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## Members, Advisors and Guests Witness the 61st National FFA Convention

Over 200 Virginia members, advisors and guests ventured to Kansas City, Missouri to witness the 61st National FFA Convention. The convention, lasting from November 10–12, was packed full of exciting speakers, numerous contests and awards. History was made by the 113 voting delegates at the convention as 18 of the 19 proposed amendments to the FFA Constitution passed. The adoption of these 18 amendments made it the largest change to the Constitution, since it was first written.

Guests attending the convention included Miss America—Gretchen Elizabeth Carlson, 1988 USA Men's Gymnastics Olympic team members—Kevin Davis and Tom Schlesinger, John Block (former Secretary of Agriculture), The Moody Brothers & The Platters, and Jerry Clower, to name a few.

The Virginia delegation proudly watched as Timothy Lam, of the Turner Ashby FFA chapter, was selected as the runner-up for the Agriscience Student of the

Year, and Mr. Leland Luck, of Halifax Senior High School, was recognized as a regional winner for the Agriscience Teacher of the Year. Twenty-eight young men and women from Virginia were bestowed with the degree of American Farmer, the highest attainable degree. Four men also received their Honorary American Farmer Degree. Equally proud was Virginia for the outstanding representation by many members as they competed in national contests.

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### Cindy Fannon, President

Cindy Fannon, State FFA President, is the 18-year-old daughter of Larry and Patricia Fannon of Charlotte Court House. Cindy is a 1988 graduate of Randolph-Henry High School.

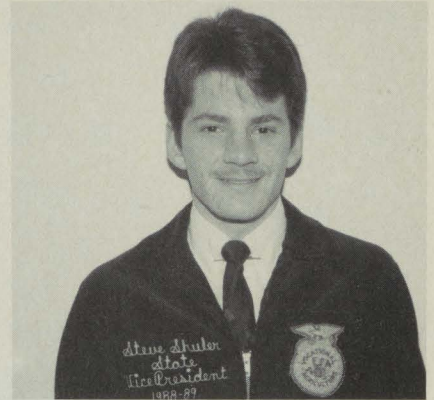
During her five years of participation in the FFA, she competed in the Creed Contest, Public Speaking (placing 1st in the state in Sr. Prepared in 1988), Parliamentary Procedure, Livestock Judging, Crops Judging, and Horticulture Demonstration. Raising azaleas and working at a nursery was her SAE project. In her chapter she has served as secretary, reporter and president.

Cindy's high school career included: being a member of the Beta Club and SADD Club, captain of the Flag Corps, Who's Who, Drama Club, and was named "1988 Senior of the Year."

She has one sister, Laurie, who won the state Junior Prepared Public Speaking contest in 1988. Cindy has deferred her entry into Virginia Tech until the fall of 1989, where she will major in Communications and Agricultural Education. Her career goal is to be a TV/Radio broadcaster.

### W. T. Johnson Elected President of NASAE

Mr. W. Tommy Johnson was elected president of the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education. He assumed his duties as president during the recent American Vocational Association National Convention. He will serve in this capacity until the AVA Convention in Orlando, Florida in December. Mr. Johnson is the Associate Director of Agricultural Education and State FFA Advisor.



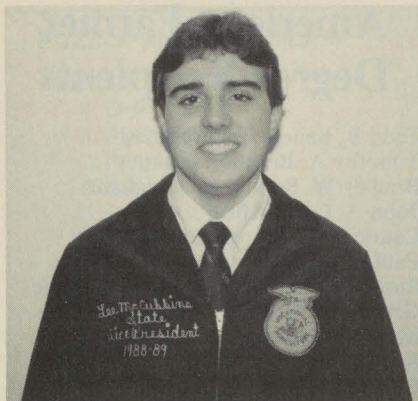
### Steven Shuler, Vice-President

Steven Shuler from Wytheville is serving as your State FFA Vice-President. Steven is the 19-year-old son of Coleman and Donna Shuler, and a 1987 graduate of George Wythe High School. In his five years as an active FFA member, he participated in Public Speaking, Livestock, Dairy, and Forestry Judging; also in Parliamentary Procedure, Ag Mechanics, Tractor Troubleshooting, Tractor Driving, and Farm Business Management. Steven has also attended many other FFA activities such as AES Conference, Readership Camp, and State and National Conventions. In his chapter he served as Treasurer, Reporter, and Vice-President. Other activities include 4-H, Livestock and Horse Judging, Math Club, NHS, VICA, football, Who's Who, Hunting and Fishing Club, and church.

Steven's SAE project consists of Sheep Production, Shearing, Horse Production and Training, and Home Improvement.

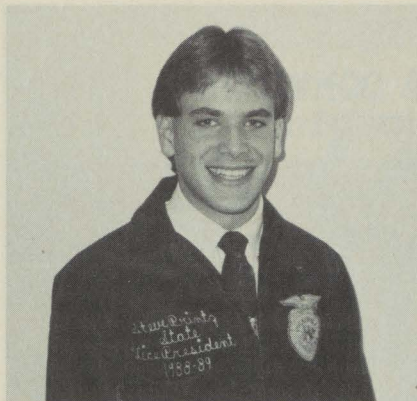
Steven plans to attend Virginia Tech next fall majoring in Ag Technology or Ad Communications. His goals for this year include visiting every chapter in his area, motivating others, serving the Virginia Association to the best of his ability, and helping all FFA members to develop themselves to their full potential and to realize the great opportunity they have for learning and self-improvement in this great organization.





