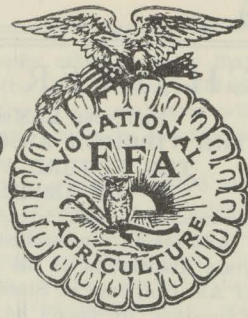


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## Davis New Chairman Of FFA Foundation

Clark W. Davis of Wilmington, Delaware, has been elected chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., an organization which provides an award program to stimulate the interest of farm boy students of vocational agriculture.

He succeeds A. F. Davis of Cleveland, Ohio. As chairman of the Sponsoring Committee he will be responsible for soliciting funds for the Foundation's award program during the coming year.

Mr. Clark Davis is General Manager of the Grasselli Chemicals Department, E. I. duPont deNemours & Company. His election came at the close of a joint meeting of donors and the FFA Foundation



CLARK W. DAVIS

Board of Trustees. Representatives of 90 organizations and business and industrial concerns attended the session which was held January 27 in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building at Washington, D. C.

Herold C. Hunt, Under Secretary of

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## Young Farmers of Va. Award Cale Certificate

Frank B. Cale, director of vocational education, Virginia State Department of Education, Richmond, was awarded a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Young Farmers of Virginia during the sixth annual convention of the organization at Hotel Roanoke, February 25.

On December 9, Mr. Cale was one of five educators given an outstanding service award by the American Vocational



F. B. CALE

Association at its annual meeting in Atlantic City.

Mr. Cale is a founder of the association of young farmers enrolled in vocational agriculture training groups throughout the state. Formed in 1951, the Young Farmers of Virginia is comprised of 85 local high school young farmer associations. The purpose of the organization is to provide training in agriculture for young men becoming established in farming.

Through his work as a teacher of vocational agriculture, district and state

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## Gamage to Speak at 30th State Convention

Lennie Gamage, Cartersville, Virginia, a former member of the Cumberland FFA Chapter and national vice-president of the Future Farmers of America will attend the 1956 State FFA Con-



LENNIE GAMAGE

vention in Blacksburg, June 25-28 it is announced by J. M. Campbell, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of Virginia Association FFA. Lennie will assist with the program and his address will highlight one of the business sessions of the convention.

Approximately 1100 high school students and instructors of vocational agriculture representing 190 local FFA chapters will attend the 30th annual State Convention. Attendance will be limited to chapter judging teams members, State Farmer Degree candidates, members of the winning degree team in the State contest, one contestant in the State public speaking contest from each area, members of the FFA State band and chorus, State Foundation award winners, contestants in the State tractor

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## Our Trip to the Junior Poultry Fact Finding Conference

By Hugh Landes, Broodway FFA

On February 7, Kenneth Washburn, Robert Flora, Denver Bragg and I met at noon in Blacksburg and after gathering materials and practicing our demonstration we left at 4:00 p. m. for Kansas City, Mo., to attend the 3rd Annual Junior Poultry Fact Finding Conference. I was representing the Virginia Association FFA at the conference. That evening we traveled on the newly completed west Virginia Turnpike to Charleston. A very comfortable night was spent at a motel east of Huntington.

February 8th found us traveling on to Louisville and St. Louis, Mo. We arrived in Kansas City around noon, Thursday, February 9th. That afternoon was spent in practicing our demonstration at our room in the Hotel Aladdin. That night we had an orientation party in which we met the other representatives. There were 20 states represented with 107 delegates and chaperons.

After a sponsored breakfast Friday morning we had a guided tour of the Exhibit Hall where we saw many good exhibits, most of them from the processing industry. These exhibits ranged from an

automatic breeder and cooker to a blood spot detector for eggs and included such things as ice makers, the latest poultry dressing equipment, egg vending machines, the latest cartoning and packaging equipment and bulk feed trucks.

Following the tour we joined the Senior Fact Finders for one of their production and procurement work shop sessions and listened to talks on housing, purchasing of turkeys on dressed grades, and the use of hormones in broilers. Next was a sponsored luncheon and after that a tour of Kansas City which took us to the Ford Assembly Plant, the Wm. Rockhill Nelson Museum of Fine Arts and other points of interest. A sponsored dinner featuring a whole squab broiler followed the afternoon tour.

After breakfast on Saturday morning we participated in the Junior Fact Finders' Clinic where we and several other club members from different states gave demonstrations. My demonstration featured the growth of the chicken embryo.

The Junior Fact Finders joined the adult group for a short while Saturday afternoon and then were given free time to do what they liked. On Saturday night we attended a wonderful sponsored banquet featuring cooklebirds which are hormonized broilers shipped in by air from Maine.

