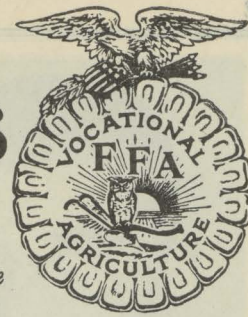




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North River, William Byrd, Wilson Memorial, Randolph Henry FFA Chapters Have Top Teams in Annual State Judging Contests

158 Active, 16 Honorary State Farmer Degrees Conferred At State FFA Convention

One hundred and fifty-eight of Virginia's top farm youth were elected to receive the State Farmer degree, the highest honor the State Association Future Farmers of America confers upon its members in recognition of their accomplishments in vocational agriculture as well as other high school and community activities. The degrees were awarded at the 28th. Convention of Virginia Association FFA at VPI June 14-17.

The Virginia association has a paid up active membership of 7,941. The number of "State Farmer" degrees that may be conferred any one year is limited to two per cent by constitutional provisions.

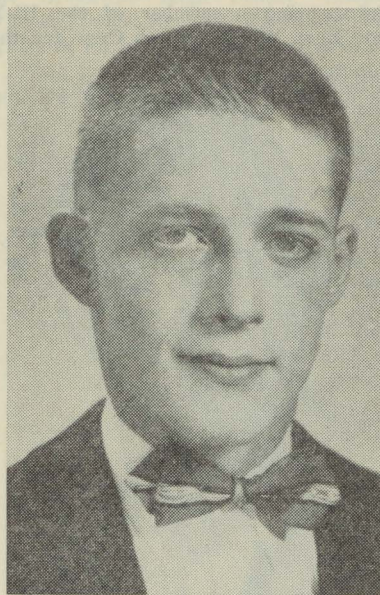
In addition to the honors conferred upon the active members, 16 Virginia adults were elected to honorary membership in recognition of their contributions to Virginia's farm youth. Both the active and honorary degrees will be conferred in a special ceremony at the Wednesday night session.

Those elected from the active FFA membership and their school were:

Central Virginia

- Henry Daniel Aylor—Madison
- Pettus Gilman—Ashland
- Hershel Bickley—Louisa
- Gene Hood—Blackstone
- Louis Blaka—Dinwiddie
- John Jenkins—Crew
- Frank Boxley, Jr.—Louisa
- Mason Jones—Amelia
- Meade Broaddus—Battlefield Park
- Virgil Jones—Amelia
- Howard Edwin Brown—Caroline
- William Kent—Spotsylvania
- Russell Burruss—Louisa
- Willber Lawrence—Ashland
- Russel Ashby Lundy—Greensville Co.

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STATE PRESIDENT—David Miller, 17, is newly elected president of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America. David will be one of the official delegates to represent Virginia at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-14.

David Miller Is Elected To Virginia FFA Presidency

David Miller, 17 year old Bland High School graduate and an outstanding Young Farmer, was elected president of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America at the Annual State Convention at VPI in Blacksburg, June 14-17. His term of office runs from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955.

David is farming a 300-acre dairy farm in partnership with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Miller of Bland, Virginia. He has been an active member in FFA having served as president, vice-president and reporter of his local chapter and

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Livestock, Poultry and Meats Team Will Participate in National Contests At Kansas City, October 12-15

DAIRY TEAM GOES TO WATERLOO

Dickerson Memorial, Dinwiddie, and Woolwine Future Farmer Chapter Judging Teams Place Second

Top honors in the judging contest at the twenty-eight annual State Future Farmers of America convention were won by North River Chapter team in livestock judging; William Byrd, dairy; Wilson Memorial, poultry; and Randolph-Henry in crops contests. Each of the chapter teams was awarded a large plaque.

Team members and their coaches of the winning team in each judging contest who will represent Virginia in National competition this fall are:

Dairy—William Byrd—Garnet Hudgins, Wendell McCarter, Kenneth Morrison and A. K. Thomas, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

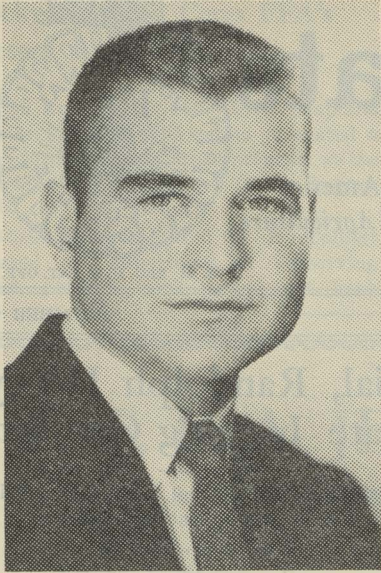
Livestock—North River—Earl Reeves, E. B. Craun, Jr., Guy Kiracofe and E. B. Craun, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

