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LISA WHITACRE

## *Lisa Whitacre Named State Star Agribusinessman*

Lisa Whitacre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Whitacre of Whitacre, Virginia, is the 1978 Star Agribusinessman of Virginia. The award was presented during the 5th session of the 52nd State FFA Convention.

Lisa is a 1978 graduate of James Wood High School. She has been very much involved in the family orchard-fruit processing operation. The total production enterprise consists of five hundred acres of apples and peaches, twenty-five acres of tomatoes, one hundred acres of field corn, and ten acres of sweet corn. The Whitacre family owns and operates the Shawnee Springs Cannery Company, Inc., where vegetables, peaches, tomatoes, apples and their by-products are processed and marketed.

Lisa has assisted in the production phase of the operation. Her major interest has been in the processing and marketing of the fruits and vegetables

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MELANIE BURGESS

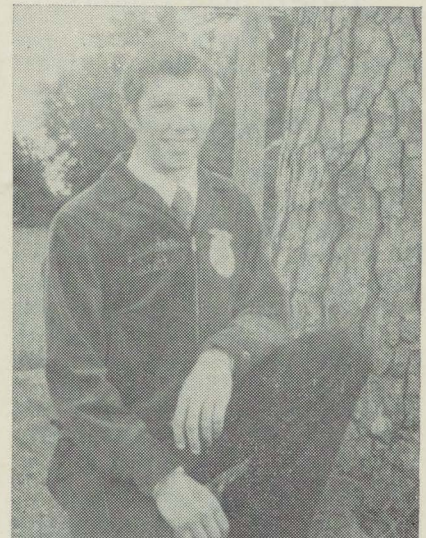
## *Burgess Elected State President*

Melanie Burgess of the Broadway chapter, is the 1978-79 State FFA President. She was elected at the State Convention in June, from a field of 39 candidates from across Virginia. Her election marks the first time a girl has been chosen for the top FFA post in the state.

She is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John W. Burgess, Jr. of Harrisonburg.

Melanie has been involved in the FFA for four years, belonging to the John C. Meyers Intermediate chapter and currently a member of the Broadway chapter. She has held the offices of reporter

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BRANDON SCOTT

## *Scott Star Farmer*

Brandon Scott, a June graduate of the William Campbell High School, was named 1978 Star Farmer of Virginia. The award was presented during the 5th session of the 52nd State FFA Convention.

Scott, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Scott, RFD 1, Gladys, Virginia.

During his five years in agricultural education, he has completed nearly forty productive enterprises. In partnership with his father, he operates a 260-acre farm on which principal enterprises include crops, swine and beef cattle.

He has held four offices in the William Campbell FFA chapter. His leadership role in other organizations includes president of the Beta Club, crew leader of the KVG squad, and president of his Sunday School class.

He is currently serving as Vice-President of the Virginia Association of FFA.

Area Star Farmers are:

Appalachian—

Dennis Vass, Carroll County

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## 156 Attend Leadership Conference

The 1978 State Leadership Conference was held July 31-August 4 at Mogart's Beach near Smithfield. 156 members and advisors from 46 chapters across the state were in attendance. They attended classes conducted by the past state officers. These classes included: Planning the Local Program of Activities, Publicity and Cooperation, Growing with the FFA, Planning and Conducting Local Chapter Meetings, and an advanced class. The newly elected state officers were instructed in the duties and responsibilities of their offices. Highlights of the week included a trip to Busch Gardens, an address by National FFA Vice-President Dee Sokolosky, and the Tri-State Public Speaking contest, involving contestants from Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina.

### Ann Radcliff Receives Award

Ann Radcliff was named the State FFA winner in Horse Production during the 2nd session of the State FFA Convention. Ann is a member of the Riner FFA chapter.

In 1974 when Ann entered the FFA, she had one show horse. She now owns four show horses and manages a show horse stable. She has worked at a professional training barn where she trained and took care of a number of horses.

Ann shows both walking and saddle horses. Her agriculture teacher, David Showalter, reports that Ann has won many awards and trophies for work in horse shows.

Recognized as area winners were:

Ricky Dalton, Carroll County—  
Appalachian Area

Kim Blalock,  
Caroline—Central Area

James Bates, Essex—Eastern Area  
Melanie Burgess,  
Broadway—Northern

Angel Wilborn,  
Nottoway—Southside

The Horse Production award is sponsored by the American Morgan Horse Foundation.

### Whitacre Winner In Crop Production

The State winner of Crop Production is Lisa Whitacre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Whitacre of Whitacre, Virginia.

Lisa has carried apple, peach, and vegetable projects. Her learning has extended beyond the scientific and technical ways of crop production to the actual processing and marketing of fruits and vegetables. She has been involved with the family fruit and vegetable stand where sales are made on a wholesale as well as a retail basis.

Lisa has served as Secretary of the James Wood FFA chapter. She has also

### Dela Cruz Named State Winner

Ricky Dela Cruz was named the State FFA winner in Agricultural Processing during the 6th session of the State FFA Convention. Ricky, a member of the Gretna Sr. FFA chapter, was recognized for his four years of work in Agricultural Processing.

Ricky has worked over 3800 hours in the community processing plant. Some of the experiences which Ricky gained while on the job include;

1. Being able to identify all beef and pork cuts.
2. Cutting meat into desirable cuts.
3. Proper curing of bacon, hams and picnic shoulders.
4. Correct packaging of beef and pork.

While in the FFA, Ricky has served as treasurer, secretary, and vice president. He has served as chairman of the Leadership and Scholarship Committees.

Area winners recognized were;

Central—Jimmy Kellum, Lancaster  
Eastern—Dennis Boykin, Smithfield  
Northern—  
Tony Stover, Turner Ashby  
Southside—  
William Lewis, Nottoway Sr.

been a member of several teams and played an active role in the many accomplishments of her chapter. She attends VPI & SU studying Food Science and Technology.

Area winners in crop production were:

Appalachian—  
Dennis Vass, Carroll County  
Blue Ridge—  
Samuel Keatts, Tunstall  
Central—  
Gary Trick, Caroline County  
Eastern—  
Douglas Story, Southampton  
Southside—  
Wayne Paulette, Nottoway Sr.

The Crop Production award is sponsored by Funk's Hybrid.

## Davis Recognized For Electrification

The 1978 State winner of the Agricultural Electrification Award is Lonnie Davis of the Lancaster FFA Chapter. The award was made during the 3rd Session of the State FFA Convention.

Lonnie is the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis, Sr., of Route 1, Lancaster, Virginia.

Lonnie has conducted an outstanding Agricultural Electrification Program as a part of his Agricultural Education Program. He wired a garage, rewired two old houses, and did much of the electrical work on the school green house.

Lonnie has represented his chapter in mechanics judging, soils judging, and crop judging. He has also served as Chapter Sentinel and as chairman of a number of standing committees.

Area winners in Agricultural Electrification are:

### Appalachian—

Ricky Nester, Carroll County  
Blue Ridge—

Jerry Graham, Franklin County  
Eastern—Mark Chenault, Essex  
Northern—

Linden Diehl, Montevideo  
Southside—

Clarence Coates, Rustburg

The sponsor of the award is the Food and Energy Council.

## James David Kerr First in Placement

James David Kerr, a June graduate of the Amelia County High School, was honored as state winner in Placement in Agricultural Production. The award was made during the 1st session of the State FFA Convention.

He has been a member of the FFA for five years. While enrolled in agricultural education, he received more than 5000 hours of work experience on the Riverside Dairy Farm.

### Area Winners were:

#### Appalachian—

Tim Melton, Carroll County  
Blue Ridge—

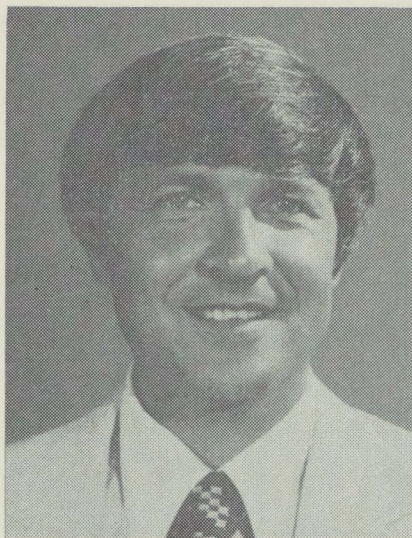
Ronnie Minter, Laurel Park  
Central—

John Green, Caroline County  
Eastern—Jerry Smithwick,  
Southampton Senior

#### Northern—

Randy Michael, Buffalo Gap

The Placement in Agricultural Production Award was sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser Company.