After a sponsored breakfast and a short program Sunday morning we attended the churches of our choice and after a sponsored luncheon saw a movie, "Feather Your Future," which showed the opportunities for young men in the poultry field. A talk was then given on the opportunities ahead in Poultry Research, followed by a panel discussion where club members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

With the conclusion of our program at 3:00 we left Kansas City and started home, staying at a motel at Columbia, Mo., Sunday night. Monday we traveled almost the same route that we went out on, crossing the Missouri, Mississippi, and Ohio rivers. We spent the night outside Frankfort, Kentucky and arrived in Blacksburg about 7:30 Tuesday evening.

Besides being most enjoyable, our trip to the Fact Finding Conference gave us an insight into the opportunities available to young people interested in poultry and of the great improvement in marketing and processing developments as well as many new ideas we could take back home to our community.

## "Plant More Trees" Program

FFA chapters throughout the state are cooperating wholeheartedly with Governor Stanley's "Plant More Trees" program, as evidenced by reports recently received in the state office. The five highest FFA chapters, planting the most

tree seedlings in each district are as follows:

**Central District:** Amelia, 44,500; Louisa, 38,000; Greensville Co., 24,000; Henry Clay (Ashland), 20,000; Beaver Dam (Montpelier), 18,000.

**Southside District:** Buckingham, 87,000; Appomattox, 44,000; Whitmell, 25,000; Randolph-Henry, 18,000; Blucstone, 17,000.

**Eastern District:** King William, 20,000; Northumberland, 19,000; West Point, 13,500; Lively, 12,000; Franklin, 11,500.

**Blue Ridge District:** Elk Creek, 21,000; Narrows, 20,000; New Castle, 12,000; Woodlawn, 11,500; Va.-Carolina, 8,000.

**Northern District:** Brownsburg, 10,000; Luray, 5,000; North River, 5,000; Montevideo, 4,000; Broadway, 3,000.

**Appalachian District:** Dryden, 15,500; Marion, 11,000; Rural Retreat, 3,000.

Several chapters reported that more tree seedlings would have been planted if the seedlings could have been secured.

The Future Farmers in the Central District had made their plans to set out 332,700 seedlings but were only able to secure 214,700.

## The VPI Agricultural Exposition Set for May 4-5 at Blackstone

Final plans are being made for the third Agricultural Exposition which will be held on the Virginia Tech Campus, May 4 and 5. Both students and faculty are hard at work arranging the numerous activities that will take place at this big event.

One big new attraction appearing in this years Exposition will be Commercial Exhibits featured by large companies. Space for these exhibits is being sold on a per-footage basis. Already, a number of companies have purchased exhibit space in War Memorial Hall.

Also being featured are the "Little International" and "Dairy Shows." Other activities include a livestock sale, a barbecue and several judging contests. A square dance on Friday night and the Agricultural Ball on Saturday night will provide additional entertainment. Programs covering all phases of the Exposition will be available by April first.

All FFA chapters throughout the State are invited and urged to attend this big event. Plan now for a group trip to the 1956 Agricultural Exposition. Any information regarding the Exposition can be obtained by contacting W. B. Allison, Jr., Box 2599, Va. Tech Station, Blacksburg, Va.

The best way to keep up with the Joneses is to take it easy for a while and in a few years you'll meet them coming back.

## Franklin FFA Chapter Honors Four Adults at Banquet

The Franklin County Chapter of the Future Farmers of America entertained parents and guests recently at the annual banquet. The highlight of the program was the Honorary Chapter Farmer Ceremony at which time four adults were honored. Some 150 guests and members including the local Lions Club were present for the event which was held in the local high school cafeteria. Adults who received the honorary degree were: Gordon T. Preston, Franklin County Game Warden; Glen E. Boone, Local Farm Machinery Dealer; Cecil W. Doss, High School Business Manager; and Bruce M. Kent, High School Guidance Director.

In presenting the degrees, it was pointed out that these men had been very interested in the FFA and Vocational Agriculture program. In promoting the programs they have given of their time and services in many ways.

Curtis Scott, a local young farmer and vice-president of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America, was the principal speaker. Young Scott discussed what the FFA program had meant to him and he pointed out the many activities which the FFA makes available to its members and which is valuable training for better citizens in a community.

Jack Bowman in welcoming the parents and guests pointed out that the banquet was held to acquaint them with the activities of the FFA and to express the appreciation of the group to the parents for the sacrifices that they make on the youth's behalf. George C. Flora, a parent, responded to the welcome. Tommy Cummings gave the invocation. Carl Dudley served as song leader.

