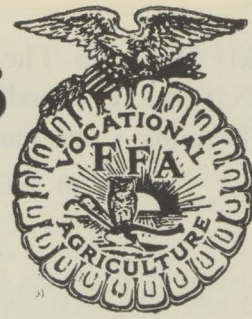




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Seventy Virginians To Attend National FFA Convention

Approximately 70 Virginians will attend the 32nd National Convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15, it is announced by J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor of vocational agriculture.

The Virginia party will include two official delegates, eight American Farmer degree candidates, three National FFA band members, five National FFA chorus members, advisors and a high school principal, forestry winners, foundation award winners, out-of-state poultry, livestock and crop judging teams, federation and chapter representatives, special guests and supervisors.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company, through its industrial and agricultural development will again sponsor the delegates to the 1959 National Convention. The Virginia party will board two special chartered, air-conditioned, reclining seat cars on the "Pocahontas" on Saturday, October 10, and will return to Virginia on Sunday, October 18. Included in the Virginia delegation, although the list is not complete as we go to press, are:

Delegates—Frank Thomas, Andrew Lewis, State FFA President; and Tommy Garnett, Randolph Henry, Past President.

American Farmer Degree Candidates—Verlian R. Bailey, Victoria; Clarence E. Barrack, III, Lancaster; Charles R. Edwards, Smithfield; William R. Krantz, Appomattox; William A. Simmons, North River; William Springston, Midway; Dunn B. Waddle, Bland.

National Band Members—Mike Olah, Great Bridge; Andy Johnston, Eggleston; Stanford Rudacil, Princess Anne.

National Chorus Members—Derwin Booker, Jr., Farnham; Buddy Hudson, Dublin; Dallas Magee, Stony Creek; Bobby Shelton, Renan; James C. Wiley, Crewe.

Forestry Winners—John D. Gilman, Ashland, winner of Seaboard Railroad

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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE—Virginia State officers in attendance at the National Leadership Training Conference held in Washington, D. C., July 21-24. State officers were: (l to r) Dennis Torrence, reporter; Cecil Wright, secretary; Bill Jenkins, vice president; Keith Shelton, vice president and J. W. Myers, Executive Secretary. The occasion was the banquet courtesy of the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Company.

Get Maximum Benefits From the FFA

By David Chafin
State Treasurer

The FFA is organized to be of service to its members. Its activities enter all the fields that will help build a well-rounded individual. The primary aim of the FFA is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship. Considering the activities of the FFA, the organization enters the fields of work, reward, and play.

One will never reach any goal without work. The FFA organization has a program of work and activities for a rounded development of its members.

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Eight Virginians Recommended As American Farmers

Eight Future Farmers of America members from Virginia will be recommended to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the 32nd Annual National Convention of FFA in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15.

Julian M. Campbell, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, reported today he has received information from FFA headquarters in Washington, D. C., stating that the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the national

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My Trip To The FFA National Leadership Training Conference

By Bill Jenkins

Thursday afternoon, July 21, four officers of the FFA Virginia State Association, Cecil Wright, Keith Shelton, Dennis Torrence and Bill Jenkins, accompanied by assistant supervisor, vocational agriculture, John W. Myers, left Richmond to attend the first FFA National Leadership Training Conference in Washington, from July 21-24.

When we registered at the Willard Hotel, which was to be headquarters for the convention, we received a folder which contained much valuable information on such topics as, "How to Talk"; "Introducing the Next Speaker"; "Leadership in Group Discussion"; "Anyone can be an Officer"; and "FFA Leaders"; to name only a few.

Down on the bank of the calm Potomac in the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial, the U. S. Army Band, under the direction of Major Hugh Curry, Tuesday night, entertained the Future Farmers, with a concert featuring music from the musical "Carousel", and "Carmen" as well as many other favorites which included the "Future Farmer March." The concert was dynamic. Hardly ever have such beautiful sounds come from the "The Watergate" under the light of a full moon.

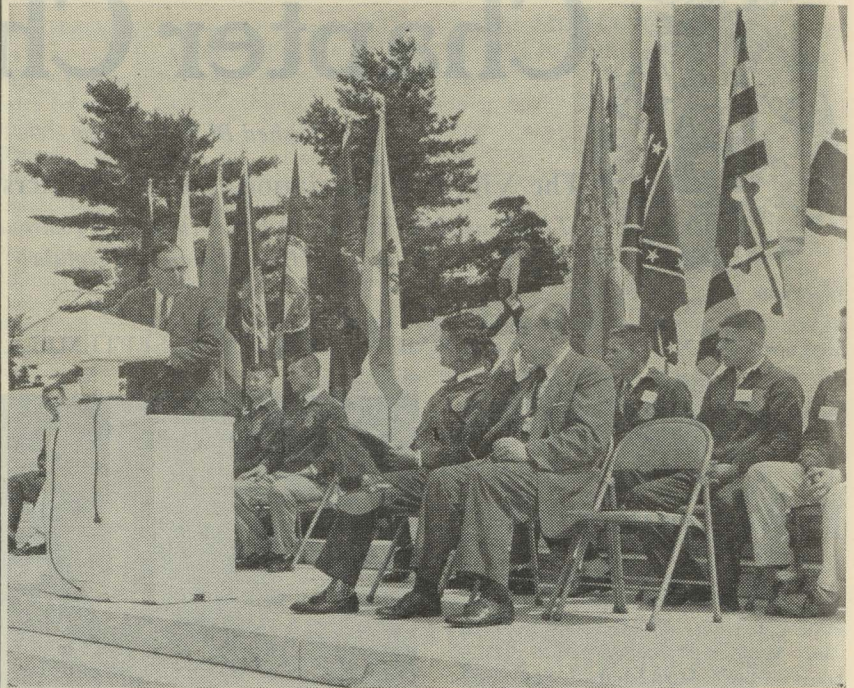
After the first session Wednesday morning during which we were greeted by Lawrence G. Derthick, commissioner, U. S. Office of Education and Edward F. Wilson, assistant secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, we went to the White House where President Eisenhower gave us greetings.

Placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 2 p.m. after which we visited the Iwo Jima Monument.

Later, Wednesday afternoon, we went to the Jefferson Memorial where Ezra Taft Benson, secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, spoke to us about "Jefferson as a Farmer." "Jefferson as a Statesman" was the topic of Walter M. Abbitt, U. S. Congressman from Virginia who followed Benson.

Wednesday night, we had Vespers at the Sylvan Theater, which was located at the base of the Washington Monument. The program was very inspiring and showed the place of God in everyday living. The Washington monument was open to those who wanted to go to the top after the Vespers program.

"Determining the Essentials for a State Convention" was the topic of the leadership training panel at the second session Thursday morning. After the panel discussion we broke up into small groups and debated the question further then gave reports on each committee's find-



WATKINS M. ABBITT, U. S. Congressman from Virginia, addresses the FFA National Leadership Training Conference on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial Washington, D. C. Mr. Abbitt spoke on "Jefferson As A Statesman". Seated on the front row (l to r) are Adin Hester, National FFA President, and Ezra Taft Benson, secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Under the state flags in the rear are seated representatives of the thirteen original colonis. Virginia's representative Dennis Torrence is seated under the Virginia State flag just to the right of Mr. Abbitt.

ings. We then had an open discussion on "How to Improve State Conventions."

The rest of the morning we visited the U. S. Capitol Building where Estes Kefauver, U. S. Senator from Tennessee and William Widnan, U. S. Representative from New Jersey, talked about how laws were made in Congress. Lyndon B. Johnson, Majority Leader of the Senate; Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House; Everett Dirksen, Minority Leader of the Senate, and Charles A. Halleck, Minority Leader of the House then gave us greetings after which we went on a guided tour of the Capitol.

At 2:15 p.m., we held our third session in which we had another leadership training panel on "How State FFA Camp Contributes to Leadership Training", which was followed by a group discussion.

Following the third session we visited the National Archives where we had the opportunity to see the U. S. Constitution; Bill of Rights and State Exhibits. We were also shown a movie on the functions of the National Archives.

Thursday night, we were privileged to be guests of the Ford Motor Company at a delicious dinner. Each of the National FFA officers delivered a short speech on "What Vocational Agriculture and FFA has Meant to Me," following the banquet. Immediately following, Merritt D. Hill, vice-president, Ford Motor

Company and chairman of the sponsoring committee of the FFA Foundation, made a few remarks.

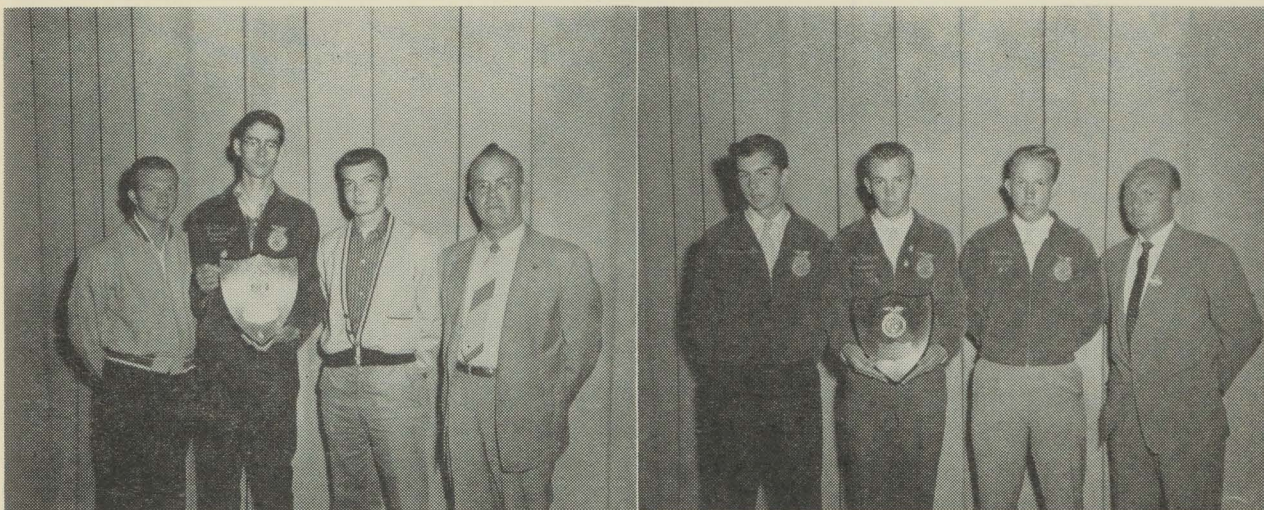
At our fourth and final session Friday morning, we had a panel discussion, the topic "Leadership Suggestions for State Officers" after which we had an open discussion on the same topic.

Adin Hester, National FFA president, then gave a few closing remarks. He remarked that the excellent dress, manners, punctuality, and personalities of all of the state officers who were present had a remarkable and lasting effect on the Washingtonians.

Buses then took us out to Fort Hunt where we had a barbecue and then on to Mount Vernon where the National FFA officers placed a wreath on the tomb of George Washington.

After touring Mount Vernon, we boarded the buses again and proceeded to the new National FFA Building where we had dedication ceremonies. Each state FFA representative brought a sample of soil, which was placed around the flagpole in an impressive ceremony. Also, each state representative brought a stone from his home state which is to be used in making a permanent marker which was presented at an appropriate time. The Honorable Frank Carlson, U. S. Senator from Kansas was the speaker for

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STATE LIVESTOCK TEAM—Shown above (1 to r) are: Robert Furrow, Paul Phillips, Robert Dalton, and G. G. Wygal, vocational agriculture instructor and coach. By virtue of their placing first in state competition these boys and their coach will represent Virginia in the National livestock and meats judging contest at Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16.