Poultry—Wilson Memorial—Lyle Shaver, Robert Wagner, Charles Leach and N. C. Guynn, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

Crops—Randolph-Henry—Herbert Jordan, Roy Hunter, John Marshall and L. A. Starling, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

The dairy out-of-state team will represent Virginia in the National Dairy Cattle and Dairy Production contests at Waterloo, Iowa, October 3-5. Virginia representatives on the livestock and poultry out-of-state teams will compete in the national livestock, meats and poultry contests at Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15. The out-of-state crops judging team will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, October 11-14.

Team members of the second highest (Continued on page 7.)



SIDNEY COATES

Sidney Coates Receives Dairy Award; Billy Turley Gets Livestock Farming Award

Two Virginia farm youth received top State awards for outstanding accomplishments in vocational agriculture at the Virginia Future Farmers of America convention June 15.

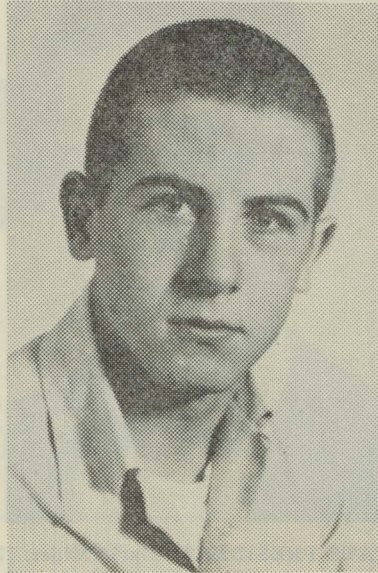
Sidney Coates, Madison High School, Madison County, and Bill Turley, George Wythe High School, Wytheville next each received \$100 cash awards for the best job in dairy and livestock farming, respectively, among the nearly 8000 FFA members in Virginia.

Young Turley, a senior at George Wythe High School, Whytheville next year has been elected president of his FFA chapter. With plans to farm in partnership with his father upon graduation from high school, Turley already owns eight head of Hereford beef cattle, one brood sow and ten pigs, ten sheep and two dairy cows, all of which are registered and valued at \$2,630. In addition to his livestock enterprises, young Turley has carried out many improvement projects including pasture improvement, fencing and erosion control. He has constructed or repaired farm buildings and equipment including a beef cattle barn, corn crib, machinery shed and stock feeders. Active in church work, young Turley is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, and is serving as president of the Methodist Young Peoples Fellowship.

Sidney Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Coates of Madison is well on the way toward becoming a successful dairy farmer. With the help of his dad he was responsible for introducing the first purebred dairy cows on his home farm and the use of artificial breeding as a means of improving the herd. He helped to

organize a local milk route which serves his community. Coates already owns six purebred Holstein cows, four grade cows and four dairy heifers valued at \$3,200. In addition to his share in the home farm he recently purchased 72 acres of land at a cost of \$6,000. His cows last year averaged 7,240 lbs of milk with a butter fat test of 4.1 per cent.

Coates, with his father grows all of the roughage, pasture, and a large portion of the grain needed to feed their dairy stock. Dairy equipment installed by this young farmer includes a milking machine, cooler, water pump, milk boxes, sterilizer and stanchions. He also wired the dairy barn and milk house. Safety precautions were followed in handling equipment and animals to prevent accidents. Young Coates is active in school and community affairs, being a member of the Hi-Y Club, Keep Virginia Green Crew and the



BILLY TURLEY

Student Council; Methodist Youth Fellowship, School Community Fair, 100-Bushel Corn Club, Junior Holstein Breeders Association, Shen-Valley Meat and Farm Bureau and assistant superintendent of his Sunday school.

Andrew Lewis and Rocky Gap Chapters Receive Awards in Wildlife and Forestry

Andrew Lewis High School FFA Chapter of Roanoke County and the Rocky Gap High School FFA Chapter, Bland County, were presented awards at the State FFA convention for their accomplishments in two allied fields of Conservation—Forestry and Wildlife. The first place award of \$40.00 went to the Andrew Lewis Chapter for their accomplishments in the field of Wildlife, which included

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Pettus Gilman, Ashland Chapter Named Virginia Star Farmer At State FFA Convention

Pettus Gilman, son of Mrs. Emily Stanley and the late Wilba P. Gilman of Ashland received the FFA Star Farmer of Virginia award at the 1954 State Convention. The award, highest honor the Virginia FFA can bestow, carries with it an FFA Foundation cash prize of \$100.

