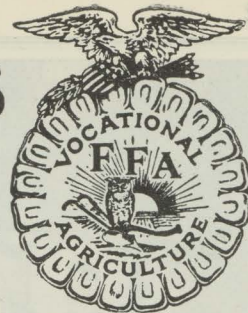




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## Eleven Hundred Virginia Future Farmers Will Attend 32nd State FFA Convention

Approximately 1,100 high school students and their instructors of vocational agriculture will attend the 32nd Annual Convention of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, June 16-19. The first session will convene Monday night, June 16 and the convention will adjourn at noon Thursday, June 19.

About 250 judging teams from Virginia's 187 FFA chapters and high school departments of vocational agriculture will compete for State honors in dairy, crops, livestock, and poultry contests. The high scoring team in each contest will represent the State in similar national events this fall and the second high team will compete at the Virginia State Fair.

Each chapter is entitled to one judging team for the first 35 active members or less, and an additional team for each additional 35 members or major fraction thereof. No chapter may enter more than two (2) teams in the same contest. Following this procedure, all chapters with a membership of 52 members or less may send one (1) team. According to State Office records based on chapter membership for whom dues have been paid, the Halifax County Chapter is entitled to five (5) teams and James Wood, Franklin County and Drewry Mason are entitled to send four (4) teams. On the same basis the following chapters are entitled to send three (3) teams: 88-122; Appomattox, Randolph Henry, Willis, Broadway, Tazewell, Wilson Memorial.

The following chapters may send two (2) teams to participate in State Judging

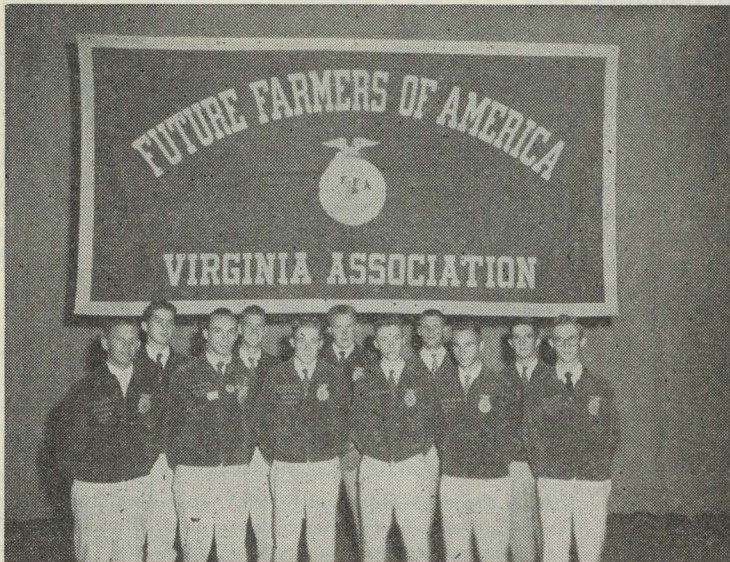
Contest: North River, Buchanan, Buckingham, William Campbell, Hillsville, Woodlawn, Cumberland, Clintwood, Floyd, Fluvanna, Narrows, Galax, Independence, Va-Carolina, Fries, Loudoun,

## Vo-Ag Conference Set for July 7-11

The 41st Annual Conference of Virginia's Instructors of Vocational Agriculture will be held at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, July 7-11, it is announced by R. E. Bass, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. Approximately 300 instructors of vocational agriculture, supervisors, teacher trainers and guests are expected to attend.

Copies of the program will be sent to division superintendents, instructors of vocational agriculture in the state as soon as it is completed. A portion of the afternoon will be devoted to the annual meeting of Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. Teachers will hold their annual banquet on Thursday evening, July 10.

A large portion of the conference program will be devoted to a discussion of farm management problems by the Virginia vo-ag teachers. Time will also be provided during the conference for teachers to discuss common problems at area meetings.



**STATE FFA OFFICERS**—Officers of the Virginia Association FFA who will preside at the 1958 State Convention in Blacksburg, June 16-19 are pictured above. (front row 1 to r) Buddy Hiter, Danny Wertz and Clarence Barrack, vice presidents; Bill Lawson, president; Danny Shenk, reporter; James Watt, secretary. (back row) Lamar Owens, treasurer; George Pettus, III, vice president; Robert Eller, sentinel; Tommy Thompson and Dwight Houff, vice presidents.

Louisa, Victoria, Madison, Bluestone, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Nelson, Hardin Reynolds, Dan River, Whitmell, Dublin, Andrew Lewis, Montevideo, Turner Ashby, Lebanon, Gate City, Strasburg, Marion, Rich Valley, Spotsylvania, Richlands, George Wythe, Jackson Memorial, Rural Retreat.

This year IBM cards will be used in connection with all judging contests including shop judging. In order to prevent bending the cards, it is important that each judge bring a clipboard to the Rally.

