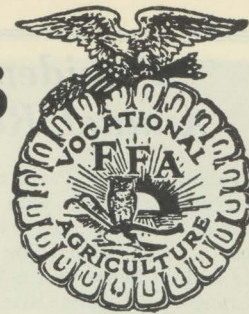


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STATE OFFICERS—1960-61—Front Row (l-r) Charles Fariss, Rustburg, President; Gerald Edwards, Renan, Vice President; Walter Ayers, Hardin Reynolds, Reporter; Bobby Smith, Middle River, Treasurer; Billy Joe Hollman, Smithfield, Vice President; Earnest Wade, Willis, Vice President. Back Row (l-r) James Craun, Montevideo, Vice President; Amos Rideout, Jr., Dinwiddie, Vice President; Larry Hudson, George Wythe, Vice President; Burton Eller, Marion, Secretary; Francis Gray, Farnham, Sentinel.

Nine Virginia FFA's Recommended as American Farmers

Nine Future Farmers of America members from Virginia will be recommended to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the 33rd Annual National Convention of FFA in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-14.

Julian M. Campbell, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture reported today he has received information from FFA headquarters in Washington, D. C., stating that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the national organization have reviewed the Virginia applications and will recommend to the delegates at the convention that the nine boys receive the coveted degree. Approval by these Boards usually is tantamount to election by the delegates.

The nine Virginians named are Sidney S. Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Coates, Banco, member of the Madison FFA Chapter; James Whitfield Craun, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craun, Sr., Calverton, member of the

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Leadership Training Camp

by Francis Gray, State Sentinel

The Virginia FFA Officers met during the week of July 25-30 at the FFA-FHA Camp at Smithfield, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was an Officers Leadership Training Program.

The school was conducted by: W. C. Dudley, Convention Advisor; C. S. McLearn, Associate Professor of Agriculture Education, V.P.I., and J. W. Myers, Executive Secretary of Virginia FFA. J. M. Campbell, State Advisor, visited the camp during the week.

The State Officers present were: past President—Frank Thomas; President—Charles Farris; Vice Presidents—Larry Hudson, Billy Joe Holleman, Amos Rideout, Jr., Earnest Wade; Secretary—Burton Eller; Reporter—Walter Ayers;

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Seventy Virginians to Attend Thirty-third National FFA Convention

Approximately 70 Virginians will attend the 33rd National Convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-14, according to J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

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

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company, through its industrial and agricultural development program, will again sponsor the delegates to the

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 16. Although the list is incomplete those included in the Virginia delegation are:

Delegates—Charles Fariss, Rustburg, State FFA President, and Frank Thomas, Andrew Lewis, Past State President.

American Farmer Degree Candidates—Sidney S. Coates, Madison; James W. Craun, Jr., Cedar Lee; Frederick J. Downing, Northumberland; Charles C. Harris, Spottswood; William W. Orrock, C. T. Smith; Wayne J. Parrish, Kenbridge; Frederick G. Smith, Montevideo; Albert T. Thompson, Jr., Rural Retreat

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President's Annual Report

Fellow Future Farmers, I come to you this morning with a feeling of humble gratitude. It was just a little over a year ago that you elected me to the highest honor that a Virginia Future Farmer could attain, that of State President. I have strived to represent you to the best of my ability in the past year. You are without a doubt the finest group of boys anyone could work with. I deeply appreciate the interest that each of you has shown in your State Association and the way in which you have strived to make it a better organization.

Upon receiving this great honor I returned home with great excitement to fulfill the duties of my office. I worked with my uncle on our farm until July 20. On this date I traveled with my home chapter delegation to the State FFA-FHA Camp. Here I spent a most enjoyable week relaxing from the tension of work and participating in leadership activities.

I returned home to continue my work on the farm until August 17. On this date I joined C. A. Hutton, Donnie Chafin, past state treasurer, and Mr. Orr, my advisor, for a trip to Camp Miniwanca on the shores of Lake Michigan. This "Camp of Golden Splendor" is where today's youth have a chance to make the decisions that they are faced with. I could only say that I wish each and every Future Farmer could attend this Christian Leadership Training Camp.

I enrolled at V.P.I. on September 15 in Animal Husbandry. I adjusted to college life and hit the books. On October 10 Billy Baugher, Tommy Garnett, past state president, and I boarded the train at Christiansburg. Here we joined the Virginia delegation for our trip to Kansas City. The success of this trip, I must contribute to the good behavior of the delegation and careful planning of Mr. J. M. Campbell and Mr. J. W. Myers, Jr.

On November 7 I traveled to Natural Bridge to speak to the State Soil Conservation Society. I delivered a 25-minute talk on "The Role the FFA Plays in the Conservation of Our Natural Resources." The group questioned me for five minutes on the FFA and seemed very much interested in our association.

On November 24 I attended the State Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Roanoke. The day's program was well rounded with very good speakers.

December 16 found C. A. Hutton and I traveling in the Blue Ridge area visiting chapters. We visited six chapters talking with the boys and their advisors. We were warmly received by all.

That evening I attended the chapter



OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL—Virginia State Officers in attendance at the Officers Training Camp July 25-30 are: (r-l) Francis Gray, Sentinel; Earnest Wade, Vice President—Blue Ridge; Amos Rideout, Jr., Vice President—Central; Charles Fariss, President; W. C. Dudley, Area Supervisor; Billy Joe Holleman, Vice President—Eastern; Larry Hudson, Vice President—Appalachian; Burton Eller, Secretary, and Walter Ayers, Treasurer.

farmer initiation at my home chapter and had the honor of conferring the degrees.

On December 21 I attended my federation crop judging contest in Buchanan, Virginia. It was good to see the advisors that I had worked with in the past years.

December 30-31 C. A., Graham, and I traveled to Richmond to attend the State Executive Committee meeting. It was a great meeting with my fellow officers again. It was here that the thoughts and ideas originated for this convention.

January 19 found me again in Richmond. This time I was the speaker at the State Soil Conservation District Convention. I delivered a 30-minute talk on "The FFA and the Role it Plays in the Conservation of Our Resources."

