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## Judging Teams Go to "Nationals" in October

Dairy and Poultry Teams to Waterloo  
October 4-6; Livestock To  
Kansas City 13-15

Out-of-State livestock, poultry and dairy judging teams will represent the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America in national judging contests at Waterloo, Iowa, and Kansas City, Missouri, next month.

Dairy and poultry teams will go to Waterloo, Iowa, for the national dairy and poultry contests October 4-6. The livestock team will represent Virginia in the national livestock and meats contests at Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-15.

The three high individuals in each of the State contests held at Blacksburg, June 20-23, representing Virginia in the national competition are:

**Dairy:** Whit Hamilton, Burkeville; Rudolph Morris, McGaheysville; Lewis Layman, Bridgewater and A. T. Kline, vocational agriculture instructor, Bridgewater, coach.

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## Young Farmer Classes Ask; Will Get State Organization Of Part-Time, Vet. Vo-Ag Boys

For nearly 20 years, since 1930, young farmers enrolled in part-time classes in vocational agriculture for out of school young men have organized local young farmer groups by various names. Since the inception of the institutional on-farm training program young veteran farmer classes have formed local organizations in connection with their technical agricultural studies. For the past 10-15 years there have been requests from these local groups for a state organization of young farmers with which they might affiliate.

Recognizing the need and the desire of these young farmers for an organization as an opportunity to expand and broaden the training program of young farmers in vocational agriculture classes

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## New FFA-FHA Camp Buildings Planned

Future Farmers, Homemakers and  
Vo-Ag, Home Ec Instructors  
OK Building Plans

Plans are under way to construct two new buildings—a dining room and kitchen and recreational building—at the FFA-FHA Camp before next summer according to R. E. Bass, assistant State supervisor of agricultural education who serves as general manager and treasurer for the FFA-FHA Camp Association.

Delegates at the 1949 State conventions of the Virginia Future Farmers and Future Homemakers of America and instructors of vocational agriculture and home economics at their annual conferences this summer authorized the camp Board of Trustees to proceed with plans for these additional facilities even if it means borrowing the money to do so. The new units will permit conversion of the present dining room into sleeping quarters and increase the capacity of the camp to nearly 200 persons at one time, Mr. Bass says.

The 27-acre camp on the James River near Smithfield is owned jointly by the Virginia FFA (7,365 members) and

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## Neil Cotton, British Young Farmer Spends Summer on Farm With Rustburg Member of FFA

"My time in America could not have been spent with a finer family or my experiences have been more profitable" is the way Frederick Neil Cotton feels about his summer in the United States. Neil, whose home is in Ledbury, Herefordshire, England, has been living and working with Henry Patrick, a member of the Rustburg FFA Chapter, on Henry's farm near Rustburg. He arrived in this country June 23 and after visiting with Future Farmers in the Norfolk County Agricultural School in Walpole, Massachusetts, Neil and three other

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## Delegates Hike State FFA Dues 25c for 49-50

Budget Committee Estimates  
Receipts & Expenditures  
At \$19,425

Upon the recommendation of the Budget Committee the delegates at the 1949 State FFA convention increased State FFA dues 25c for 1949-50, from \$1.75 to \$2 per member. They also hiked the registration fee for those attending the 1950 State Convention from \$2 as during the past two years to \$3.

Faced with the alternative of cutting out some State association activities or raising the necessary funds with which to finance them, the delegates decided to raise the money. As explained in Chapter Chats (May, 1949 issue) the cost of conducting the association program has increased during recent years without a corresponding increase in income (dues).

On the basis of estimates the Budget Committee submitted the following report of receipts and expenditures for 1949-50, which was adopted.

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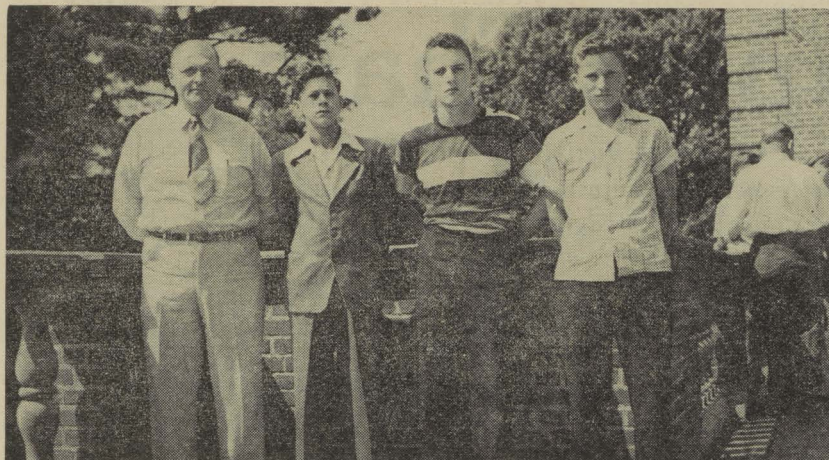
## Virginia FFA Livestock, Dairy, Poultry Teams To Compete In Atlantic Rural Judging Contests

Virginia FFA livestock, dairy and poultry teams will compete in the Atlantic Rural Exposition FFA judging contests October 3 at the exposition grounds, Richmond, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

Contestants in the livestock contest will judge breeding and fat classes of beef cattle, sheep and swine. Dairy teams will judge one cow and one heifer class each of the Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein-Freisian breeds. Classes to be placed in the poultry contest will consist of four classes of poultry and two classes each of brown and white eggs.

The fourth, fifth and sixth high scoring individuals in the State judging contests were selected to represent Virginia

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**LIVESTOCK JUDGES**—Shown above are members of the team selected to represent Virginia in the National Livestock and Meats Judging contest at Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-15. They are (l to r): A. B. Farmer, vocational agriculture instructor, Chilhowie, coach; Benton Heironomus of Berryville, Franklin Gilmer of Lebanon and Laxton Eller of Chilhowie.

**VIRGINIA FFA JUDGING CONTEST**

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at the Atlantic Rural Exposition. Team members and their coaches are:

**Livestock:** Joe Campbell, Lebanon; Hoyle Fields, Lebanon; Malcolm Macilster, Rich Valley and J. T. Skeen, Lebanon, coach.

**Dairy:** Joe Lineweaver, Bridgewater; Billy Treanary, Warren County; Lewis Harvey, Appomattox and H. B. Pack, Appomattox, coach.

**Poultry:** Jack Dawson, Washington-Lee; H. F. Adams, Jr., Washington-Lee; George Bolling, Andrew Lewis and H. F. Adams, Montross, coach.

Only two contestants will participate in the poultry judging contest, the third named team member above serving as alternate. All three members of the livestock and dairy teams will judge. Details will be sent to team coaches by W. C. Dudley, area supervisor of agricultural education and superintendent of the contest.

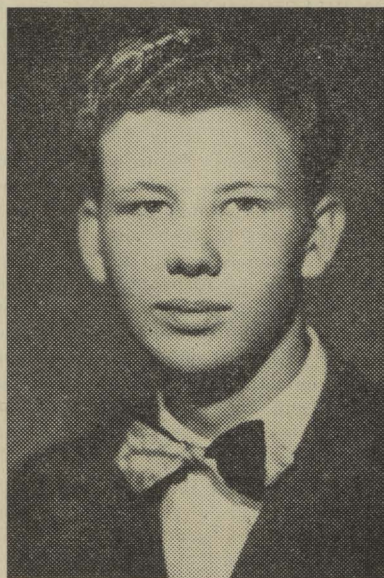
**JUDGING TEAMS**

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**Poultry:** J. T. Tussing, Timberville; Ralph Lam, Linville-Edom; Gene Gunter, Northampton and E. W. Roller, vocational agriculture instructor, Timberville, coach.

**Livestock:** Laxton Eller, Chilhowie; Franklin Gilmer, Lebanon; Benton Heironomus, Berryville and A. B. Farmer, instructor of vocational agriculture, Chilhowie, coach.

There being no national crops judging contest the crops team will attend the national FFA convention October 9-13. Members of the team are: Charles Arrington, Carrsville; Billy Alfin, Windsor; Manual Black, Chase City and D. L. Godwin, vocational agriculture instructor, Carrsville, coach.



**GEORGE HAMILTON**

**George Hamilton Selected Winner of First Soil and Water Management Award**

George R. Hamilton, a member of the Greendale Future Farmer Chapter, was named winner of the first soil and water management award sponsored in Virginia by the National FFA Foundation. With the award goes a prize of \$100.

Young Hamilton, 16, is a senior in the Greendale High School, Washington County where he has studied vocational agriculture for the past three years under Ross R. Reynolds. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton of Holston.

During the past year Hamilton was president of the Washington County

FFA Federation, an organization of 111 Future Farmers from Greendale, Cleveland Glade Spring and Liberty Hall High Schools. While a student in vocational agriculture he constructed, reconditioned and repaired various items of farm machinery used in soil improvement and water management, such as lime spreader, drag, seed drill, manure spreader, and tractor, which he owns jointly with his father. He applied lime and fertilizer to improve the permanent pasture on his father's farm, planted soil improvement crops followed strip cropping on hill sides and constructed ditches to improve the drainage of bottom land.

**DELEGATES HIKE DUES**

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT 1949 FFA STATE CONVENTION**

We, the undersigned, members of the Budget Committee at the 1949 Virginia FFA State Convention recommend the following receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1949-50 for the Virginia Association.