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### GRANGE WILL PRESENT AWARD

The Virginia State Grange will present a \$25 award to the FFA chapter in the State doing the most outstanding work in community service in 1957-58, it is announced by Z. M. K. Fulton, Jr., member of the State Grange Executive Committee. The community service section of the Final FFA Chapter Report will be used as a basis for selecting the winning chapter. The award will be presented during the State FFA Convention in Blacksburg, June 16-19.



**HONORARY DEGREE**—Pictured above at Montevideo banquet are (l to r) John Long, Danny Hooke, Dr. W. H. Smith and Jennings Morris. Dr. Smith is receiving the honorary chapter farmer degree from Danny Hooke.

### Montevideo Future Farmers, Young Farmers Hold Banquet

The Montevideo FFA Chapter began the celebration of National FFA Week by holding their first annual FFA-Young Farmer Banquet on February 22. The banquet was held in the school cafeteria which was decorated with crepe paper of national blue and corn gold color. At the head table was the FFA emblem beside the Young Farmer Charter.

Toastmasters for the banquet were Jennings Morris, acting for the Young Farmers Association, and Danny Hooke, acting for the FFA. A delicious meal was served by a local church women's organization.

The highlight of the banquet was the awarding of Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees. The degrees went to Dr. W. H. Smith, local veterinarian, and John S. Long, Chapter Advisor.

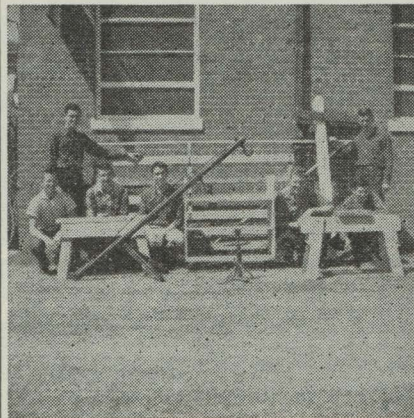
Next was a report on chapter activities for the year by reporter, James Craun. Some of the main activities are: repaired toys at Christmas for distribution to seven needy families in the community, provided field trips and a tour to the Pennsylvania Farm Show, sponsored chapter judging contests, increased church attendance through chapter church attendance contest, raised hogs on chapter land as a money-making activity, and sold Christmas cards at Christmas as a chapter money-raising activity.

All chapter members have been given roadside markers indicating that they are proud to be FFA members. Also twenty concrete mail box posts have been constructed to help improve the looks of the community roadsides. This activity has the cooperation of the local Ruritan Club. Many farm gates have been constructed by chapter members in the farm shop. These have the letters FFA welded on them to provide further chapter public relations.

### Chapters Receive Awards At Rural Safety Council Meet

Several Virginia chapters of FFA were among the organizations to receive awards for outstanding work in local safety presented at a meeting of the Virginia Rural Safety Council at Monticello Hotel in Norfolk May 2. Chapters of FFA recognized were: Ashland, Halifax, Riner and Louisa. E. M. Pennington, instructor of vocational agriculture at Louisa High School and Harvey Seal, instructor of vocational agriculture at Henry Clay High School in Ashland, received individual awards for their contribution to rural safety.

One of the outstanding features of the evening was the two safety exhibits prepared and placed around the Ballroom at Monticello Hotel by FFA chapters, FHA chapters, 4-H Clubs and other organizations. Each exhibit featured one or more important lessons in farm and home safety. FFA chapters preparing exhibits were Princess Anne and Great Bridge.



**Shop Project**—Montevideo FFA students are shown standing by examples of shop projects completed in farm shop this year.

### Gilman Shows Champion Pigs At Richmond Stock Show

Johnny Gilman, member of the Ashland FFA Chapter, showed the grand champion pig of market hogs at the Richmond Junior Premium Stock Show and Sale at the State Fair Grounds on April 9. Young Gilman's pen of champion hogs sold for 28¢ per pound. Other FFA hog entries were shown by Bobby Joyner, Billy Thompson, Byron Gilman, all of Hanover County and Gene Walton and Robin Lester of Powhatan.

FFA members having entries in the baby beef show were: Howard Baker, Johnny Gilman, Charles Mills all of Ashland; Lindsay Topscott, Larry Derrenbecker, Buddy Pankey and Clifford Wooten of Buckingham and Cecil Wright of Weyers Cave.

## Chapter News

**Cople**—Chapter members recently purchased a purebred Hampshire gilt to start a pig chain. Chapter members sold drinks at basketball games, garden seeds in the community and conducted other activities to raise money to start the chain. Plans are being made to build a portable electric pig brooder.

**Bluestone**—W. C. Dudley, area supervisor of vocational agriculture, was guest speaker at the Bluestone FFA-FHA Father-son-mother-daughter banquet recently. Talks on the activities of FFA and FHA were given by Gene Champion, Gene Winston, and Brenda Brewer.

**Randolph Henry**—A valentine theme was carried out at the FFA-FHA mother-daughter-father-son banquet recently. Miss Mary Armstead of Halifax County, who recently visited Belgium, was guest speaker.