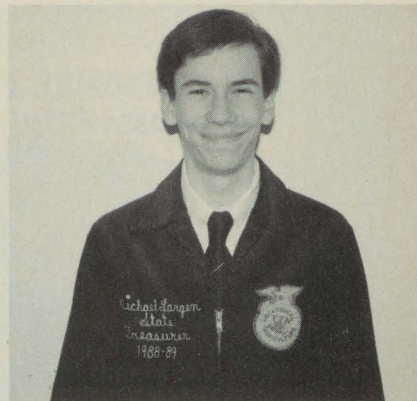
## Lee McCubbins, Vice-President

Lee McCubbins, your Southside Area Vice-President, the son of Mr. Ralph Lee McCubbins, Sr. and Mrs. Jerry Inman. He is 18 years old and currently attending Virginia Tech., where he is majoring in Animal Science. While in high school, Lee was reporter and vice-president of the Tunstall Chapter, and as a senior, served as President of both the Tunstall Chapter and the Pittsylvania County Federation. Lee participated in livestock judging in both 4-H and FFA and was recently on the State 4-H Judging Team. He was also a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team and involved in public speaking. His SAE projects include a market hog project along with an "on-farm" work experience.



## Steve Printz Vice President

Steve is the son of James and Cornelia Printz of Rileyville, Virginia. During Steve's five years in agricultural education and the Luray FFA Chapter, he was elected chapter secretary and president for two years. He also served as Federation Reporter and president, while being named Star Chapter Farmer. Steve participated in Livestock and Crops Judging, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure. His SAE program includes Ag. Production with beef and swine operations. Steve's interests include running, swimming, skiing and collecting baseball cards. The best advice he could give anyone would be, "whatever your mind can conceive, you can achieve."



## Mike Largen, Treasurer

Mike Largen your State FFA Treasurer is the 18-year-old son of Larry and Ruth Largen of Hillsville, Virginia. He has served as President of the Hillsville Intermediate Chapter and as Treasurer and President of the Carroll County Chapter where his advisors were Leroy Mcbrady, Wayne Combs, and Mike Hulton. He was Chairman of the 1988 State Winning Parliamentary Procedure team which received a gold rating at the National Invitational Contest in Carthage, Missouri. Mike is also a member of the 1988 state winning Farm Business Management team. He has participated in the State Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest twice and also competed in the State Forensics Competition in the original oratory category. He received the Appalachian area Turf and Landscape Management Proficiency Award and is currently working full-time for a major grocery store in Stuart, Virginia. He plans to attend Virginia Tech next fall in an agricultural field, but is currently out of school. His interests include music, public speaking, and serving others. Mike hopes that FFA members will take full advantage of the opportunities available to them in this organization.



## National FFA Forestry Contest

Members of the Virginia FFA State Forestry Contest team met with the special project sponsors, (left) Mr. Robert (Buddy) Bonine, District Manager, Homelite Division of Textron, Inc., Lenexa, Kansas. The team was one of 30 FFA teams participating in the National FFA Forestry Contest at the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Members of the team: Albert Tucker from Powhatan, Jim Pugh from Randolph-Henry and Duane Lankford from Essex were accompanied by their Coach, Dale Sanders of Tappahannock, Virginia.

The National FFA Forestry Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. sponsored by Champion International Corporation and Homelite Division of Textron, Inc. Charlotte, North Carolina.

## Ott Recognized as Regional Winner

Morgan Ott, of Bealeton, Virginia was one of four regional winners competing for the title of 1988 National Diversified Crop Production Winner. This award is sponsored by Cargill, Incorporated, Minneapolis, MN.

Morgan is currently operating 25 acres of corn, 25 acres of hay, and 5 acres of mixed grain. He plans to become a partner in the family operation.



### National FFA Livestock Contest

Members of the Virginia FFA State Livestock team met recently with the special project sponsor of the contest, Mr. Don R. Mauery, Director of Operations—Kansas City, Purina Mills, Inc. The team was one of 48 State FFA Livestock Teams at the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Members of the team: (left to right) Burke Simmons, Brian Crickenberger and Duane Harlow were accompanied by their Advisor/Coach, David Shiflett of Fort Defiance, Virginia.

The National FFA Livestock Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the Purina Mills, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri. The contest is held at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show in Kansas City, Missouri.



### National FFA Nursery/Landscape Contest

Members of the Virginia FFA State Nursery/Landscape team met recently with the special project sponsors of the contest (left) Mr. Doug Fencl, Implements Product/Marketing Manager, Kubota Tractor Corporation, Compton, CA. The team was one of 40 Nursery/Landscape teams participating in the Nursery/Landscape Contest at the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Members of the team: Betsy Wike, Esther Maxey, Randall Sink, and Brian Collins were accompanied by their Advisor/Coach, Deborah Barker of Martinsville, Virginia.