**Receipts.**

Dues—\$2 each for 7,500	.....\$15,000.00
Record Books	..... 500.00
Advertising (Chapter Chats)	.. 800.00
Royalties—Jewelry	..... 125.00
Registration for State Convention (\$3 each)	..... 3,000.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>.....\$19,425.00</b>

**Expenditures.**

FFA Pins & Manuals	.....\$ 2,500.00
State Officers Expenses	..... 400.00
Record Books	..... 1,500.00
Conventions:	
State	..... 6,600.00
National:	
National Band	..\$ 220.00
Delegates	..... 250.00
American Farmer	600.00
Judging Teams—	
(Waterloo)	... 1,000.00
Judging Teams—	
(Kansas City)	1,000.00
Supervisor	..... 125.00
	<b>..... 3,195.00</b>

**Contests:**

Public Speaking	..\$ 200.00
Chapter Contests	.. 150.00
	<b>..... 350.00</b>
Chapter Chats	..... 2,190.00
Miscellaneous:	
Camp Miniwanca	..\$ 300.00
National Dues	.... 750.00
FFA-FHA Camp	1,875.00
Auditing Books	... 30.00
State Officers Jackets	75.00
	<b>..... 3,030.00</b>
Contingencies	..... 660.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>.....\$19,425.00</b>

Never stand begging for that which you have the power to earn.—Cervantes.

## National FFA Officers Hold Annual Meeting In Washington, D. C.

National officers of the Future Farmers of America were in Washington, D. C., July 25-30, to hold their annual board of trustees and advisory council meetings, Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing has announced.

Those present include FFA President Doyle Conner, 20, of Starke, Fla.; four FFA Vice-Presidents, Paul Lindholm, 20, Ortonville, Minn.; Dale Hess, 19, Fallston, Md.; Bill Michael, 19, Billings, Mont.; and Alton Brazell, 20, Lubbock, Texas. The FFA student secretary, Max Cobble, of Midway, Tenn., and Ervin Martin, 22, of Salem, Ind., the 1948 National FFA President, also attended the meetings.

Plans were made by the farm youths for the next FFA National Convention scheduled to be held in Kansas City, in October, 1950. They also reviewed applications from their fellow FFA members throughout the United States seeking the American Farmer Degree, highest mark of achievement offered by the Future Farmers of America organization.

The Washington, D. C., meetings were held in the Office of Education, Federal Security Agency. Earl James McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education, greeted the FFA officers Tuesday morning.

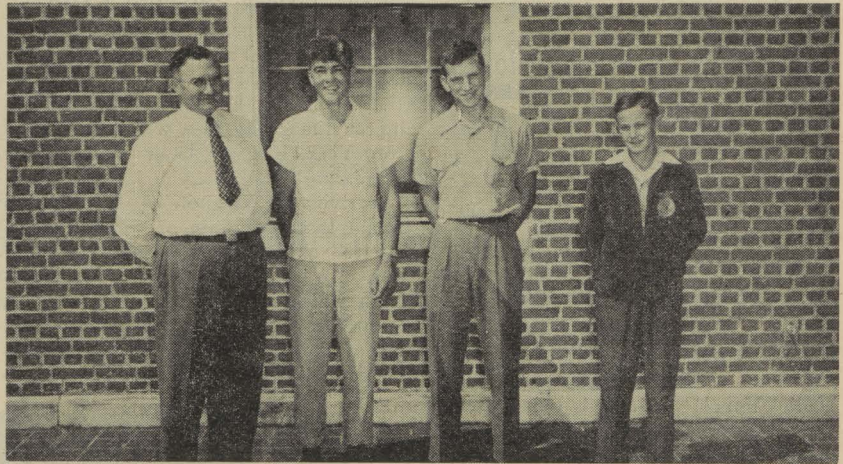
### TOYS FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

In a letter to A. W. Tenney, national FFA secretary, the Office of Military Government for Bavaria solicits the aid of Future Farmers of America in collecting recreational equipment for 25,000 refugee children. Local FFA chapters may very appropriately cooperate in this worthy project, says Mr. Tenney.

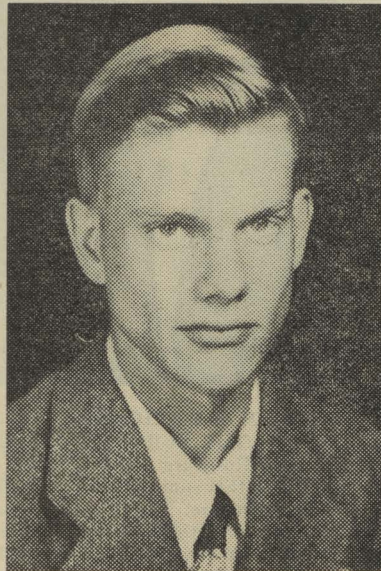
"Those among us who have studied the problems closely feel that helping to insure a normal happy childhood for these youngsters now could pay unlimited dividends in future years through the development of a sane and sensible generation. For this reason we think the project is of tremendous importance and earnestly ask you to lend us your support," says A. C. Schweitzer, director of civil administration, division of the Office of Military Government for Bavaria.

The refugee children, boys and girls, range in age from 0-18 years. Games, toys, books, pencils, crayons, drawing paper, blackboards, baseballs, footballs, ping pong sets, clothes, shoes, only to mention a few of the items, are needed to equip game and recreational rooms in the refugee camp. Second-hand clothes can be used to wrap toys securely.

All donations should be mailed to: Benjamin Groves, Refugee Section, OMGB, APO 407-A, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.



**HIGHEST IN CROPS**—Shown above are the highest scoring individuals in the State Crops Judging contest who will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 9-13, are (l to r): D. L. Godwin, vocational agriculture instructor, Carrsville, coach; Charles Arrington, Jr. of Carrsville, Billy Alphin of Windsor and Manuel Black of Chase City.



**JAMES SHELOR**

### FFA Foundation Award In Farm Mechanics Won by James Shelor

James Edward Shelor, 18, Willis High School graduate won the \$100 FFA award for the best mechanic job on his home farm of any student of vocational agriculture in the State last year it was announced recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shelor, Willis.

In his farm shop, 14ft. by 16ft. which he built with the help of his dad and J. E. Rutrough, instructor of vocational agriculture, young Shelor is equipped to handle most any farm mechanics repair and construction job. He bought a metal lathe, grinder and hand tools, rebuilt a storage battery charger and saw gum-

### Norfolk and Western Railway Will Sponsor Virginia Delegates To 1949 National Convention

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company through its industrial and agricultural department will sponsor Virginia's delegates to the 1949 national convention of the Future Farmers of America to be held in Kansas City October 9-13. This announcement was made last month by T. Gilbert Wood, industrial and agricultural manager for the N. & W.

This contribution toward the delegates expenses to Kansas City is a further manifestation of the interest on the part of the Norfolk and Western in the Virginia Future Farmers. For several years the N. & W. has cooperated with the Virginia Association in making available private cars to the national meeting. Ever since 1928 the Virginia delegation has traveled N. & W. to the national convention.

mer and constructed a power grind stone, electric sander and work benches. During the past year he has repaired and serviced all farm equipment including tractors, hay rack, grain binder, corn planter and lime spreader.

Shelor gained some valuable farm experience and took the lead in installing water in in his home, electricity in out-buildings, constructing barn and calf sheds, painting his home, remodeling the mill house and moving one farm building to make it more convenient. Shelor has \$547.92 invested in his home farm shop—one of more than 700 established in the State last year by high school students of vocational agriculture.

Calvin Longest of the Marriott FFA chapter won first place in the Tidewater Federation public speaking contest.

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### President's Annual Report to the FFA Convention

[Following is the annual report of the president of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America for 1948-49 given by Robert S. Stevens, Jr., 1948-49 president, at the 23rd State Convention at Blacksburg.—Ed.]

When I attended my first FFA meeting and heard a group of chapter officers open the meeting with the inspiring Future Farmer ceremony, little did I realize that some day I would have a part in the opening ceremony at a State convention.

It seems only a few weeks ago that we were installed as State FFA officers here in Blacksburg, and yet 12 of the greatest months of my life have passed. During the past months I have had many experiences that I had never dreamed possible for a boy from Campbell County.

When I enrolled in vocational agriculture and joined the Rustburg FFA Chapter, in my heart and in my mind I set as my goal to attain the highest possible level in the Virginia FFA organization. June 24, 1948, to me is like replacing a broken link in a chain because it was this day that my hoping and working in the FFA organization had been linked together when I was selected to serve you as your state president for the coming year. Yes, Future Farmers, it was in-

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### NEIL COTEN, BRITISH FARMER

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British Young Farmers were entertained in Washington, D. C., by officials of the U. S. Office of Education. From Washington the young men went to farms in New York, Missouri, Utah and, of course, Virginia.

Arriving in Virginia on June 28 Neil found that the chain of what he terms "swift" experiences was not yet at an end. He had hardly left the streamlined train which brought him to Lynchburg before he was taken in tow by a committee of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and the representative of a nation-

found time to attend a number of meetings and appear on several programs. Neil was the speaker at the Rustburg Methodist Youth Fellowship on July 31. Incidentally, Neil is pleased that he can attend Sunday school and church services in Rustburg regularly. He states that there is no Sunday school in England for young people over 10 years of age. On August 6 Neil and Henry attended the West Virginia State FFA Convention at Jacksons Mill. Mr. J. R. Gardner, adviser of the Rustburg FFA Chapter whom Neil credits with having greatly added to the pleasure and value of his visit in Virginia, feels that Neil's speech



**BRITISH-AMERICAN**—Frederick Neil Cotton (left), British Young Farmer from Ledburg, Herefordshire, England, is shown with Henry Patrick, Rustburg FFA Chapter member. Young Cotton is working on the farm this summer with Patrick to gain practical experience in American agriculture. He is one of four British boys studying farming in the United States this summer under an exchange program between the Young Farmers of Great Britain and the Future Farmers of America. Four FFA boys are studying farming practices in Great Britain this summer.

