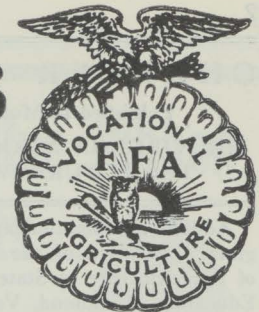


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GEORGE W. SAMUEL

Declared National Winner in Soil, Water and Air Mg't.

George Warren Samuel, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Massie Samuel, Beavertown, Virginia, has been named winner in the National Soil, Water and Air Management Agricultural Proficiency Award. Young Samuel is a member of the C. T. Smith FFA Chapter, Lady-smith High School, in Caroline County. His agriculture instructors were F. W. Latham and D. Wayne Wells.

The gently rolling Virginia landscape provided an ideal situation for Samuel to apply lessons in conservation taught in vocational agriculture. Through his vocational agriculture program and actual experience on the home farm, Samuel has developed a broad understanding of soil, water and air management.

In the vocational agricultural program, Samuel has been an active participant on the soil judging team. He has learned how to fertilize and add lime properly to maintain soil fertility. On the home farm, Samuel has set up

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American Farmer Degree Awarded To Fifteen At the National Convention

Fifteen FFA members representing the Virginia Association received the coveted American Farmer Degree at the 44th Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14. 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 from the National FFA Foundation.

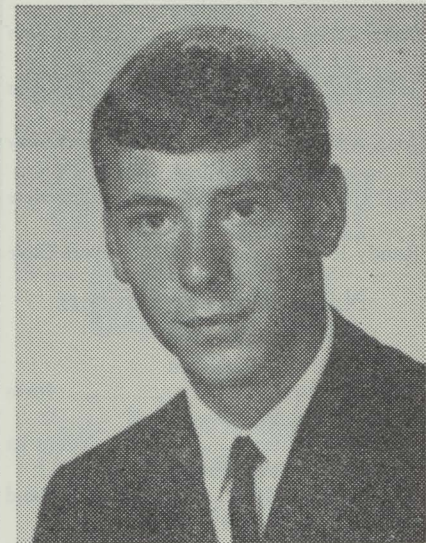
Each of the 15 young men have shown outstanding achievement in agricultural education and in the FFA organization. They have in operation an outstanding supervised occupational experience program and have shown exceptional leadership ability at the local, state and national levels.

GERALD GARBER, a member of the Fort Defiance FFA chapter is in partnership with his father on a sixty-cow dairy farm in Augusta County. During the past years, the herd average has increased to 15,731 pounds per cow because of an outstanding selection, feeding, and management program. The Garbers have planned a program to raise the milk production per cow efficiently and economically as the herd numbers are slowly increased. All of the roughage and some of the grain is raised on the farm of nearly two hundred acres. The cropland has been placed under the testing and recommendation of Brookside Laboratories.

Gerald was an outstanding FFA boy while in Fort Defiance High School. After winning the State and Tri-State public speaking contest, he won second place to the National Champion in the Southern Region event. He was secretary of the Degree Team that won the State Contest, where he was selected to the All-State Team. He was president of the Augusta Federation and secretary of his local chapter. He was an active participant in many chapter activities.

The young farmer is active in the

Weyers Cave Ruritan Club, and is presently serving as an officer in the Middle River and Northern Area Young Farmers organizations. Gerald is mar-



GERALD GARBER

ried to the former Mindy Glick and both are very active in the Pleasant Valley Brethren Church.

L. C. HAROLD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Harold of Ararat, Virginia is a 1969 graduate of Blue Ridge High School and is enrolled at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he is majoring in Agricultural Education.

During his high school years, L. C. developed an outstanding farming program. He farmed in partnership with his father on their apple and peach farm and rented additional orchard nearby. During these five years, they installed an irrigation system, apple grader and constructed a new pack house.

L. C. was a very active FFA member, representing his local chapter in

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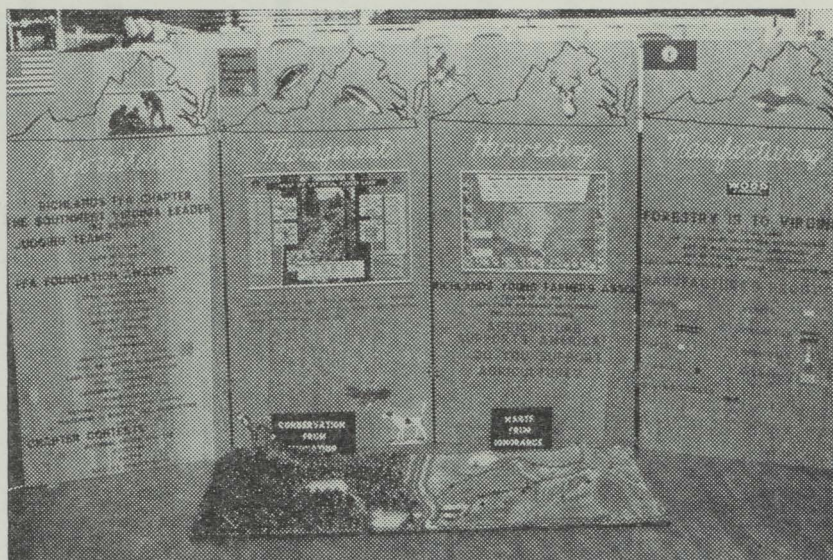
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UNIT EXHIBIT WINNER AT A.R.E.—The Richlands FFA Chapter, Tazewell County, erected the exhibit pictured above and received first prize of \$150.00.

Results of Junior Judging Contest
Held at State Fair, Sept. 25 and 27

The Montevideo FFA Livestock Judging team and the Broadway FFA Poultry Judging Team were runners-up in their respective contests and the Madison County FFA Dairy Judging Team placed fourth in dairy judging during the 26th Annual Atlantic Rural Exposition FFA Junior Judging Contests. The livestock contest was held Saturday, September 25 and the dairy and poultry contests Monday, September 27.

Members of the second place Virginia livestock judging team are Kevin Armentrout, Dennis Diehl and Kenny Hammer. W. W. Cupp is team coach. Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina and Pennsylvania finished first, third, fourth, and fifth respectively. Kerry Keffaber of Indiana won high individual honors in livestock judging.

In poultry judging, Indiana placed first, Virginia second, Pennsylvania third, Maryland fourth, and Delaware fifth. Keith Coffman of Virginia was high individual. Members of the Broadway team, in addition to Keith Coffman, are Roger Baker and David Coffman. I. W. Diehl is team coach.

The winning team in dairy judging was Pennsylvania. Maryland was runner-up. Third place went to North Carolina. Virginia finished fourth and Indiana fifth. Mike Carpenter of Madison was fourth high individual in dairy judging. Other members of the Madison team are John Lamb and Wayne Tatum. The team is coached by J. B. Yowell.

The livestock teams and their coaches were guests of the Southern States Cooperative at an awards breakfast. The dairy and poultry judging teams and their coaches were entertained at a pre-contests banquet Sunday evening. Joint hosts for the dinner were Allis Chalmers, Ford, International Harvester, J. I. Case, John Deere, Massey Ferguson, and Universal Tractor and Equipment Corporation.

Holston—The Holston FFA Forestry Judging Team placed first in the Appalachian Area judging contest held in Washington County. Team members were: Albert Walls, Mike Walls, and Larry Walls. Other teams participating were Clintwood, George Wythe, Thomas Walker, Bland, and Castlewood.

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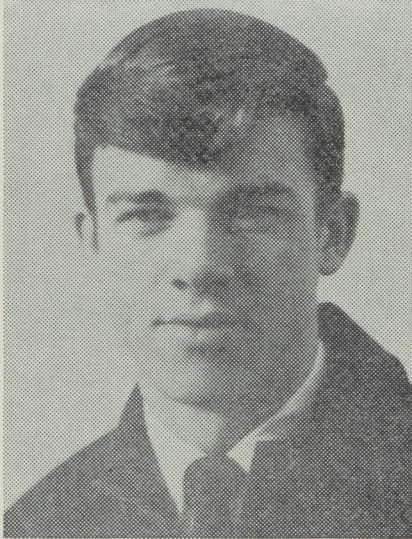
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American Farmer Degree Awarded to Fifteen

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public speaking, radio programs, degree team, forestry team and dairy judging. He exhibited apples and



L. C. HAROLD

peaches in the local fair and won first places five years in a row. He was awarded a scholarship to Forestry Camp and won two first places in Forestry Management. He served as vice president and secretary in the Blue Ridge Chapter. He served the Fairystone Federation as president and the Virginia State Association as reporter. He attended the National Convention in 1968 as a representative of the Fairystone Federation. He attended the American Institute of Cooperatives as a delegate for Virginia in 1969. He attended State and Sub-Regional Leadership Schools.

During his freshman year at college, he served on the Student Government Association Senate and was a resident advisor. At present, he is a resident advisor, vice chairman of the ring committee for the class of 1973 and represented VPI&SU at Owatonna, Minnesota, president of the Collegiate FFA Chapter and is serving on the advisory council to the College of Education.

Upon graduation at VPI&SU, he plans to enroll in graduate study.

