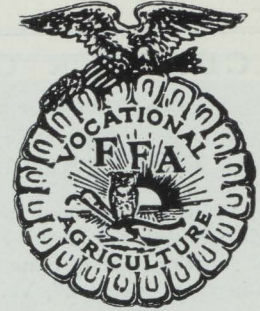




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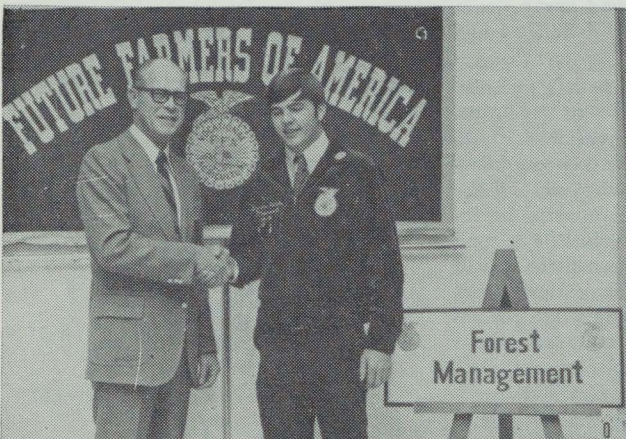
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James Kean National Winner In FFA Beef Production

James Franklin Kean, the National Winner of the FFA Beef Production Proficiency Award, grows all the hay, silage, and grain for his 135 head of Hereford cattle on the home farm. Since entering the Louisa County Vo-Ag Program as a freshman, James has concentrated on efficiency in his beef operation. In 1973, the daily average gain per steer was 1.98 lbs. Today, that record is 3.05 lbs. daily average gain. "His object is to become proficient in farming and develop skills and competencies which will help make him successful in managing and operating his own farming business," reports George Lancaster, James' Vocational Agriculture Instructor. Another area that James feels important is the ability to keep good records—so he spends many evenings updating statistics on percent calf crop, weight of calves at weaning, and other efficiency factors.

James Kean, 16, of Louisa, Virginia, is congratulated by Mr. Allan Haukom, President, Nasco Division, Nasco International, Inc., and Mr. Mark Branstetter, Public Relations Manager, Sperry New Holland, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri (November 9-12). James was a regional winner in the FFA Beef Production Proficiency Award program co-sponsored by Nasco and Sperry New Holland as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Kean.



Team members L. to R.—Melanie Burgess, Danny King, David Gutzy, I. W. Diehl, Coach.

Broadway Team Wins National Poultry Judging Contest

Winners were announced in the National FFA Poultry Contest held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The Broadway High School Team, Broadway, Virginia composed of Daniel King, David Yutzy, and Melanie Burgess coached by I. W. Diehl, placed first in competition against 35 teams. This morning the team and high scoring individuals were presented trophies

Binnie Nash, 18, of Gladys, Virginia is congratulated by Mr. C. O. Borsting, Tree Farm Family Manager, Weyerhaeuser Company, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri (November 9-12). Binnie was a national winner in the FFA Forest Management Proficiency Award program sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Binford Nash. (Story on Page 4.

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Bowling Green Team Is State Winner

The Bowling Green team won the State FFA Forestry Judging Contest held in Augusta County, October 27. Bowling Green defeated Carroll County by eight points and Lunenburg Central by only ten points. Turner Ashby placed fourth only 32 points behind the winner.

The winning team consisted of Woody Upshaw, Allan Chenault, and Mark Coleman, with Mr. James White, advisor. They scored 1173 on the contest. Woody Upshaw was the high individual in the contest scoring 434. The next four high individuals were as follows:

- 2nd—Bernard Tisdale—Lunenburg Central 426
- 3rd—Tracey Estates—Lunenburg Central 415
- 4th—Roger Poe—Carroll County 407
- 5th—Kevin Craun—Turner Ashby 405

Mr. Charles Finley, Executive Director, Virginia Forestry Association, presented the state plaque. Virginia Forestry Association also provided individual prizes for all participants.

The contest was conducted by the Virginia Division of Forestry in cooperation with the Agricultural Education Service. Mr. Watler Hodge, Management Chief, District 7, was responsible for setting up the contest.

Also present at the contest was Mr. Ed Rodger, Chief Forestry Relations, Virginia Division of Forestry; Mr. Alan Fowler, assistant general industrial forester, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad; and W. T. Johnson, executive secretary, Virginia Association Future Farmers of America.

A fine meal was provided by the Rockingham County FFA Federation. Mr. O. B. Roller, assistant supervisor, agricultural education, and Buffalo Gap FFA Chapter hosted the meal.



Charles Finley, Executive Director of Virginia Forestry Association, presents state forestry plaque to members of Bowling Green Chapter. Left to right: Charles Finley, Woody Upshaw, Mark Coleman, Allan Chenault, James White, Advisor.