The National FFA Nursery/Landscape Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc. Washington, D.C., Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Washington, D.C., and Kubota Tractor Corporation, Compton, California. The contest was held at Swope Park Municipal Greenhouse in Kansas City, Missouri.

## American Farmer Degree Recipients

Todd B. Bailey, Harrisonburg  
 Timothy A. Brannon, Studley  
 Bradley W. Bryant, Buckingham  
 John A. Cash, Afton  
 Laurie A. Cunningham, Danville  
 Paul B. Franklin, Champlain  
 Steven P. Funkhouser, McGaheysville  
 Gregory V. Gordon, Buffalo Junction  
 Melvin W. Harless, Abingdon  
 Kerri Hively, Broadway  
 Carlton D. Huff, Hillsville  
 Jeffrey T. Kimble, Laurel Fork  
 Keith Lineweaver, Winchester  
 Kenneth M. McClenny, Pamplin  
 William F. Morre, Mechanicsville  
 Michael S. Moulden, Clearbrook  
 Clinton M. Munsey, Bland  
 Annette D. Nesselrodt, Harrisonburg  
 Myron Reedy, Fancy Gap  
 Jeanette G. Reynolds, Lancaster  
 Gregory C. Robinson, Studley  
 Woodrow A. Secrist II, Blacksburg  
 Billy R. Seamones, Hillsville  
 Sharon K. Shuler, Wytheville  
 Buddy Thomas, Abingdon  
 Billy H. Wade III, Greenville  
 Randy C. Webb, Fancy Gap  
 Hall Whittington, Strasburg

### Honorary Degree:

Ernest W. Palin, Lancaster High School  
 Dale H. Sanders, Essex High School  
 Dennis Shafer, Dir. National FFA Supply Service  
 J. Dale Oliver, Professor Agricultural Ed. V.P.I.

## BOAC Winners Named

Seven chapters from the state of Virginia were bestowed with the highest national rating in the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. Strasburg and Montevideo Intermediate were honored with the Gold Emblem rating.

Receiving a Silver Emblem were the Essex and Northampton chapters. In addition to those, Bluestone Middle, Culpeper Jr., and Fort Defiance all were awarded the Bronze Emblem.

The BOAC program is sponsored by RJR Nabisco, Inc. to recognize FFA chapters for community activities. BOAC provides leadership development opportunities by giving members a chance to work with the community and its organizations.

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10. AGRICULTURAL
13. CORN
14. CINDY
17. PRINTZ
18. TREASURER
21. STOUT
22. LEADING
23. COMMUNITIES
24. BLACKSBURG

**DOWN**

1. FIRE
2. CENTRAL
3. SENTINEL
6. NEWMAN
8. VIRGINIA
11. CHAPTERS
12. LEE
15. MISSOURI
16. STEVE
18. TONY
19. EASTERN
20. NATIONAL

## National Safety Awards Given

Among the 165 Safety Award winners this year, were nine of Virginia FFA chapters. Being recognized as Silver Emblem Chapters were Broadway, Essex, and Stonewall Jackson, Jr. In addition to those, six Virginia chapters were presented with the Bronze Emblem Safety Award. Those chapters consisted of Carroll County, Jefferson Forest, Liberty Junior, Northampton, Park View, and W. R. Legge.

The chapters recognized this year participated in a wide range of safety activities including: farm & home safety surveys, agricultural equipment safety inspections, seat belt and alcohol restraint programs, promotion and sale of "slow moving" signs, safe corn harvest campaigns, programs to illustrate safety procedures in the use of farm chemicals, and many other farm and home safety projects.

The National Chapter Awards Program is a project of the National FFA Foundation and is sponsored by Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute and Dow Chemical U.S.A.



### National FFA Floriculture Contest

Members of the Virginia FFA State Floriculture team recently participated in the National FFA Convention as a contest team. The team was one of 41 Floriculture teams participating in the National FFA Floriculture Contest at the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Members of the team: David Fitzgerald, Robert Ragland and Timothy Bishop were accompanied by their Advisor/Coach, John Roberts of Lovingson, Virginia.

The National FFA Floriculture Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. sponsored by the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The contest was held at Swope Park Municipal Greenhouse in Kansas City, Missouri.



### National FFA Meats Contest

Members of the Virginia FFA State Meats team met recently with the special project sponsors of the contest (left to right) Mr. Michael D. Van Ess, Corporate Fresh Meats Purchasing Manager, Oscar Mayer Foods, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, and Mr. Robert G. Wells, Vice-President, Geo. A. Hormel & Co., Austin, Minnesota. The team was one of 40 FFA teams participating in the National FFA Meats Judging Contest at the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Members of the team: Julie Meadows, Angela Craun and Tony Hensley were accompanied by their Advisor/Coach, W. W. Cupp of Penn Laird, Virginia.

The National Meats Judging Contest is sponsored by Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation, Madison, Wisconsin and Geo. A. Hormel & Co., Austin, Minnesota, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The contest is held at the Safeway Meat Plant, Kansas City, Kansas.