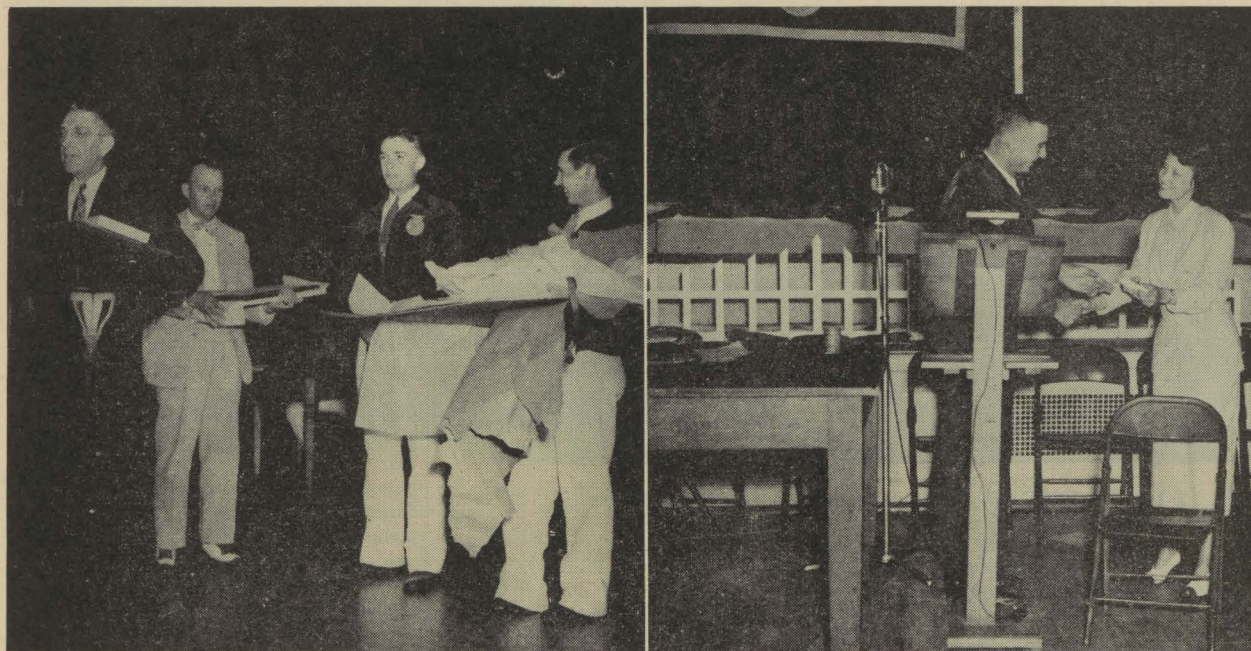
ally known feed manufacturer for a luncheon at Lynchburg's best hotel.

Neil has expressed the hope that he might be able to actually work on a farm enough to be able to take back with him a real knowledge of American farming methods and equipment. Consequently, he was delighted to find that the Patrick farm near Rustburg is one of the best equipped farms in Campbell County with a farming program that includes dairying, crops and all enterprises usually found in Southside Virginia. Neil was particularly pleased to find that Henry Patrick, as a result of his training in vocational agriculture, had developed a model farm shop which he greatly enjoys using.

Despite the fact that Henry and Neil follow the same work schedule as other farmers around Rustburg, they have

was one of the highlights of the West Virginia Convention. Neil appeared on the WLVA Farm Reporter program August 17 and other radio appearances are scheduled. Neil has visited a number of civic clubs including the Brookville Ruritan Club in July and the Rustburg and Appomattox Lions Clubs in August.

Typical of the way in which Neil and Henry have worked together during the summer is the week of August 22. During this week Neil handled all of the work on the Patrick farm so Henry might attend FFA camp. Neil was scheduled to leave Rustburg on September 22. However, relatives of Henry Patrick living in New York have invited Neil to spend a few days with them seeing our largest city. Therefore, Neil will conclude his visit in the Rustburg community on September 17.



**SUPERVISORS HONORED**—F. B. Cale, State supervisor and R. E. Bass, assistant State supervisor of agricultural education (l to r above), State adviser and executive secretary treasurer of the Virginia FFA, were honored at the 1949 State Convention when they were presented with desk sets by Robert Stevens, president and Johnnie Tomlin, vice president, on behalf of the convention delegates "in appreciation of their untiring help and guidance to the Virginia FFA."

**APPRECIATION**—Miss Helen Apperson, secretary in the State vo-ag office, is shown at the 1949 State FFA Convention receiving a gift from President Robert Stevens "on behalf of the Virginia Future Farmers in appreciation of your kindness and efficiency, contributing to the success of this convention." In addition to her other duties in the State office Miss Apperson has handled Virginia FFA records for the past three years.

### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

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deed an unbelievable dream come true for me.

It was just 365 days ago that Dallas Johnson handed me the gavel which started me on the greatest and most interesting experience of my life, which I will try to present to you.

Before leaving Blacksburg on June 24, I met with the new and past State officers in an executive session to make plans for immediate events coming up; namely, the week the State officers were to be at camp in Smithfield.

I journeyed home on the same day to remain there for ten days in order to finish some of the farm work that was so impending.

On July 5, I, together with Mrs. Stevens, drove to the State FFA-FHA Camp, Morgarts Beach, Smithfield, Va., to attend a most delightful week there in the company of the fellow State officers.

Returning home on July 10, I settled down to my farm work more diligently than ever because now I realized more than ever before how much I loved it and what it had done for me, thus far.

It was with regret that I could not attend the American Youth Foundation Camp at Camp Miniwanca near Shelby, Michigan, August 16-29. However, due to responsibilities that made it advisable

for me not to leave home at that time, I was unable to go.

Instead, I attended a meeting of the Camp Board of Trustees at the FFA-FHA Camp on August 14 and 15 as an ex officio member of the Board. I was very thankful to the State office for extending an invitation to my wife to attend with me because it gave her a two-day rest that she certainly deserved. It was very enjoyable, educational, and challenging to work with the members of the board on problems concerning our camp. It was a pleasure to serve with Miss Joan Thompson, State president of the FHA as ex officio members.

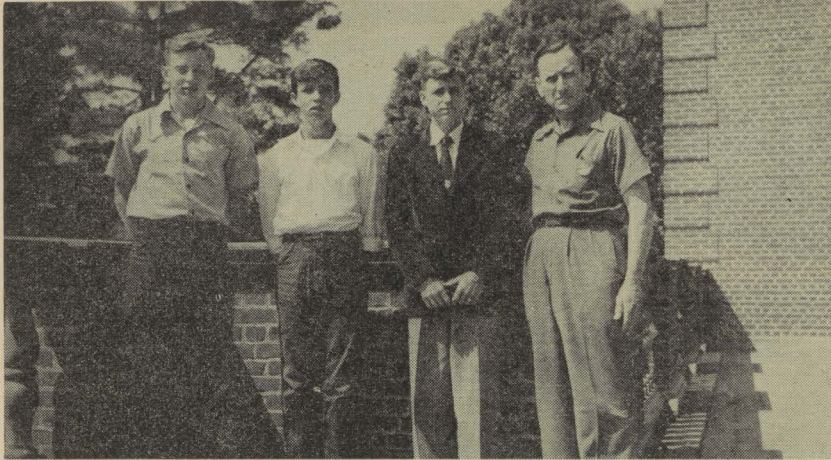
September 30 and October 1 found me in Lynchburg attending the Farm Show as a State officer and as an exhibitor. It was the best farm show I have ever attended. I was very proud of the fine exhibits shown by Future Farmers and of the many awards taken by them. While at the Farm Show I was privileged to appear on the WLVA Farm-Reporter Program. I was also honored to meet and be interviewed by Mr. William C. LaRue, associate editor of the Progressive Farmer.

On November 4 and 5, I, along with your other State officers, journeyed to Richmond as guests of the Southern States Cooperative by attending their annual convention. It was a thrilling experience for me to associate with the

members and executives of Southern States and hear of their many accomplishments as well as goals they hope to attain. I was honored to hear and meet many notable speakers at the convention; namely, Honorable George D. Aiken, U. S. Senator from Vermont; Mr. Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange; and Dr. John R. Hutcheson, Chancellor of VPI. I was further honored and privileged at this convention to speak on behalf of the FFA guests from six states at the banquet Southern States gave in our honor at the convention.

On Friday, November 12, I left Lynchburg by train for Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the National Convention as an official delegate of the Virginia Association, in the company of the other members of the Virginia delegation. Arriving there Sunday, November 14, I prepared myself for one of the most memorable weeks in my life. Being able to represent you, the Virginia Future Farmers, and to witness the many interesting highlights. Noted speakers and guests were present at the convention, many of whom I met and with whom I talked; namely, Clifton A. Woodrum, president, American Plant Food Council; Honorable James P. Kem, United States Senator from Missouri; Honorable Oscar R. Ewing, administrator, Federal Security Agency; His Excellency Henri Bonnet,

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**TOPS IN DAIRY JUDGING**—Highest scoring individuals in the State dairy judging contest who will comprise the Virginia team in the National Dairy and Dairy Products Judging contest at Waterloo, Iowa, October 4-6, are (1 to r): Lewis Laymon of Bridgewater, Rudolph Morris of McGaheysville, Whit Hamilton, Burkeville and J. M. Kline, Jr., vocational agriculture instructor, McGaheysville.