State Band 1976

NAME	SCHOOL	
Lindsay E. Walker, II	Louisa County High	Edward Dearing.....Elkton High
Tracey D. Coater	Randolph-Henry High	Tammie Johnson.....Strasburg High
Dennis Dockery	Rye Cove High	Kevin Funkhouser.....Strasburg High
Tim A. Gano	Frederick County Jr. High	Mike Armentrout.....Central High
Mark Orndorff	Frederick County Jr. High	Gerald Miller.....Central High
George W. Cather, Jr.	Frederick County Jr. High	Steven T. Heishman.....Central High
Larry Stroller	Frederick County Jr. High	Michael E. Good.....Broadway High
Katrina Stine	Frederick County Jr. High	Kevin Showalter.....Broadway High
Roy Brown	Robert E. Aylor Jr. High	Melanie Burgess.....Broadway High
Newton Thomas	Lancaster High	Eric Eberly.....Luray High
Richard Keller	Turner Ashby High	Gary Shirley.....Luray High
David H. Lilly	Turner Ashby High	Stephen Sours.....Luray High
Keith A. Wright	Turner Ashby High	Eddie Richard.....James Wood High
James (Jay) Gregory	Blacksburg Middle	Deidre Lynn Triplett.....James Wood High
Evelyn Christina Goodman	Christiansburg Middle	Sally L. Weaver.....Fort Defiance High
Randy James Minton	Abingdon High	Jeff Wonderley.....Fort Defiance High
David Williams	William Campbell High	Ray Wright, Jr.....Fort Defiance High
Jesse Hamlette	William Campbell High	Phillip Simmons.....Botetourt Intermediate
Tyler Pace	Drewry Mason High	Clay Davis.....Botetourt Intermediate
William E. Lane	Essex High	David A. Dove.....George Wythe High
Del Roberts	Patrick Henry High	Angel Wilborn.....Blackstone Jr. High
Timmie White	Gretna Sr. High	Wilbur D. Hott.....Lee-Davis High
Martin Y. Moorefield	Blairs Jr. High	Kelley Chapman.....Buffalo Gap High
Richard Smiley	Blairs Jr. High	Robert Shelton.....Buffalo Gap High
George Bohannon, Jr.	Blairs Jr. High	Ricky Reeves.....Buffalo Gap High
Brad Williams	Montevideo High	Dale Moats.....Buffalo Gap High
Chip Long	Montevideo High	Diann Hawks.....Carroll County High
Tim Liskey	Montevideo High	Steve Shockley.....Carroll County High
Charles Creasy	Staunton River High	Lisa Mitchell.....Appomattox County High
Terry Williams	Staunton River High	Ronnie Green.....Lord Botetourt High
Doug Williams	Staunton River High	Donna Kline.....Brentsville District High
Samuel Lee Heizer, Jr.	Riverheads High	Kirsten Wiechmann
Nathan Hammock	Gretna Jr. High	Brentsville District High
		Astrid Wiechmann
		Brentsville District High
		Tamera Lee Wentz
		Brentsville District High
		Raymond P. Mills
		Culpeper County High

Calendar of Events

December 20-21	FFA Executive Committee Meeting
February 7	National Officers visit Virginia
Feb. 19-26	FFA Week
April 15	All Proficiency Awards Due
June 13-16	State FFA Convention
June 13	FFA-FHA Camps Open

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FFA Dairy Teams In Regional Events

by Carl A. Brown

Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Judging Contest

Virginia's second place State FFA Dairy Judging Team competed in the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The team from Wilson Memorial High School consisted of Bruce Coffey, Randy Bower, and Bill Wiseman and was coached by James McCoy.

Virginia's team did very well, placing third out of eight teams, and brought home numerous individual and team honors. In addition to being first team in Guernseys, they were second in Holsteins and fifth in both Ayrshires and Swiss. Bruce Coffey was seventh high individual in the contest, and Randy Brower was eighth with point scores of 454 and 451 out of 550, respectively. A score of 473 won the contest.

The Wilson Memorial team should be congratulated for their fine job. Their placing partially reflects the strength of the FFA Dairy Program here in Virginia.

Richmond, Virginia Dairy Bowl Contest

Virginia's first State FFA Dairy Bowl Team competed against and defeated three other teams from Delaware, North Carolina, and Ohio on September 25th at the Atlantic Rural Exhibition. The Dairy Bowl team was selected in a similar state level contest held here at VPI during the State Convention. It was from Riverheads High School and consisted of John Heizer, Jimmy Callison, and Bryan Davis, and was coached by David Shifflett and Eugene McIlwee.

For those unfamiliar with the Dairy Bowl Contest, it is a management-orientated contest which entails the asking and answering of questions on dairying in a quiz-game atmosphere. In the first round questions are answered by individual team members; in the second round team answers are accepted; and in the final round a question is thrown out to both teams, and the team which presses the buzzer first must correctly answer the question or receive penalty points. Correct answers are awarded a variable number of points, depending on the round and difficulty of the question. This type of contest is extremely educational in nature and will probably be continued at both the state and regional level.

The Riverheads team should be congratulated on their achievements. Again their results in competition against other states speaks well of the training in dairying Virginia FFA students are receiving.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and General Motors youth activities coordinator Ronald O. Woods (left) greet Rodney McAllister, President of the Virginia FFA Association.

Your State President Rodney McAllister In Action

Your state FFA President, Rodney McAllister, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. McAllister of Verona, Virginia. Rodney is a graduate of Fort Defiance High School, where he served as president and reporter of his local chapter, president of the 1974 state winning parliamentary procedure team, and vice president of the Augusta FFA Federation.

During the last few months, Rodney has been very active in Public Speaking contests. Since winning the state and tri-state contests, he has traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts to compete in the Eastern Regional Contest. Here he captured second place out of five contestants representing the fifteen North Eastern States.

Since his election in June, Rodney has been attending various functions as our state president. In July he attended the National Leadership Training Conference in Washington, D.C. Later in the summer Rod was present for the State Officers Leadership Training Conference at the Smithfield FFA-FHA Camp. With the opening of many local high schools, Rodney began to set up numerous chapter visitations, federation leadership conference, banquets, conventions, and other necessary meetings.

Young McAllister is presently a freshman at Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Although he is busy with classes and school activities, Rodney is always

receptive to cards, letters and calls inviting him to attend chapter programs.

"The most exciting day of my life was that morning in June on which I was elected to serve as your State FFA President," stated McAllister. "But I can never share my excitement and concern for our organization without coming into contact with as many members as possible. That's why I'm looking forward to meeting and talking with all the members of the Virginia Association."