The Young Farmers Convention was held in Roanoke on February 5 and 6. I attended and brought greeting from the State Association.

On February 22 I began my banquet cycle. Eddie Morey, past State Reporter; Dennis Torrence and I journeyed to Brookville, Virginia, where we attended a fine Father-Son banquet. James Riley and his officers conducted a fine banquet.

March 23 was the start of my spring vacation at V.P.I. I took advantage and attended the BRB Federation public speaking contest and meeting.

The next evening found C. A. and I attending the Dublin FFA Father-Son Banquet. I was very much impressed

by the interest taken by the local merchants in the chapter. Buddy Hudson presided over an excellent program.

On the night of March 25 Mr. McLearn, Mr. Orr, my advisor, and I traveled to the Rich Valley parent-Son Banquet. I too was impressed by feeling that Henry Groseclose had lived here.

March 28 Mr. Scott, my vo-ag in-

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COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS 1960

We, the committee on resolutions of 1960, on behalf of the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America, wish to submit the following resolutions to the following persons and organizations who participated in or contributed to the success of the FFA in Virginia.

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

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

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

4. State officers for their untiring efforts and splendid performance at this convention.

5. Clifton Daughtery, President of the Young Farmers of Virginia for his contribution to our program.

6. Joe H. Hughes, National FFA Vice-President for his splendid address and presence at our convention.

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

8. FFA Band, FFA Chorus, Miss Reynolds, director of the chorus, and Mrs. Ellie Gibson, pianist, and Mr. Dobyns for leading the band.

9. Radio, TV, and newspapers in the state, particularly in the Roanoke area for their splendid FFA publicity.

10. Vocational agriculture instructors for helping conduct the convention.

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

12. Charlie Harris, and Edward Hanzlik, past vice-presidents of the Virginia Association of FFA for their attendance and help in our convention.

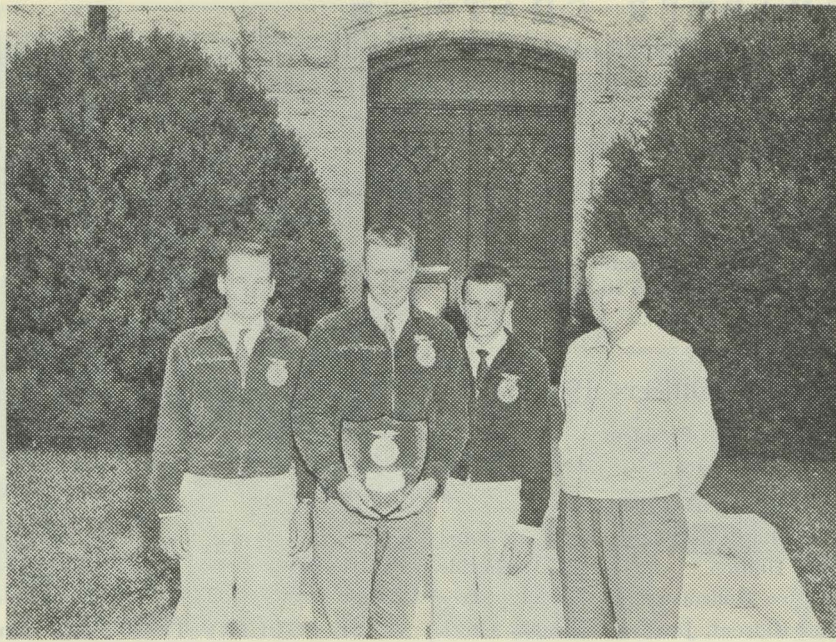
13. Presidents of the following organizations for appearing on our program—the DECA, DO, FBLA, FHA.

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

15. Whereas God in his infinite love has taken another great friend of the FFA, Mr. Frank B. Cale, let it be resolved that we in convention assembled express our regrets and loss. Mr. Cale served as agriculture teacher, area supervisor, state supervisor, and director of vocational education. The Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America has lost a real friend.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, 1960

The Constitutions and By-Laws Committee has studied and discussed the present constitution and recommends no changes.



STATE DAIRY JUDGES—Pictured above is the Willis Dairy Team, State winners in the Dairy Judging Contest will represent Virginia in the National Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products contests at Waterloo, Iowa, October 2-4. Members of the winning team are (l-r) Clyde Bishop, Rodney Vaughan, William Akers and S. A. Roudabush, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

9 Virginia FFA's Recommended as American Farmers

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Cedar-Lee FFA Chapter; Frederick James Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Downing, Lottsburg, member of the Northumberland FFA Chapter; Charles C. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harris, Spottswood, member of the Spottswood FFA Chapter; William W. Orrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Welford Orrock, Thornsburg, member of the C. T. Smith FFA Chapter; Wayne Jeffrey Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parrish, Kenbridge, member of the Kenbridge FFA Chapter; Frederick Green Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith, McGaheysville, member of the Montevideo FFA Chapter; Albert T. Thompson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thompson, Sr., Atkins, member of the Rural Retreat FFA Chapter, and William James Watt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Watt, Gore, member of the James Wood FFA Chapter.

Nationally, the FFA Board of Directors voted to recommend that 360 Future Farmers receive the American Farmer Degree this year. Presentation of the degrees will take place in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City during the convention session on the afternoon of October 12. Each degree winner will receive a certificate and gold key from the FFA organization, plus a cash travel allowance from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Attainment of the American Farmer

Degree is based on the Future Farmer's record in farming, leadership, and scholarship. The degree is limited to FFA members who have been out of high school at least one year and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in farming. State Associations of FFA are limited to one American Farmer Degree candidate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof.

Announcement of Star Farmer awards will be made during the evening session of the convention on October 12. One Future Farmer who is most outstanding of the degree winners will be named Star Farmer of America and will receive a \$1,000.00 cash award. Three others will receive Regional Star American Farmer awards of \$500.00 each.