Area Star Farmer Awards and checks for \$20 were also presented to Robert Wills, Brookville; John Gregory, Rocky Gap; Walter Pitman, Surry; and Thomas Painter, Jr., Wilson Memorial.

Young Gilman recently graduated from Henry Clay High School. During his first three years in high school, he put in 3,394 hours of labor on his farm enterprises, which included 73 acres of crops, 77 head of livestock and 71,675 broilers and layers. His labor income amounted to \$8,076.09. He has \$5,890 invested in farming and \$728 in savings. Included in his farm investments are \$2,500 in equipment, \$1,100 in cattle, \$100 in hogs, \$630 in sheep and \$1,560 in poultry.

This year during his fourth year in vocational agriculture, his farm enterprises include 26,000 broilers, 275 laying hens, two head of beef cattle, 21 sheep, 15 hogs, eight acres of corn, 13 acres of soybeans, 12 acres of wheat and 20 acres of lespedeza. He has managed the 134-acre home farm, as well as 100 acres for an aunt since entering high school. His father died when he was 10 years old.

Young Gilman has been active in school and community organizations. He served as president of his FFA chapter and federation. He played varsity football three years, and represented his school on various agricultural judging teams. His scholastic average for four years is 92.



PETTUS GILMAN

Raymond DeHart of Rocky Gap Wins Foundation Award In Farm Mechanics

Raymond S. DeHart, 16 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl DeHart, of Bland County, and a student at Rocky Gap High School, was declared the winner of the 1954 farm mechanics award. With this award went a check for \$100 from the National FFA Foundation.

He has gained wide experience in farm mechanics in his classroom training and on his home farm. The student has built in the school shop a tractor weed pressure sprayer for use on his home farm and has entered the machine in the national welding contest of the Lincoln Welding Foundation. In addition, Raymond has constructed a milk can rack, hog troughs, calf feeders, chicken feeders, tool racks, water stand for power grinder and a post treating vat. He has reconditioned a tractor trailer, a hay loader and extensive work on a TD-9 bulldozer.

His father, Carl M. DeHart, formerly operated a large sawmill on the home farm. A few years ago, the DeHart family, turned the more than 200 acre home farm into a grade "A" dairy enterprise constructing a milking parlor, general livestock barn and adding a hay drying unit. Raymond materially assisted in the construction and the installation of all conveniences and improvements connected with dairy operations.

Raymond was active in the repair of farm machinery and equipment as well as farm buildings. He performed repair and maintenance jobs on the electric milkers, hay drier, hay hoist, Farmall Super A and C tractors, farm truck, lime spreader, grain drill, hay loader, chain saw, corn binder and tractor equipment.



RAYMOND DeHART

Wilbur Lawrence, Ashland, and Nowlin Maddox of Brookville Win \$100 Foundation Awards

Two of Virginia's top ranking farm boys, both high school students in vocational agriculture and members of the FFA, received State honors June 15, at the 28th. annual convention of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America. They Were:

Wilbur Lawrence, 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Lawrence, of Hanover County and a student at Henry Clay High School, Ashland, who was declared winner of the State Soil and Water Management award.

Nowlin O. Maddox, 17-year old junior at Brookville High School, Campbell County, who received the State FFA prize in Farm and Home Electrification.

Each award carries a \$100 cash prize and the privilege of competing with win-



NOWLIN MADDOX

ners from other states for the National award. Each of the events are sponsored by the National Future Farmers of America Foundation through the Virginia Association of Future Farmers.

Soil and Water Management Award

Wilbur Lawrence of Ashland High School in taking top place in the State Soil and Water Management award, helped through good practices to bring back

The repair of the brooder house, hog house, hay shed and general livestock barn was a part of his farm mechanics program. The farm mechanics award winner aided in the installation of the farm water supply, hay drier, milkers, barn lighting, inside bath, and house lighting fixtures.

As a part of the soil and water man-

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WILBUR LAWRENCE

into a high state of cultivation a 114-acre farm, which his neighbors thought was a "hopeless cause" four years ago. He cleared 27 acres of land and leveled 30 acres with his bulldozer, opened and cleaned 550 feet of ditches and drained 12 acres. Permanent pasture was established on 35 acres, and an additional 35 acres improved. He applied 35 tons of fertilizer, 75 tons of lime and 400 tons of manure on 70 acres. The farm now furnishes pasture and hay for 47 head of Angus beef cattle.

