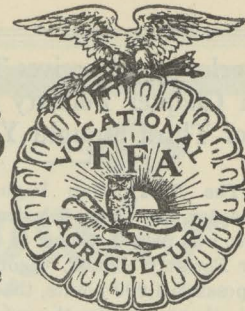




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## Wilson Memorial, Caroline, Broadway, Cleveland FFA Have Top Teams in State Judging Contests

### 152 Active, 17 Honorary State Farmer Degrees Conferred At State FFA Convention

One hundred and fifty-two of Virginia's top farm youth were elected to receive the State Farmer Degree at the first session of the 27th Annual Convention of the Virginia Association FFA at Virginia Tech June 15-18. This is the highest honor the State association confers upon its members in recognition of their accomplishments in vocational agriculture as well as other high school and community activities.

The Virginia association has a paid up active membership of 7,676. The number of "State Farmer" degrees that may be conferred any one year is limited to 2% by constitutional provision.

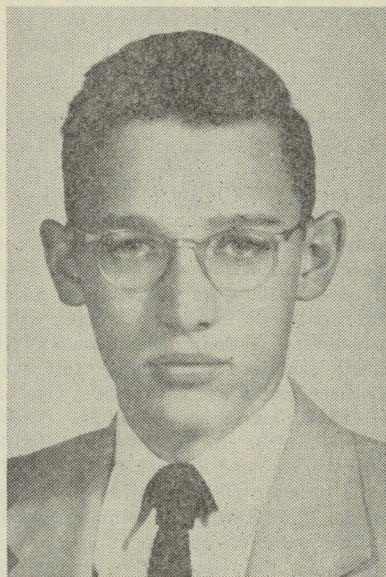
In addition to the honors conferred upon the active members, 17 Virginia adults were elected to honorary membership in recognition of their contributions to Virginia's farm youth. Both the active and honorary degrees were conferred in a special ceremony June 17.

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

**Eastern Virginia**—William T. Bittle, Holland; William A. McCarthy, Lively; Billy Dickerson, Washington-Lee; Lawrence Spiers, Stony Creek; Carl Jones, Heathsville; Donald Moren, King William; Frank Williams, Creeds; Franklin Wells, Smithfield; Stanley Williamson, Creeds; Clark Whitehurst, Creeds; Wesley Holsapple, King William; Franklin McCarthy, Lively; Everett Williams, Carrsville; Lawrence W. Council, Franklin; Bobby Coggsdale, Courtland; Leroy Crowder, Surry; Fred Wiggins, Smithfield; Miles Edwards, Smithfield; Louis Cullipher, Creeds; Stanley P. Swan, Heathsville; Richard Atkins, Smithfield; Robert E. Epps, Surry; Clarence E. Harrell, Whaleyville.

**Southwest Virginia**—Charles Dame-

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**STATE PRESIDENT**—Lennie Gamage, 17, is newly elected president of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America. Lennie will be one of the delegates to represent Virginia at the national FFA convention at Kansas City, October 12-15.

### Lennie Gamage Is State FFA President

Lennie Gamage, 17 year old Cumberland High School graduate and an outstanding young farmer, was elected president of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America at the annual State convention in Blacksburg, June 15-18. His term of office runs from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

Lennie is farming a 640 acre livestock farm in partnership with his mother, Mrs. Ruth L. Gamage of Cartersville, Virginia. He has been a member of the FFA for 4 years, serving as president of his local

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Kinzie, Peers, Diehl, Thomas Will  
Coach Out-of-State Teams At  
National Contest

### 992 ATTEND FFA CONVENTION

Warrenton, Rocky Mount, Oak Grove  
and Volens Chapter Judging  
Teams Place Second

Top honors in the judging contests at the 27th annual State convention were won by the Wilson Memorial (Augusta County) Chapter in livestock Judging; Caroline in dairy; Broadway in Poultry and Cleveland (Washington County) in crops contests. Each of the chapter teams were awarded a large FFA plaque.

Team members and their coach who will represent Virginia in the national contests this fall are:

**Livestock**—Wilson Memorial; Bobby Rogers, Lyle Shaver, Marcus Cupp, and G. R. Kinzie, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

**Dairy**—Caroline; Harold Brown, William Fuller, Charles Mitchell, and J. Q. Peers, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

**Poultry**—Broadway; Richard Showalter, Randolph Bolton, Gordan Smith, and I. W. Diehl, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

**Crops**—Cleveland; Donald Thayer, Eugene Lathan, Jesse Combs, and D. O. Thomas, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

The dairy out-of-state team will represent Virginia in the national dairy and dairy products judging contest at Waterloo, Iowa, October 5-7. 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 13-16. The out-of-state crops judging team will attend the national FFA convention in Kansas City, October 12-15.