### The Vance Company Stores To Sponsor National Convention Trip for 5 Southwest Vo-Ag Boys

The Vance Company in Southwest Virginia will sponsor trips to the national FFA convention this fall for one student of vocational agriculture and member of the Future Farmers of America from each of the five counties in which the company operates farm supply and hardware stores. The Vance stores including the Harrison-Hancock Hardware Company in Pulaski, Wytheville and Christiansburg are located in Montgomery, Pulaski, Wythe, Smyth and Washington counties. Sponsorship consist of payment by The Vance Company of approximately one-half the cost of attending the national convention. Selection of the boys to attend will be made by the instructors of vocational agriculture in the counties involved on the basis of a score card proposed by the State office.

W. N. Neff, general manager of the Vance Company through whose cooperation these awards were made possible, holds an honorary State Farmer degree.

This is the first such manifestation of interest by commercial concerns of this nature in the Virginia FFA.

### PITTSYLVANIA OFFICERS

The following FFA officers of the Pittsylvania County Federation for 1949-50 were elected and installed at the May meeting of the federation: Vernon Oakes, Spring Garden, president; Don Cundiff, Climax, vice-president; Koyle Kelly, Renan, secretary; Hardy Carter, Brosville, treasurer; Pete Dallas, reporter; W. D. Tosh, Gretna, sentinel; Maxwell Bryant, vocational agriculture instructor, Brosville, adviser.

### Dowell J. Howard Named State Schools Head; Is Former Vo-Ag, FFA Leader

As we go to press Governor Tuck's office announces the appointment of Dowell J. Howard as acting State superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Howard is a former instructor of vocational agriculture, district supervisor, assistant State supervisor and State supervisor of agricultural education. For many years he has been a leader in the Future Farmers of America. He holds honorary State Farmer and American Farmer degrees, is a member of the National Advisory Council, Board of Trustees and National treasurer of FFA. For the past three years has been a leader in the Future Farmers perintendent of public instruction and executive officer for vocational education.

### NEW FFA-FHA CAMPS

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FHA (9,116 members). It is controlled by a Board of Trustees composed of three instructors of vocational agriculture, three instructors of home economics, two members of the State supervisory staff in agricultural education and two members of the State supervisory staff in home economics education. The recreational-leadership training camp is operated under the direction of the vo-ag and home ec services of the State Department of Education as an extension of the training in vocational agriculture and home economics.

Members of the camp Board of Trustees for the current fiscal year were: vocational agriculture; instructors—L. L. Beazley, Disputanta; W. L. Thweatt, Blackstone; J. E. Peters, Salem; supervisors—F. B. Cale and R. E. Bass, Rich-

mond. Home economics; instructors—Miss Oakley Hall, Danville; Mrs. Georgia Putney, Farmville; Miss Judith Agee, Highland Springs; supervisors—Mrs. Rosa H. Loving and Mrs. Helen C. Hopper, Richmond.

No increase in State FFA or FHA dues nor requests for special contributions is planned to raise money to construct new buildings at the camp. Twenty-five cents of each FFA and FHA member's dues now goes to the Camp Association for the building—maintenance fund. From this source the camp has an income of approximately \$4,000 per year with which to pay back any loan that may be needed to construct the additional facilities. The increase in State FFA dues during 1949-50 from \$1.75 to \$2 was not made to provide additional funds for the Camp Association but to cover mounting State FFA Association expenses. The FFA-FHA Camp Committee at the 1949 State FFA Convention did recommend continuance of the payment of 25 cents of each member's dues.

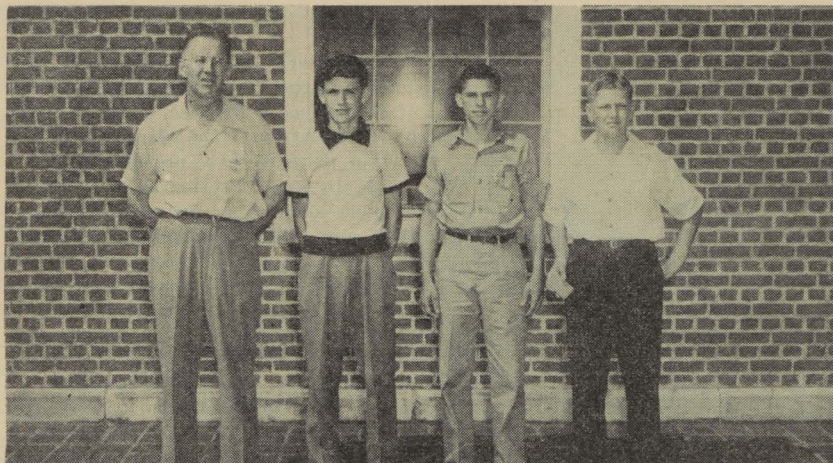
The State Convention Camp Committee commended the Board of Trustees on the "fine work that has been done supervising the camp operation," "the camp authority for the splendid job of operating camp" and "Mr. Wakeman for obtaining the use of a tractor and equipment" at the State camp.

### YOUNG FARMER CLASSES

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a committee of eight representatives of local groups met in Blacksburg June 20-23 and after discussing the subject urged the formation of a state organization "at the earliest feasible date." This committee further recommended that a committee of vo-ag instructors consider the matter and suggest a constitution and plans for organization. Malcolm Anderson of Amelia, James Coates of Rustburg and John Smelley, La Crosse were among the young farmer leaders on the committee.

Complying with this request a state organization of, by and for young farmers enrolled in vocational agriculture classes, to be known as the Associated Farmers of Virginia will be formed soon. Among the purposes for which the organization was recommended by the instructors committee are: To further develop rural leadership, practice cooperative effort, improve farm family living and train for useful citizenship. Local groups of young farmers organized in connection with high school departments of vocational agriculture from those enrolled in part time (young farmer) and veterans training classes will become affiliated chapters in the new State body. Membership will be limited to white male persons enrolled for organized instruction in these vo-ag classes.



**BEST IN POULTRY**—Top winners in the 1949 State Poultry Judging contest comprising the Virginia team in the National Contest at Waterloo, Iowa, October 4-6, are (l to r): E. W. Roller, vocational agriculture instructor, Timberville, coach; J. T. Tusing of Timberville, Ralph Lam of Linville Edom and Gene Gunter of Northampton.

### Burkeville Future Farmers Help Reforest 15 Acres in Unique Cooperative Venture

Fifteen acres of open land in Nottoway County, near Crewe, Va., are spotted with 14,000 loblolly pine seedlings as the result of a unique cooperative venture between West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company and 31 members of the Future Farmers of America at Burkeville High School.

Sometime ago foresters of the paper company determined to reforest the open land, which had been planted to pine last year and subsequently ravaged by a forest fire which destroyed all the young plants.

The acreage is part of a 240-acre area known as the "Eleven Oaks Tract," which is owned by the company and designated as a Virginia Tree Farm. Because the tract is pledged to good forestry practices and experimentation, the company foresters decided it would be a valuable educational project to attempt its reforestation in cooperation with youths living in the vicinity.

The company foresters contacted J. S. Clingenpeel, vocational agriculture instructor and leader of the Future Farmers of America, at nearby Burkeville High School. The teacher was enthusiastic about the possibilities of the project and pledged the support of the entire membership of the Future Farmers.

It was determined that the actual planting could be carried out in two days, following a period of classroom instruction and practical demonstrations on the proper method of planting young pine. The company representatives and Mr. Clingenpeel agreed upon an hourly work rate of 50 cents per hour for the FFA boys and worked out a plan whereby their

earnings during school hours would be turned over to the FFA chapter treasury and during out-of-school hours retained by the boys themselves.

The company then set about preparing the area for the planting. To protect the planting area, weeds and brush which constitute a fire hazard were burned off and a fire lane was constructed around the entire plot.

The preliminary instruction was carried out by R. H. Gilliam and G. B. Merrell, Jr., of the company's wood office in Lynchburg, with the assistance and cooperation of Mr. Clingenpeel. The chapter members took to their roles as as foresters with enthusiasm, displaying great interest and aptitude during the classroom session and demonstrations.

On the day following classroom instruction and during agriculture class hours, the boys, armed with mattocks and buckets full of pine seedlings, went into the field to work. They went about their job with skill and speed and managed to set out a large number of seedlings during this brief period. On the following day, a Saturday, 24 of the club members reported for work and finished the job in four working hours.

Company foresters were high in their praise of the job done by the Burkeville Future Farmers of America.

"The planting done by these boys was 'professional' in every sense of the word," Company Forester Gilliam said. "They are to be commended for a job well done."

The 31 boys who worked on the project were: Robert Bolick, Harry Channey, Garnett Cliborne, Franklin Simmons, Harvey Spindlove, Percy Tuck, Whit Hamilton, Foster Jordan, Billo Kirchmeyer, Mack Morris, Percy Moring, Jack Phillips, James Hardie, Thomas Hamilton, Vernon Austin, Tony Bishop, John

### Wilson Memorial Places First, Dublin, Second in Degree Team Contest at State Convention

Wilson Memorial (Augusta County) FFA degree team, representing the Northern Virginia district, won first place in the State degree team contest at the State FFA Convention, June 20-23. Dublin placed second, Amelia third, Cumberland fourth and Boykins fifth.