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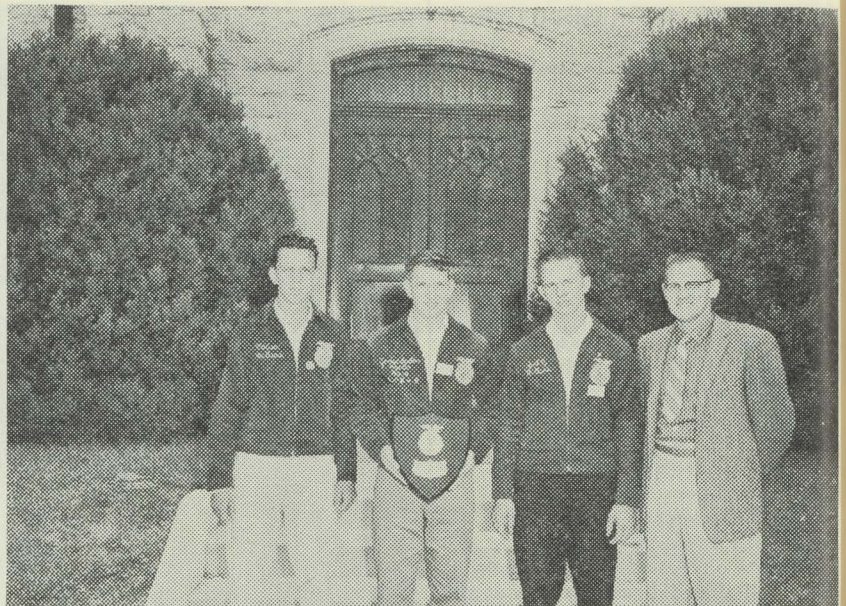
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STATE POULTRY TEAM—The Clintwood Poultry Judging team won top honors in the State contest and will represent Virginia in the National Poultry Judging Contests at Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-14 (l-r) Verlin Mullins, Jimmy Lee Mullins, Joel Mullins and E. C. Smith, vocational agriculture instructor and coach.

Call for National Convention

TO MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

By the powers vested in me as National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State Associations and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, to send delegates to the National Convention, which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-14, 1960.

All chartered State associations in good standing with the national organization are expected to send two official delegates and two alternates from the active membership. It is urged that those members serving as official delegates arrive in Kansas City in time for the Officer-Delegate Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, October 11. State associations should also have in attendance those candidates recommended for the American Farmer Degree, candidates for national office, those members who are to receive awards, and others who have official business in the convention.

Any local chapter of the FFA is entitled to have a maximum of five carefully selected members and one advisor attend the convention, provided they come to Kansas City with properly completed official registration cards bearing the signatures of their chapter advisor, school principal or superintendent, parent, and State advisor.

This year, your convention program has been carefully planned in order to embrace more of the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show. The convention sessions themselves have been designed to hold the National Public Speak-

ing Contest, recognize outstanding achievements, execute business, demonstrate leadership training, and to serve as an inspirational and informative experience to all in attendance.

The Thirty-Third Annual National Convention will be the highlight of our FFA year. We, therefore, urge all Future Farmers who will attend the convention to be present at all sessions from Wednesday morning, October 12, through Friday evening, October 14.