W. THOMAS (TOMMY) JOHNSON

## Johnson Promoted

W. Thomas (Tommy) Johnson has recently been named as Supervisor of State Plan and Evaluation for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He served as Assistant Supervisor of agricultural education in the Richmond office of the State Department of Education until August 1, at which time he assumed his new position. In addition to his supervisory duties and, perhaps, more important to the state's FFA members, Mr. Johnson was the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Virginia Association of FFA.

Mr. Johnson began his career as a teacher of vocational agriculture in Appomattox County. In 1972, he became principal of an elementary school there and in 1973 was appointed to the state FFA post.

In that position, he has served the Virginia Association with enthusiasm and dignity. His dedication to young people, his profession and his family has set a shining example for all those around him.

He is a recipient of the Honorary Chapter and Honorary State Farmer Degrees, - Outstanding Young Member Award of the VVATA, Distinguished Service Award from the Appomattox Education Association, and the Silver Teacher of Teachers Award from the NVATA.

Mr. Johnson and his wife, Pat, and their three children reside in Mechanicsville.

All FFA members, advisors and others who have had occasion to work with Tommy, wish him well in his new endeavor.

## Reynolds Winner Of Agricultural Mechanics Award

Ricky Reynolds, of the Lancaster FFA Chapter, has been selected as the State Agricultural Mechanics winner in Future Farmers of America competition.

Ricky is the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reynolds of Route 2, Lancaster, Virginia. Ricky is a senior at Lancaster High School and is enrolled in the agricultural education program under instructor John W. Mathias.

Ricky has conducted an outstanding Agricultural Mechanics Program as a part of his high school agricultural education program. Activities include overhauling engines, maintaining all equipment on the home farm, and constructing several pieces of equipment.

Ricky has represented his chapter in mechanics judging, tractor trouble shooting, tractor driving, soils judging, crop judging, and forestry judging.

### Area winners in the contest are:

#### Appalachian—

Dennis Marshall, Carroll County  
Blue Ridge—

Nathan Hammock, Gretna Senior  
Eastern—Clifton Darden, Jr.,  
Southampton Senior

#### Northern—

Daniel Rhodes, Turner Ashby  
Southside—Bert Carr, Halifax

The Agricultural Mechanics Award is sponsored by International Harvester.

## Bennett Best in Beef

Paul Scott Bennett, a Randolph-Henry High School senior was recognized as the state winner in beef production. The award, sponsored by NASCO and Sperry-Holland was made during the second session of the State FFA Convention.

Paul, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Bennett of Red House. During his career in agricultural education, he has completed more than 20 productive enterprises. His principal livestock enterprise is Registered Polled Hereford cattle which he has exhibited at local, state and regional shows.

### Area winners in beef production were:

#### Appalachian—

Timothy Leath, Carroll County  
Blue Ridge—

Clarence Hancock, Gretna Senior  
Central—Michael Hopkins, Louisa  
Eastern—

Michael Hundley, Smithfield

#### Northern—

Donald Liskey, Montevideo

## James Wood FFA Wins State BOAC

The James Wood FFA Chapter of Frederick County has been named winner of the State Building Our American Communities Program Award. The award was presented during the 2nd session of the 52nd State FFA Convention.

This outstanding group completed phase two of a four phase program in the development of a FFA park on land owned by the Frederick County Recreation Department. Phase one, completed last year was the construction of a twenty feet by forty feet picnic shelter with tables and litter barrels.

Phase two, completed this year, included the construction of twenty picnic tables for outside of the shelter, construction and installation of ten charcoal grills, landscaping of the area with grass, shrubbery, and walks, and the development of a playground with play equipment.

The James Wood chapter had other projects such as repairing and distributing toys at Christmas, recycling ninety tons of paper with the Frederick County Fair Association, and providing trash containers for school and fairgrounds. They also conducted an extensive "Food for America" Program.

Future plans for phase three include volley ball, basketball, and tennis courts. Phase four will be a nature trail.

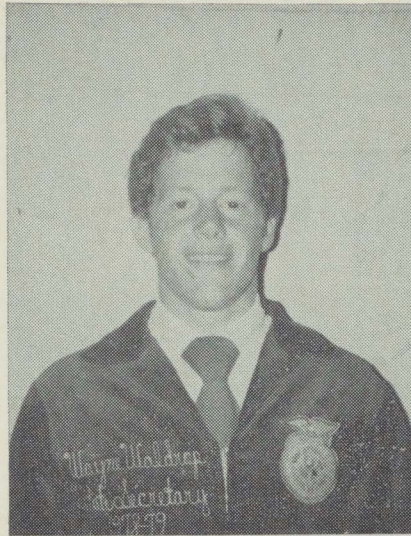
Area winners in BOAC were:

- Appalachian—Tazewell
- Blue Ridge—Gretna Jr.
- Central—Caroline
- Eastern—Smithfield
- Southside—William Campbell

The Build Our American Communities Program Award is sponsored by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

## Virginia FFA President Meets President Carter

Melanie Burgess, President of the Virginia FFA Association, was one of 92 State FFA Officers who met recently with President Jimmy Carter. The meeting at the White House was a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the Nation's Capital. The conference, sponsored by General Motors Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., is designed to help new state officers lead more effectively by expanding their knowledge of the FFA and the Nation.



## Waldrop Wins State Speaking Contest

The 1978 State Public Speaking winner is Wayne Waldrop of Montpelier, Virginia. Wayne, whose speech is titled "Time to Fix the Roof", is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith P. Waldrop, also of Montpelier. He is a 1978 graduate of Patrick Henry High School where he served as chapter and Federation President.

Waldrop represented Virginia in the Tri-State contest held at the Leadership Camp on August 3, placing second to North Carolina's State winner, Dennis Loftis.

Waldrop is currently serving as Secretary of the Virginia Association of FFA.

## Burgess Elected

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and secretary and is now vice-president of her chapter. She has also served as president of the Rockingham County Federation. Her vocational agriculture instructors are Mr. J. E. Hively and Mr. D. M. Smith.

Melanie was on the national winning poultry judging team in 1977, was a member of the state winning parliamentary procedure team, and was named "All State Reporter." She has also received the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer awards from her local chapter.

Melanie's supervised occupational experience program is based on her family broiler and dairy operation.

Melanie will be attending Broadway High School as a senior this year. Upon graduation, she plans to attend VPI & SU majoring in agricultural education.

## Allen Eastridge Receives Award

Allen Ray Eastridge, of the Galax High School FFA Chapter, has been selected as the Virginia winner in the FFA Floriculture award. The award was presented during the 2nd session of the State FFA Convention.

Allen is the 18 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Ingram Eastridge of Route 1, Galax, Virginia and is a graduate of Galax High School.

In completing 5 years of instruction in agricultural education, Allen has conducted an occupational experience program at a local florist and greenhouses.

During his 5 years of on-the-job training, Allen has devoted over 5000 hours to floriculture work. He has developed skills in the use of pesticides, knowledge of kinds and uses of fertilizers, production of cut flowers, and retail sale of greenhouse products.

Allen has been an active member of the Galax High School FFA Chapter, having served as Chapter Reporter, Secretary, and President. He has participated in many judging contests, leadership conferences, and has served as a delegate to the State FFA Convention.

Allen hopes to attend Community College and work in some area in the field of floriculture.

Area winners in Floriculture were:

- Blue Ridge—  
Debbie Horton, Pulaski
- Central—Wilbur Hott, Lee Davis
- Northern—  
William Hallman, James Wood
- Southside—  
George Kinzie, Brookville

The Floriculture award is sponsored by the FFA Foundation.

## Reeves Is Jr. Winner In Speaking Contest

Robbie Reeves, of the Buffalo Gap FFA Chapter, was declared winner of the State Junior Public Speaking Contest. The contest was held during the State FFA Convention in June.

As state winner, Reeves was presented a medal and plaque.

Other speakers in order of their placings were:

- 2nd—Jeff Bryant of Monelison
- 3rd—Robin Denton of Liberty Jr.
- 4th—Bill Colлие of Tunstall
- 5th—Tommy Largen of Hillsville Intermediate
- 6th—Steve Neville of Dinwiddie Jr.

## Estep Wins Poultry Production Award

Jeannette Estep, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester D. Estep of Route 1, Linville, has been named State Winner of the Poultry Production award.

Jeannette has completed four years of agricultural education at Broadway High School and has developed an outstanding program in broiler and turkey production in partnership with her family.

Jeannette began her poultry enterprises two years ago when the family decided to form a partnership and expand their poultry operation. She has had a major share of the responsibilities associated with producing over 90,000 broilers and 36,000 turkeys on contracts with Holly Farms, Inc., and Rocco Foods, Inc. Jeannette has also completed several cattle enterprises and has shown the grand champion feeder calf at an area show.

