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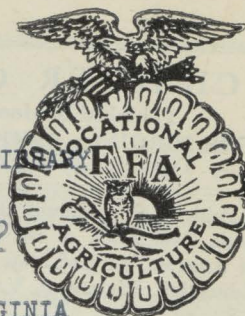
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Eighty-five Virginians To Attend the 45th National Convention, October 11-13

Approximately 85 Virginians will attend the 45th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-13, 1972, according to J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education.

The Virginia party will include two official delegates, 15 candidates for the American Farmer Degree, four Honorary American Farmer Degree candidates, one candidate for national office, two National Band members, two National Chorus members, forestry winners and chapter advisors. Other individuals and groups making the trip include foundation award winners, crops, dairy, farm mechanics, forestry, livestock and poultry judging teams, one division superintendent, one principal along with federation and chapter representatives.

The Trailways Bus System will provide transportation to the National Convention again this year. The Virginia delegation will board special chartered buses in Richmond and Lynchburg, Sunday, October 8, and will return to Virginia, Sunday, October 15. Plans include over night lodging on the going and return trip.

Although the list is incomplete, those planning to attend from Virginia are:

Delegates—John P. Good, Jr., State President, James Wood; and Steve Flaherty, State Secretary, Ladysmith.

Officer Candidate—Paul S. Craun, Past President, Montevideo.

American Farmer Candidates—George Anderson, Halifax County; Jerry Blessing, Rural Retreat; Cabel Cobbs, Chatham; James Combs, J. S. Battle; Robert Coffman, Broadway; James Craddock, Chatham; Paul Craun, Montevideo; Larry Eades, William Campbell; Miller Farris, Jr., Dublin; Vince Garland, Rappahannock; Thomas Goodman, Jr., Abingdon; Frank Keatts, Jr., Tunstall; Reese McCormick, Gretna Senior; Steven Saufley, Montevideo and William Winston, William Campbell.

Honorary American Farmer Candidates—T. D. Burgess, Blairs Junior; C.

M. Hall, Patrick Henry; J. A. Hudson, Park View Junior; and D. D. Oliver, Abingdon.

National Band—Randy Clark, Brentsville District and Neal Hewitt, Buffalo Gap.

National Chorus — Joseph Alger, Broadway and Allen Austin, Appomattox Intermediate.

Forestry Winners — Thomas Winfree, Amelia and W. D. Coleman, Instructor, Amelia.

Agricultural Electrification — Ronald Campbell, Appomattox and William Crabtree, Instructor, Abingdon.

Tractor Operation—Ricky Reynolds, Liberty.

Poultry Production—Edward Bowman, Turner Ashby.

Other Invited Guests—Dr. Melton F. (Continued on page 7)

State Officers Attend Conference

by Gary Thomas, State Reporter

The 1972-73 Virginia State FFA officers met July 31-August 5 for a leadership conference at FFA-FHA Camp, Smithfield, Virginia. Attending the conference were the state officers which include John Good, Jr., Winchester, State President; Vicky Heavener, Staunton, Northern Vice President; Olander Fleming, Cartersville, Southside Vice President; Joe Peppers, Hillsville, Appalachian Vice President; George Zahradka, Petersburg, Eastern Vice President; Ronnie Finch, Woolford, Central Vice President; Richard Hylton, Riner, Blue Ridge Vice President; Steve Flaherty, Ruther Glen, State Secretary; Gary Vance, Strasburg, Treasurer; Gary Thomas, Appomattox, Reporter; Dickie Saunders, Scottsburg, Sentinel. Also at (Continued on page 7)



OFFICER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP—The 1972-73 State FFA officers met for their annual Leadership Workshop at the FFA-FHA Camp, Smithfield, Virginia (Front row L-R) Richard Hylton, Vice President; Vicky Heavener, Vice President; Dickie Saunders, Sentinel; John Good, President. (Back row L-R) George Zahradka, Vice President; Ronnie Finch, Vice President; Gary Vance, Treasurer; Gary Thomas, Reporter; Steve Flaherty, Secretary; and Joe Peppers, Vice President.

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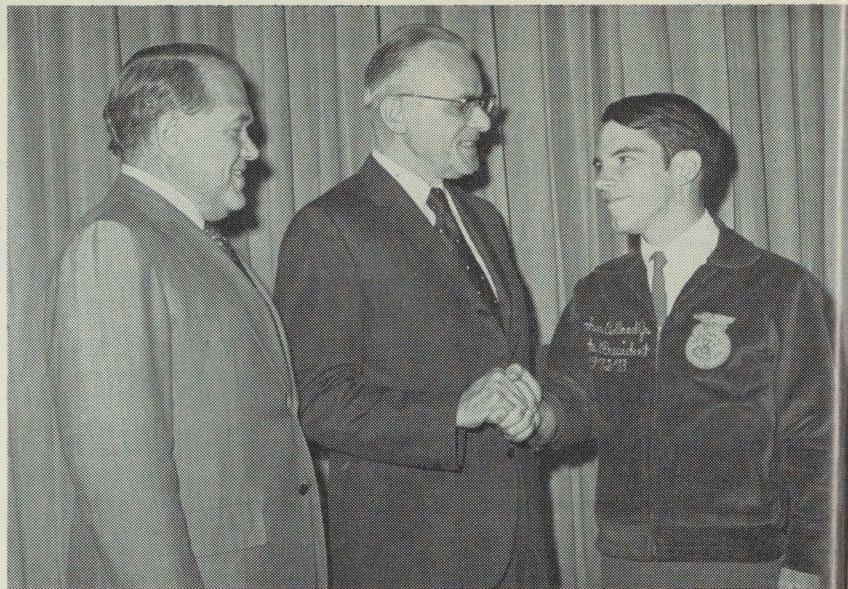
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The Constitution And By-Laws Committee - 1972

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the 46th Annual State FFA Convention has reviewed the present constitution and recommends no changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Orlander Clifford Fleming, *Chairman*
E. A. Moore, *Ex-Officio*



John P. Good, Jr., President of the Virginia Association FFA, is greeted by Secretary of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz (center) and Wallace Wilson, Vice President of General Motors. Young Good met with Secretary Butz during the State FFA President's Conference held in Washington, D. C. under the sponsorship of General Motors.

Good Meets With Secretary Butz

John P. Good, Jr., President of the Virginia FFA Association was one of 82 FFA officers who met recently with Secretary of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz. The hour long meeting was a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the Nation's Capital. The conference was sponsored by General Motors Corporation as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Secretary Butz and three members of his staff fielded questions on a broad range of subjects presented by a panel of five State FFA Officers and National FFA President, Tim Burke. Butz opened the discussion by expressing optimism in the future of America, saying that the nation is still a developing country and there are many challenges for young people today. "I only wish that I could have had the opportunity you're going to have in this challenging political experiment we call America," Butz told the group of young men and women who are preparing for careers in agriculture. "There's a lot right with America," he said, challenging them to put their talents to good use making the nation a better place in which to live.