Three Va. Teachers Received American Farmer Degree

J. J. Bohannon
C. C. Beam
J. D. Puckett

At the National FFA Convention which was held in Kansas City, Missouri during the week of November 8-12 three Virginia teachers were honored as being recipients of the Honorary American Farmer Degree. J. J. Bohannon, Tunstall, C. C. Beam, Herndon, and J. D. Puckett, William Campbell.

These teachers totaled 60 years of teaching experience. They have been active in their local communities and have been advisors to outstanding FFA chapters over the years.

Broadway FFA Exhibits Champions

Broadway FFA members exhibited livestock projects at the Rockingham County Agricultural Fair. On Tuesday John See exhibited four lambs and Bobby Lohr and Dan Lohr showed hogs in the market lamb and hog shows. Bobby exhibited the Grand Champion pen of three hogs and was winner in the senior division of showing and fitting.

The steer show was held in which a total of 120 steers were exhibited. Steer exhibitors from Broadway were Jacklyn Estep, Jeannette Estep, Bill Burgess, Mike Phillips, Ken Cave, Jacquelyn Burgess, Bob Alger, Kevin Showalter, Melanie Burgess, and David Hughes. Jacklyn Estep received Supreme Grand Champion which was a European Cross-bred and weighed 1290 pounds and graded choice. Bobby Alger's dairy cross calf was selected champion of his division while Bill Burgess exhibited the Reserve dairy cross animal.

All market animals were sold. Kroger Stores, Inc. of Harrisonburg were on hand to purchase all three grand champion animals including the lamb, hog, and steer. Jackie's Grand Champion steer brought \$1.05 per pound.

Melanie Burgess, Reporter
Broadway FFA Chapter

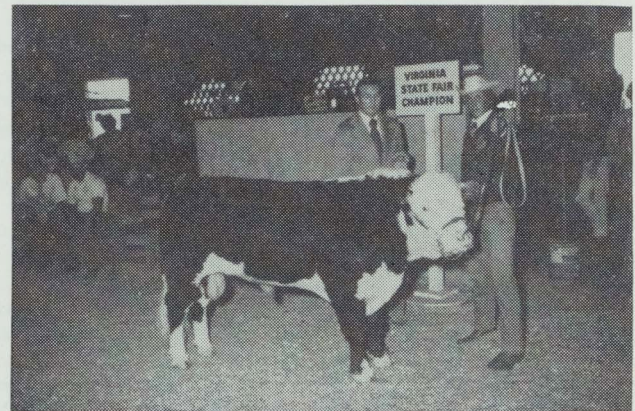
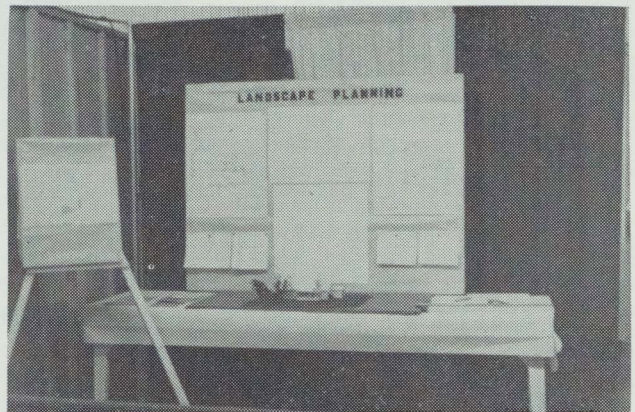
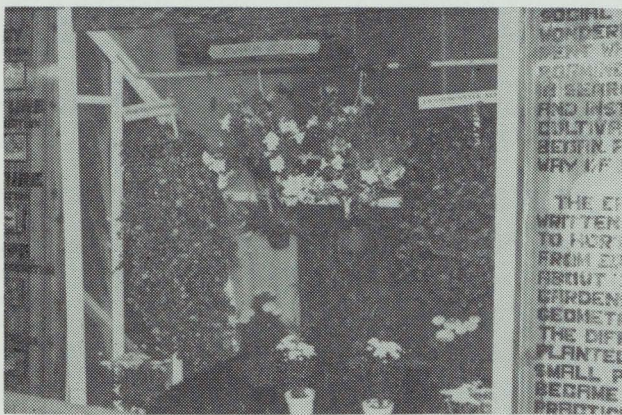
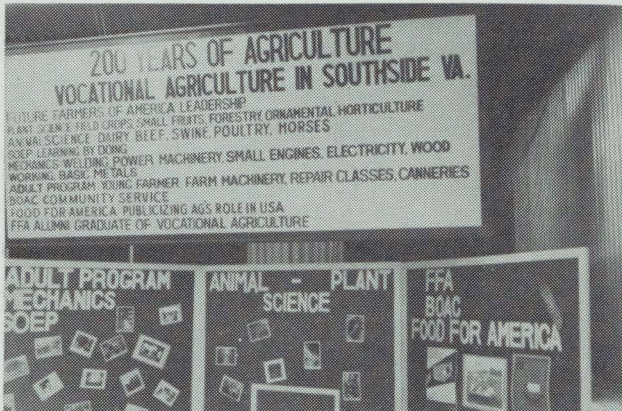


Bobby Lohr "Grand Champion Pen of 3 Hogs" first in Fitting and Showing in Senior Division.



Jackie Estep with Grand Champion Steer.

FFA exhibits at state fair tell the FFA and agriculture story



Jimmy Kindle, Vocational Director, Hanover County, presents Grand Champion ribbon to Mike Phillips of Broadway.