She has been very active in the Broadway FFA Chapter having served as secretary in the junior chapter and sentinel and, presently, reporter of the senior chapter. Jeannette has judged poultry in federation contests and has attended the co-op seminar held at Virginia Tech.

Jeannette is active in other school and community activities. She has participated in varsity basketball and tennis and is very active in her church.

Area winners in Poultry Production were:

Appalachian—

John Carpenter, Carroll County

Blue Ridge—

Joseph Knight, Tunstall

Central—

Thomas Lewis, Richmond County

Eastern—James Holland, Windsor

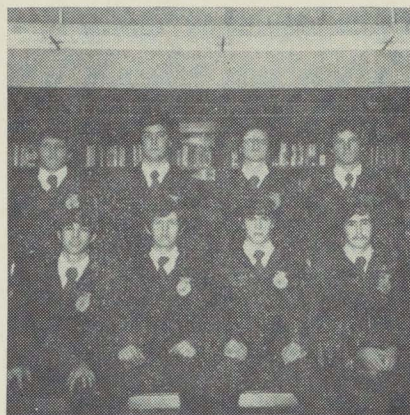
Southside—Virgil Nester, Rustburg

The Poultry Production Award is sponsored by Allied Mills, Inc.

## Hanover Youth Wins Fruit and Vegetable Production Award

Jeffrey Bruce, of the Patrick Henry FFA Chapter, has been declared as Virginia winner of the Fruit and Vegetable Production Award for 1978. The award was presented during the 4th Session of the State FFA Convention.

Jeff is the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bruce of Doswell, Virginia. He is a graduate of Patrick Henry High School where he was enrolled in the Agricultural Education Program under instructors, Ann Gibbs, C. M. Hall,



### PREMIER PARLIAMENTARIANS

Shown above front row (l to r) are Tim Melton, secretary; Tony Marshall, 1st Committee chairman; John Carpenter, president; Steve Shockley, 2nd Committee chairman. Back row—Ronald Williams, vice president; Dennis Marshall, treasurer; Tim Higgins, sentinel; and Ricky Nester, reporter.

## Carroll County Wins Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The Carroll County Future Farmers of America team took first place in the State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest at Brookville May 13. Montevideo was runner-up. Third place went to William Campbell. Patrick Henry, Tunstall, and Dinwiddie finished fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively.

Three members of the Carroll County team were named to the 1978 all-state team. They are vice president—Ronald Williams; treasurer—Dennis Marshall; and sentinel—Tim Higgins.

Others on the all-state team are president — Wayne Waldrop, Patrick Henry; secretary—Darla Miller, Montevideo; reporter—Greg Williams, William Campbell; committeeman—Stacy Snyder, Montevideo, and Cindy Elder, Patrick Henry.

Parliamentary procedure is a FFA leadership training activity. It includes skills in parliamentary procedure and conduct of meetings. Judges were Martin Auville, Fort Defiance; L. M. Brubaker, Caroline; and G. L. Jones, Amelia—all instructors of agricultural education.

Bryan Tolley and Randy Trivette. He is currently enrolled at VPI&SU.

Jeff has conducted an outstanding farming program, with heavy emphasis on vegetable production. Crops grown include tomatoes, corn, potatoes, canta-

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## Clintwood Chapter Wins State Wildlife

The Clintwood FFA Chapter was honored as the chapter conducting the best Wildlife Conservation program among the FFA organizations in Virginia. The award was presented to Wayne Conley, President of the Clintwood chapter, and advisor, H. L. Strouth, at the 52nd State Convention of FFA.

In winning this award, Clintwood has 122 students participating in Chapter Wildlife projects with each student devoting an average of 19.82 hours of personal time to wildlife conservation activities. Planting wildlife food plots, feeding game during snows, constructing feeders and shelters, stocking pheasants, raccoon, rabbits and fish, fertilizing fish ponds and fencing wildlife cover, were some of the activities carried out by the chapter. A vast array of educational exhibits, public relations activities and chapter projects was carried out by chapter members. The chapter received a check for \$40.00 for their efforts from the Virginia FFA Association.

Area winners were:

Blue Ridge—Gretna Senior

Central—Caroline

Eastern—West Point

Northern—Strasburg

Southside—William Campbell

## Carroll County Wins In Forestry Program

The Carroll County FFA Chapter received the State award for chapter forestry programs. The award was presented during the 4th Session of the State FFA Convention.

In winning the award, Carroll County was recognized for conducting an outstanding public relations program in forestry. The chapter has also staged demonstrations on how to prune white pine, proper use of insecticides, how to thin and prune white pine and the proper planting and care of seedlings.

Members of the chapter have planted over 36,000 pine seedlings; thinned three acres of white pine; harvested 36 cords of firewood; and constructed 25 planting bars.

Area winners in Chapter Forestry were:

Blue Ridge—Gretna Senior

Central—Caroline County

Eastern—Essex

Northern—Strasburg

Southside—William Campbell

The sponsor of the award was the Virginia Forestry Association.

## Home Improvement Award Won by Caroline Youth

Ernest Upshaw of the Caroline FFA Chapter has been selected as the Virginia winner of the Future Farmers of America Home Improvement Award. The announcement was made during the opening session of the State FFA Convention.

Ernest is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Upshaw, Jr., of Route 1, Milford, Virginia. He is a graduate of Caroline High School where he was enrolled in the Agricultural Education Program under instructors L. L. Boxley, L. M. Brubaker and James G. White.

Ernest has conducted an outstanding program while a student in high school, including a number of projects to improve his home and farm. He has constructed several buildings, installed air conditioners and rewired several rooms.

He has been active in his FFA Chapter serving as President and Vice President, and as Secretary of his local FFA Federation. He has represented his chapter on numerous judging teams. He was a member and high individual on the 1976 State Winning Forestry Judging Team.

Area Winners in the contest were:

- Appalachian—  
Jimmy Singleton, Abingdon
- Blue Ridge—  
Leslie Jones, Laurel Park
- Eastern—Robert Allen, Essex
- Northern—  
Timothy Gand, James Wood
- Southside—  
James Nygaard, Cumberland

The Home Improvement Award is sponsored by the Agricultural Division and the Upjohn Company.

## Broadway FFA Named Top Chapter In the State

The Broadway FFA Chapter has been named top FFA chapter in the state. The award was presented during the 6th session of the State FFA Convention.

The Rockingham County chapter, composed of 134 members and 2 advisors, have conducted a well-rounded program, including a record book contest and agricultural tours. They have cooperatively purchased and sold items to members, planted 5500 pine seedlings, cooperated with school and community organizations in various activities, maintained livestock and dairy chains, conducted a Crop,

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## Trivette Is Named Executive Secretary

Randolph Trivette has been appointed to the position of Executive Secretary of the Virginia Association of FFA. He succeeds W. T. Johnson, who was recently promoted to Supervisor of State Plan and Evaluation for Virginia.

Originally from Caroline County, Trivette studied vocational agriculture at C. T. Smith High School under W. B. Coleman. He received many FFA experiences there, being a chapter officer as well as state officer. He was secretary of the state winning parliamentary procedure team and placed third in the state public speaking contest.

Graduating from Virginia Tech in 1970, he taught for six years at Spotsylvania, and two years at Patrick Henry in Hanover County, where he coached state winners in public speaking and agribusiness.

He, his wife, Sandra, and their daughter will continue to reside in Ashland.

## Williams Wins Livestock Award

Thomas R. Williams, Jr. was named the State Winner in Livestock Production during the State FFA Convention. Williams is a member of the Pulaski FFA Chapter and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Williams, Sr.

Williams is presently raising 50 market steers, one show steer, one slaughter steer, and three beef cows. During his four years in agriculture, he has earned over \$8,000 on his enterprises. Some of his achievements in livestock production include a 100% calf crop for four years; weaning weight average of 570 lbs. in 1976; and a 3 lb./day weight gain in 1977.

While a FFA member, Thomas has served as President and Sentinel of the Pulaski FFA. He has been on many judging teams and has chaired a number of committees. He has also shown livestock at state and local fairs.

Recognized as area winners were:

- Tim Quinley,  
Jonesville—Appalachian Area
- Ronnie Gill, Lancaster—Central
- Kevin Thomas, Essex—Eastern
- Richard Ketterman,  
Turner Ashby—Northern
- Russell Cordell,  
Appomattox—Southside

The Livestock Award is sponsored by the Keystone Steel and Wire Company, and A. O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc.

## Lancaster Youth Wins Outdoor Recreation Award

John W. Hudson, of the Lancaster FFA Chapter is the Virginia winner of the Outdoor Recreation Award. The award was made during the 1st session of the State FFA Convention, on June 13.

John is the 18 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Hudson, Jr. of Route 1, Weems, Virginia. John is a graduate of Lancaster High School where he was enrolled in the Agricultural Education Program under instructor John W. Mathias.

