

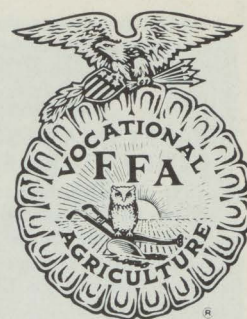


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## CALL TO YOUR STATE FFA CONVENTION!!! A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT

This June the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America will hold its annual convention at Virginia Tech. Beginning on Tuesday, June 15th and continuing through Friday, June 18th, this year's convention offers such highlights as a speech Thursday evening by our own National Officer, Melanie Burgess, and other interesting speakers throughout the week.

Special entertainment will be sprinkled throughout the sessions and some special, special entertainment by the State Officer Team will be featured. Don't you dare miss it!!

In addition to the 14 other contests, the State Public Speaking Finals will be on the program as well. A number of special slide presentations will be shown and chapters will be recognized in the areas of BOAC, Chapter Safety, National Chap-

ter Award Program, 100% Membership, and the Energy Challenge.

Students with outstanding programs in Vocational Agriculture will be honored in the 23 different proficiency award areas. On Thursday evening, the State Farmer Degree, highest level of membership that the state association can bestow, will be awarded to some 340 deserving individuals. The highlight of the entire year for Virginia Future Farmers will occur when the Stars Over Virginia Pageant is held and one Star Farmer of Virginia and one Star Agribusinessman of Virginia are selected from our 17,200 members.

On the lighter side of this fantastic and thrilling event, members and advisors will visit and chat with others from all across Virginia obtaining new ideas, learning new techniques and making new

friends. Convention attendees stay in the dormitories on the campus and get a taste of college life. The whole convention takes time off on Thursday afternoon for softball and volleyball games with the area teams battling for the state championship.

Meanwhile, back in the sessions, and the enthusiastic music of the chorus and band students, the year of fun, excitement, and hard work for the ten State Officers will be drawing to a close as they deliver inspiring and motivational retiring thoughts throughout the convention. This year's team will install the ten new State Officers to be elected during the week.

So, as State FFA President, I cordially invite everyone to come and enjoy this week that will, without a doubt, be the best convention yet!!!



### Governor Signs Voc. Ed. Week Proclamation

Governor Charles S. Robb poses with Officers of the Vocational Student Organizations for the Proclamation Signing. Standing are (from left to right) George Bowers, State FFA President; Russell Lundy, State DECA President; Jenny Moore, State FHA President; Julie Edwards, State VICA President; Jackie Armentrout, State AIASA President; Granville Grant, State FBLA VCU Regional President; Thelma Jane Coleman, State HOSA Historian; Sajan Thomas, State PBL President; and Scott Buckman, National AIASA Vice-President.



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## STATE OFFICER FILES

By Keith Crowgey, State Reporter

**George Bowers**, State President, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers. Living in Maurertown, he attended the Central FFA chapter and served as chapter Secretary, Vice-President, President and Student Advisor. He was also Valedictorian of his graduating class. He has been involved in many judging contests as well as Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. He won the State, Tri-State, and placed third in the regional Extemporaneous contest.

George likes to hunt almost all game and bagged a 4-point buck last season. He enjoys playing piano and water skiing. He has been an active member of the Valley Pike Church of the Brethern.

Next year George plans to attend VPI & SU and major in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Economics.

State Secretary, **Todd Satterwhite** is the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Satterwhite of Beaverdam. As an FFA member Todd served as Vice-President and President of both his chapter and federation as well as participating in various other activities. His SOE program includes Turf and Landscape management and working as a part time bank teller.

Todd's hobbies include softball and working at the Ladysmith Volunteer Rescue Squad where he is a CPR Instructor and Cardiac/Shock Trauma Emergency Medical Technician.

He currently attends J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College with plans to transfer to Virginia Tech.

**David Dove**, Appalachian Area Vice President, is the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry M. Dove, Jr. David is a 1981 graduate of Blacksburg High School and lives on a 130 acre beef farm.

David has held the offices of Reporter, Secretary and President of the Blacksburg Chapter. Other activities include Federation and Area level public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, and parliamentary procedure. He was named All-State Parliamentary Procedure Team President in 1981. He was also third highest scoring individual in the state Agriculture Mechanics Contest.

**John W. Shiflett** is serving as Central Area Vice-President. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph H. Shiflett. John served as President of the Fauquier Chapter for two years where he participated in forestry judging, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and dairy judging contests.

John is working at the Warrenton Farmers Cooperative while serving as a state officer. He also shears sheep as a second job in the spring. John is a

member of the Warrenton Volunteer Rescue Squad where he holds the level of IV Technician and is currently working toward the level of Shock Trauma Technician.

