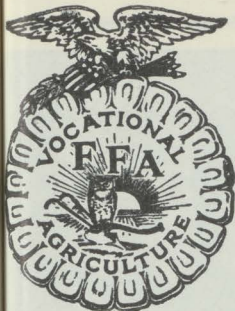


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National Officers Visit Virginia

The National Officers of the Future Farmers of America visited Virginia for the sixth consecutive year as a part of their Annual Good-Will Tour, July 25. The officers were accompanied by John C. Foltz, Information Specialist, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C. and Lennie Gammage, Advertising Manager, The National Future Farmer Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia. J. W. Myers, Executive-Secretary, Virginia Association served as host for the national delegation.

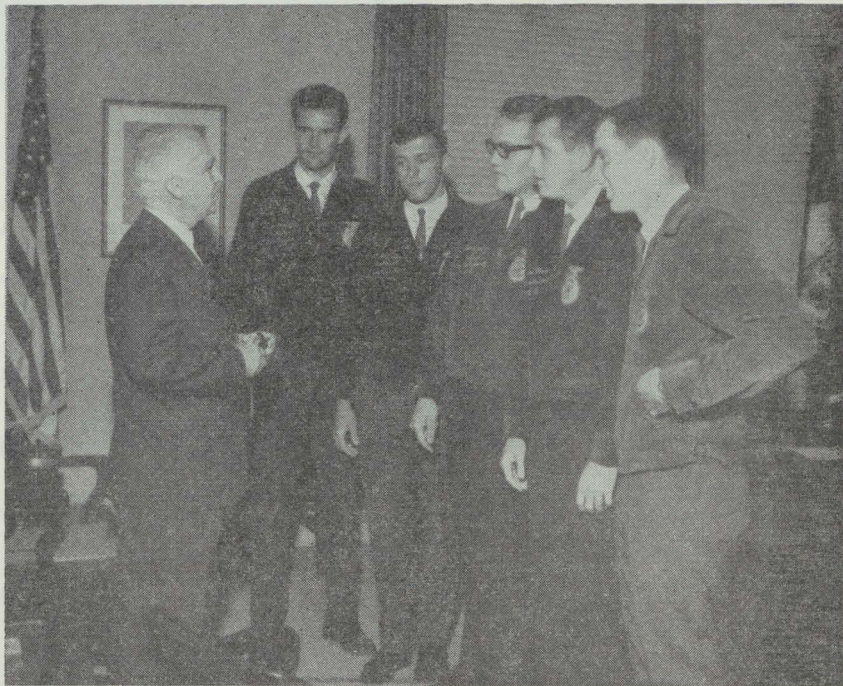
The purpose of the "Good-Will" tour is to acquaint the public in general and the donors to the National FFA Foundation specifically about the activities and accomplishments of the state and national organizations.

The tour here began with a visit to the State Department of Education. Dr. Woodrow W. Wilkerson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, welcomed the delegation to Virginia. This was followed by a visit to the State Department of Agriculture. Bruce Miller, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, welcomed the group to the department and briefly outlined the activities and services of the agency.

From here the National Officers visited the State Capitol. Mrs. Dowell J. Howard served as hostess and briefly outlined items of historical interest in connection with the building.

The National Officers were guests of the Richmond Kiwanis Club for luncheon. They were introduced and spoke to 40 of Richmond's business leaders, stressing the important role vocational agriculture and the FFA is playing in preparing young men to assume responsible positions in the large field of agribusiness. During the afternoon the officers met with the Richmond Area donors to the National FFA Foundation. Each donor was given the opportunity to present some of the opportunities in the particular field of the industry of agriculture he represented. The presentations were followed

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NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS VISIT VIRGINIA—Dr. Woodrow W. Wilkerson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, welcomes the National FFA Officers to Virginia—(l-r) Dr. Wilkerson, Norman Gay, William Kelly, Larry Craig, Howard Williams, Joe Detrixhe.

Seventy Virginians Will Attend the Thirty-ninth National FFA Conclave

Approximately 70 Virginians will attend the 39th National Convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-14, according to J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

The Virginia party will include two official delegates, eight American Farmer Degree candidates, one National FFA Band member, five National FFA Chorus members, forestry winners, a division superintendent, and chapter advisors. Other groups making the trip include foundation award winners, crops, farm mechanics, livestock and poultry judging teams, federation and chapter representatives and an area supervisor.

The Norfolk and Western Railway

Company, through its industrial and agricultural development program, will again sponsor the delegation to the 1966 National Convention. The Virginia party will board a special chartered air-conditioned reclining seat car on the "Pocahontas," Sunday, October 9 and will return to Virginia, Sunday, October 17. Although the list is not complete those included in the Virginia delegation are:

Delegates: L. H. Newcomb, Bluestone, State President and Steve Bollinger, Broadway, Past State President.

American Farmer Degree Candidates: J. W. Crigger, Dublin; J. Jack Dunford, Fort Chiswell; Phillip L. Grady, North

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STATE OFFICER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE—State officers in attendance at the annual leadership training school, August 1-6, are pictured above: (Seated) L. H. Newcomb, State President; (front row l-r) Randy Trivette, Vice President, Central Area; Sam Mizer, State Secretary; Posey Jones, State Treasurer; Larry Craig, National Vice President; John Richman, Vice President, Northern Area (back row, l-r) Norman Bush, Vice President, Eastern Area; Gary Fravel, State Reporter; Whitney Critzer, State Sentinel; Dwight Paulette, Vice President, Southside Area; and John Crockett, Vice President, Appalachian Area.

State Officers Attend Leadership School

by: Gary Fravel, State Reporter

During the week of August 1-6, the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America held its Seventh Annual Leadership Training School for the newly elected State Officers at the FFA-FHA Camp near Smithfield, Virginia, Assisting Mr. J. W. Myers, Jr., Assistant Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture and Mr. W. C. Dudley, Supervisor of the Southside Area, was Larry Craig, National Vice-President of the Pacific Region. Through the instruction of these capable leaders, the State Officers gained much experience which will better enable them to fulfill their duties during the coming year.