Questions posed by the officers were indicative of the young agriculture students' wide range of concern about modern agriculture. They included questions on age of American farmers, the public image of farming, rural development, and economic issues affecting farmers and consumers today.

This is the fifth annual State Presidents' Conference and is the first FFA Conference to be sponsored by General Motors Corporation, through the National FFA Foundation, Inc. GM Vice President, Wallace E. Wilson, was on hand to greet the FFA members prior to their panel discussion with Secretary Butz. "General Motors is pleased to sponsor this eventful week for FFA State Presidents," he told members. "We have confidence in the future of agribusiness and General Motors wishes to actively support young people preparing for careers in this vital industry." As spoken (Continued on page 8)

Former Commissioner Receives Game Ball

by J. C. Green, Retired Supervisor

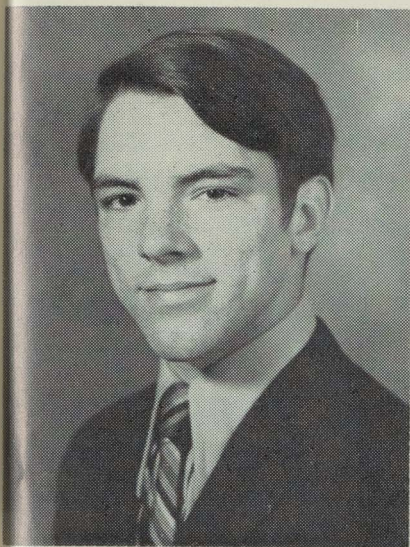
Central Area won the Softball Championship at the 1972 State FFA Convention. They honored the former Softball Commissioner, Jesse C. Green, now presenting him the winning ball, which had been autographed by all of the participating players.

The ball is highly prized because it brought back so many pleasant memories of four decades of FFA Rallies.

I want to thank all who had a part in winning the championship and presenting the ball to me.

From all reports, the 1972 Convention was one of the best ever! Best wishes for all future activities.

Meet Your State Officers



John P. Good, Jr.

JOHN P. GOOD, JR., 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Good, Sr. of Winchester, Virginia is the 1972-73 State President and is a senior at the James Wood High School.

John served as president of the W. R. Legge Junior High FFA chapter for two years, and as secretary of the James Wood Senior High chapter also for two years. He has served as president, vice-president, and secretary of the Northern Triangle Federation, each for one year.

In four years as an FFA member, John has represented his chapter on sine crops, mechanics, forestry, and degree teams numerous times. Also active in public speaking, he has placed second in the Northern Area twice, and third once. He attended the American Institute of Cooperation in 1970 at Ohio State University where he scored in the top 25% on the Cooperative Quiz. John has received the Star Greenhand and Scholarship Award pins.

John's supervised occupational experience program has included raising 15 baby calves and working for his father on their 660 acre beef cattle farm. John now owns four beef cows and over 500 potted shrubs that he has rooted in a hotbed he built last year.

While in high school, John has been a student government officer and president of his sophomore class. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Club, and the local Ruriteen Club. Recently he was selected to have his biography published in *Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

John is a member of the Bethel Luth-

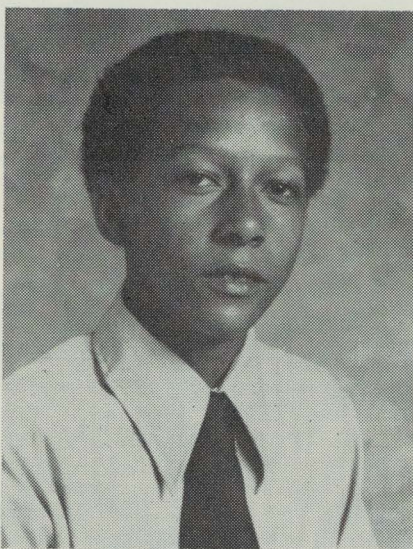
eran Church in Winchester. He plans to attend VPI & SU and major in agriculture.

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OLANDER C. W. FLEMING, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olander J. Fleming of Cartersville, is now serving as State Vice President of the Virginia Association FFA for the Southside Area during the year 1972-73.

Olander is an active member of the Cumberland FFA Chapter and has participated in many of the chapter's various activities. He served as chapter president during the past school year.

Activities in the local FFA chapter include being a delegate to the State Convention for the last two years, chapter Star Greenhand and the Star Chapter Farmer awards. Olander placed sec-



Olander Fleming

ond and third in the 1971 and 1972 Area Public speaking contests. He has also participated in the State Dairy Judging team contest for the last two years. At the last Virginia Association Convention, Olander received his State Farmer Degree.

Olander's supervised occupational experience program includes brood sows, feeder pigs, general crops and a pony. He has also had a contract with a cucumber company to raise cucumbers for the summer and hopes to form a co-op in an effort to draw some industries into the county.

While active in the FFA, Olander has also participated in other activities in school, such as manager of track team, chairman of various SCA committees and public speaker at forensic meets.

He is presently enrolled in agricultural education at Cumberland High School. After graduation he plans to go to college and major in Agricultural Engineering.

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JOE H. PEPPERS, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carney of Hillsville, Virginia is a senior at Carroll County High School. Joe was elected Vice President of the Appalachian area at the 1972 State Convention.

Joe has served as president and vice-president of his local chapter and was also a member of the Student Cooperative Association, the Art Club, the Hunting and Fishing Club and was representative of his sophomore and junior class in the SCA.

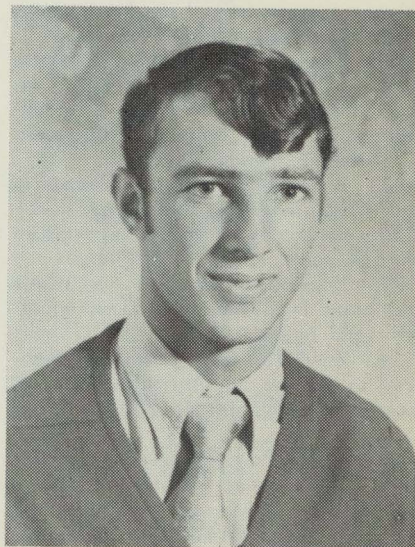
As a member of the Carroll County Chapter, Joe participated in forestry, farm mechanics, crops, dairy, livestock judging and the public speaking contest. He was a member of the state winning Forestry Judging team and placed fifth in the state public speaking contest. He was named the Star Agribusinessman at the 46th State Convention representing the Blue Ridge Area.

Joe lives on a 90 acre farm and helps care for 40 beef cattle. He helps his father and many of his neighbors during hay season, and has worked for the Virginia Division of Forestry.

Other high school activities include football, basketball, and baseball.

Joe attends the Hillsville Presbyterian Church.

As for future plans, Joe intends to attend VPI & SU and major in agricultural education.



