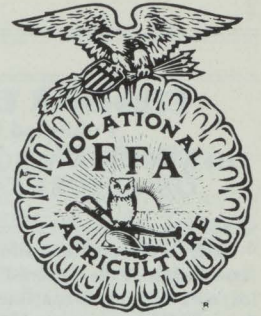


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The 1985-86 State FFA Officers are preparing to conduct the 60th state convention June 17-20 at Virginia Tech.

CALL TO THE STATE CONVENTION

By: Lee Arrington, State President

In 1926 the Future Farmers of Virginia established a tradition so grand that even today Future Farmers gather to take part in it. State Rallies, as they were called, were the highlight of the year. Vocational Agriculture students from across the state traveled to Virginia Polytechnic Institute to share in fellowship, exchange ideas, compete in contests, and recognize award winners. Today, six decades later, Future Farmers still gather for the same reasons. The 60th convention of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America marks the milestone of "Six Decades of Excellence in Virginia Agriculture." The 60th State Convention is a special

celebration. It is a time to reflect on the past and its blessings and a time to look to the challenges of the future as we Future Farmers prepare to be "Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture."

The 60th State Convention Program is one of distinction. The highlights include: tremendous speakers, exciting entertainment, strong competition, and many prestigious awards. A special vespers program entitled "In Love of Liberty" has been planned for Tuesday evening and then promptly at 7:30 the celebration will begin. On Wednesday FFA members will be able to show appreciation to national

and state foundation donors as our special guests. The regular business session will be held on Thursday morning when the nominating committee will give its annual report. State Farmer Night, a spectacular evening, will be a grand one as 256 candidates receive their State Farmer Degrees and hear an address by Rick Malir, National FFA President. On Friday morning the 1986-87 State FFA Officers will be installed, FFA members will meet for the final time at the 60th State Convention, and look forward to the next convention with excitement and anticipation. Plan to be with us at Virginia Tech June 17-20!

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Preparing for Officer Interviews

By: Dr. Jordan Hudson
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Many of you are preparing to seek a state office with the Virginia FFA Association. Good! Since I worked with the nominating committee last year, here are a few suggestions which might improve your chances of being nominated and elected.

First, a list of things to do in preparation for your interview with the nominating committee:

1. Learn all you can about the FFA. Read. Discuss FFA issues. Ask questions.
2. Discuss interviewing with your English and speech teachers.
3. Practice interviewing. Use FFA alumni and people who are *not* close friends to ask you questions about the FFA.
4. Participate in public speaking. Enter the prepared and extemporaneous speaking contests. Talk to local groups about the FFA.
5. Teach classes in church.
6. Talk to state officers when they visit. Find out what happened during their interview.
7. Participate in the chapter public relations program to get experience meeting new people.
8. Attend leadership conferences (federation, area, state). These activities prepare you to meet and talk with fellow members.

What can you expect during the interview? Anything! Since the interview is the main method of selecting officers, the nominating committee will create situations to see how you react. The following suggestions may help:

1. Dress neatly in official FFA dress.
2. Show enthusiasm. Smile. Be courteous and polite.
3. Stand or sit correctly.
4. Be observant. Learn the names of those on the nominating committee.
5. Maintain eye contact. Don't stare; looking at a person's nose, hair, mouth, chin, etc. will serve the same purpose. Don't look out the window, at the back wall or at the floor.
6. Be calm. Make sure you understand the question or situation in which you are placed.

Your initial interview could be the most important. First impressions are lasting.

After the first interview, analyze the situation, write down the names of the interviewers, and reflect on what happened. Try to improve your performance during the second interview.

Interviewing for a state office is very similar to interviewing for a job. The interviewer(s) want to get the best possible candidate. You can be the best candidate if you set your mind to it!