"Students Today—Leaders Tomorrow" was the subject of the talk by C. J. Martin. In the talk C. J. outlined with slides the benefits of the FFA program and emphasized the leadership training received through the organization. He stated that today a good farmer must be a good leader in his community and one of the biggest needs in rural life is good leaders.

Roger Flora gave a talk on farm life in which he pointed out the values and satisfaction that comes from life on a farm. Ben Flora served as Master of Ceremonies. The dinner was served by the FHA girls under the supervision of Home Economic instructors, Mrs. Maggie Gardener and Miss Mary Ann Patterson and was prepared by the school cafeteria staff.

Other FFA members who were on the program included Harold Booth, Richard Jamison, James Hudson, Glen Woods, James Bussey, George Amos, Ronnie Naff, Sam Holt, and Donald Preston.

Chapter officers are; Ben Flora, president; Arthur Campbell, vice-president; Billy Houseman, secretary; Elton Law, treasurer; Jimmy Potter, reporter and Basil Boitnott, sentinel.

### IS THIS A RECORD?

The Stuart FFA Chapter may hold the State record as to the number of boys to study vocational agriculture from one family.

At their recent father-son banquet the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree was awarded to V. R. Williams, a well known business man and farmer in Patrick County.

Billy Ray, chapter secretary, in listing the accomplishments of Mr. Williams revealed the following information: He has attended twelve consecutive father-son banquets, and has had seven sons to study vocational agriculture in the Stuart Department. Six of his sons have studied under the present teacher, A. E. Williams. His oldest son was enrolled under C. B. Hopkins, a former agriculture teacher.

E. T. Robertson, instructor of vocational agriculture at Franklin County High School, was guest speaker at the banquet.

### GAMAGE TO SPEAK AT 30TH STATE CONVENTION

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driving contest and chapter advisors.

No major changes will be made in the State FFA judging contests for 1956. Judging teams will compete for State honors in livestock, dairy, poultry, and crops judging contests. One member from each chapter who is attending the

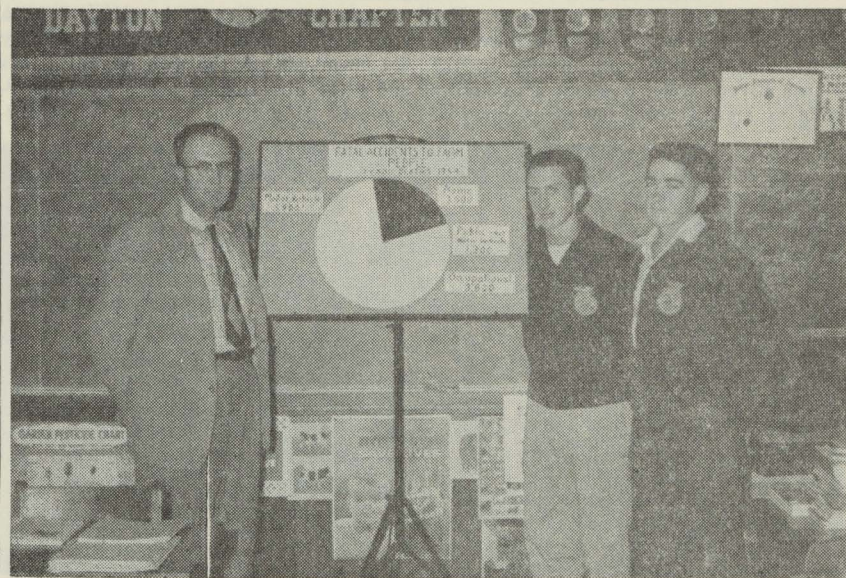
convention in some other capacity may participate in the shop judging contest. Two representatives from each area will compete for State honors in the tractor driving contest.

FFA Foundation awards of \$100 will go to students enrolled in vocational agriculture for 1955-56 having made the most outstanding accomplishments in farm mechanics, farm electrification, dairy farming, livestock farming, soil and water management. The most outstanding student receiving the State Farmer Degree will be designated Star Farmer of the year and will receive the \$100 Star Farmer Award. A 10 by 25 foot silo will be awarded to the FFA member in Virginia doing outstanding work in dairy and livestock farming. In selecting the winner of the silo consideration will also be given to the need and use made of the silo by the Future Farmer on his home farm.

Awards will also be made to chapters doing outstanding work in wildlife, forestry, farm safety, and community service. Cash awards and plaques will go to the top ranking FFA Chapter in each district and in the State. Each chapter may apply for the Superior or Standard awards certificate.