Joe Peppers

Program of Activities Committee 1972

1972

I. SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1. Encourage each member to plan a long-term balanced Supervised Agricultural Occupational Experience Program suitable to the home farm plan and off farm Agriculture Occupations.
2. Encourage each member to contact and cooperate with available government agencies for securing maps and designs for farm plans for his home farm in planning long-term balanced Supervised Agriculture Occupational Experience Program.
3. Continue to stress the procuring and use of certified seeds, adapted herbicides and pure-bred poultry and livestock in the members enterprises.
4. Each member endeavor to carry out some practices for the conservation of our natural resources, cooperation in constructing or establishing farm ponds, forestry plots, and stress pasture improvement as part of supervised farming program.
5. Encourage members to join various agriculturally related clubs that promote increased agriculture production.
6. Encourage the modernization of crops and livestock production to meet the changing condition.
7. Encourage the use of artificial insemination of animals owned by members. Also the use of higher quality herd sires.
8. Stress the use of good managerial and financial practices in Supervised Agricultural Occupational Experience Program.
9. Encourage members to enter FFA sponsored contests and to keep up-to-date records of all achievements.
10. Chapter and chapter members exhibit FFA products at fairs when possible and give special emphasis to exhibits and judging contests at the Atlantic Rural Exposition.
11. Encourage members to establish and/or improve home farm shops.
12. Conduct farm and agriculture business tours.
13. Encourage members to repair and paint farm buildings, farm equipment and fences.
14. Encourage and assist FFA members to engage in Agricultural Work Experience programs.

II. COOPERATION:

1. Encourage all chapters to engage in cooperative buying and selling whenever practical with added emphasis on the selling.
2. Encourage chapters to set up

activities to involve federation, State and National officers activities.

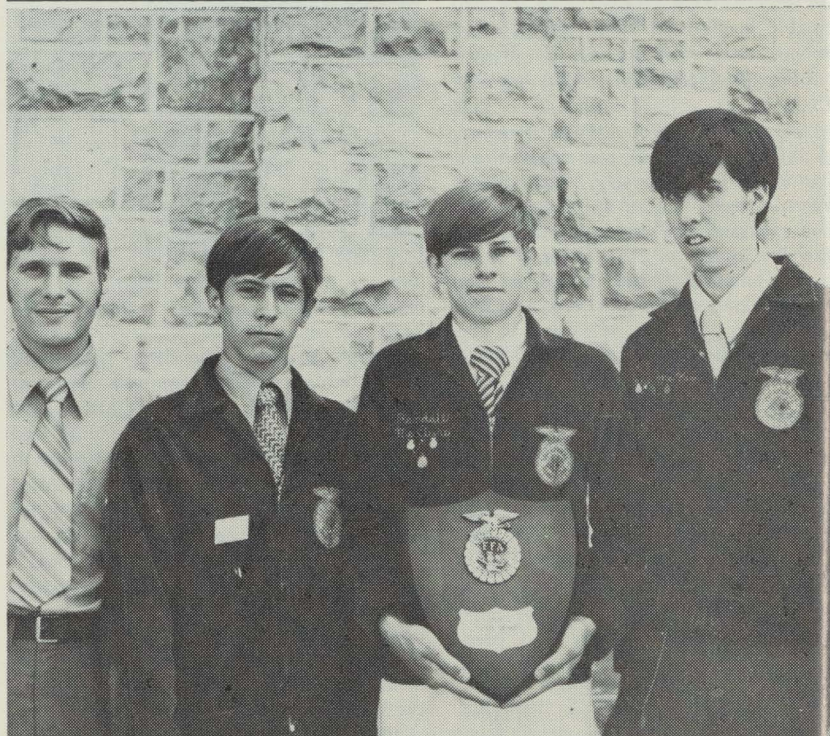
3. Encourage members to retain their active membership after finishing high school.
4. Assist and cooperate with all vocational clubs in local schools.
5. Teach members how cooperatives are organized and operated.
6. Encourage every member in agriculture to become a member of the local chapter with 100 percent of dues paid by October 1.
7. Have 100 percent of the chapters enter Superior, State and National Chapter Award Program.
8. Encourage seniors enrolled in vocational agriculture to become affiliated with the Young Farmers Association.
9. Cooperate with civic clubs, agricultural agencies, and other organizations.
10. Encourage all chapters to conduct demonstrations, showing improved agriculture practices in the community.
11. Encourage chapters to cooperate with local civil defense units.
12. State Association support all National activities related with International Programs.
13. Encourage each chapter to con-

duct and participate in cooperative activities to make them eligible to participate in the American Institute of Cooperation Awards Program.

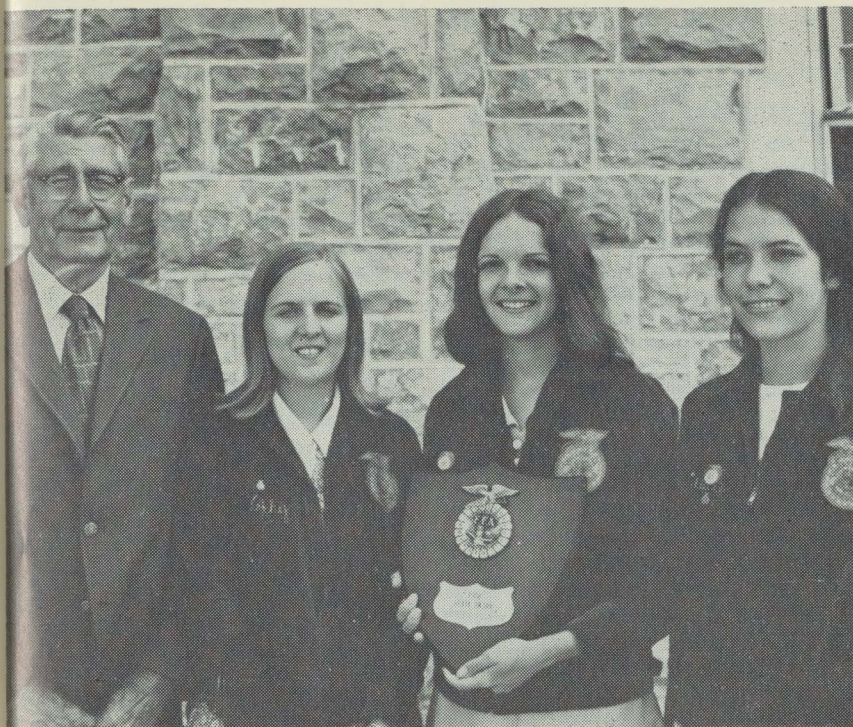
14. Encourage chapters to establish and conduct active Chapter FFA Alumni Associations.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

1. Assist local community organizations to carry out worthwhile community service projects.
2. Assist in beautifying the home, school, and church grounds or other community centers.
 - a. Conduct activities to make chapter eligible for any award concerning beautification of home, school, etc.
3. Every chapter aid its community by:
 - a. Cooperate with local game warden and wildlife commission for the protection of game, fish, seed, feed and cover plots.
 - b. Cooperate with the local fire warden in preventing forest fires and by encouraging members to join the K.V.G. Crew.
 - c. Cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service.
 - d. Buy seedlings cooperatively and assisting farmers in planting them.
 - e. Assist farmers in water conservation practices.
 - f. Conduct a farm fire prevention program.