### Atlantic Rural Exposition Teams

Team members of the second high scoring team in each of the four judging

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### Rocky Gap Receives Top Honors In Chapter Forestry Contest For Third Straight Year

The Rocky Gap High School FFA Chapter, for the third straight year in a row, was named winner of the FFA Chapter Forestry contest. Scoring 811 out of a possible 1,000 points, the 28 members of this chapter, under the guidance of Bruce Robertson, FFA advisor and teacher of agriculture, piled up a big lead in the Group Activities portion of the contest with a perfect rating of 500 and maintained their lead with a very creditable rating of 311 out of a possible 500 points for the Individual Activities phase of the contest. At the Annual State Convention Paul W. Taylor, leader of the Rocky Gap Future Farmers, was presented with a plaque and a check for \$60 by Tommy Fields, Secretary of the Virginia FFA Association. This contest is sponsored each year by Virginia Forests, Inc., an organization of timberland owners interested in forestry conservation and improvement.

Other high school FFA chapters winning awards in the contest were the Effinger Chapter of Rockbridge County, \$50 with 730 points; the North River Chapter of Augusta County, \$35 with 530 points; the Draper's Valley Chapter of Pulaski County, \$25 with 474 points; and Stony Creek Chapter of Sussex County, \$15 with 470 points.

Group activities which were engaged in by the different FFA chapters included exhibits at fairs, schools, and public meetings; forestry demonstration projects and chapter judging activities; planting seedlings on school forests and care of shrubs and trees on school grounds, formation of KVG crews, fighting fires, planting trees on private land, and distributing fire prevention materials; sponsoring programs at civic club meetings, and giving publicity to forestry conservation over radio, in newspapers, and through school publications.

Individual activities as carried on by the boys on their home farms included the cutting for home use or for sale of fuelwood, pulpwood, mine props, peanut and bean poles, and lumber; the cutting and preservation treatment of fence posts; planting trees; poisoning and girdling weeds species, constructing fire lanes; marking timber, and in general, doing other useful activities for the improvement of the farm woods.

The Rocky Gap Chapter carried on a very extensive community service program. Over 2,000 pieces of forestry literature were distributed to woodland owners in the community; 25 forestry educational exhibits were prepared and shown at different places in the community and State; 500 Smokey Bear covers were bought by the chapter at a cost of

### LaCrosse Chapter Wins Wildlife Award, Andrew Lewis Places Second and Madison Third

The LaCrosse High School Future Farmers of Mecklenburg County was named winner of the Chapter Wildlife award at the FFA Convention for the work they are doing and have done during the past year in the wildlife conservation field. A check for \$50 was presented to Clifton Kidd, president of the chapter; J. Byron Rockwell, teacher of vocational agriculture is the chapter advisor. Second place, and a check for \$40 went to the Andrew Lewis FFA Chapter of Roanoke County, followed by the Madison FFA Chapter of Madison County, Bland FFA Chapter of Bland County, and Draper's Valley FFA Chapter of Pulaski County. Awards were provided by the National FFA Foundation.

Among the accomplishments of the winning chapter was the sowing, by the chapter members, of 24 lbs. of bicolor seed, 30 lbs. of sericia seed, and 135 lbs. of quail and wild turkey seed on their home farms for wildlife feeding and protection during the winter months. The members are also leaving patches of lespedeza and soybeans for wildlife food and cover. 100% of the chapter members, twenty-two in all are carrying wildlife projects on their home farm. Their wildlife exhibit at the county fair won first place and a check for \$30. One of the chapter members, Douglass Owen, won first place in the State Wildlife Essay Contest, and a check for \$50. All of the chapter members provided extra feed for birds during the winter months. Wildlife exhibits were put on by the chapter in the community at various places, and wildlife programs were put on at different group meetings, including the chapel program in the LaCrosse High School. All of the chapter members entered the local FFA Public Speaking contest, using some phase of wildlife conservation as their topic.

\$20 and distributed to the school children in the community; 2,000 pine seedlings were planted in the school forest; an FFA nursery was started by planting one gallon of white pine seeds; helped organize two KVG crews; constructed a chain post peeler and a post treating vat for use in the community; also constructed electrical wood and tree identification panels for use in the school.

The 28 members of the Rocky Gap Chapter carried forestry projects on their home farms, as part of their supervised home practice program in vocational agriculture, putting in a total of 2,818 hours on this phase of their school work, from which they made a labor income of \$1,838.10. The average labor income per chapter member was \$65.65.

### Herndon Chapter Places First, Amelia Second, Whitmell Third In Efficiency in Dairy Production

The Herndon High School FFA Chapter of Fairfax County was awarded the FFA Efficient Dairy Production prize at the 27th annual convention of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers. This award is made annually at the FFA chapter having the best overall record in dairy production. The award and \$75 in cash was made by James Hottle, past president of the Virginia Future Farmer organization. Second place, and \$50 in cash went to the Amelia High School FFA Chapter, followed by Whitmell High School FFA Chapter of Pittsylvania County, with third place and \$25.