Bumper Sticker to Promote FFA

Richmond—May 15—A new bumper sticker has been designed and is now available which will promote the Virginia Vocational Agriculture/FFA program during this year of recognition of sixty years of excellence in agricultural education in Virginia. The vinyl bumper sticker has blue letters on a bright yellow background, with the FFA emblem, the letters FFA and the words "Six Decades of Excellence in Virginia Agriculture." The promotional sticker is for use during the 1986-87 year, beginning with the June FFA convention, which will kick off the year of recognition.

Ten stickers have been sent to every FFA Chapter in Virginia with more available from the state FFA headquarters in Richmond. The bumper stickers are being distributed as part of a promotional effort in recognition of the long and continuing history of success of FFA members in the Commonwealth. The bumper sticker calls attention to the fact that the FFA continues to be a vital, working organization

for young people who are interested in one of the more than 200 careers in agriculture.

Virginia has 14,000 FFA members in 208 local chapters in the public schools of the state. The Virginia enrollment puts the state in ninth place among the fifty state associations, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. in terms of total membership. The national organization has more than 430,000 members.

The Virginia FFA is holding its 60th state convention June 17-20 at Virginia Tech. Predating the national organization by two conventions, the Future Farmers of Virginia is often recognized as the structure upon which the national organization was based, using the constitution, by-laws, and ceremonies written by Henry Groseclose of Virginia.

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Four Officers Tour Germany

Four Virginia FFA officers represented the national FFA in Berlin, Germany recently as part of the International Greenweek Program. Lee Arrington, President; Mike Wanger, Vice President; Gary Monroe, Secretary; and Jeff Kimble, Treasurer, were part of a seven member delegation that spent ten days in Europe. The following article was written by Lee Arrington.

The International Greenweek Tour is an exciting first-hand lesson in life. The tour—Berlin to Munich to Rosenheim—gives a cross-section of West German culture full of life and intrigue. With people who are as warm as sunshine, West Germany embraced us, warmed us and gave us a little different look at life . . . life as they see it.

The International Greenweek Show held in Berlin, West Germany provides a grand view of the agricultural consumer market. With representatives from every "nook and cranny" of the world, the show contained thousands of meticulously planned exhibits. From Chile's sweet, delicious honey to the brightness of Netherland's floral exhibit, the show appeals to all the senses. The Show House itself is a feast for the eyes.

During the Greenweek Tour, the group was able to do a great deal of sightseeing. From a visit to the Berlin Wall to the Russian War Memorial inside the German Democratic Republic, Berlin proved to be a mysterious and intriguing place. In Berlin, our group learned the many different sentiments of those living in the divided city. The lessons learned here about people will long be ingrained in our memories.

On to Munich . . . the City of Lights and so full of life . . . In Munich the group enjoyed beautiful shops and large department store complexes. A tour of the University of Munich gave the group a close look at some technical research in poultry, beef and grain production.

After a strenuous day touring and some spectacular shopping the group was off to meet the host families. Packed and ready, we boarded the train, with luggage, packages, and a little anxiety. We enjoyed the train ride to Rosenheim. In Rosenheim we were greeted by a bubbly group as excited as we were. We were swept away by our German families for a super weekend full of surprises.

In the Sollenger house, which was connected to the dairy barn, we enjoyed meeting with members of the family. The barn and house were so clean you hardly