**Eagle Rock**—At a recent assembly program, David King, chapter president, presented the honorary chapter farmer degree to J. C. Thompson, Jr. The Star chapter farmer award was presented to Sidney H. Saville, Jr.

**Northampton**—During National FFA Week, the following FFA chapter members were featured in the *Accomac Peninsula Enterprise* for their outstanding record in vocational agriculture and other high school work; Thomas Char-nock, Charles Floyd, Phillip Custis and Curtis Jones.

**New London**—A father and his son were honored at the annual FFA-FHA parent-child banquet at the high school recently. Cary Feagan was awarded the honorary chapter farmer degree and his son Sherman was presented the star chapter farmer award. The public speaking award was presented to Allen May.

**Blue Ridge**—Approximately 60 members and guests attended the 20th annual father-son banquet at the high school recently. Results of the 1956-57 supervised farming contest were announced and awards were presented as follows: best corn enterprise, James Slate; best tobacco enterprise, James Slate; best pasture enterprise, Kenneth Nester; best all-around farming program, Kenneth Nester. Glen Hiatt was presented the star chapter farming award.

**Ashland**—Chapter members recently finished a scrap metal drive which the boys have been working on since before Christmas. They earned \$35.70 to help finance chapter activities.

**Dan River**—At a recent chapter meeting Ray Jones gave a report on the FFA-FHA Camp and encouraged members to attend. Curtis Cuykendall and Bobby Parker gave a report on the advantages of FFA forestry camp at Holiday Lake. James Beggarly gave a very interesting talk on "Farm Safety."

**Dryden**—S. J. Shelburne, superintendent

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**SMORGASBORD**—Four lines of members, parents, and friends of the Eagle Rock FFA and FHA Chapters appeared more interested in the food than the camera as the 1957-'58 FFA-FHA Smorgasbord got under way in the ERHS gym Wednesday evening, April 2. "Food and fellowship featured the occasion for nearly 200 persons," says Louie Frango, chapter reporter. Leading the lines (l. to r.) are W. C. Dudley, Area Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture; A. E. Vaughan, member Botetourt County School Board; H. R. Graham, Principal Eagle Rock High School; and O. B. Persinger, Chairman, Eagle Rock Vocational Agriculture Advisory Council.

## Federation News

**Smyth-Wythe**—Tommy Gibson of Rural Retreat won first place in the Federation speaking contest recently on the subject "The Influence of Science in Agriculture." Roger Grubbs of George Wythe captured second place, followed by William Burkett of Rich Valley. The Federation grain judging contest was held at the Southern States Building in Wytheville. The annual Federation Banquet was held at Marion High School recently with Edwin Hilton serving as toastmaster.

**J. O. Hoge**—Donnie Chafin from Riner was selected top speaker in the Federation contest when he spoke on "Co-operatives for Montgomery County Farmers." Curtis Absher, from Blacksburg, placed second. The information contest was won by C. W. Lafon, Carl Gallimore, and Johnny Cox, all of Blacksburg.

**Rockingham**—Turner Ashby Chapter's "A" shop judging team won the annual Rockingham Federation Contest recently. Elkton placed second followed by Turner Ashby's "B" Team. Winning team members were: Raymond Carr, Carey Newman, and Eugene Tutwiler.

**BAR**—William L. Baugher, a member of the Wilson Memorial FFA Chapter, was recently selected to represent the federation in the Northern Virginia Public Speaking Contest. The topic of his speech was "The Complex Problems of the American Farmer." In the Federation contest, Charles Harris of Spotts-

wood placed second. Wilson Memorial Chapter received banners for basketball, crops judging and public speaking. North River received a banner for forestry judging. The Federation plans to conduct contests in poultry judging, degree team, tractor driving and livestock judging.

**LAND**—A banquet at Lawrenceville recently was the highlight of the year for members of the Land Federation. E. R. Minnick, soil conservationist of Brunswick County, was guest speaker. Robert Cole, president of the Blackstone Retail Merchants Association, presented a plaque to the Kenbridge Chapter, winner of the Crops Contest. Other Federation winners were as follows: forestry, Victoria; shop, Kenbridge; degree team, Midway; and soft ball, Kenbridge. Harvey Williams of Midway won the public speaking award and Willie Whitmore of the Brunswick Chapter won for tractor driving.

**Southside**—Glen Good of Halifax won first place in the Federation Public Speaking contest recently. Bobby Conner also of Halifax placed second. Good's subject was "Contract Farming." Park View's Sonny Puryear and Franklin Brooks participated in the contest. Bluestone FFA degree team placed first in the Federation degree team contest. Second place went to Halifax with Park View placing third.

**Lee**—Ronda Ely of the Dryden FFA Chapter won the Federation public speaking contest at Thomas Walker High School recently. Russell Sage and Wayne

## State Convention

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A State FFA tractor operators contest will be held again this year. A total of six (6) contestants, one from each supervisory area, will participate in the event Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday morning one member from each chapter who is attending the State convention in some other capacity may participate in the shop judging contest.