John has conducted an outstanding Outdoor Recreation Program as a part of his high school program. As a part of his Agricultural Experience Program, John has served as a golf course attendant, maintained a golf course and operated a passenger yacht.

John has been outstanding in his FFA activities, serving his chapter as President and Vice President. He has represented his chapter in crop judging, dairy judging, seafood contest, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, soils judging and attended both the State and National FFA Conventions.

Area Winners in the contest were:

- Blue Ridge—  
Mark Dishman—Tunstall
- Eastern—Daniel Tignor—Essex
- Northern—  
Ikie Diehl—Turner Ashby
- Southside—  
Charles Shaffer—Jefferson Forest

The Outdoor Recreation Award is sponsored by the White Farm Equipment Company.

## State Fish & Wildlife Management Won By Lancaster Youth

Bobby Hudnall, of the Lancaster FFA Chapter, has been selected as the Virginia winner of the Future Farmers of America Fish and Wildlife Management Award.

Bobby is the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hudnall, of Route 1, Kilmarnock, Virginia. Bobby is a junior at Lancaster High School and is enrolled in the Agricultural Education Program.

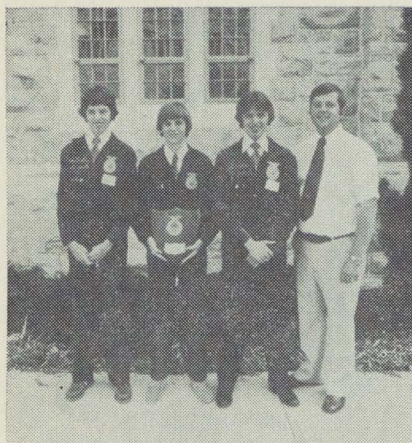
In addition to an outstanding general farming program, Bobby has conducted an outstanding program in Fish and Wildlife Management. He has conducted enterprises in trapping and crabbing for

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## Final Results - 1978 FFA Convention

### Crops Judging

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Appomattox County A. H. Carter, Coach	4029	Dennis Stratton David Stratton Scott Carter	2194.0
2	Galax William Austin, Coach	4020	Perry Sizemore Darrell Powers Danny Leonard	2186.0
3	Randolph-Henry J. B. Cole, Coach	4038	Jim Bennett Richard Locke Ashley Myers	2183.5
4	Wm. Campbell J. D. Puckett, Coach	4042	Chris Corish Michael Rothemish Steve Rothemish	2162.0
5	Carroll County Dean Sutphin, Coach	4021	Nora Carpenter Jansen Davis Jeff Tompkins	2116.0



STATE CHAMPION CROPS TEAM  
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### Junior Agricultural Science and Mechanics Contest

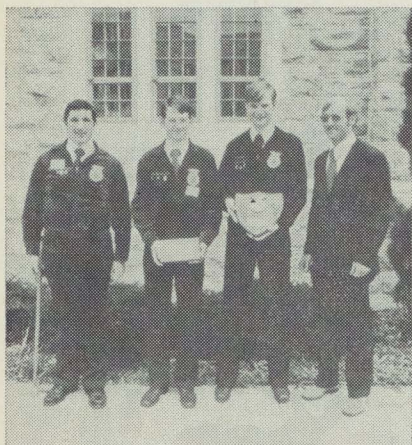
RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Blairs Jr. C. E. Nolen, Coach		Neal Cox Milton Dodson Wayne Melton	405
2	Gretna, Jr. A. L. Farrar, Coach		Randy Hailey Randy Jamerson Tommy Johnson	391
3	Stonewall Jackson, Jr. M. G. Balderson, Coach		Jeff Adams Scott Waple Barry Smith	384
4	Southampton Jr. James Ruffin, Coach		Carl Carner Alex Munford David Benton	367
5	R. E. Aylor, Jr. Creg Allen, Coach		John Nicholas Joe Snapp Jeff Williams	364



TOP JR. MECHANICS TEAM  
FROM BLAIRS JR.

### Senior Mechanics Team

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	James Wood R. L. Sutphin, Coach		John Simpson Gary Keplinger Wesley Larrick	562
2	Carroll County C. W. Combs, Coach		John Carpenter Tim Melton Kent Helms	475
3	Gretna Senior A. B. Culberson, Coach		Kenric Dews Nathan Hammock	474
4	Blacksburg R. O. Brown, Coach		Mark Salmon Peter Clouse	418
5	Lee County Vocational Dave Gilbert, Coach		Donnie Harber Gary Cosby Tim Quinley	401

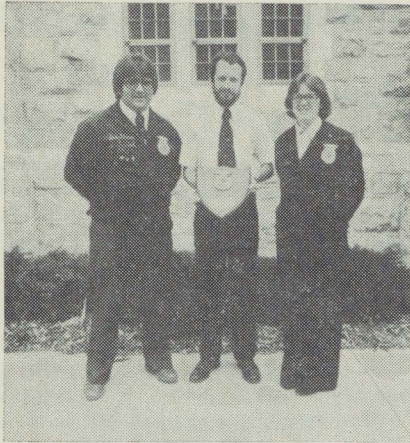


WINNING STATE SENIOR  
MECHANICS TEAM FROM  
JAMES WOOD

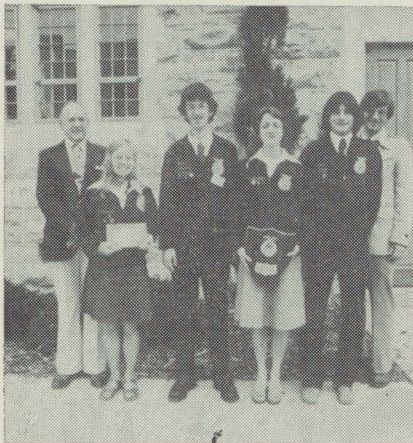
### Agribusiness Contest

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Patrick Henry Randy Trivette, Coach		Dick Gilman Cindy Elder	394.5
2	Amelia		Debbie Cleaton Wayne Paulett	391.5

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STATE CHAMPION AGRIBUSINESS  
TEAM FROM  
PATRICK HENRY (HANOVER)



STATE WINNERS IN  
HORTICULTURE CONTEST FROM  
JAMES WOOD

Award Sponsor C. C. Beam shown on  
far left.



TOP STATE FFA TEAM

John Roberts, Steve Wolfe, Coach; Phil  
Lineberry, Gene Copenhaver.

## Final Results—1978 FFA Convention

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3	Broadway	Jackie Estep	390.5
		Trent Schowalter	
4	Strasburg	James Funkhouser	380.5
		Millard Wallen, Jr.	
5	Stuarts Draft	David Kannagy	390.0
		Doug Ramsey	

## Horticulture Contest

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	James Wood J. L. Shreckhise, Coach		Jamie Jody Mary Willeford Richie Richardson Libby Beatty	3066.4
2	Herndon C. C. Beam, Coach		David Ostrich Skip Edgmond Bill Cowan Erica Folguer	2720.0
3	Chesapeake Technical Center R. B. Carmean, Coach		Mike Olah Keith White John Waliski Glen Cartwright	2552.4
4	Pulaski County Elissa Steeves, Coach		Jim Sarver Tyler Hamilton Lindy Harless Susan McCoy	2387.2
5	Hermitage Diana Jacobsen, Coach		Cheryl Armstrong Kim Minozzi Bernadette Garrett Lesa Ashworth	2289.6

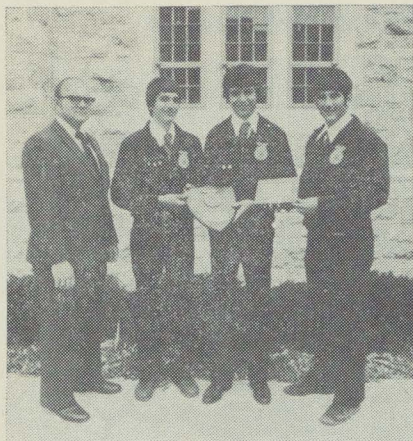
## Dairy Judging

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Holston Phil Lineberry, Coach		Steve Wolfe Gene Copenhaver John Roberts	
2	Riverheads E. A. McIlwee, Jr., Coach		Stanley Chittum Brian Davis Lee Heizer	
3	Brentsville District Brad Douglas, Coach		Ronnie Croushorn Lynn Kline Bruce Monroe	
4	Montevideo D. W. Newman, Coach		Tim Liskey Chip Long Tim Raynes	
5	Clarke County C. W. Goodman, Coach		Larry Kerns Wade Louthan Bruce Shiley	