Those attending the camp were: L. H. Newcomb, President; Dwight Paulette, Vice-President of the Southside Area; Randy Trivette, Vice-President of the Central Area; John Crockett, Vice-President of the Appalachian Area; John Richman, Jr. Vice-President of the Eastern Area, and Norman Bush, Vice-President of the Eastern Area. Other officers attending the camp were: Sam Mizer, Secretary; Posey Jones, Treasurer; Gary Fravel, Reporter; and Whitney Critzer, Sentinel.

During the week the following topics were discussed: Administering FFA programs on State and National level; Understanding Responsibilities of State Officers; Visiting FFA Chapters by State

Officers; Understanding National, State and Local FFA Awards and Contests; Understanding Parliamentary Procedure; Learning FFA ceremonies for the State Convention; Developing wholesome qualities of leadership; and pertinent matters.

We, as state officers, feel this week was very profitable to us. By spending this week together we have better equipped ourselves to serve you as fellow FFA members.

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Contest and Awards Committee - 1966

We, the members of the Contest and Awards Committee of the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America make the following recommendations:

- I. FFA Awards
 - a. That all FFA Awards be made on the basis of six areas of the State.
- II. Contest and Awards Program
 - a. That instructors thoroughly explain the entire contest and awards program early in the school year to all FFA members and especially to 1st year Vocational Agriculture students.
 - b. That more FFA Chapters make use of the Foundation award's medals.
 - c. That the FFA Advisory Committee and the FFA Executive Committee review FFA Award eligibility rules for Star Farmer and Foundation Awards and that basic rules of eligibility be published in the Chapter Chats.
 - d. That the Contest and Awards Program for the year 1966-67 be published in the September Chapter Chats so that each student would have a copy of the revised awards program at the beginning of the school term.

That the Degree Team Contest, Public Speaking, Judging Contest, Farm Mechanics, Land Judging, Tractor Driving, Forestry Judging and Public Relations be continued without any changes.

Respectfully submitted:
 Larry W. Fears, Chairman

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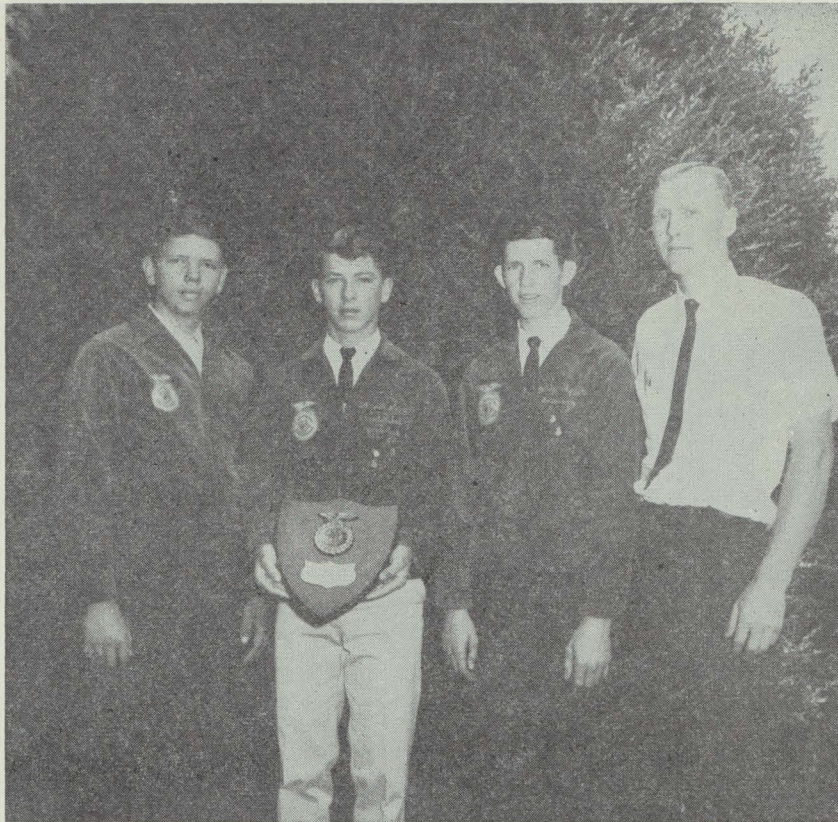
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STATE FARM MECHANICS JUDGES—The Hillsville Farm Mechanics Judging Team will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-14. Team members making the trip are (l-r) Ronnie Nester, Roger Banks, Ralph Ayers and C. D. Roberts, vocational agriculture instructor and coach.

Budget Committee—1966-67

We, the Budget Committee of the 1966 Virginia FFA State Convention recommend the following budget for our State FFA Association for the fiscal year 1966-67.

Expected Receipts	
Dues (\$2.00)	\$32,500.00
Record Books and Manuals..	300.00
Advertisements	550.00
Seaboard Forestry Award....	500.00
Registration Fee	
(State Convention)	5,500.00
FFA Foundation Awards....	2,000.00
Sears Roebuck Foundation..	1,500.00
Southern States Co-op.....	550.00
State Fair of Virginia.....	250.00
National FFA Convention....	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
	\$47,250.00

Expected Expenditures	
National dues	\$ 1,300.00
FFA Pins, Plaques & Certificates	3,510.00
State Officer Expenses.....	1,600.00
Record Books and Manuals..	2,470.00
State Convention	10,460.00
National Convention	8,500.00

Contest	
Public Speaking	450.00
Chapter Contest	200.00
Chapter Chats (Publishing)	3,640.00
Camp Miniwanca	200.00
FFA-FHA Camp	2,000.00
Auditing Books	50.00
FFA Foundation Awards....	2,000.00
State Fair Awards	200.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
	\$37,080.00

This does not include the Scholarship Fund and the Livestock Program.