Active and honorary State farmer degrees will be awarded to approximately 160 farm boys with several adults receiving the honorary degree. The most outstanding farm boy receiving the degree will be designated State Star Farmer and will receive \$200 from the FFA Foundation. Similar awards will be given to top candidates in each area and to other Foundation award winners.

Approximately 35 members from chapters throughout the State have been selected to play in the State FFA band during the convention under the supervision of Tom Dobyns, band director at VPI. About 30 selected boys will sing in the State FFA chorus under the direction of Miss Marie Reynolds, director of Music at Radford High School. A number of FFA boys having special talent have been selected to attend the convention to provide special entertainment. Additional boys are needed to provide entertainment.

Other groups attending the convention will include the top degree team selected at the State contest at Brookville, May 10, one contestant in the public speaking contest from each area, the State officers and instructors of vocational agriculture who are chapter advisors. Two delegates from each chapter selected from the group attending the Rally will officially represent the chapter in the transaction of business of the State Association.

A reservation fee of \$5 per person will be charged instructors and students attending the convention to help defray the cost of insurance and other expenses of the convention. Health and accident insurance will be carried on all chapter representatives attending the convention.

Cheek also participated.

**Pittsylvania**—Approximately 800 quail were released in Pittsylvania County recently according to Giles O. Cocke, president of the Izaak Walton League. County FFA members distributed the birds in cooperation with a committee from each district. The Renan FFA Chapter for the third consecutive year won the Pittsylvania Federation degree team contest. Gretna placed second, followed by Spring Garden, Climax, Dan River, Whitmell and Brosville. Archie Yeatts, III, speaking on "The Modern Farm of Tomorrow," won the Federation Public Speaking Contest.

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## Virginia's Part in FFA

By Clarence Barrack, Vice President  
Virginia Association FFA

The weather was hot and humid that September day in 1925 at Blacksburg, Va., when Walter S. Newman, State Supervisor of Agriculture Education, called together three members of the VPI Agriculture Education staff. The others wiping their brows that day were Edmund C. Magill, H. W. Sanders, and Henry C. Gloseclose.

His foremost and primary objective was to establish an organization for the boys in Virginia who were studying agriculture, and the discussion was opened by Walter S. Newman with a statement very much like this:

"In my opinion the farm boys of Virginia who are enrolled in vocational agriculture are equal to any other group of boys in the state. But somehow the boys themselves seem to have a feeling of inferiority. This condition should not exist. I believe that a strong organization for our boys in agriculture would help them overcome this handicap. Let's form an organization that will give them a greater opportunity for self-expression and for the development of leadership."

But what should we call this new organization? No one seemed to have an

answer until Henry C. Gloseclose came forward with this happy solution. It will be the FFV—Future Farmers of Virginia. Henry C. Gloseclose was then assigned the task of drawing up a constitution and by-laws for the new organization.

In a few years the organization had expanded so rapidly that the name was changed to the FFA—Future Farmers of America. The two men who were so largely responsible for the FFA as it exists today in the state and in the nation are Walter S. Newman, now President of VPI, who has been commonly referred to as the organizer, and Henry C. Gloseclose, the founder.

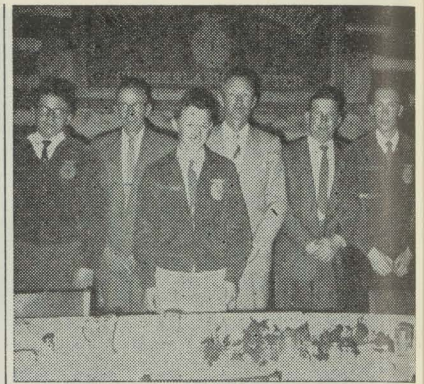
## SOUTHSIDE DEGREE TEAMS

The Halifax County High School department of vocational agriculture was host on April 12 to the Southside Area FFA Degree Team Contest. J. W. Myers was host Instructor, and J. R. Cardwell served as one of the five judges. Other judges were A. B. Culbertson, Gretna; H. B. Pack, Appomattox; C. W. Spencer, Blue Ridge; and E. H. Vassar, Cumberland.

William Campbell FFA Degree Team placed first, and will compete in the State Degree Team Contest, May 10. In second place was the Hardin Reynolds Team; in third place, Blue Stone; in fourth place, Renan; and fifth, Randolph-Henry.



**CEIL SHOP**—Members of the Brookville Chapter have recently completed ceiling the shop area in the Agriculture Building and installed a Siegler oil furnace. The chapter financed the project and did all of the work. Three senior members are shown applying a piece of ceiling board: l. to r. Philip Wright, partially hidden, Eddie Morey, and John Hendrick.



**FFA AND FFV MEMBERS**—Pictured above are present members of the Future Farmers of America and their dads who were members of the Future Farmers of Virginia. They were honored at a recent banquet meeting of the Cumberland Chapter. Shown (l to r) are: Coleman Goodman, Hubert Goodman; William Ziegler, Fred Ziegler; Edmund Garnett, Robert E. Garnett.