TOP AG. MECHANICS JUDGING TEAM—(L-R) L. C. Phillips, instructor, Donald Duncan, Randall McClure and Eddie McKee all of Chilhowie High School. This team will represent Virginia in the national contest to be held in Kansas City, October 11-13.



HORTICULTURE JUDGING CHAMPS—The Louisa County FFA Ornamental Horticulture Judging Team won the first state contest conducted in this category. (L-R) E. M. Penington, coach, Kathy Kempt, Brenda Chisholm and Patricia Lumsden.

g. All chapters cooperate with State and local police in highway safety.

h. Encourage members to participate in Religious activities of their choice.

i. Encourage participation in community safety programs.

4. Each chapter cooperate with local county organizations in giving assistance to needy in the community.

5. Encourage chapter members to hold tractor maintenance school and Agricultural Mechanics classes when needed.

6. Encourage the chapter to assist the community in the production, conservation, and processing of food.

7. Each chapter put much greater emphasis on safety on the farm, in the home, and in the community.

8. Encourage all chapters to participate in safety courses such as the National Rifle Association Safety Program.

9. Encourage cooperation of local chapters with Agri-Businesses in the community.

10. Encourage chapter to participate in the Building Our American Communities Program.

IV. LEADERSHIP:

1. Encourage each chapter to hold the annual election of officers prior to the convention in order to send an officer that he may render greater service to the chapter in the following year.

2. Chapters encourage membership

participation in public speaking contests, not only in FSA, but other contests open to members.

3. Each chapter emphasize instruction in parliamentary procedure in early part of the school year.

4. Have National officers visit convention if possible.

5. Continue the annual convention, the place to be selected by the FFA Executive Committee. Also, continue public speaking contests and any other contest that the supervisory staff and FFA Advisory Council seem advisable.

6. Continue field trips at the convention with advisors being responsible.

7. Have a minimum of 25 candidates qualify for the American Farmer Degree in order to have the full state quota for the degree elected.

8. Encourage each member to use the FFA Manual. Have a copy available for each member.

9. The Executive Committee to provide for and finance the trips of State Officers and delegates, and continue the practice of paying mileage for State Officers to visit local chapters.

10. Encourage chapters to build good chapter libraries.

11. Each chapter set up objectives by October 1, adopting a satisfactory system of keeping an accurate and complete record of accomplishments.

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Activities Committee

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a. Have 100% of members assigned to a standing committee.

12. Have all chapters participate in the degree team contest and work out a plan whereby the State winner can give a demonstration at the State Convention.

13. Encourage members to compete for FFA Foundation Awards.

14. Advance members to higher degree following the qualifications set forth in the National Constitution.

15. Encourage 100% of members to participate in leadership training programs in chapter and federation meetings and encourage federations to have leadership training schools.

16. Each chapter discuss in class the important articles in the Chapter Chats.

17. Encourage outstanding chapter members to run for a State Office.

18. Schedule chapter meetings in order that students in Occupational Experience programs will be able to attend.

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS:

1. All Chapters conduct one, two or more activities that encourage thrift among members and stimulate investments.

2. Have each chapter draw up and have in operation a budget by Oct. 1.

3. Develop a plan for raising sufficient funds to carry out chapter activities.

4. Encourage members to productively invest income obtained from Supervised Agricultural Occupational Experience Program.

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:

1. Officers of each chapter to know opening and closing ceremonies as found in the FFA manual. Goal . . . by first meeting after election.

2. Each chapter should use official FFA stationery in business letters.

3. Each chapter should use official FFA Secretary's and Treasurer's Book.

4. Each chapter use official FFA paraphernalia and jackets.

5. Have as many members as possible appear on chapter programs during the year.

6. Use accepted parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings.

7. Chapter distribute membership cards following the payment of dues.

8. Encourage the election of assistant chapter officers for the development of leadership and have them conduct one or more meetings during the year, when applicable.

9. Set up a definite schedule for regular meetings, to include summer meetings.

10. Each chapter set up an interviewing committee for the election of officers.

VII. SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Each chapter raise scholastic attainments by:

a. Maintain and post honor roll.

b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding scholarship.

c. Require a C average to be eligible for election to a chapter office.

d. Invite former members to give talks on the value of scholarship among members.

e. Chapter sponsor one or more activities which encourages scholarship among members.

VIII. RECREATION:

1. Each chapter hold a banquet or some other type meeting stressing a parent-member get-together.

2. State Department of Agricultural Education continue the practice of sending films of FFA activities to chapters desiring them.

3. Each FFA chapter follow recommendations of camp committee making contributions to the upkeep and expansion of State FFA Camp.

4. Each federation consider the possibility of holding a social activity during the year.

5. Each FFA Chapter cooperate with other school organizations to sponsor social and recreational activities. Example: (FFA-FHA) Valentine's dance).

IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Chapter make use of following media in acquainting the public with the FFA organization: magazines, school paper, radio, TV, public programs, high school assembly, roadside markers, chapter publications, Chapter Chats, exhibits, and official FFA calendar.

2. Chapters send FFA magazine to civic, community and school administrators.

3. Encourage all chapters to present radio and television broadcasts during the year and continue the broadcasts at the convention.

4. Each chapter send at least five news articles during the year to Chapter Chats placing emphasis on articles which will be of interest to all FFA members as a whole rather than of local interest only.

5. The advisor devote as many class periods as needed the first part of the year to teaching the fundamentals of news writing, and, if possible, with the aid of the local newspaper.

6. Conduct leadership schools on federation basis and encourage local media to work with these programs.

X. STATE AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Chapters participate in the official National FFA Calendar Service.

2. All chapters must meet standard chapter requirements to send delegates and judging teams to State FFA Convention by filling out and returning chapter and award applications on time.

3. Submit application of qualified candidates for advanced degree.

4. Each chapter participate above the chapter level in the official FFA Public Speaking Contest.

5. Chapter submit Foundation Awards applications to the assistant supervisors; the area supervisors to select top candidates in each area; area winners to be submitted to the state association. Winners in the state association to be entered in the national contest.

6. Chapter enter judging contests sponsored or directed by the federation, State or National Organization.

7. State Association to send winning judging teams to National Judging Contests.

8. Each Federation send a delegate to the National FFA Convention.

9. Chapter conduct at least one



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for activity during National FFA Week that is appropriate to the occasion.

10. Encourage more chapters to make applications for State Band and Chorus.

11. All State Farmer Degree candidates must be present at the State Convention in order to receive the State Farmer Degree unless there is an emergency.