Respectfully submitted:

Dee Wayne Messick,
 Chairman

Auditing Committee 1966

The Auditing Committee has examined the financial records of the State Association and finds them to be in order. We would like to congratulate those concerned on the efficient way in which the books have been kept.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Mays, Chairman

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President's Address

by Steve Bollinger, Retiring President

As I stand here this morning, it is with the deepest feeling of regret that I express these sentiments. My tenure of office has been most enjoyable, and I have derived much pleasure from my associations in working with you members of this fine organization. At this time, I can't help thinking of a trip that I took to Atlanta last winter. The situation at that time and the situation today evoked similar feelings within me. I boarded the plane, a plane that captivated the attention of the eye, and filled one's heart with a feeling of safety. I waved good-by to my friends at the airport. Aboard that plane and during my stay in Atlanta, I had many pleasant experiences. The food was of the very best and our associations were friendly. I met many interesting and charming people, most of them perfect strangers. I entered a very challenging contest and visited some interesting and unusual spots. The trip was smooth and at no time were there any serious difficulties. But, also, the trip came to an end. When I walked off the plane, it was with a sad feeling that I had to leave such pleasant surroundings and pleasant friends. My tenure of office, has really been one grand trip. I have made many friends and have met many people as a result of being the head of this outstanding organization. I have enjoyed many banquets with you. This term of office has been a peaceful one and at no time have I encountered any unpleasant experiences. We have been able to get along well together. This year has been a pleasant trip, and I hate to see this journey come to an end. I have attempted to serve this organization to the utmost of my ability. You members have made my year in office as pleasant a period in my life as the trip to Atlanta that I have mentioned. I want to thank you all for your splendid support and excellent cooperation during the past year. You have praised freely and you were reasonable in your criticism. You have had splendid spirit during the past year, and I hope that as I become once more a member, among you, that I will be able to give to the organization my continued interest and support.

In the speeches which you heard last night, in many of the speeches given by me and my fellow state officers, and in the many articles in the "Chapter Chats" you have been presented with the idea that there is a great future in southern agriculture and in your coming years in the Future Farmers of America. You have been challenged to your best over and over and by now you have been thoroughly acquainted with the unlimited and rewarding careers available in the

vast, dynamic industry of agriculture.

This morning I will not bore you with a constant repetition of those thoughts but rather, I would like to speak to you on a subject of vital importance to each of you, the subject of "The Future Farmer as an American Citizen."

Listed among the twelve aims and purposes of the Future Farmers of America in the Official Manual are two very important aims often overlooked by members and Vocational Agriculture instructors. They are as follows: Aim number two—To create and nurture a love of country life, and Aim number eight—To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism. The latter of these two aims is what I would like for you to think about as I speak to you this morning. Then answer these questions in your mind: Are the Future Farmers of America training for useful citizenship? and Are we fostering patriotism?

Disturbances are occurring throughout our land which are a real concern to me. All around us there are signs which depict the alarming rate at which moral strength is decreasing in our nation. The basic foundation upon which our nation was built is slowly being eroded away. We are substituting materialistic values for spiritual ones—the old moral standards of right and wrong are being discarded and are being replaced by codes of ethics that, if followed can only render us impotent as people of the greatest nation in the world today.

Your daily paper carries many articles devoted to occurrences across our nation today showing a disregard for law and order. They all present a grim picture of the present moral climate in our nation. As the situation grows steadily worse, too many Americans are emulating Rip Van Winkle. If they cannot be awakened, there will be no stopping the downward course of America.

Organizations such as ours are a force for good in community life, and there is a crying need for this force.

Though we recognize the moral decay in America, we seem to remain in a dream waiting for someone else to get America back on the right track simply because we don't want to get involved or else we don't care.

From politicians, editors, professors and preachers we hear statements justifying moral decline rather than striking out against it. An epidemic of apathy has struck our nation. Those who have been fortunate enough to escape the dis-ease must find a solution before it is too late.

Immorality is increasing, juvenile delinquency is on the rise, disregard for law and order has been given a cloak

of respectability, pornography is accepted and preferred, and our courts continue to find technicalities whereby criminals are turned loose to prey on society. We are going to have to effect some drastic changes in our way of life, our behavior patterns, our thought processes, and our moral values.

Jenkin Lloyd Jones, editor of *The Tulsa Tribune*, said recently, "However much Communist leaders lie to their subjects about our motives and our aims and purposes, one thing they believe implicitly is that America is in an advanced state of moral decline." If our mortal enemies believe this, isn't it about time we do something? Today our nation stands at a crossroads—one road leads to Self-Discipline and the other to the City of Decay. You ask, "What can I do?" Keep in mind the words of Edward Hale, former Chaplain of the United States Senate, "I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do."

One of the first things we all can do is to make the most of every opportunity that presents itself to help bring self-discipline and decency back into style. The leaders in the Future Farmers of America you are in a position to influence others to develop a sense of personal responsibility, a sense of the importance of maintaining high moral standards, and a need for devotion to religious principles and the necessity for fostering deep pride in and love of country.

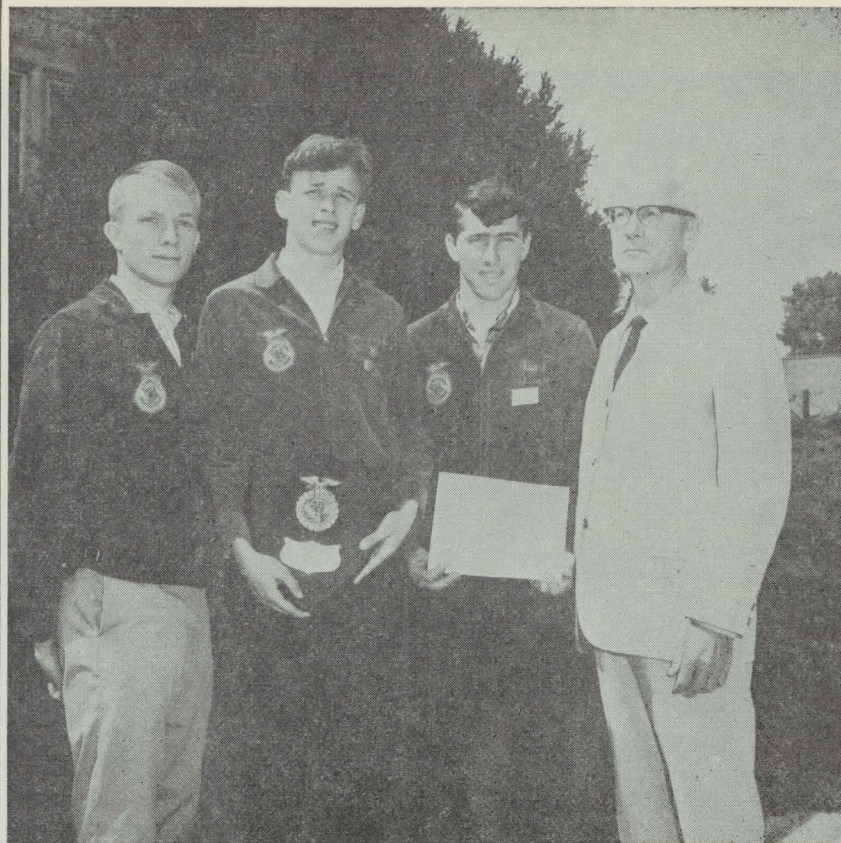
Next you can bring all the pressure in our command to plug to legal loopholes in our laws that enable violators of the law to go scot-free not just once but time after time. We have tried the lenient approach to criminals and it has failed.