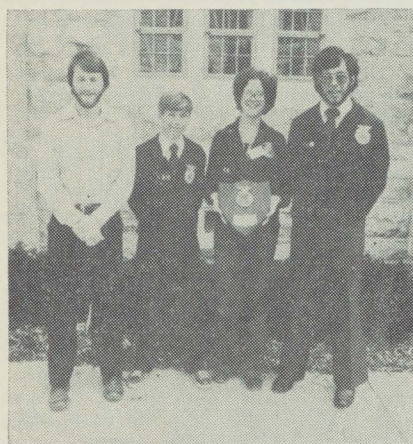
## Livestock Judging

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Montevideo W. W. Cupp, Coach	1010	Tommy Bogoon Donnie Liskey Jeff Smith	1797
2	Fort Defiance M. K. Auville, Coach	1007	Dale Reeves Jeff Slaren Lyndon Wine	1796
3	Elkton G. S. Trobaugh, Coach	1006	Keith Monica Gerald Good Gary Wood	1795

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STATE CHAMPION LIVESTOCK  
TEAM FROM MONTEVIDEO



TOP JUNIOR CROPS CONTEST  
WINNERS FROM FREDERICK  
COUNTY JUNIOR CHAPTER



STATE WINNING FARM BUSINESS  
MANAGEMENT TEAM FROM  
APPOMATTOX

## Final Results—1978 FFA Convention

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4	Buffalo Gap Ed Reeves, Coach	1004	Sammy Liggott Ricky Reeves Randy Michael	1773
5	Halifax County W. L. Palmer, Coach	1062	Paul Slaback Michael Snead Ronnie Rickman	1696

## Junior Crops Judging Contest

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Frederick County Jr. J. M. Salyer, Coach	4002	Don Dietrich Robbie Fletcher Laura Lloyd	

## Farm Business Management Contest

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Appomattox B. K. Waddell, Coach	8012	Ronnie Richardson Stephanie Gilliam Dale Garrett	519.0
2	Carroll County	8001	Tony Marshall Dennis Vass Tim Higgins	507.0
3	Cumberland	8011	Hubert Allen Jimmy Nygaard Jeffery Morris	498.0
4	Buffalo Gap	8002	Teddy Huffer Jeff Bennett Carol Yankey	427
5	Turner Ashby	8005	Randy McNett Dan Rhodes Frank Will	381

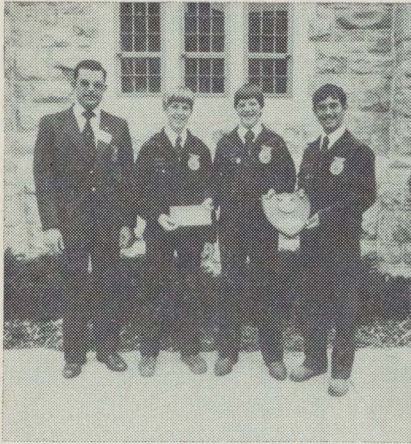
## Junior Livestock Judging

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Montevideo Intermed. A. W. Mitchell, Coach		Charles Funkhouser Mike Diehl Neil Shoemaker	

## Poultry Judging

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
1	Elkton J. R. Mitchell, Coach	3003	Steve Conley William Dovel Kenny Wood	1393.0
2	Turner-Ashby R. Z. Arey, Coach	3005	Kevin Craun Greg Grove Richard Ketterman	1370.0
3	Broadway J. E. Hivley, Coach	3001	Kent Armentrout Kerry Armentrout John See	1357.5
4	Central Junior D. D. See, Coach	3012	George Bowers Mike Cook Randy Kibler	1245.5
5	Blackstone Jr. T. H. Jenkins, Coach	3010	Todd Martin Greg Simpson Bryan Lewis	1228.0

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WINNING JR. LIVESTOCK TEAM  
FROM MONTEVIDEO  
INTERMEDIATE



STATE WINNERS IN POULTRY  
JUDGING FROM ELKTON  
CHAPTER



TOP JR. POULTRY TEAM FROM  
CENTRAL JUNIOR

## Final Results—1978 FFA Convention

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### Jr. Poultry Judging

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
	Central Jr. D. D. See, Coach	3012	George Bowers Mike Cook Randy Kibler	

### Dairy Judging—Junior High Making Top Score

RANK	SCHOOL AND COACH	TEAM #	TEAM MEMBERS	SCORE
	Brunswick Jr. D. B. Travis, Coach	2057	Tony Barnes Gerald Wilson Dennis Spence	

## Sheep Proficiency Award Won by Roderick K. Miller

Roderick K. Miller, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Miller of Route 2, Bridgewater, Virginia, and a graduate of Turner Ashby High School, has been named Northern Area and State winner of the Sheep Proficiency Award. The award was presented during the 4th Session of the State FFA Convention.

Rod was born and raised on a 520 acre sheep and livestock farm in Southern Rockingham County. He has been vitally interested in the industry of agriculture and proud to be labeled a farmer. He was introduced to the Sheep business when he received his first lamb as a gift at age 2. He is now involved in managing his 60 purebred Suffolk Flock and assists with working 1500 feeder lambs per year. Along with the sheep enterprise he is involved in a large feeder cattle operation.

Rod has grown steadily in the FFA program for five years. He is an officer in the local chapter and federation. He represented the federation at the National FFA Convention in 1977. He is the Northern Area Public Speaking Winner and was a member of the Parliamentary Procedure team for three years. He has presented a program for Farm on the Lawn at the National FFA Center for the past two years.

Rod was on the State Agribusiness Team where his state winning demonstration was a promotional presentation on Lamb Promotion. He is the recipient of a \$1200 T. Marshall Hahn Honor Scholarship for VPI & SU. He is enrolled in the Agricultural Engineering School.

Rod is very active in church and com-  
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## State Fish & Wildlife

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several years. In addition he has planted wildlife food patches and conducted forestry practices. In his crabbing operation he has learned how to make and repair crab pots and learned the best methods to market crabs.

Bobby has represented his chapter in Dairy Judging, Crops Judging, Soils Judging, Parliamentary Procedure team and on the Seafood Contest.

Area winners in the contest were:

Appalachian—

Richard Gibson, Rocky Gap

Northern—

Stanley Auville, Turner Ashby

Southside—Dennis Roller, Halifax

The sponsor of the award is the National FFA Foundation.

## Myers Wins Nursery Management

Elgin L. Myers, Jr., a senior in the Nottoway County High School, was presented the State award for nursery management. The award, sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, was made during the 4th Session of the State FFA Convention.

Elgin, 16, is the son of Major and Mrs. Elgin L. Myers, Sr., RFD 3, Blackstone. Since enrolling in agricultural education, Elgin has constructed a greenhouse as one of his occupational experience projects. Products are marketed through a roadside stand. He is vice-president of the Nottoway Senior FFA Chapter.

Area winners in nursery management are:

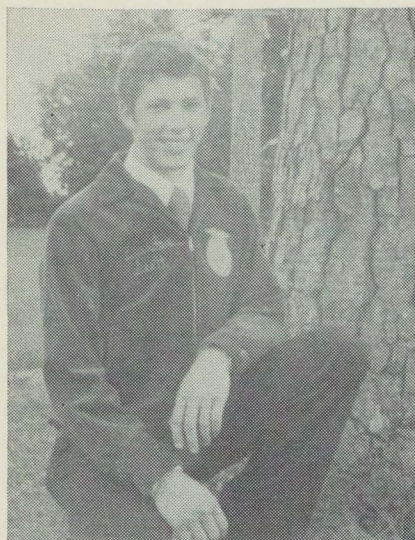
Blue Ridge—

Jeff Maxey, Laurel Park

Central—Jeff Brown, Lancaster

Northern—Mark Baker, James Wood

## MEET YOUR STATE OFFICERS-1978-79



**BRANDON SCOTT**

Brandon Scott, 17, is the newly elected State Vice-President representing the Southside Area. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Scott of Gladys, Virginia. He has completed five years of agricultural education at William Campbell High School, from which he graduated in June.

Scott has held four offices in his local FFA Chapter, as well as being named President of his Beta Club, KVG squad leader and Sunday school class president.

He operates a 260 acre farm in partnership with his father and at the State Convention in June was named Star Farmer of Virginia.



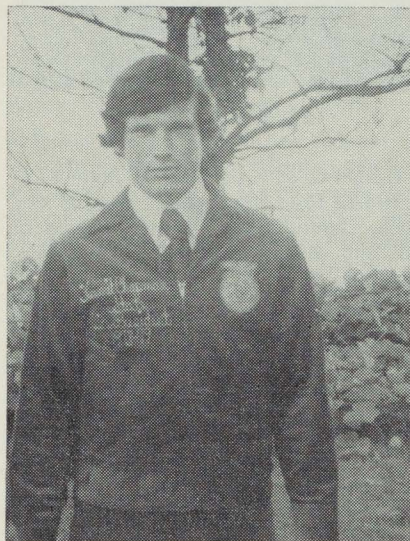
**ERIC CROWGEY**

The Appalachian Area State Vice-President for 1978-79 is 18 year old

Eric Crowgey of the George Wythe FFA Chapter. Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crowgey of Wytheville. He is a 1978 graduate of George Wythe High School.