Two farm ponds were built to furnish water for livestock, to conserve moisture and provide sport and recreation. Borders were provided for wildlife food and protection. Work was also done on forest conservation by planting 500 pine seedlings and establishing fire lanes around 10 acres.

Lawrence's program in Vocational Agriculture this year consists of 12 acres of alfalfa, 20 acres of oats and barley, 47 head of beef cattle, 75 laying hens, 20 acres of pasture and 20 acres of woodland. He was also nominated to receive the State Farmer degree, the highest honor the FFA State Association can confer. He has served as an officer in his local chapter and is active in church work.

Farm Electrification Award

Among the electrical installations made by young Nowlin Maddox, Brookville Vo-Ag student, are wiring on his home farm a new dairy barn and installing milking machines and a milk cooler. He also assisted a neighbor in rewiring his home. Nowlin says that he became interested in farm electrification from making a lamp and other simple electrical projects as a freshman in vocational agriculture.

Maddox was runner-up for the state award in farm electrification in 1953. He is one of the few high school juniors to receive top honors in this activity,

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Bland Future Farmer Chapter Is Presented the State Grange Community Service Award

A 20-volume encyclopedia was presented to the FFA chapter at Bland High School, June 14. Made available through the courtesy of the Virginia State Grange this award is given annually to the FFA chapters in Virginia doing the best work in community service activities.

Activities of the 52 members of the Bland High School FFA Chapter which merited the State Grange Community Service Award include:

Presenting Christmas gifts to 29 needy children, seeding the school grounds, putting in hand rails around sidewalks and pruning shrubs; sponsoring a farm safety program at three grade schools, two high school assembly programs and three civic club meetings; constructing 20 tables for the high school typing class, bleaches for the gymnasium, wiring a grade school in the county for electric lights and making articles for the P-TA.

Also, the Bland FFA Chapter helped the town in a clean-up campaign by removing an unsightly old building and hauling away trash and litter. They

worked with the local game warden in protecting fish and game, assisted the chief forestry warden in preventing forest fires, conducted two educational forestry meetings, aided in fighting forest fires and helped control livestock losses by testing, vaccinating and treating over 350 farm animals; sponsored a farm safety program in the community, helped with a rat control problem, donated to many worthwhile charities and entered 167 exhibits in the Bland County Fair.

ANDREW LEWIS AND ROCKY GAP CHAPTERS RECEIVE AWARDS.

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the setting out of 15,000 bicolor lespedeza plants on the farm of the members of this farm youth organization, and the distribution of 150 pounds of bird patch mix, 26 pounds of bi-color lespedeza seed, and eight pounds of milo seed. The

Emergency March of Dimes

A nationwide emergency March of Dimes is to be held August 16-31, to help meet a crucial financial emergency in the fight against polio. Future Farmers of America throughout the country have been asked to join with other groups in the communities in helping to raise the urgently needed funds. Will your FFA chapter assist? The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Chapter in your county will welcome your help.

chapter cooperated with the Williamson Road Kiwanis club's conservation program, and won \$60 in prize money, put up by this group. Members of the organization set out 6,000 pine seedlings on the farm of Mr. Turner.

Other accomplishments included:

The establishment of four wildlife patches of bi-color lespedeza by four members.

The fighting of forest fires by twenty-two members of the chapter for a total of 630 hours.

The improvement of their home farm woodlot as a part of farm game management by twenty-four members.

The feeding of birds and wildlife during the winter.

The building and establishment of houses and nesting areas for birds and wildlife.

Essays were written and submitted by twenty-three members in the Seventh Annual Wildlife Essay contest sponsored by the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Izaak Walton League of America. One member of the chapter won a prize of \$25, and another \$10.

Talks on "wildlife conservation" were prepared by twenty-seven members, and

"wildlife" programs were presented on television, radio, and at various civic club meetings.

Second place in the FFA Chapter Wildlife competition went to the Bland FFA Chapter, along with a check for \$30, followed by Rocky Mount of Franklin County, and Ceres of Bland County. Funds for these awards were provided by the donors to the National FFA Foundation.

The following FFA chapters received honorable mention in this event: La-Crosse of Mecklenburg County; Henry Clay High School of Hanover County; Amherst of Amherst County; and Dickenson Memorial of Dickenson County.