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PROGRAM 60th STA

Monday, June 16

1:00 p.m. State Officer Meeting — Pritchard Hall, First Floor, Lounge

Tuesday, June 17

8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting — Pritchard Hall
 10:00 a.m. Registration Begins — Pritchard Hall
 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting — Burruss Hall
 1:30 p.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews — 203 Pamplin
 2:00 p.m. Recreation committee — 219 Gym
 2:00 p.m. Band Practice — Squires Rehearsal Room
 2:00 p.m. Practice for posting of colors — Area Creed Speaking winners — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 3:00 p.m. Volleyball and Softball: Northern Area vs. Southside Area
 4:00 p.m. Contest orientation meeting for FFA Advisors, Agriculture Auditorium (146 Smyth)
 4:00 p.m. Housing Committee/FFA Advisory Council Meeting — 219 Gym
 5:15 p.m. Dinner — Dietrick Dining Hall
 6:45 p.m. All Chapter Safety Award winners report to Area Supervisor in front of stage in Burruss Hall Auditorium
 7:15 p.m. Vespers — Burruss Hall Auditorium — State Officers
 7:30 p.m. First Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Posting the Colors — Area Creed Speaking Winners and State FFA Band — Mr. Bill Propst, Director
 National Anthem — led by State FFA Band
 Opening Ceremony — State Officers
 Invocation —
 Welcome — Dr. Mitchell Geasler, Vice Provost for Extension President, Virginia Tech
 Nomination and Election of State Farmer Degree Candidates
 Introduction of State Officer Candidates
 Greetings — Vocational Student Organization Representatives
 Greetings from other State FFA Associations
 Keynote Address —
 Special Feature
 Awards: Chapter Safety
 Ag. Sales and/or Service
 Specialty Crop Production
 Special Feature —
 Awards: Forestry Judging
 Home and/or Farmstead Improvement
 Placement in Agricultural Production
 Turf Management
 Announcements
 Closing Ceremony
 All official delegates — meet in Burruss Hall Auditorium
 9:30 p.m. FFA Committee Chairman Meeting — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 9:30 p.m. Rap Sessions with State Officers — Dietrick Dining Hall
 10:00 p.m. Lights Out

Wednesday, June 18

6:30 a.m. Breakfast — Dietrick Dining Hall
 7:45 a.m. Assemble for Judging Contests — across from Cassell Coliseum
 8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
 8:00 a.m. Sr. Agricultural Mechanics Contest — Agriculture Engineering Department
 8 a.m. - 12 noon Computer Applications Contest — Lane Hall
 (Contest will be administered again in the afternoon for those with other commitments in the morning)
 8:30 a.m. State Judging contests
 A. Crops
 B. Dairy Cattle
 C. Floriculture
 D. Livestock
 E. Nursery/Landscape
 8:30 a.m. Band Practice — Squires Student Center
 8:30 a.m. Farm Business Management Contest — 219 and 223 Biochemistry
 8:30 a.m. Co-op Seminar — Ways of Doing Business in America — Animal Science Building 1760-1770
 8:30 a.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews — 203 Pamplin
 8:30 a.m. Agribusiness Contest — Williams Hall — Rooms 202, 213, 220, 221
 8:30 a.m. Tractor Operators Contest — Written Exam — Agriculture Engineering Building
 9:00 a.m. Feature Film — Squires Theatre, Admission by FFA Identification only
 9:00 a.m. Preliminary Sr. Public Speaking Contest — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 9:00 a.m. Extemporaneous Speaking Contest — Animal Science Building 1870
 9:00 a.m. Junior Public Speaking Contest — Animal Science Building 1860
 11:00 a.m. Review of Judging Contest Classes
 12:00 noon Lunch — Dietrick Dining Hall
 12:30 p.m. Farm Business Management Continuation — 219 and 223 Biochemistry
 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Computer Applications Contest — Lane Hall
 1:00 p.m. Tractor Operators Contest — 146 Smyth
 1:00 p.m. All BOAC Award Winners report to Area Supervisors in front of stage in Burruss Hall Auditorium
 1:30 p.m. Co-op Seminar — Ways of Doing Business in America — Animal Science Building 1760-1770
 1:30 p.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews — 203 Pamplin
 1:30 p.m. Second Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony

Awards: Building our America
 Specialty Animal Production
 Beef Production
 Horse Proficiency
 Special Feature —
 Floriculture
 Cereal Grains
 Poultry Production
 Dairy Production
 Swine Production
 Special Feature — Greenweek
 Parliamentary Procedure
 Agricultural Processing
 Outdoor Recreation
 Forage Production
 Soil & Water Management
 Agriculture Mechanization