His involvement in the FFA began in his ninth grade year when he served as Jr. President of his chapter. Since that time Eric has served as Secretary, Vice-President, and President of his local chapter as well as President of the Smyth, Wythe, Bland Federation. He was also a member of the 1976 State winning Livestock Team.

Eric lives on a 90 cow herd dairy farm where his Supervised Occupational Experience Program included 4 Registered Holstein cows and 3 dairy heifers. He is a member of the Wytheville Baptist Church and is planning to attend Wytheville Community College this fall. He plans to transfer to Virginia Tech and enter the field of Dairy Science.



**KERMIT M. CHAPMAN**

The Eastern Area Vice-President for 1978-1979 is 17 year old Kermit M. Chapman of the Smithfield FFA Chapter. Kermit is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit W. Chapman, also of Smithfield. Kermit has served as a chapter officer since eighth grade where he held the position of treasurer. He served as vice-president of his local chapter as well as president of the Peanut Federation.

Kermit was a member of forestry and livestock judging teams. As a member of the parliamentary procedure team he has served as president. He has been involved in committee work both on the chapter and federation levels.

Kermit has served as Sergeant-at-Arms for his school's Student Cooperative As-

sociation and he was a member of the Beta Club. He has participated on the varsity football team where he has lettered as linebacker.

Kermit's FFA career has been highlighted by state and national conventions as well as being named the Eastern Area Star Agribusinessman for 1978.

Kermit is a 1978 graduate of Smithfield High School. He plans to attend VPI & SU at Blacksburg, Virginia, to study Agriculture Economics.



**RONNIE GREEN**

Ronnie Green is this year's Blue Ridge Area Vice-President. He is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Green of Troutville, Virginia. He has been an FFA member for four years serving the Lord Botetourt Chapter as president for one year and secretary for two. He has also served the Craig-Botetourt Federation as president and was the Blue Ridge Area Public Speaking winner last year. He has actively participated in livestock, agricultural mechanics and soils judging contests and has served his chapter as parliamentary procedure team president and secretary.

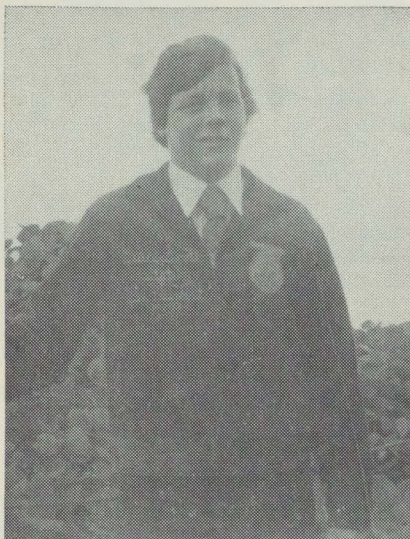
Ronnie's supervised farming program consists of an Angus show cattle string as well as a 45 head purebred Angus herd and crops on his father's 300 acre beef farm.

He is a rising senior at Lord Botetourt High School and has received his FFA training under the direction of advisors Robert Noel and James Huffman. Ronnie is the first state officer from his chapter or federation and plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

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**BRUCE SMITH**

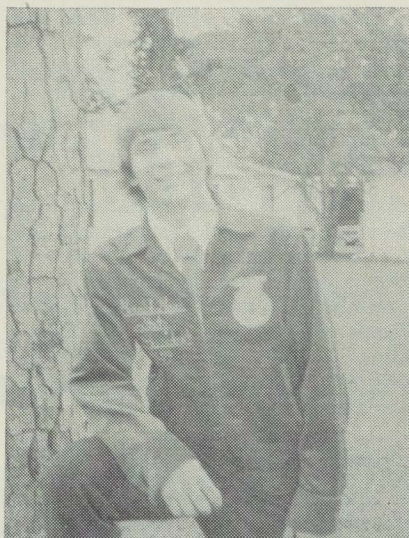
Bruce Smith of Fluvanna County is the Central Area Vice-President of the FFA. The son of Colonel and Mrs. Richard B. Smith, Bruce is a senior at Fluvanna County High School. Going into his fourth year of vocational agriculture, he has held various offices, including treasurer and president. He has participated in numerous FFA contests, of which, his favorites are the Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking events. He also served as president of the J. C. Greene Federation during the past year.

Residing in Kent's Store, Virginia, Bruce lives on a small farm on which he helps maintain the family garden. He also holds a job in nearby Charlottesville. He works both into his supervised occupational experience program.

Bruce is involved with many school and community activities, including the drama club and Student Council Association, and the Volunteer Fire Department in his home town. He enjoys many hobbies, his favorites being horseback riding and skiing.

After completing high school, Bruce

plans to attend VPI & SU, where he will study agricultural education. He is the first state officer from Fluvanna in over 30 years.



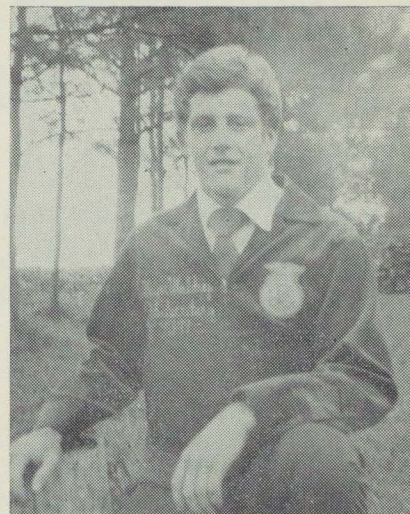
**GERALD GOOD**

Gerald Good is the 1978-79 State Vice-President from the northern area of Virginia. Gerald is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gene Good of Elkton, Virginia.

He is in his fifth year of agriculture education at Elkton High School where he is a senior. Gerald has served as chapter Reporter, Secretary, Vice-president and, currently, President. He has participated in parliamentary procedure, forestry, crops, farm mechanics, poultry, dairy, public speaking and livestock judging.

Gerald is active in high school, as he has been involved in many activities such as track, baseball, annual staff, class president as a junior, and class treasurer as a freshman. He has served as student council secretary, vice-president and is currently president.

Gerald's farming program is centered around a small herd of Charolais and Limousine crossbred cattle.



**WAYNE WALDROP**

The 1978-79 State Secretary is Wayne Waldrop of the Patrick Henry FFA Chapter. He is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith P. Waldrop of Montpelier, Virginia. Wayne has been a member of the FFA for five years where he has held the offices of treasurer, vice-president and president. He was the winner of the State Public Speaking Contest in 1978 and also has been named All State Vice-president and All State President during the parliamentary procedure contests in 1977 and 1978.

He has participated in many leadership programs such as the Washington Conference Program, Boy's State and Presidential Classroom. Wayne has also been a member of National Honor Society, American Field Service, Spanish Honor Society, Who's Who for American High School Students in 1977 and 1978, President of the Key Club and President of the Senior Class as well as President of the Richmond Federation of FFA.

His supervised occupational experience program includes the raising of hay, tobacco, hogs and the agribusiness jobs of warehouse scalesman and appraiser/measurer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS.)

He will attend VPI & SU this fall.

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## Broadway FFA Named Community Service Chapter

The Broadway FFA chapter of Rockingham County has been named Virginia's Outstanding Community Service Chapter for 1978. The award was made during the 6th session of the State FFA Convention.

This Northern Area organization, consisting of one hundred thirty-four members and two advisors, are to be congratulated for the following achievements;

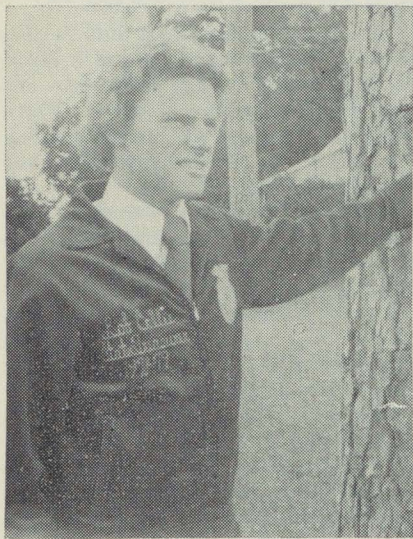
1. Sponsored a Crop and Mechanics Show.

2. Assisted the Horticulture Department at the County Fair.
3. Assisted with exhibits at the Bicentennial Arts and Crafts Day in community.