## Technology Highlights Tradition at 61st National FFA Convention

Kansas City, Mo. — Spirited by new applications and advancements in agriculture, hundreds of accomplished students were recognized and thousands were in attendance as agriculture's leading edge gathered for the 61st National FFA Convention.

Top FFA members were recognized for their skills in integrating computers into their agricultural programs and FFA chapters while satellite technology made 17 hours of convention coverage available to more than two million receivers in the United States. In the convention newsroom, computers and desktop publishing made convention news available faster by producing the *FFA TIMES* and *PROCEEDINGS*.

More than 23,000 people attended the convention, 18,000 of which were FFA members. Along with advisors, sponsors, alumni and guests, the members took part in the national convention, November 10-12, in Kansas City, Mo. In FFA tradition, they participated in contests, received awards, attended leadership workshops, and honored the sponsors that make possible the FFA's extensive programs. Businesses and individuals who support the FFA were honored with the presentation of Honorary American Farmer degrees, Distinguished Service Awards and VIP Citations.

This year's National Agricultural Career Show sported a new look which included exhibits on agriscience and emerging technologies. Prompted by a record number of 192 exhibitors, the

career show was expanded to the south half of Bartle Hall and covered 35,000 square feet—an area two-thirds the size of a football field.

In other firsts, career show visitors were able to talk with FFA's Agriscience Student of the Year finalists and ask questions while observing the students winning projects first-hand. Their projects ranged from electrostatic spraying of crops to computer controlled greenhouse environments.

Dwight Horkheimer, FFA program specialist, educational technologies, managed an electronic classroom where students received hands-on experience using different types of computer software.

George Verzagt, National Agricultural Career Show manager, said that many exhibitors displayed new technologies being used in agriculture. "As agriculture becomes increasingly complex, agribusinesses are relying on the latest technology to stay competitive," Verzagt said.

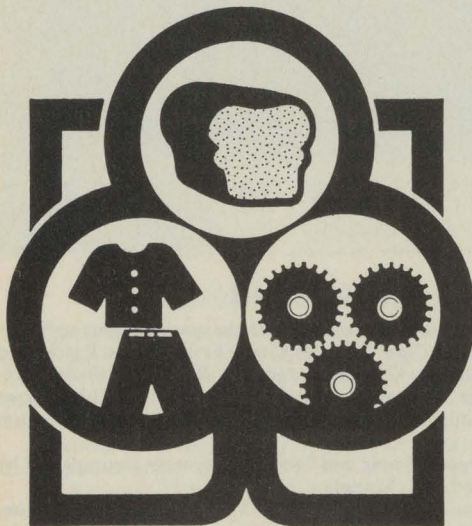
Several new audio-visuals premiered at the convention including "A World Journey," which features FFA international agricultural programs; Made for Excellence and Washington Conference Program shows, the "Stars Over America," film which profiles the Star Agribusinessman and the Star Farmer of America, and "Agriscience Student and Teacher of the Year," a show which includes profiles of the finalists in each category.

Speakers included: Denis Waitley, an authority on high-level achievement and

personal excellence; Dr. Bonnie Guiton, assistant secretary for vocational and adult education, U.S. Department of Education; former U.S. secretaries of agriculture Dr. Earl Butz and John Block; and Dr. Lowell Catlett, agricultural futurist and professor in the agricultural economics and business department at New Mexico State University. In a salute to the Olympics, a representative of the 1988 U.S.A. Men's Gymnastics performed. Also, Miss America, Gretchen Elizabeth Carlson, made a special guest appearance at Wednesday's business session.

Other highlights included special appearances by The Moody Brothers and The Platters at the Take Pride in America Presentation; and country music singer Eddie Rabbitt delivered greetings to the crowd Saturday morning. Michael Broome, inspirational and motivational speaker; and Jerry Clower, agricultural humorist, rounded out the list of speakers and performers.

The FFA is a national organization of 404,900 students in 7,800 local chapters preparing for careers in the industry of agriculture. FFA activities and award programs complement instruction in agribusiness, agriscience and production agriculture by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained through classroom instruction. A major emphasis of the FFA is the development of skills and abilities to prepare young people for leadership roles in agriculture.



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## Outdoor Recreation

Tony Nobili, 17, of Woodlawn, Virginia was one of four regional winners competing for the title of 1988 National Outdoor Recreation Winner. Nobili is pictured here with Rit Lefrancois, Product Sales Manager, Moto-4 and Terrapro, Yamaha Motor Corp., U.S.A., Cypress, California, sponsor of the National FFA Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Award program.



Tony Nobili (right) and Rit Lefrancois (left).

## Forest Management

Christopher Tignor 18, of Milford, Virginia was one of four regional winners competing for the title of 1988 National Forest Management Winner. Tignor is pictured here with Tom Clonts, General Manager, Woodlands Management, Stone Container Corporation, Columbia, South Carolina, sponsor(s) of the National FFA Forest Management Proficiency Award program. The General Fund of the National FFA Foundation is also a sponsor.