Announcements
 Closing Ceremony
 3:00 p.m. Committee meetings — All Districts
 1. Resolutions — McBryde
 2. Auditing — Burruss Hall
 3. Budget and Dues — McBryde
 4. Constitution and By-Laws
 5. Chapter Chats — 120 Rm
 6. FFA-FHA Camp — 121 Rm
 7. Program of Activities — 121 Rm
 8. Contest and Awards — 121 Rm
 9. Public Relations — 115 Rm
 4:00 p.m. Softball and Volleyball Games
 Central Area vs. Eastern Area
 4:30 p.m. Reception for FFA Foundation
 Dining Hall, Hosted by Virginia Tech
 5:15 p.m. Dinner — Dietrick Dining Hall
 6:30 p.m. All Public Relations Award winners
 stage in Burruss Hall Auditorium
 7:00 p.m. Third Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Music by State FFA Band
 Opening Ceremony — State Officers
 Public Speaking Contest Final
 Music by State FFA Band
 Recognition of FFA Foundation
 Report on Virginia FFA Foundation
 Dr. Claud L. Scroggs, Chairman
 Recognition of Virginia FFA Foundation
 Awards: Public Relations
 Diversified Crop Production
 Computers in Agriculture
 Diversified Livestock Production
 Agricultural Electrification
 Tractor Operators

Special Feature —
 Results of Public Speaking Contest
 Extemporaneous — David
 Announcements
 Closing Ceremony
 10:00 p.m. Rap Sessions with State Officers
 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Thursday, June 19

7:00 a.m. Breakfast — Dietrick Dining Hall
 8:00 a.m. Assemble for second day's judging
 8:00 a.m. All Horticulture teachers report
 8:30 a.m. Judging Contests: Dairy Cattle
 Crops (top 10)
 Livestock (top 10)
 Junior Agriculture
 Nursery — Agriculture Engineering Building
 Floriculture
 8:30 a.m. Co-op Seminar — Ways of Doing Business in America — Animal Science Building 1760-1770
 8:30 a.m. Fourth Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Music by State FFA Band
 Opening Ceremony — State Officers
 Awards: Chapter Forestry
 Nursery Operations
 Oil Crop Production
 Feed Grain Production
 Chapter Wildlife Management
 Special Feature —
 Sheep Production
 Fruit and/or Vegetable Production
 Wildlife Management
 Business Session
 Roll Call of Delegates
 Report of Executive Committee
 Unfinished Business
 New Business

STATE CONVENTION

American Communities (BOAC)
 Animal Production
 Art
 Canning
 Dairy
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 Home Economics
 Industrial Arts
 Journalism
 Life
 Management
 Mechanics
 Music
 Nutrition
 Photography
 Public Relations
 Retail Merchandising
 Sewing
 Speech
 Vocational Training
 Woodworking

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Delegates
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 Business

Committee Reports
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 Special Feature — State FFA Band
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 e. FFA-FHA Camp
 f. Program of Activities
 g. Contests and Awards
 h. Public Relations
 Nomination of State Officers for 1986-87
 Announcements
 Closing Ceremony
 Lunch — Dietrick Dining Hall
 Virginia FFA Alumni Association Convention — 146 Smyth
 Creed Speaking Contest — Animal Science Building Room 1860
 Band Practice
 Dairy Management Contest
 National Officer Candidate Interviews — 222 Lane Hall
 Co-op Seminar — Ways of Doing Business in America — Animal Science Building 1760-1770
 Softball Championship — Drill Field
 Volleyball Championship
 Reception for all State Farmer Degree Recipients and Advisors — Sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Committee — Old Dominion Ballroom
 State Officer Family Reception — Dietrick Dining Hall — Hosted by Virginia Tech Collegiate FFA
 Dinner — Dietrick Dining Hall
 All State Farmer Degree candidates report to Area Supervisor in front of stage in Burruss Hall Auditorium
 State FFA Band — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Fifth Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony — State Officers
 Greetings from State Young Farmers
 Maynard Haymaker, President
 Conferring Active State Farmer Degrees
 Conferring Honorary State Farmer Degrees
 Address — Rick Malir, National FFA President
 Presentation of FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
 Mike Heatwole, President
 Presentation of Alpha Gamma Rho Ray Warren Memorial Scholarship
 Special Feature
 Conferring of Distinguished Service Awards
 Recognition of State Officers' Parents
 Music by State FFA Band
 Stars Over Virginia — Star Farmer and Star Agribusiness Awards
 Closing Ceremony
 Lights Out