**Mitchell Heywood**, Eastern Area Vice-President, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Heywood, Sr. Mitch is a member of the Gloucester FFA Chapter and is a senior at Gloucester High School.

Mitch has participated in many FFA contests, including forestry judging, crops judging, parliamentary procedure and public speaking. Mitch placed fifth in the state FFA Public Speaking contest and was the Eastern Area winner of the Fish and Wildlife Management award.

**Robbie Reeves**, from Mt. Solon, is the Northern Area Vice-President. Robbie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Reeves, and is a graduate of Buffalo Gap High School. During his five years of vocational agriculture, Robbie served as President of his chapter, President of the Augusta Federation, and President of his Senior Class. His SOE projects consist of a cow-calf operation, a bred heifer program and working on a neighboring farm and his home farm. He participated in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, livestock judging, dairy judging, and several other FFA activities. He is a licensed auctioneer and enjoys working with his show animals.

Robbie is currently attending Virginia Tech majoring in Animal Science and working on a major in Agricultural Economics.

**Bill Collie** is the Southside Area Vice-President and the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Carroll Collie. Bill is a 1981 graduate of Tunstall High School and lives in Danville on a tobacco, livestock and small grain farm.

Bill was the Chapter President and Pittsylvania County Federation President. He was the 1980 state Public Speaking contest winner and won the 1981 Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award. Bill was the Blue Ridge Area Star Farmer and attended the 1981 International Green Week program in Berlin, Germany.

Bill is presently a sophomore at Clemson University in South Carolina, working on a dual major in Agriculture Business and Spanish, with a minor in Economics.

**Daniel Phillips**, State Treasurer, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harper K. Phillips of Waynesboro.

In his chapter, Dan held the offices of Secretary and President and also was President of the Augusta Federation. His  
(See State Officer p. 3)



## State Officer

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SOE program includes dairy cows, heifers, and beef steers. His interests are in softball, basketball and music.

Dan is presently attending Virginia Tech majoring in Agricultural Economics.

**Richard Jones**, this year's State Sentinel, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Jones and a member of the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter. Richard has been an active member of his chapter while participating in FFA activities and holding several offices. He enjoys farming, antiques and traveling.

Richard currently attends Central Virginia Community College and hopes to enter the field of Agri-Business upon completion of his degree in Merchandising and Management.

**Keith Crowgey**, State Reporter, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Joe Crowgey, Jr. Keith held the offices of Sentinel, Reporter, and President of his chapter, Vice-President of his federation and President of the George Wythe SCA.

During his five years of Vocational Agriculture, he participated in livestock judging, parliamentary procedure and public speaking. He was named All-State Secretary at the State Parliamentary Procedure contest in 1979 and All-State President in 1980. He was also the Appalachian Area Star Farmer in 1981.

Keith enjoys almost all sports, music, and living on the dairy farm. He is an active member of the Wytheville Baptist Church.

He is currently attending the Wytheville Community College and plans to transfer to Virginia Tech.

## It's Camp Time

Again this year, the Virginia Associations of FFA and FHA are sponsoring a camping program at the jointly owned camp at Morgart's Beach near Smithfield. The coeducational camping program begins June 28 and concludes July 31. Five one-week sessions will be held at a cost of \$40 per person per week.

A competent staff, headed by Mr. Turner Trice will direct all camp activities. The week is an opportunity to meet new friends from across Virginia. During your stay, you may participate in softball, volleyball, swimming, boating on the James River, craft classes, the Newport News Harbor Tour, a trip to Busch Gardens and even some surprises.

The camp is part of the state FFA program of activities under Recreation. You will experience a bit of self-reliance, a spirit of cooperation and a sense of kinship with other FFA and FHA members. Once you attend camp you'll want to return year after year! See your advisor for details.



Winning Junior Division Team from Montevideo Intermediate  
Members of the team were (not in order pictured) Bryan Morris, Jane Walker, Joan Scott, Jeff Phillips, Annette Nesselrodt, Lisa Begoon, Kevin Trimble, Steve Funkhouser and Advisors Mr. Greg Trobaugh and Mr. A. W. Mitchell.

## Montevideo Wins Jr. Title

The Montevideo Intermediate Chapter is the 1982 champion Junior Division Parliamentary Procedure team. They won the title during the state contest held March 20 at Randolph-Henry High School in competition against four other teams.

The contest is a leadership training activity which teaches rules of parliamentary law, encourages participation in meetings, establishes self confidence and increases an individual's ability to speak in public meetings. Each team must conduct the official FFA opening and closing ceremonies, present officer and committee reports and solve a "problem" given them by the judges.