Rocky Gap Chapter Places First in Forestry Contest

The Rocky Gap FFA Chapter placed first in the FFA chapter Forestry competition for the fourth consecutive year, with a total of 963 points out of a total possible of 1,000. This chapter has a membership of 41. Bruce Robertson, teacher of agriculture in the Rocky Gap High School, is the chapter Advisor. This contest is sponsored by Virginia Forests, Inc., an organization of timberland owners interested in forestry conservation and improvement. The first place award was a check for \$50, which was presented to the Rocky Gap President, L. B. Tolbert.

The Effinger FFA Chapter of Rock-bridge County won second place, followed by Andrew Lewis of Roanoke County; Amelia FFA Chapter of Amelia County; and North River of Augusta County. Honorable mention went to Stony Creek of Sussex County; Buchanan of Botetourt County; LaCross of Mecklenburg County; Randolph Henry of Charlotte County, and Amherst of Amherst County.

Complete Extensive Program

One hundred per cent of the Rocky Gap members carried forestry projects as a part of their work in vocational agriculture, upon which projects they put in a total of 3,376 hours. They set out 12,150 pine seedlings on their home farms, cut 896 fence posts, and treated 115, constructed 11,200 feet of fire lanes, cut and sold 628 mine props, and cut 396 cords of fuel wood for timber stand improvement. The chapter put on a number of forestry exhibits in the high school and community, distributed 200 Smokey Bear Book Covers, sponsored forestry meetings and demonstrations, purchased and distributed 2,500 Smokey Bear Match books, and conducted many other activities designed to promote forestry conservation in Bland County. The members of the Rocky Gap Chapter, as a group and as individuals, cooperated in every way possible with Park Brown, Chief Forest Warden, in promoting the Virginia Forest Service in Bland County.

Rocky Gap Future Farmers First, Bland Second and North River Third in State Chapter Contest

To the 41 members of the Rocky Gap High School FFA Chapter of Bland County went the honor of having the best FFA chapter in Virginia during the year 1953-54. The award was made at the Virginia Future Farmers of America Convention. There are 201 FFA chapters in Virginia, with a total membership of 7,941.

With the top award, the Rocky Gap Future Farmers received a plaque, and a check for \$50 from the State FFA Association. Second place, a plaque and a check for \$40 went to the Bland FFA Chapter of the same county. This is the first time the two top chapters in the State have come from the same county. Third place went to the North River FFA Chapter of Augusta County, followed by the Henry Clay FFA Chapter of Hanover County, and the Blacksburg FFA Chapter of Montgomery County.

The following FFA chapters received honorable mention: Amelia of Amelia County; Broadway of Rockingham County; Brookville of Campbell County; Cumberland of Cumberland County; James

Wood of Fredrick County; Louisa of Louisa County; Prince George of Prince George County; Randolph-Henry of Charlotte County; Smithfield of Isle of Wight County; and Stony Creek of Sussex County.

As a result of their having won first second and third places in the State competition, the Rocky Gap, Bland, and North River FFA chapters become Virginia's entries in the National FFA Chapter Contest, where their records will go up against entries from the other 47 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The winners in this event will be decided at the National FFA Convention which will be held in Kansas City during the month of October.

Officers of the Rocky Gap FFA Chapter are L. B. Tolbert, president; O. K. Spence, vice-president; Dallas Looney, secretary; Raymond DeHart, treasurer; and Donald Waters, reporter. Garland Updyke, an honorary member of the chapter, is principal of the Bland High School, and Bruce Robertson is the teacher of vocational agriculture and chapter advisor.

Three members of the chapter, L. B. Tolbert, O. K. Spence, and Richard Gregory, received their State Farmer degrees at the FFA Convention. Another member of the chapter, Raymond S. DeHart, won the State Farm Mechanics award for 1954. Russell Pennington, a chapter member, won first place and a check for \$50 in the recent essay contest sponsored by the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Isaac Walton League.

The Rocky Gap Chapter has carried out an extensive program. A registered Hereford bull owned by the State Association is consigned to the chapter and is maintained on the farm of O. K. Spence, a member of the chapter. A 10-acre reforestation demonstration project is maintained by the chapter, along with a 10-acre forest management project, a 1-acre wildlife project, and a 1-acre crop demonstration area showing the different adaptable varieties of legumes, grasses and hybrid corn. The chapter is also supervising the raising of a 2-acre Lord's Acre plot for the local Methodist Church.