Funds for the contest were provided by the National Dairy Products Corporation, in cooperation with the Southern Dairies, Inc., and Chestnut Farms, Chevy Chase Dairy.

C. C. Beam is the teacher of agriculture in the Herndon High School and FFA Chapter advisor. Douglass V. Evans is High School Principal.

Channing Smith is President of the Herndon group of Future Farmers. Ronald Doves is Secretary.

The thirty-three members of the Herndon Chapter own 42 dairy animals; 21 of this number were in production this past year and produced an average of 9,293 lbs. of milk at a feed cost of \$2.18 per 100 lbs. of milk produced.

In addition to their major dairy enterprises, twelve members of the chapter carried improvement projects in dairying and twelve members carried dairy supplementry jobs. Among these were the improvement of pasture, better housing of animals, upgrading through selection of breeding animals, and better feeding practices.

### LENNIE GAMAGE IS STATE FFA PRESIDENT

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chapter for 1 year, treasurer for 1 year and president of the Piedmont Federation for 1 year.

#### Other State Officers

Under the provisions of the State Constitution adopted at the 1952 State FFA convention, 5 vice-presidents, 1 from each supervisory area, were elected for the first time this year. They are: Henry Marks, Wilson Memorial; Don Otey, Andrew Lewis; Edward Bartholomew, Randolph Henry; Everett Williams, Carrsville; and Otis Brown, Alberta.

Other 1953-54 officers of the State FFA organization elected at the 1953 State convention are: Marion Wampler, Broadway, secretary; Willie Gilman, Ashland, treasurer; Donald Henley, Willis reporter, and Lowell Coffelt, Edinburg, sentinel.

## Midway Chapter Places First in Virginia Degree Team Contest; All State Team Is Selected

The Midway High School FFA Parliamentary - Degree Team of Dinwiddie County was presented a plaque at the State FFA Convention, in recognition of their having won first place in the State FFA Chapter Parliamentary Degree Team Contest. The other high ranking teams were recognized in order of their standing as follows: Drewry-Mason of Henry County; North River of Augusta County; Willis of Floyd County; and Boykins of Southampton County.

Medals were presented the All State Parliamentary team, selected from officers of five high teams in the State as follows: President, Donald Porter, Midway; Vice-President, Bobby Baylor, North River; Secretary, Dan Pruitt, Midway; Reporter, Jack Shaw, Drewry-Mason; Sentinel, Guy Davis, Midway; 1st Conductor, Jennings Bolt, Willis; 2nd Conductor, Quinton Bishop, Willis; Green Hands, Billy Simmons and James Davis, North River; Advisor, J. H. Sommerville, Midway.

The all state team also put on a demonstration at the convention, showing the proper procedure to follow in conducting regular FFA Chapter monthly meetings.

## STATE FARMER DEGREES CONFERRED AT FFA CONVENTION


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wood, Andrew Lewis; Don Otey, Andrew Lewis; Omer C. Simpson, Jr., Andrew Lewis; Orville T. Martin, Andrew Lewis; Donald C. Henley, Willis; William D. Stafford, Narrows; Breece Farmer, Virginia-Carolina; Sammy Senter, Virginia-Carolina; Joe Young, Virginia-Carolina; Joe D. Waddell, Virginia-Carolina; Buddy Wells, Virginia-Carolina; John Spencer, Virginia-Carolina; Stanley Greer, Virginia-Carolina; Joe Phipps, Virginia-Carolina; Melvin Arnold, Virginia-Carolina; William Greear, Auburn; William R. Ross, Virginia-Carolina; Jack Salmon, Blacksburg; Frank E. Price, Blacksburg; E. M. Griffin, Woodlawn; Sterling Robinson, Woodlawn; Bobby Looney, New Castle; Swanson Edwards, Woodlawn; Bobby F. Porterfield, Newport; Chapman M. Williams, Newport; Joe Robertson Stafford, Pearisburg; Frankie Sowers, Floyd; Irvin W. Tooney, Rocky Gap; Sherrell M. Poff, Willis; James Earl Minnick, Cleveland; Franklin C. McCauly, Cleveland; John Tundy, Bland; Mahlon Kyle Rudy, Jackson Memorial; Gene Cox, Draper; C. A. Harriss, George Wythe; Everette Ward, Rural Retreat; Garnie Dishon, Draper; Bobby Frank Durcon, George Wythe; Charlie Russell Jones, George Wythe.