The team and their advisors were:

### PLACING

First  
Second  
Third  
Fourth  
Fifth

### TEAM

Montevideo Intermediate  
Blacksburg Middle  
Amelia Middle  
Essex Junior  
Caroline Junior

### ADVISOR

A. W. Mitchell  
Rudy Haden  
G. L. Jones  
Dale Sanders  
L. M. Brubaker

The judges for the contest were; Mr. Scott Massie, Mr. J. H. Daniel, Mr. Robert Christian, and Mr. Barry Sauls. They also selected the outstanding person in each office and named them to the "All-State" team. The members of the 1982 All-State team are:

### OFFICE

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Reporter  
Sentinel  
1st Comm. Chm.  
2nd Comm. Chm.

### MEMBER

Bryan Morris  
Toni Williams  
Joan Scott  
Jeff Phillips  
Annette Nesslerodt  
Lisa BeGoon  
Steve Funkhouser  
Larry Akers

### SCHOOL

Montevideo  
Caroline  
Montevideo  
Montevideo  
Montevideo  
Montevideo  
Montevideo  
Blacksburg

# FUTURE FARMERS





## Tentative Program 56th State Convention



### Monday Afternoon, June 14

- 1:00 p.m. State Officers Meeting, Pritchard Hall, First Floor, lounge  
**Tuesday Morning, June 15**  
7:00 a.m. Executive Committee Breakfast - Donaldson Brown Center  
8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting - Pritchard Hall  
10:00 a.m. Registration Begins - Pritchard Hall

### AFTERNOON

- 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting - Burruss Hall  
1:30 p.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews - 111 Lane  
2:00 p.m. Recreation Committee - 219 Gym  
2:00 p.m. Band Practice - Squires Rehearsal Room  
2:00 p.m. Chorus Practice - Chapel  
2:00 p.m. Practice for posting of colors - Area Creed Speaking winners - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
2:30 p.m. FFA Committee Chairmen meet in Burruss Hall Auditorium  
3:00 p.m. Delegate Meeting - Burruss Hall Auditorium (for all delegates)  
3:00 p.m. Volleyball and Softball  
Northern vs. Appalachian  
3:45-4:20 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Northern, Southside  
4:30-5:00 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Eastern, Appalachian, Central  
4:00 p.m. Contest orientation meeting for FFA Advisors, Agriculture Auditorium (146 Smyth)  
5:15 p.m. Dinner - Owens Dining Hall  
7:15 p.m. Vespers - "Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord" - Burruss Hall Auditorium - State Officers  
7:30 p.m. First Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
Posting the Colors - Area Creed Speaking Winners  
State FFA Band - Mr. Bill Propst, Director  
National Anthem - led by State Band and Chorus  
Opening Ceremony - State Officers  
Invocation - Bill Collie, State Vice-President  
Welcome - Dr. W. E. Lavery, President, Virginia Tech  
Special Feature - Blue Ridge Cut-Ups, Spotswood Chapter  
Nomination and election of State Farmer Degree Candidates  
Introduction of State Officer Candidates for 1982-83  
Introduction of National Officer  
Special Feature - William Campbell, FFA Band  
Awards: Chapter Safety  
Forest Management  
Ag. Sales and/or Service  
International Green Week - George Bowers, State President  
Awards: Forestry Judging  
Home and/or Farmstead Improvement  
Placement in Agricultural Production  
Turf Management  
Retiring Thoughts - Mitchell Heywood, State Vice-President  
Announcements  
Closing Ceremony  
10:00 p.m. Rap Sessions with State Officers - Owens Dining Hall  
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

### Wednesday Morning, June 16

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast - Owens Dining Hall  
7:45 a.m. Assemble for Judging Contests - across from Cassell Coliseum  
8:00 a.m. Sr. Agricultural Mechanics Contest - Agriculture Engineering Department  
8:30 a.m. State Judging Contests  
A. Livestock  
B. Dairy  
C. Poultry  
D. Crops

### EVENING

- 7:00 p.m. Third Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
Music by State FFA Band  
Opening Ceremony - State Officers  
Public Speaking Contest Finals - Sr. Prepared Contest  
Special Feature - Blue Ridge Cut-Ups, Spotswood Chapter  
Music by State FFA Band  
Recognition of FFA Foundation  
Donor Representatives  
Retiring Thoughts - David Dove, State Vice-President  
Awards: Agricultural Electrification  
Tractor Operators  
Special Feature - State Officers  
Awards: Public Relations  
Retiring Thoughts - Bill Collie, State Vice-President  
Results of Public Speaking - Jr., Sr. and Extemporaneous - Lynn Koontz, Past State President  
Announcements  
Closing Ceremony  
10:00 p.m. Rap Sessions with State Officers - Owens Dining Hall  
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