As another part of their training in vocational agriculture chapter members tested soil on 920 acres of crop, garden and pasture land, using three soil testing outfits purchased by the chapter. They purchased cooperatively 55 bushels of hybrid seed corn and planted 12,000 tree seedlings, 5,000 bi-color lespedeza plants, 800 multiflora rose plants and 144 pounds of game mixture in their forestry and wildlife programs. The members bought and sold seed, fertilizer and supplies totaling \$4,039. They donated \$37 to charitable organizations. Food and toys were distributed to needy families at Christmas time. The thrift bank opera-

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ted by the members handled \$493.15 during the year. Eighty-two per cent of the members have insurance policies.

Members of the chapter thinned 16 acres of farm woodland, repaired 325 rods of fence, wormed 2,200 and culled 3,100 head of poultry and vaccinated 160 head of livestock. The group repaired, reconditioned and painted 290 items of farm equipment and machinery as a part of their machinery conservation program.

Programs on forestry and wildlife conservation were given at meetings of various civic organizations, including the Ruritan clubs at Rocky Gap and Ceres. National Farm Safety Week, American Education Week, Arbor Day, National Wildlife Week, Natural Resources Conservation Week and National FFA Week were observed by the chapter with special programs and events.

The Rocky Gap Chapter has been granted permission to construct a speaker's stand to be presented to the National FFA at the next National Convention to be held in Kansas City. The stand will be constructed of wood species native to Virginia in that Virginia is the "Mother of the FFA."

158 ACTIVE 16 HONORARY STATE FARMER DEGREES CONFERED.

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Landon Connelly—Dinwiddie
Eugene Davis—Amelia
Fred Peetz—Louisa
William Dixon—Crewe
Dennis Perkins—Louisa
William Duncan—Amelia
Douglass Perkins—Louisa
Lawrence Powell—Dinwiddie
Daniel Wilson Pruitt—Midway
Martin Taylor Southall—Amelia
Wiley Post Wallace—Kenbridge
Will Rogers Wallace—Kenbridge
Edward Whitlock—Louisa
Robert Wilson—Dinwiddie
Cecil Winn—Kenbridge

Eastern Virginia

Thomas Barlow—Smithfield
James E. Barnes—Newsoms
Wallace Beauchamp—Northumberland
Raymond Bell—Great Bridge
J. E. Bishop, III—Prince George
William D. Bowen—Warsaw
Collie Brickhouse—Great Bridge
James W. Brinkley—Whaleyville
Bobby Cobb—Franklin
Ivan Ray Carr—Whaleyville
Kenneth Cofer—Surry
Melvin Jordan—Smithfield
Roger Jordan—Smithfield
George M. Longest—Marriott
Dabney Overton—Warsaw
George Pendleton—Great Bridge
Walter Pittman—Surry
William Poarch—Stony Creek
Archie Rantz—Atlantic
Beverly Rose—Carrsville
Leonard J. Starke—Stoney Creek
Joe Stephens—Carrsville
James L. Story—Newsoms
Irving Tally—Northumberland
George L. Thorpe—Newsoms
Leslie Turner—Boykins
J. H. Underhill—Northumberland
Joseph M. Bryant—Whaleyville

Northern Virginia

Kent Barley—James Wood
Richard Black—Spottswood
Jim Bolen—Luray
Harold F. Bowman—Edinburg
James N. Eustace—Calverton
Paul Giles—James Wood
Billy Harris—Spottswood
Jerry Winston Harris—Spottswood
William L. Hart—Brownsburg
Donald L. Kline—Harry Sanders
Glenn Kookler—Spottswood
James Landis—North River
Stuart Lotts—Spottswood
Ray R. Loving—Strasburg
Arthur W. Mitchell—North River
Bill Munson—Luray
George R. Noland—Warrenton
Thomas Painter, Jr.—Wilson Memorial
Lyle Shaver—Wilson Memorial
Ralph Shiley—Clark Co.
Marty Simmons—North River
John Staples—Calverton

Henry C. Stowers—Strasburg
George Sutherland—Warrenton
Ralph Swain—Warrenton
Leonard Swartzel—Wilson Memorial
Kelly Updike—Rappahannock
Mason Ware—North River
Wayne Wetzel—Wood Stock
William Lee Whitacre—James Wood