Each of the five teams participating in the State contest had previously won in their respective federations and districts. A plaque was awarded the winning team in each district. The Wilson Memorial team was also awarded a large plaque as State winner.

#### All-State Degree Team

An all-State degree team was selected from teams in the State contest. The following individuals, selected as the best officers in the contest, were awarded medals:

President, William Grigsby, Dublin; vice-president, Clay Hewitt, Wilson Memorial; secretary, Leonard Heatwole, Wilson Memorial; treasurer, John Wheeling, Dublin; reporter, William Ogee, Dublin; sentinel, Bobby Bulls, Wilson Memorial; adviser, K. W. Lindsey, Amelia; conductors, James Ambler and Hunter Mabry, Wilson Memorial; candidates, Joe Shomo and Joe Whitsell, Wilson Memorial.

#### LOST AND FOUND

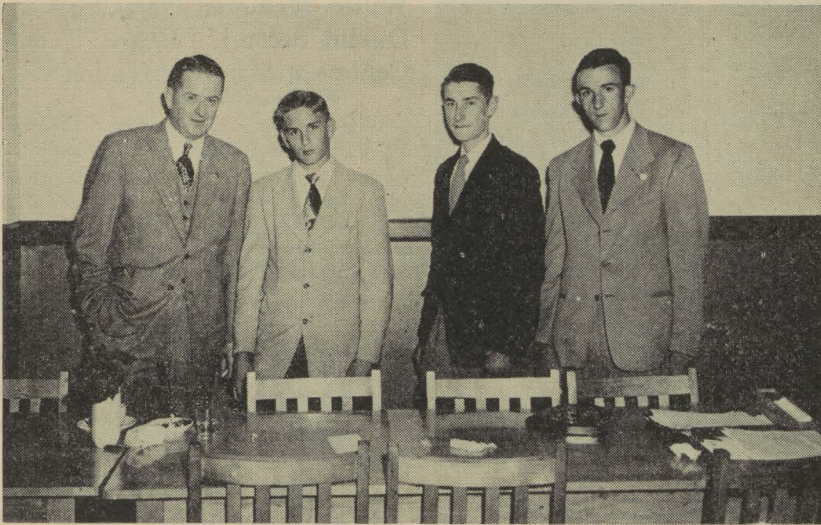
It would happen again in a million years!

When Grace Willard of Newport News lost her Bath High School class ring at the FFA-FHA camp this summer she was heart-broken. She thought it must have been lost while swimming in the seven-mile-wide James River and to find it would be more difficult than the proverbial needle in a haystack.

But she had not reckoned on the sensitive toe of Franklin Cassell, 17, Amelia High School senior who attended camp the next week. While in the water with some 130 other FFA-FHA campers Franklin felt something on his toe—you guessed it—Grace's ring.

It was "good hunting" in the river that week. Another camper found an FFA ring which must have been lost last year judging from the barnacles and sea-life attached. Balfour, FFA jewelers, will be barnacles and tides without injury. The glad to know their rings stand salt water, ring is good as new—who lost it? When?

ny Hamilton, Jim Robbins, Larry Walker, Fred Weatherford, Alvin Yeatts, Perry Cochran, Roy Chandler, Robert Dix, Kenneth Flint, Robert Hodges, Algie Newcomb, Dickie Orange, Norman Payne, Leonard Stewart and Harold Johnson,



**STONY CREEK FORESTRY WINNERS**—High scoring individuals in the Stony Creek FFA forestry judging contest are pictured with State Senator Garland Gray, president of Ruritan National (left). They are (1 to r): Harold Blanton, C. T. Smith High School; David Zitta, Carson; and Norman Payne, Burkeville. The contest was sponsored by the Stony Creek Ruritan Club.

### Ralph Slusher, Christiansburg, First, Hugh Sanford, Washington-Lee, Second in Public Speaking

For the third consecutive year a member of the Christiansburg FFA Chapter took first place in the State public speaking contest when Ralph Slusher won this event at the last State convention. He will represent Virginia in the Tri-State Contest (Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina) to be held at VPI, Blacksburg, September 9.

Hugh Sanford, Washington-Lee Chapter, representing Eastern Virginia placed second in the State competition with Albert Taylor, Gladys, Southside, third; Robert B. Potts, Lincoln, Northern Virginia, fourth and Jimmie Dodd, Louisa, Central, fifth.

The text of Slusher's speech, "We are Becoming a Second Rate Power," follows:

Let us turn the pages of history and look into the past. Now, we are in the age of the great Roman Empire at the height of its enormous glory. Gazing at the evidences of power, we are struck by the sights of the greatest country known up to that time. We smile with pleasure at the sight of the fertile green fields with rich growing crops. We admire the smile of health visible in the face of the peasant hard at work in the fields and the smile of the lord of the manor as he views his lands.

But what is this? As we watch, we see a few grains of sand tumble down a rolling, gathering force and momentum until deep gullies appear before our eyes. The rich, green color of the fields

pales and fades to the dull, brown color of death.

The peasant continues to toil but his face is not the smiling face of health and contentment. The change is so sudden and vivid that a shudder of horror steals into the marrow of our bones as we see the first signs of famine and the crushing of men's spirits. The lord of the manor wrings his hands and his cries of anguish are heard vibrating and echoing through the air. Our heart cries within us as we watch Rome crumble and die. We realize that Rome has now become a crushed and conquered nation, instead of the nation whose flags fly from every corner of the world.

Then a harsh laugh rings forth and a horrible black menace rises with the lifeblood of the soil, the prosperity of the nation, clutched in its bloody hands. Who is this unnoticed menace of vengeance who destroys the health of the people and causes such a depletion of the entire nation?

Then, seemingly from nowhere; yet all around us, a voice speaks, "I come like a thief in the night. I cause destruction and sorrow wherever I go. You feed my success, yet you mourn my progress. Who am I? I am erosion."

This is no new story. Just as erosion was an important factor in the fall of Rome, it has plagued every nation in the world. Proud nations have withstood all the forces an unfriendly world could hurl at them and then succumbed to erosion on the home front. Even today erosion is hard at work engulfing one of the greatest nations in the world. This is something not to be dismissed as a thing of trifling insignificance; for that nation is the United States and the people who

will feel the fury of this menace are you and I.

In no other nation will you find such quick progress of exhaustion and erosion of the soil, as in America, unless it would be South Africa. The alarming rate of erosion there recently prompted General Smuts to say, "Erosion is the biggest problem confronting the country, bigger than any politics" (Jacks, D. V. and Whyte, R. W., "Vanishing Lands," Doubleday and Doran Company, New York, 1939). The most serious aspect of this is that only a few of the people realize this and of these few, only a minority do anything about this serious problem.

Economic forces beyond the control of the American farmer have prevented him from conserving his soil as he should have. Then this lack of conservation has forced the farmer to redouble his efforts to make a living from the soil.

This process has driven his business into liquidation through the depletion of the soil. Such conditions as these have forced the farmer to live in a hand-to-mouth condition and made him one of the worst fed and unhealthiest men in any occupation.

Tenants and absentee owners are responsible for a large part of the worn out, eroded farms that cover our countryside. These two groups have no interest in improving their lands but desire only the products they can get before they move on or sell the farm. After such vultures as these pass over a farm, only a skeleton of land remains and erosion reigns supreme.

Another factor responsible for this serious depletion is man's greed. The American farmer has forced the decline of our rich virgin soil by looking upon it as only a field for exploitation and a source of immediate financial return. From this effort by man to take something for nothing from the soil comes, not wealth and prosperity, but erosion and starvation.

Some methods of combatting soil erosion have been known since the time of such great men as Washington and Jefferson. With this knowledge securely in mind, the American farmer refused to follow the examples of such men as these until a hundred years had passed. The alarming fact about this is that the average farmer did not want to follow these examples until two million acres of cropland had been ruined or seriously depleted by erosion (Hickey, Karl B., "Men and the Soil," International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois, 1945, P.75).

Why was it that this loss occurred without preventive measures being taken by the farmers on a large scale? One of the reasons, perhaps the main one, was the access to free land where men could start farming again when they had worn out their farms. Finally, there was no

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## Raleigh Lions Honor FFA Boys; Top Seaboard Forestry Winners Receive Certificates and Bonds

Twenty-four future farmers, all winners in the cooperative Future Farmers of America forestry program, were honored guests of the Raleigh, N. C., Lions Club in a program sponsored by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company.

The speaking spotlight was taken by the six first-prize winners from North and South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Each told of his various accomplishments in forestry or his home farm woodlot. These top winners were Jerry Priece of the Wesley Chapel High School near Monroe, N. C.; W. A. Galloway, Vernon, Fla.; Alec Hopkins, Jesus, Ga.; Billy Joe Vardaman, Pell City, Alabama; Aubrey Bradshaw, Spencer Penn High School near Ridgeway, Va.; and Ray Rauton of Johnston, S. C.

Dan E. Stewart, director of Agricultural Development for the Carolina Power and Light Company, presided. Robert N. Hoskins, industrial forester of the Seaboard Railroad, made the opening remarks and outlined the progress made in cooperation with state departments of vocational agriculture. This was the first farm youth program to be set up on a regional basis which recognized individual achievement on the farm boys' woodlands. L. Y. Ballentine, commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina, presented certificates and bonds to the top winners—the district winners receiving certificates. Following the luncheon program the forestry winners were given a one-week's scholarship at the Singletary Lake Forestry Training Camp, directed by personnel of the North Carolina Forest Service and sponsored by the North Carolina members of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association.