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**Central Virginia**—Roy Loving, Fluvanna; Roy Hopkins, Louisa; Willie R. Gilman, Ashland; James K. Perkins, Fluvanna; Joseph Longmire, Blackstone; Phillip D. Johnson, Louisa; Robert M. Tanner, Madison; Roy Henshaw, Jr., Louisa; Franklin D. Ferneyhough, Scottsville; Earl O. Rice, Montpelier; David Frank, King George; Ronald Bryan Stephens, Meriwether Lewis; Phillip Abbott Norris, Amelia; Kent Jenkins, Burkeville; Cecil Perkins, Louisa; Herbert Williams, King George; Sidney S. Coates, Madison; Joy Broadus, King George; Coleman Allen, Louisa; Adam Lee Cook, Jr., Meriwether Lewis; Arnold, Layne, Louisa; Renzor Tate, Beaverdam; Tom Dill Wallace, Kenbridge; Fred Bryan Parrish, Goochland.

**Northern Virginia**—Charles P. Poland, Jr., Aldie; S. L. Simmons, North River; Clark G. Miller, Strasburg; Clarendon Ruble, James Wood; Henry Lewis Marks, Wilson Memorial; John Calvin Sager, Woodstock; Lowell Kilmer Coffelt, Edinburg; Sammy Rickard, Woodstock; Preston A. Miller, Strasburg; Earl Reeves, North River; Marion Wampler, Broadway; Roland S. Bagnell, Strasburg; Ralph D. Stickley, Strawsburg; John Kiser, Wilson Memorial; E. B. Craun, Jr., North River; Bobby Baylor, North River; Bruce Thompson, Brownsburg; Harry Fadley, North River; George Cather, James Wood; Guy Kiracofe, North River; Tyre Yancy, Montevideo; J. Paul Sutton, Jr., Montevideo; Billy Edwards, Brownsburg; Milton Lee Nicodemus, Clark County; Joe Lester Hemp, Wilson Memorial; Ralph E. Lineweaver, Bridgewater; James Lohr, Broadway; William S. Royston, Warren County;



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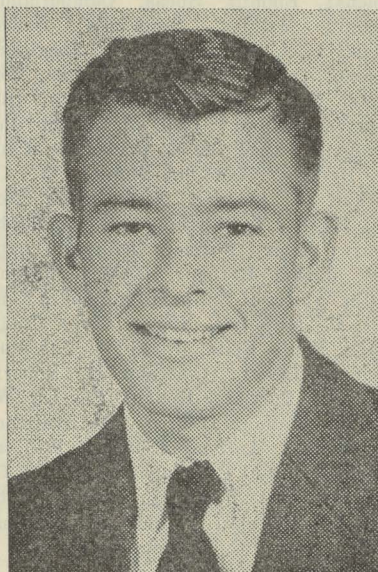
### Willie Gilman, Ashland Chapter, Named Virginia State Farmer At State FFA Convention

Willie Richard Gilman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gilman of Ashland, Henry Clay High School senior of Hanover County was named State Farmer of Virginia at the 1953 FFA Rally. The honor, carrying with it an award of \$100 from the FFA Foundation, is given annually to the most outstanding student of vocational agriculture among those FFA members receiving the State Farmer Degree. Gilman was chosen from 152 of Virginia's best young farmers selected from the State's 7,672 FFA members to receive the highest degree of membership in the State organization.

During Gilman's first three years in high school, as a student in vocational agriculture and a member of his local FFA chapter, he put in 4,596 hours of labor on his farm enterprises which included 26 acres of crops, 48 head of livestock, and 11,430 broilers and layers. His labor income on this part of his farming program amounted to \$5,008.43. His farm investments now total over \$6,000. He also has \$3,800 on deposit in the local bank. Included in his farm investments are a tractor and equipment which he values at \$2,359. He has \$704 invested in poultry and equipment, partly

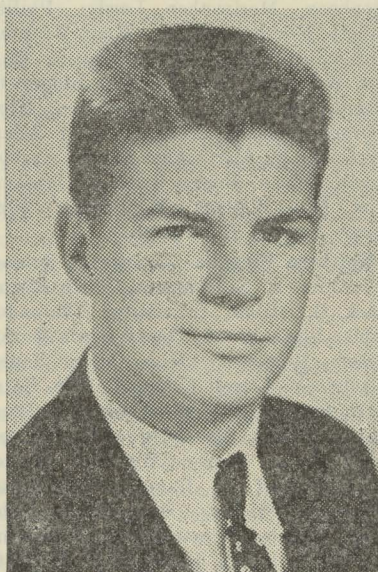
in automatic waterers and feeders. The major part of his farm investments is in livestock.

At present, during his fourth year in vocational agriculture, his enterprises include 10 acres of barley, 7 acres of



WILLIE GILMAN

wheat, 7 acres of corn, 25 acres of young pine seedlings, 7,000 broilers, 4 purebred Hereford cows, and 1 purebred bull, 17 head of breeding sheep, 300 turkeys, and 2 brood sows and a boar. He and his father own 65 head of



ANTHONY FOSTER

beef cattle in partnership, half of which number are for breeding purposes. He estimates that his farm income for 1953 will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

At the State FFA Convention held here at Blacksburg last year, young Gilman won the State Soil and Water Management award, along with \$100 in

### Anthony Foster, Wm. Campbell Future Farmer, Wins the Dairy Farming Foundation Award

Anthony Fran Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foster, RFD 1, Brookneal, Virginia, received the Future Farmer of America award for the most outstanding FFA dairy farming program in Virginia at the recent session of the 28th annual State convention of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America, held at Blacksburg.