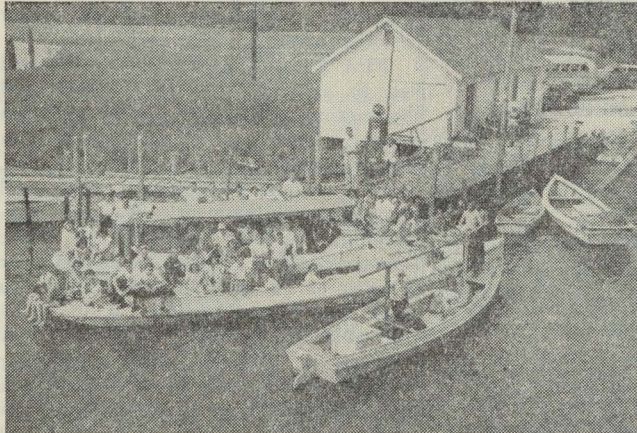
Application forms for all awards have been sent to chapter advisors. Rules for conducting the convention will be found in the Rally Regulations, revised, February 1954.

Plans are being made to organize a State FFA Band and Chorus again this year. FFA talent will be used whenever possible throughout the convention program. Any FFA boys able and willing to entertain in the State Convention should notify his chapter advisor.



**FARM SAFETY PROGRAM**—Pictured above are members of the Dayton FFA Chapter who presented a program at a recent meeting of the Linville-Edom Ruritan Club. They are (l. to r.); R. C. Cupp, instructor of vocational agriculture and chapter advisor; Charles Comer, secretary and Alan Liskey, vice-president.

## FFA-FHA Camp to be Open June 11 to Aug. 11; 1,800 Can Attend



**FISHING TRIPS.**—Many of the boys and girls attending the FFA-FHA Camp near Smithfield enjoy the optional activities arranged by the camp staff. Campers are pictured above ready for a fishing trip in the Hampton Roads area.



**SWIMMING.**—Boating, swimming and bathing are popular activities with the boys and girls of the FFA-FHA Camp. All water activities are under the direction of a qualified supervisor. Swimming instruction will be given beginners.

The FFA-FHA Camp at Morgarts Beach near Smithfield is scheduled to be open for nine weeks from June 11 to August 11, it has been announced by R. E. Bass, State supervisor of vocational agriculture and general manager of the camp association. Application forms for requesting reservations have been mailed to instructors of vocational agriculture and home economics. Reservations should be submitted by April 20 and will be confirmed in the order requests are received.

About 1300 campers enjoyed good times together at the FFA-FHA Camp during the summer of 1955. Many wondered how it was possible for so much fun to be packed into one camp week between arrival Monday afternoon and leaving time Saturday morning. For some, the most enjoyable experience was swimming, boating and fishing in the James River, which is about seven miles wide as viewed from the front lawn of

camp. Others enjoyed-softball, basketball, badminton, ping pong, volley ball, horse shoes, croquet, handicrafts, or a sun bath on the wide sandy beach. Perhaps the highlight each day was the evening program with students, fashion shows, talent shows, singing, dancing and other activities.

The many new friends made among both boys and girls is a memorable experience for most campers. Other activities such as a fishing trip planned by the camp director or a trip to Williamsburg to "The Common Glory" were enjoyable events for the campers.

### Part of Vo-Ag and Homemaking.

Owned by the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America and the Virginia Association Future Homemakers of America, the camp is operated as a recreational-leadership training activity for members of the two organizations under the direction of the State Department of Education. The weeks train-

ing at camp is an extension of the high school training program in vocational agriculture and home economics to broaden the opportunities offered high school youths to improve themselves in leadership ability.

The Board of Directors of the FFA-FHA Camp which met in Richmond, February 17, to plan the 1956 camp program decided to again invite members of the Diversified Occupation Clubs of Virginia, Distributive Education Clubs of Virginia and members of the Future Business Leaders of America to attend camp during weeks when reservations are not filled by FFA and FHA members.

### Teachers on Board.

The FFA-FHA Camp Board of Directors is responsible for conducting the business of the camp and giving direction to the camp program. Membership on the Camp Board of Directors consists of three homemaking teachers, three teachers of vocational agriculture, the



**TRAVEL TO FFA-FHA CAMP.**—Many country groups travel to the camp by busses, chartered or provided by local school boards. Boys and girls from Franklin County are pictured above boarding a bus for home after a week at the camp.



**EVENING PROGRAMS AT FFA-FHA CAMP.**—These will include get acquainted mixers, stunts, folk dancing, fashion shows, tacky contests, panel discussions, singing, and other activities. Boys and girls make many new friends at camp.