Christopher Tignor (right) and Tom Clonts (left).

## Agricultural Sales and/or Service

Bradley Webb, 17, of Fancy Gap, Virginia was one of four regional winners competing for the title of 1988 National Agricultural Sales and/or Service Winner. Webb is pictured here with Dora Nowicki, Assistant Manager, General Motors Corporation, Warren, Michigan, sponsor(s) of the National FFA Agricultural Sales and/or Service Proficiency Award program. Babson Bros. Co.,/SURGE, Naperville, Illinois, and ICI Americas, Wilmington, Delaware are also sponsors.



Bradley Webb (right) and Dora Nowicki.

## Leadership Contests Play Important Part In The State FFA Program

1988 state winners include:

### Contest

Senior Prepared Public Speaking  
Junior Prepared Public Speaking  
Parliamentary Procedure Contest  
Creed Speaking Contest  
Extemporaneous Speaking Contest

### Chapter & Student

Cindy Fannon, *Randolph Henry H.S.*  
Laurie Fannon, *Randolph Henry H.S.*  
Carroll County High School  
Eric Hoffman, *Strasburg High School*  
Ryan Stiles, *James Wood High School*



## Results Of Virginia's Participation In The 61st National FFA Convention

Contest	Chapter & Student	Placing
Agricultural Mechanics	<i>Carroll County</i>	Bronze
	Darrin Quesenberry	Silver
	Alan Webb Billy Worrell	Bronze
Dairy Contest	<i>Fort Defiance</i>	Bronze
	Jay Humphreys	Silver
	Kirk Wagner	Bronze
	Kenny Weaver	Bronze
Farm Business Management	<i>Carroll County</i>	Bronze
	Kenley Branscome	Bronze
	Mike Largen	Bronze
	Nathan Trumbo	Silver
Floriculture	<i>Nelson Sr.</i>	Silver (12th)
	Robert Ragland	Gold
	David Fitzgerald	
	Timothy Bishop	
Forestry	Jim Pugh ( <i>Randolph-Henry</i> )	Gold (5th)
	Albert Tucker ( <i>Powhatan</i> )	Gold (7th)
	Dwayne Lankford ( <i>Essex</i> )	Silver
		Gold
Livestock	<i>Fort Defiance</i>	Gold (4th)
	Burke Simmons	Gold (7th)
	Brian Crickenberger	Gold
	Duane Harlow	Gold
Meats	<i>Spotswood</i>	
	Julie Meadows	
	Angela Craun	
	Tony Hensley	
Nursery/Landscape	<i>Laurel Park</i>	Gold (8th)
	Betsy Wike	Gold
	Randall Sink	Gold
	Brian Collins	Gold
Poultry	<i>Central H.S.</i>	Silver (9th)
	Teresa Eastep	Gold
	Phil Sigler	Silver
	Mike Gochenour	

## EXCELLENCE

You don't have to look far to find those who will leave their mark on our future. They can be found in the local high school agriculture classroom.

Vocational agriculture is a vital training ground for the people who will secure America's future. Today, young men and women study agriculture and prepare for over 200 challenging and rewarding careers in areas such as bio-genetics, engineering, international marketing, horticulture and production agriculture.

Along the way, FFA offers a vast array of programs and opportunities to help them develop that rarest of commodities: excellence. It's their goal; it's our future. *They are the leaders for the new fields of agriculture!*



## Beef Production

Dennis Menefee, of Boyce, Virginia was one of four regional winners competing for the title of 1988 National Beef Production Winner. Menefee is pictured here with W. Phil Niemeyer, Vice President, Nasco Division/Nasco International, Inc., Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin and Richard Whitman, Educational Program Manager, American Simmental Association, Bozeman, Montana, sponsor(s) of the National FFA Beef Production Proficiency Award program.



## NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION Kansas City, Missouri



Dennis Menefee (center), W. Phil Niemeyer (left) and Richard Whitman (right).

## FFA Day at Kings Dominion

Kings Dominion is pleased to designate May 20, 1989 as FFA Day! The event is open to all FFA members, leaders, families and friends. A discount price of \$13.75 per person is being offered to groups of 25 or more, and will be good on May 20, 21, and May 27, 28, and 29. Tickets must be paid for in advance, and payment must be received by May 5, 1989. For each 25 tickets purchased, one ticket will be issued free.

In addition to the discount pricing, special seminars will be offered on FFA Day. Seminars held on May 20 only, will present a behind-the-scenes look at Kings Dominion's park operations.

New in 1989 at Kings Dominion is "Sky Pilot." Take over the flight controls for a sky-high adventure *OR* spin upside down through thrilling aerobatic maneuvers — it's exciting and it's your choice! Challenge the only ride of its kind on the East Coast — *NEW* at Kings Dominion! And, for the first season at Kings Dominion, "Those Magnificent Movies," an energetic song and dance mini-anthology of the silver screen.

For additional information, contact Kings Dominion at P.O. Box 166, Doswell, VA 23047 or call (804) 876-5000, or contact your local FFA office.