STATE DAIRY JUDGES—Pictured above is the Woodlawn Dairy Team. State winners in the dairy judging contest will represent Virginia in the National dairy cattle and dairy products contest at Waterloo, Iowa, September 28-29. Members of the winning team are (1 to r): D. Flanagan, J. Austin, B. Padgett, H. C. Carson, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

President's Annual Report To The FFA Convention

By Tommy Garnett

On June 19, 1958, I received the highest honor of my life. On that day you selected me to serve as your State President. From that day until the present, I have experienced many enjoyable moments which I will always remember. Throughout the year I have had the opportunity of working with you fellows, and I sincerely appreciate the interest that you Future Farmers have shown in your state association.

After receiving this great honor last June 19, I returned to my home full of excitement and anxiety to begin fulfilling the duties of my office. I worked with my father on our farm until August 10. On this date my agriculture instructor, Mr. M. L. Bailey, Charlie Harris, and I left Virginia and motored to Camp Minnawana where we were to spend two weeks. To me, this camp seemed a place set aside by God for young people in order that they may become Christian leaders. Here we had an opportunity to make many decisions which face the youth of today. I only wish that more of the youth of America could attend this Christian camp.

On September 16, I enrolled at V.P.I. as a freshman in the Dairy Science curriculum. College life was very different, but I soon became settled and ready to hit the books. After several weeks on campus, I welcomed the opportunity to attend the National Convention in Kansas City. On October 11, Bill Lawson, Eddie Morey and I boarded the train in Christiansburg where we joined the Vir-

ginia delegation. We of the Virginia delegation were honored to have Mr. Parke C. Brinkley, State Commissioner of Agriculture attend the national convention with us. Our successful trip was due largely to the planning and supervision of Mr. Campbell.

December 15 found the state officers meeting in Richmond to make tentative plans for the convention and discuss any business or proposals that may be brought up. Mr. Campbell, Mr. McClearn, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Yeates, and other FFA associates worked with us at this meeting.

On February 18, Eddie Morey and I attended the Wilson Memorial FFA Chapter Father-Son Banquet. President Bill Baugher and his fellow officers conducted a fine program of events.

On February 20, Neville Rowland and I attended the Gretna FFA-FHA Father-Son-Mother-Daughter Banquet. Chapter President Ray Hershman and the other officers of the FFA and FHA did a commendable job in carrying out their program.

On February 20, Eddie Morey and I attended the Brookville Chapter's Father-Son Banquet. Eddie gave his home chapter an excellent report on the national convention. President Franklin Sites and his fellow officers conducted a very smooth banquet.

On February 27, I attended the Halifax chapter's Father-Son banquet. President Ray Waller and his officers presented a fine program of events.

On March 18, while on spring vacation, I visited my home chapter, Randolph-Henry, and on March 20 I had the opportunity of visiting Worsham, Cumberland, and Powhatan FFA chapters while on a business trip.

On April 3, Danny Wertz and I attended the Andrew Lewis chapter's Parent-Son banquet. Ted Carroll, and Fred Martin, a past state officer were present. President Frank Thomas and his fellow officers provided a fine program.

On April 10, I had the pleasure of attending the Shawsville chapter's first Father-Son banquet. I substituted for David Showalter who was ill at that time.

On April 24, Charlie Harris and I attended his home chapter, the Spotswood FFA-FHA Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet. A very interesting program was carried out by the two groups.

On May 1 I attended the Bland FFA-FHA Father-Son-Mother-Daughter banquet. Chapter President Elmer Chening and the other officers of the two groups presented a fine program of events.

Attending all of these banquets was a pleasure and a privilege. The fellowship among the parents, teachers, FFA and FHA members was certainly inspiring. The wonderful meals served at each of these banquets was very enjoyable. I only wish I could have attended more of these functions, but due to college studies and sickness I was forced to turn down several invitations.

Briefly I will state my mileage and expenses to the Virginia Association. I have traveled a total of 4,220 miles and my expenses amounted to approximately \$216.55.

Many individuals are responsible for the success I have encountered during the five years I have been in the FFA. To my parents, I express my heart-filled thankfulness for their continued interest and support. Also I thank them for pro-

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President's Report

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viding a Christian atmosphere in my home.

To the agricultural teachers at my high school—Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Starling, and Mr. Green, each of them have given me sound advice which I depended on continuously. To Mr. M. L. Bailey, my advisor, and teacher, I can not find words to express my deep appreciation for his interest in me.

To Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bass I also give my heart-felt thanks for the splendid guidance that they have given me throughout the past year. Also to Mr. Dudley who has worked so faithfully with us through the planning and preparing for these sessions, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. To Mr. McClearn, Dr. Horne, and the Voca-



NEWLY ELECTED STATE OFFICERS 1959-60—Front Row: (1 to r) William Baugher, vice president, northern; Keith Shelton, vice president, southside; Frank Thomas, president, Blue Ridge; C. A. Hutton, vice president, Blue Ridge; Michael Callis, sentinel, eastern; Dennis Torrence, reporter, southside. Back Row (1 to r) Cecil Wright, secretary, northern; Wayne Moon, treasurer, southside; Bill Jenkins, vice president, eastern; John Gilman, vice president, central; Graham Watson, vice president, Appalachian.

tional Education Department goes my deepest appreciation for the planning and preparation they have made for the convention.

To my fellow officers, I express my sincere thanks for the many situations which you have helped me pull through. Charlie, Eddie, Carroll, Ted, Dave, Bob, Donnie, Wayne, and Neville, I only hope our friendships may remain as close as they are now. May we continue in some way to help make our organization stronger.

To Lee Todd, all I can say is thanks for the guidance and suggestions you have given me. Your presence at our convention has been an inspiration to each of us.