12. A definite effort should be made on the part of chapter advisor, state officers, etc., to see that State committee members attend State Committee meetings.

13. Let it be required that the State FFA secretary be responsible for seeing that every FFA Chapter in Virginia receives a copy of this Annual Program of Activities Committee report by September 15th so that it might be used in planning for chapter programs of work.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Diehl, *Chairman*
A. W. Mitchell, *Ex-Officio*

State Officers

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tending the conference were Mr. J. W. Myers, Jr., Executive Secretary-Treasurer, State Association, and Mr. W. C. Dudley, Convention Advisor.

Messrs. Myers and Dudley were the as leaders of the conference being aided by Dr. Larry Miller, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education at VPI & SU, Blacksburg, Virginia. These three men during the week directed the state officer team through instruction, relating such subjects as parliamentary procedure, dress, and making a team out of the state officers.

The highlight of the week was the appearance of the North Atlantic region National Vice President, Kevin Hall, who brought greetings to the state officers from the National Association and presented information dealing with the workings of the national organization.

The theme of the conference this year was "Team Work" with all officers cooperating together as a team during the week. The officers attended eleven sessions of leadership instruction with the spirit of a team reigning throughout each. On Friday night the officers discussed plans of the convention to be held June 18-22. After a long week of training, team work prevailed through the last session proving the conference to be a success.

Quote: The most destructive acid in the world is found in a sour disposition.

FFA Operation Update Conclave

FFA Operation Update Workshop for the states of North Carolina and Virginia was held at the Downtowner Motor Inn, Danville, Virginia, August 21-22.

This was one of 25 such workshops being held throughout the nation for the purpose of: (1) Increasing member involvement in the organizations activities. (2) To close the gap between enrollment in agricultural education and membership in the FFA. (3) To better prepare teachers for their role in utilizing FFA as part of instruction.

The two day workshop was conducted by William Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary, Washington, D. C.; John Pitzer, Associate Editor, National Future Farmer Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia; and Kevin Hall, National Vice President FFA, Keymar, Maryland.

The conference was attended by approximately 55 persons representing a cross-section of the North Carolina and Virginia Associations FFA. Those invited included state FFA officers, selected teachers, teacher trainers and supervisors.

Time was set aside during the conference to organize the Virginia delegation into teams, for the purpose of carrying the information to every local chapter in Virginia.

Virginians Attend

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Wright, Division Superintendent, Frederick County schools, and John R. Montgomery, Principal, Montevideo High School.

Out-of-State Judging Teams

Crops—Michael Frazier, Donnie Hamlett, Gregory Mitchell, and Cary Lee, Coach, Rustburg High School.

Agricultural Mechanics—Randall McClure, Eddie McKee, Donald Duncan and William St. John, Coach, Chilhowie High School.

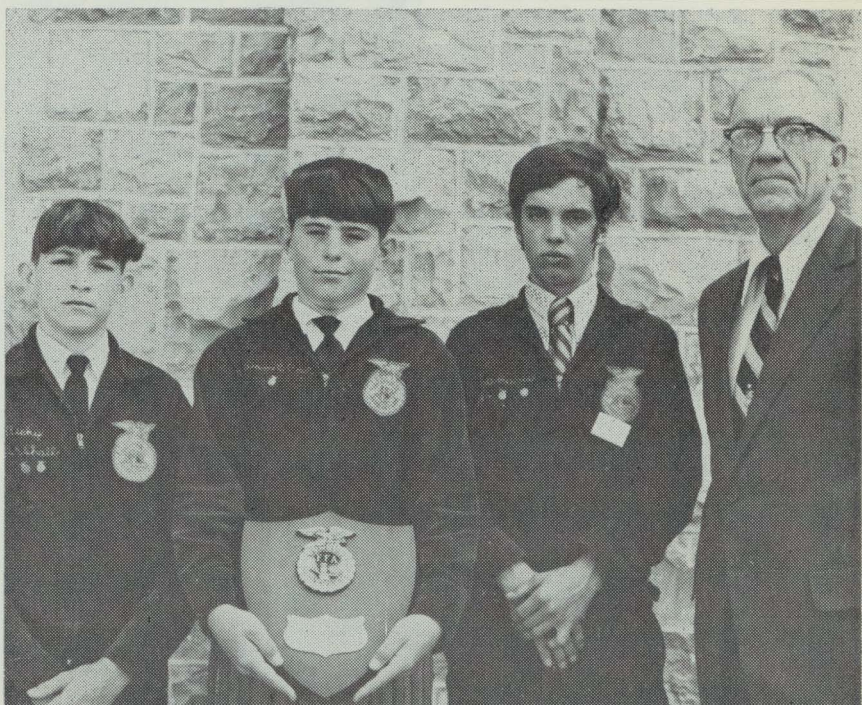
Livestock and Meats—Danny Hatter, Keith Phillips, Roger Weaver and C. A. Marks III, Coach, Stuarts Draft High School.

Poultry—Ernie Reeves, Ricky Marshall, Bill Root and Gilbert R. Kinzie, Coach, Buffalo Gap High School.

Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products—George Greenfield, Gene Bernhardt, Robert Staats, Jr., and D. A. Jenkins, Coach, Loudoun County High School.

Forestry—Joe Peppers, Delane Lineberry, John Russell and G. L. McGrady, Coach, Carroll County High School.

W. C. Dudley, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Appomattox and J. W. Myers, Jr., Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Richmond will supervise and direct the trip.



TOPS IN POULTRY JUDGING—Statewide winners in poultry judging come from Buffalo Gap High School in Augusta County. The team pictured above will represent Virginia in the nationals in Kansas City, Missouri, (L-R) Ricky Marshall, Bill Root, Ernie Reeves, and G. R. Kinzie, coach.

Good Meets

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sors of the week long conference stressing the development of leadership and citizenship, General Motors provided travel and conference expenses for State Presidents.

The purpose of the State Presidents' Conference program was to improve leadership skills, develop an understanding of the national heritage, and prepare state FFA officers for more effective leadership roles in their State FFA Associations. The conference also provided a forum for the exchange of ideas among officers from every state in the nation and was an opportunity for officers to discuss National issues such as FFA constitutional changes before the National FFA Convention in October.

Prior to their meeting with Secretary Butz the Officers toured a National Farm Safety Week display of farm equipment on the lawn of the U. S. Department of Agriculture building. The exhibit was a public demonstration of the progress that has been made in providing safer machinery for the nation's farmers. The display was set up by the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, the trade organization of the nation's farm equipment manufacturers and a sponsor of the National FFA Safety Award program.

Officers moved from the farm safety display to a conference room in the U.S.D.A. where they had a brief discussion on education issues with Michael Russo, Acting Director of Vocational and Technical Education from the U.S. Office of Education. Among many things Russo explained recent legislation which has made possible expanded educational opportunities in vocational training including agriculture. He expressed the need for youth organizations like the FFA for development of all vocational education students.