### Thursday Morning, June 17

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast - Owens Dining Hall  
8:30 a.m. Judging Contests:  
Crops (top 10%)  
Livestock (top 10%)  
Junior Agricultural Mechanics  
8:30 a.m. Horticulture Contest Practicum  
8:30 a.m. Co-op Seminar - 409 Saunders  
8:30 a.m. Dairy Management Contest  
8:30 a.m. Chorus Practice - Chapel  
8:30 a.m. Fourth Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
Music by State FFA Band  
Opening Ceremony - State Officers  
Awards: Chapter Forestry  
Nursery Operations  
Retiring Thoughts - John Shiflett, State Vice-President  
Awards: Chapter Wildlife  
Sheep Production  
Retiring Thoughts - Todd Satterwhite, State Secretary  
Awards: Fruit and/or Vegetable Production  
Fish and Wildlife Management  
Pride in Tobacco Production  
Retiring Thoughts - Dan Phillips, State Treasurer  
Business Session  
Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Committee Reports  
a. Auditing  
b. Budget and Dues  
Music by State FFA Band  
c. Constitution and By-Laws  
d. Chapter Chats  
e. FFA-FHA Camps  
f. Program of Activities  
g. Contests and Awards  
h. Public Relations  
Music by State FFA Chorus  
Nomination of State Officers for 1982-83



8:30 a.m. State Judging Contests  
 A. Livestock  
 B. Dairy  
 C. Poultry  
 D. Crops  
 E. Floriculture  
 F. Nursery/Landscape  
 8:30 a.m. Band Practice - Squires Student Center  
 8:30 a.m. Chorus Practice - Chapel  
 8:30 a.m. Farm Business Management Contest - 223 Biochemistry  
 8:30 a.m. Co-op Seminar - 409 Saunders  
 8:30 a.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews - 111 Lane  
 8:30 a.m. Tractor Operators Contest - Written Exam - Agriculture Engineering Building  
 9:00 a.m. Preliminary Sr. Public Speaking Contest - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 9:00 a.m. Extemporaneous Speaking Contest - 207 Hutcheson Hall  
 9:00 a.m. Junior Public Speaking Contest - 303 Holden Hall  
 9:00 a.m. Agribusiness Contest - William Hall, Rooms 105, 219, 220, 221  
 11:00 a.m. Review of Judging Contest Classes

#### AFTERNOON

12:00 noon Lunch - Owens Dining Hall  
 12:30 p.m. Farm Business Management Continuation - 219 Biochemistry  
 1:00 p.m. Tractor Operators Contest  
 1:30 p.m. Co-op Seminar - 409 Saunders  
 1:30 p.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews - 111 Lane  
 1:30 p.m. Second Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Music by State FFA Chorus - Mr. Larry Davidson, Director  
 Awards: Building Our American Communities  
 Diversified Livestock  
 Retiring Thoughts - Keith Crowgey, State Reporter  
 Awards: Beef Production  
 Horse Proficiency  
 Floriculture  
 Energy Challenge  
 Special Feature - Sierra, Craig County Chapter  
 Awards: Poultry Production  
 Dairy Production  
 Swine Production  
 Parliamentary Procedure - Jr. & Sr.  
 Retiring Thoughts - Robbie Reeves, State Vice-President  
 Awards: Agricultural Processing  
 Outdoor Recreation  
 Crop Production  
 Soil & Water Management  
 Agriculture Mechanics  
 Retiring Thoughts - Richard Jones, Sentinel  
 Announcements  
 Closing Ceremony  
 3:00 p.m. Committee Meetings  
 Resolutions - McBryde 658  
 Auditing - Burruss Hall  
 Budget and Dues - McBryde 666  
 Constitution and By-Laws - 116 Randolph  
 Chapter Chats - 120 Randolph  
 FFA-FHA Camps - 121 Randolph  
 Program of Activities - 212 Randolph  
 Contest and Awards - 102 Randolph  
 Public Relations - 115 Randolph  
 Housing - Housing Office  
 4:00 p.m. Softball and Volleyball Games, Tuesday's winner vs. Southside Central vs. Eastern  
 4:00-4:30 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Eastern, Central, Appalachian  
 4:30-5:00 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Northern, Southside  
 4:30 p.m. Reception for FFA Foundation  
 Donor Representatives - Owens Dining Hall  
 Hosted by Virginia Tech Collegiate FFA Chapter  
 5:15 p.m. Dinner - Owens Dining Hall



f. Program of Activities  
 g. Contests and Awards  
 h. Public Relations  
 Music by State FFA Chorus  
 Nomination of State Officers for 1982-83  
 Announcements  
 Closing Ceremony