Friday, June 20

Breakfast — Dietrick Dining Hall
 A representative of each 100% Membership Chapter and each Chapter Contest Award winning chapter report to Area Supervisor in front of stage in Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Sixth Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony — State Officers
 Committee Reports
 Resolutions
 FFA Advisory Council: Mr. Wayne Combs, Chairman
 Music — State FFA Band
 Special Presentation to State Officers — Mr. Kendall Clay, State President 1961-62
 Announcement of National Officer Candidate Awards: Community Service
 Recognition of New Chapters
 Co-op Seminar Scholarships to AIC
 Creed Speaking Results
 Computer Applications Contest
 100% Membership Chapters
 Special Feature —
 Superior Chapter
 Chapter Contest (Jr. and Sr.)
 Softball Games
 Volleyball Games
 Housing Contest
 Judging Contest Results — Final
 President's Farewell Address — Lee Arrington, State President, 1985-86
 Installation of Officers for 1986-87
 Incoming President's Address
 Closing Prayer
 Closing Ceremony — 1986-87 State Officers
 Meeting of Newly Elected State Officers — Burruss Hall
 Lunch — Dietrick Dining Hall
 Leave for Home — TRAVEL SAFELY!

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knew which one you were in at times.

During the weekend we were able to experience a grand castle, a breathtaking view into Austria and make friends that will last a lifetime.

Leaving our new friends and family was not easy. We exchanged addresses and promised to write. Now I am anxiously awaiting to be the host sister. Eva, my host sister, will visit in October.

The Greenweek Tour offered a great deal more than an education on the agricultural consumer market. It was also an education about life and people.

National FFA President to Address Convention

National FFA President Rick Malir of Wilson, Kansas, will be a featured speaker during the 60th Virginia FFA Convention June 17-20 on the campus of Virginia Tech. Malir will address the delegation during the fifth session on Thursday evening, June 19, following the recognition of 256 young people who will receive the State Farmer Degree, the highest membership degree which the state organization can bestow.

Malir, who was selected to his office in November, has taken a one-year leave of absence from his studies in Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, where he was a Sophomore. He and the other five national officers have traveled extensively since their elections, visiting local businesses and schools, meeting with corporate and political leaders, addressing FFA members, and touring overseas as agricultural ambassadors to Japan and other countries.

Malir was a very active high school student, serving as junior class vice president, student council president, and captain of the varsity football team. As a member of FFA, he received the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer Awards and was selected to play in the National FFA Band. He served Kansas as State FFA President, and was selected to participate in Boys' State. As a college student, he is a member of Theta Xi fraternity, the Agricultural Economics Club, the Agricultural Honors Program, and the Spurs Sophomore Honorary.

His Supervised Occupational Experience Program, which is an extension of an agricultural student's classroom activities, is composed of beef cattle, sorghum and wheat. Following his graduation from Kansas State, Malir plans to pursue a career in agribusiness.

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PROGRAM 60th STATE CONVENTION

Virginia FFA Alumni Association
Annual Meeting 1986
Smyth Hall, Virginia Tech
June 19, 1:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order — Mike Heatwole, President
- II. Invocation
- III. Introduction of Guests — Mike Heatwole
- IV. Minutes of 1985 Annual Meeting
- V. Treasurer's Report — Stanley Carpenter, Treasurer
- VI. Award Presentations
 - Outstanding Affiliate
 - Washington Conference Program Scholarships
 - College Scholarships
 - Special Plaque presentation
- VII. Membership Report — O. B. Roller, State Alumni Coordinator
- VIII. Remarks from State FFA President — Lee Arrington
- IX. Update on Virginia FFA Foundation
- X. Report on Activities from Top Affiliate in Virginia
- XI. Report on Officers and Directors for 1986-87
- XIII. Refreshments — Blacksburg FFA Alumni Adjournment

256 State Farmers Named

256 young men and women will be recognized on June 19 when they are presented the State Farmer Degree by the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America. The State Farmer Degree is the highest degree which the state may bestow upon a member of the organization. The degree may be presented to no more than two of each 100 FFA members in the Commonwealth.