The visit to the U.S.D.A. and discussion with Secretary Butz were only part of an action packed week for Good and his fellow FFA officers. Following their Department of Agriculture visit, Officers were treated to an exclusive cruise on the Presidential Yacht Sequoia.

They visited the White House for a special tour of the Presidential Home, highlighted by a meeting with President Richard M. Nixon. Officers also visited historic and memorial sites in Washington placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The week long program concluded with a banquet and special program presented by the National FFA Officers.

Resolutions Committee - 1972

We, the Committee on Resolutions, on behalf of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America, wish to submit the following resolutions to express our appreciation and thanks to the following individuals and organizations who have contributed to the success of this Forty-sixth Annual FFA Convention.

1. To the Administration, Faculty and Staff of VPI & SU for the unlimited use of facilities and services during the convention.

2. To Mr. Julian M. Campbell, the Supervisory Staff, the Agricultural Education Teacher Training Staff and the Convention clerical staff for their assistance in planning and making this a most successful convention.

3. To Professor George W. Litton, Director of Centennial Program VPI & SU, for his most interesting and informative welcome to the convention.

4. To the State officers for their leadership and untiring efforts to make this a most memorable occasion.

5. To Mr. J. W. Crigger, President of the Young Farmers of Virginia, and other youth vocational organizations for their expressed interest in our program.

6. To Phil Johnson, National Vice-President of the FFA, for his inspiring

address and contribution to the success of our State Convention.

7. To the FFA Foundation donors, businesses and individuals for their continued support of our organization.

8. To the Public Utilities Association of Virginia and the Virginia Poultry Federation for sending winners to National FFA Convention; also Southern States Cooperative and Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company for their support in special areas of recognition. Also to the Farmers Home Administration and Lilly Endowment Company for organizing, sponsoring and contributing to the newly formed Building Our American Communities Awards Program. To the Virginia Forests, Incorporated, for sponsoring the Forestry Contest.

9. To the news media who gave recognition and support to our programs throughout the year.

10. To Mr. Archie G. Snyder, Director of the FFA Chorus, his accompanist, Miss Becky Loudermilk and Mr. Joe Gallehon, Director of FFA Band at the Convention for their professional services.

11. To the Instructors of Agricultural Education who have guided us in the conducting of our programs during the past year.

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STATE LIVESTOCK AND MEATS JUDGING TEAM—From Stuarts Draft High School will participate in similar National Contests to be held next month in Kansas City, Missouri. (L-R) C. A. Marks, coach, Danny Hatter, Keith Phillips and Roger Weaver.

Contests and Awards Committee - 1972

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

I. FFA Awards

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

II. Contests and Awards Program

a. That instructors thoroughly explain the entire contests and awards program early in the school year to all FFA members and especially to 1st year Vocational Agriculture students.

b. That more FFA chapters make use of the Foundation award medals, making sure deserving FFA members make application for awards. When possible, present awards to members at Parent-Son Banquet or other suitable event.

c. That medals be provided for all

Foundation Award winners. (At present time there are no medals for the newer awards such as Agricultural Occupations.)

d. That the FFA Advisory Committee and the FFA Executive Committee review FFA award eligibility rules for Star Farmer and Foundation Awards, giving equal consideration to Supervised Farming and Agricultural Experience programs and that basic rules of eligibility be published in the November Chapter Chats, and that the applicant clearly state which award he is to be considered for in the State Farmer Star Farmer degree (Supervised farming or Agricultural Experience).

(1) Area Star Farmer applications be reviewed by a committee of at least two agricultural teachers plus the area supervisor for each of the six areas in the State, and that the applicant with the highest score in supervised farming being the star farmer and the highest score in Agricultural Placement being the star farmer in Agribusiness.

(2) More emphasis be given to applicant's *individual* work instead of partnership.

(3) That inheritances should have little value or weight in selecting any contest or award.

e. That the Contests and Awards Program for the 1972-73 year be published in the September Chapter Chats so that each student would have a copy

of the revised awards program at the beginning of the school term.

f. That a copy of the accepted rules and regulations be available the day all area contest are held and applications for awards are graded.

III. State Contests

a. That the Degree Team, Public Speaking, Land Judging, Tractor Driving, Forestry Judging and Public Relations Contests be continued without any changes.

b. That the judging contests be continued at the FFA Convention with the following change:

1. That each chapter be allowed 1 judging team for each 100 members or fractional part thereof.

2. Each chapter be encouraged to have 100% paid membership in order to participate in local, State or National competition.

3. That a study be made by the State Supervisory Staff, Advisory Committee, and the FFA Executive Committee on the possibility of adding contest to better accommodate the options offered in agricultural education, namely, Machinery Service, Horticulture and Agriculture Business. That consideration be given to dropping contest when limited interest is shown. Also, that consideration be given to adding a class of large fruits in crops judging.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McCall, *Chairman*
W. O. Wells, *Ex-Officio*

FFA State Advisory Council - 1972

As we come to the close of the 46th State Convention, we commend you for the way you have conducted and participated in the convention. You have brought credit to your chapter and to the State Association.

I wish to commend the teachers who have so faithfully fulfilled their duties in conducting this convention. Never before have we had so many at the right place at the right time.

Your attention is called to the condition of the University property in the dormitory. We must leave it in better condition than when we received it. (Many of you do not know that we, the Virginia FFA, have to pay for everything that is misplaced or broken. So, let's be doubly careful in checking out of our quarters.

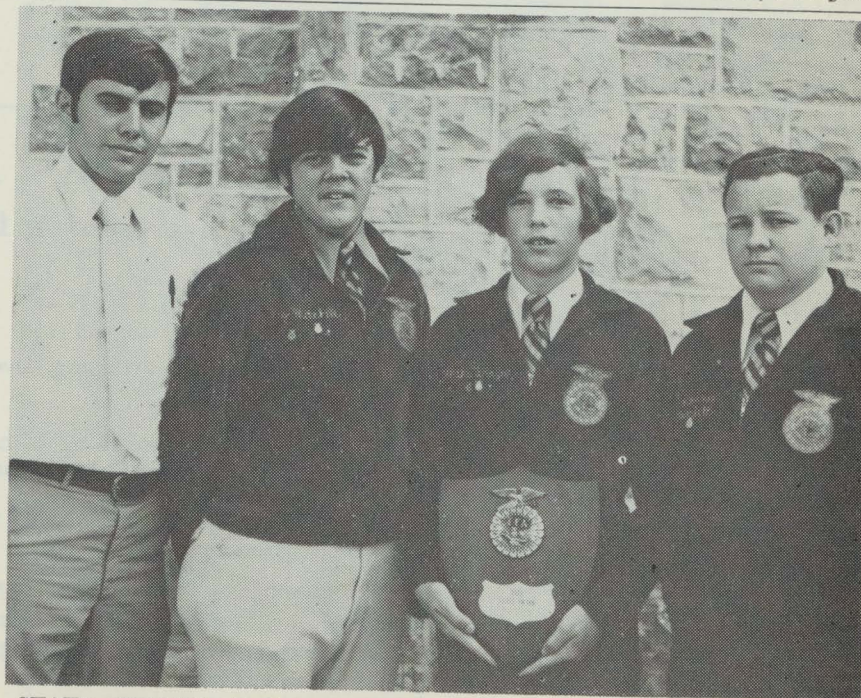
Next, our reputation goes with the *cleaness* that we leave our quarters, both inside and outside. So do not forget to clean up the dormitories.