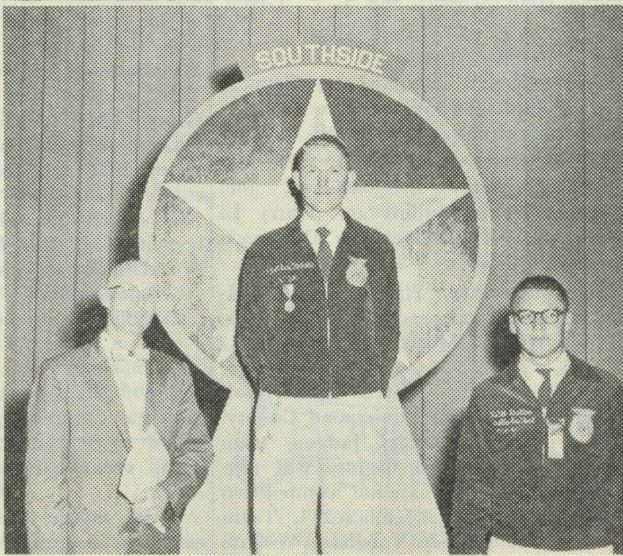
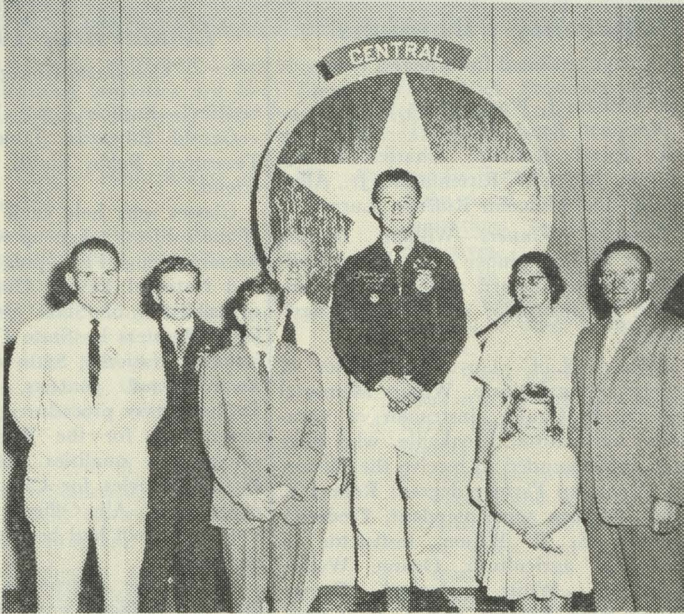
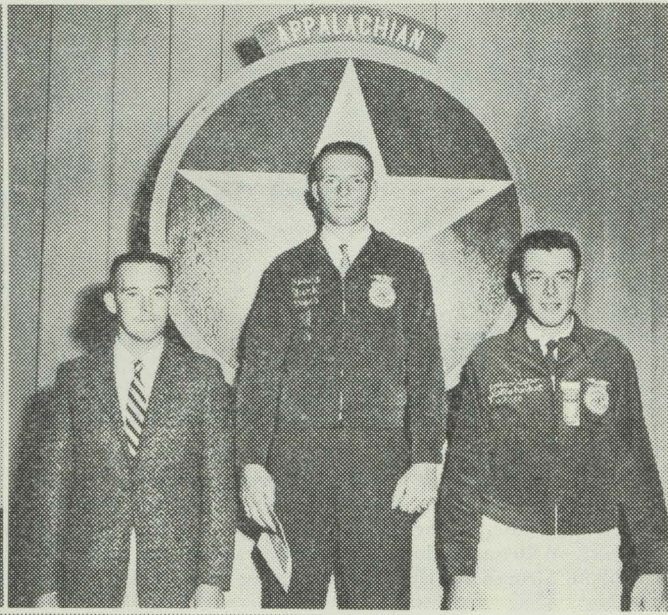
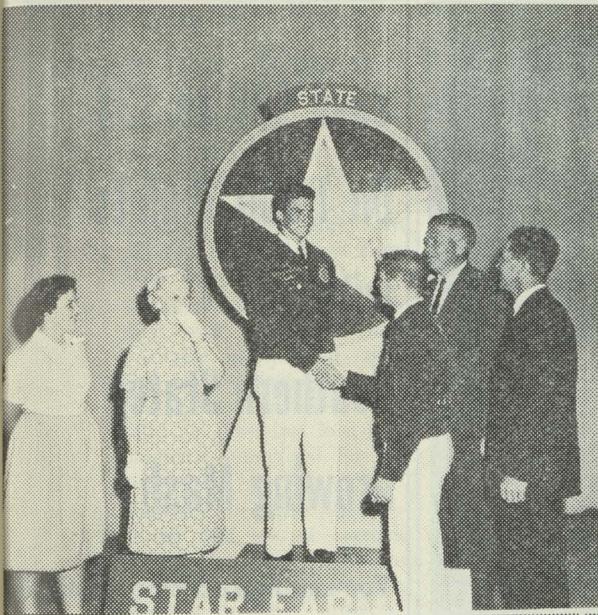
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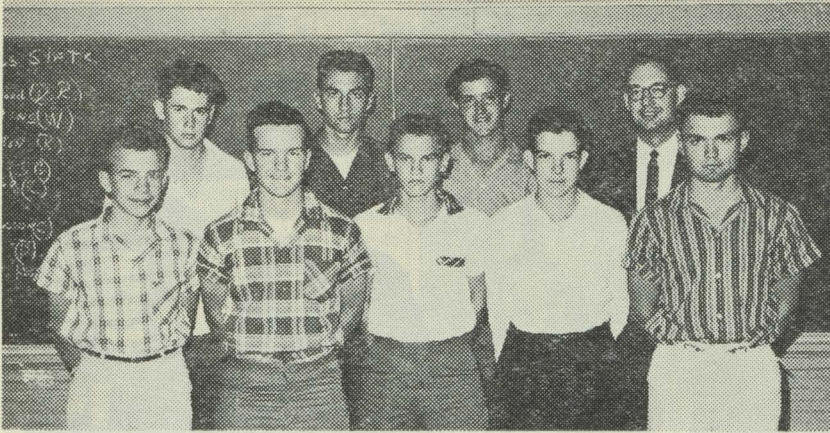
AUDITING COMMITTEE, 1960

The Auditing Committee has checked the financial records of the State Association and finds them in order. We would like to congratulate those concerned on the neatness and correctness in the bookkeeping.

STATE AND AREA STAR FARMERS—Pictured above are state and area Star Farmer award winners with their parents and advisors at the 1960 State FFA Convention in Blacksburg. Beginning at the top (l-r)—Glenwood J. Balsley, Jr., Wilson Memorial Chapter, Northern Area and State Star Farmer; Burton Eller, Marion Chapter, Appalachian Area; C. A. Hutton, New Castle, Blue Ridge Area; E. Wildon Terrell, C. T. Smith Chapter, Central Area; David Bowden, Windsor Chapter, Eastern Area; Charles Farris, Rustburg Chapter, Southside Area.



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FEDERATION OFFICERS—Officers of the Pittsylvania County FFA Federation are shown above. Front row (l-r) President, Billy Eastwood, Dan River; Vice President Johnny Atkins, Whitmell; Secretary, Ronnie Shelton, Renan; Treasurer, Lonnie K. White, Spring Garden; Reporter, Dwight Towler, Climax; Back row—Sentinel, William Anderson, Climax; Parliamentarian, Glen Soyers, Brosville; Chaplain, George K. Hughes, Jr., Spring Garden; and Advisor, Lloyd Walton.

Seventy Virginians

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and William J. Watt, James Wood.

National Band Members—Perry Caspell, Rural Retreat; Charles Linscy, Marion, Julina W. Rittenhouse, Jr., Albemarle; and Malcolm Ruffner, Luray.

Forestry Winners—William Dalton, George Wythe, winner of Seaboard Railroad Forestry Award and J. H. Copenhaver, his instructor of vocational agriculture.

Others—N. C. Guynn, instructor of vocational agriculture, Wilson Memorial and V. B. Cauley, instructor of vocational agriculture, Brookville, who have been recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer degree; Robert E. Aylor, division superintendent, Frederick County; E. F. Wilson, instructor of vocational agriculture, George Wythe, Ralph G. Whitt, principal, George Wythe High School; and J. C. Green, area supervisor, central Virginia.

State Judging Teams:

Crops—Henry Gibson, Larry Fannon, Billy Pollard and W. E. Green, vocational agriculture instructor all of Randolph Henry in Charlotte County.

Poultry—Jimmy Lee Mullins, Joel Mullins, Verlin Mullins and Harry L. Strouth, all of Clintwood in Dickenson County.

Livestock—Larry Harris, Eddie Galvin, Benny Howell and H. A. Hawkins, all of Wilson Memorial in Augusta County.

Tractor Driving—Morris Glover, Holland High School in Nansemond County.

The out-of-state dairy judging team from Willis in Floyd County will represent Virginia in national competition at Waterloo, Iowa, October 2-4. Team members are Rodney Vaughan, William Akers, Clyde Bishop and S. A. Rouda-

Leadership Training

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Sentinel—Francis Gray. Vice Presidents—Gerald Edwards, James Craun, and Treasurer—Bobby Smith were unable to attend.