"Tony," a member of the William Campbell High School FFA chapter of Campbell County, was presented a check for \$100. His accomplishments in dairy farming will be judged in competition with other State winners to determine the most outstanding Future Farmer in the Nation from the standpoint of dairy farming.

His progress in becoming established in dairy farming is indicated by his ownership of purebred Guernsey dairy cattle which he has steadily increased to a total of ten head during his four years as a student of vocational agriculture.

He and his brother, Charles, in partnership with their father, produce and distribute Grade A milk. During the past year, his cows produced an average of 7,740 pounds of 4.5% milk. Most of the feed for the dairy heard is produced on the home farm.

Young Foster has the responsibility of constructing and repairing much of the dairy equipment used in the three-way partnership. He has built a milk can rack, stanchions, cooling box, wash vat, and many other items of equipment.

"Tony," is a member of the Purebred Guernsey Cattle Club, Maryland-Virginia milk Producers Association, and the Piedmont Artificial Breeders Association.

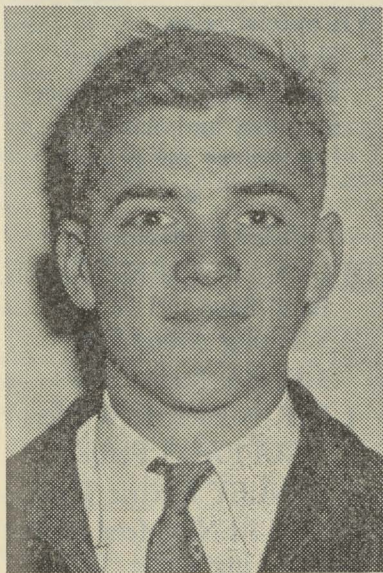
His Hereford bull won the grand championship, in the junior class, at the Atlantic Rural Exposition in 1951. He has represented his school in forestry judging contests, and also as a member of livestock judging teams at the FFA State Rally. He has served as president of his local FFA chapter and captain of his high school football team. He plans to enter VPI this coming September to take a 4-year course in animal husbandry, and return to his home farm after graduation. He has a high school scholastic average of 91.

George P. Compton is the principal of Henry Clay High School, and Harvey Seal is the teacher of vocational agriculture, and FFA advisor.

A western sheriff confiscated a bunch of slot machines on the basis of a law banning the use of steel traps for catching dumb animals thereabouts.

### S. L. Simmons of North River Wins Foundation Award In Farm Mechanics

S. L. Simmons, a senior in the North River High School, was named winner of the 1953 Farm Mechanics award at the



S. L. SIMMONS

Virginia FFA Convention. With the award went a check for \$100, which fund was made possible by the National FFA Foundation.

As a result of his home training and the training received in the high school vocational agriculture shop, he constructed such needed farm equipment for the home farm as a hay and grain elevator, a dump trailer, weed sprayer, feed carrier, post treating vat, corn scoop, sack truck, wagon running gears, and an automatic water fountain.

Young Simmons also reconditioned various farm machines as a grain drill, manure loader, manure spreader, tractor, hammer mill, and truck.

He assisted with the installation of running water in the farm home, along with a bathroom and modern kitchen. He has developed into an excellent farm mechanic capable of doing any repair job needed on the farm. He has a well equipped farm shop on his home farm.

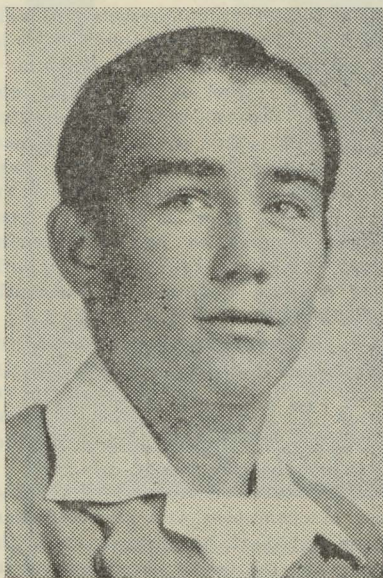
Ernest Craun and Beverley Roller are the teachers of vocational agriculture in the North River High School.

The 1953 Salem Market Hog Show and Sale under sponsorship of Neukoff, Inc. will be held September 18. This show is applicable to Allegheny, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Montgomery, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Roanoke and Rockbridge counties. Why not plan to be there?