State Supervisors and an assistant supervisor of vocational agriculture and home economics education. The State presidents of FHA and FFA are ex-officio members and the State director of vocational education serves as consultant to the Camp Board of Directors.

Looking back about 19 years when in 1937 Virginia Farmers rented and operated a camp on Swift Creek in Chesterfield County, much progress has been made in improving the program and camp facilities. The first year the camp was operated as a FFA camp for boys only. The next two years the Swift Creek Camp included Future Farmers and Future Homemakers. By the end of the third year, it was evident that the camp facilities were not adequate to accommodate the boys and girls from the two youth organizations.

#### Morgarts Beach 1940.

In January, 1940, a State-wide search for a camp ended when the FFA Executive committee and Camp Advisory Committee found the Morgarts Beach property, four miles from Smithfield on the James River. The Morgarts Beach Hotel building, formerly used as a resort hotel, was renovated to accommodate 100 campers each week. The first summer's camp at the new site was described as ideal and far superior to any past years. There was plenty of activity affording real fun and satisfaction. In the fall of 1940 final arrangements were made to purchase the Morgarts Beach property including 28 acres of land for \$8,000, for a permanent FFA-Home Economics Camp site. (The name was later changed to FFA-FHA Camp).

Each Saturday for several months members of FFA and Home Economics classes (FHA was not organized at the time) from the region near Morgarts Beach painted, built porches, repaired buildings and equipment and cleaned up the grounds. In 1942, the State Convention was held at Camp and the camping season shortened to four weeks. During World War II, the camp did not operate, but was opened again the summer of 1945.

#### New Building 1951.

The next major change in the facilities at FFA-FHA Camp occurred in 1951 with the completion of the new building—kitchen, dining room and recreation hall and the purchase of an adjoining cottage formerly owned by Smithfield Ruritan Club.

From the time the property was purchased in 1940, many improvements have been made in the facilities. Ice water drinking fountains have been added and additional showers installed. The room improvement projects have resulted in paneling the walls and generally improving the appearance of the rooms.

Cost of attending camp per person, as in previous years, will be \$12 a week; \$3

### Carroll Hunt of Halifax County Is Declared State Winner of Tobacco Show and Sale

Carroll Hunt of the North Staunton community of Halifax County and a senior member of Halifax County's Future Farmers of America chapter was declared winner of the State Tobacco Contest according to G. R. Matthews, VPI Tobacco Specialist, chairman of judging committee. These Junior Tobacco Shows and Sales were held last fall at Brookneal, Chase City, Clarksville, Danville, Lawrenceville, Kenbridge, Petersburg, South Boston, Rocky Mount and South Hill.

The top winners from each market were entrants in the state contest and Carroll Hunt (who had been the winner in the South Boston show) came out on top with the \$200 first place savings bond given by Tobacco Associates, Inc. Scoring of the contestants was based on the practices carried out, records and accounts, preparation for market, quality, pounds produced and selling price.

Carroll's tobacco made a yield of 2,933 pounds per acre with a sale value of \$1,648.49 per acre. This unusual yield was the result of carrying out practically all of the Experiment Station's recommendations for growing quality tobacco. According to J. E. Crews, vocational agriculture teacher, who supervised Carroll's project, "He did everything he was supposed to do and a little more besides."

Second place in the State went to James D. East a 4-H member from Pittsylvania County.

Third place went to another Halifax County FFA member, Franklin Midkiff, of the Milestone community. His yield was 2047 pounds per acre that sold for \$1,401.49 or an average of 67 cents per pound.

These boys produced these very profitable crops by selecting good soils, producing good plants, fertilizing according to soil tests, controlling diseases and insects, controlling suckers, proper harvesting and marketing, and by performing all the other good practices in connection with tobacco production.

Carroll Hunt, raised his crop on Blackshank infested land using Cokers 139 variety. Other varieties used by some of the winners were; Virginia Gold, Virginia 21 and Hicks. Franklin Midkiff used Hicks to make his 67 cents per pound average price.

of which is payable with the request for reservations. Approximately 200 campers can be accommodated each week during the nine weeks session.

Chapter groups should avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the camp,

### Appomattox FFA Sponsors Junior Green Hand Chapter

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of the FFA at Appomattox has inaugurated a Junior Green Hand Chapter for the 8th grade exploratory agriculture students of Appomattox High School. After about a year of discussion and planning, a constitution has been adopted and the Junior Green Hand Chapter has been formed.

As organized the Junior Green Hand Chapter is a subsidiary group under the direction of the parent FFA Chapter. Some of the main purposes of the new chapter are to provide 8th grade boys with a better opportunity to learn what vocational agriculture and the FFA may mean to them in high school, to give future vo-ag students an opportunity to get an earlier start with projects, to develop leadership and good character, and to provide wholesome recreation and entertainment.