Heading the list of more than 50 guests were: G. B. Rice, vice-president of the Seaboard Railroad; Professor A. E. Wackerman, Duke University; Doyle Connor, national president of the FFA; M. E. Coleman, educational director of the American Turpentine Farmers Association; T. G. Walter, State supervisor of vocational agriculture for Georgia; D. T. Daily, the Seaboard's general industrial agent; W. K. Beichler, State forester, N. C. Forest Service; W. E. Gore, assistant State supervisor of vocational agriculture for South Carolina; W. C. Dudley, area supervisor of agricultural education for Virginia; and George Ross, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C.

### FOUNDATION AWARDS 1949-50

Six \$100 FFA Foundation Awards, if made available by the foundation, were recommended by the delegates attending



**LIONS AND FUTURE FARMERS**—Virginia's top FFA winners in the Seaboard forestry contest are pictured above with other honor guests at a Raleigh Lions Club luncheon August 15. They are (l to r): R. T. Lassiter, Jr., district forestry winner, Boykins, Va.; Aubrey Bradshaw, State winner, Ridgeway, Va.; L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina; G. B. Rice, vice-president, SAL Railroad; W. C. Dudley, area supervisor, agricultural education, Appomattox, Va.; Billy Hall, Natural Bridge and Harry Stanger, Christiansburg, district forestry winners.

the 23rd annual convention last June as follows: public speaking, State star farmer, State dairy farmer, farm mechanics, farm electrification and soil and water conservation.

FFA foundation awards are made possible through contributions to the FFA Foundation, Incorporated, a national adjunct to the Future Farmers of America. Donors to the foundation, whose contributions provide for the above awards and the Virginia State Forestry Contest prizes, are:

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## STATE FFA PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1949-'50

### I. SUPERVISED FARMING:

1. Stress importance of each boy having a well-balanced and improved farm program.
2. Encourage chapters to contact and cooperate with available government agencies in securing maps and farm plans for the boys' home farms.
3. Encourage each member to plan long-time supervised farming program suitable to the home farm plan.
4. Continue to stress the procuring and use of certified seeds, adapted hybrids, and pure-bred poultry and livestock in the boys' projects.
5. Each boy endeavor to conduct a farm forestry project in connection with his supervised practice program.
6. Each FFA member endeavor to carry out some soil conservation practice as a part of his supervised practice program on his farm suitable to his farm program.

### II. COOPERATION:

1. One hundred per cent of chapters engage in cooperative buying and selling with added emphasis on the selling.
2. Each chapter raise money to finance chapter activities.
3. Encourage the visitation of more chapters by state officers.
4. Increase state membership whenever and wherever possible by more ex-agriculture students continuing as active members.
5. Encourage more cooperation with the Future Homemakers of America.
6. Each chapter exhibit FFA products at fairs when possible and give special emphasis to exhibits and judging contests at the Atlantic Rural Exposition at Richmond, Va.
7. Every boy in agriculture to be a member of local chapter with 100 per cent of dues paid by October 1, 1949, or two weeks after school opens.
8. Two copies of program of work to be sent in for entry in state and national contests.
9. Each chapter secretary see that a complete record of the chapter activities be sent to his district supervisor by May 1.
10. Encourage organization of Young Farmer groups.

### III. COMMUNITY CHEST:

1. Assist at least three local community organizations to reach their objectives.
2. Assist in beautifying home, school and church grounds of the community by the use of native shrubs.
3. Assist local school organizations in solving school problems.
4. Every chapter cooperate with the government by the following:
  - a. Cooperate with local game wardens for the protection of game and fish.
  - b. Cooperate with local fire wardens in preventing forest fires.
  - c. Cooperate with soil conservation service.
5. Each chapter to cooperate with local county organizations in giving assistance to needy in county.

7. Continue leadership school and field trips at 1950 Rally, if possible.
8. Have a minimum of twenty-five candidates qualify for American Farmer Degree in order to have the full state's quota for the degree elected.
9. To use a minimum of thirty minutes of one class period to read and discuss each issue of Chapter Chats.
10. To encourage each member to use the FFA Manual—a copy available for each boy.
11. The Executive Committee to provide for and finance the trips of state officers, and delegates, and continue the practice of paying mileage for state officers who visit state chapters.
12. Continue radio broadcasts at Rally, if possible.
13. One page of Chapter Chats to be devoted to federation news.
14. Each chapter send at least five news articles during the year to Chapter Chats, placing emphasis on articles which will be of interest to FFA members as a whole, rather than of local interest only.
15. The teacher of vocational agriculture devote a minimum of two agriculture class periods the first part of each year to teaching the fundamentals of news writing.
16. The Executive Committee to arrange for time, place, facilities and financing state Rally.
17. Encourage and assist chapters to build good chapter libraries and each library to include two copies of "Forward FFA," by Ross.
18. Each chapter set up objectives by October 1, adopting a satisfactory system for keeping an accurate and complete record of accomplishments.
19. Emphasize training in parliamentary procedure early in school session.
20. Have 100 per cent participation in chapter degree team, and the district winners to be sent to the state convention for a state contest.

### V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS:

1. Each chapter have 100 per cent participation in thrift activities.
2. Continue buying government bonds.

### VI. CONDUCT OF MEETING:

1. Schedule at least 12 chapter meetings throughout the year.
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 secretary's and treasurer's book.
4. Each chapter to use official FFA paraphernalia and jackets so far as possible.
5. Every member of each chapter appear on chapter program at least once a year.
6. Use accepted parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings.

### VII. SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Each chapter set up scholastic attainment goals for its membership.

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free land and this practice disappeared forever. The closing of this frontier wiped out the economic alternative of the farmer.

If these farmers were alive today they would realize that a hundred years ago would have been the logical time to start conservation. We have waited until we see the effects in our national economy. Then we realize that deterioration of the soil is the same as reduction in the amount of land.

People think that because of the years conservation was neglected we who push this doctrine are exaggerating. There is no need for exaggeration. The facts, when considered, are serious enough to make any man become anxious.

In this gigantic country of ours the total land area composes one billion, nine hundred and four million acres. It has been estimated that more than one half are affected by some degree of erosion (Bennett, Hugh Hammond, "Soil Conservation," McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1939). Another estimate is that of the millions of acres now under cultivation, seventy-five million are too poor to return a living to the farmer under any of the known farm practices (Kellog, Charles E., "The Soils That Support Us," The Macmillan Company, New York, 1941).

Some persons say that fertilization will replenish those acres of poor land. They are correct in this assumption, but they do not realize that the value of the amount of plant nutrients lost each year

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6. Conserve farm machinery by encouraging chapters to repair it in their school shops.
7. Cooperate in promoting the physical fitness program in high school.
8. Encourage the chapter to assist the community in the production and conservation and processing of food.

**IV. LEADERSHIP:**

1. Each chapter to hold its annual election of officers prior to Rally in order to send an officer to the school of leadership that he may render greater service to the chapter the following year.
2. Encourage greater membership participation in public speaking contest; not only to FFA but other contests open to members.
3. Goal—100 per cent of chapters holding contest.
4. Each chapter to have instructions in parliamentary procedure; at least five meetings during the year.
5. Have national officers visit annual Rally.
6. Continue the annual Rally; the place to be selected by FFA Executive Committee. Also, continue public speaking contests and any other contest that the advisory staff may deem possible.

**VIII. RECREATION:**

1. Each chapter to hold father and son get-together of some kind.
2. State department continue the practice of sending films of FFA activities to chapters desiring them.
3. Each FFA chapter following recommendations of camp committees by making contributions to the up-keep and expansion of state FFA camp.
4. Each federation consider the possibilities of holding a get-together of some kind.

**IX. GENERAL:**

1. Encourage the growing adjustment of crops and livestock production to meet the increased needs.
2. Each chapter to maintain an up-to-date record of former students.
3. Each chapter to do every thing possible in helping to locate returning servicemen in satisfactory vocations.
4. Encourage members to join 100 Bushel Corn Club.
5. Chapter members cooperate with the displaced persons program.

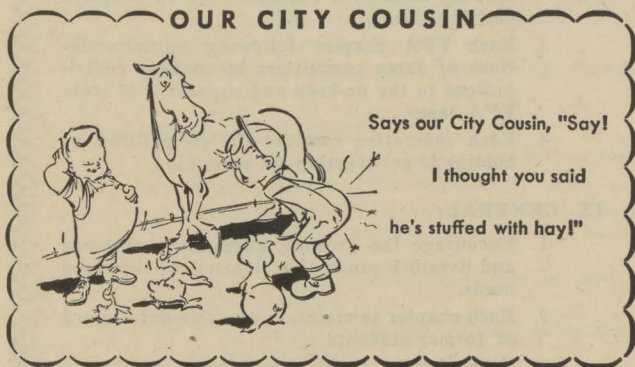
# What's phosphorus

Just a half a pound of your 250-lb. pig is phosphorus. This seems a small amount. But without it, your pig would die. And there are other minerals just as vital to livestock. Some they need in quite large amounts . . . calcium and sodium as well as phosphorus. Others we call *trace elements*. These they need in very small amounts . . . such as cobalt, iron, copper and manganese.

But your animals *do need* these trace elements. The people at the agricultural colleges have proved *that* past all doubt. Some minerals are a "must" if you want to raise healthy, fast-gaining cattle. That goes for lambs and hogs, too. For example, these men find that grass and grains in Dade County, Florida, are short of copper and iron. Clallam County, Washington, needs iodine to check goiter. They know that San Diego County, California, hasn't enough phosphorus. In Aroostook County, Maine, the scarce mineral is cobalt. Ranchers and farmers in these four corners of the country have this problem. *Their feeds and forages are short of one or more vital minerals.* Many other areas share the problem, including parts of the great Corn Belt.

