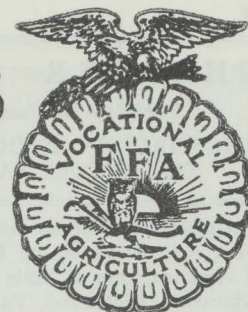


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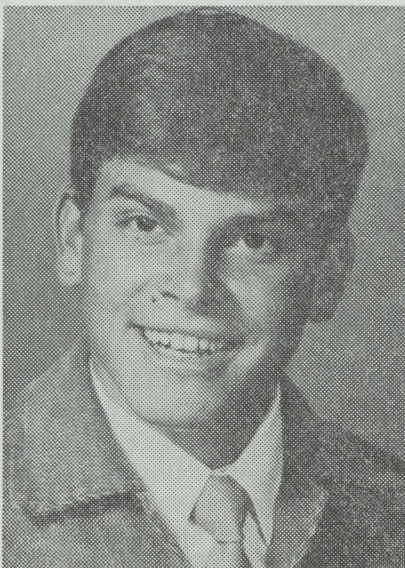
Robert G. Smith of the Patrick Henry Chapter in Hanover County and Steven Spence of Rich Valley Chapter in Smyth County were honored recently as being selected the "Virginia Star Farmer" and "Virginia Star Agribusinessman" by the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America. The impressive ceremony took place on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University as the Future Farmers held their 45th Annual Convention. The Star Farmer and the Star Agribusiness are the highest two awards that can be bestowed by the Association. These two awards are given for efficiency in Agricultural production and Agricultural business.

Each of these winners received a check for \$200.00 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a certificate from the Virginia Association FFA.

Young Smith lives on and helps to operate the 1,000-acre home dairy farm. He has spent 5,018 hours work during the past five years.

Robert now owns 6 dairy cows, 15 heifers, 11 calves and one bull. He grows 5 acres of corn, 10 acres of wheat, 10 acres of barley, 15 acres of oats, 5 acres of rye and 10 acres of mixed hay. The herd averaged 17,000 pounds of milk and 647 pounds of butterfat. The milk tested 3.7%.

In addition to the dairying program, the recipient has served as president, reporter and chairman of five FFA commit-



ROBERT GARNETT SMITH, JR.



STEVEN SPENCE

tees. He has also served as S.C.A. representative and as an usher in his church. He has represented his school on Crops, Soils and Livestock Judging. He is a member of four other school organizations and four farm organizations.

His agricultural instructors are Messrs. C. M. Hall and Lewis M. Brubaker.

Other area winners include—
Appalachian...Andrew M. Hall—Dublin
Blue Ridge...Rockford Jennings—Galax
Eastern...William B. Hunter—
Forest Glen
Northern...Paul S. Craun—Montevideo
Southside...Larry Eades—
William Campbell

STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN

Steven lives on a 125 acre general farm on which he carries his supervised farming program and operates his agribusiness. He plans to be a teacher of agriculture. During his agricultural study at Rich Valley High School, he has devoted 2,805 hours in doing for hire work for farmers in the community. These operations consisted of field chopping ensilage, picking corn, ploughing, baling hay, raking and mowing hay and seeding. He has personally purchased 31 head of livestock

and 10 pieces of equipment. He uses this equipment for hire and to do work on his home farm. He has served as President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Rich Valley FFA Chapter, President of the Smyth-Wythe Federation and has chaired several important committees. He has represented his chapter locally on Livestock, Mechanics, Forestry, Dairy and Crop Judging Teams, and in the State Tractor Driving Contest. He has served as President of the Rich Valley SCA and the Pep Club. He is a member of the American Hereford Association and the Rich Valley Fair Association. He regularly attends his Sunday School class. He plans to continue his education and prepare to be a teacher of Agricultural Education.

Other area winners include—

Blue Ridge...Terry Vernon Bunn,
Carroll County
Central...Clarence W. Jones,
C. T. Smith
Eastern...Larry W. Hatfield,
Southampton
Northern...David Smith, Fort Defiance
Southside...Raymond Elliott,
William Campbell

Editor's Note

I urgently request every member of the Virginia Association FFA having received an award from the FFA Foundation, Inc., on the local, area, and/or state level to write a note of appreciation to Mr. Fred Stines, Publisher, Successful Farming, 1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50303. Mr. Stines is chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee for 1971.