JAMES B. GREGORY, JR. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Gregory, Sr., of Java, Virginia. Jimmy was very active as a FFA member and as a student during five years of school at Chatham High School. He served as president of the FFA chapter, and was chairman of many committees. He was always ready to do whatever had to be

done and enjoyed doing a very good job at all times. He was especially interested in all types of livestock. He had a blue ribbon winner at the local livestock show. He lived on a large tobacco farm but had corn, wheat, barley, hogs, sheep, beef cattle as productive enterprises. Jimmy is now a student at VPI&SU at Blacksburg, Virginia. He is majoring in animal science.



JAMES GREGORY

LLOYD E. HEATWOLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Heatwole of Route 1, Bridgewater, Virginia, is 20 years old, having been born at Hinton in Rockingham County, Virginia, on July 19, 1951.

Lloyd is a member of the Peoples Baptist Church of Harrisonburg where he serves as president of the Youth Fellowship and Sunday School teacher and is also a member of the Church Choir.

Lloyd is a member of the 1969 graduating class of Turner Ashby High School, Dayton, Virginia. While attending high school, he was an active FFA member for five years. He held several FFA offices and served on many committees while pursuing his career in production agriculture. He acquired many enterprises and considerable equipment which prepared him for an equal partnership with his father upon graduation. He was a recipient of the State Farmer Degree in 1969.

At the present time, Lloyd is a member of the Turner Ashby Young Farmers Association holding the office of sentinel.

Upon graduation, Lloyd became a partner with his dad in farming business. The Heatwoles are operating 225

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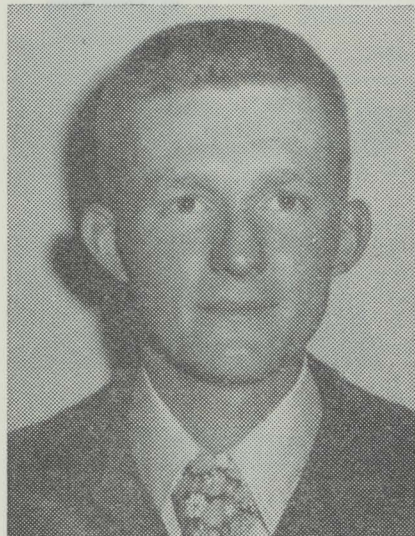


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American Farmer Degree

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acres that they own, and rent an equal amount. Corn is their major enterprise. They produce 175 acres of corn, along with hay and pasture.

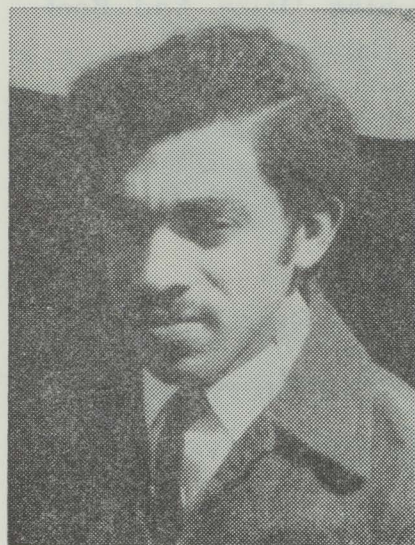


LLOYD HEATWOLE

The partners also own a sawmill where he and his father saw from 50 to 100 thousand board feet of lumber annually.

WILLIAM McCRAY JOHNSON is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McCray Johnson of Route 1, Pittsville, and is a 1968 graduate of Northside High School where he completed four years of agricultural education with instructors A. L. Farrar and G. S. Shorter.

During his high school career, Wil-



WILLIAM JOHNSON

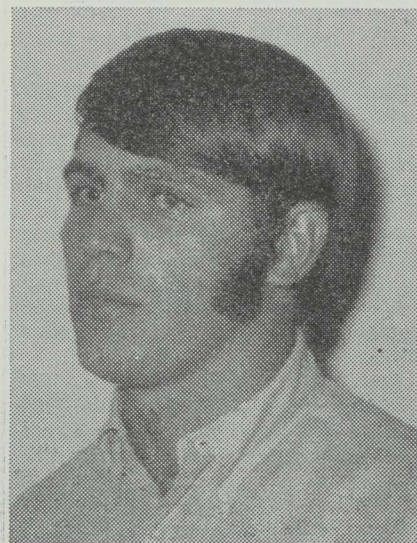
liam developed an outstanding farm program centered around tobacco, beef cattle and swine. Throughout most of his high school program, he farmed in partnership with his father. The enterprises consisted of corn, soybeans, hay, tobacco, pastures, wheat, barley and oats totaling over 200 acres. He also completed swine, beef and dairy enterprises totaling over 150 head.

William was vice president and treasurer of his local FFA chapter, chairman of several committees including TV programs, Parent-Son Banquet, State Convention delegate, member of several judging teams and exhibited livestock in the Danville Fair. One of his Hereford heifers won Reserved Champion.

Presently, William is a senior at the University of Maryland where he has been a member of the Dean's List and selected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

EARL LEWIS LAMB, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Lamb, Rochelle, Virginia, earned the American Farmer Degree on the basis of his supervised farming program and leadership activities.

During his five years in agriculture, he conducted over 20 enterprises in addition to his work experiences on his parents' large dairy farm. He repre-



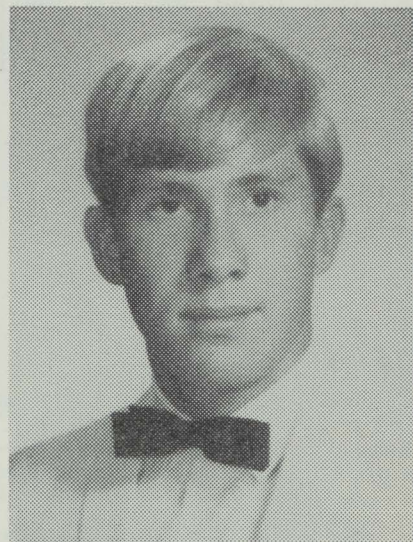
LEWIS LAMB

sented the FFA on the Dairy Judging and Soil Judging Teams. He served as president and treasurer of the local FFA chapter.

He was active in sports, playing varsity football for four years, co-captain his senior year, also Jr. Varsity Basketball and baseball. Other activities include treasurer—10th grade, vice president County Council, 4-H, and MYF. He held membership in the SCA, Pep Club, and Classic Club. Also, the Hols-

tein Breeders Association and Ayrshire Breeders Association.

He expects to follow dairying as his life's work.



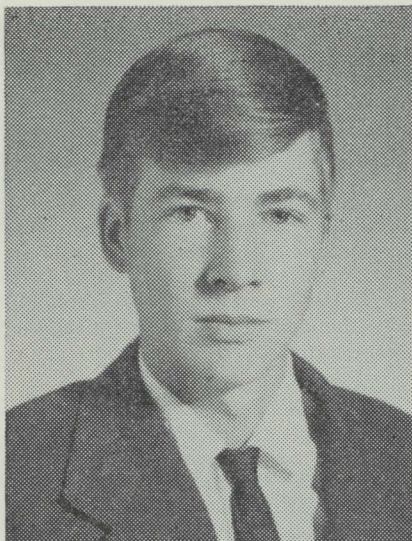
JERRY MUNDY

JERRY WAYNE MUNDY is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mundy, Jr., of McGaheysville, Virginia and is married to the former Kay Foltz. They have one daughter two years of age. Jerry is a 1968 graduate of Montevideo High School where he completed five years of agricultural education. He received his State Farmer Degree in 1968 for his outstanding farming program and participation in leadership activities.

During his high school career, Jerry was very active in the FFA organization. He served his chapter as second vice president, vice president and chairman of several standing committees. He participated on the poultry, soils, livestock, farm mechanics, forestry, degree, dairy, and crops judging teams during his years in agricultural education. Jerry received the chapter dairy farming, crops farming, and farm mechanics proficiency awards. He helped with many of the community service activities carried out by the Montevideo FFA chapter.

Jerry is farming in partnership with his father on the 207 acre dairy farm and 130 acres of rented land. Major enterprises include 70 dairy cows, 53 heifers, 31 dairy calves under one year, 30 dairy steers, 100 acres of corn, 75 acres of small grain and 43 acres of hay.

He is now a member of the Montevideo Young Farmers Association. In addition, he is a member of the Valley of Virginia Milk Producers, Rockingham Petroleum Cooperative, Rockingham Cooperative Farm Bureau, Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and the American Holstein-Frisian Association. Jerry, also, finds time to take an active part in his church.



JOHN THOMAS PAULETTE

JOHN THOMAS PAULETT is the 19 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milton Paulett of Route 2, Blackstone, Virginia. He is one of ten children in the Paulett family. He attended Blackstone High School in Nottoway County. While in high school, he was a member of the Blackstone FFA Chapter. At Blackstone High School, his agricultural education advisors included Mr. Ramsey Taylor, Mr. Pembroke Washington, Mr. Jordan Jenkins, Mr. Lewis Williamson, and Mr. Tommie H. Jenkins.

Throughout his five years as a chapter member, his supervised farming activities were made up of the management of 350 acres of timberland, tobacco, small grains, and hay, and the starting and building of a swine operation which today numbers 50 brood sows.

John served as chapter president, vice president, secretary, as well as being chairman of various other committees. He also served as secretary of the Land Federation. John represented his chapter on 23 judging teams being the high scoring individual in the following contests: shop judging, crop judging, forestry, soils judging and the tractor driving contests.

John ranked fourth in his graduating class. He took an active part in the National Honor Society, Student Government and Hi-Y Society, as well as church activities.