But you ask, "How can I spot animals which suffer from mineral shortage?" It's not too easy. If the lack is serious, your stock may have rickets, "big neck," anemia or other ailments. But there are some early symptoms you can spot. These are bone chewing, loss of appetite, slow gains, rough and scrubby coats. Or just a general unthrifty condition gives you the clue. If you start feeding a mineral which contains the essential trace elements, you may bring them around fast. But if this doesn't work, then you should consult your veterinarian, county agent or agricultural college.

The common mineral deficiencies in your area are known. By feeding mineral-balanced rations, you can correct these lacks. Or you can build up the mineral content of the soil. Either, or both, of these will help you grow healthier livestock, at a lower cost.



## Martha Logan Recipe for FRENCH MEATWICH

Make sandwich of 2 slices of bread, using 1 slice of cold meat and 1 slice of cheese as the filling. Dip each sandwich into a mixture made of 1 slightly beaten egg and 1/4 cup milk. Pan fry in a small amount of butter, margarine or clear drippings over low heat. Turn to brown. Serve at once with cole slaw or fruit salad.



William H. Burkitt

## Supplemental Mineral for Wintering Range Ewes

by William H. Burkitt  
Montana State College

Thirteen mineral elements are known to be necessary for normal functioning of an animal body. However, this does not mean that all 13 must be supplied in a mineral mixture. Many of them are present, under usual feeding conditions, in sufficient amounts for breeding ewes. Those lacking in Montana include sodium and chlorine (salt), iodine, phosphorus, and possibly cobalt.

Lack of sufficient iodine in the ration of pregnant ewes results in lambs being born with "big neck" (goiter). Thin wool in lambs may also result. If dead or weak lambs have shown "big neck" or thin wool at birth in past years, stabilized iodized salt should definitely be fed the ewes this winter.

Phosphorus deficiency may exist in wintering range ewes, particularly if there is little or no supplemental feeding. Abortions and weak lambs may result from deficient phosphorus. Pregnant ewes should have from 0.16% to 0.18% phosphorus in their feed. Many grass hays and mature range grasses contain less than 0.15% phosphorus and some contain as low as 0.04% phosphorus. Bone meal, defluorinated rock phosphates, and monosodium phosphate are satisfactory sources of phosphorus. Palatability and consumption may be improved by mixing with salt.

Cobalt is believed to be needed by micro-organisms in the paunch. A lack results in loss of appetite, less feed consumption, and eventually starvation. A possible cobalt deficiency may be guarded against by mixing 1 ounce of cobalt salt with each 100 pounds of stock salt. Cobalt carbonate, chloride, or sulfate are all satisfactory. (*Editor's note: The principles of nutrition discussed above apply to most kinds of livestock and in all parts of the country.*)

### Soda Bill Sez . . .

If your grass is receding, it's time to re-seed.  
Don't "itch" for what you want—scratch for it.



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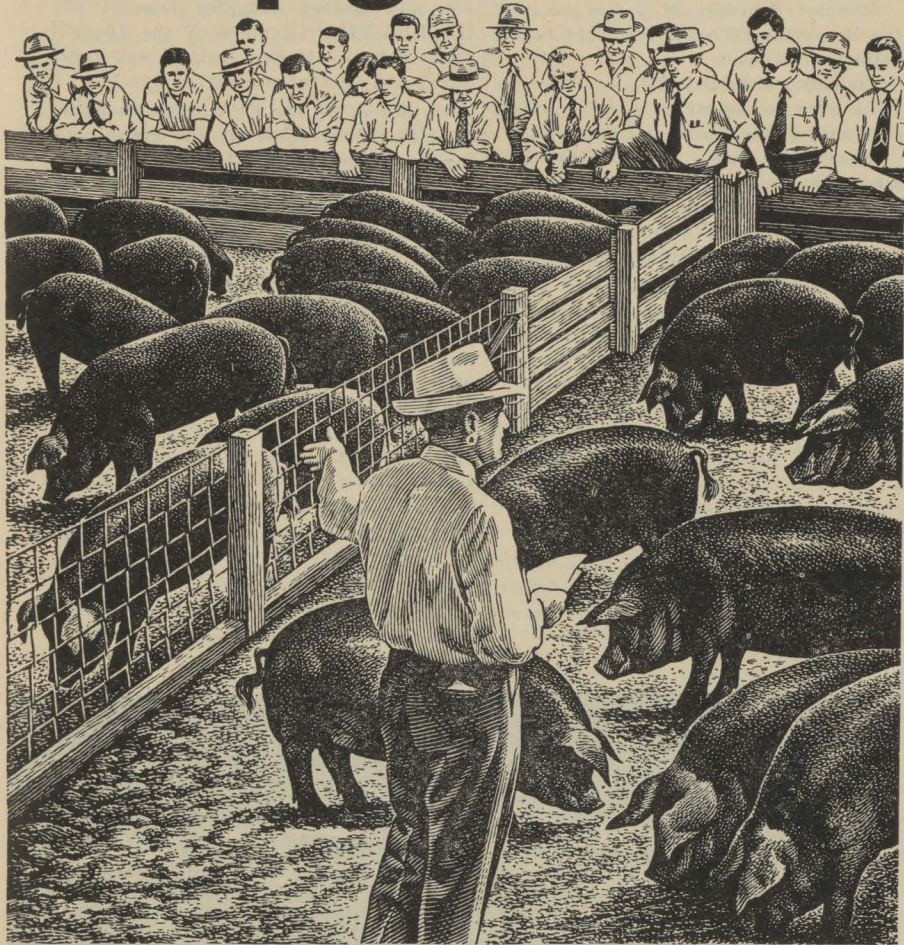
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# to a pig?



**MONEY and MEAT**—In the fall months we run into an unusual situation in the livestock-meat packing industry. At that time we often see the year's high market for top finished beef cattle. And this top price usually is being paid when the average price for all cattle is moving in the opposite direction.

The high price is explained by the fact that during the fall we usually have the shortest supply of the year of well finished long fed cattle. Brisk demand for this short supply naturally will force the price up.

The lower average price results from the annual move to market of huge numbers of grass-fed cattle.

About 20 per cent of all the cattle and lambs slaughtered during a whole year must be handled in September and October. Meat from these animals being slaughtered any given day generally is on the dinner table in less than 14 days.

Folks aren't likely to have any more money to spend on food during the fall months than in February, when fewer meat animals are being marketed.

Since beef and lamb is largely a fresh meat business, there's a lot of meat to eat during the fall months. Consequently, since consumers have no more money to spend, meat prices have to be lowered. And that's just what happens, as it usually does with an increased amount of meat to be sold and no increase in the amount of money with which to buy it. These lower meat prices are most noticeable, of course, in the large consuming centers where surplus supplies always can be moved at a price.

Naturally, then, livestock prices follow meat prices. Producers should keep in mind that the prices they receive for their livestock are governed by what the packer can get for the meat and the by-products. This is perfectly demonstrated, as we have pointed out above, when the price for one kind of cattle, in short supply, is moving up at the same time that prices of other cattle, in heavy supply, are moving down.



## Hello Again!

We are glad to be back with the Swift page of information and ideas. What did we do all summer? Well, among other things, we visited with farmers, ranchers, agricultural editors and educators. And we rounded up

the facts we need to make these messages interesting and useful to you producers. As we said away back in 1944—"This is your page, and we welcome suggestions from our readers." We still do. Just write to me at Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Illinois . . . And when you're in Chicago, drop in and see us.

**LET'S SUPPORT OUR "MEAT TEAM"**—You know, times change—but some folks don't change with the times. I'm thinking of the type of man who always thinks that someone is getting the best of him in business. He sells a load of steers. No matter what his return, he's not satisfied—the packer, the commission man, the retailer—somebody else always gets a "bigger slice." But, during this past summer, I talked to a lot of people about the livestock-meat industry and our mutual problems. And I found a refreshing, encouraging attitude—"Sure, we

got problems. Who hasn't these days? But if producer, packer and retailer work together as the 'meat team,' we'll work things out . . ." It's just good business to have a decent regard for the contributions made by other members of your team. I hope you have followed the "Meat Team" advertisements of the American Meat Institute and will talk to your neighbors about them.

**FACT CONFIRMED**—Out in the West, whenever I passed a town with a local meat-packing plant, I thought, "This town, out here where there is lots of livestock, is well served by that local plant. But what about the distant cities filled with meat eaters and no nearby livestock production to speak of?" I know for a fact that meat has to travel an average of more than 1,000 miles to reach those consumers. The only way they can get meat is through the low-cost processing and marketing services provided by nationwide meat packers, like Swift & Company.

F.M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Dept.

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**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

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Ambassador from France; Honorable Charles F. Brannon, Secretary of Agriculture, plus many others.

Prior to going to Kansas City and upon returning I appeared on two radio broadcasts. Also, I wrote two editorials concerning the trip to Kansas City and about the convention.

On December 3 I drove to Richmond to attend a two-day meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Atlantic Regional Conference on Rural Education at the John Marshall Hotel. I was dinner guest of the State FHA officers while there.

Friday, December 10, I drove to Charlotte Court House to attend and speak at the well-prepared meeting and banquet of the Piedmont Federation.