Southside Virginia

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Benjamin Beasley—Appomattox
Carlton Berry—Chase City
William Lewis Boettcher—Randolph
Henry
Wayne Carter—Buckhorn
John Clark—Stuart
Carl L. Clements—Randolph-Henry
Jimmie Carter Coates—William Campbell
Marvin East—Blue Ridge
Grover C. Etter—LaCrosse
Herbert Gee—South Hill
Harold Hopkins—Stuart
Carrol Hunt—Halifax County
James D. Hylton—Brosville
Dickey Kelly, Troutville
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Clayton Lester—Spring Garden
Jack Meeler—Halifax Co.
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Clyde Nash—Randolph-Henry
Otmer McCulloch Newcomb—Eagle
Rock
James Smith Reese—Chase City
Gordon F. Reynolds—Randolph-Henry
Wallace Reynolds—Callands
James Solomon—Halifax County
Alfred Clayton Spillman—Cumberland
Jerry Thompson—Rocky Mount
Crawley B. Townsend, Jr.—Randolph-Henry
Lloyd Walton—Appomattox
Robert F. Warren—Brookville
Paul E. Wilburn—Appomattox
Francis Williams—Halifax Co.
Caret Williamson—Halifax Co.

Southwest Virginia

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Charles Cook—Rich Valley
Charles Ephriam Copenhoven, Jr.—Cabbage
Robby Crabtree—Ceres
John Richard Gregory—Rocky Gap
H. W. Grubb—George Wythe
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Effett Eugene Latham—Cleveland
Wiley Buford Lewis—Castlewood
David Stafford Miller—Bland
Donald Jerome Moore—Rural Retreat
Joe Moore—Glade Spring
Junior Seyphers—Greendale
Stafford Shewey—Ceres
Oren King Spence—Rocky Gap
Lee Tate—Bland
Fred Jones—Elk Creek
Donald Clifton Thayer—Cleveland
Vernon E. Lee—Andrew Lewis
Luther Brown Tolbert—Rocky Gap
Sammy Joe Lucas—Auburn

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Frederick Martin—Andrew Lewis
Milan Cornette—Elk Creek
Ned Martin—Andrew Lewis
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Raymond K. Morrison—William Byrd
Joe B. Edwards—Woodlawn
Scott Obenshain—Blacksburg
Robert C. Halsey—Virginia Carolina
Ray Robinson—Woodlawn
Junior Hash—Virginia Carolina
Robert C. Taylor—Virginia Carolina
Garette F. Hudgins—William Byrd
Charles E. Testerman—Virginia Carolina
Harold Plummer—Virginia Carolina

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C. E. Kirchmier, Instructor Vocational Agriculture, Smithfield High School
H. A. Wise, Division Superintendent of Accomac County Schools
D. D. Jones, Principal, Woodstock High School
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TOP TEAMS IN STATE JUDGING CONTEST.

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scoring team in each of the four judging contests, who will judge at the Atlantic Rural Exposition, September 27 are:

Dairy—Woolwine—Glaten Wood, Melvin Thomas, Eldridge Slaughter and A. L. Spencer, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

Livestock—Dickerson Memorial—Earl Beverley, Ralph Beverley, Harry Fleming and E. C. Smith, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

Poultry—Dickerson Memorial—Olin Yates, Bufford Fleming, Carter Fleming and Carol Short, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

Crops—Dinwiddie—Bob Wilson, Lendon Connely, Louis Blake, and P. A. Glass, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

Ten High Individuals

Dairy

Garnet Hudgins, William Byrd...	633.55
John Jenkins, Crew	618.8
Alexander Hamilton, Crewe	614.04
Joy Broaddus, King George	604.18
Robert Lipscomb, Culpeper	595.01
Addison Winston, William Campbell	593.80
Eldridge Slaughter, Woolwine	586.05
Cecil Wampler, Bridgewater	583.04
Richard Donell, Warren	577.56
Robert Mills, Brookville	574.98

Livestock

Ernest Nestar, Hillsville	426.9
Billy Thompson, Wilson Memorial	396.5
Mil Mulhson, Luray	396.0
Wendall Harris, Willis	392.2
Joe Bill Edwards, Woodlawn	388.7
Stanley Bauserman, James Wood	381.5
Danny Shenk, James Wood	380.2
David Hartley, Beaverdam	379.9
Earl Reeves, North River	379.7
John Henry Peck, Pearisburg	379.4

Poultry

Olin Yates, Dickerson Memorial	755.0
Charles Leach, Wilson Memorial	744.8
Bruce Richardson, Northhampton	743.7
Charles Damewood, Andrew Lewis	720.3
Arthur Mitchell, North River	717.0
Herman Sears, Gloucester	713.3
Edward Sandy, Washington-Lee	709.9
Robetr Wagner, Wilson Memorial	707.0
Frank Yeatman, Warsaw	702.9
Charles Hess, Mt. Clinton	695.3

Crops

Jack Newman, Cumberland	663.3
Troy Harris, Buchanan	656.7
Sterling Jones, Goochland	646.6
Landon Connely, Dinwiddie	643.3
Bobby Lytton, Christiansburg	640.0
Herbert Jordan, Randolph-Henry	640.0
Ray Hunter, Randolph-Henry	636.7
Walter Bass, Halifax	636.6
Jonny Rhodes, Windsor	630.0
Jack Marrington, Cumberland	626.6
Beverly Rose, Carrsville	620.0

DAVID MILLER ELECTED STATE FFA PRESIDENT.