The new chapter was launched on February 7, 1956, when the Junior Green hand committee of the parent chapter installed the officers and conducted the first program for the meeting. Luther Reynolds presided as these officers were installed: Dennis Torrence, president; Myron Richardson, vice-president; Jack Tibbs, secretary; Robert Mann, treasurer; Charles Shirey, reporter; Brod Pack, sentinel; and W. Lewis Motley as advisor. At this meeting Jack Tibbs talked briefly on "Vocational Agriculture for Green Hands." and Dennis Torrence on "My Trip to the State Fair." A quiz contest was conducted by Ralph Inge and ice cream sandwiches were served as refreshments.

### BRANDON SILO TO BE AWARDED

For the second consecutive year the Brandon Silo Corporation of Richmond, Virginia, will again award a 10 by 25 foot silo valued at about \$800.00 to the Future Farmer of America in Virginia, doing outstanding work in dairy or livestock farming it is announced by J. F. Brandon, Jr., president of the corporation. In selecting the winner consideration will also be given to the need and use to be made of the silo by the future farmer member on his home farm.

This award is available to FFA boys who have been regularly enrolled in in-school classes of vocational agriculture during the current year and to applicants for the State Farmer degree, dairy farming, and livestock farming awards. In addition, the applicant will be requested to write a statement indicating the need for and how he will use the silo on his farming program.

Nowlin Maddox, member of the Brookfield Chapter was awarded the silo last

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## Federation News

**George Washington**—C. T. Smith team won top honors in the federation crop judging contest with Caroline placing second.

**LAND**—Victoria Shop Judging Team won first place in the contest conducted recently by the Federation. Midway took second place and Kenbridge, third.

**BAR**—At a recent meeting of the federation, the following activities were planned: poultry judging at Wilson Memorial; basketball at Monterey; public speaking at Weyers Cave; livestock judging in June.

**Clinch**—Federation activities include such events as forestry judging, rifle match, softball, baseball, degree team and public speaking contest. The Clinch Federation is composed of Ervington, Haysi, Clintwood, Dungannon and Shhoe-maker.

**BRB**—In a recent business session, plans were made for holding a Shop Federation Contest, public speaking and degree team competition. A. M. West, county forest warden, discussed the contest on Conservation of Natural Resources which will be on a competitive basis for all KVG members.

**Northern Triangle**—During the first half of the current year, the Northern Triangle Federation held two judging contests. The Frederick County Fair sponsored by the James Wood and the forestry judging contest sponsored by Warren County. Other contests to be held this year include tractor driving, public speaking, rifle team and shop judging.

**Tidewater**—West Point Chapter won the Tidewater Federation rifle championship at the West Point Armory and Recreational Center recently. Pleasant Hill placed second, Mathews, third; Charles City, fourth; Gloucester, fifth; King William, sixth; and Middlesex, seventh. In individual competition, John Gove, Simms Hodges and Joe Staniuf all from West Point placed second and third respectively.

**HUB**—Appomattox FFA Farm Mechanics judging team placed first in the annual federation contest recently. Members of the winning team were: Ralph Reynolds, Floyd Fleshman, Jr., and Luther Reynolds. Ed Davis of William Campbell won individual honors, followed by Marshall Tanner of William Campbell, Floyd Fleshman, and Donald Bays of Moneta. William Campbell team placed second; Amherst, third; New London and Rustburg, fourth and fifth, respectively.

**Pittsylvania**—Wilford Coker of Gretna FFA Chapter won first place in the Pittsylvania public speaking contest recently. Harold Atkins of Whitmell was runner up with Carroll Cardwell placing third. The subject of Coker's winning address was "The Time of Decision," in which he evaluated the advantages which farming offers a young man as an occupation. Other contestants were: Keith Benny Powell, Callands; Ryland Harkins, Shelton, Climax; Bobby Pierson, Ranan; Spring Garden; and Eugene Taylor, Brosville.

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## FFA Chapter Briefs

**James Wood**—FFA members raised \$139.20 for the March of Dimes Polio Fund. Two auction sales were held with FFA members donating such things as hams, guineas, etc. for the two sales.

**Warrenton**—Jerry D. Faller was awarded a trophy for outstanding FFA work with Brown Swiss cattle. The award was made at the Virginia State Dairyman's Association meeting in Roanoke recently.

**New London**—At a recent chapter meeting, Don Little was chosen Chapter Star Farmer. The chapter members presented a program at the New London Academy Community League meeting recently.