#### AFTERNOON

12:00 noon Lunch - Owens Dining Hall  
 1:00 p.m. Creed Speaking Contest - 211 Norris  
 1:30 p.m. Band and Chorus Practice  
 1:30 p.m. National Officer Candidate Interviews - 105 Lane  
 1:30 p.m. Co-op Seminar - 409 Saunders  
 3:00 p.m. Virginia FFA Alumni Association Convention - 146 Smyth (Agriculture Auditorium)  
 3:30 p.m. Softball Championship - Drill Field  
 3:30 p.m. Volleyball Championship  
 4:00-4:30 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Northern, Southside  
 4:30-5:00 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Eastern, Central, Appalachian  
 4:15 p.m. State Officer Family Reception - Owens Dining Hall  
 Hosted by Virginia Tech Collegiate FFA  
 5:15 p.m. Dinner - Owens Dining Hall

#### EVENING

6:45 p.m. State FFA Band - Burruss Auditorium  
 7:00 p.m. Fifth Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony - State Officers  
 Greetings from State Young Farmers - David Coleman, President  
 Greetings from Virginia's Vocational Student Organizations  
 Conferring Active State Farmer Degrees  
 Music by State FFA Chorus  
 Conferring Honorary State Farmer Degrees  
 Address - Melanie Burgess, National FFA Vice-President  
 Presentation of FFA Alumni Association Scholarship  
 Presentation of Alpha Gamma Rho Ray Warren Memorial Scholarship  
 Special Feature - Lori Gibson, Rocky Gap  
 Conferring of Distinguished Service Awards  
 Recognition of State Officers' Parents  
 Music by State FFA Band  
 Stars Over Virginia - Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman  
 Awards  
 Closing Ceremony  
 Lights Out

#### Friday Morning, June 18

7:00 a.m. Breakfast - Owens Dining Hall  
 8:15 a.m. Entertainment - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 8:30 a.m. Sixth Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony - State Officers  
 Committee Reports  
 Resolutions  
 FFA Advisory Council, D. W. Newman, Chairman  
 Music - State FFA Band and Chorus  
 "The Best of Times" - State Officers Annual Report  
 Special Presentation to State Officers  
 Announcement of National Officer Candidates  
 Awards: Community Service  
 Recognition of New Chapters  
 Co-op Seminary Scholarships to AIC  
 Superior Chapter  
 Creed Speaking Results  
 100% Membership Chapters  
 Chapter Contest (Jr. and Sr.)  
 Softball Games  
 Volleyball Games  
 Housing Contest  
 Judging Contest Results - Final  
 President's Annual Address - George Bowers, State President 1981-82  
 Installation of Officers for 1982-83  
 Special Presentation to New Officers - Melanie Burgess  
 Incoming President's Address  
 Closing Prayer - Todd Satterwhite - State Secretary 1981-82  
 Closing Ceremony - 1982-83 State Officers  
 Meeting of Newly Elected State Officers - Burruss Hall  
 11:15 a.m. Lunch - Owens Dining Hall  
 11:30 a.m. Leave for Home



## Leadership Camp

The annual FFA Leadership training program will be held at the Smithfield Camp August 2-6. The 1981-82 FFA officers will instruct the chapter representatives in Public Relations, Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Planning Chapter Programs, and other important subjects. Besides the past state officers, National Vice-President Randy Hedge will be there for two days. Hedge is from Grannis, Arkansas.

The week will include competition in prepared and extemporaneous speaking, parliamentary procedure, recreation tournaments and a visit to Busch Gardens.

Leadership camp is an opportunity to meet and work with local, state and national leaders. Members will develop personal leadership skills and learn more about the FFA.

The cost of the week is \$43 per person and reservation forms were sent to all chapters in March. See your chapter advisor for information.

## Essex Hosts National Officers

Submitted by: Jamie Davis

On Thursday, March 4, 1982 the Essex FFA chapter hosted a reception for several FFA dignitaries from the state and national levels.