Equally important, let's support our law enforcement officers. All too often we accept matter-of-factly the everyday efforts of law officers which benefit and protect society. We must also counter-act the generally unfounded charges of police corruption which are being leveled with increasing frequency across our land.

Along with our demands of public respect for law officers let's demand that new officers be of the highest quality.

Let's discourage attendance at filthy movies and dirty stage shows and the purchasing of pornographic literature. Object to the sale and use of such material.

It is time to get prayer and a trust and reverence for a supreme Being back into our national life. Across our nation there is a movement to remove religion from every phase of our national life. The blows are being well-timed—poison is being administered in small doses—we are weakening before the relentless determination of the ever-present



STATE DAIRY JUDGES—The Brentsville District Dairy Judging Team will represent Virginia in the National Dairy Judging Contest at Waterloo, Iowa, September 26-27. Members of the state team are: (l-r) Paul House, Sammy Webb, Phillip Spittle and Alvin Kline, vocational agriculture instructor coach.

minority of evil persons whose goal in life is to drag others down to their level.

As college students and prospective college students, we should do what we can to strengthen the moral fiber of our country.

I am confident that each of you Future Farmers can think of many more things you can personally do to turn the tide in favor of self-discipline and decency. I am hopeful that each of you will do something. The time for lip service is past—the time for action is NOW.

I would like to read the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling.

If you can keep your head
when all about you
Are losing theirs,
and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself
when all doubt you,
But make allowance
for their doubting, too;

If you can wait
and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about,
don't deal in lies,
Or being hated,
don't give way to hating,

And yet don't look too good
nor talk too wise;

If you can dream
and not make dreams your master,
If you can think,
and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet
with triumph and disaster,
And treat those two imposters
just the same;

If you can bear to hear
the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves
to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things
you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up
with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap
of all your winnings.
And risk it on one turn
of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again
at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word
about your loss;

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STAR FARMERS OF VIRGINIA—Pictured above (l-r, top to bottom) are the six Star Farmers of Virginia with their parents and teachers of vocational agriculture. (1) Thomas S. Gilman, Patrick Henry Chapter, 1966 State Star Farmer; (2) George Farris, Jr., Dublin Chapter, Appalachian Area Star Farmer; (3) Billy Frank Kirby, Galax Chapter, Blue Ridge Area Star Farmer; (4) John T. Butler, Jr., Windsor Chapter, Eastern Area Star Farmers; (5) Carson Kiracofe, Turner Ashby Chapter, Northern Area Star Farmer; and William Gouldthorpe, Amherst Chapter, Southside Area Star Farmer.

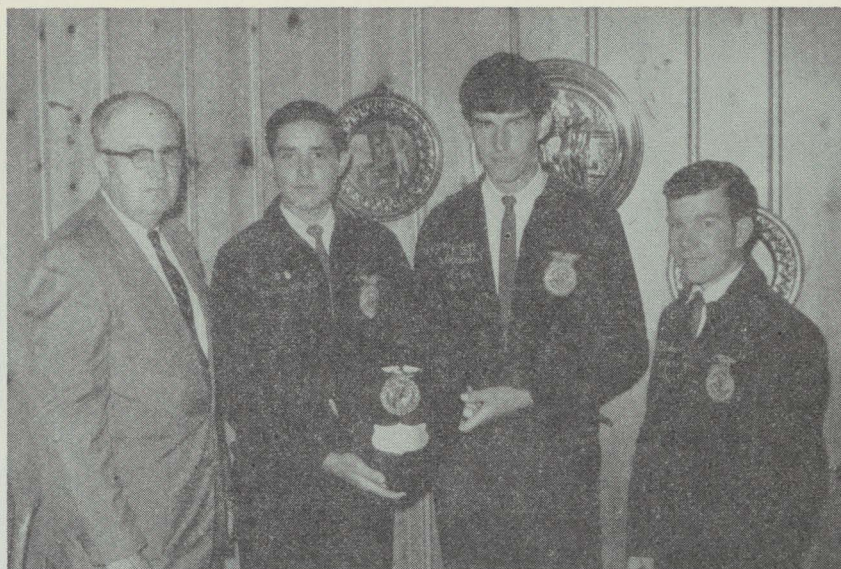
Program of Work Committee—1966

I. SUPERVISED FARMING:

1. Encourage each member to plan a long-term balanced supervised farming program suitable to the home farm plan by first making a home farm survey.
2. Encourage each boy to contact and cooperate with available government agencies in securing maps and farm plans for his home farm in planning long-term balanced supervised farming program.
3. Continue to stress the procuring and use of certified seeds, adapted hybrids, and pure-bred poultry and livestock in the boys projects.
4. Each boy endeavor to carry out some practices for the conservation of our natural resources, co-operating in constructing or establishing farm ponds, forestry plots, and stress pasture improvement as part of Supervised Farming Program.
5. Encourage members to join 100 bushel corn club if economically feasible, and return per ewe contest and county forestry clubs.
6. Encourage the adjustment of crops and livestock production to meet the changing condition.
7. Encourage the use of artificial insemination especially on dairy animals owned by the members.
8. Stress the use of good managerial and financial practices in supervised Farming Programs.
9. Encourage members to enter FFA sponsored contests and to keep up to date records of all achievements.
10. Chapter and chapter members exhibit FFA products at fairs when possible and give special emphasis to exhibits and judging contest at the Atlantic Rural Exposition.
11. Encourage members to establish and/or improve home farm shops.
12. Conduct farming program tours.
13. Encourage members to repair and paint farm buildings, farm equipment and fences.