For the past four years, John has assumed the full responsibility for the management and operation of the farm since his father became disabled. With all of his farming duties, John still finds time to enroll in night classes at Southside Virginia Community College leading to a degree in agricultural education.

CHARLES PHILLIP ROBERTSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Robertson of Route 2, Axton, Virginia attended Tunstall High School and is currently employed by the G. C. Murphy Company at Danville, Virginia, where he is in the Manager Training Program.

Phillip enrolled in agricultural education at the beginning of the eighth grade; and carried as his supervised farming program a feeder pig, corn for grain, tobacco, alfalfa hay, and a brood sow. Additional enterprises carried, after the first year; included corn of grain, home orchard, permanent pasture, beef steer, beef bull, wheat, rye, strawberries, barley, soybean hay, oats for grain, and oats for hay.

Phillip credits the guidance and instruction of his agricultural education instructors, J. W. Thomasson, T. D. Burgess, and J. J. Bohannon, with helping him learn to repair farm machinery and equipment; determining and feeding balanced rations, using proper fertilization and liming practices, and the use of various pesticides and insecticides. The training received enabled Phillip to do a better job with his tobacco, small grains, swine, corn, hay crops, orchard, small fruits, and beef cattle enterprises.

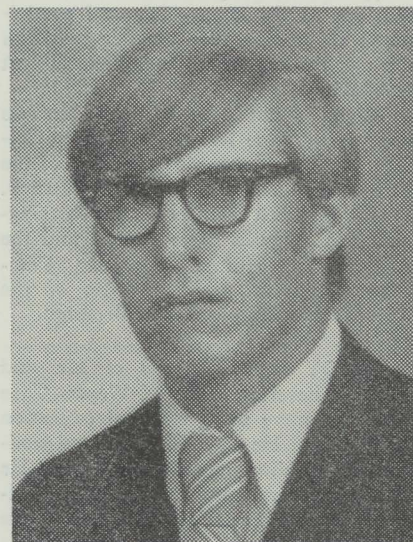
While a student of agricultural education at Tunstall, Phillip served on the following committees: Nominating, Earnings and Savings, Leadership, and Supervised Farming. On the Pittsylvania FFA Federation level, Phillip served as



PHILLIP ROBERTSON

parliamentarian' in 1968. Phillip also served as sentinel and treasurer for this local FFA chapter. In 1968, Phillip held the office of treasurer on the Parliamentary Procedure Team, which won in the Pittsylvania County Federation FFA, Southside Area FFA, and the State Contest.

During the 1968 State FFA Convention, Phillip won the State Natural Resources Development award for his outstanding work in this area of endeavor. In 1969, the State and Southern Regional United States winner of the Soil and Water Management Contest and a trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.



WAYNE RODEFFER

WAYNE SAUFLEY RODEFFER is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron C. Rodeffer of Port Republic, Virginia and a 1968 graduate of Montevideo High School. Wayne 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, Wayne developed an outstanding farm program centered around crops, livestock and poultry. Throughout most of his high school program, he was a manager of a business for another person along with doing some custom work. Today he owns 120 acres and rents an additional 128 acres. His farming operation consists of 110,000 broilers, 8 sows, 12 gilts, 100 market hogs, 40 head of beef cattle, 51 acres of small grain, 32 acres of corn and 65 acres of hay.

As an active member of the Montevideo FFA chapter, Wayne served as sentinel and vice president of the chapter and sentinel of the Rockingham FFA Federation. He served on five standing committees and chairman of two of these. Wayne served as vice president on the second place state degree team in 1968. In addition to the degree team, Wayne participated on the livestock, poultry, forestry, dairy, soils, crops, and farm me-

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American Farmer Degree

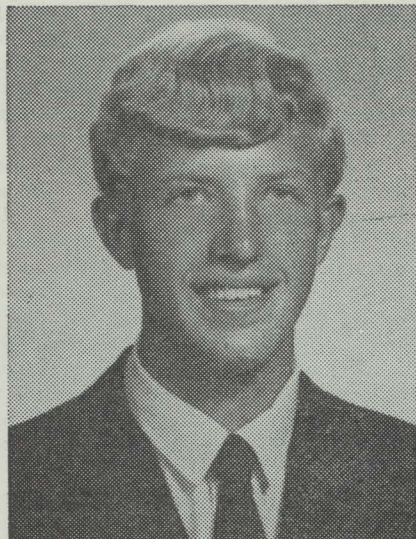
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chanics judging teams. Wayne represented his chapter twice in the state FFA band. He was selected as the chapter star farmer in 1968 and received the proficiency award in poultry farming, forestry, and home improvement. He showed livestock at the county fair and participated in many other chapter activities during his five years in agriculture at Montevideo.

Wayne studied agricultural business one year at Blue Ridge Community College. He is presently vice president of the Montevideo Young Farmers Association. Wayne is also a member of the Rockingham and Augusta Farm Bureau and the Rockingham Mutual Insurance Company. He is an active member of the Mill Creek Church of the Brethren.

RANDY ROLLER, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Beverley Roller of Weyers Cave is a sophomore in agricultural education at VPI&SU. 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 president of the local chapter, secretary of the Federation, and president of the Student Cooperative Association. Randy was president of the Degree Team that won the



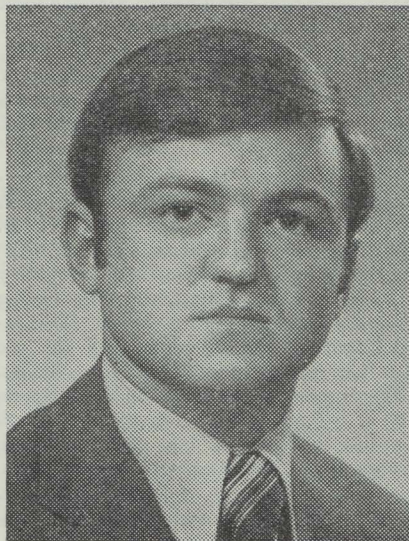
RANDY ROLLER

State Contest in 1969. He was selected as All-State Degree Team President. Roller was a member of a livestock judging team that won the state contest, later to win a gold rating as an individual and team in national competition. The Augusta County youth played in the National FFA Band. He was a member of

the school Honor Society, represented his school in several forensic events, and was a member of all judging teams.

Roller carried thirty-four livestock and crop enterprises while in high school. He showed animals in local and state fairs.

He has been active in church work, serving as president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship as well as singing in the church choir for five years.



JAMES SHIELDS

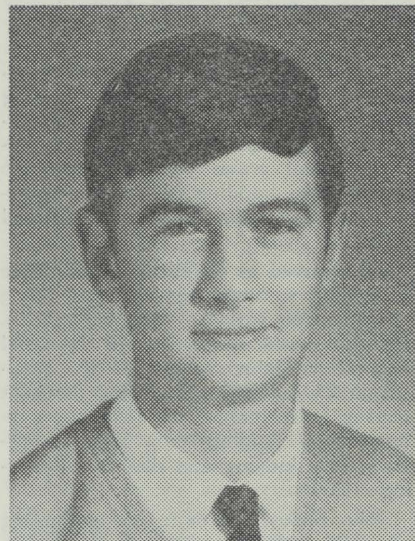
JAMES E. SHIELDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Shields of Route 3, Danville, completed four years of vocational agriculture study and FFA activities during his high school career at Dan River High School, Ringgold, Virginia. He served the FFA chapter as secretary and president. He was the Pittsylvania County Federation president for one year. Jim also served as chairman of numerous FFA committees; participated in public speaking contests five times, in degree team contests three times; and had leading parts in several assembly programs and programs before community clubs such as Ruritan and Young Farmers. Jim was a member of the Dan River High School band and represented Virginia in the National FFA Band at Kansas City one year. Jim received FFA awards in: Star greenhand, forestry proficiency, public speaking, ornamental horticulture, crop farming, soil and water conservation, and star chapter farmer award.

Jim's vocational agriculture program began with a modest supervised farming program of two beef animals, two acres of crops, and planting 1000 pine seedlings his first year. His program grew to five beef animals, and 28 acres of crops during his senior year. By his senior year, Jim was almost completely managing his grandfather's farm.

After high school, James continued to farm during the summer and on weekends

while attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he is majoring in business and minoring in agriculture. He is now in his junior year of college. This summer, he managed the farm program which consisted of seven acres of tobacco, 10 acres of soybeans, seven acres of grain sorghum, four acres of oat hay, six acres of wheat, six acres of pasture, and three acres of pine seedlings, along with his foundation herd of five registered Angus cattle. Jim hopes to complete his college education and then to become a full-time businessman-farmer.

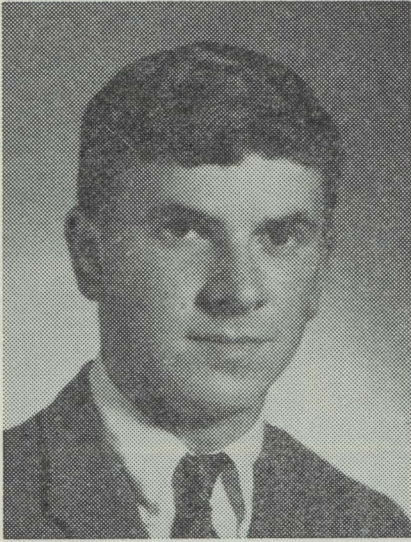
LOUIS RAY SINK, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ray Sink of Chatham, Virginia, was an active member of the local chapter serving as president of the Chatham FFA Chapter during his last year in high school. He was a participant in almost all contests and fairs or livestock shows. He is an only child and has farmed in partnership with his father for the last five years. He has tobacco, beef cattle, corn, a dairy cow, veals, soybeans, alfalfa, and wheat as his main enterprises. Louis has attended Danville Community College for two years. He is now a student at Stratford College and plans to continue his farming partnership with his father. He has also made some plans about a future partner to take place right after the National FFA Convention.



