Gus R. Douglas, Charleston, West Virginia.

Gus Douglass, West Virginia Agriculture Commissioner, was elected Chairman of the new Alumni Council with Dr. James Cleveland, Purdue University being chosen Vice Chairman.

By providing a tutorial for former FFA members and by informing them of the new organization's purpose is to conduct activities to promote a greater knowledge of the agriculture industry and support education in agriculture.

For more information write: FFA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 15058, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

HUB—During a recent meeting the following officers were elected to serve this fiscal year: Jim Trent, president, William Campbell; David Maxey, vice president, Rustburg; James Torrence, secretary, Appomattox County; Gary Taylor, treasurer, Amherst Sr.; Lisle Ford, reporter, Brookville; Barry Maxey, sentinel, Rustburg, and Donnie Thornhill, chaplain, Appomattox Intermediate.

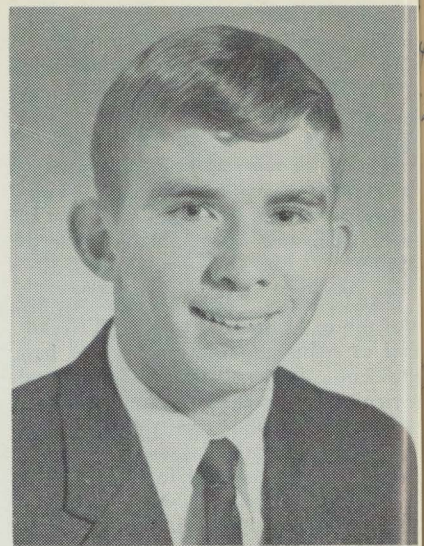
the 27th Annual Atlantic Rural Exposition FFA Junior Judging Contests September 23.

Members of the second place Virginia dairy judging team are David Brower, David Hevener, and Vicki Hevener. W. S. Moffett is team coach. Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Ohio finished first, third, fourth, and fifth respectively. David Hevener of Virginia won individual honors in dairy judging.

In Poultry Judging, Maryland placed first, Virginia second, Indiana third, Pennsylvania fourth, and Delaware fifth. David See of Virginia was runner-up high individual. Members of the Broadway team, in addition to David, are David Coffman and Keith Coffman. I. W. Diehl is team coach.

The winning team in Livestock Judging was Ohio. Indiana placed second. Third place went to Virginia. Pennsylvania finished fourth and Maryland fifth. Ronnie Simmons of Fort Defiance was high individual in livestock judging. Other members of the Fort Defiance team are Allen George and Keith Wampler. The team is coached by Charles Curry.

The teams and their coaches were guests of seven manufacturers of farm machinery at an awards breakfast. Joint hosts for the meal function were Allis Chalmers, Ford, International Harvester, J. I. Case, John Deere, Massey Ferguson, and Universal Tractor and Equipment Corporation.



WILLIAM WINSTON

American Farmer Degree

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Forestry Judging Team, Farm Mechanics Judging Team, and was a member of the State winning Crops Judging Team in 1970. He also participated in Public Speaking and was a member of the State FFA Chorus for two years.

William farms in partnership with his father and his brother, Sammy Winston, who was awarded the American Farmer Degree in 1961. The farming program includes a dairy herd of 120 animals and 410 acres of crops.

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