The degree will be conferred on Thursday evening, June 19, in Burruss Hall Auditorium on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, site of the first Virginia convention in 1927, when the Future Farmers of Virginia was organized. The 1986 event will mark the 60th convention of the FFV, which became the first chartered state association when the Future Farmers of America was founded in 1928.

To earn the degree, a student of vocational agriculture must be a member of the FFA for at least two years, show outstanding leadership abilities, have participated in at least five activities above the local level, hold both the first, or Greenhand, degree, and the second, or Chapter Farmer, degree, have in operation a successful program of Supervised Occupational Experience (SOE), have earned and productively invested at least \$500 from the SOE program, and submit application for the degree.

The 1986 recipients have developed more than 1,800 separate agricultural production enterprises, recording more than 600,000 hours of labor in agricultural production and in agribusiness employment. They have collectively earned in excess of \$1.9 million and increased their net worth more than \$1.4 million. Scholastically, 141 of the 256 degree recipients have maintained at least a "B" average while in high school. Well trained in leadership activities, they have served as chapter or federation president 95 times, have held more than 600 other FFA offices, and served on 1,132 committees.

Each recipient of the State Farmer Degree will receive a gold charm and certificate from the Virginia Association FFA. The charm symbolizes the progression of a member in the organization. The Greenhand Degree pin is made of bronze and the Chapter Farmer Degree pin is made of silver. The State Farmer Degree was first presented in Virginia in 1928 as the Virginia Planter degree, when twenty members were honored.



Clarke County Invited to Commerce Meeting

By: Bruce Johnson, Advisor

Forty members of the Clarke County FFA attended the United States Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, Monday, April 28, in Washington, DC. They were invited to represent the future of agriculture in America today.

Vice President George Bush spoke at the session on "Freedom and Liberty: Still Standing Tall," emphasizing the "American Spirit" that made our country great in agriculture and industry is alive and well, but now it is called "Innovative Spirit." Bush cited examples of the problems facing farmers and businesses and stated that through this "Innovative Spirit," with tax reform and world trade, we can make a difference in America tomorrow. After the Vice President's speech, the FFA members were treated to the stirring music of the United States Marine Band, and the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps.

The Clarke County group toured the National Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institute where the memo-

rial plaque to the seven Challenger astronauts was on exhibit. Colonel Ellison Onizuka, one of the Challenger astronauts and former Hawaii FFA member, carried the FFA emblem with him on his first shuttle mission. The emblem is now at National FFA Headquarters in Mt. Vernon.

The trip concluded at the National FFA Headquarters near Mount Vernon where the National FFA Advisor and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Larry Case, commended the Clarke County FFA on their day's activities. He spoke to the group on the problems facing today's farmers and how FFA members can help overcome them by taking an active role in the future of agriculture and agribusiness. Case spoke on the same terms as Vice President George Bush, earlier that day, emphasizing the "American Spirit" that made our country strong. Afterwards the members toured the national headquarters located on land once part of the original plantation of George Washington.



Winning Team From Essex

Members of the state winning junior division parliamentary procedure team proudly display state plaque.

Essex is State Winner

The Essex Junior Parliamentary Procedure Team won the 1986 state Parliamentary Procedure Contest March 22 at John Wayland Intermediate School in Rockingham County. This marks the first time Essex has won the state contest. The Essex team competed against junior division champion teams from each of the other four supervisory areas of Virginia.