Classes were held each morning. Some of the subjects taken up were as follows: Administering FFA programs on State and National Levels, Understanding responsibilities of State Officers, Visiting FFA Chapters by State Officers, Understanding National, State and Local FFA Awards and contests, Understanding Parliamentary procedures, Learning FFA Ceremonies for the Rally, Developing wholesome qualities of Leadership, Writing articles for Chapter Chats and newspapers. All Officers felt that the training school had been of great benefit to them.

During the afternoons and evenings, the State Officers enjoyed the activities of the Camp. Some of the officers, along with the campers, went on a tour of Williamsburg on Wednesday afternoon. That evening we saw "The Common Glory." On Thursday afternoon the State Officers competed against the champion volley ball and softball teams of the camp.

I believe that this week was of great benefit to all the Officers as it provided:

1. Leadership training in official responsibilities.
2. Officers learned to work and play as a team and to know their fellow officers
3. Officers became acquainted with the Camping program.

bush, vocational agriculture instructor, coach.

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

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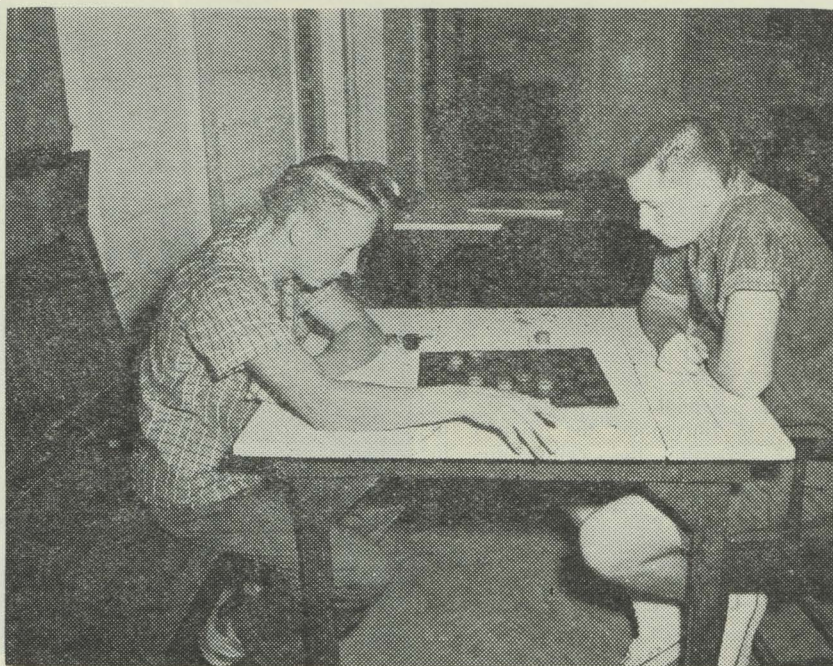
Program of Work Committee Report

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, construction of farm ponds, forestry plots, and stress pasture improvement as part of Supervised Farming Program.
5. Encourage members to join 100 bushel corn club and return per ewe contest and county forestry clubs.
6. Encourage the adjustment of crops and livestock production to meet the changing conditions.
7. Encourage the use of artificial insemination when practical.
8. Stress the use of good managerial and financial practices in Supervised Farming Program.
9. Encourage members entering FFA sponsored contests and to keep up to date records of all achievements.
10. Each chapter exhibit FFA products at fairs when possible and give special emphasis to exhibits and judging contest at the Atlantic Rural Exposition at Richmond, Virginia.

II. Cooperation:

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



OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL—Relaxing over a game of checkers during a break in the training activities are (l-r) Earnest Wade, Vice President—Blue Ridge area, and Larry Hudson, Vice President—Appalachian area.

the Future Homemakers of America.

5. Teach all members the organization and working of cooperatives.
6. Every boy in agriculture to be a member of local chapter with 100 per cent of dues paid by October 1 or two weeks after school opens.
7. 100 per cent of chapters to enter Standard, Superior, State and National Chapter Award program.
8. Each chapter secretary see that a complete record of the chapter activities be sent to his area supervisor by May 1.
9. Encourage seniors in vocational agriculture to become affiliated with the Young Farmers Association.
10. 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.

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 fire warden and wildlife commission for the protection of game and fish and seed.
 - 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 pre-

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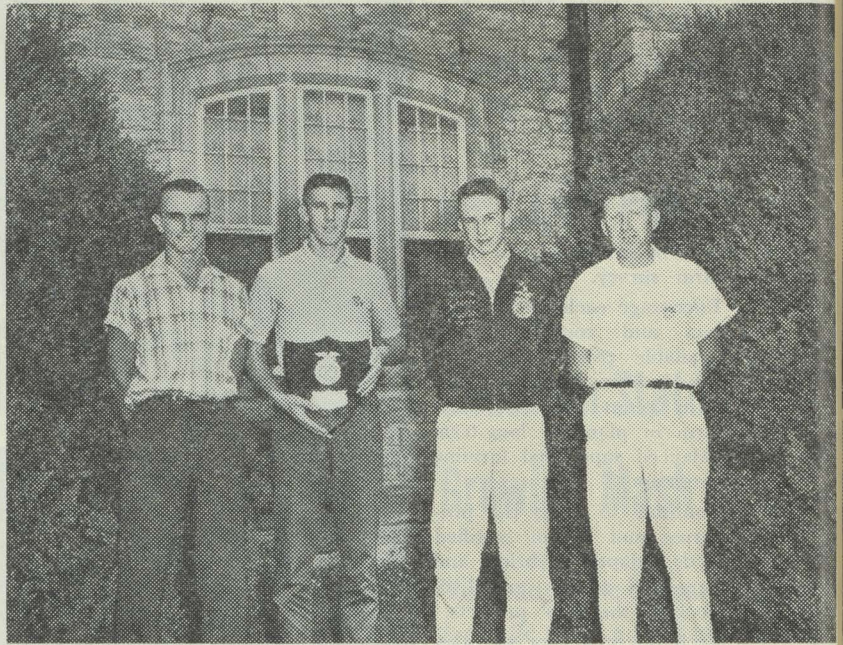
Program of Work

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- vention 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 encouraging chapters to repair it in their school shop and encourage chapters to hold tractor maintenance school.
 7. Encourage the chapter to assist the community in the production, conservation, and processing of food.
 8. Each chapter put much greater emphasis on safety on the farm, in the home, and in the community.