Fellow Future Farmers, although I have not had the opportunity to work with all of you individually, each of you have contributed in some way to the success of this year. As you probably realize, we of the Virginia Association can accomplish high goals if we work together. Each of you faces a challenge, a challenge to improve yourselves, your chapter, and your State Association. I urge each of you to accept this challenge and strive to be better Future Farmers.

With all sincerity and honesty that I possess, I thank you again for selecting me to serve as your State President for the past year.

May God bless and guide each of you through your paths of life.

My Trip

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the dedication.

All during the conference, we had the honor to see and hear our National FFA officers in action. It was truly an inspiration to hear such talented young men preside over such a conference. As Merritt D. Hill said, each National officer had the poise, smoothness, and self confidence that every public speaker wishes he had.

I cannot thank enough those who were responsible for my attending the first National FFA Leadership Training Conference for state officers. It was truly inspiring and helpful in every way possible. The opportunity to talk with other boys from all over our nation was certainly an education in itself. I know I shall never forget it.

New Star Greenhand Award

This year the Future Farmers of America Foundation is providing a "Star Green Hand" award medal for the first time. This award is available to the outstanding greenhand in each local FFA chapter. The award is to be used as an incentive for improved programs in vocational agriculture and for first year FFA students. These medals can be secured through the area supervisor's office.



AT THE 1959 STATE FFA CONVENTION—(top to bottom-l to r) Bradley Pugh of James Wood Chapter State winner in Farm Mechanics judging with Advisor Henry Davis. State FFA Band and Director Tom Dobyns. Tommy Garnett presides at Convention session. J. R. Cardwell advisor and Ray Waller Halifax County Chapter receive Public Relations Award presented by WSLs-TV. Lee Todd, national vice president addresses opening session of convention. Donnie Chafin presents award to James Garrett, Great Bridge Chapter State winner tractor driving contest. Tractor driving contest in progress. Dr. W. S. Newman, president, VPI welcomes delegation to the Blacksburg campus. Miss Marie Reynolds, director and State FFA chorus. Dairy Judging Contest in progress. State Convention in session at Burruss Hall.

Get Maximum Benefits

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The supervised farming program leads the way on the farm. By developing a good program, a boy increases his enterprises, and quality of production. Through cooperative activities boys learn to work together for the common good and for themselves. Cooperative buying and selling not only teaches a boy the strength of union but also allows him to get more for his money. Working together on community service projects teaches members about service for others. A boy enjoys the thrill of working for common improvement of his environment. Leadership activities are greatly helpful to future farmers because they are the citizens of tomorrow, and the citizens of tomorrow will need more well-directed leadership than any time in the past. Activities in earnings and savings teach a boy the value of money. He earns his spending money through his supervised farming program and learns to manage it through earnings and savings activities. Conducting meetings teaches a boy how to act in front of people; it promotes self confidence. The necessity of learning as much as possible is supported by scholarship activities which teach a boy to exert the extra effort necessary to do a job excellently.

The FFA has a broad system of awards which are rewards for a job well done. Through the FFA Foundation, money given by donors is presented to outstanding members. The State association awards supplement the Foundation awards. In the Virginia Association there are 26 different fields of activities covered by awards; each field generally has six placings. The total cash value of the awards amounts to nearly \$4,000. In addition to this figure several thousand dollars are awarded annually in plaques and six out-of state trips for judging teams. Each trip is valued at nearly \$500. These awards are available to any member who does a job well enough to merit them. Remember, on these awards, to start early and be sure that your work results in the award; do not make the award influence your work.

On the state level the FFA has a wide range of recreational activities for the benefit of its members. The highlight of each year's work is the annual state convention. More than 1,000 boys from all over the state live, work, play, and compete with each other for nearly a week. Those who are fortunate enough to attend the convention never forget the experience. In conjunction with the FHA, the FFA operates a summer camp which is open to every member. When at Smithfield, boys meet, socialize, and learn with other boys and girls from various parts of the state. Since there are always more girls than boys present at the camp, it is a fun-packed week for the fellows who

Committee on Resolutions 1959

We, the Committee on Resolutions of 1959, on behalf of the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America, wish to submit the following resolutions to the following persons and organizations who participated in or contributed to the success of the FFA in Virginia.

1. The Administration and faculty of VPI for the unlimited use of facilities and services extended by them which has made possible the holding of the convention on the campus, especially the greeting given by Dr. Walter S. Newman, President, of VPI.

2. Mr. J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor, and his staff for their untiring efforts to make this one of the most successful conventions.

3. The Conference clerical staff for their wholehearted co-operation.

4. State officers for their splendid performance at the convention.

5. FFA Foundation donors, other industries, and individuals for livestock improvement, contests, and other activities, which contribute to the continued progress of the FFA.

6. FFA Band, FFA Chorus, Miss Reynolds, and Mr. Dobyns for helping with our music program.

7. Lee Todd, National Vice President, for the inspiration of his presence and address at the Rally.

8. Radio, TV, and newspapers in the state for splendid FFA publicity.

9. Regrets are expressed that Mr. R. E. Bass was unable to attend the convention because of illness.

10. To other speakers and entertainers who have contributed to our programs.

11. Co-operation and fine attitude of all members attending the convention.

12. We regret that Mr. Jesse Green, Area Supervisor, Central Area, was unable to attend our convention because of sickness.

13. Vocational agriculture instructors for helping conduct the convention.

14. The college staff for their splendid meals at the college dining hall.

15. The Past Officers of the Virginia Association of FFA for their presence.

attend. Various trips which include the national convention, the A.I.C. meeting and Camp Miniwanca, are grand experiences for those who work hard enough to merit them. The association also sponsors other trips and contests for its members. It usually takes some effort to qualify for these activities, but they are well worth working for.

All in all, the FFA is a well balanced organization for your use and development. It provides for the upbuilding of yourself. Use its services. You must work hard, but your rewards are invaluable.