II. COOPERATION

1. Encourage all chapters to engage in cooperative buying and selling with added emphasis on the selling.
2. Encourage chapters to invite State Officers to visit them.



STATE POULTRY JUDGING TEAM—The Turner Ashby Judging team won top honors in the State Poultry Judging Contest and will represent Virginia in the National Poultry and Egg Judging Contest in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-14. Team members are: R. C. Cupp, vocational agriculture instructor, coach; Dennis Harper, Larry Cupp and Calvin Rodgers.

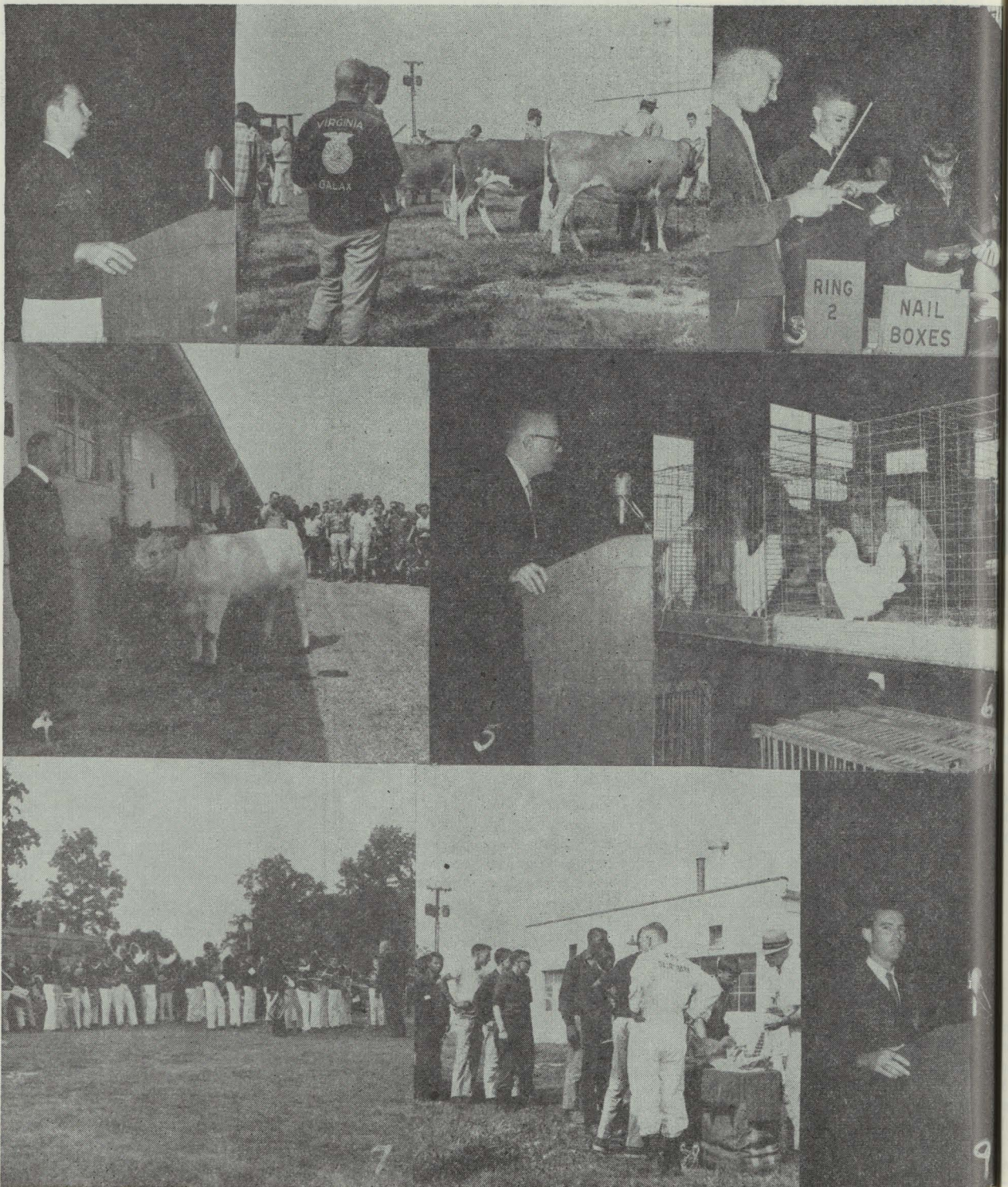
3. Encourage members to retain their active membership after finishing high school. (State dues for out-of school members \$1 per year)
4. Encourage cooperation with the Future Homemakers of America.
5. Teach all members the organization of and the workings of cooperatives.
6. Every boy in agriculture to be a member of local chapter with 100 per cent of dues paid by October 1 or two weeks after school opens.
7. 100 per cent of Chapters to enter Standard, Superior, State and National Chapter Award Program.
8. Each chapter secretary see that a complete record of the chapter activities be sent to his area supervisor by May 1.
9. Encourage seniors in vocational agriculture to become affiliated with the Young Farmers Association.
10. Cooperate with civic clubs, agriculture agencies, and other organizations.
11. Encourage all chapters to conduct demonstrations, showing improved agriculture practices.
12. Encourage members of all chapters to subscribe to the National Future Farmer Magazine, the goal being 100 per cent of the State membership.
13. Encourage chapters to cooperate with local civil defense units.
14. Encourage each chapter to pro-

mote world wide understanding for the improvement in Agriculture.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1966 STATE CONVENTION—(l-r, top to bottom) (1) President Steve Bollinger presiding during the convention; (2) Placing dairy cows; (3) Farm Mechanics judges placing nail boxes; (4) A class of beef animals; (5) Dr. T. Marshall Hahn, Jr., President of VPI, welcomes the convention to the campus; (6) Poultry judges at work; (7) State FFA Band ready for vespers; (8) Time out for refreshments; (9) Norman Gay, National Vice President, addresses the Convention,