IV. Leadership:

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



STATE CROPS TEAM—The Randolph Henry Crops Judging Team placed first in the Crop Judging Contest. Team members and coach will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. (l-r) Larry Fannon, Billy Pollard, Henry Gibson, and W. E. Green, vocational agriculture instructor and coach.

broadcasts during the year and continue the broadcasts at the Rally.

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

V. Earnings and Savings:

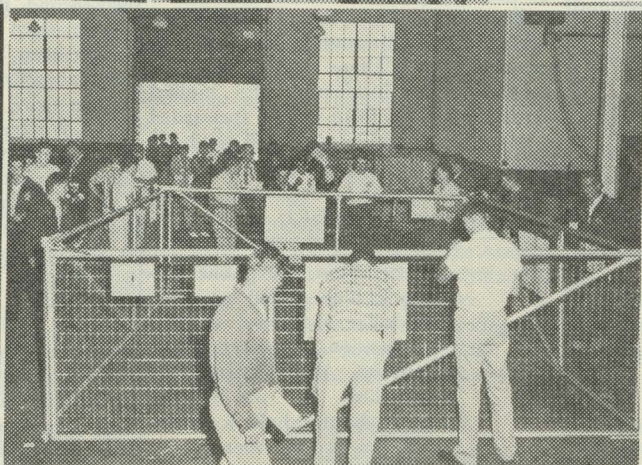
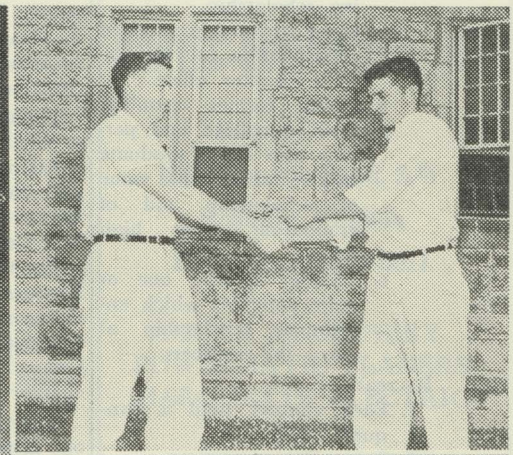
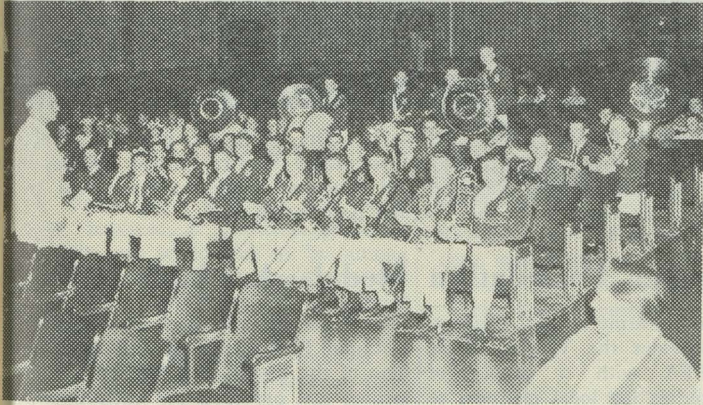
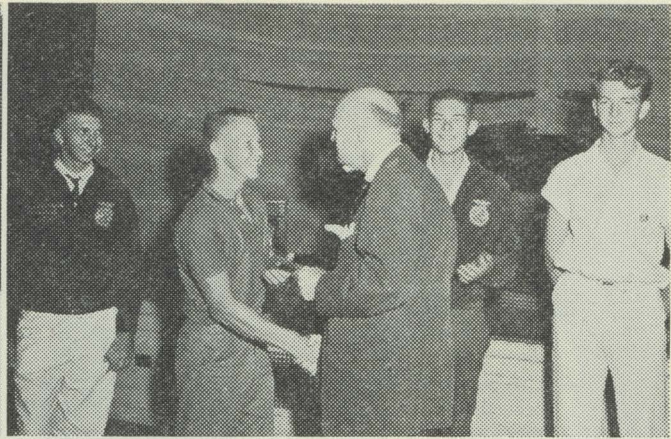
1. All chapters conduct one two, or more activities that encourage thrift among members and stimulate investments.
2. All chapters have a budget committee.

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

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS 1960 STATE FFA CONVENTION—(top to bottom, l-r) (1) Morris Glover, Holland, receiving first place medal in tractor driving contest from Wayne Moon, while instructor S. J. Felton looks on. (2) Bill Richardson presents Gerald Hoyt, Culpeper, first place award in the talent contest. (3) Tom Dobyms conducts the State FFA Band. (4) Miss Marie Reynolds leads the State FFA Chorus in a number. (5) T. V. Downing receives the Honorary American Farmer degree from President Frank Thomas. (6) National Vice President Joe Hughes addresses the convention. (7) Instructor L. K. Coffelt congratulates John Stowers, Loudoun County, Farm Mechanics winner. (8) Commissioner Green announces results of baseball and softball. (9) Farm mechanics contests in progress. (10) Mr. W. C. Dudley receives housing award.



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Program of Work

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- 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 paraphernalis and jackets.
- 5. Each member appear on chapter program at least once a 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.