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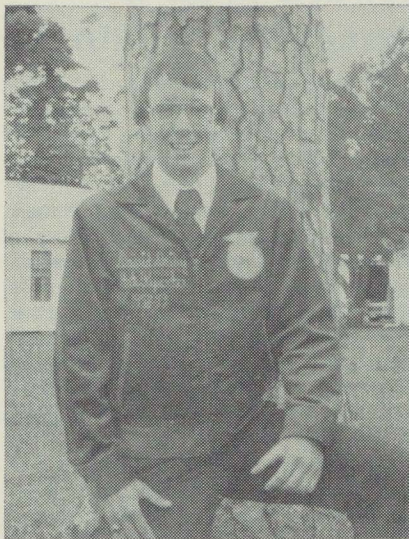
**BOB COLLIE**

Bob Collie, 18, is the newly elected Treasurer of the Virginia Association. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Carroll Collie of Danville, Virginia.

During the past five years, Bob has been very active in his local FFA chapter. He served as president of his chapter as well as president of the Pittsylvania County Federation. Bob participated in tractor driving, public speaking and parliamentary procedure during high school. He was elected as the Star Farmer from the Blue Ridge Area in 1978. His supervised farming program consisted of the production of swine, tobacco, corn, milo, small grain, hay and a home garden.

While in high school, Bob was a member of the KVG, and the Audio-Visual Club. In the Tunstall chapter, J. J. Bohannon and David Adams were Bob's advisors.

He is listed in the 1977 and 1978 editions of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Bob plans to attend Danville Community College and pursue a career in Agricultural Production.



**DAVID DAILEY**

The State Reporter is 18 year old David Dailey of Winchester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Dailey.

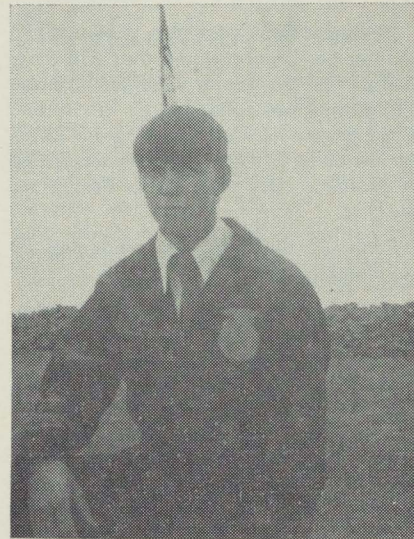
David has been an active member of the James Wood FFA Chapter. He has served as President of his junior chapter, Vice-President of the Massanutten Federation, and has chaired several standing committees. While attending James Wood, David was active in many contests, including forestry, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and livestock judging.

David lives on a 500 acre beef cattle farm and has an extensive supervised occupational experience program.

In high school David was a member of the Key Club, National Honor Society, History Club and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He played varsity football and intramural basketball and soccer. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Winchester.

David's advisors were A. H. Clarke, Jr., James Shreckhise, Robert Harper and Robert Sutphin.

He plans to attend VPI & SU, majoring in Agricultural Economics.



**JOHN CARPENTER**

The newly elected Sentinel of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America is John Carpenter of the Carroll County FFA chapter. John is the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood W. Carpenter of Galax, Virginia.

During his four years in FFA, John has been very active, serving as president of the Woodlawn Intermediate chapter and also serving as vice-president and president of the Carroll County FFA chapter. He has participated in many contests such as forestry, farm mechanics and dairy on the federation and state levels. In 1977, he was All State parliamentary procedure committee chairman. In 1978, he served as President of the state parliamentary procedure winning team. His agriculture advisors were Wayne Combs, Dean Sutphin and G. L. McGrady.

John is a 1978 graduate of Carroll County High School. During his years in high school he participated in both football and wrestling. In his freshman year, he was awarded most valuable player. He was also most valuable lineman during his junior year. His future plans are to attend Ferrum College and then later transfer to VPI & SU and major in Forestry.

## *Patrick Henry Is Chapter Safety Award Winner*

The Patrick Henry FFA Chapter of Hanover County was declared the 1978 State Winner in Chapter Safety. During the opening session of the State FFA Convention.

All members of the chapter partici-

pated in various activities designed to improve safety in the home, on the farm, in school and on the highways.

Farms and homes were surveyed and safety hazards were corrected during the year. In conducting chapter safety ac-

tivities, chapter members worked closely with a number of school organizations as well as with a number of community organizations.

The chapter's objectives were accom-  
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## Hanover Chapter Is Contest Winner

The Stonewall Jackson Junior FFA chapter has been declared the 1978 State Winner in the Junior Chapter Contest. The award was made at the 6th session of the State FFA Convention, June 13-16. All members of the chapter participated in a wide variety of activities during the year.

Some of the activities conducted by the chapter were;

1. Donated to the Salvation Army Children's Fund
2. Conducted a pig chain
3. Distributed citrus fruit to the elderly
4. Members toured the National FFA Center
5. 27 members attended FFA-FHA Camp
6. Presented "Food for America" program to 300 elementary school children
7. Served as host for the National Officers during the "Good Will" tour

Area winners were;

- Blue Ridge—Blairs Junior
- Eastern—Southampton Junior
- Northern—R. E. Aylor, Jr.
- Southside—Buckingham Junior

## Co-Op Seminar Winners Are Named

Five FFA members were named recipients of an expense-paid trip to the National Seminar of the American Institute of Cooperation in Bozeman, Montana. The members attended the conference during the week of July 31-August 4 as representatives of the Virginia Association.

The trip was awarded at the State Convention in June as a result of each student's report on a local cooperative, participation in the state conference, and a test given at the end of the seminar.

The conference was held on the campus of Montana State University.

The five members attending were;

- Bruce Ritchie, Broadway
- Samuel Rigsby, Louisa
- Stone Smith,
- Patrick Henry (Hanover)
- Ikie Diehl, Turner Ashby
- Derrick Richardson, Amelia Senior

Two alternates were also selected at the State Convention. They were Tamara Lam of John W. Wayland and Paul Ashworth of Tunstall.

## Turf Management Award Won by Lancaster Youth

Tommy Hudson, of the Lancaster FFA Chapter has been selected as the Virginia winner of the Future Farmers of America Turf Management Award.

Tommy is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hudson, Jr. of Route 1, Weems, Virginia. He is a graduate of Lancaster High School where he was enrolled in the Agricultural Education Program under instructor, John Mathias.

Tommy has conducted an outstanding Turf Management Program during his high school program. He has been responsible for assisting in maintaining two golf courses.

Tommy has been active in his FFA Chapter serving as Sentinel, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. He has also represented his chapter in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, soils judging, forestry judging, and in tractor driving.

Area winners in the contest are:

- Eastern—Joe Swinson, Essex
- Northern—
- James Judy, Jr., James Wood
- Southside—
- Timothy Tucker, Rustburg

The Turf Management Award is sponsored by O. M. Scott & Sons Company.

## Rickman Presented Soil and Water Management Award

Ronnie Rickman, a June graduate of the Halifax County Senior High School, was presented the state award for soil and water management. The award sponsored by the Ford Motor Company, was made during the 2nd session of the State FFA Convention.

Ronnie, 19, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rickman; RFD 1, Halifax, Virginia. During his four years in agricultural education, he completed more than 20 productive enterprises, with emphasis on soil and water conservation.

Area winners in soil and water management were;

- Appalachian—
- Dennis Delp, Grayson County
- Blue Ridge—Bob Collie, Tunstall
- Central—
- Michael Bullock, Caroline County
- Eastern—Dave Vaughan, Essex
- Northern—
- Timothy Liskey, Montevideo

## Miller Wins in Swine Production

The Northern Area and State winner of the Swine Production Award is David R. Miller, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Miller of Route 2, Harrisonburg. The award was presented during the 2nd session of the State FFA Convention.

During his five years of studying agricultural education at Broadway High School, David has conducted an outstanding program in swine production. He has produced over 140 head of market hogs and last year had a feed efficiency of 3.15 and a 0% mortality rate in his market hogs.

David has been very active in his FFA chapter having served as secretary and president. He also served the Rockingham Federation as Reporter and attended both the state and national leadership training conferences. David has also been on federation and state livestock judging teams and served as vice president on the state winning Parliamentary Procedure team. David has also represented his chapter in public speaking contests.

He is active in school and community activities, having been vice president of his school class twice, vice president and president of the Drama Club, vice president and president of his church youth group, and a member of the varsity basketball team.

Area winners in Swine Production were:

- Appalachian—
- Mark Richardson, Carroll County
- Central—
- Duane Childress, Goochland
- Eastern—
- Charles Estep, J. E. J. Moore
- Southside—
- Berkley Jones, Buckingham

The Swine Production is sponsored by Pfizek.