LOUIS SINK

KENNETH WAYNE TATE is the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Tate, Sr., Ruther Glen, Virginia and a 1970 graduate of Ladysmith High School.

He began his supervised agricultural program on his father's 374 acre farm and on a neighbor's 212 acre farm. He started his enterprise program with one gilt, five lambs, and two beef heifers. He gradually increased his inventory in



KENNETH TATE

both crops and livestock with the earnings from his enterprises and supplemental income from other sources. By the time Kenneth graduated from high school, he had become a partner in the farming operation with his father and an older brother and having total assets valued over \$13,000.

During his high school years, Kenneth was very active in the C. T. Smith FFA Chapter and other school activities. He served as committee chairman of the supervised farming and safety committees, vice president of his local chapter and chapter representative to federation and state conventions. He exhibited crops and livestock in several local fairs and shows and was active in FFA judging contests, participating in forestry, dairy, crops and tractor operators contests. He is also a member of the local Young Farmer Association.

After receiving the honor of Virginia State Star Agri-businessman in June, 1970 and wanting to go to college, Kenneth decided to seek employment in an agribusiness that would allow him to attend college while working. He found such a position with Southern States Cooperative in the credit department while continuing his education at Virginia Commonwealth University at night. He is still a part-time partner in the farming operation with his older brother and father.

New Kent—The following officers were recently elected for the 1971-72 school year: Jimmy Hockaday, president; Tom Evelyn, vice president; Bruce Wiley, secretary; Paul Robinson, treasurer; Paul Davis, reporter.

The club toured the Logging Expedition at the Richmond Arena September 17.

National Chapter Safety Winners

Three local FFA chapters of the Virginia Association were honored at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, for outstanding achievement in school and community safety. The Shorthorn Chapter, Rich Valley High School, Saltville, Virginia and the C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith High School, Ladysmith, Virginia, were recognized with "Gold Emblem" ratings and the Franklin County Chapter, Franklin County High School, Rocky Mount, Virginia, received a "Silver Emblem" rating.

Nationally, there are approximately 8,200 local chapters in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Thirty local chapters were presented gold emblem ratings, silver emblem ratings went to 25 chapters and 17 chapters were awarded "bronze emblem" awards.

Every year accidents cause untold grief, thousands of hours in lost time and needless loss of life and property in the United States. In an effort to reduce the unnecessary loss of life in this country, the Future Farmers of America have, for many years, presented Safety Awards to FFA chapters that make an effort to promote safety in their community.

Each state association is permitted to enter one chapter for the safety award, plus one additional chapter for each 5,000 members or major fraction there-

of. Judging for the award was done by agricultural specialists representing the U. S. Office of Education.

National Winner

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sodded waterways and contour strips to improve the farmland.

Another important phase of Samuel's conservation program has been to maintain wooded land. As part of his vocational agriculture program, Samuel has planted, pruned, harvested, and maintained woodland on the farm.

Samuel has a five-acre fish pond which he maintains. After rains resulting from a hurricane nearly destroyed the dam, Samuel rebuilt it and reseeded the banks with grass. He has stocked the pond with fish and he regularly fertilizes the pond to aid the growth of plants which fish feed on.

Other practices Samuel has initiated include digging an open drainage system, cleaning drainage ditches, building a quarter acre animal watering hole, making brushpiles for wildlife, planting wildlife food patches, and using cover crops to prevent soil erosion. In the last three years, Samuel has given several speeches on radio and to community service groups on the importance of conservation of natural resources.

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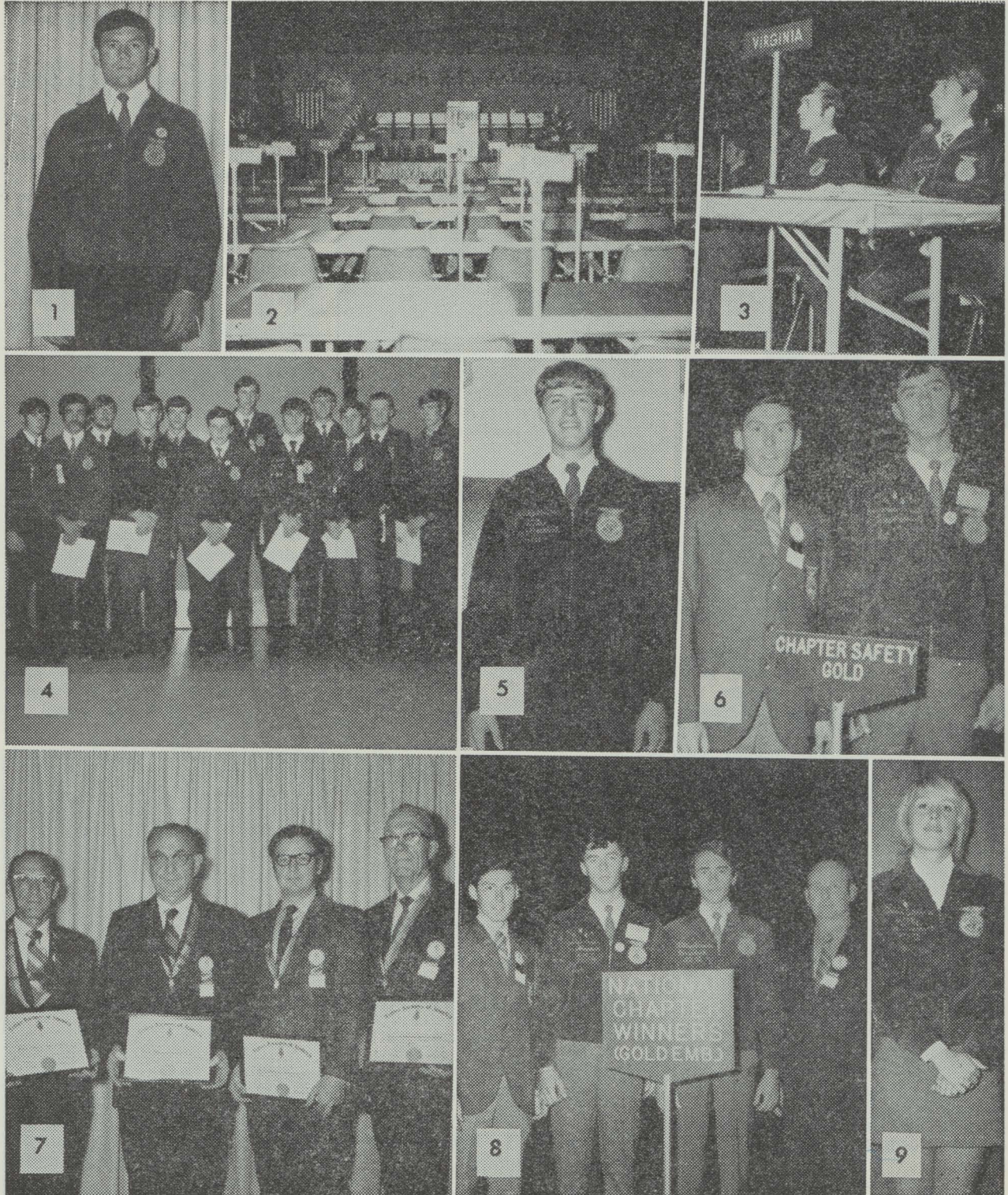
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CONVENTION SCENE—(Top-bottom, L-R) (1) George W. Samuel, C. T. Smith, National Soil, Water and Air Award winner, (2) Delegate area of convention hall, (3) Virginia's official delegates, Cabel Cobbs and Paul Craun, (4) Twelve American Farmers were present to receive their degrees in person, (5) Randy Roller, National Officer Candidate, (6) Wayne Wells and Charles Payne receive the "Gold Emblem" award for the C. T. Smith Chapter, (7) Honorary American Farmer Degree recipients—C. E. Richard, S. C. Broyles, I. W. Diehl, and G. R. Kinzie, (8) "Gold Emblem" chapters—Wayne Wells and Charles Payne, C. T. Smith, Philip Lucado and R. B. Carter, Appomattox County, (9) Debbie Barnes, Eastern Area Vice President and one of the first three girls to represent Virginia at the convention.

Convention Highlights

"Youth With A Purpose" was a fitting theme for the 44th National Future Farmers of America Convention which closed here today after four days packed full of FFA business, presentation of awards, speeches by prominent businessmen as well as FFA'ers and participation in national contests. A record attendance of over 13,000 Future Farmers and their adult leaders from all over the United States registered for this convention.

National FFA President, Dan Lehmann from Pleasant Plains, Illinois, turned over the gavel to his successor, Tim J. Burke, of New Hampton, Iowa, at the closing session. The other new national officers are: Dennis C. Sargent, National Secretary, of Bradford, Ohio; Phillip H. Johnson, National Vice President of the Central Region, from Mead, Nebraska; Kevin Ernest Hall, National Vice President of the North Atlantic Region, from Keymar, Maryland; Clifford Wayne Saylor, National Vice President of the Pacific Region, from Glendale, Arizona; and Sammy Peebles, National Vice President of the Southern Region, from Brewton, Alabama.