Sunday, December 12, I boarded a train for Atlantic City, N. J. There I attended the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation from December 12-16 as a guest of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and as a representative of the Virginia FFA. It was an enjoyable occasion and especially to once again hear Senator Aiken, Secretary of Agriculture Brannon and the Honorable Harold E. Stassen, president, University of Pennsylvania, just to mention a few.

December 30, I journey to Richmond to attend a meeting of the State officers and executive committee. At this meeting we discussed and made plans for the State FFA program of work, the forthcoming State FFA convention, the FFA-FHA Camp, finances, plus many other items.

January 5, I traveled to Appomattox where I worked on my State officer letter for January with Mr. W. C. Dudley. This was another item discussed and adopted by your State officers at their meeting.

On January 11, I addressed the Rustburg Lions Club at the Rustburg High School.

January 12 found me going to Critz to attend the father-son banquet of the Hardin-Reynolds Chapter. It was a very strong and well carried out meeting.

January 13, I was guest of my home chapter at Rustburg at their annual father-son banquet which was truly a great occasion.

Friday, January 21, I went by bus to Richmond to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the FFA-FHA Camp Association as an ex officio member. Important items discussed were plans for the development of the camp for 1948-49 and operation of the camp for the coming summer.

On February 4, I attended the annual banquet meeting of the Hub Federation at which I was delighted to see and appear on the program with Mr. R. E. Bass, executive secretary-treasurer of the Vir-

ginia FFA and assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture.

Monday, February 21, I was guest of the Brookville FFA at their outstanding father-son banquet.

Tuesday, February 22, I drove to Lynchburg to appear on a radio broadcast during this National FFA week.

March 4, I drove to Cumberland to attend the annual father-son banquet of that chapter and to be their guest speaker. This wonderful banquet along with a well organized program really set the stage for a great meeting.

March 11 shifted my course of driving as I attended the well prepared meeting of the Renan Chapter. I was very happy to be their guest speaker.

Wednesday, March 16, I attended as guest speaker the annual father-son banquet of the Floyd Chapter of FFA. I was glad to once again see Charles Spangler, a member of your executive committee.

Two days later I drove to Buckingham to speak at their outstanding father-son banquet and meeting. This was on March 18.

Thursday, March 24, I traveled to Disputanta to address the annual father-son and mother-daughter banquet of the FFA-FHA Chapters of the Disputanta School. It was truly a well prepared and colorful meeting.

On March 29, my FFA activities were somewhat interrupted by the arrival of my daughter, Deborah Elizabeth. However, it did not last long because on April 1, I journeyed by train to Manassas to attend the outstanding meeting of the Blue Ridge Federation and to be their guest speaker. It was wonderful to once again see Mr. W. R. Legge, District Supervisor in Northern Virginia and he and I re-fought the battle of Manassas by visiting many historic points of the town. I boarded the train at 11:00 p. m. that night, arriving in Lynchburg at 4:15 a. m. the next morning in time to go to work on the farm without closing my eyes in 36 hours.

Thursday, April 14, I drove to Amelia to attend their annual father-son and mother-daughter banquet. It was a large and outstanding meeting and I was honored to appear on the program with



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April 20 found me going to Effinger—the occasion being their father-son banquet at which time I was privileged to be guest speaker.

Saturday, April 30, I, along with my wife, drove to Pearisburg, Va., to attend a meeting of the Giles-Craig Federation. My deepest regrets to this federation that they could not have their field day as planned due to rain. However, the meeting was an excellent one and I was honored to be a guest speaker. While at Pearisburg, I made a radio recording for WSLs of Roanoke.

May 10 I visited the State offices in Richmond and attended the meeting of the Richmond Rotary Club as the guest of Mr. Bass.

May 17 I addressed the monthly meeting of the Brookville Ruritan Club.

Saturday, May 21, I dropped in on the Rally Executive Committee meeting in Lynchburg, just as they were finishing the affairs at hand in order that I might see the members of this committee once more.

Since May 21 I have given my time solely to my farming activities during this busy season, preparatory to coming to Blacksburg to attend this convention.

The meetings I attended were all very interesting, well conducted and were a challenge to me to put great faith in the future of rural America.

My deepest regrets to those chapters and meetings to which I received an invitation and did not attend. However, let me say and let me emphasize the fact that in each case it was due either to conflicting dates and duplications or else to heavy farm work and business at home that made it absolutely impossible for me to accept and attend.

The following is a summary of my activities while serving as your State president:

Miles traveled (approx.)	6,995
Days spent in FFA work	85
Letters received	124
Letters sent	74
Telegrams received	2
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Telephone calls received	21
Telephone calls made	25
Radio broadcasts	6
Speeches made	21
Total people addressed (approx.)	26,775
Articles written	7
Meetings attended	28
Interviews	7
Charters signed	7
Number of 100 Counties in Virginia visited	35
Number of States visited	13
Expenses to FFA	\$.259.81

This report has been longer than I intended for it to be when I started but

I felt that it was my duty to report my activities to you because you elected me to serve you and the best farm boy organization in the world as president for the year 1948-49.

My few accomplishments couldn't have been possible without your help and that of the local, district and State executives in the FFA.

I want to thank my wife and my parents for their guiding hand and influence and especially for carrying on the great farm responsibility during the past year while I was away on FFA activities.

My thanks also to Mr. J. R. Gardner, my local adviser and to the State officials for their advice and support.

Johnny, Harold, Richard, George, Mike, Dallas, Grant and Charles—these names will always remain close to me because of our close association and friendship while working as State officers.

Shortly, I will hand my gavel to our new State president. I know the FFA will continue to grow in the future as it has grown in the past. With this we can encourage new members to live the life of a successful Future Farmer and enjoy its every benefit and privilege.

Words are inadequate at this time to express my gratitude and appreciation to you for making it possible for me to do things I have done this year. I shall always be indebted to the Future Farmers of America for the many things that I have gained by being a member.

Let us look to the future with trust that this great organization for farm boys will continue to advance and develop for the betterment of rural America.

May we as Future Farmers live a life that will always be challenging to our fellowmen and pleasing with God.

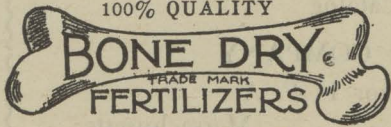
In closing I wish to remind you to let your aims be high, your minds clear and your thinking right and you will succeed. May you, as Future Farmers, continue to work together in building a greater America and a better way of life on the farm.

The successful farmer of tomorrow is the Future Farmer of today.

God bless each and every one of you.

**Kansas**—The Kansas State Association of Future Farmers of America has just completed a survey which revealed that the state's 5,132 FFA members in 152 chapters have a total net worth of \$3,404,198, most of which is invested in farming. The average net worth per boy is \$694.44.

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General Offices  
 Richmond, Va.

**RALPH SLUSHER FIRST**

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by erosion is equal to 60 times the amount spent for commercial fertilizer (Bennett, Hugh H. and Pryor, William C., "This Land We Defend," Longmans, Green and Company, New York, 1942).

I have given you the causes and effects of erosion. From this picture you see that erosion is probably a greater problem than you have ever realized. What will happen now? Will our people listen

to speeches like this and then forget everything that has been said? No, we shall profit by the mistakes of the past generations of farmers and follow some well-defined plan of meeting erosion and destroying it completely and permanently. Here is such a plan:

1. Put each acre to its best use.
2. Educate our citizens as to the need of soil conservation.
3. Use scientific methods of farming such as strip-cropping and terracing

- in sections of the country where needed.
4. Add plant foods and organic matter to the soil.
5. Cooperation with all conservation agencies.
6. We need more work and less talk.

From such a plan as this comes good soil. From good soil comes good food, good food is needed for healthy men, healthy men are needed to make a strong nation. If we do not follow such a plan as this, our nation's lands will become so eroded that our people's health will suffer. Our soil will continue to decline and our people and the people of foreign lands who depend on us will face starvation.

Your soil is not only today's livelihood. Its use determines whether your children, America's children, will have a rich or poor future. In short, your land belongs to tomorrow. Let us hope that you, the farmers of the United States, will realize this and join the army against erosion so that we shall not see, as Shelly says in his description of a country:

"Look upon my works, ye mighty, and Nothing beside remains. Round the decay

Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare

The lone and level sands stretch far away."

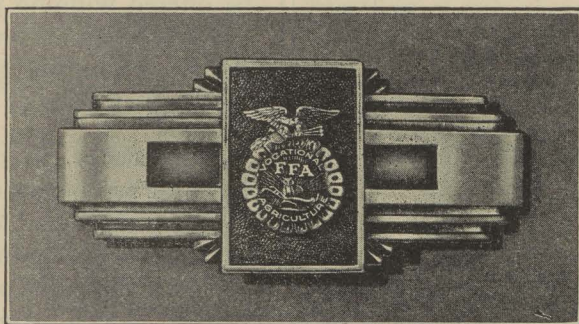
Whether or not the United States will become a second-rate power depends upon you and me, the people. Erosion can be stopped and eroded lands may once again blossom forth in the United States as they have in the eroded countries of Europe.

The challenge is before you, Americans. Take off your coat, roll up your sleeves and go to work so that the United States will continue to be the great country that we are today as long as the world exists.

**FOUNDATIONS AWARDS, 1949-50**  
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  - E. F. Sanguinetti, Inc., Yuma, Arizona.
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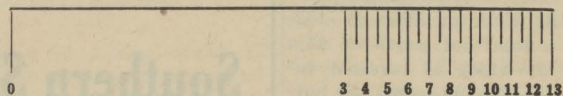
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