The contest is sponsored on the state level by the Virginia FFA Alumni Association, which provides plaques for the area and state champions and medals for the members who are selected for the "All-State" team.

The junior division contest requires that the team members conduct a model

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Northampton Recognized

The Northampton FFA Chapter was recognized by the Virginia Agriculture Week Committee for its promotion of agriculture in the community. President Jim Stern (l.) is presented the plaque by Virginia Agriculture Commissioner S. Mason Carbaugh. Advisor John Downing is at right.



Riverheads Team Wins

The Riverheads Parliamentary Procedure Team holds the 1986 state champion plaque following announcement of the results on March 22.

Riverheads is State Champion

For the second consecutive year, the Riverheads Chapter has captured the state title in the Senior Parliamentary Procedure Contest. The team won the title at the state contest on March 22 at John Wayland Intermediate School in Rockingham County, competing against teams from the other four supervisory areas of the state.

The team won the right to compete in the state contest by winning the federation contest and then becoming Northern Area champions. Chapter advisor Robert Christian coached the winning team, making this his second state championship in this contest. Last year, the Riverheads team competed in the National Invitational Parliamentary Procedure Contest in Carthage, Missouri. Although

not a nationally sponsored contest, this invitational event is recognized by the national organization as a leadership activity. It is sponsored by the Carthage FFA Chapter.

The parliamentary procedure contest requires that a team conduct a model meeting, completing the Official FFA Opening Ceremonies, giving reports of officers and committees, and solving a "problem" given the team by a panel of judges. The team is scored on participation, correct use of parliamentary procedure, logical solution of the problem, and other factors.

Tunstall, from Southside Area, placed second in the contest, with Eastern Area's Essex placing third. George Wythe, from
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meeting, using the Official FFA Opening Ceremonies, giving officer and committee reports, following a planned agenda for the meeting, and solving a procedural "problem" provided by the panel of judges.

Montevideo Intermediate, of the Northern Area, placed second in the state contest, followed by Southside Area's Blairs Junior, Central Area's Nelson Junior, and Fort Chiswell of the Appalachian Area.

Named to the "All-State" team were: President, David Robertson, Blairs Jr. Vice President, Patrick Shirey, Montevideo Inter. Secretary, Tony Teague, Essex Treasurer, Wes Mundie, Essex Reporter, Shawn Pennybacker, Montevideo Inter. Sentinel, Loren Rhodes, Montevideo Inter. 1st Chairman, Andy Merricks, Blairs Jr. 2nd Chairman, Earl Nester, Blairs Jr. Advisor, Dale Sanders, Essex

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Appalachian Area placed fourth and Caroline, from Central Area placed fifth.

In addition, the panel of judges selected a team of "All-State" members. The "All-State" team is composed of: President, Donnie Wolf, Riverheads Vice President, Dan Dodson, Tunstall Secretary, Robert Blanton, Jr., Caroline Treasurer, Kirk Swortzel, Riverheads Reporter, Sharon Shuler, George Wythe Sentinel, Michael Hundley, Tunstall 1st Chrmn., Danny Elliott, Essex 2nd Chrmn., Paul Nowak, Riverheads Advisor, Robert Christian, Riverheads

Franklin County Awards Degrees

By: Kelley G. Brown, Reporter

The Franklin County Chapter bestowed the degree of Greenhand to 12 members on February 4, 1986. The recipients of the degree are: Brandon Beardon, Robert Blankenship, Benjamin Bowman, Darrell Crews, Chris Goodson, Chester Harrison, David Holcolm, Richard Houston, Douglas Moats, Ray Reynolds, Keith Ruthrough, and Chuck Widener.

Those receiving Chapter Farmer degrees are: Douglas Aldridge, William Altice, Richard Bolling, Larry Boone, Chris Craighead, Glenn Dalton, Terry Davis, Steve Ferguson, Johnathan Hanks, Ryan Holley, Sheldon Layman, Paul Mommerency, Ray Reynolds, Kenneth Walker, Larry Walker and Carey Ziegler.