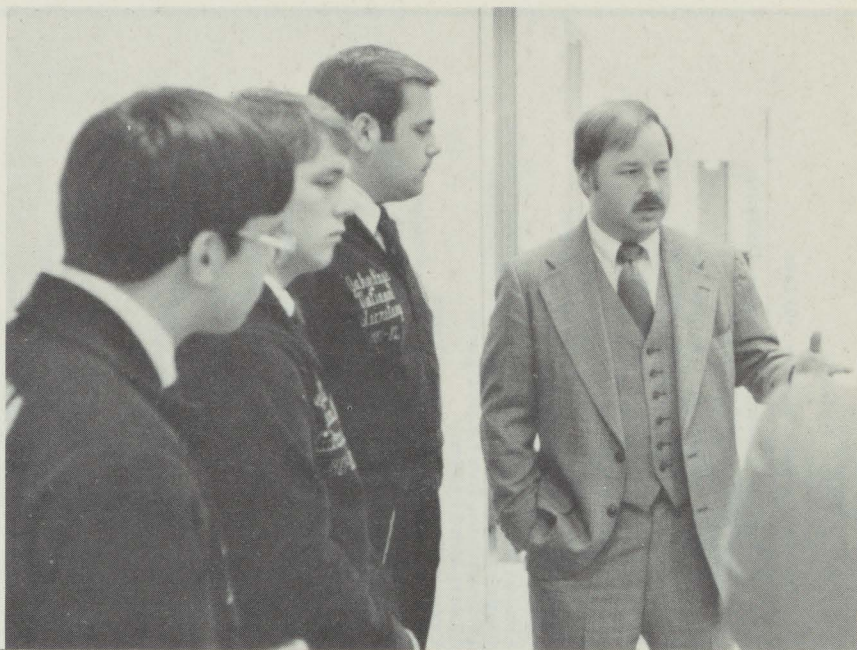
The following persons were present: Mitchell Heywood, Eastern Area FFA Vice-President; Todd Satterwhite, State FFA Secretary; George Bowers, State President; Mr. Glenn D. Luedke, Advertising Manager for the National Future Farmer Magazine; Mr. Randy Trivette, FFA Specialist; Scott Watson, National Vice-President and John Pope, National Secretary.

The reception started at 6:00 and the meeting started at 6:30, with the Essex FFA officers carrying out the opening ceremonies.

The national officers gave inspiring talks on leadership and self development. Afterwards they opened the meeting to a question and answer session.

Following the meeting, the chapter held open shop from 8:00 to 9:00. Jamie Davis and Timmy Brightwell gave gas welding demonstrations, and Dale King gave a demonstration on arc welding for the guests.

About 25 members and parents attended the meeting from the Essex chapter and approximately 50 guests were present, consisting of chapters as close as King and Queen and chapters as far away as Hanover.



Mr. William Carmichael of the CSX Corporation gave State President George Bowers, National Vice-President Scott Watson and National Secretary John Pope a walking tour of the corporate headquarters in Richmond. CSX was formed as a result of the merger of the Chessie System and Seaboard Coast Line. Mr. Carmichael is a former member of the Texas FFA Association.

## FFA Preserves History

The National FFA has announced the completion of the nearly quarter of a million dollar National Hall of Achievement. The FFA Exhibits, located at the National FFA Center near Mount Vernon, deal with historic events significant to agriculture and FFA.

The National Hall of Achievement features museum quality exhibits and audiovisual presentations on seven major themes. In addition to the exhibits, a modern library houses information pertinent to agriculture education and the FFA.

The Hall was built through funds donated by FFA members and supporters. Major business contributors include: the John Deere Company, International Harvester, Philip Morris Incorporated, Sperry New Holland, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., The Upjohn Company, Ford Motor Company Fund, DeKalb AgResearch, Inc., the Agricultural Division of Pfizer, Inc., and Seald-Sweet Growers, Inc.

The National FFA Center is located near Woodlawn Plantation three miles south of Mount Vernon on Mount Vernon Highway. Touring hours for small groups will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tours of the entire FFA Center are available by appointment by calling the Center at (703) 360-3600.

## Chesterfield Tech Center Active

Submitted by Richard Seltzer, Advisor

Poinsettias were the major topic in the Horticulture Department at Chesterfield Technical Center during the months of November and December. After many weeks of cuttings, watering, fertilizing, and pinching, they went on sale after the Thanksgiving Holidays and the sales were most successful.

As in the past, the office at the school was decorated with the traditional flower. The lobby at the Central Office was a project of the students in the department. Large poinsettias were used to turn this area into a truly Christmas foyer.

The project that was most special to the students was the decorating of the Chesterfield Nursing Home. Taking the lively holiday blossoms to these people was a very worth-while experience for the students. Seeing people accept and appreciate the fruits of one's labor will long be remembered.