## National Chapter Awards

Of the fifteen Virginia FFA chapters submitted to the National FFA Chapter Awards Program for recognition, eight of the chapters came away holding a Gold Emblem rating. At the National Convention, the Gold Emblem Chapters were: Broadway, Essex, Fort Defiance, James Wood, Laurel Park, Montevideo Intermediate, Spotswood, and Strasburg. Receiving Silver Emblems were Jefferson Forest, Lee-Davis, and Patrick Henry. Bronze Emblem ratings went to Greene Co., Liberty Jr., Park View, and Stone-wall Jackson Jr.

These chapters were judged on their performance in: Supervised Agricultural Experience enterprises, members' earnings and savings, state scholarship, alumni relations, conduct of meetings, recreation, cooperative activities, community and service.

The National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored this awards program.



### National FFA Poultry Contest

Members of the Virginia FFA State Poultry team met recently with the special project sponsors of the contest, (left) Mr. Tommy Goodwin, Senior Vice President, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, Pittsburg, Texas and Mr. Mike Ensley, Area Quality Assurance, Tysons Foods, Inc. The team was one of 38 Poultry teams participating in the Poultry Contest at the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Members of the team: Teresa Eastep, Phillip Sigler and Mike Gochenour were accompanied by their Advisor/Coach, Sherry Heishman of Woodstock, Virginia.

The National FFA Poultry Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by Tyson Foods Inc., Springdale, Arkansas, and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, Pittsburg, Texas.



Timothy L. Lam (center), C.C. Shiflett (left) and Robert W. Reynolds (right).

### Lam Named National Runner-Up

Mr. C. C. Shiflett (left), chapter advisor, stands by as Timothy L. Lam of Mt. Crawford, Virginia is congratulated by Mr. Robert W. Reynolds, Vice President of North America, Monsanto Agricultural Company. Lam was announced the National Runner-up and received a scholarship of \$3,000 for a total of \$6,500 in scholarship awards.

The Agriscience Student Recognition Program, the newest FFA award program, recognizes students focusing their studies on the application of scientific principles and emerging technology. The end result of the program is to provide a supply of agriscience graduates to meet the growing needs of the private and pub-

lic agribusiness sector.

Lam investigated bacterial growth in turkey house furnaces. His research concluded that heated air circulated by the furnace encourages and spreads bacterial growth. As a result of his experiments, Lam was able to reduce the bacteria count in his turkey house with the use of filters, disinfectants and ultraviolet light. A former state proficiency award winner in Soil and Water Conservation, Lam is a member of the Turner Ashby FFA Chapter.

The Agriscience Student Recognition Program awards is sponsored by Monsanto Agricultural Company of St. Louis, Missouri as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.



### National FFA Dairy Contest

Members of the Virginia FFA State Dairy team met with the special project sponsor (left) Mr. Mel Kunstleben, Corporate Director, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., of Paynesville Minnesota and (far right) Gary R. Walters, Vice President of Sales, Babson Bros. Co./SURGE of Naperville, Illinois. The team was one of 46 FFA teams participating in the National FFA Dairy Contest at the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Members of the team: (left to right) Kirk Wagner, Jay Humphreys and Kenneth Weaver were accompanied by their Advisor/Coach, W. L. Simmons of Fort Defiance, Virginia.

The National FFA Dairy Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., San Antonio, Texas and Babson Bros. Co./SURGE. The contest is held at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Delegates Amend Traditions and Make History

Kansas City, Mo. — Delegates at the 61st National FFA Convention passed 18 of 19 proposed amendments to the organization's constitution and bylaws.

The most significant changes include referring to the organization by its acronym, FFA, and removing the word "vocational" from the program title and referring to it as "agricultural education." Another change, although it appears subtle, could mean major changes within the organization's experience programs.

The first amendment passed gives state associations and local chapters the freedom to use the letters "FFA" and/or the words "Future Farmers of America" to officially designate the organization and its members. This will give inner-city and suburban chapters the freedom to refer to their members in a more accurate way.

A large number of the organization's 404,900 members do not live on farms or plan to make a career of farming. However, they do plan on entering some phase of the agricultural industry, such as agri-

business, marketing, communications and research.

The second major amendment replaces the term "vocational agriculture" to "agricultural education" in reference to the educational program. Consequently, many of the organization's symbols, traditions and ceremonies will require modification. For instance, the words "vocational agriculture," which appear within the organization's emblem, will be replaced with the new terminology.

In addition to these changes, the 113 delegates addressed issues concerning admission of seventh and eighth-grade students into the organization, reapportionment of delegate representation, and such changes in the degree programs as quotas, requirements and terminology.

The only amendment the delegates did not pass concerned state delegate representation at the national level. This issue has been raised unsuccessfully for more than a decade.

## FFA Foundation Meets \$3.2 Million Challenge

Kansas City, Mo. — Meeting and exceeding the \$3.2 million challenge set in 1987, the National FFA Foundation, Inc. announced its 1988 total of over \$3.3 million.

At the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Joseph Downey announced the total to the nearly 22,000 enthusiastic FFA members and guests in an overflowing Municipal Auditorium. Downey serves as the 1988 FFA Foundation Sponsors' Advisory Board chairman, and is a corporate vice president of The Dow Chemical Company and president and chief executive officer of Dow Consumer Products Inc.