Lehmann and his fellow officers were responsible for presiding over all the convention activities which began Wednesday morning. An inspirational vespers program featuring the National Officers and Chorus preceded the convention, on Tuesday evening.

The top recognition of the week went to two Future Farmers, from Minnesota and California, during the new "Stars Over America" Pageant. Lonney Eastvold, a member of the New Richland Chapter, in Hartland, Minnesota, was named Star Farmer of America. The Star Agribusinessman of America award went to Wayne R. Morris, of Fullerton, California. Both of these young men received \$1,000 from the National FFA Foundation.

Fifteen other FFA members received national proficiency awards in areas of agricultural production and agribusiness. These winners and the areas in which they won are: Agricultural Electrification, Stanley V. Brehon, of Greeley, Colorado; Agricultural Mechanics, Carl Hinthorn, of Normal, Illinois; Crop Production, (Sponsored by the Producers of Funk's G-Hybrids through the National FFA Foundation), Vernon Louis Rohrscheib, of Fairmount, Illinois; Dairy Production, Richard Silva, of Hilmar, California; Fish and Wildlife Management, Dean A. Anderson, of Eaton, Colorado; Forest Management, Merle Gregg, of Cable, Ohio; Home Improvement, Ron Lucas, of Araphahoe, Wyoming; Livestock Production, Jeff Fuechsel, of Riverton, Wyoming; Ornamental Horticulture,

David E. Plummer, of Carroll, Ohio; Outdoor Recreation, Danny Tolka, of Patoka, Illinois; Placement in Agricultural Production, David Roberts, of Dundee, Oregon; Placement in Processing, John Crum Sessions, of Evergreen, Alabama; Placement in Sales and/or Service, Delmas Eugene Carson, of Alum Bank, Pennsylvania; Poultry Production, Melvin Francis Hoppenjan, of Cuba City, Wisconsin; and Soil, Water, and Air Management, George Warren Samuel, of Beaverdam, Virginia.

"A Miracle In Our Time" was the title of the speech that earned the first place public speaking award for Bill Cofield, of Woodland, Alabama. He was presented a \$300 cash award for his winning speech.

A host of prominent speakers appeared on the convention program throughout the week. Keynote speakers were John Stearns, Producer of "Agriculture . . . USA", J. Phil Campbell, Under Secretary, USDA; John G. Veneman, Under Secretary, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Robert M. Worthington, Associate Commissioner, Bureau of Adult, Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education; Greg Bamford, Farmer and 1967-68 National FFA President; Robert Finch, Counselor to President Nixon; and Yoshio Okawara, Minister, E. and P., Embassy of Japan. Special guests at the convention included Senator Robert Dole, of Kansas; and Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, long-time movie, radio and TV stars.

In addition to the many Future Farmers receiving awards at the FFA meeting, many adults who have contributed to the organization were honored. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to 18 men and women. Miss Virginia Nicholson, secretary to the National FFA Advisor, was the first woman to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. In addition, 51 men in education, government, business and industry and 67 teachers of vocational agriculture received the Honorary American Farmer Degree, the highest honor bestowed on non-members of FFA.

Sponsors to the National FFA Foundation, who this year contributed over \$300,000 for awards and other FFA activities, were honored Thursday night. Plaques were presented to 8 sponsors who have supported the Foundation for 15 to 25 years. The new chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the FFA Foundation is J. E. Streetman, Vice President and a Director of Allied Mills, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. He succeeds Fred Stines, Publisher of Successful Farming Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa.

Five national livestock and animal pro-

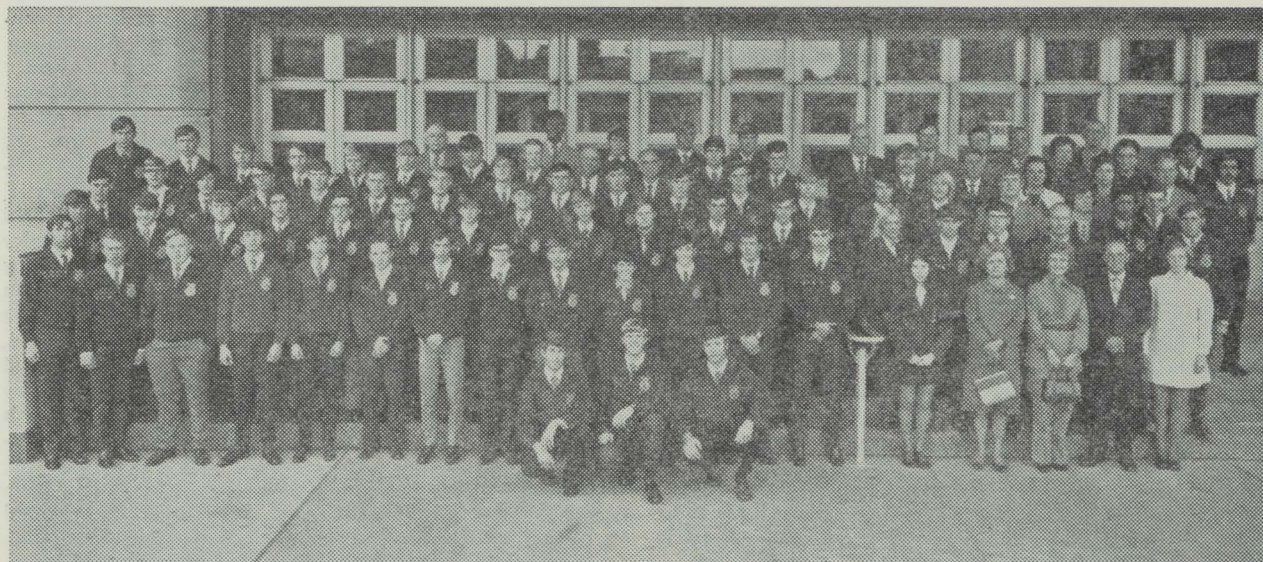
ducts judging contests were held in conjunction with the National Convention. Top teams recognized at the Friday morning session of the convention were: Dairy Cattle Judging, (Sponsored jointly by Associated Milk Producers, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, and the Mid-America Dairymen's Association, of Springfield, Missouri), the Atascadero High School Team, of Atascadero, California; Dairy Products Judging (sponsored jointly by Associated Milk Producers, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, and the Mid-America Dairymen's Association, of Springfield, Missouri), the Licking High School Team, of Licking, Missouri; Poultry Judging, the Snyder Public Schools Team, of Snyder, Texas; Meats Judging (sponsored by Oscar Mayer and Co., of Madison, Wisconsin), the Mason High School Team, of Mason, Texas; and Livestock Judging, the Stillwater High School Team, of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

An important part of the convention proceedings was the business sessions conducted by the 112 official voting delegates. A number of proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws were voted on. The delegates defeated amendments that would have substituted the letters "FFA" in all but the first reference to Future Farmers of America in the National Constitution and Bylaws. Another amendment would have deleted the word "farmer" in the degrees of membership. A motion was passed by the delegates requesting a study by the National FFA Board of Directors on the feasibility of reapportioning the FFA Administrative Regions to give a more equal distribution of membership in each region. The motion requested that such a report be submitted to delegates at the 1972 National FFA Convention. A motion to eliminate the 2% quota on number of members to receive the State Farmer Degree was also defeated.

The American Royal Queen was crowned in a special pageant held during the last business session of the National FFA Convention. Debbie Lee Carey, 18, of Marion, Ohio, the Ohio FFA Association's nominee, was selected by the American Royal Queen Committee to reign over this year's American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. The show opened on Friday afternoon with a special program for FFA members.

Another highlight of the convention program was the music provided throughout the week by the 118 member National FFA Band and the 104 member National FFA Chorus. These musical units were recruited by mail and had never played or sung together before arriving in Kansas City last Sunday. The National Band is scheduled to lead the opening parade for the Amer-

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VIRGINIA DELEGATION TO THE 1971 National FFA Convention. This year, 99 individuals attended the National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, from the Virginia Association. Pictured above is a major portion of the largest delegation in history to represent the State Association.

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ican Royal Livestock and Horse Show tomorrow.

The closing session of the convention was dominated by the recognition of outgoing National Officers and their parents, and the installation of new officers.

Special entertainment was provided for the convention attendants following the closing ceremony by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

Chapter News

James Wood—Two hundred persons attended the annual Father-Son, Mother-Daughter Banquet at James Wood High School. Mrs. Edna Fetter, Director of Guidance was presented the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree in recognition of her service and help to the Future Farmers. She is the first woman to receive this degree.

Individual awards were presented to Tracy Stiles for Dairy Farming; Jack Schullen for Farm Mechanics; John Good for Public Speaking; James Norman for Leadership; Teddy Anderson for Conservation; Steve Grant for Scholarship; Greg Spaid for Horticulture and Dudley Rinker for Attendance.

Patrick Henry—Officers for the 1971-72 school year are: Mert Jewell, president; Milton Wickham, vice president; Mike Puryear, secretary; Daniel Mal-lory, treasurer; Howard Hendricks, reporter; Stuart Melton, Jr., assistant reporter; Mike Goodman, sentinel; Mike Goodman, sentinel; and Duke Shelton, assistant reporter.

Louisa Chapter Reports Progress

Cooperation and Cooperative activities are classic marks of the FFA.