VII. Scholarship:

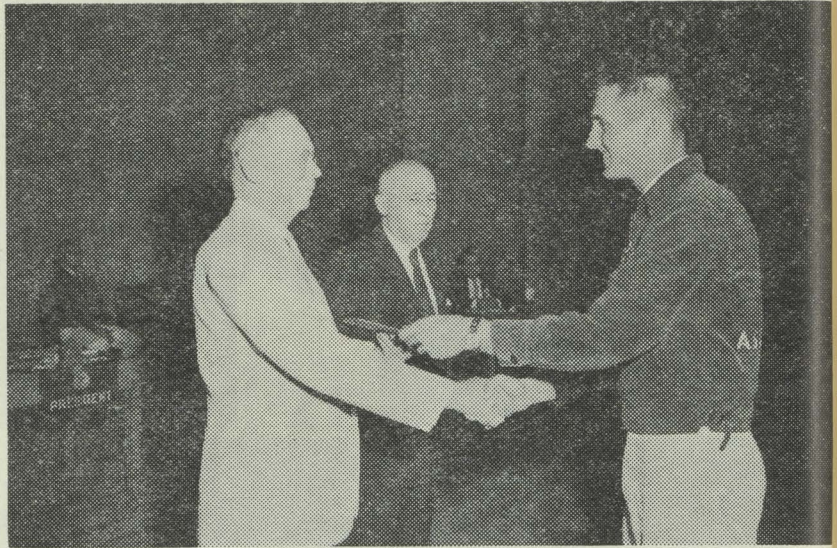
- 1. Each chapter raise scholastic attainments by:
 - a. Maintaining honor roll.
 - b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding scholarship.
 - c. Good scholarship required as eligibility for election to a chapter office.
 - d. Invite former members now in college and persons who didn't graduate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

VIII. Recreation:

- 1. Each chapter hold a banquet.
- 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 get together of some kind.
- 5. If possible all chapters organize a chapter string band and quartet.

IX. Public Relations:

- 1. Chapter make use of following media in acquainting the public with the FFA organization: magazines, school



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD—(l-r) Dr. W. S. Newman and Professor H. W. Sanders are presented the Distinguished Service Award plaques by President Frank Thomas. Dr. Newman and Professor Sanders are the first two men to receive this award from the Virginia Association FFA.

New Chapter Foundation Medals Available

The Future Farmers of America Foundation provides the Virginia State Association FFA with a supply of Foundation medals for local chapters to award. These medals are distributed by the State Association to the area supervisors and in turn are forwarded to local chapters.

Foundation medals have been available to the chapter Star Farmer, Public Speaking, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management, Farm Safety and Star Greenhand.

For the first time this year the Future Farmers of America Foundation are providing new award medals in the areas of Livestock Farming, Poultry Farming, Crops Farming and Farm Forestry for chapter awards.

Any FFA member desiring to earn one of the Foundation awards must make application to his instructor using the National Establishment in Farming Awards form. These forms will be scored by the instructor; the highest scoring applicants form will be forwarded to the area supervisor who will send the proper medal to the instructor for presentation to the FFA member.

Congratulatory pamphlets, which con-

tain notes of congratulations from the National FFA President and the Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee, are provided for each boy who receives a medal.

FEDERATION NEWS

Henry C. Groseclose—Met at Valle View Farm, owned by O. M. Munse with Bobby as host. The members were furnished with a class of fat hogs. Bobby had 3 classes of sheep; 4 classes of cow and 1 class of hogs. Bland had two teams "A" and "B" team. The "A" team representing Bland, won first place for which they were given a plaque. The "A" team was Jimmy Waddle, Bobby Muncy and Richard Wimmer. The "B" team was Lynn Richardson, Richard Havens, and Robert Thompson. Harry Neel from Ceres, was awarded a medal for first place in individual judging and Jimmy Waddle was second. Bland, Ceres, Rocky Gap and Dublin were represented in judging.

Northern Triangle—The Luray chapter placed first in the federation rifle team with a score of 433 and the second place team, Warren Country scored 363 points. Pen Grove was high individual of the eighteen participants.

Hub—Sponsored its annual father-son outing recently at Rustburg High School. A special feature of the outing was the presentation of the Laurel Cliff Dairy Calf Award. Wayne Patterson, an outstanding member of the Amherst Chapter was announced the winner. He will receive a registered Guernsey heifer to use in building up a dairy herd and becoming established in dairying. William Campbell Chapter was presented a plaque for being the outstanding chapter in the federation in 1959.

paper, radio, TV public programs, high school assembly, roadside markets, chapter publications, Chapter Chats, exhibits, and official FFA calendar.

- 2. Each chapter hold a parent and son get together.
- 3. Chapters send FFA magazine to honorary members.

President's Annual Report

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structor, and I traveled to Climax, Virginia, to help judge the Pittsylvania Federation Degree Team Contest.

I re-entered school and started this quarter off by traveling to Fairfield April 1. Billy Baugher and I attended the FFA-FHA Banquet there.

On April 6 Bill Jenkins and I journeyed to Crewe to attend the LAND Federation Banquet. Howard Whitlow presided over a fine program.

April 13 found me at C. A. Hutton's banquet at New Castle. It was the first time for the FFA-FHA chapter there and the co-operation was truly impressive.

April 14 again found C. A. and I together. This time at the Roanoke Area Fat Stock Show at Hollins, Virginia. C. A. and I attempted to emcee the show here.

On April 22 I attended my home chapter banquet at Andrew Lewis in Salem. It was wonderful to be among my old friends again. George Yopp and his officers carried on a wonderful program.

Dennis Torrence and I traveled to Gretna on April 25. The Federation Banquet there was presided over by Owen Shields and his fellow officers.

I again faced a busy weekend. It started with Bill Jenkins and I traveling to Floyd on April 28. The FFA banquet there was presided over by Warden Davis. April 29 Billy Baugher and I visited the Bland FFA-FHA banquet. We were honored to have Danny Bird, a past State President, to be our traveling companion. Allen Newberry presided over a fine banquet. I completed the weekend by attending the Blue Ridge Area Public Speaking Contest here in Blacksburg.

May 3 Bill Jenkins and I attended the Blacksburg FFA-FHA Banquet. It was a fine banquet and was enjoyed by all.