This is the first convention that Horticulture was a regular contest. It was most successful.

Again, may I congratulate you for a most successful convention.

We wish you a safe trip home and a most successful year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Pack, *Chairman*
H. M. Davis
M. M. Lewis
E. M. Penington
F. M. Pierce
E. L. McGrady



STATE CHAMPS IN CROPS JUDGING—(Pictured above R-L) Carey Lee, coach, Grey Mitchell, Mike Frazier, and Donnie Hamlet all of Rustburg High School, Campbell County. As a result of their achievement this team will attend the National Convention.

Resolutions Committee

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12. To the members in attendance for their fine cooperation and participation in the week's activities.

13. To Dr. J. R. Crunkilton, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education at VPI & SU, for his challenging address on "Opportunities in Agricultural Education."

14. To the official and staff of the University Cafeteria for the excellent meals which we have enjoyed.

15. To Jerry Baldree, President Berrien FFA Chapter, Nashville, Georgia, for his excellent presentation on his chapter accomplishments as the first National winner of the BOAC Program.

16. To the excellent performance and energies of our very proficient Courtesy Corp members.

17. To the Virginia Cooperative Council for their assistance in the Coop-Symposium and interest in our members participating in the A.I.C.

18. To our nominating committee for the diligent labor in selecting the candidates for State office.

19. We congratulate the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award for their untiring service to the FFA. They are Mr. W. R. Crabill, Mr. Claude Richard, Mr. George Litton and Dr. B. C. Bass.

20. Special thanks to the Abingdon FFA Chapter and Mr. J. W. Crigger for the flowers which adorned our stage and which gave a delightful atmosphere to our entire convention; also, to James St. John for his lovely organ music which added much to our enjoyment.

21. To our Heavenly Father for His Divine guidance and blessings which He bestows upon us daily.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Craun, *Chairman*
R. Z. Arey, *Ex-Officio*

Auditing Committee - 1972

The Auditing Committee has examined and reviewed carefully the financial records of the State Association of the Future Farmers of America and finds them to be neat and accurate. We would like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. John Myers and those concerned, on the efficient manner in which the books have been kept to date.

Respectfully submitted,
Julian Bond, *Chairman*
Gary Cockram, *Ex-Officio*

FFA-FHA Camps - 1972

The FFA-FHA Camps Committee recommends:

1. That the board of directors be commended for their excellent work.

2. That each FFA and FHA chapter set aside one club meeting or class period to discuss FFA-FHA Camp, encourage more members to attend by use of slides supplied by the State Department, and have experienced campers give a talk to their fellow members about camp.

3. That the entire staff of the FFA-FHA Camp be commended for their work with the camp.

4. That a wide range of activities be set up for rainy days.

5. That more articles be published with pictures in *Chapter Chats* encouraging members to attend camp, and that the camp director be asked to help in accumulating information and pictures to be used.

6. The committee strongly urges that each FFA and FHA chapter attending camp make some donation (money or equipment) to be presented on Awards Night.

7. The committee recommends that each FFA and FHA chapter have a schedule of trips and events planned that they want to participate in before arriving at camp.

8. The committee urges that Advisors instruct their campers on camp safety before reaching the camp grounds.

9. That the use of a suggestion box be continued.

10. That all FFA and FHA chapters be urged to select a deserving member (or members) each year to attend camp at chapter expense.

11. That, as soon as the Association are financially able, the boys' dormitories at both camps should be improved or rebuilt; recommending the immediate installation of screens.

12. That the camp officials be commended on prompt construction of a swimming pool.

13. That a copy of the committee recommendations and FFA-FHA Camp Guide be sent to every FFA and FHA chapter in the State of Virginia.

14. That FFA-FHA guide be updated with the use of pictures and current information.

15. That a fire alarm system be installed at each of the camps.

a. Definite fire exits should be marked.

b. Orientation should include fire hazard instructions.

16. Urge State officers to stress use of FFA-FHA Camps during tenure of office and visitation of chapters.

17. That improvements be made in the hot and cold water system in the boys' dormitory.

18. That consideration be given to clearing land for additional recreational and parking areas.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest Yoder, *Chairman*
W. L. Motley, *Ex-Officio*

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

Chapter Chats Committee Report - 1972

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

We further wish to make the following recommendations to the Forty-sixth Annual State Convention of the Virginia Association of FFA for its consideration and approval:

1. That each chapter and federation take full advantage of the opportunities provided through Chapter Chats for publicizing the work of our organization. This can be further accomplished by having local reporters submit more articles and pictures of chapter and member activities to Chapter Chats.

2. That the chapter submitting the

be subject matter, composition, and supporting pictures. A committee composed of the State Reporter, State Secretary and Mr. John Myers, select the article for this award and that special emphasis be given this recommendation.

3. That Chapter Chats be distributed to each member and that class time or meeting time be used to study each issue; and if the July issue has not been distributed to members prior to the opening of school, we encourage instructors to do so as early as possible after school opening.

4. That each State officer submit at least one article of an editorial nature during the year.

5. That a short biography of each newly elected State officer appear in the September issue or subsequent issues.

6. That enrollment of local chapters by counties be continued to be published in the January issue.

7. That Chapter Chats continue to give publicity to the FFA-FHA Camp and serve as a medium to inform members of the privileges and opportunities of FFA-FHA Camp.

8. Articles submitted to Chapter

Chats be sent to the State Office at least 30 days prior to issue dates to avoid duplication. The publishing dates are January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1.

9. That some form of humor such as cartoons, jokes, or humorous stories be added to Chapter Chats. These could be submitted by FFA members and recognition be given to the member who submitted the article. This item to be publicized.

10. Publicize in the Chapter Chats the *requirements* to be met and *rates* for advertising space.

11. That a special salute be rendered each area in one of the six issues of Chapter Chats. That area is to use its individual chapters to present news events features, pictures, etc., for a given issue.

12. That the September issue have a group colored photograph of the newly elected state officers.

The 1972 Chapter Chats Committee sincerely hopes that these recommendations be taken into consideration by the State officers and editors.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Faison, *Chairman*
C. M. Gilliams, *Ex-Officio*

Challenge

by Dickie Saunders, State Sentinel

Are you willing to accept a challenge? If the answer is yes, then you may wish to further prepare for and become more actively involved in America's top youth organization. The FFA is one of America's highly respected organizations. The FFA presents new challenging opportunities in business, education, conservation and recreation as well as in farming and farm management. The FFA is a gigantic, vigorous organization, growing with a great number of members and worldwide activity. The horizon has never had a more golden glow for young people interested in FFA than it has today. There are many jobs awaiting people who have knowledge of agriculture.