During the first four weeks of the school session 1971-'72 the Louisa County FFA Chapter has cooperated in many ways to try to help the High School and community. Some of its accomplishments to date are:

1. Planned, constructed and helped pay for a smoking shed on the school grounds for those students who have permission from their parents to smoke.
2. Developed a yearly Program of Work and Planned activities.
3. Rebuilt goal posts for the football field.
4. Overhauled and repaired about 35 desks for classroom use.
5. Beautified and Landscaped the Area in front of the School Administration building.
6. Organized small FFA Chapters within the Regular Departmental FFA Chapter.
7. Made markers for parking automobiles on the school grounds.
8. Collected and paid all FFA dues on time.
9. Cleared the Varsity track area of rocks.
10. Filled gullies on the school grounds to help prevent erosion.
11. Made tool panels and Teaching Display Boards for the new shop to be used in all-day and adult evening classes.
12. Installed interior paneling in the new shop.
13. Constructed stoop on the Vo. Ag. Mobile unit.

14. Five FFA members worked at the Young McDonald's Farm at the Atlantic Rural Exposition one day.
15. Four FFA members helped pen and assisted in grading of cattle for the Orange Feeder Calf Sale.
16. Landscaped the front of the Vo. Ag. mobile unit with flowers and shrubs.

For the first time since Vocational Agriculture was started in Louisa County in 1918, the FFA and Agricultural Education Department has a feminine touch. Eleven eager and anxious young ladies have been enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. All have joined the FFA Chapter.

Chapter Officers for the year 1971-1972 are:

President—Hunter Richardson
Vice-President—Costello Jackson
Secretary—Bernard G. Johnson
Treasurer—Earl Scott
Reporter—Gregory Shimp
Sentinal—Allen Clatterbuck

All Officers will be attending a Leadership Training School at Patrick Henry High School October 6, 1971.

Gregory Shimp, Reporier

C. T. Smith—Newly elected officers are Charles Payne, president; Steve Flaherty, vice president, Bobby Orrock, vice president; Alpha Trivette, secretary; Mason Bullock, assistant secretary; Kevin Jordan, treasurer; Donnie Hockaday, assistant treasurer; Wick Coleman, reporter, William Pickett, assistant reporter; Ellard Jones, sentinel; and Edward Pickett, assistant sentinel.

Four Chapters Honored At National Convention

Four local chapters of the Virginia Association were honored at the National FFA 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, Appomattox County and to the C. T. Smith Chapter, Caroline County. "Silver Emblem" ratings were received by the Montevideo Chapter, Rockingham County and Richlands Chapter, Tazewell County.

The FFA has approximately 8,200 local high school chapters with associations in 49 states and Puerto Rico. The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded 57 chapters, 51 chapters received "Silver Emblem" rating and "Bronze Emblem" rating was achieved by 27 chapters. These chapters were honored for their outstanding achievement record during the 1970-71 school year.

Philip Lucado, president of the Robert E. Lee Chapter, along with his advisor, R. B. Carter, received the award for their chapter; Charles Payne, president of the C. T. Smith Chapter was on hand to receive the award for his chapter with his advisor, D. Wayne Wells.

Each state association is permitted to enter two chapters for consideration in the National Chapter Emblem Awards Program. State Associations with membership exceeding 5,000 may submit a report for an additional chapter for each additional 5,000 members or major fraction thereof. Judging was done by staff members of the Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

Federation News

Rockingham—Officers for the Rockingham County FFA Federation are Kevin Miller, Montevideo, president; Elizabeth Sigafoose, Elkton, vice president; Eddie Bowman, Turner Ashby, secretary; and Wayne Brady, Broadway, treasurer.

Southside—New officers for the 1971-72 year are Wayne Kendrick, Halifax Senior, president; Louis Ingram, Halifax Junior, vice president; Dale Dulaney, Park View Jr., secretary; Roy Brewer, Bluestone Jr., treasurer; Carroll Powell, Bluestone Sr., reporter; and Tommy Ivey, Park View Sr., sentinel.

The following contests have been scheduled: Forestry, Park View Sr., October 19, 1971; Public Speaking, Halifax Jr., March 16, 1972; Tractor



YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST HONORED—Steve Prescott (second from left), 1971 Virginia Future Farmers of America Forestry Winner from Ruther Glen, is congratulated on his conservation work by U. S. Congressman William L. Scott (right). Accompanying the young state winner is his teacher and FFA advisor, F. W. Latham (second from right) and A. L. Freed (left) of Washington, district sales manager for Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, sponsor of awards program.

Prescott was selected for his leadership in forest conservation while a student in Ladysmith High School. He has planted 22,100 pine seedlings, controlled undesirable hardwoods on 28 acres, built one mile of fire lane and prepared five acres for planting. Prescott has harvested five cords of pulpwood, six cords of fuelwood, cut 808 fence posts and gathered 10 bushels of pine cones for seed extraction. He has been active in school, church, and community activities.

Following a breakfast at the White House in Washington, D. C. on October 8, Prescott will address a luncheon meeting of business leaders in Cleveland on October 11. After attending the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, October 12-15, he will return to his home and begin training at the United Electronics Institute.

Driving, Halifax Sr., April 26, 1972; Degree Team, Bluestone Jr., April 20, 1972; Leadership Training, November or December.

Hub—The Hub Federation FFA officers for 1971-72 are as follows: Shelton Miles, William Campbell, president; Phillip Harris, Appomattox County, vice president; Matt Lair, Appomattox Intermediate, secretary; Sonny Harvey,

Amherst County, treasurer; Tommy Walker, William Campbell, reporter; Michael Marsh, Brookville, sentinel; and Mike Frazier, Rustburg Senior, chaplain. FFA chapters in the Hub Federation include Amherst County, Amherst Junior, Appomattox County, Appomattox Junior, Brookville, Rustburg Junior, Rustburg Senior, and William Campbell.



SUPERIOR IN SHEEP—J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, congratulates Joe Strite of Williamsport, Maryland upon winning Barbourville Farms trophy. The award was one of twenty-nine presented to FFA contestants during breakfast for teams participating in Atlantic Rural Exposition Livestock Judging Contest.

Streetman Chairman of Sponsoring

J. E. (Jack) Streetman, Vice President and a Director of Allied Mills, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, has been named to serve as the 1972 Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee. Streetman succeeds Fred Stines, Publisher of Successful Farming Magazine, Meredith Publishing Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

The FFA Foundation provides funds for incentive award programs to stimulate higher achievement in students of vocational agribusiness who are members of the FFA. A goal of \$325,000 has been set for 1972. As Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee, Streetman's primary responsibility will be to organize and coordinate an effort to contact potential FFA Foundation sponsors during the coming year. At the present time nearly 600 business and industrial companies, organizations and individuals make annual contributions to support the FFA Foundation program.

Streetman will be assisted by first vice chairman, Malcolm McVie, President, Elanco Products Company, Division of Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, and second vice chairman, Robert Walston, Vice President-Marketing, Funk Bros. Seed Company of Bloomington, Illinois. As retiring chairman, Stines will serve with Streetman, McVie, and Walston on the Foundation Sponsoring Committee Executive Council.

The election of Streetman, McVie, and Walston took place during a dinner meeting of FFA Foundation sponsors held in conjunction with the 44th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Mo.

Results of the ARE Beef Bull Show

The 20th Annual Purebred Registered Beef Bull Show, sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, The State Fair of Virginia, and the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America, was held Tuesday, September 28, in the Junior Club Building at the State Fair of Virginia.

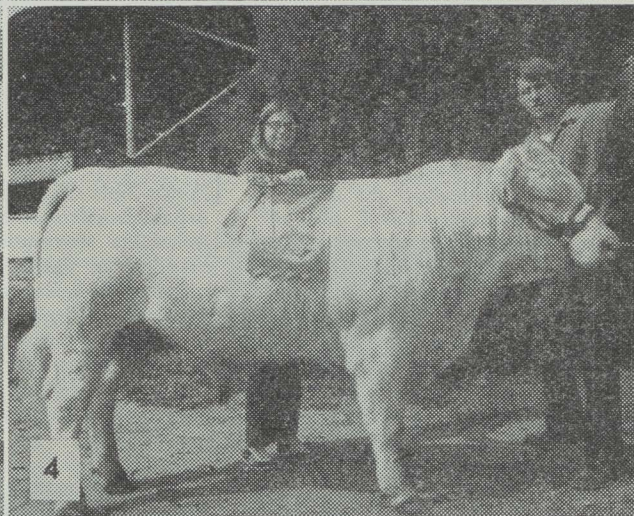
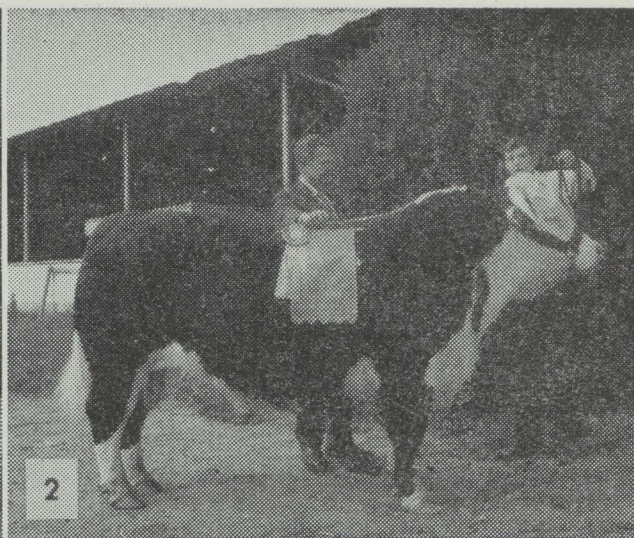
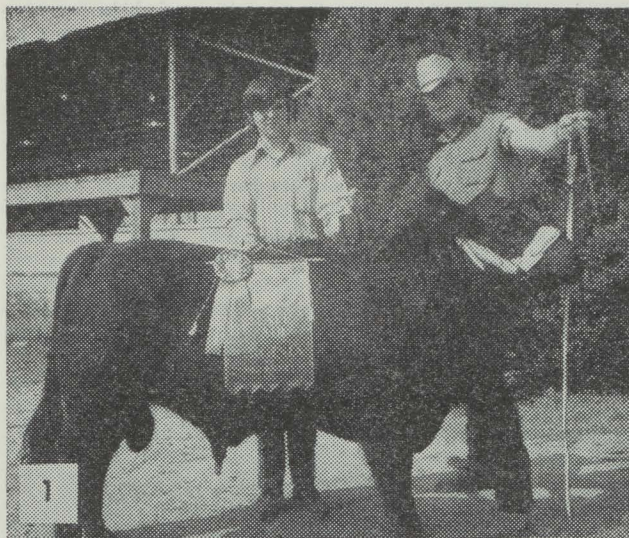
Prior to the bull show, announcement was made of winners in the Livestock Improvement Program. Record books were scored on the basis of: (1) number of cows bred, (2) number of farms served and (3) educational program conducted. A total of \$940 is provided in awards by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation for this phase of the program. Bulls consigned to local chapters placed as follows:

First—Madison FFA Chapter	
Second—Taylor Junior FFA Chapter	
Third—Independence FFA Chapter	
Fourth—Independence FFA Chapter	
The four top chapters were presented certificates valued at \$200 each, to be applied towards the purchase of a purebred registered heifer.	
Fifth — Independence FFA Chapter—	\$50.00
Sixth — Independence FFA Chapter—	\$35.00
Seventh—Buffalo Gap FFA Chapter—	\$25.00
Eighth—Park View Sr. FFA Chapter—	\$15.00
Ninth—Drewry Mason FFA Chapter—	\$10.00

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CHAMPIONS ALL—Pictured above are the Grand Champions of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Purebred Beef Bull Show at the A.R.E. (1) Angus shown by Independence chapter, (2) Hereford shown by Marion Senior Chapter, (3) Shorthorn shown by the Independence Chapter and, (4) Charolais shown by the Fort Chiswell Chapter.

Tenth—C. T. Smith FFA Chapter—\$5.00

The purebred Registered Beef Bull Show was judged by Fred Copenhaver, instructor of Agricultural Education, John Battle High School in Washington County. John R. Smith, instructor of agricultural education at Independence High School, Grayson County, served as ring master for the show.

The results of the show were:

Class I—Aberdeen Angus Bulls

First—Independence FFA Chapter—\$50.00
 Second—Rustburg FFA Chapter—\$40.00
 Third—Holston FFA Chapter—\$30.00
 Fourth—Madison FFA Chapter—\$25.00
 Fifth—Riverheads FFA Chapter—\$15.00
 Sixth—Rural Retreat FFA Chapter—\$10.00

Class II—Hereford Bulls

First—Marion Sr. FFA Chapter—\$50.00

Second—Rural Retreat FFA Chapter—\$40.00

Third—Taylor Junior FFA Chapter—\$30.00

Fourth—Rich Valley FFA Chapter—\$25.00

Fifth—Holston FFA Chapter—\$15.00

Class III—Shorthorn Bulls

First—Independence FFA Chapter—\$50.00

Second—Holston FFA Chapter—\$40.00

Class IV—Charolais Bulls

First—Fort Chiswell FFA Chapter—\$50.00

Class V—Showmanship

First—Sly Phipps—Independence—Trophy

Second—Danny Johnson—Holston—Trophy

Central Senior—1971-72 chapter officers are David Rakes, president; David Moore, vice president; Lester Watson, secretary; Bruce Thompson, treasurer; Stuart Ward, reporter; and Ray Clark, sentinel.

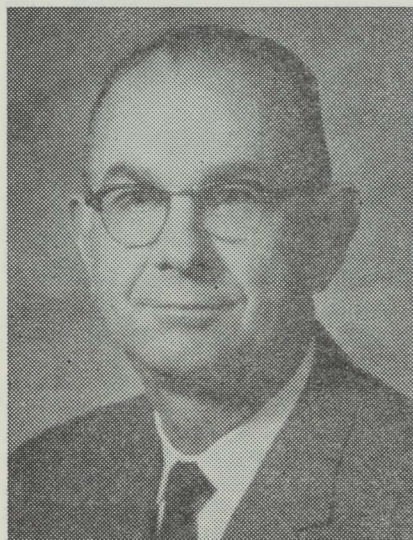
Gretna Junior—Chapter officers for 1971-72 are Richard Bennett, president; Billy Tucker, vice president; Jeff Robertson, secretary; Timothy Stephens, treasurer; Robert Gregory, reporter; Herbert Clements, historian; Mark Boles, chaplain; Ronnie Worley, sentinel; and David Beale, parliamentarian.

Gretna Jr. FFA chapter participated in four local agricultural fairs and received a total of \$294 in prizes. Winners were: Ricky Dalton, \$13; David Worsham, \$7; Randy Shotwell, \$48; Steve Keesee, \$1; James Prichett, \$10; Ronnie Petty, \$10; and Donald Lovelace, \$10.

Honorary Degrees Awarded to Four

Four Virginians were honored for outstanding service to the FFA during the 44th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, October 14. Among those honored were the teachers of agricultural education and a teacher trainer. Virginia teachers honored were: S. C. Broyles, instructor of agricultural education, Culpeper High School, Culpeper County; I. W. Diehl, instructor of agricultural education, Broadway High School, Rockingham County; and G. R. Kinzie, instructor of agricultural education, Buffalo Gap High School, Augusta County. In addition, C. E. Richard, associate professor, agricultural education, VPI&SU, Blacksburg, Virginia, was honored.

Each year a predetermined number of teachers are selected on the basis of a score card application from among the more than 10,000 agricultural education teachers in the United States. Virginia's quota is three teachers selected from 350 teachers throughout the state.



S. C. BROYLES

S. C. BROYLES, a native of Madison County where he grew up on a general farm and was active in the local FFA, receiving the State Farmer Degree, and graduated from Madison High School. He attended VPI where he received the B.S. Degree in agricultural education.

He taught vocational agriculture in Hanover County for three years before moving to Madison County in 1941 where he was teaching vocational agriculture at Madison and Criglersville High Schools in 1942 when he was called to active duty with the U. S. Army as a Second Lieutenant.

During his army service, he served as training specialist at training centers in Georgia and California, was graduated from the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia and when released from active duty with the rank of Lt. Col., he was Assistant S-3, Plans and Training, Camp Roberts, California.

In 1946 he organized and developed the Institutional-On-Farm training in Culpeper County for veterans of World War II and continued to work with this program until 1952 when he returned to teaching high school classes in agriculture and has continued to work with high school students, young and adult farmer groups.

He has coached many FFA teams, some of which have placed high in state competition, has had two finalists in state public speaking competition. Thirty former students have received the State Farmer Degree and one of these the American Farmer Degree.

He has been active in local affairs, being a charter member of the Culpeper Ruritan Club, member and chairman of Board of Deacons of Bethel Baptist Church where he has taught the Men's Bible Class for over twenty years, is past president of the Culpeper County Education Association, and past vice-president of the Culpeper County Education Association, and past vice president of the Virginia Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association. He holds the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

He is married to the former Dorothy Moore of Lexington and they have one son.

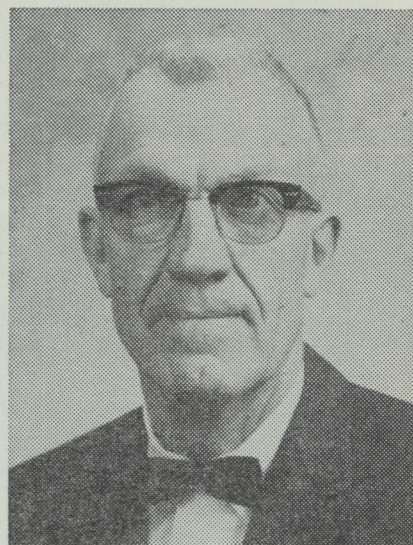


I. W. DIEHL

I. W. DIEHL, Broadway High School, has completed twenty-two years of teaching agricultural education—two at Jackson Memorial High School in Wythe County and twenty years in Rockingham

County. During this period, he has produced 43 State Farmers, 3 American Farmers and five State FFA Officers. Three of his poultry teams have received national ranking and four others have represented Virginia at the Atlantic Rural Exposition.

His chapter has received the Superior Rating for the past eleven years and two members have won State Proficiency Awards. Some of his students have received trips to Southeastern Poultry Convention at Atlanta, NEPPCO at Harrisburg, and one was selected as a youth delegate to South America.