### Joe Coleman, Louisa Chapter Member, Wins the Soil and Water Management Award

Joe Coleman, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Coleman of Louisa County, was declared the 1953 winner of the State Soil and Water Management award. He was awarded \$100 in cash for placing first in competition with all other Future Farmers in Virginia.

Among his accomplishments Joe established 61 acres of grasses on the home farm and 39 acres on rented land. He cleared 15 acres of land for crops and followed approved practices in fertilization, and rotation of farm crops. Contours, strip cropping, terracing, fertilizing, liming and rotation crops were practiced. Thirty acres were subsoiled, and 357 yards of ditches opened with dynamite. Eroded land was brought



JOE COLEMAN

back into cultivation by filling gullies and sowing grass. A dam was also built in making a one and one-half acre pond.

Selective cutting was practiced in the farm woodlot and plots were planted for wild game. Care was exercised in the operation of farm machinery to adhere to all safety rules.

Joe is an officer of his local FFA chapter and a member of the local farm bureau, Keep Virginia Green crew, and safety patrol. His FFA advisors are E. M. Penington, Jr., and G. B. Lancaster, teachers of vocational agriculture at Louisa County High School.

The girl customer looked at the saleslady doubtfully: "Does this lipstick come off easily?" "Well," said the saleslady, "not if you put up a good fight."

### Stafford Shewey, Ceres Chapter Future Farmer, Named Winner Of Seaboard Forestry Award

Stafford Shewey, 18-year-old senior in the Ceres High School of Bland County, won the Seaboard forestry contest, it was announced recently and will receive an all-expense trip in October to the National Future Farmers of America Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

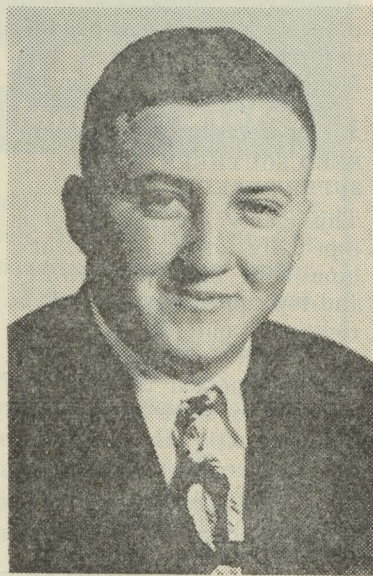
Shewey's outstanding forestry program consisted of planting 10,500 white pine and 2,000 black locust seedlings; and making an improvement cut on five acres of farm woodland, from which he harvested 2,500 board feet of saw logs, 60 cords of fuel wood and 150 fence posts, all of which were used on his home farm.

His present farming program, in addition to his forestry projects, includes 7 acres of wheat, 5 acres of corn, 2 dairy cows, 2 beef cows, 1 heifer, 2 brood sows, and a number of fattening hogs.

At the present time Shewey is president of the Ceres FFA Chapter, and president of his class in high school. He is a leader of the Keep Virginia Green crew and has represented his school several times in forestry judging contests.

Other FFA winners in the contest who received cash awards were:

Second place, Edward Giles, Appomattox High School; Third place, Stanley Bauserman, James Wood High School;



STAFFORD SHEWEY

Fourth place, Kenton Nicely, Effinger High School; and Fifth place, Frank Pulley, Jr., Smithfield High School.

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### Buckingham Chapter Named First Place Winner of the State Farm Safety Foundation Award

The Buckingham FFA Chapter was recognized for outstanding work in promoting farm safety at a session of the 27th annual State FFA Convention. A check for \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation was accepted for the chapter by Cullen Rosen, chairman of the Buckingham FFA farm safety committee.

The safety activities of the Buckingham FFA included safety exhibits at the Five-County Fair in Farmville and the Lynchburg Farm Show. Members of the chapter conducted a farm hazard survey in their community in which more than 700 potential causes of accidents were marked with hazard cards. Safety check lists and quiz sheets were distributed to 175 farmers.

The chapter group presented a radio program and wrote newspaper articles in connection with their safety program.

An essay contest on farm safety was conducted. Contests were also conducted for the best safety posters and slogans.

According to Gordon L. Baldwin, chapter adviser, the greatest outcome of the group's safety effort is the safety consciousness developed by its members. "They have come to recognize hazards when they see them and are constantly on the alert for danger spots," he says.

The chapter used many resources for information on farm and home safety. Film strips and movies were shown. Safety literature was studied. Demonstrations were held and posters distributed throughout the county.

Chapter members applied safety practices in connection with transportation, power equipment, handling livestock, the farm shop, the use of chemicals and inflammable materials, fire prevention, electricity, and sanitation.

The group made studies to determine the danger spots and hazardous activities on farms and put into use practices known to be safe. Since the greatest number of farm accidents occur with machinery, chapter members placed special emphasis on the safe operation of farm machinery. Guards were kept in place and machines shut off while adjustments were being made. Machines were kept in good working order.