Binnie Nash Is National Winner in FFA Forest Management

Binnie Nash, the Eastern Region Winner of the FFA Forest Management Proficiency Award is in the process of establishing his own independent logging operation. Already Binnie is well on the way to becoming established in the business, having obtained the necessary equipment including saws, trucks, a loader and skidder. Binnie's interest in Forest Management began early since his father is owner and operator of a sawmill and woodyard. Even before he enrolled in the vocational agriculture program, Binnie worked in his father's operation and began learning the business and skills of operating heavy logging

machinery. Since enrolling in vocational agriculture, Binnie has expanded his own logging business and now spends fewer hours working for his father. According to his vocational agriculture instructor, James D. Puckett, Binnie is an outstanding student who "has continued to seek information and improve his skills. He is an outstanding forestry team member who is able to reason and apply sound management ideas," says Puckett. Always interested in conservation and improvement of timberlands, Binnie practices selective cutting and has planted over 10,000 seedlings in the last three years.

Regional Proficiency Winners



Billy Hudnall, 17, of Lancaster Chapter is congratulated by Mr. Donald McDowell, Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri (November 9-12). Billy was a regional winner in the FFA Fish and Wildlife Management Proficiency Award program sponsored by the National FFA Foundation, Inc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hudnall.



Ronnie Thomas, 17, of Smith Mountain Chapter is congratulated by Dr. David A. Phillipson, Vice President and General Manager, Agricultural Division, The Upjohn Company, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri (November 9-12). Ronnie was a regional winner in the FFA Home and Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award program sponsored by the Upjohn, Asgrow, TUCO and Cobb Organization, Agricultural Division of The Upjohn Company, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Thomas.



Lynwood Broaddus, 17, of Bowling Green Chapter is congratulated by Mr. Ralph Primm, Vice President and Marketing Manager, Funk Seeds International, Inc., at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri (November 9-12). Lynwood was a regional winner in the FFA Crop Production Proficiency Award program sponsored by Producers of Funk's G-Hybrids as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Broaddus.

Highland's Second Largest Enrollment

The Highland Chapter of Future Farmers of America has its second largest enrollment ever. Out of a school enrollment of 200 students, 125 students are members of the chapter.

The chapter is under the leadership of President, Bob Kelly; Vice-President, Herbert Lightner; Secretary, Bob Beverage; Treasurer, Jimmy Hiner; Reporter, Eugene Bussard; Sentinel, Darrell Gumm, Jr. The Advisors are W. A. Gushall and John Moyers, Jr.

R. E. Aylor Junior FFA Elects Officers For 1976-77 Session

David Downs, President; Richie Richardson, Vice-President; John Simpson, Secretary; Jimmy Clem, Treasurer; Karen Spindle, Reporter, and Greg Avrell as Sentinel.

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NATIONAL JUDGING TEAMS



George Wythe National Livestock Team—Silver Emblem.



Appomattox National Farm Management Team—Silver Emblem.



Jane Wood National Horticulture Team—Gold Emblem.



Montevideo National Dairy Team—Bronze Emblem.



Gun Safety Class—The National Rifle Association Hunter Safety was taught to FFA students at GJHS. In the photo form left to right are Alfonzo Irvin, Alan Doss, Richard Beale, Thomas Waller and Mr. Sam Pickrel—Instructor. With more than 14 million Americans buying hunting licenses every year, the course is designed to give instructions in safe hunting techniques and to encourage the care that can eliminate a large percentage of accidents in the field.

Montevideo FFA Holds Annual Hay & Grain Show

The Montevideo FFA Chapter held its annual Hay and Grain Show on Tuesday, September 28, 1976. There were 762 entries in the show. The show consisted of farm crops, small grain, hobbies and garden vegetables. The judging was based on quality and size.

There were ribbons and money awarded to the top four individuals in each class. Besides being awarded money and ribbons there were points awarded according to the ribbons, such as 4th place—0 points, 3rd place—1 point, 2nd place—2 points, 1st place—3 points. The individual with the most points and the individual with the most exhibits won a grand prize. The top five individuals with most exhibits were: Nathan Roderick, first; Steve Lineweaver, second; Carroll Baugher, third; Anne Wenger, fourth; and Darla Miller, fifth.

Those receiving top prizes were Nathan Roderick for most exhibits and Car-



Jane Wood National Mechanics Team—Gold Emblem.

roll Baugher for the most points.

The chapter gave a total of \$155.50 in prize money to the contestants. The ribbons were bought and donated to the chapter by the Cross Keys-Mill Creek Ruritan Club. The show was judged by G. S. Troubaugh and J. R. Mitchell, Agricultural Education instructors at Elkton High School.