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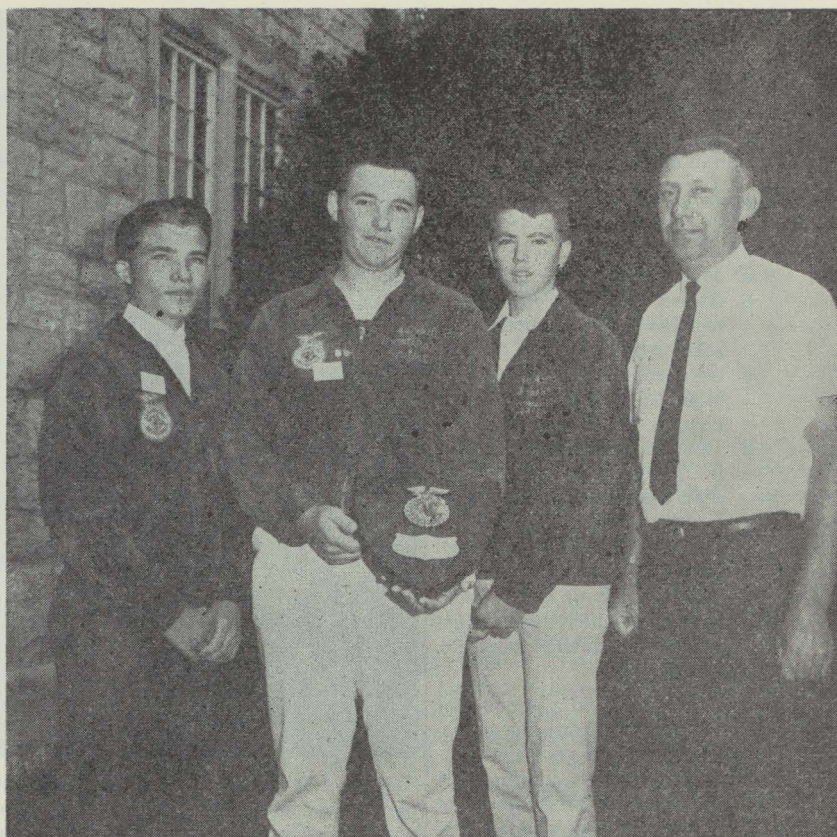
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encouraging chapters to repair it in their school shop and encourage chapters to hold tractor maintenance school.

7. Encourage the chapter to assist the community in the production, conservation, and processing of food.
8. Each chapter put much greater emphasis on safety on the farm, in the home, and in the community.

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Each chapter to hold the annual election of officers prior to the Rally in order to send an officer that he may render greater service to the chapter in following year.
2. Chapters encourage membership participation in public speaking contests; not only in FFA but other contests open to members.
3. Each chapter emphasize instruction in parliamentary procedure in early part of the school year.
4. Have National officers visit annual rally if possible.
5. Continue the annual rally, the place to be selected by the FFA Executive Committee. Also, continue public speaking contests and any other contest that the supervisory staff and FFA Advisory Council deem advisable.
6. Continue field trips at the Rally.
7. Have a minimum of twenty-five candidates qualify for the American Farmer Degree, in order to have the full state quota for the degree elected.
8. Encourage each member to use the FFA Manual—a copy available for each boy.
9. The Executive Committee to provide for and finance the trips of State Officers and delegates, and continue the practice of paying mileage for State officers to visit local chapters.
10. Encourage chapters to build good chapter libraries.
11. Each chapter set up objectives by October 1, adopting a satisfactory system of keeping an accurate and complete record of accomplishments.
12. Have all chapters participate in the degree team contest and state winner if possible, give a demonstration at the State Rally.
13. Encourage members to compete for FFA Foundation Awards.



STATE CROPS JUDGING TEAM—The Randolph Henry Crops Judging Team scored tops in the crops contest. Team members and coach will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-14. (l-r) David White, Carlton Foster, Anthony Reeves and W. E. Green, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

14. Advance members to higher degrees following the qualifications set forth in the National Constitution.
15. Encourage leadership training programs in chapter and federation meetings and encourage federations to have leadership training schools.
16. Each chapter discuss in class the Chapter Chats.
17. Encourage outstanding chapter members to run for a State office.

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS:

1. All chapters conduct one, two, or more activities that encourage thrift among members and stimulate investments.
2. All chapters have an operating budget committee and set up and use a budget.
3. Develop a plan for raising sufficient funds to carry out chapter activities.

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:

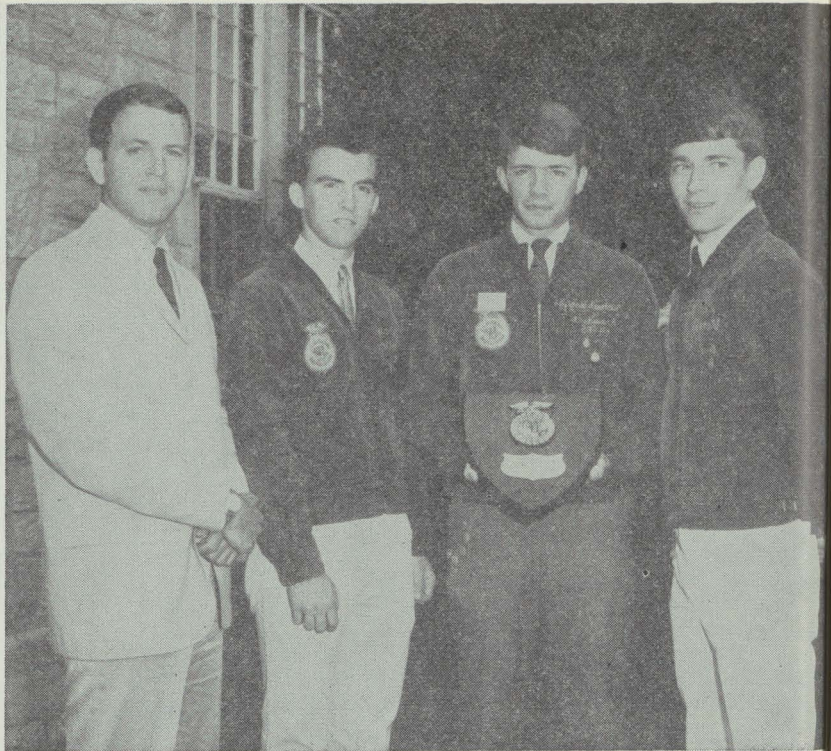
1. Officers of each chapter to know opening and closing ceremonies as found in the FFA manual. Goal-by first meeting after election.
2. Each chapter should use official FFA stationery in business letters.
3. Each chapter should use official FFA Secretary's and Treasurer's Book.
4. Each chapter to use official FFA paraphernalia and jackets.
5. Have as many members as possible appear on chapter programs during the year.
6. Use accepted parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings.
7. Chapter distribute membership cards for the payment of dues.
8. Encourage more chapters to make applications for State Band and Chorus.
9. Encourage the election of assistant chapter officers for the development of leadership and have them conduct one or more meetings during the year.
10. Set up a definite schedule for regular meetings, to include summer meetings.