**Auburn**—Six FFA boys and their instructor, G. C. Williams, attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg recently. They were: Jackie Chafin, Curtis Lester, Jon Altizer, Perry Cole, Paul Naff and Carl McNeil.

**Edinburg**—Fourteen Edinburg FFA boys and several Young Farmers attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg recently. Wilbour Dellinger received first prize in the Christmas card sale contest with Carl Stepheson and Kelly Cofelt winning second and third.

**North River**—More than 100 persons attended the annual father-son banquet held at high school recently. Billy Simmons, chapter president, presented Honorary Chapter Farmer degree to Lee A. Cupp and John A. Mohler. Robert Wagoner received the Chapter Star Farmer award.

**Brookville**—Lennie Gamage, National FFA vice-president from Cartersville, Virginia was guest speaker at the Brookville banquet recently. Chapter members appearing on the program included, John Hendrick, James Mitchell, Kenneth Denton, Larry Miller, Eddie Morey, Sandra Staton and Burleigh Newman.

**Battlefield Park**—As a part of their community service program, chapter members secured, repaired and turned over to the Christmas Mother several hundred toys for distribution to needy children. The chapter has also organized a KVG Crew. The chapter plans to hold a hamburger fry this spring.

**Rich Valley**—Recently the chapter placed first in the Forestry Judging Contest and represented the Federation in a district contest held at Christiansburg. The chapter also won the Livestock Contest at the Rich Valley Fair and Public Speaking Contest as well as the Grain Judging and placing second in the Shop Judging Contest.

**Weyers Cave**—At a recent PTA meeting of the Middle River High School, the Weyers Cave FFA Chapter presented 6 of its members in a public speaking contest. They were: Charles Christian, Norman Argenbright, Dwight Houff, Kenneth Huffman, George Kemper and Billy Wise.

**Chilhowie**—When school started last fall, Chilhowie vocational agriculture department moved into a new vo-ag building. For several months the chapter members have been arranging equipment in the new building, constructing new work tables, shelves, etc., 12 members of the chapter recently received the Chapter Farmer degree.

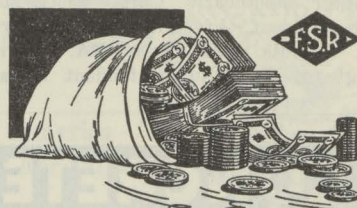
**Huddleston**—At a meeting of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce recently first prize award at a county tree planting contest was presented to the Huddleston FFA Chapter members. C. F. Darnell, vocational agriculture teacher at Huddleston, received the first plance plaque from Sneed T. Adams, C. S. soil conservationist, who announced the awards.

**Wilson Memorial**—John Ramsey recently won first price of \$5 in a pest eradication project sponsored by the chapter. Charles Leonard (Buck) Freed, Jr., was recently featured in an article in the *Waynesboro News-Virginian*. This year Buck is raising a purebred baby beef, a Berkshire sow and eight pokers. He plans to enter his projects in the Fat Stock Show to be held at Staunton, April 26.

**Franklin**—As part of the FFA school improvement program, Franklin Chapter recently painted the school canteen, repaired stools, fertilized the school lawn and built a new bird feeder for the school grounds. During FFA Week the chapter put on a 20-minute assembly program, put posters in store windows and prepared several newspaper articles. The boys are setting out 11,500 pine seedlings.

**Woolwine**—51 fathers, sons and guests were present at the Woolwine Chapter father-son banquet recently. James V. Law, superintendent of Patrick County Schools, was guest speaker and he spoke on the topic "Choosing a Career." Jimmy Morrison, chapter president, presided. Others participating on the program were: Coy Morrison, Roy Lawless, Roy Walker, Gerald Wright, Alfred Pilon and Frances Turner, principal of Woolwine High School.

**Prince George**—Some 60 persons attended the father-son banquet at the high school recently. Edward Hanzlik, president of the chapter for two years, was presented the Star Farmer award. Jimmy Nicol was presented the public speaking award and Elmer Daniel was given a \$5 prize for his winning entry in the Farm Bureau essay contest. The



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meal was served by the FHA chapter. Mr. L. L. Beazley, instructor of vocational agriculture at the school, delivered the main address.

**Worsham**—During FFA Week, Worsham FFA Chapter put on a radio program at the local station with Lindy Cox, Dickie Thackston, Russell Scruggs and A. M. Whorley, advisor, participating. "The Future of Farming," "The First Farmer, George Washington," and "The Responsibilities of a Future Farmer," were the topics of discussion of a television program sponsored by the chapter at Lynchburg. Bernard McKay, Charles McKay, Dickie Thackston and Ted Denton appeared on the TV program.