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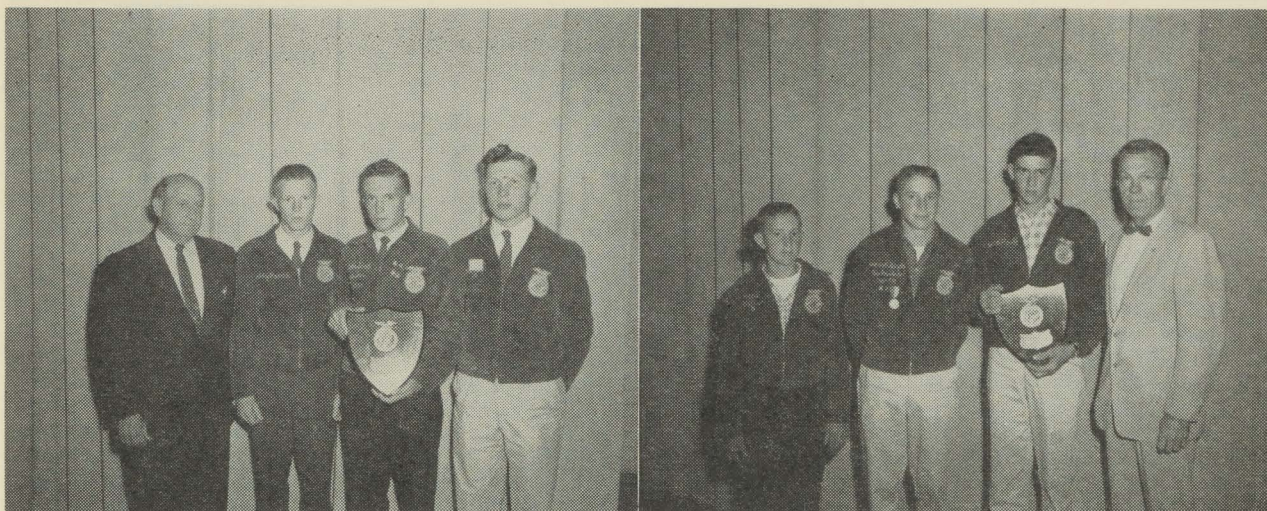
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STATE CROP JUDGES—The William Campbell Crop Judging Team scored highest in the crops contest held at Blacksburg in June. They are (l to r) J. J. Riegel, vocational agriculture instructor and coach; Plunkett Farriss, Willie Scott, Edward Harper. Team members and coach will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

STATE POULTRY TEAM—The Wilson Memorial Poultry Judging team won top honors in the State contest and will represent Virginia in the National poultry judging contest at Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16. (l to r) Donovan Beyeler, Darrell Beyeler, David Horeff and G. R. Kinzie, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Each chapter strive to put on at least two radio programs or television programs when and where possible.

2. Invite principals and local faculty, key farmers, members of the board representatives, businessmen, and parents of members to attend special functions of the chapter.

3. Each chapter put on one or more programs before out-of-school groups such as Ruritan, PTA, Grange, and other farm and civic organizations.

4. Encourage all members to exhibit in local and state shows and fairs and provide proper identification.

5. Strive to have 100 per cent membership subscribe to FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE and present complimentary copy to persons such as school principal, superintendent, school library, honor members, etc.

6. All members assist the reporter in preparing feature articles for publication which should be sent to all newspapers in the area.

7. Encourage education exhibits by chapters, including floats at parades and bulletin board both in agriculture department and school.

8. Each chapter keep a scrapbook of FFA activities.

9. Each chapter participate in the distribution of the official FFA calendar.

10. All chapters participate in National FFA week by planning special events including radio and television programs and increase publicity in papers, etc.

11. Each chapter send pictures along

with articles of outstanding activities of boys of the chapter to the Chapter Chats and the National FFA Magazine.

12. Each chapter strive to have all members conduct themselves in accordance with the FFA code of ethics.

13. Chapters cooperate with other high school organizations and with extra curricular activities of the school.

14. Cooperate with local soil conservation districts in the Virginia Forest Service in promoting conservation throughout the state.

15. Cooperate with all farm groups for the betterment of American Agriculture.

16. Invite parents and the public to the school on special occasions, such as open house, parent and son banquet and shop displays.

Eight Virginians

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organization have reviewed the Virginia applications and will recommend to the delegates at the convention that the *eight* boys receive the coveted degree. Approval by these Boards usually is tantamount to election by the delegates.

The eight Virginians named are Verlian R. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bailey, Keysville, member of the Victoria FFA Chapter; C. E. Barrack, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barrack, Jr., Alfonso, member of the Lancaster FFA Chapter; Charles R. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edwards, Smithfield; Edward G. Hanzlik, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hanzlik, Petersburg, member of the Prince George FFA Chapter; William Krantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Krantz, Spout Spring, member of the Appomattox FFA Chapter; William A.

Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Simmons, Mt. Solon, member of the North River FFA Chapter; William Springston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Springston, Wilsons, member of the Midway FFA Chapter, and Dunn Brown Waddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Waddle, Bland, member of the Bland FFA Chapter.

Nationally, the FFA Board of Directors voted to recommend that 367 Future Farmers receive the American Farmer Degree. Presentation of the degree will take place in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City during the convention session on the afternoon of October 13. Each degree winner will receive a certificate and gold key from the FFA Organization, plus a cash travel allowance from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Attainment of the American Farmer Degree is based on the Future Farmer's record in farming, leadership, and scholarship. The degree is limited to FFA members who have been out of high school at least one year and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in farming. State Associations of FFA are limited to one American Farmer Degree candidate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof. Virginia, with FFA membership of 8,458, submitted the names of *eight* candidates, *all of whom were approved*.

Announcement of Star Farmer awards will be made during the evening session of the convention on October 13. One Future Farmer who is most outstanding of the degree winners will be named Star Farmer of America and will receive a \$1,000.00 cash award. Three others will receive Regional Star Farmer awards of \$500.00 each.