## FFA-FHA Camp Committee Makes Recommendations

The FFA-FHA Camp Committee submitted the following recommendations which were approved by the delegates at the State FFA Convention in Blacksburg.

1. That the Board of Directors and camp personnel be commended for their excellent work in supervising and conducting the camp.
2. That we express our appreciation to the International Harvester Company and the Smithfield Implement Company for their kindness providing useful equipment for the camp.
3. That the facilities of the store be expanded and kept open one hour after each meal, midafternoon, during intermission at night and at the end of each night's program.
4. That the camp management allow the campus to go on sight seeing tour under the supervision of their instructors.
5. That the Board of Directors give consideration to improvement of swimming facilities and building a swimming pool.
6. That each FFA Chapter in the state be encouraged to send at least one representative to camp.
7. That the Board of Directors continue to consider the possibility of purchasing additional land for FFA-FHA Camp and erection of a modern fire proof building.



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**TENTATIVE PROGRAM  
1957 State FFA Convention**

**Sunday—June 15**

**Afternoon**

2:00 State Officers Meeting, Squires Hall

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**Monday—June 16**

**Morning**

9:00 Executive Committee Meeting  
10:30 Registration—The War Memorial Building

**Afternoon**

2:00 Executive Committee Meeting  
2:00 Band Practice—Lobby, Eggleston Hall

2:00 Chorus Practice—The Ball Room, Squires Hall

3:00 Interviews—State Officer Candidates, Squires Hall

3:00 to  
4:30 Swimming—The War Memorial Building

3:00 Baseball—  
a. (Baseball Field)  
b. (High School Field)

3:00 Meeting of FFA Entertainers—Ballroom, Squires Hall

5:30 Dinner—College Dining Hall

**Night**

7:00 Vespers  
7:30 First Session—Burruss Hall  
State FFA Band—Directed by Tom Dobyns, Band Director, VPI

Group Singing  
Opening Ceremony  
Invocation

Address of Welcome—Dr. W. S. Newman, President, VPI  
Nomination and Election of State Farmer Degree Candidates

Committee Announcements  
Special Feature  
Greetings—Young Farmers of Virginia

Awards—  
Efficiency Dairy Production  
Chapter Safety  
Seaboard Forestry

Address—Howard Downing, National President, FFA  
Closing Ceremony

**Tuesday—June 17**

**Morning**

7:00 Breakfast—College Dining Hall  
8:00 State Judging Contest—Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Crops

8:30 Chorus Practice  
Band Practice

9:00 Interviews—State Officers Candidates, Squires Hall

9:00 Preliminary Public Speaking Contest—Burruss Hall

11:00 Review of Classes  
12:00 Lunch—College Dining Hall

**Afternoon**

1:00 Second Session—Ball Room,

Squires Hall  
Opening Ceremony  
Music—State FFA Chorus, directed by Miss Marie Reynolds, Director of Music, Radford High School

Degree Team Demonstration Awards—

WLS-TV Public Relations  
Livestock Farming  
Dairy Farming  
Brandon Silo  
Degree Team

Closing Ceremony

1:00 Interviews—State Officer Candidates, Squires Hall

2:30 Committee Meetings  
2:30 Band & Chorus Practice

2:30 Tractor Operators Contest—Dairy Show Ring

2:30 Baseball—  
a. Monday's winner (A) (Baseball Field)  
b. Monday's winner (B) (High School Field)

2:30 Softball—  
a. Monday's winner (A) (Drill Field)  
b. Monday's winner (B) (Drill Field)

3:00 to

4:30 Swimming—The War Memorial Building

5:00 Reception FFA Foundation Donor Representatives, College Dining Hall

5:30 Dinner—College Dining Hall

**Night**

7:00 Vespers  
7:30 Third Session—Burruss Hall  
State FFA Band  
Group Singing  
Opening Ceremony

Public Speaking Contest, Danny Bird, Jr., Presiding  
State FFA Band  
Music—State FFA Chorus

Recognition of FFA Foundation Donor Representatives  
Special Feature

Awards—  
Farm Electrification  
Soil & Water Management  
Farm Mechanics  
Tractor Operators  
Public Speaking

Closing Ceremony

**Wednesday—June 18**

**Morning**

7:00 Breakfast—College Dining Hall  
8:00 Judging Contest—(Five High Teams in Each Contest)

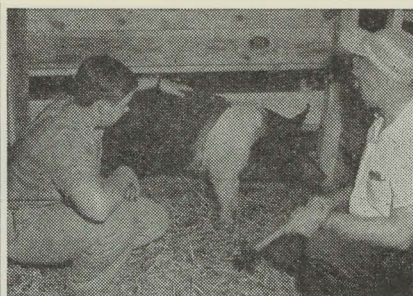
Shop Judging  
State FFA Band  
Group Singing  
Opening Ceremony

Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer

State FFA Band  
President's Annual Address—

Bill Lawson

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**PIG CHAIN BOAR**—George Yopp of Andrew Lewis FFA chapter proudly shows his grand champion boar at Roanoke Fair to his advisor W. M. Scott, vo-ag instructor.