G. R. KINZIE

GILBERT R. KINZIE is a native of Botetourt County where he graduated from Troutville High School. He received the B.A. Degree from Bridgewater College in 1930. After teaching two years in Rockingham County and six years in Botetourt County, he attended VPI where he did graduate work in Agricultural Education and received the M.S. Degree.

He has been a teacher of agriculture for 30 years in Augusta County, six years at Beverley Manor High School, 15 years at Wilson Memorial High School and the past nine years at Buffalo Gap High School. During this time, he has taught one student who received the American Farmer Degree, many who received the State Farmer Degree of which one was named Star State Farmer, three who became winners in the Public Speaking contest, and seven who became State Officers. He has coached three winning State Judging teams which won the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Emblem Awards in the National Contest at Kansas City.

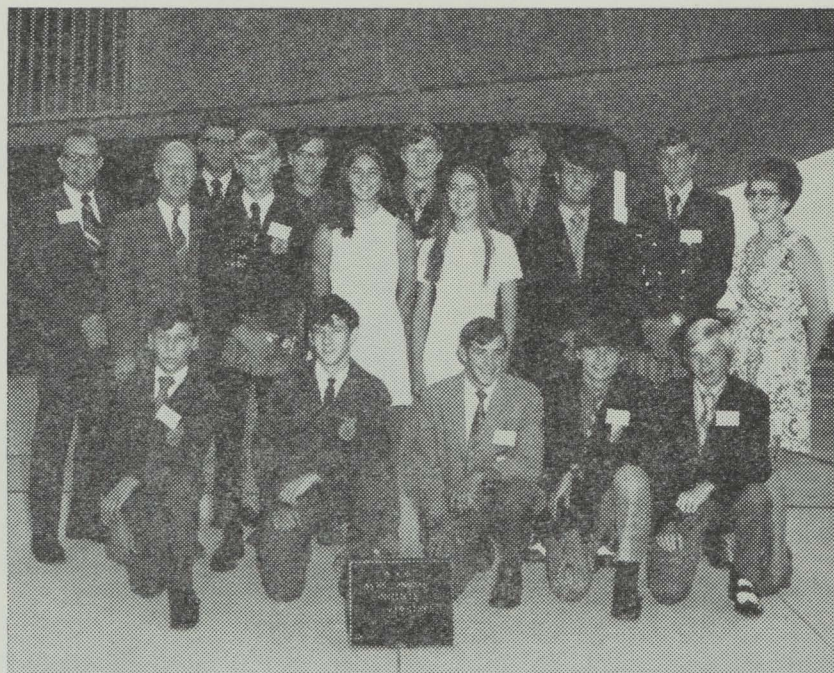
The Buffalo Gap Chapter has been rated "superior" nine times in the State Chapter Awards program and once received the State Chapter Safety Award.

Mr. Kinzie married the former Elizabeth Ritchie and they have one son, one daughter, and five grandchildren. He is a member of the Advisory Council for Agricultural Teacher Education.

CLAUDE E. RICHARD was born April 1, 1904 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Richard. He was reared on a general crop and livestock farm in Frederick County where he graduated from the Middletown High School in 1924. He received the B.S. degree in agricultural education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1928 and the M.S. degree from the same institution in 1940.

While a student at VPI, he assisted the late Henry C. Groseclose in organizing and conducting the first two state FFA conventions held in April 1927 and 1928 at VPI. Professor Richard was editor of "The 1928 Rally" publication containing the rules and regulations for the Second State Convention of the Future Farmers of Virginia. He is the only person to participate in the two FFA State Conventions and all of the State FFA conventions to date.

Professor Richard taught Vocational Agricultural Education in the Mt. Jackson-New Market Vocational Agricultural Department in Shenandoah County



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Professor Richard is an honorary member of Alpha Zeta, and a member of AATEA, VEA, VVA, AVA, and NVATA. He was awarded the Honorary State Farmer Degree, the Distinguished Service Award by the Southern Regional Association of Teacher-Trainers and Supervisors in Agricultural Education and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Virginia Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association for 35 years of service in vocational agriculture in Virginia. He is a member of the Blacksburg Methodist Church.

From July 1, 1946 until January 1, 1947, Professor Richard was on leave of absence from VPI to work with the United National Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization in developing a teacher-training program in agricultural education in Egypt.

While a teacher of vocational agriculture in the Mt. Jackson-New Market Vocational Agriculture Department, he was advisor to two FFA chapters and two young farmer organizations. He assisted in organizing the Shenandoah County Young Farmer Association. During this time, there were 17 State Farmer degrees and one American Farmer degree received by members of the two FFA chapters. The Mt. Jackson chapter won the State Chapter Contest in 1934-35, and was rated the best chapter in the Southern Region and fourth in the National Contest the same year. Professor Richard coached the State Poultry Judging Team that won the National Poultry Judging Contest at the National Convention in 1934. Fred Fadely

of the Mt. Jackson Chapter was high individual in the National Contest.

As a member of the staff in agricultural education, Professor Richard taught methods courses to juniors and seniors in agricultural education and for many years was in charge of the supervised student teaching program in agricultural education. He was advisor to the VPI Collegiate FFA Chapter for 16 years. Since joining the VPI Staff in 1937, he has prepared and published 17 professional publications, 24 technical publications, and conducted eight research studies in addition to many articles published in the Agricultural Education Magazine. He has participated in many Southern Regional Conferences and workshops and participated in the National Seminar on "Agricultural Education in Transition" held in Denver, Colorado, May, 1971.

Bluestone Junior—Recently elected FFA officers at Blueston Jr. are Roy Brewer, president; Mike Riggan, vice president; Dean Lenhart, secretary; Mike Powell, treasurer; Walter Talley, reporter; and Ronnie Lenhart, sentinel.

Elkton—Elizabeth Sigafoose and Steve Davis of Elkton attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15. Elizabeth, vice president of the county federation, and vice president of the Elkton Chapter, represented her federation. Steve was a member of the National FFA Chorus. He has been a member of the State Chorus two years and the Elkton Chorus four years.



C. E. RICHARD

from July 1, 1928 until September 15, 1937, when he became a member of the agricultural education staff at VPI where he has been employed since that date.

In 1928 he married the former Mary Lee Dobbins of Blacksburg. They have two sons and five grandchildren. The oldest son, Bobby, is employed by the American Cyanamid Company and is living in Denton, Texas; and Wayne is a member of the faculty of the University of Florida.

Agriculture Careers Promising Says Leading Educator

Agriculture offers some of the most promising career opportunities young men and women have today.

Nearly one in three persons in the United States now are employed in agriculture and related industries. This means a wide variety of job and career opportunities, according to Harold B. Swanson, Head of the Department of Agricultural Journalism at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Swanson is the author of a new book, *Looking Forward to a Career in Agriculture*, published by Dillon Press, Inc., Minneapolis. The book is one in a series written for junior high and high school students.

Agriculture is a growing, not declining industry, in spite of what some people are saying, he maintains. Although the number of farms is declining, other opportunities are more than replacing those lost in actual farming. There is a shortage of people trained for many areas in the industry.

Careers in agriculture call for a wide variety of levels and types of training, Dr. Swanson believes. High school graduation is needed for some, others require technical school training, and still others need the skills and understanding developed through college education.

One important area of opportunity remains farming and ranching. However, a new type of farmer or rancher must emerge before the year 2000. By that year the U.S. will have to produce food for nearly 100 million more people, and the world for 2½ billion more people to avoid catastrophic starvation. And in the U.S. this will have to be done on many fewer acres of land.

Looking to 2000, Dr. Swanson predicts that many farmers will run their farm operations from their farm offices, automatically controlling irrigation, cultivation, harvesting, and feeding operations by remote control mechanisms. When in the field they will operate from air conditioned machinery and will be in constant touch not only with their homes but also with agricultural centers by phone, radio, television, and even computers.

This means that the farmer-rancher of 30 years hence will be even more a scientist-businessman than he is today. And his operations will require more training, more skill, and much more capital.

Youth seeking off-farm careers can look to communications as one of the more promising fields in agriculture, says Dr. Swanson. He lists magazines, elec-



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National Judging Contest Results

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

The Dairy Cattle judging team from Clarke County High School, Clarke County, placed 22nd from among 44 teams throughout the United States and received silver emblem rating. The Livestock judging team from Buffalo Gap High School, Augusta County, placed 22nd in a field of 46 and received silver emblem rating. The Meats

judging team also from Buffalo Gap High School placed 27th with 34 states participating and were awarded Bronze rating. The Poultry judging team from Fort Defiance High School, Augusta County, placed 16th in competition with 34 states and rated a Silver award. For individual competition, judging dairy cattle, John Hardesty received gold emblem rating, John Day and Haven Wolfe were awarded bronze rating. John Dickens, agriculture instructor, Clarke County High School, coached the Dairy Cattle team.

Individuals representing Virginia in the Livestock and Meats judging contest placed as follows: (Livestock judging) Scott Weller, silver; Ernie Reeves and Boyd Derrow, bronze; (Meats judging) Ernie Reeves, silver; Scott Weller, bronze. The Livestock and Meats teams were coached by E. D. Reeves, agriculture instructor, Buffalo Gap High School.

Members of the Fort Defiance Poultry judging team placed as follows: Nevin Geiman, Weldon Michael, and David Wampler all were awarded silver emblem ratings. The poultry team was coached by W. L. Simmons, agriculture instructor, Fort Defiance High School. This year 188 three-member teams participated in the National Contests. Each team in the contest won state honors prior to matching their skills with boys from 47 other states.

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