In response to the many changes made to the constitution and bylaws earlier in the week Downey said, "The sponsors are enthusiastic about the changes reflecting a refreshing and dynamic organization." He commended the Foundation staff and the 887 Foundation sponsors who contributed to the campaign drive and stressed the importance of their support. "These results would be impossible without the tireless efforts of the Foundation staff. And their efforts would be to no avail if we did not have companies who also recognize the importance of FFA and who provide executives who serve as your Foundation's Sponsors' Board," Downey said.

He introduced the 1989 FFA Foundation chairman, Nicholas Babson, president and chief executive officer of Babson Bros. Co./SURGE, who announced the 1989 Foundation theme—"Building Tomorrow's Leaders . . . Say Yes to FFA."

Since 1944 the National FFA Foundation has provided nearly \$28 million to FFA members for awards, scholarships and programs for FFA members' achievements.

The FFA is a national organization of 404,900 students in 7,800 chapters preparing for careers in the industry of agriculture. FFA activities and award programs complement instruction in agribusiness, and production agriculture by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained in classroom instruction. A major emphasis of the FFA is the development of skills and abilities to prepare young people for leadership roles in agriculture.

## Kelsoe is National Winner

Steve Kelsoe, 18, of Winchester, Virginia was named 1988 National Winner of the Turf and Landscape Management Proficiency Award. Kelsoe is pictured here with Eugene W. Mayer, Technical Training Manager, O.M. Scott and Sons, Co., Marysville, Ohio, sponsor of the National FFA Turf and Landscape Management Proficiency Award Program. The General Fund of the National FFA Foundation is also a sponsor.

Steve has been expanding his lawn care and landscaping business since 1984. He has invested in landscaping equipment and in concentrating on expanding that part of his business. His goal is to firmly establish his business in the landscaping industry.

Kelsoe, who is a member of the James Wood FFA chapter, is the son of Ruth and Robert Kelsoe.



Steve Kelsoe (right) and Eugene W. Mayer (left).

## FFA Youth Wins

Matthew Lohr, president of the Broadway FFA Chapter and the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lohr of rural Broadway, was recently declared winner of the Virginia Farm Bureau Association's Leadership Contest. Lohr competed with three other contestants for the state title in Richmond at the Association's annual meeting. Contest events included a personal interview with Farm Bureau personnel, a quiz on Farm Bureau activities, and presentation of a speech entitled "My Future in Agriculture."

As state winner young Lohr received a \$500.00 savings bond and a plaque.



Lealand D. Luck (right) and Jeff Brazo (left).

## FFA/FHA Camp

The FFA/FHA Camp in Smithfield will be open the weeks of June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, and August 7. The week of July 24 will be FFA Leadership Camp Week. All summer the camp will be filled with FFA and FHA members involved in recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, softball, and volleyball. Each week the campers go to Busch Gardens or Water Country. Each evening there will be dancing, talent shows, and other exciting activities. See your chapter advisor for details about camp.

Applications are also being received for summer employment at camp. If you are interested please call (804) 225-2084 for further information.