Carroll Baugher, Chapter Reporter

State Chorus 1976

NAME	SCHOOL
Sherry Lynne Billmyer	Robert E. Aylor Jr. High
Barbara Jean Snapp	Robert E. Aylor Jr. High
David Maurice Jeffers	Robert E. Aylor Jr. High
Mark Britton.....	William Campbell High
Larry Wayne Moon	William Campbell High
Durwood Glen Epperson	William Campbell High
James Michael Gowen	William Campbell High
Frank Douglas Will..	Turner Ashby High
Daniel E. Walker.....	Turner Ashby High
Brent William Eberly	Turner Ashby High
Phillip Ashby Liskey	Turner Ashby High
Stacy S. Snyder..	Montevideo Intermediate
Virginia Merle Timberlake	Powhatan High
Tyree Areness Ford..	Nottoway Sr. High
Norman R. Williams.....	Lancaster High
Jeff Verlander.....	Lancaster High
Forrest Todd Parkinson	Montevideo High
Andrew Bernard Southerly	Montevideo High
Donald Hoover Liskey	Montevideo High
Garland Lee Trammell, Jr.	Montevideo High
James Paris.....	James River High
Eddie B. Cassada.....	Blairs Jr. High
Daran Reaves.....	Blairs Jr. High
Wayne Barber.....	Blairs Jr. High
Bruce Wayne Keen.....	Blairs Jr. High
Brad Michael Moore.....	Blairs Jr. High
Billy Joe Shores.....	George Wythe High
Melvin Glen Hedrick	George Wythe High
Jeffrey Lyn McGregor....	Gretna Jr. High
Ray Charles Massie.....	Gretna Jr. High
Robert Payne.....	Gretna Jr. High
Yvonne Marie Sage....	Fort Defiance High
Luke Leney.....	Fort Defiance High
Debbie Rexrode.....	Fort Defiance High
Dennis Bayliss.....	James Wood High
Holmes Lee Spears.....	James Wood High
Lisa M. Whitacre.....	James Wood High
Milton Trent Showalter....	Broadway High
Michael Gene Derrrow.....	Broadway High
Rejena Louise Kline.....	Broadway High
David Edward Yutzy.....	Broadway High
Monte O. Dean.....	Elkton High
Marty Dean.....	Elkton High
Mark Patrick Dishman.....	Tunstall High
Earl Wayne Taylor.....	Gretna Sr. High
Carl Lee Hagwood.....	Laurel Park High
Zane T. Marshall....	Carroll County High
Gina Carico.....	Carroll County High



Louisa wins first State Fair Field Day. George Lancaster agriculture instructor, accepts prize for the winning team.

Broadway FFA'ers Win at State Fair

Three members of the Broadway High School Future Farmers of America won awards at the State FFA Bull Show at the State Fair in Richmond.

Mike Phillips exhibited the champion Hereford and Angus bull, and Billy Burgess showed the champion Charolais. Bobby Alger's Hereford bull won fifth place in its class.

The Broadway FFA members also took three of the top four fitting and showing contests. First place went to young Phillips, second place to young Burgess, and fourth to young Alger.

Melanie Burgess, Reporter
Broadway FFA

Fred S. Whitaker....Carroll County High
Eric Anthony Crowder

Carroll County High
Kim Hale.....Carroll County High
Sammy Liggett.....Buffalo Gap High
Jeff Garber.....Buffalo Gap High
Robert Huffer.....Buffalo Gap High
Debbie Kaye Green..Lord Botetourt High
Wilbert Walker.....Brunswick Sr. High
Sharon Latham.....John S. Battle

STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR THE NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

Sharon Diane Latham.....John S. Battle
Kim Hale.....Carroll County High
Larry Wayne Moon
William Campbell High
Phillip Ashby Liskey..Turner Ashby High
David Edward Yutzy.....Broadway High
David Maurice Jeffers
Robert E. Aylor Jr.

Hickman Speaks To FFA Students At GJHS

John Hickman, Forestry Consultant for Westvaco, was a recent guest speaker for the vocational agriculture students at GJHS. The forester explained the many diseases and insects which infest forest trees of the United States. He also showed a film made by the U.S. Forest Service on the subject of Insects and Diseases.

The gypsy moth and the pine bark beetle cause the most damage to trees in Virginia. The Forest Service has experimented with several methods of eradicating the above insects. The best method to control the pine bark beetle is to cut out all old trees and plant vigorous young trees. As the beetles burrow into the tree, the resin will fill in the holes and thus cause the insect to die.

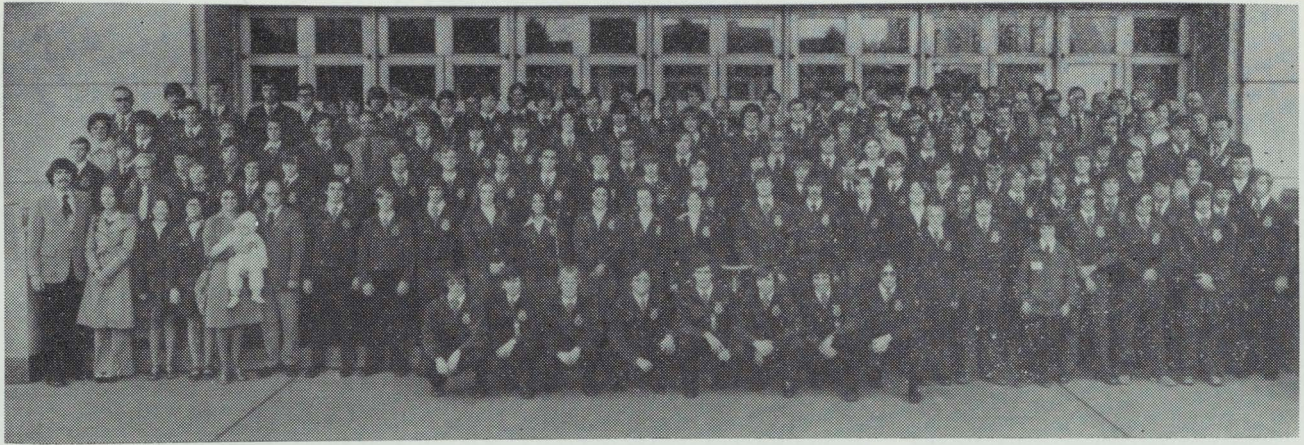
Broadway Team Wins

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at an awards breakfast sponsored by the Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland, Pa.