Studies also revealed that falls caused a high percentage of accidents. Steps and ladders were repaired on home farms and guard rails were installed on steps and landings. Safety practices were used in handling livestock. Chapter members made rope halters in their school farm shop. Cattle were dehorned and holding chutes constructed.

Probably the most intensive safety effort was in the school farm shop. Here,

every member learned safe practices in connection with the machines used in the shop. Safety devices and protective equipment were provided and used by all members. Safe practices were used in connection with hand tools as well as power equipment.

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**TOP TEAMS IN STATE JUDGING CONTESTS**

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contests who will judge at the Atlantic Rural Exposition, September 28, are:

**Livestock**—Warrenton; George Nowland, Robert Gains, Marcus Cupp, and J. A. Whitmore, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

**Dairy**—Rocky Mount; Everett Gusler, Morrie Holt, Bobby Flora, and H. A. Watson, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

**Poultry**—Oak Grove; Gene Hancock, James Fogg, Aubrey Mitchell, and S. L. Davis, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

**Crops**—Volens; David Hughes, Pollard Waller, Marvin McBride, and Edward Kell, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

In recognition of their accomplishments the crops judging team is listed; however, they will not attend the Atlantic Rural Exposition.

**Five High Judging Teams**

**Livestock**

Wilson Memorial (a) .....	2742.4
Warrenton (a) .....	2673.1
Rural Retreat (b) .....	2524.4
George Wythe (b) .....	2513.2
Shoemaker (a) .....	2465.2

**Dairy**

Caroline .....	2641.9
Franklin County High School ...	2635.1
Whitmell .....	2596.9
Caverton .....	2556.3
Nokesville High School .....	2542.5

**Poultry**

Broadway (a) .....	2695.3
Oak Grove (a) .....	2647.3
North Hampton (a) .....	2610.5
Dayton (a) .....	2597.0
James Wood (a) .....	2593.4

**Crops**

Cleveland High School .....	2933.1
Volens High School .....	2899.9
Randolph Henry High School (c)	2883.2
Madison (b) .....	2871.4
Cumberland High School .....	2849.6

**Livestock**

**Ten Highest Individuals**

1. Ralph Beverly, Dickerson Memorial .....	533.3
2. J. T. Carter, Shoemaker .....	516.6
3. E. M. Griffin, Woodlawn .....	516.6
4. Lyle Shaver, Wilson Memorial .....	500.0
5. Bobby Rogers, Wilson Memorial .....	499.9
6. James Smith, Monterey .....	499.9
7. Jimmy White, Lebanon .....	483.2
8. Raymond Dean, George Wythe .....	483.2
9. Bobbie Boyliss, James Wood .....	466.8
10. Guy Kiracofe, North River .....	466.7
11. Carl Hopkins, Chilhowie .....	466.7
12. Doyl Phipps, Lawrenceville .....	466.7
13. George Nowland, Warrenton .....	466.7

**Dairy**

1. Billy Moore, Castlewood ....	551.0
2. Jimmy Austin, Whitmell ...	550.0
3. Jimmy Miller, Pamplin .....	537.5
4. John Jenkins, Burkeville ...	526.0
5. Freddy Keesee, Rustburg ...	520.0
6. Albert Hughs, Stuart .....	520.0
7. Tony Foster, William Campbell .....	516.5
8. R. Lineweaver, Bridgewater .	516.0
9. Charles Mitchell, Caroline ..	512.5
10. Roy Johnson, Renan .....	512.5

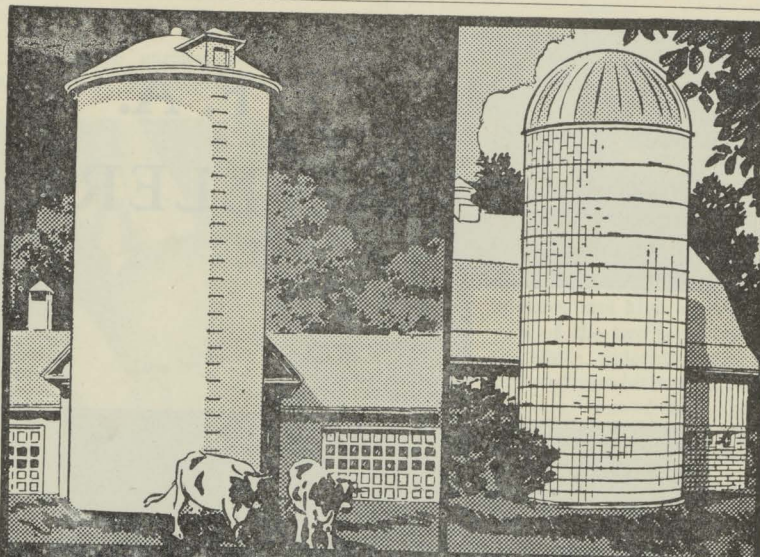
**Poultry**

1. Donald Lockhart, James Wood	542.8
2. Richard Showalter, Broadway	533.7
3. Franklin Moss, Callao .....	526.3
4. Charles Hess, Clinton .....	503.3