## Hanover Youth Wins

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lopes, watermelons and pumpkins. He and his father operate produce markets in Fredericksburg and Washington.

Area winners in the contest are:

- Appalachian—
- Deborah Sproles, John Battle
- Blue Ridge—
- John Burch, James River
- Northern—
- Alexander White, James Wood
- Southside—
- Mark Bartow, Nottoway Senior

The sponsor of the award is the National FFA Foundation.

**Broadway FFA Named**

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4. Assisted Ruritan Club in serving fund raising dinners.
5. Distributed food baskets to needy families at Christmas.
6. Collected, repaired and distributed toys to needy families at Christmas.
7. Had two programs on conservation and environment at chapter meetings.
8. Conducted a safety program for the community.
9. Cleaned and improved the school grounds.
10. Donated \$100 to CARE.
11. Improved a rural community's recreation center as a BOAC project.

**Patrick Henry**

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plished by teaching safety in the classroom, conducting farm and home safety surveys, conducting safety campaigns and by publicizing activities through articles in local newspapers and by presenting several radio programs.

The chapter safety program was conducted under the leadership of the local instructors of Agricultural Education, Messrs. Carlton Hall, Bryan Tolley, Randolph Trivette and Miss Ann Gibbs.

Area Winners include:

Appalachian—Carroll County  
 Blue Ridge—Blairs Junior  
 Eastern—West Point  
 Northern—Turner Ashby  
 Southside—Nottoway Senior

The Chapter Safety Award is sponsored by the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute and the Dow Chemical Company.

**Lisa Whitacre Named**

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produced. Her training has included different jobs in the preparation, canning and labeling of the products for wholesale and retail. A very successful part of the Whitacre Enterprise has been the fruit market where much of the food produced and processed is sold. Lisa has worked with her father in the management and operation of the stand.

Lisa was an active FFA member in the James Wood chapter. She has held several offices, been a member of chapter teams, and is active in other school and community activities. Lisa attends VPI & SU studying Food Science and Technology.

Area winners are:

Appalachian—  
 Dennis Marshall, Carroll County  
 Blue Ridge—  
 Ricky DeLa Cruz, Greta Senior  
 Central—  
 Ernest Upshaw, Caroline County  
 Eastern—  
 Kermit Chapman, Smithfield  
 Southside—  
 Whitt Carr, William Campbell

**Sheep Proficiency Award**

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munity affairs. He is destined to be a most valuable leader in the industry of agriculture in the future.

Area winners were:

Central—  
 Herbert Tate, Caroline County  
 Southside—  
 William Hurt, Blackstone

The sponsor of the award is the National FFA Foundation.

**Jeff Smith Receives State Dairy Production Award**

Jeff Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Smith of McGaheysville, Virginia, has been named the state winner in the Dairy Production Proficiency Award.

He has been engaged in the dairy business throughout his five years in agriculture. At present his enterprise program consists of 15 registered Holstein cows, 15 heifers and 31 holstein steers, along with 14 acres of rye and 14 acres of corn for silage. He has received training in selecting, managing, feeding, fitting, and showing all ages of dairy animals. He has shown dairy animals at the Rockingham County Fair in Harrisonburg. Jeff was a member of the state winning dairy judging team in 1976 and has participated in five Dairy Youth Field Days and dairy management workshops.

Jeff has been very active in the Montevideo FFA chapter having served as assistant secretary and vice president of his chapter. He has participated on many judging teams in the federation, area, and state. He was a member of the state winning Parliamentary Procedure team in 1976 and on the second place team in 1978. Jeff is a member of the Valley of Virginia Milk Producers, and the National Holstein Association.

Jeff is a June graduate of Montevideo High School and plans to continue in the dairy business with his family and has as his goal to develop a top herd of Registered Holstein cattle.

Area Winners in Dairy Production were:

Appalachian—  
 Jeffrey Combs, Abingdon  
 Blue Ridge—  
 Gibby Smith, James River  
 Central—  
 John Pemberton, Patrick Henry  
 Southside—Ralph Tuck, Halifax

The Dairy Production award is sponsored by De Laval Separator Company and AVCO New Idea Farm Equipment.

**Scott Star Farmer**

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Blue Ridge—Bob Collie, Tunstall  
 Central—  
 Richard Gilman, Patrick Henry  
 Eastern—  
 Michael Rawles, John F. Kennedy  
 Northern—  
 Jeffrey Smith, Montevideo

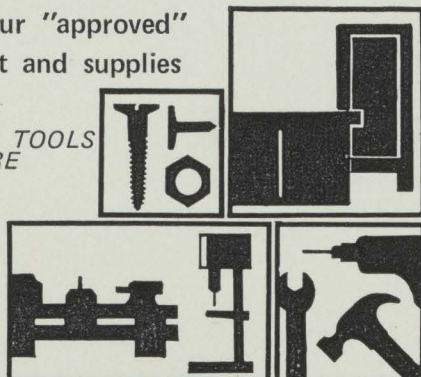
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## Hall Receives Award Carico Wins State Forestry Award

Blacksburg . . . Arlis Hall received the State FFA Award for Placement in Agricultural Sales and/or Service. Hall received the award during the opening session of the 52nd State FFA Convention.

While enrolled at Carroll County High School taking the Horticulture option, Arlis has maintained an extensive agricultural occupational experience program during each of the four years, working at four different jobs. He has worked after school, on weekends, and full time during summers. Through his occupational experience program Arlis has learned much that will help him in achieving his occupational objective which is to become a mechanic. He has learned such things as how to order and maintain adequate inventory items, making purchases, customer relationships, specific skills related to mechanics and many other experiences.

Arlis has been an active member of the FFA during the past four years serving on committees and participating in chapter activities. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hall of Route 1, Cana, Virginia.

Area Winners in Sales and/or Service were:

Blue Ridge—

Nathan Mason, Franklin County

Central—

Norman William, Lancaster

Eastern—Raymond West, Smithfield

Northern—

Colin Pennington, Turner Ashby

Southside—

Gary Pugh, Randolph Henry

The Sales and/or Service Award is sponsored by Allis Chalmers.

### Broadway Top Chapter

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Grain, and Mechanics Show, exhibited hundreds of crop, vegetable, and livestock entries at various fairs, conducted a "Food For America" program, and distributed wildlife plot seeds.

The chapter involved its members and the community in a BOAC project, made financial contributions to charity, distributed food baskets and toys to needy families at Christmas. They won the State Parliamentary Procedure Contest and sent officers to state and national leadership training conferences. The Broadway chapter holds regular chapter and executive meetings and have conducted a Basketball Tournament and a Big Buck Contest. They also have a Parent-Member Banquet. They have qualified as a "Gold" Public Relations Chapter and received a "Gold" emblem in BOAC and Poultry Judging at the

Keith Carico, an 18 year old member of the Galax FFA Chapter was named winner of the State FFA Forestry Management Proficiency award in recognition of his achievements in forestry management.

Keith, a graduate of Galax High School, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Carico of Route 1, Galax, Virginia.

The Forestry Management award is one of 19 awards presented to recognize accomplishments of FFA members preparing for careers in the forestry industry.

During his 4 years of agricultural education, Keith has conducted numerous forestry enterprises and has gained many skills needed in the forestry industry. During that time he has harvested approximately 40,000 board feet of timber, planted 9,000 pine seedlings, cut 500 cords of fuelwood, and has over 2,000 hours of work experience. Keith has operated heavy equipment such as the skidder, dozer and forklift and has been involved in all phases of mill operation.

Keith has been a very active member of the Galax FFA, having served as Secretary for the 1977-78 school year. He has participated in many judging contests, including 4 years on the Forestry Judging Team. He has participated in federation leadership conferences and State FFA Conventions at VPI & SU.

Area Winners in Forestry Management were:

Blue Ridge—

Neal Cox—Blairs Junior

Central—

Richard Gilman—Patrick Henry

Eastern—Steve Cooke—Essex

Northern—

Rebecca Gnegy—Strasburg

Southside—Lewis Martin—Halifax

The Forestry Management Award is sponsored by the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

National FFA Convention, where they had two American Farmers, one member in the National chorus, and one member who received the Regional Crop Proficiency Award. In addition, one member received the alumni scholarship to attend the National Leadership Conference.

Other State winners were;

2nd—Montevideo

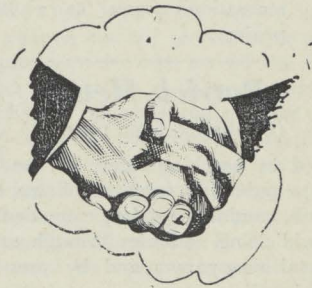
3rd—Carroll County

4th—Turner Ashby

5th—Appomattox

6th—William Campbell

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