Five high scoring individuals were also presented trophies. They are:

1. Paul Smith, Burns, Wyoming
2. Brenda Gibson, Licking, Missouri
3. Andy Dean, Prague, Oklahoma
4. Carl Bilderback, Springdale, Arkansas
5. Melanie Burgess, Broadway, Virginia



Va. Delegation to National Convention Nov. 7-14. Largest ever (159)

Virginia FFA Enjoys Best Year Ever in National Competition

We are sharing the good news with friends of the FFA and agricultural leaders in Virginia. The National Convention brought the best news ever to members of the Virginia Association FFA.

I. National Chapter Award Program

- a. Turner Ashby—Gold
- b. Montevideo—Gold
- c. Christiansburg—Gold
- d. Appomattox Sr.—Silver
- e. Carroll County—Silver
- f. William Campbell—Bronze

II. National Safety Program

- a. Ladysmith—Silver
- b. Appomattox—Bronze
- c. Montevideo—Bronze

III. National BOAC

- a. Appomattox—Gold—Regional Winner
- b. Turner Ashby—Gold
- c. Christiansburg—Silver
- d. C. T. Smith—Bronze
- e. Broadway—Bronze
- f. William Campbell—Bronze

IV. Proficiency Awards

- a. James Kean—Louisa Regional and National Winner in Beef Production
- b. Bennie Nash—William Campbell Regional and National Winner in Forest Management
- c. Billy Hudnall—Lancaster Regional Winner in Fish and Wildlife Management
- d. Lynwood Broaddus—Bowling Green Regional Winner in Crop Production
- e. Ronnie Thomas—Staunton River Regional Winner in Home and Farmstead Improvement

V. National Judging Teams

- a. Farm Management—Appomattox—10th place in Nation—Silver emblem

- b. Poultry—Broadway—first place in Nation—Gold emblem

- c. Agricultural Mechanics—James Wood—seventh place in Nation—Gold emblem

- d. Livestock—George Wythe—23rd place in Nation—Silver emblem

- e. Horticulture—James Wood—10th place in Nation—Gold emblem

- f. Dairy—Montevideo—31st place in Nation—Bronze emblem

VI. Public Speaking

- a. Rodney McAllister—second place in the Eastern Region Contest

VII. Celebrate '76 National Award

- Blue:
- a. Broadway Chapter, Broadway
 - b. Montevideo Chapter, Penn Laird
 - c. Riverheads Chapter, Staunton
 - d. Turner Ashby Chapter, Dayton

- Red:
- a. Appomattox Chapter, Appomattox

- b. Botetourt Jr. Chapter, Fincastle

- c. Buffalo Gap Chapter, Swoope

- d. C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith

- e. Carroll County Chapter, Hillsville

- f. Elkton Chapter, Elkton

- g. James Wood Chapter, Winchester

- h. Pulaski County Chapter, Dublin

- i. R. E. Aylor Chapter, Stephens City

- White:
- a. Buckingham Jr. Chapter, Dillwyn

- b. Essex Chapter, Tappahannock

- c. James River Chapter, Buchanan

- d. John W. Wayland Chapter, Bridgewater

- e. Northampton Sr. Chapter, Eastville

- f. Smith Mountain Chapter, Moneta

- g. Valley Tech Chapter, Fishersville

VIII. Livestock Showmanship

- Deirdre Peterson, Notesville—Gold

IX. Va. American Farmers: Richard Aubrey Bobbitt (Smith Mountain Chapter, FFA)

- Carl Douglas Bradley (William Campbell Chapter, FFA)

- Stephen Mark Burroughs (William Campbell Chapter, FFA)

- Joseph E. Carey (Randolph-Henry Chapter, FFA)

- James Edward Carwile (Randolph-Henry Chapter, FFA)

- Steven Jay Cecil (Pulaski County Chapter FFA)

- David F. Collman (Broadway Chapter, FFA)

- William Temple Compton (Green County Chapter, FFA)

- William Brann Crews (Halifax County Chapter, FFA)

- William F. Ellis III (Essex Chapter, FFA)

- Randy Neil Hartberger (Smith Mountain Chapter, FFA)

- Dennis W. Houff (Montevideo Chapter, FFA)

- David A. Hudnall (Lancaster Chapter, FFA)

- Hugh Stuart Jones (Blackstone Chapter, FFA)

- Allen Randall Ketterman (Turner Ashby Chapter, FFA)

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National FFA Safety Award Program Winners

Members of the C. T. Smith, Montivideo FFA Chapters attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, where they received special recognition for the chapter's achievements in the National FFA Safety Award Program. These chapters were two of 103 Safety Award winners that received special recognition at a banquet in their honor last Tuesday evening. The banquet was hosted by Dow Chemical U.S.A. and Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, sponsors of the National FFA Safety Award Program through the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Mr. William Seward, Public Relations Manager, Agriculture Department, (left to right) Dow Chemical, U.S.A., of Midland, Michigan and Mr. Richard L. McElheny, President of Farm and Industrial Institute of Hopkins, Minnesota extended congratulations to chapter Safety representatives.

Dr. Kantner: So this is a battle of wits between you and me, eh.

Todd: Well Doc, I never attack an unarmed man.

Tom: Last night you said there was something you liked about me.

Sharon: Yes, but you spent it all.

Pittsylvania FFA Holds Annual Leadership School

Ninety-four FFA members, State FFA officers, and two guests attended the annual FFA Leadership School October 15, 1976 at Chatham High School from 3:00 till 7:30 p.m.

Chatham Chapter of Future Farmers of America made all the arrangements for the annual leadership school. Registration was held from 3:00-4:00 p.m. This was taken care of by Greg and Jeff Reynolds, Chatham FFA Officers.