Contest and Awards Committee

We, the members of the Contests and Awards Committee of the Thirty-Third Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America wish to make the following recommendations:

I. FFA Awards

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

II. Contests and Awards Program

- a. that instructors of vocational agriculture thoroughly explain the entire contest and awards program early in the freshman year. That instructors continually check on progress, making sure deserving FFA members make application for awards.

III. Degree Team

- a. that the contest continue on a State level.
- b. that a degree team contest shall be held prior to the State Rally with All-Star demonstration given at the Rally.
- c. that if any change in this contest shall be made, the advisors will be notified before January 1st. The advisors shall be notified who made the change and why the change was made.
- d. that the judges give the problem to the degree team and carefully consider the selection of the problem and not give one that cannot be carried on at a general FFA meeting.
- e. that the runner-up advisor of the runner-up team in the area contest shall serve as judge in the State Contest.
- f. that more chapters, in the state, stage degree teams, and enter them in their Federation degree team contest.

IV. Public Speaking

- a. that the advisor of the 2nd place winner in the area contest shall serve as judge in the State contest.
- b. that the rules of the National Public Speaking Contest be followed in the local, area, and State Contest.
- c. that each Chapter have a local contest and enter the winner in a federation contest.

V. Judging Contest

- a. that each Chapter shall enter a team in some judging contest.
- b. that the scores of the top teams be re-checked.

VI. Farm Mechanic

- a. that the Farm Mechanics Judging Contest be conducted on the basis of judging workmanship, as well as, identification of tools and hardware.

VII. Chapter Safety

- a. that recognition be given the winner and the runner-up in Chapter Safety Contests.

- b. that Chapters put more emphasis on safety activities and make more entries in Chapter Safety Contests.

VIII. Land Judging Contest

- a. that a land judging contest be held on a local, federation, and area level and that the winners from each area will compete in the State Contest.

IX. Tractor Driving Contest

- a. each federation shall hold a tractor driving contest prior to the State Convention. The winners in the federation contest will compete in area contests. The winners of area contest will compete at the State Convention.
- b. runner-ups in each respective contest will be alternate contestants.
- c. that the rules of the state contest be followed in federation, and area contests.

X. Forestry Judging Contest

- a. that the forestry judging contest be continued on the same basis as established during previous years.

XI. Foundation Awards

- a. that a cash award of \$100 be given to the state winners of each of the following contests:
 1. Public Speaking
 2. Farm Mechanics
 3. Chapter Farm Safety
 4. State Star Farmer
 5. Farm Electrification
 6. Dairy Farming
 7. Soil and Water Management
 8. Chapter Wildlife
 9. Livestock Farming
 10. Tractor Driving
 11. Degree Team
- b. that the following awards be made to area winners:

	Each Area	Total
1. Star Farmer	\$ 30.00	\$150.00
2. Soil & Water Management	25.00	125.00
3. Dairying	25.00	125.00
4. Rural Electrification	25.00	125.00
5. Farm Mechanics	25.00	125.00
6. Chapter Safety (plaque)	12.00	60.00
7. Wildlife	12.00	60.00
8. Public Speaking	25.00	125.00
9. Seafood	75.00	75.00
10. Livestock Farming	25.00	125.00
11. Tractor Driving	25.00	100.00
	Toward a trip to Kansas City	
	Second Place:	
	\$25.00.	
12. Degree Team	35.00	100.00

- c. that each advisor check each FFA Foundation award application for accuracy and completeness.

XII.

- a. We recommend that the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America urge the National Board to adopt an **Awards Certificate** adapted for presentation by the local chapter to FFA members for their participation in the various chapter activities, as judging contests, public speaking, etc. We further recommend that the State Secretary write a letter to the National

52 Win Future Tree Farmer Awards

There were 52 Virginia FFA boys who received the Future Tree Farmer degree provided by Virginia Forests, Inc., in cooperation with the vocational agriculture service. The program is designed to recognize FFA members for their accomplishments in farm forestry.

Boys receiving the Junior degree were: Harold, Vass, Fred Redd, Wendell Hall, Wayne Kenny, Bobby Smythers, R. C. Sizemore, Denny Sizemore, Vergil Quesinberry, all of Woodlawn; Vernon Fultz, Tommy Byerly, James Fultz, John M. Foster, North River; Watt Jamerson, Appomattox; Edward Hershman, Gretna; Herbie Chittum, Marin Gladwell, Effinger; Dallas Magee, Tommy Hunt Rose, Emmett Spiers, David Spiers, Dennis Spiers, Emerson Poarch, Billy Winfield, Archer Rose, Ralph Lee Dunn, Robert Anderson, Stony Creek; Wayne Morris, Claude Reeson, Surry County; Alvin Cassell, Leon Cassell, George Wythe; Henry

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Secretary and to the Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service before July 1, 1959, concerning this recommendation.

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STATE AND AREA STAR FARMERS—Pictured above are state and area star farmer award winners with their parents and advisors at the 1959 State FFA Convention in Blacksburg. Beginning at the top (l to r)—Bill Jenkins, Montross Chapter, Eastern Area; Cecil Wright, Middle River Chapter, Northern Area; John D. Gilman, Henry Clay Chapter, Central Area and Star State Farmer; Dallas L. Hubbard, Willis Chapter, Blue Ridge Area; Gene Horney, Rural Retreat Chapter, Appalachian Area and Wayne Moon, Renan Chapter, Southside Area.

Program of Work 1959-60

I. Supervised Farming:

1. Encourage each member to plan a long-term balanced supervised farming program suitable to the home farm plan by first making a home farm survey.
2. Encourage each boy to contact and cooperate with available government agencies in securing maps and farm plans for his home farm in planning long-term balanced supervised farming program.
3. Continue to stress the procuring and use of certified seeds, adapted hybrids, and pure bred poultry and livestock in the boy's project.
4. Each boy endeavor to carry out some practices for the conservation of our natural resources, construction of farm ponds, forestry plots, and stress pasture improvement as part of Supervised Farming Program.
5. Encourage members to join 100 bushels corn club and return per ewe contest and county forestry clubs.
7. Encourage the adjustment of crops and livestock production to meet the changing condition.
7. Encourage the use of artificial insemination when practical.
8. Stress the use of good managerial and financial practices in Supervised Farming Program.
9. Encourage members entering FFA-sponsored contests and to keep up to date records of all achievements.
10. Each chapter exhibit FFA products at fair when possible and give special emphasis to exhibits and judging contest at the Atlantic Rural Exposition at Richmond, Virginia.