**Bland**—In a recent issue of *American Farm Youth Magazine*, Danny Bird's article entitled "My Supervised Farming Program" won first place award of \$10. During FFA Week, chapter members presented a TV program over WHIS-TV in Bluefield. They also presented a program at the local Kiwanis Club and a radio program over WYVE in Wytheville. Five chapter members and their advisor, Ralph Reynolds, attended the Virginia State Dairymen Convention at Roanoke recently. Those who attended were: Danny Bird, Jimmy Strouse, Billy Strock, Clinton Nelson and David Tate.

**Gretna**—More than 130 members, parents, guests, attended the FFA-FHA banquet at the high school recently. Joel Burch was named Chapter Star Farmer. Chapter president, Neville Rowland, awarded C. E. Angel, assistant vo-ag instructor, the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree. A white jacket with the FFA symbol was awarded to Stella Vaughan,

chapter sweetheart. Curtis Scott, state vice-president, brought greetings from the Virginia Association FFA. Charles Hagberg, assist superintendent Pittsylv-

vania County Schools, delivered the main address of the evening.

Surry—Nine FFA members at Surry County High School are taking forestry as an enterprise in their vocational agriculture supervised farming program for 1956. The boys hope to accomplish several things with their forestry plots. They plan to realize some profits either by selling merchantable products, or by receiving payments for forestry improvement and establishment through the Agricultural Conservation Program. In addition it is hoped that these forestry plots will be a demonstration to their fathers and neighbors of good forestry management, and might serve as an inducement to them to improve their woodland and possibly make use of the ACP program. Camp Manufacturing Company has furnished the chapter members with a 60 lb. bag of Ammate to be used in killing undesirable hardwoods in their plots. Herman Cooper is undertaking the thinning out of pines and pulpwood. Herman recently won the chapter public speaking contest on the topic, "Guardians of the Forest."

#### DAVIS NEW CHAIRMAN OF FFA FOUNDATION

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the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, addressed the group during a noon luncheon sponsored by General Motors Corporation in honor of the national officers of the Future Farmers of America. The FFA officers had their turn as speakers at the evening banquet sponsored by the Foundation for American Agriculture.

The FFA Foundation has budgeted \$183,208.00 in an award program for 1956, according to a report given at the meeting by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Director of the Agricultural Education Branch in the U. S. Office of Education, and Chairman of the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. The Treasurer's report by Dr. Dowell J. Howard of Richmond, Virginia, revealed that contributions during 1955 totalled \$179,058.99 from 262 donors.

Best known of the awards sponsored by the Foundation is the Star Farmer of America prize of \$1,000 given each year at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, to the Future Farmer who is judged the nation's most outstanding in farming and leadership. Many other State and national prizes are provided by the Foundation in such fields as public speaking, farm mechanics, farm electrification, soil and water management, and farm safety. Included, according to Dr. Spanton's report, are about 45,000 medals awarded annually to boys who are most outstanding in their local FFA chapters.

The Foundation program for 1956, as developed by the Board of Trustees, is

substantially the same as in 1955, except that awards for American Farmer degree winners in FFA, and Superior Farmer degree winners in the NFA, were increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00 each, with the stipulation that the winners must be in attendance at the convention to qualify for the cash award.

Another Board action of interest made funds in the Foundation Reserve Fund, now mostly invested in Government Bonds, available to the FFA organization on a 5-year loan basis at 3 per cent interest to help finance the construction of a new building to house the FFA Supply Service and the National Future Farmer Magazine. The Foundation Reserve Fund now contains \$138,236.64.

#### YOUNG FARMERS OF VA. AWARD CALE CERTIFICATE

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supervisor of agricultural education, Mr. Cale aided many young men to become better trained farmers through their study of agriculture in high school and their continued agricultural studies as members of young farmer groups after finishing high school.

This honorary membership award is given annually to a Virginia farm leader who has made an outstanding contribution to Virginia Young Farmers in their efforts to become established in their chosen vocation of farming.

This is the second time this award has been made. Last year it was presented to Hon. Parke C. Brinkley, Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Cale graduated at VPI in 1917 and has done graduate work at Cornell University and Louisiana State University. He was teacher of vocational agriculture at Sparta High School in Caroline County from 1919 to 1933 after which he served as district supervisor of agricultural education in Southside Virginia with headquarters at Appomattox. In 1946 he became supervisor of agricultural education, State Department of Education and was named State director of vocational education in 1951.

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year. A similar award was recently made to Harold Thurman, member of the Willis Young Farmers Association at the Young Farmers State Convention in Roanoke.



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