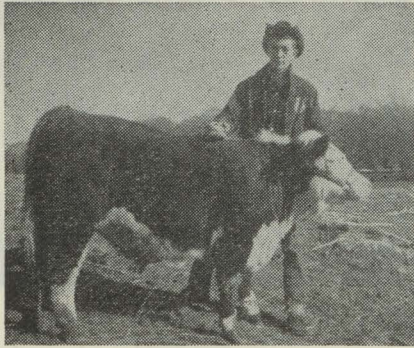
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**FAT STEER PROJECT**—Kenneth Hale, a member of the Narrows FFA Chapter, is pictured about with a steer he is feeding for the Roanoke Fat Stock Show. Kenneth also has established a purebred herd of Hereford cattle on his home farm.

## Chapter News

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of Lee County schools, was guest speaker at the annual father-son banquet held by the Dryden chapter recently. Approximately 60 members, fathers and guests were present. Members participating in the program were Bruce Bowling, Ronda Ely, Fred Gibson and Gene Kelly.

**Callands**—Over 50 FFA members, fathers and guests attended the chapter banquet recently. Wendell Hubbard, chapter president, served as toastmaster. The main speaker of the evening was Frank Raymond, farm director of radio station WDVA. Stanley Thornton received the chapter farmer award and Wendell Hubbard received a medal for the chapter's outstanding public speaker. Wendell also received the DeKalb award.

**Cumberland**—Over 80 fathers and sons gathered for the annual father-son banquet at the high school recently. Danny Bird, past president of Virginia Association FFA, spoke on the opportunities available in and through vocational agriculture. Highlight of the meeting came with the presentation of the star chapter farmer award to Edmund Garnett. The W. P. Sanderson dairy calf chain award was won by William iZegler. David Erwin won the E. A. Carter forestry award. The annual record keeping award was won by William Ziegler. David Freddie Gamage winning the public speaking award.

**Check**—This year the Check FFA members are very proud of its accomplishments, especially those of improving the school buildings and grounds. One of the biggest and most important improvements was to paint the agriculture building. The students not only gained the experience of painting, but they also helped to beautify their surroundings so that better work could be accomplished. New pictures and a meeting room banner have been added to the

classroom. Tool cabinets, work benches, trash boxes, scrap metal box have been constructed.

**Effinger**—Chapter members presented a program pertaining to "Forestry Management and Conservation" to the Effinger Ruritan Club recently. Boys on the program were Wayne Zollman, Henry Hatcher, Jr., Jerry Hostetter, Wilton Shorter, and Kenneth Goodbar.

**Sugar Grove**—Richard Ashlin, chapter president, served as toastmaster for the annual parent-son banquet recently. J. Leonard Mauck, superintendent of Smyth County Schools, gave an interesting talk on "Scholarship." 82 members, parents and guests heard Mackie Johnson give a summary of the activities of the local chapter and F. I. Dye, Jr., recited the FFA creed.

**Woolwine**—57 fathers, sons and guests were present for the annual father-son banquet. Larry Roberson, president of the chapter, presided and a program centered around the FFA activities was presented. Ralph Hylton received the chapter star farmer award.

**C. T. Smith**—Lewis Carneal acted as master of ceremonies at the FFA-FHA annual banquet at the high school recently. "The Farmer's Silent War" was the topic of a talk given by Jimmy Montigny. Buddy Hiter, vice president of Virginia FFA, was guest speaker. Margaret Orrock chose as her subject "What FHA Has to Offer."

**Appomattox**—Kinkle Martin and Nelson Mann were among the winners of the 1957 State Junior Fire-Cured Tobacco Production Contest sponsored by the Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Marketing Association.

**Churchville**—Approximately 100 members and guests attended the annual FFA-FHA mother-daughter-father-son banquet at the high school recently. Those present for the affair witnessed an FHA emblem ceremony and the FFA creed was recited by Johnny Ralston. Ray Strickler, president of the chapter, and Billy Altizer discussed briefly the chapter's accomplishments during the year.

**Rich Valley**—J. A. Hardy, area supervisor of vocational agriculture, was guest speaker at the 31st annual Rich Valley father-son banquet recently. Otis Kinder, chapter president, served as toastmaster.

**Weyers Cave**—Approximately 80 persons attended the annual father-son banquet at Middle River High School recently. The highlights of the banquet included special music by Charles Swank and talks by Dwight Houff, vice president of the Virginia Association FFA and Bill Lawson, president of the state organization. Honorary chapter farmer degrees were awarded to Earl Flory and Jack Sites.