II. Cooperation:

1. Encourage all chapters to engage in cooperative buying and selling with added emphasis on the selling.
2. Encourage chapters to invite State Officers to visit them.
3. Encourage members to retain their active membership after finishing high school. (State dues for out-of-school members, \$1 per year.)

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4. Encourage co-operation with the Future Homemakers of America.
5. Teach all members the organization and working of cooperatives.
6. Every boy in agriculture to be a member of local chapter with 100 per cent of dues paid by October 1 or two weeks after school opens.
7. 100 per cent of chapters to enter Standard, Superior, State and National Chapter Award program.
8. Each chapter secretary see that a complete record of the chapter activities be sent to his area supervisor by May 1.
9. Encourage seniors in vocational agriculture to become affiliated with the Young Farmers Association.
10. Co-operate with civic clubs, agriculture agencies, and other organizations.
11. Encourage all chapters to conduct demonstrations, showing improved agriculture practices.
12. Encourage members of all chapters to subscribe to the National Future Farmer Magazine, the goal being 100 per cent of the State membership.
13. Encourage chapters to cooperate with local civil defense units.

III. Community Services:

1. Assist local community organizations to reach their objectives.
2. Assist in beautifying the home, school, and church grounds or other community centers.
3. Assist local school organizations in achieving their goals.
4. Every chapter aid its community by:
 - a. Co-operate with local fire warden and wildlife commission for the protection of game and fish and seed, feed, and cover plots.
 - b. Co-operate with the local fire warden in preventing forest fires and by encouraging members to join the K. V. G. Crew.
 - c. Co-operating with the soil conservation service.
 - d. Buy seedlings co-operatively and assisting farmers in planting them.
 - e. Assist farmers in water conservation practices.
 - f. Conducting a farm fire prevention program.
 - g. All chapters co-operate and assist state police.
5. Each chapter co-operate with local county organizations in giving assistance to needy in the county.
6. Conserve farm machinery by encouraging chapters to repair it in their school shop and encourage chapters to hold tractor maintenance school.
7. Encourage the chapter to assist the community in the production,

conservation, and processing of food.

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

IV. Leadership:

1. Each chapter to hold the annual election of officers prior to the Rally in order to send an officer that he may render greater service to the chapter in following years.
2. Chapters encourage membership participation in public speaking contests; not only in FFA but other contests open to members.
3. Each chapter emphasize instruction in parliamentary procedure in early part of the school year.
4. Have National Officers visit annual rally if possible.
5. Continue the annual rally, the place to be selected by the FFA Executive Committee. Also, continue public speaking contests and any other contest that the supervisory staff and FFA Advisory Council deem possible.
6. Continue field trips at the Rally.
7. Have a minimum of twenty-five candidates qualify for the American Farmer Degree, in order to have the full state quota for the degree elected.
8. Encourage each member to use the FFA manual—a copy available for each boy.
9. The Executive Committee to pro-

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Program of Work

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vide for and finance the trips of State Officers and delegates, and continue the practice of paying mileage for State Officers to visit local chapters.

10. Encourage all chapters to present radio and television broadcasts during the year and continue the broadcasts at the Rally.
11. Each chapter send at least five news articles during the year to Chapter Chats placing emphasis on articles which will be of interest to all FFA members as a whole rather than of local interest only.
12. The advisor devote as many class periods as needed the first part of each year to teaching the fundamentals of news writing.
13. Encourage chapters to build good chapter libraries.
14. Each chapter set up objectives by October 1, adopting a satisfactory system of keeping an accurate and complete record of accomplishments.
15. Have all chapters participate in the degree team contest and area winners to be sent to State Rally for the State contest.
16. Encourage members to compete for FFA Foundation awards.
17. Advance members to higher degrees following the qualifications set forth in the National constitution.
18. Encourage leadership training programs in chapter and federation meetings.
19. Each chapter discuss in class the Chapter Chat.

V. Earnings and Savings:

1. All chapters conduct one, two, or more activities that encourage thrift among members and stimulate investments.
2. Officers of each chapter to know opening and closing ceremonies as found in FFA manual. Goal by first meeting after election.
3. Each chapter should use official FFA Secretary's and Treasurer's Book.
4. All Chapters use official FFA stationery in business letters.
5. Each chapter to use official FFA paraphernalia and jackets as far as possible.
6. Each member appear on chapter program at least once a year.
7. Use accepted parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings.
8. Chapter distribute membership cards for the payment of dues.
9. Encourage more chapters to make application for Stand Band and Chorus.
10. Encourage the election of junior



STATE FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE WINNER—The Effinger FFA Chapter placed first in the State in two fields of conservation, forestry and wildlife. Above is pictured D. L. Glick, instructor of vocational agriculture and members of his chapter receiving their state award from State President Tommy Garnett.

chapter officers for the development of leadership.

11. All chapters have a budget committee.

VI. Recreation:

1. Each chapter hold a banquet.
2. State Department continue the practice of sending films of FFA activities to chapters desiring them.
3. Each FFA Chapter follow recommendations of camp committee making contributions to the upkeep and expansion of State FFA Camp.
4. Each federation consider the possibility of holding a get together of some kind.
5. If possible all chapters organize a chapter string band or quartet.