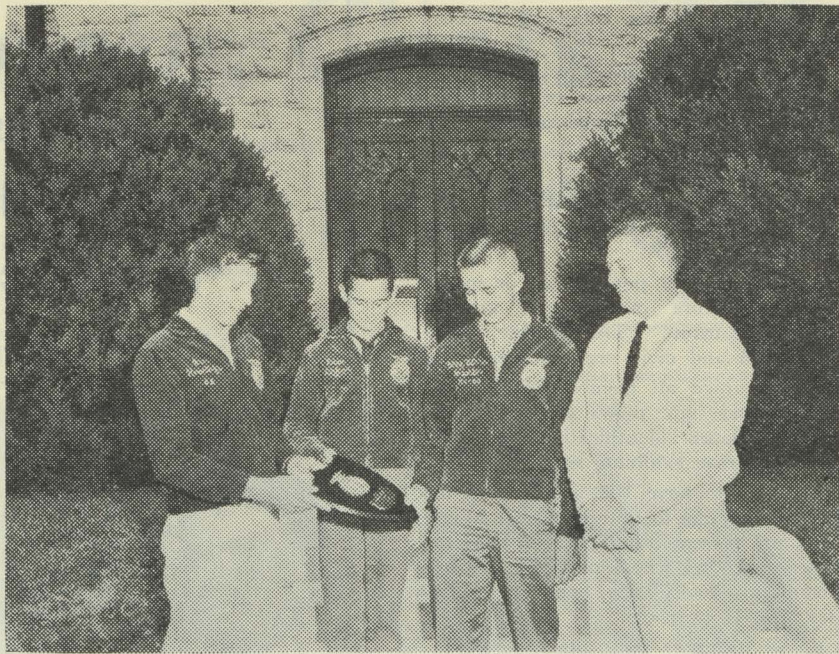
May 7 found me spending the day in Roanoke at the FBLA State Convention. Verlyn Simmons, State President, presided over a wonderful convention.

May 10 I ended my years travels by speaking before the Virginia Farm Electrification Council's Convention.

Briefly I have spent 54 days in the service of the Virginia Association FFA and traveled 7,971 miles.

I am gratefully indebted to many individuals for my success during the past five years of FFA work. To my mother and my uncle I express my heartfelt thanks for guiding me in the right path and making many of my accomplishments possible.

To my advisors, Mr. Scott and Mr. Orr I cannot express my deep appreciation in words for all that you have done



STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGES—The Wilson Memorial Livestock judging team scored highest in the livestock contest. They are (l-r) Benny Howell, Eddie Galvin, Larry Hanes, and N. C. Guynn, vocational agriculture instructor and coach. Team members and coach will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

for me and the interest that you have taken in me.

To Mr. Dudley, who has worked so hard helping us to plan the sessions, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. To Mr. Campbell, Mr. Myers, Mr. McLearn and the Department of Vocational Education here at V.P.I., I extend my deepest appreciation for the planning that has been put into the convention.

To Joe Hughes I can only say thanks to you for the help you have given me. It will remain in my heart forever.

To my fellow officers, who have so ably helped me throughout the year—C. A., Keith, Graham, Bill J., John, Bill B., Cecil, Wayne, Dennis and Mike—I only hope that our friendship will remain as close as it has in the past year. All of you have been just great.

Fellow future farmers, although I have not had the pleasure to work with all of you, your co-operation with the State Association has made this year one of the best. Remember, only through co-operation can we obtain the highest goal. I urge each of you to work hard and strive for the highest in the coming year. Meet the future with determination and faith and you will prosper.

It has been a great honor serving you as State President during 1959-60. May God bless and guide you throughout your paths in life.

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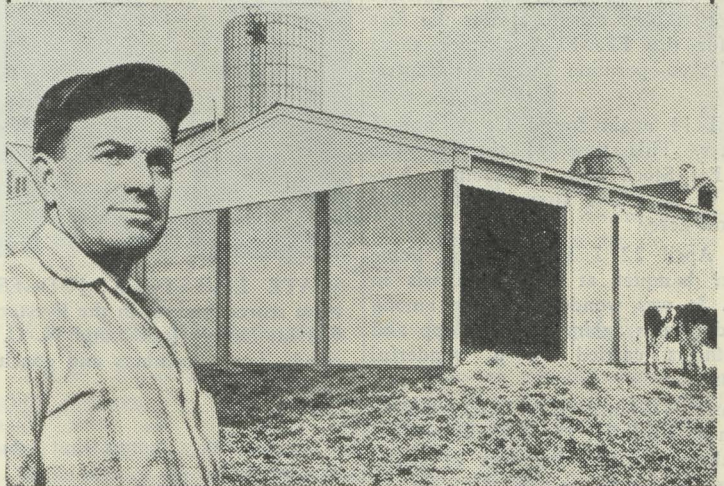
PUBLIC RELATIONS, 1960

The Public Relations Committee wished to make the following recommendations:

1. Each chapter strive to put on at least two radio programs or television programs when and where possible.
2. Invite principals and local faculty, key farmers, members of the board representatives, businessmen, and parents of members to attend special functions of the chapter.
3. Each chapter put on one or more programs before out-of-school groups such as Ruritan, PTA, Grange, and other farm and civic organizations.
4. Encourage all members to exhibit in local and state shows and fairs and provide proper identification 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, honor members, etc.
6. All members assist the reporter in preparing feature articles for publication which should be sent to all newspapers in the area.
7. Encourage education exhibits by chapters, including floats at parades and bulletin board displays both in agriculture department and school.
8. Each chapter keep a scrapbook of FFA activities.
9. Each chapter participate in the distribution of the official FFA calendar.
10. All chapters participate in National FFA week by planning special events including radio and television programs, participation in church programs as a group, and increase publicity in papers, etc.
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 conduct themselves in accordance with the FFA code of ethics.
13. Chapters cooperate with other high school organizations and with extra curricular activities of the school.
14. Cooperate with local soil conservation districts in the Virginia Forest Service in promoting conservation throughout the State.
15. Cooperate with all farm groups for the betterment of American agriculture.
16. Invite parents and the public to the school or special occasions, such as open house, greenhand initiation, parents and son banquet and shop displays.
17. Encourage the display of roadside markers by all chapters and by chapter members.
18. Encourage the erection of FFA mailbox posts for the beautification of rural highways.

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