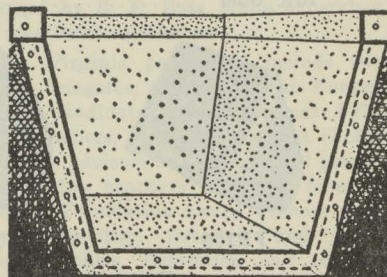
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president of the Henry C. Groseclose FFA Federation, holding each of these offices for one year.

The five vice-presidents elected for each supervisory area at the State convention are: Bobby Tickle, Dublin; Harold Hopkins, Stuart; Dabney Overton, Warsaw; Dan Pruitt, Midway; and Earl Reeves, North River.

Other 1954-55 officers of the State FFA organization elected at the 1954 State Convention are: secretary, Lloyd Walton, Appomattox; treasurer, Pettus Gilman, Henry Clay; reporter, Charles Damewood, Andrew Lewis; sentinel, Richard Hobgood, Harifax.

Lennie Gamage, past president, will serve on the executive committee during 1954-1955.



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Edward Giles of Appomattox Chapter Named Winner of Seaboard Forestry Award

Edward Giles, 19-year old Future Farmer, of the Appomattox High School, received top honors in the Seaboard Forestry Contest, as announced at the first session of the 28th Annual FFA Convention. He and his teacher of vocational agriculture, H. P. Pack, were presented a check for \$125 by W. T. White,

Assistant Vice-President, Seaboard Air-line Railroad.

Other winners were announced as follows:

Wilson W. Belcher, Rocky Gap High school, Bland County, second place; Norman Jacks, West Point High School, King William County, third place; W. Franklin Jennings, Randolph-Henry High School, Charlotte County, fourth place.

The forestry program conducted by Giles included the planting of 11,500 pine seedlings; an improvement cut on a

mixed stand of hardwood and pine timber which harvested 10 cords of pulp wood, 16 cords of fuel wood and 600 fence posts, along with the construction of 1,200 feet of fire lines. He worked for 1,553 hours on his forestry project.

Young Giles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Giles, with whom he lives on RFD 1, five miles from Appomattox.

RAYMOND DeHART WINS AWARD IN FARM MECHANICS.

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agement phase of his farming program, Raymond planted white pine tree seedlings on his home farm, filled in gullies using farm equipment and tested soil for a basis of fertilizer application. Soil and water management practices were also incorporated in the large home garden maintained by the student.

During his work in vocational agriculture and the expanding farming operations on his home farm, DeHart has learned to operate a grain drill, corn drill, lime spreader, bulldozer, farm truck, manure spreader, hay loader, ensilage cutter, side delivery rake, corn binder, hay drier, milkers, milk cooler, chain saw, hay hoist, Farmall Super "A" tractor and the Farmall Super "C" tractor and the attachments for each. In connection with his part in the farming activities Raymond owns a garden tractor, garden plow, garden cultivators, pressure tractor weed sprayer, tractor trailer and water cooling stand for use in the home farm shop with the power bench grinder. The student owns a part interest in a tractor trailer, a tractor cart, a disk, mowing machine and a farm pickup truck.

This year's farm mechanics winner has added many improvements to his home farm shop. Both electric and acetylene welders are standard equipment in the home farm shop which included a chain hoist, battery charger, power grinder, air compressor, electric drills, electric saw and a complete line of hand tools. The student has purchased hand tools and other equipment for the home shop which plays an important part in keeping the farm machinery and equipment in good repair.

Raymond is a member of Virginia Dairy Association having attended the State convention of the latter organization. He is a member of the Keep Virginia Green Crew, the Monogram Club, the Chemistry Club, and is vice president of his local Methodist Youth Fellowship.

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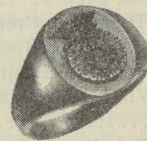
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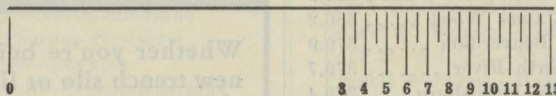


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