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Program of Work

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11. Each chapter set up an examining committee for the election of officers.
- VII. SCHOLARSHIP:
1. Each chapter raise scholastic attainments by:
 - a. Maintaining honor roll
 - b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding scholarship.
 - c. Good scholarship required as eligibility for election to a chapter office.
 - d. Invite former members now in college and persons who didn't graduate to give talks on the value of scholarship and of graduating from high school.
 - e. Chapter sponsor one or more activities which encourages scholarship among members.
- VIII. RECREATION:
1. Each chapter hold a banquet or some other type meeting stressing a parent-son get-together.
 2. State Department continue the practice of sending films of FFA activities to chapter desiring them.
 3. Each FFA chapter follow recommendations of camp committee making contributions to the upkeep and expansion of State FFA Camp.
 4. Each federation consider the possibility of holding a social activity during the year.
 5. If possible all chapters organize a musical group of some kind.
- IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS:
1. Chapter make use of following media in acquainting the public with the FFA organization: magazines, school paper, radio, TV public programs, high school assembly, roadside markers, chapter publications, Chapter Chats, exhibits, and official FFA calendar.
 2. Chapters send FFA magazine to honorary members.
 3. Encourage all chapters to present radio and television broadcasts during the year and continue the broadcasts at the Rally.
 4. Each chapter send at least five news articles during the year to Chapter Chats placing emphasis on articles which will be of interest to all FFA members as a whole rather than of local interest only.
 5. The advisor devote as many class periods as needed the first



STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGES—The Wilson Memorial Livestock Judging Team placed first in the State Livestock Judging Contest. Team members and coach will represent Virginia in the National Livestock and Meats Judging Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-14. (l-r) W. S. Moffett, III, vocational agriculture instructor, coach, Larry Cullen, Michael Bogg and Stephen Wampler.

- part of the year to teaching the fundamentals of news writing.
- X. STATE AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES:
1. Chapters participate in the official National FFA Calendar Service.
 2. All chapters must meet standard chapter requirements to send delegates to State FFA Convention.
 3. Submit applications of qualified candidates for advanced degrees.
 4. Each chapter participate above the chapter level in the official FFA Public Speaking Contest.
 5. Chapter submit Foundation Awards applications to the area supervisors; the area supervisors to select top candidates in each area; area winners to be submitted to the state association. Winners in the state association to be entered in the national contest.
 6. Chapter enter judging contests sponsored or directed by the Federation, State or National Organization.
 7. State Association to send winning judging teams to National

- Judging Contests.
8. Each federation send a delegate to the National FFA Convention.
 9. Chapter conduct at least one major activity during National FFA Week that is appropriate to the occasion.

Submitted by:
George Farris, Jr.,
Chairman

Advisory Committee Report - 1966

Your advisory Committee recommends that a schedule be set up by the nominating committee for a definite schedule of time for each candidate to appear before them, for a definite period of time and that they be informed of such by their supervisor.

H. D. Seal, Chairman

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Public Relations Committee - 1966

Mr. President, fellow Future Farmers, and Guests:

As amended by the Fortieth Annual Virginia FFA Convention, the Public Relations Committee wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Each Chapter strive to put on at least four radio programs and one television program each year.
2. Invite principals, teachers, key farmers, members of the board of representatives, businessmen, members of other agriculturally related associations, and parents of members to attend special functions of the chapter.
3. Each chapter put on one or more programs before out-of-school groups such as Ruritan, PTA, Grange, Young Farmer Associations, and other farm and civic organizations.
4. Encourage all members to exhibit in local and state shows and fairs and provide proper identification such as Future Farmer exhibitor signs.
5. Strive to have 100 per cent membership subscribe to Future Farmer Magazine and present complimentary copy to persons such as school principal, superintendent, school library, honorary members, and all local supporters, etc.
6. All members assist the reporter in striving to prepare at least ten articles for publication which should be sent to all newspapers in the area.
7. Encourage educational exhibits by chapters, including floats at parades and bulletin board displays both in agriculture department, school, and store windows.
8. Each chapter participate in the distribution of the official FFA calendar.
9. Each chapter participate in National FFA week by planning special events including radio and television programs, participation in church programs as a group, increased publicity on papers, and school assembly programs, etc.
10. Each chapter keep a scrapbook of FFA activities.
11. Each chapter send pictures along with articles of outstanding activities of boys of the chapters to the Chapter Chats and to the National FFA Magazine.
12. Each chapter strive to have all members familiarize themselves with the FFA Code of Ethics and conduct themselves in accordance with it.
13. Chapters cooperate with other high school organizations and with extra curricular activities of the school.
14. Cooperate with all farm and government agencies, the extension service, and your land grant University for the betterment of American agriculture.

15. Encourage erection of welcome signs to the various counties of the state by federation or chapters.
16. Encourage the display of roadside markers and FFA mailbox posts by all chapters and by chapter members.
17. Encourage members to purchase official FFA jackets and wear them in the proper manner.
18. Encourage members to display official FFA Award Pins. Only in accordance with 1966 FFA Manual.
19. Continue to insert all committee reports in Chapter Chats. The chapter advisor should see that these reports are read, used, and a copy filed for future reference.
20. Encourage all members to display "An FFA Member Lives Here" sign on mailbox post or at other proper locations around the drive way.

Respectfully submitted:
Wayne Pence, Chairman

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River; J. Ronald Millner, Appomattox; Wayne L. Palmer, Halifax County; Carroll Rowland, Dan River; Thomas E. Stanley, Jr., Patrick Henry and W. Louis Terrell, C. T. Smith.

National Band Members: Jim Shields, Dan River and Roger Pendergrass, Victoria, alternate.