VII. Public Relations:

1. Chapter make use of the following media in acquainting the public with the FFA organization magazines, school paper, radio, TV public programs, high school assembly, roadside markers, chapter publications, chapter chats, exhibits, and official FFA calendar.
2. Each chapter hold a parent and son get-together of some kind.
3. Chapters send FFA magazine to honorary members.

VIII. Scholarship:

1. Each chapter raise scholastic attainments by:
 - a. Maintaining honor roll.
 - b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding scholarship.
 - c. Good scholarship required as eligibility for election to a chapter officer.
 - d. Invite former members now in college and persons who didn't graduate to give talks on the value of scholarship

Seventy Virginians

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Forestry Award and H. D. Seal, his instructor of vocational agriculture.

Others—L. A. Starling, instructor of vocational agriculture, Randolph Henry, who has been recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer degree; R. L. Lacy, division superintendent of Halifax County schools; E. M. Penington, instructor of vocational agriculture, Louisa County; H. B. Pack, instructor of vocational agriculture, Appomattox Kenneth W. Christopher, principal, Appomattox High School; and J. J. Riegel, instructor of vocational agriculture, William Campbell.

State Judging Teams

Livestock—Paul Phillips, Robert Dalton, Robert Furrow and G. G. Wygal, vocational agriculture instructor, all of Dublin in Pulaski County.

Poultry — Donovan Beyeler, Darrell Beyeler, David Houff and N. C. Guynn, vocational agriculture instructor, all of Wilson Memorial in Augusta County.

Crops—Willie Scott, Plunkett Fariss, Edward Harper and D. B. Riddle, vocational agriculture instructor, all of William Campbell in Campbell County.

The out-of-state dairy judging team from Woodlawn in Carroll County will represent Virginia in national competition at Waterloo, Iowa, September 28-29. Team members are J. Austin, D. Flanagan, B. Padgett and H. C. Carson, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

J. W. Myers, assistant supervisor and executive secretary of Virginia FFA will direct and supervise the trip.

and of graduating from high school.

Budget Committee

We, the Budget Committee at the 1959 Virginia FFA State Convention, recommend the following receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1959-60 for the Virginia Association:

RECEIPTS

Dues (\$2 each)	\$16,000.00
Record Books	600.00
Advertisements	500.00
Royalties	200.00
Seaboard Forestry Award	350.00
Registration Fees	5,200.00
FFA Foundation Awards	2,200.00
Miscellaneous	700.00

\$25,750.00

EXPENDITURES

FFA Pins and Manuals	\$ 3,750.00
State Officers Expenses	500.00
Record Books	1,900.00
State Convention	8,000.00
National Convention:	
National Band	220.00
National Chorus	220.00
Delegates	250.00
Judging Team—Waterloo	750.00
Judging Team—Kansas City	1,400.00
Contests:	
Public Speaking	310.00
Chapter Contest	210.00
Chapter Chats	2,900.00
Miscellaneous:	
Camp Miniwanca	152.00
National Dues	800.00
FFA-FHA Camp	2,000.00
Auditing Books	30.00
State Officer Jackets	75.00
FFA Foundation Awards	1,800.00
Other	483.00

\$25,750.00

This does not include the Smith-Douglass Scholarship nor the livestock program.

Tree Farmers Awards

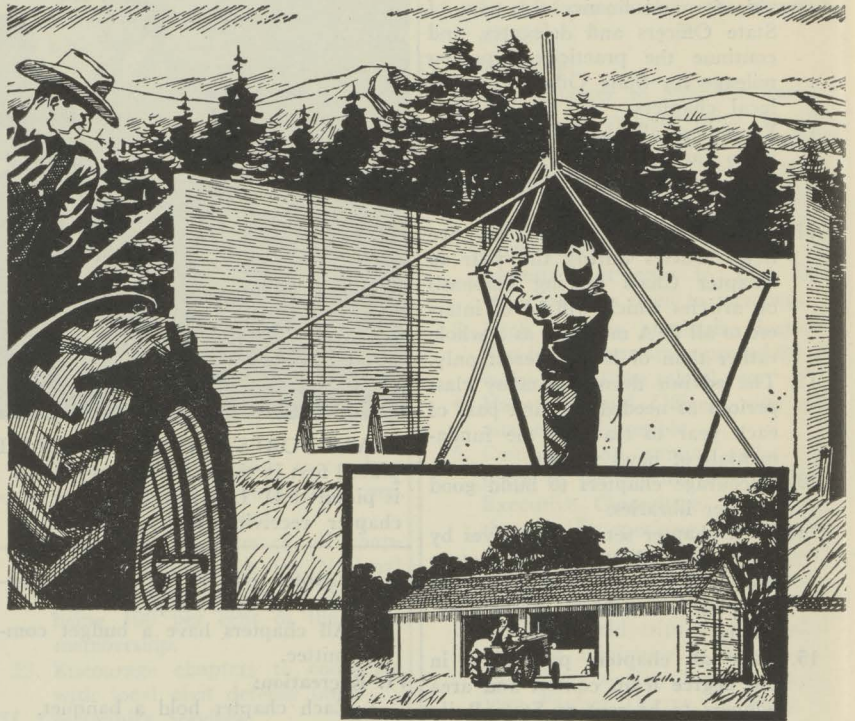
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Gibson, Paul Nelson, Robert Wilmouth, Kenneth Marston, Ronnie Mitchell, Garland Elliott, Marshall Nichols, Randolph Henry; Sammy Copenhaver, Poe Lloyd, Woodrow Secrist, Clarke County; David Perkins, Douglas Hunley, Floyd Hix, Jr., Charles Harris, Louisa County; Charles Fulk, Charles Nicholas, Ernest Mongold, Richard Yankey, Stanley Phillips, Broadway; Sammy B. Land, Jr., Park View.

Only two Virginia FFA members re-

ceived the Senior degree, they are: Henry Hatcher, Jr., Effinger; Bill Dalton, George Wythe.

Note: Requirements for the Junior and Senior Degree are listed on Page 6 of the March Chapter Chats.



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