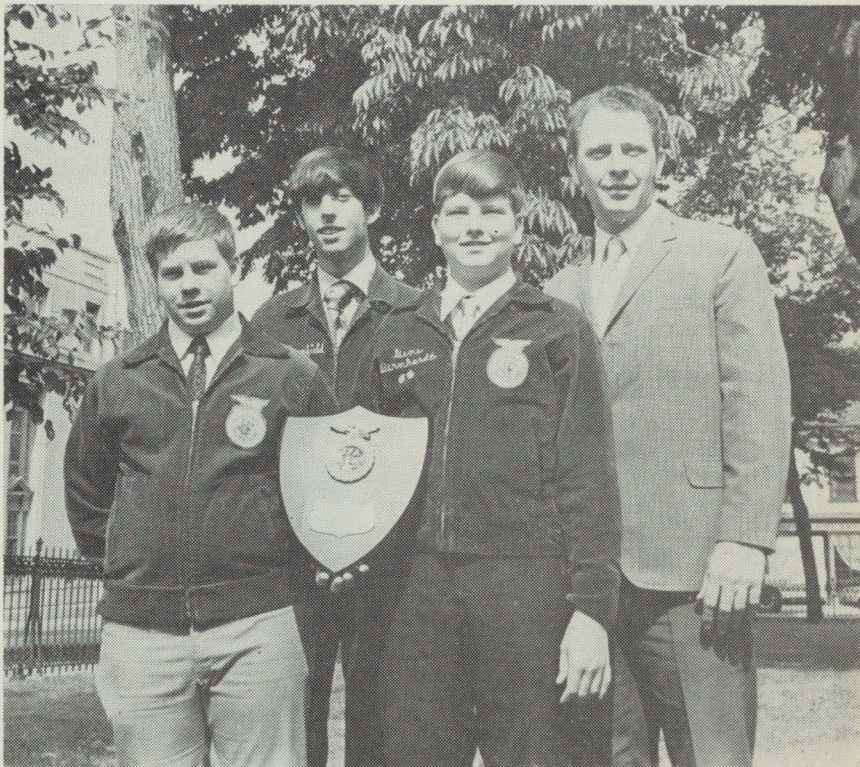
Agriculture is America's largest industry and the FFA can help anyone interested in agriculture.

The FFA has been, is and will continue to produce leaders for agricultural occupations.

Talented young men and women are needed very much by the FFA. It is an exciting and interesting organization for those who have the aptitude and qualifications. You can help the FFA and the FFA can help you. So come on and join the *now* thing—the FFA.

To me, activities in the FFA provides a rich and rewarding experience. I believe the opportunities are great. Will you join me for a rewarding, a challenging experience in the FFA?

human interest article during the year which is judged most outstanding be given a *suitable award* at the following State Convention. Points to be considered in making the selection to



TOP DAIRY CATTLE JUDGES—Pictured above is the states top Dairy Cattle Judges from Loudoun County High School. This team will participate in the National Contests in both Dairy Cattle and Milk Products Judging to be held next month in Kansas City, Missouri. Team members are: (L-R) Robert Staats, George Greenfield, Gene Bernhardt, and Delano Jenkins, coach.

Budget Committee - 1972

We, the Budget Committee of the 1972 Virginia Association FFA State Convention, recommend the following budget for our State Association for the fiscal year, 1972-73:

RECEIPTS

Dues (\$3.00)	\$44,250.00	
Advertisements	250.00	
Record Books & Manuals	75.00	
State Fair of Virginia	1,500.00	
AIC Meeting (Refund)	800.00	\$46,875.00
Contributions & Awards		
FFA Foundation	3,500.00	
Southern States Cooperative	500.00	4,000.00
Conventions		
National FFA Convention	7,000.00	
State Convention (Registration fee)	9,500.00	16,000.00
Livestock Program		
Bull Sales	2,000.00	
Insurance Premiums	120.00	2,120.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00
Total Expected Receipts		\$69,495.00

EXPENDITURES

Dues and Assessments		
National FFA Dues	15,000.00	
Va. Rural Safety Council	15.00	15,015.00
Conventions		
National Convention	11,000.00	
State Convention	5,000.00	16,000.00
Contributions & Awards		
Convention Awards	2,400.00	
FFA Pins, Plaques & Certificates	4,000.00	
Public Speaking Contest	250.00	
State Fair of Va. Awards	1,000.00	
AIC Meeting	800.00	8,450.00
Camps		
Camp Miniwanca	200.00	
Building Fund, FFA-FHA Camp	2,000.00	
Building Fund, J. R. Thomas Camp	1,000.00	3,200.00
State Officer Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00
Record Books & Manuals	4,000.00	4,000.00
Chapter Chats		
Publishing	6,000.00	
Postage	150.00	
Permit No. 1015	30.00	
Mailing Wrappers	50.00	6,230.00
Livestock Program		
Bull Purchases	3,000.00	
Insurance	120.00	
Shows & Contest	200.00	3,320.00
Miscellaneous	800.00	800.00
Total Expected Expenses		\$59,015.00
Reserve Fund	10,480.00	10,480.00

This does not include the scholarship fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Flaherty, Chairman
D. W. Wells, Ex-Officio

Call to National FFA Convention

FELLOW FFA MEMBERS:

I call you to assemble for a National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, this October 10-13. The 45th Annual FFA Convention will climax a year of accomplishments of our members and begin a year where "FFA Unites Youth with Opportunities."

As the largest youth convention, we will be drawing national leaders to our spotlight along with award winners, degree recipients, the "Stars Over America" and supporters as over 14,000 members and friends look on.

I encourage each chapter to send representatives to participate in each session, visit the Agricultural Career Show and the FFA Day at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show.

The National Officers will conduct a Vespers Program on Tuesday evening before officially opening the convention on Wednesday morning. From the first to the final session, the convention will be a recorder of achievements, a sharing of a year's thought and action by the officers, a discussion ground for the future and a tribute to supporters of the organization.

The ideas and points of concern of many of our members will be brought before the delegates, as our "of, by and for the members" organization directs its efforts toward a "New FFA—Relevant—Flexible," a dynamic effort to unite each of our members with opportunities for personal development.

In addition to the chapter representatives, each State Association is entitled to have two official delegates plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000.

I call you to this convention with many hopes in mind. A hope that our time together will bring us new friends and new experiences; a hope for more awareness and inspiration for each of us as we carry out the convention together. I hope to see you there!

An FFA Member
Tim J. Burke
National President

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New Hampton, Iowa 50659
August 24, 1972

Leadership: The art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.—Eisenhower

There are two kinds of light—the glow that illumines, and the glare that obscures.—Thurber