A follow-up of this activity will be the BOAC project for the year. The nursing home staff has given the Horticulture Department the birth dates of all the residents. Each will be given a plant for his/her room on the appropriate date. This project will be funded from receipts of the plant sales sponsored by the students.





Dwight Shenk proudly displays state plaque won by James Wood in the Senior Division Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Other team members pictured are (not in order): Kristi Lineburg, Kurt Roienstad, Ronnie Raines, Stephanie Smith, Bill Orndoff, Kim Lineburg, Kenny Unger, and Advisor, Mr. Hylton Clark.

## James Wood Wins Parliamentary Procedure

The James Wood Senior Parliamentary Procedure team won the 48th annual state FFA contest March 20 at Randolph-Henry High School. The James Wood team had reached state competition by winning their federation and Northern Area contests.

The Parliamentary Procedure Contest is a leadership training activity which begins in the vocational agriculture classroom as part of the instructional program. The contest provides members the opportunity to compete against other schools. They are judged on how well they perform the FFA ceremonies, present officer and committee reports and solve a "problem" given to them by the judges.

Each competing team will receive the area champion plaque and James Wood will receive the state champion plaque.

Judges for the contest were Mr. Richard Lenker, Mr. Robert Orrock, Mr. J. T. Miller, Mr. Dennis Smith and Mrs. Debbie Barker.

The team placings follow:

PLACING	TEAM	ADVISOR
First	James Wood	Hylton Clark
Second	Nelson Senior	Ed McCann
Third	George Wythe	Sidney Crockett
Fourth	Amelia County Sr.	Jack Richardson
Fifth	Essex	Vince Garland

The judges also named an "All-State" team from the competing teams. The 1982 All-State team is:

OFFICE	MEMBER	SCHOOL
President	Dwight Shenk	James Wood
Vice-President	Steve Bareford	Essex
Secretary	Kristi Lineburg	James Wood
Treasurer	Kurt Roienstad	James Wood
Reporter	Junior Ferguson	Nelson Senior
Sentinel	Al Stephans	George Wythe
1st Comm. Chm.	Tony McMillian	Amelia
2nd Comm. Chm.	Gary Hutchinson	Amelia

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## Agri-Tech Week

A schedule has been finalized for Agri-Tech Week planned for July 6-9, 1982, at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. The week is designed to present a full program of educational value to everyone involved in Virginia Agriculture.

Exhibits will be open each day in the new Animal Sciences Building and career information will be available each day. Engineering In Agriculture exhibits and demonstrations will also be daily features.

For additional information contact: Dr. A. N. Huff, Director, Agri-Tech, Animal Sciences Building, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

## New Chapter at Woodstock Middle

The Virginia Association each year gains a few "brand spankin'" new FFA Chapters. This year one of those chapters is located in Woodstock, Virginia which is right in the middle of the Shenandoah County. In its first year of existence the Woodstock Middle School offered the Vo-Ag program to eighth graders and as a result 47 students are members of the FFA, giving the chapter 100% membership.

The Woodstock Middle chapter is a part of the Massanutten Federation, which already includes 8 chapters. It has done extremely well winning a Federation Jr. Tractor Driving Contest and placing second in the Federation Creed contest.

Building a set of bleachers for the local fairgrounds is the BOAC project that the chapter elected to do. Every member helped build the bleachers under the supervision of Chapter Advisor, Mr. Randall Ward.

For National FFA Week, the Chapter put up an FFA billboard in the school cafeteria, sponsored a display, taped radio spots, and had the morning school announcements. They plan to tour the National FFA Center in Alexandria this Spring.

Mr. Ward says it is a challenge to start a new chapter but is also quite rewarding. He agrees that administrative and community support along with the help of the Central FFA Chapter have made his job much easier. Chapter officers include:

President—Darrell Habron  
Vice President—Mike Estep  
Secretary—Dwight McKelvey  
Reporter—Phil Taylor  
Treasurer—R. C. Bowman  
Sentinel—Joe Nicely

Woodstock Middle School is in the same building that William Shaffer of Maurertown attended before going on to become Virginia's first National FFA President in 1935.



## THE CREATION

*"...and on the 8th day God created the FFA advisor..."*

By Jim Lantz, State Secretary 1980-81

After six days of magnificent creations and a day of rest God was ready to begin one of the most challenging of all his creations. It was this day that God was to create a human being with characteristics which no other human possessed. This unique individual had the specifications of extreme duration and awesome amounts of strength and perseverance. Other requirements which the plan called for were patience and a contagious enthusiasm. God would call this creation the Vocational Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor.