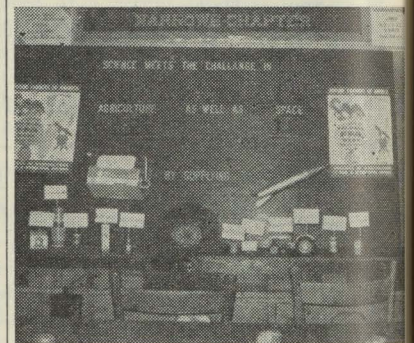
**Edinburg**—Willard Weatheroltz took top honors in the chapter public speaking contest recently. His speech was on farm safety.

**Louisa**—Charles Rosson, member of Louisa FFA chapter, was owner of the

steer which topped the Feeder Calf Sale held at Louisa Livestock Market recently. The steer brought a top price of 35¢ per pound. Charles also sold another steer at the sale for \$31.50 per hundred. Approximately 200 parents, members and guests attended the annual FFA-FHA banquet at the Mineral Community Hall recently. Miss Martha Creighton, professor of home economics, VPI, and Buddy Hiter, vice president of Virginia FFA, were guest speakers. Joyce Hopkins and Charles Perkins alternated in presiding at the meeting.

**James Wood**—The annual mother-daughter-father-son banquet was held recently with 423 persons in attendance. Danny Shenk, a former James Wood member and now State reporter of FFA.

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**SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE**—was the theme used by members of the Narrows FFA Chapter in an exhibit they constructed and placed in a local store window during FFA Week.

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brought greetings from the Virginia Association. Janet Hulver and Jack Colvin gave reports on the activities and progress of the two chapters. FFA awards were presented by H. M. Davis, vocational agriculture instructor, to the following boys: Waldon Kerns, best agriculture records; Dany McDonald, farm electrification program; Buddy Adams, livestock farming; William Davis, farm mechanics; John Venskoskie, soil and water management; and Donnie Henshaw state farmer.

**Independence**—Public speaking was featured at the FFA father-son banquet recently. Johnny Simms, chapter president, presided. Jimmy Cornett gave an interesting report on chapter activities. Joe Boyer spoke on the subject "Why Hereford Cattle Are the Cowmen's Cattle" was declared winner of public speaking contest. Other speakers were David Cox and Alvin Cox. Alvin Cox received the dairy farming award and Jesse Anders was presented the Farm Mechanics award.

**Concord**—To highlight National FFA, the Concord chapter held a joint banquet with the FFA at the high school recently. Carol Guthrie, state reporter, was guest speaker.

**King William**—Approximately 50 members and guests attended the 13th annual father-son banquet at King William High School recently. Buddy Hiter, vice president of Virginia FFA, was guest speaker. Bill Carpenter, president of the Tidewater Federation, was master of cere-



**RESERVE CHAMPION**—Lowell Rowland, a member of the Gretna FFA Chapter shows off his registered Guernsey heifer, which won the Reserve Championship for the junior dairy show at the Danville Fair. Lowell received the calf from the Pittsylvania Junior Vocational Livestock Association. He will return to the association the first heifer calf born from the animal which will be assigned to another FFA boy in the county.

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**Bland**—At a recent chapter meeting, Elmer Chewing was presented a certificate and a shoulder patch for receiving his junior degree in forestry. Elmer was first in the chapter and eighth in the state to receive the recognition.

**Brownsburg**—The chapter will award a \$12 scholarship to the FFA members with the highest scholastic average during the year. The award will pay the boy's expenses to the FFA camp near Smithfield.

**Moneta**—A large group of Moneta High School students received special awards at a recent mother-daughter-father-son banquet of FFA and FHA. Gifts were presented to Melvin Harris for the FHA Sweetheart and Fay Johnson for the FFA Sweetheart. The outstanding Young Farmer award went to Donald Bays.

**Luray**—J. Everett Will, Luray attorney, was guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Luray FFA Chapter recently. Mr. Will spoke on the "Freedom to Try." Supervised farming enterprises valued at almost \$40,000 were reported by Douglas Bradley, for the chapter members. Danny Hite spoke on "What FFA Means to Me."

**Floyd**—Danny Wertz, State FFA vice president, was guest speaker at the annual father-son banquet recently. Greetings from the State FFA were given by Clarence Barrack, State FFA vice president from eastern Virginia.

**Andrew Lewis**—Ted Carroll won first place in the chapter's public speaking contest recently. He spoke on soil conservation and his topic was "The Price of Prosperity." Bill Lawson, state president of FFA, was guest speaker at the annual parent-son banquet recently. Danny Shenk, state reporter, and Danny Wertz, state vice president, were also present. Fred Martin, former Andrew Lewis president and former state secretary, made a brief talk on "FFA Boys Go Forward." Jack Barber of Roanoke Valley Kiwanis Club was presented an honorary chapter farmer degree. Frank Thomas received farm mechanics, farm electrification and chapter star farmer awards. Paul Hylton received the dairy farming award.