5. Gene Hancock, Oak Grove ..	500.3
6. Perry Townsend, Cople ....	499.9
7. Aubrey Mitchell, Oak Grove	498.7
8. William Smith, Cople .....	483.6
9. Don Otey, Andrew Lewis ...	479.3
10. David Dietz, Callao .....	479.0

**Crops**

1. David Tusing, Mt. Jackson ..	549.9
2. Raymond Zitta, Garson .....	549.9
3. Louis Blake, Carson .....	533.3
4. Clyde Nash, Randolph Henry	533.3
5. Rucker Epps, 3rd., Surry ...	533.3
6. Alfred Spillman, Cumberland	533.2
7. Murrie McBride, Volens ...	533.2
8. Douglas Perkins, Louisa ...	521.6
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### North River First, Rocky Gap Second, Dayton Third, in State Chapter Contest

To the 90 members of the North River High School FFA Chapter of Augusta County went the honor of having the best FFA chapter in Virginia during the school year 1952-53. The award was made at the annual FFA Rally, by Beverly Driver of Timberville, the Reporter of the Virginia Future Farmer Associa-

tion. There are 209 FFA chapters in Virginia with a total membership of 7,676.

With the top award, the North River Future Farmers received a plaque and a check for \$50 from the State organization. Second place and a check for \$40 went to the Rocky Gap High School FFA Chapter of Bland County. Third place went to the Dayton High School FFA Chapter of Rockingham County. Fourth and fifth places went to the high school FFA chapters at Andrew Lewis in Roa-

noke County, and Henry Clay in Hanover County. Honorable mention was given to the high school FFA chapters at Blacksburg, Bland, Cumberland, Disputanta, James Wood, Louisa, Randolph Henry, Stony Creek, Turbeville, and Wilson Memorial (Augusta County).

By virtue of their having won first second and third places in the State FFA chapter competition, North River, Rocky Gap and Dayton became Virginia's entries in the National FFA chapter contest where their records will go up against entries from the other 47 States, Hawaii, and Porto Rico. The winners in this contest will be decided at the National FFA Convention which will be held in Kansas City, October 12-15.

The North River Chapter carried out a very ambitious community service program which included donations to the Community Chest, Red Cross, Polio Drive and Week Day Religious Education. 100% of the chapter members contributed to the Christian Rural Overseas Program, and to the Crusade for Freedom. The chapter is a member of Virginia Forests, Inc., and 43 members are carrying the farm woodlot as part of their supervised home practice program. During the past winter and spring 8,000 pine seedlings were planted.

The chapter purchased cooperatively, through local stores, 12,500 pounds of seed potatoes, 29 bushels of hybrid seed corn, 2,300 strawberry plants, and over \$100 worth of shrubbery, garden seed, and fruit trees.

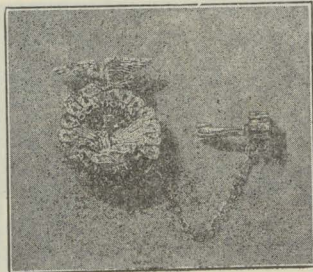
As a part of their wildlife conservation program, the chapter members planted 600 bi-color lespedeza plants and sowed 35 pounds of bird seed.

As a part of their insect and disease control program, the chapter was responsible for spraying 2,400 cattle, 21 buildings, and sections of 80 different farms for weed control and livestock pests.

Also 300 doses of serum were purchased and used in the community, 200 soil samples were collected for farmers, 2,600 laying hens were culled, and 40 milk samples were tested. 140 lbs. of warfarin were mixed for their rat eradication program in the community.

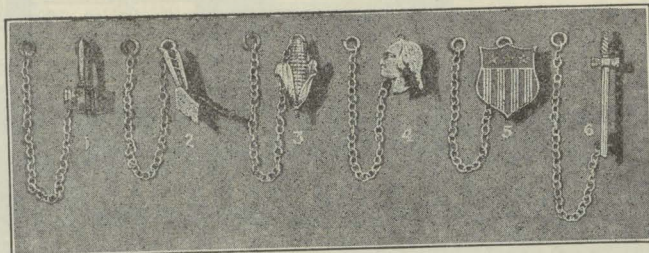
The chapter members have \$24,998 invested in farming, and 90% of the members have thrift accounts. Each member carries an average of 4½ enterprises, as the main part of his supervised home farm practice program.

Many other activities were carried out by the chapter, which included a farm safety program. They took an active part in the community fair, and entered exhibits at the Atlantic Rural Exposition. The chapter livestock judging team won Gold Medal Recognition at the National FFA judging contest, held at Kansas City last October.



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