God began molding the FFA Advisor with a strong, healthy body that would require little sleep and nourishment. The rigorous and demanding hours that faced the FFA Advisor would allow him little time for luxuries; his every prime minute would be devoted to shaping students into the Agriculturalists of tomorrow.

God gave him strong limbs to withstand the pain and pressure of his laborious occupation. God gave this human hands that were masterful in every aspect of agriculture, but hands that were also able to console a greenhand with a pat on the back. God also gave the agriculture instructor arms that would be required to lift anything from potted plants to 2 x 4's, from tractor transmissions to a piece of chalk.

God then instilled within the advisor extra perseverance to endure the frequent 16-hour days and an added touch

of persistence for working with school administrators, parents and the armloads of paperwork continually calling for his attention. God gave him a strong will that would gain respect in the eyes of his students and attain the confidence of each one.

Within the FFA Advisor, God then placed a computer. This instrument of God's technology would become essential to the advisor's work...continually recalling formulas and computing everything from simple math to linear board feet. God gave the agriculture instructor a memory to remember the twenty things that will occur on each of the 365 days in any given year. Blessed would be the advisor who would use his memory to store and recall the names of all his students, their parents and the directions to where everyone lives.

God also gave him a conscience that would give the advisor patience even in the most trying situations. Whether it was dealing with a student who just could not foster the idea of wearing safety glasses, or an aerospace engineer in the back of class practicing with a paper airplane, the FFA Advisor would be patient and strive to understand his students.

Finally, God placed within the advisor a heart. The heart contained the necessary qualities of enthusiasm and dedication that made the FFA Advisor a special breed of human.

And on the 8th day God created the FFA Advisor.

## Melanie To Attend Convention

Melanie Burgess, Virginia's contribution to the 1981-82 National FFA Officer team, will attend the 56th annual state FFA convention June 15-18, 1982 in Blacksburg. Currently serving as National Vice-President, Burgess will be the featured speaker on Thursday night, June 17. She will also assist during the presentation of active and honorary State Farmer Degrees.

Melanie is a former member of the Broadway Chapter and a past president of the Virginia Association FFA. She is currently on leave from Virginia Tech, where she is a Junior in Agricultural Education.

Melanie's travels during her year as a national officer have taken her to Japan, Korea and Puerto Rico, in addition to her travels across the United States.

## Spotswood News

By Tonja Cupp, Reporter

The Spotswood FFA Chapter in Penn Laird, VA has had an excellent year thus far.

We have placed first in the State Dairy Youth Field Day, Jr. Stockman's contest, and Rockingham Federation Forestry judging contest, second at Timonium, Maryland in the Jr. Stockman's, the Northern Area Forestry judging contest, and third in the National Farm Business Management contest. Two members attended State Leadership Camp and one attended the National Leadership Conference.

We also had nine members and one advisor attending the National FFA Convention. Four members received American Farmer degrees, three were on the state winning Farm Business Management team, one was the chapter representative and another was our chapter scholar winner.

## Bowers Meets Vice-President

Virginia FFA President George Bowers met with Vice-President George Bush recently at the White House. The meeting took place February 10 in recognition of administration support for Vocational Education Week on the national level.

Bowers, and Maryland State President Cheryl Malley, presented the Vice-President the Honorary American Farmer Degree and a plaque on behalf of the National FFA Organization. Bowers said it was a "tremendous experience" to represent one half million FFA members at the White House. It was a repeat experience for the Virginia President, having been a member of the delegation which met with Vice-President Bush and President Ronald Reagan in the White House Rose Garden in July.

The two FFA officers were representing the National officers who were on a tour of Japan at the time of the Washington meeting. Four other organizations were in attendance and made presentations on behalf of the National organizations of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Future Business Leaders of America, Office Education Association and the Future Homemakers of America.

## Notes From the National Center

BOAC Phase II will expand the scope of the Building Our American Communities by recognizing individual leadership. Phase II will go into effect in 1983.

The National Supply Service has a new telephone number. If you need to telephone an order to the Supply Service, call (703) 780-5600 or - 5601 or - 5602. The number for everything else at the National Center is still (703) 360-3600.

New Film. "Bridging the Gap" is the title of a new film for vocational agriculture. It is designed to orient students and parents to the development of effective supervised occupational experience programs (SOEP). The film will be available after August 1 from Venard Films Ltd., P. O. Box 1332, Peoria, Illinois.

FFA Applications—There will be a new system for chapters to order all FFA applications, foundation medals and other materials. Each chapter will be responsible for ordering these directly from the National FFA Center rather than through the Area Supervisors or the State Office. This new national system is designed to reduce costs and eliminate wasted materials. Chapters will receive more information later this year and the system will begin for the 1982-83 school year.