**Fairfield**—William McClure, superintendent of the Shenandoah Valley Research Station, was guest speaker at the parent-son banquet recently. Robert Hostetter presented honorary chapter farmer degrees to Bert Hawkins of the Rockbridge Soil Conservation Service and Harold Morrison presented the honorary degree to Frank Lackey of Lackey-Patterson Equipment Company. James Armstrong was recognized for being the outstanding member of the chapter.

**Wilson Memorial**—"In America, we have plenty of everything, but I am not sure any of it is appreciated," F. M. Bissikumer, well-known after-dinner speaker told approximately 150 persons attending the annual father-son banquet of the Wilson Memorial FFA Chapter re-



**AT DANVILLE FAIR**—Neville Rowland of Gretna and president of the Pittsylvania FFA Federation, admires one of his registered beef heifers which he showed at the Danville Fair. The heifer received 2 blue ribbons and was judged second in the fitting class.

cently. Speaking on "Appreciation" Mr. Bissikumer feels Americans have lost the meaning of the word in this fast-moving world. He added that this refers not only to fathers and sons, but to the whole family. Public speaking awards were presented to the top 10 boys in the chapter who participated in a speech contest. William Baugher won top honors.

**Spottswood**—Guest speakers at the annual father-son banquet of the Spottswood FFA chapter were R. E. Brubaker of the Virginia Artificial Breeding Association and Bill Lawson, president of the Virginia Association FFA.

**Gretna**—Archie L. Yeatts, Jr., coordinating instructor of vocational agriculture, was honored recently when he received the honorary chapter farmer award at the Gretna FFA-FHA banquet.

**Franklin County**—Ronald Walker, a member of the Franklin County FFA Chapter, recently won a trophy when he was declared champion tobacco grower in eight southside counties. The prize was donated by the Danville Chamber of Commerce to the FFA or 4-H member who gets the greatest yield and return from an acre of tobacco. His yield was approximately 2,800 pounds per acre with a net return of \$1,900, with an average of \$70.40 per 100 pounds. A shipment of 12,000 strawberry plants were recently received in the vocational agriculture department to be distributed among FFA members and farmers enrolled in adult classes.

**Halifax**—77 Halifax County Future Farmers competed in the public speaking contest recently. 15 of these FFA members reached the chapter's finals. The top 4 speakers were Glen Good, Bobby Conner, Bobby Griffin, and Richard Lacks.

**Castlewood**—The chapter recently purchased 2 purebred Yorkshire gilts to start a pig chain. Eddie Burke and Harry Kiser received the gilts.

**Brookville**—An educational exhibit, pre-

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## Tentative Program

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- Music—State FFA Chorus
- Committee Reports:
- Auditing
  - Budget
  - Constitution and by-laws
  - Chapter Chats
  - FFA-FHA Camp
  - Special Feature
  - Report of Retiring Officers
  - Awards—
    - Chapter Forestry Contest
    - Chapter Wildlife
  - Closing Ceremony
  - Band & Chorus Practice
- 11:00 Review of Shop Classes
- 12:30 Lunch—College Dining Hall



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### Afternoon

- 1:00 Committee Meetings
- 1:00 Education Tours, Hikes—Instructors Responsible
- 1:00 Band & Chorus Practice
- 2:30 Baseball—Championship Game—(Baseball Field)
- 2:30 Softball—Championship Game—(Drill Field)
- 3:00 to
- 4:30 Swimming—The War Memorial Building
- 5:30 Dinner—College Dining Hall
- ### Night
- 7:00 Vespers
- 7:30 Fifth Session—Burruss Hall
- State FFA Band
  - Group Singing
  - Opening Ceremony
  - Nominations of State Officers
  - Greetings—DECA, DO, FBLE, FHA
  - Conferring Active tSate Farmer Degrees
  - Music—State FFA Chorus
  - Conferring Honorary tSate Farmer Degrees
  - Music—State FFA Band
  - Presentation of the Star Farmer Awards
  - Closing Ceremony
- 11:00 Lights Out.

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### Thursday—June 19

#### Morning

- 7:00 Breakfast—College Dining Hall
- 8:00 Sixth Session—Burruss Hall
- Opening Ceremony
  - Committee Reports:
    - Program of Work
    - Contests and Awards
    - Public Relations
    - FFA Advisory Council
    - Resolutions
  - Music—FFA Band & Chorus
  - Election of Officers
  - Report of Retiring Officers
  - Awards—
    - Community Service
    - Chapter Contest
    - Baseball and Softball
    - Judging Contests
    - Installation of New Officers
    - Closing Ceremony
- 12:00 Lunch—College Dining Hall
- Leave for Home

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pared by the members of the Brookville chapter, was displayed in a downtown store window in Lynchburg during National FFA Week. Other activities of the Brookville chapter during National FFA Week included: two radio programs, father-son banquet, open-house for parents and faculty, presented a program at the Ruritan meeting, showed a film "25th Anniversary FFA" to the student body, sponsored project tours and had the Lynchburg News carry a story and 2 pictures announcing FFA Week.

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