The Meeting was called to order by the Federation president, Mike Hopson at 4:00 p.m. He asked Bryan Shields, president of the Chatham FFA Chapter to give the invocation. Mike then introduced the State FFA officers and the Federation officers present. He then asked Mr. Littlejohn, principal of Chatham High School to bring the group a special welcome. He welcomed each person present and said he was pleased for them to use the Chatham High School Facilities. He spoke highly of the leaders that had been produced at Chatham High School and other schools throughout the state because of leadership ability learned in the Vocational Agriculture Education programs and the Future Farmers of America.

Rodney McAllister, state FFA president, gave a most inspiring speech on the theme "A Leader is Produced Not Born." The group was then divided into three discussion groups.

The main speech was discussed by each of the three discussion groups.

Neal Turner, State Vice-President, and Albert Epperly State FFA Treasurer, led the number I Discussion Group. Their topic was Public Speaking.

Rodney McAllister, State FFA President, led Group II in Personal Development.

Mitch Webb, State Secretary, led the Group III discussion. The topic for discussion was Learning How to Become a Good FFA Officer.

A Box Lunch was served in the Cafeteria with the following Chatham members serving on the food committee: Mark Redd, Mark Evans, John Shields, Norman Riddle.

The Chatham FFA had a clean up committee composed of the following Chapter members: John Motley, Greg Reynolds, Jeff Reynolds and Robert Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by the Group Leaders.



Appomattox Is FFA Regional Winner in BOAC Program

Appomattox FFA Officers and Advisor received National recognition for achievement in community development at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Left to right) Mr. William H. Walker, III, Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., greeted Karen Carter, Chairman of the Chapter's FFA Community Development Committee; Danny Carson, Chapter President; and FFA Advisor B. K. Waddell. The chapter was one of 131 Building Our American Community (BOAC) Winners recognized at the special awards banquet. The banquet was hosted by Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana sponsor of the BOAC program through the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

The BOAC program recognizes FFA Chapters for Community Development activities. BOAC awards are presented at the area, state and National level for a wide variety of community development activities including community clean-up, organizing local farmer markets, building community fire halls and many other improvement projects. BOAC provides leadership development opportunities to members by giving them a chance to work with community leaders and organizations.

Other BOAC Chapters recognized from Va. were Turner Ashby, Christiansburg, William Campbell, C. T. Smith, Broadway.

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Todd: "I'm going to enter Fido in the dog show next month."

Tom: "Do you think he will win many prizes?"

Todd: "No, but he'll meet some nice dogs."

Appomattox FFA Hosts Statewide Swine Field Day

The Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter, in cooperation with Wilson's Landing Swine Farm, recently hosted a statewide Swine Field Day as part of their agricultural production classes at ACHS.

Over 250 FFA members, advisors and special guests participated in this first annual field day. Fourteen schools from eleven different counties across Virginia were represented. Instructional units were taught by the Appomattox Agricultural Production V students including Danny Carson, Hunter Marshall, Donald Harvey, Ronald Harvey, Donald Stanley, Becky Davidson, Bobby Smith, Timmy Moore, Fleming Moore, Tom Hix and William Purdue.

Demonstrations included castration, ear notching, clipping needle teeth and treating navel cords.

Discussions included Wilson's Record System, Gestation, Economics of Purchasing Good Breeding Stock and Sanitation Procedures.

The Senior FFA members conducted tours of Wilson's Landing's new swine farrowing house and nursery as well as the finishing barns, the three kinds of farrowing facilities.

Special classes were presented by Dr. Tom Lambuth, commercial swine producer from Red House, on selection of breeding stock. There was also a demonstration and discussion on the use of ultrasonic measurement devices for determining pregnancy and back fat.

Mr. Jim Nolen discussed the V.A.M.A. record system used by Mr. Wilson in his swine operation.

FFA's special hosts, John and Martha Wilson, provided a delicious free pork-burger lunch for all those attending.

The Field Day, with Danny Carson, Chapter President, as M.C., started at 10:00 a.m. and ended at 2:00 p.m. All FFA members are especially grateful to Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, owner of Wilson's Landing for their assistance in this educational experience for Ag students in Virginia.

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Michael Roy Kirby, (Lee-Davis Chapter, FFA)

John Garth Lamb (Madison Chapter, FFA)

Judson Lester (Tunstall Chapter, FFA)

Edwin Anderson Mills (Lee-



FFA winners. The Virginia FFA poultry and egg judging team won first place at the NEPPCO Expo in Springfield, Mass. They are left to right: James Cromer, Aldie; Louis Berkeszi and Douglas Wallace, both of Leesburg, Va.

- Davis Chapter, FFA)
- Gary Michael Montgomery (Abingdon Chapter, FFA)
- Jerry Leonard Nester (Carroll County Chapter, FFA)
- Robert Wallace Paulett (Blackstone Chapter, FFA)
- Kenneth William Roller (Fort Defiance Chapter, FFA)
- David D. See (Broadway Chapter, FFA)
- Carl William Shumate II (Tunstall Chapter, FFA)
- Ricky John Ward (William Campbell Chapter, FFA)
- Thomas Banks Wheeler (Appomattox Chapter, FFA)
- Paul White (Riner Chapter, FFA)
- Richard Eugene White (Abingdon Chapter, FFA)
- Dennis Lee Wilson (Bluestone Chapter, FFA)

Forestry Field Day

On October 13, 1976, the Richmond Federation held its third annual forestry field day at the Elco Tract in eastern Henrico County. Besides the Forestry Judging contest there were a number of field events. Included in the field events was water accuracy, distance estimation, log scaling, log rolling, one-man bowsaw, and two-man crosscut saw contests.

Representatives from six schools in three counties participated in the field events and judging. The Lee Davis High School judging team won over all and the Stonewall Jackson Jr. High team placed second over all and won in the Jr. High category.