National Chorus Members: Paul Baskerville, East End; Gary Brown, Buffalo Gap; Posey Jones, Chatham; Wallace Menefee, Lee Waid; James Mills, Riverview; and Larry Howdyshell, Buffalo Gap, alternate.

Forestry Winners: Thomas S. Gilman, Patrick Henry, winner of the Seaboard Airline Railroad Forestry Award and his instructor of vocational agriculture, H. D. Seal.

Farm Electrification Winners: Joseph Lynn Hutson, Tunstall, winner of PUA V Farm Electrification Award and R. C. Cupp, Turner Ashby, winner of the PUA V Award for Virginia teachers of vocational agriculture.

Tractor Driving: Daniel Holsinger, Wilson Memorial, winner of the tractor operators contest.

Honorary American Farmers: Marvin C. Huff, vocational agriculture instructor, Woodlawn High School; H. B. Jennings, vocational agriculture instructor, Floyd County High School; C. E. Tilson, vocational agriculture instructor, Dublin High School and C. M. Vaughan, vocational agriculture instructor, Rural Retreat High School.

Division Superintendent: R. P. Reynolds, division superintendent, Carroll County Schools, Hillsville.

Out-of-state Judging Teams are:

Crops: David White, Carlton Foster, Anthony Reeves and W. E. Green, vocational agriculture instructor and coach,

all of Randolph-Henry High School in Charlotte County.

Farm Mechanics: Ralph Ayers, Ronnie Nester, Roger Banks and C. D. Roberts, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, all of Hillsville High School in Carroll County.

Livestock and Meats: Stephen Wampler, Mike Boggs, Larry Cullen and W. S. Moffett, III, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, all of Wilson Memorial High School in Augusta County.

Poultry: Larry Cupp, Calvin Rodgers, Dennis Harper and R. C. Cupp, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, all of Turner Ashby High School in Rockingham County.

Dairy and Dairy Products: Paul House, Phillip Spittle, Sammy Webb, and Alvin Kline, vocational agriculture instructor and coach, all of Brentsville District High School in Prince William County. This team will represent Virginia in the National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at Waterloo, Iowa, September 26-27.

J. A. Hardy, Area Supervisor, Appalachian Area and J. W. Myers, Jr., Assistant Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, State Department of Education, will supervise and direct the trip.

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by questions and an exchange of ideas.

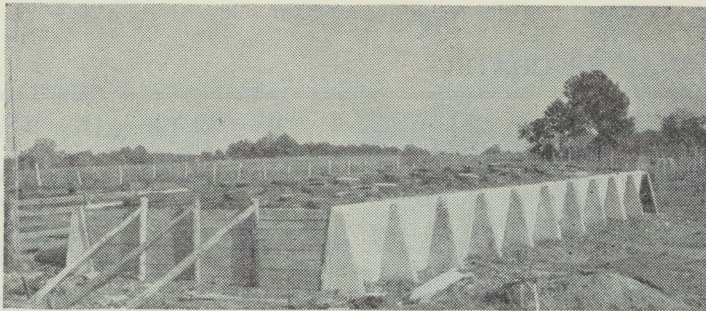
Members of the official party were: President Howard L. Williams, North Carolina; Student Secretary, Joseph Detrixhe, Kansas; Vice President, Pacific Region, Larry E. Craig, Idaho; Vice President Southern Region, Norman Gay, Georgia; Vice President, North Atlantic Region, William Kelly, New Hampshire; John C. Foltz, Information Specialist, Office of Education, Washington, D. C. and Lennie Gammage, Advertising Manager, The National Future Farmer Magazine. James Stitzlein, Vice President, Central Region, was absent due to the airline strike.

Plans for the Virginia tour were made by J. W. Myers, Jr., Assistant Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, assisted by Howard Gordon, Agricultural Conference Board; B. H. Garrett, Alliance Fertilizer Corporation; William Reed, Larus Brothers; E. Hale Jones, Mobile Chemical Company; James Frye, Phillip Morris, Inc., Claud Scroggs Southern States Cooperative; James Winters, Universal Tractor and Equipment Corporation and Richard D. Chumney, Bank of Virginia.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee - 1966

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has reviewed the present constitution and recommends no change.

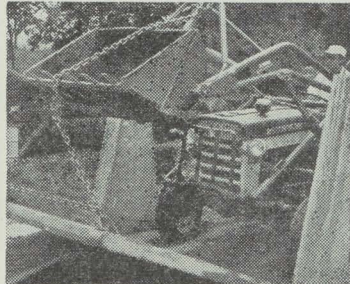
Respectfully submitted,
Calvin Cowles, Chairman



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If you can force your heart
 and nerve and sinew
 To serve your turn
 long after they are gone,
 And so hold on
 when there is nothing in you
 Except the will which says to them:
 "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds
 and keep your virtue,
 Or walk with kings—
 nor lose the common touch,
 If neither foes nor loving friends
 can hurt you,
 If all men count with you,
 but none too much;

If you can fill
 the unforgiving minute
 With sixty seconds
 worth of distance run,
 Yours is the Earth
 and everything that's in it,
 A—which is more—
 you'll be a Man, my Son!

Let us remember in our daily living that each of us is someone's hero, each of us is a contributing influence in the life of some individual who holds us in esteem. This fact should serve as a constant reminder to encourage us to live a more morally perfect and more spiritually developed life built upon a strong self-disciplined character. Our habits should be those which will aid us in reaching this goal. They should also be a constructive influence on others rather than a destructive one.

As much as we fear communism, we should not fear communism from without as much as we should fear moral decay from within, which would allow communism to take over our country. Walter Lippman made a statement to this effect when he said, "Very few established governments are ever destroyed by their enemies until they have been corrupted and weakened by their friends." Rural people are an important factor in the moral character of our nation. "The Report on the Commission of Country Life" made a statement supporting this belief when it said, "There is one lesson to be taught by history, it is that the permanent greatness of any state must ultimately depend upon the character of its country population than anything else." And remember no matter where you go or what you do in life that character is just a habit long grown old.

I am confident that we of the Virginia association, along with other Future Farmers of America, throughout the great land of ours can and will rise to meet the challenges of our day.

May God bless our efforts.

Adolescents are like modern paintings. You may never like them if you try to understand them.

—M. Dale Baughman