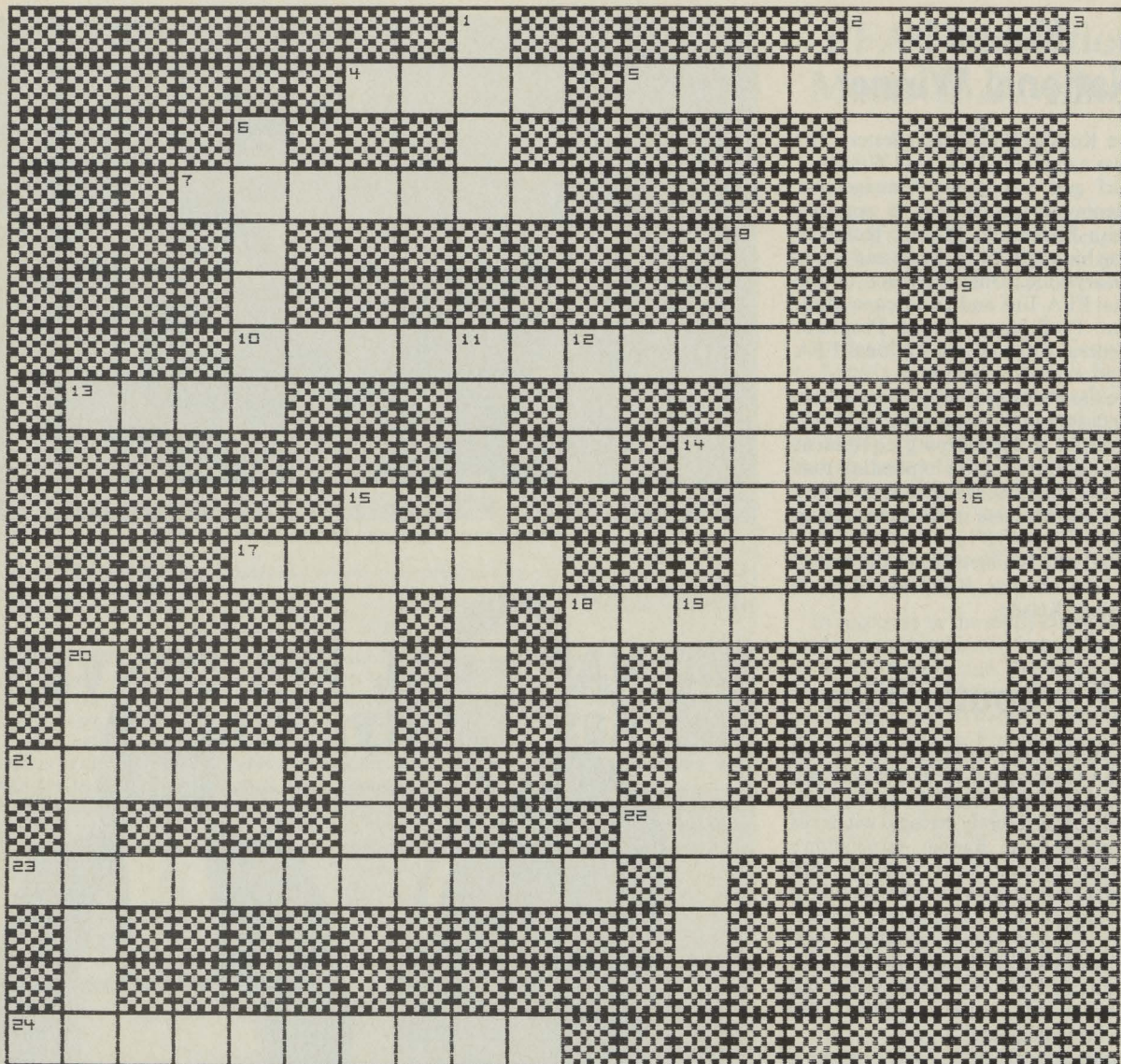
## Lealand D. Luck—National Finalist for Agriscience Teacher of the Year

Jeff Brazo, (left) Regional Director, Corporate Support—Northeast, National FFA Foundation congratulates Lealand D. Luck of South Boston, Virginia. Luck was honored as the National FFA's Eastern region finalist in the Agriscience Teacher of the Year award program. He received a cash award of \$1,500, a clock and a school plaque during a special awards ceremony held Friday, November 11, 1988 at the 61st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. He was one of four regional finalists competing for the National Agriscience Teacher of the Year title.

Luck instituted a program where stu-

dents are given a small plot of land on the school's land laboratory where they can conduct experiments on pesticide use and commercial fertilizer application. Luck, a graduate of Virginia State University, is the agriscience instructor and FFA advisor at Halifax County Senior High School.

The Agriscience Teacher of the Year award program recognizes outstanding agricultural educators who emphasize agriscience technology in their curriculum through innovative programs in biological, environmental, and engineering sciences and agribusiness technologies. The program is sponsored by the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

**ACROSS CLUES**

4. FROM WHAT STATE IS THE EASTERN REGION NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT?
5. PARLIAMENTARY \_\_\_\_\_ IS AN IMPORTANT FFA CONTEST.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ WERE FIRST ALLOWED TO JOIN THE FFA IN THE LATE SIXTIES.
9. THE PRESIDENT IS STATIONED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_.
10. FFA IS A PART OF \_\_\_\_\_ EDUCATION.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ GOLD. (ONE OF THE FFA COLORS)
14. \_\_\_\_\_ FANNON IS THE STATE FFA PRESIDENT.
17. STEVE \_\_\_\_\_ IS THE NORTHERN AREA VICE-PRESIDENT.
18. MIKE LARGEN IS SERVING AS THE STATE \_\_\_\_\_.
21. THE STATE FFA SECRETARY IS JEFF \_\_\_\_\_.
22. AGRICULTURE'S \_\_\_\_\_ EDGE—FFA.
23. BUILDING OUR AMERICAN \_\_\_\_\_.
24. THE STATE CONVENTION IS HELD IN \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOWN CLUES**

1. THERE ARE \_\_\_\_\_ PARTS TO THE FFA EMBLEM.
2. MARLO ALLEN IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ AREA VICE-PRESIDENT.
3. CHRIS TIGNOR IS THE STATE FFA \_\_\_\_\_.
6. THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE FFA ARE GROSECLOSE, MAGILL, SAUNDERS, AND \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ WAS THE FIRST STATE CHARTERED.
11. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 207 \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE STATE.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ MCCUBBINS IS THE SOUTHSIDE AREA VICE-PRESIDENT.
15. THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IS HELD IN KANSAS CITY, \_\_\_\_\_.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ SHULER IS YOUR APPALACHAIN AREA VICE-PRESIDENT.
18. THE STATE REPORTER IS \_\_\_\_\_ YOUNG.
19. DESMOND OWENS IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ AREA VICE-PRESIDENT.
20. AN OFFICIAL FFA COLOR IS \_\_\_\_\_ BLUE.