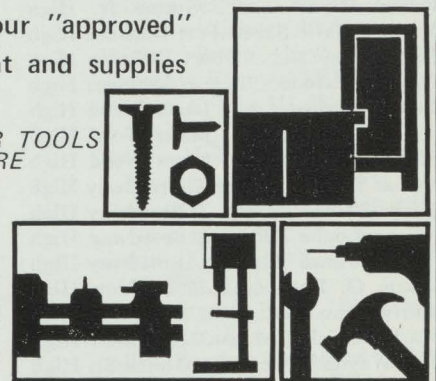
Cash prizes, donated by various local forest related industries, were awarded to the top individuals in each judging area and also to the winners and second place finishers in the field day events.

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Virginia FFA First, Second and Third In Judging Contests

The Riverheads FFA team placed first in dairy management, Fort Defiance was runner-up in livestock judging, and Turner Ashby finished third in poultry judging during the 31st Annual Eastern U. S. FFA Judging Contests at the State Fair September 25.

Members of the winning Virginia dairy management judging team are Jimmy Callison, Brian Davis and John Heizer. David Shiflett is team coach. Ohio, North Carolina, and Delaware finished second, third and fourth respectively.

In poultry judging, Indiana placed first, Maryland second, Virginia third, and Delaware fourth. Brian Miller of Maryland was high individual. Members of the Turner Ashby team are Melvin Keagy, Richard Ketterman, and James Howdyshell. B. Z. Arey is team coach.

The winning team in livestock judging was Ohio. Virginia was runner-up. Third place went to Indiana. Maryland finished fourth and Delaware fifth. Members of the Fort Defiance livestock team are Mike Koiner, Lyndon Wine and Ron Carr. The team is coached by M. K. Auville.

The teams and their coaches were guests of the major manufacturers of farm machinery at an awards breakfast. Joint hosts for the breakfast were Allis-Chalmers, Ford, International Harvester, J. I. Case, John Deere, Massey-Ferguson, and Universal Tractor-Equipment Corporation.

Rockbridge FFA Holds Initiation

At last month's meeting the Rockbridge FFA Chapter initiated 37 Greenhands. The meeting included a creed contest with 8 Greenhands participating. Winner was John Burch.

Presentation of Greenhand pins was conducted by advisor Mr. Lynn Woody.

Following the meeting, refreshments consisting of apple cider and ginger snaps were served. Then the Greenhands turned out on the football field for a few races such as a foot race and a wheelbarrow race.

Chris Moore
Chapter Reporter

Rodney McAllister, State FFA President, tells of hearing from a friend the following weather report: "It's so dry that I saw two trees chasing a dog."



Left to right: Ron Jackson, Vice-President; Andy Smith, President; Philip Caldwell, Treasurer.

Liberty Junior FFA Students Win Fair Ribbons

Winning in categories from pound cake to poultry, Liberty Junior High School's FFA Chapter members brought home 81 ribbons from the 1976 Bicentennial State Fair.

The entries ranged from swine, poultry, rabbits, farm crops and flowers to baked goods, arts and crafts. One hundred eighteen FFA members had exhibits at the State Fair. Out of the 118 entries, the members brought home 32 first place ribbons, 20 second place, 8 third place, 6 fourth place, 10 fifth place, 2 sixth place, and 1 each of eighth, ninth and tenth place.

Other FFA activities included an electrical demonstration presented by Jim Sanders, Joel Gilman, Charles Wickham, Jeff Bowman, Brian Miller and Tommy Tate. On September 24, Young McDonald's Farm was managed by Andy Smith, Phillip Caldwell, Donny Seay and John Jackson.

The Liberty Junior High FFA Chapter has 247 members with Daniel Dunn, Robert Monk, Earl Hall and Beauford White as advisors.

Scott: "Doesn't this dance just make you long for another?"

Peggy: "Yes, but he couldn't come to-night."

Bill has spent many years looking for the ideal girl—but then decided to get married anyway.

1976-77 National FFA Officers

Five young men and one young lady were elected today to serve a one-year term representing 500,385 members of the Future Farmers of America.

The National Officers of the FFA serve a one-year term from the time of their election at the close of an annual convention to the close of the following convention. During the year they will spend approximately three-fourths of their time traveling in the interests of the FFA. They receive no salary, but their travel expenses are paid by the FFA Organization.

National President: C. James Bode, Jr., 20, 114 N. Galena, Geary, Oklahoma 73040, member of the Geary FFA Chapter.

National Secretary: Bruce Maloch, 19, Route 1, Box 140, Emerson, Arkansas 71740, member of the Emerson FFA Chapter.

Vice President, Central Region: Samuel Brownback, 20, R. R. 1, Parker, Kansas 66072, member of the Prairie View FFA Chapter.

Vice President, Eastern Region: Richard (Rick) McDaniel, 20, R.R. 1, 2500 CH59, Nevada, Ohio 44849, member of the Wynford FFA Chapter.

Vice President, Southern Region: Danny Schiffer, 19, Route 8, Box 692, Orlando, Florida 32807, member of the Orlando-Colonial FFA Chapter.

Vice President, Western Region: Julie Alice Smiley, 19, 1765 Smiley Drive, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, member of the Mount Vernon FFA Chapter.

The six national officers were elected during the morning session of the 49th National FFA Convention just concluded in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium.

C. James Bode, Jr. Named President

KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 12—(Special)—C. James Bode, Jr., 20, of Geary, Oklahoma, was named National President of the Future Farmers of America today at the organization's 49th National FFA Convention. A member of the Geary FFA Chapter, Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bode.

Bode's leadership experience includes offices at both the chapter and state levels. He was Secretary and President of the Geary FFA Chapter and served as both Secretary and President of the Oklahoma FFA Association.