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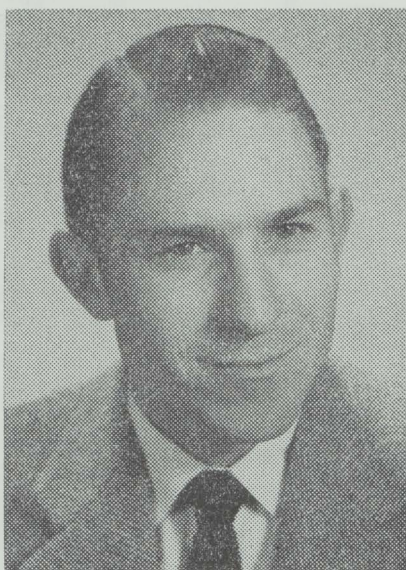
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Fort Defiance—The Degree Team of Fort Defiance took first place in the county contest at Broadway High School. Members of the degree team are Dennis Strole, Dale Meyerhoeffer, Larry Landers, Weldon Michael, Sam Martin, Paul Wilson, Sam Saufley and Ronald Simmons, Larry Moore and Kenneth Cupp. O. B. Roller is team coach. They will compete in the 11-county area contest.



W. B. COLEMAN

Coleman Named Central Supervisor

Wickham B. Coleman, 42, has been appointed assistant supervisor of agricultural education in Central Virginia effective July 1, 1971. He succeeds Jesse C. Green who retired June 30. When Mr. Coleman assumes his new duties, the central area agricultural education office will be moved from Powhatan to Bowling Green, Virginia.

A native of Caroline County, Mr. Coleman is a graduate of Caroline High School. He received the Bachelor of Science and the Masters degrees in agricultural education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Following graduation he served as an officer in the U. S. Air Force for two years. Mr. Coleman began his career in public education as a teacher of agriculture in Caroline County in 1953 where he taught for sixteen years. During the past two years he has served as principal of Ladysmith High School in Caroline County.

Mr. Coleman has been active in community, church and professional organizations, having served as vice president and secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association. He also served as president and secretary-treasurer of the Caroline Education Association and West Caroline Ruritan Club. His students have received many honors in the FFA and in 1967 the National organization of FFA awarded him the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

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Roadside Marker Dedicated to the First FFA Chapter

The Weyers Cave Ruritan Club dedicated a roadside marker to the founding of the first chartered FFA Chapter in America on State route 256, one mile east of Weyers Cave June 11, 1971.

Six of the original chapter members attended the dedicatory ceremonies unveiling the marker at 6:45 p.m. and a banquet followed in the Weyers Cave Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

Along with the charter members were state and national officers of the National FFA organization. The banquet was dedicated to the late E. B. Craun, Sr. who was the first vocational agriculture teacher at Weyers Cave and under whose direction the chapter received its charter.

The Weyers Cave chapter was later consolidated into the present Fort Defiance High School chapter.

Fort Defiance Wins Degree Team Test

The Future Farmers of America degree team of the Ft. Defiance High School in Augusta County was the winner in the State FFA Degree Team Contest at Brookville, May 8.

C. T. Smith of Caroline County was runner-up. Third place went to Appomattox of Appomattox County. Rappahannock of Richmond County, Dublin of Pulaski County, and Giles of Giles County placed fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively.

Six members of the Ft. Defiance unit were named to the 1971 all-state degree team. They are Dennis Strole, president; Dale Myerhoeffer, vice president; Weldon Michael, treasurer; Paul Wilson, Reporter; Sam Martin, sentinel; and Sam Sauflay, 1st conductor.

Other members of the all-state team are Steve Flaherty, C. T. Smith; Bobby Orrock, 2nd conductor; and Howard Freeman and John Ferguson, candidates—all of C. T. Smith.

Degree team is a FFA leadership training activity. It includes skills in parliamentary procedure and conduct of meetings. The 1971 contest was the 37th annual State FFA Degree Team Contest.

Judges were A. J. Newchok, King George; Paul Gilley, New Kent; A. L. Mitchell, Montevideo; and L. W. Fanon, Charlotte Court House.

C. S. McLearen, professor of Agricultural Education at VPI, was the official parliamentarian. The contest was directed by V. B. Cauley, instructor of Agricultural Education in the Brookville High School.



ROADSIDE MARKER UNVEILED—Roadside sign marks the first FFA chapter in America, located one mile east of Weyers Cave.

James Wood Wins First BOAC Award

The James Wood FFA Chapter of the James Wood High School in Frederick County was recognized as winner in the "Building Our American Communities" Contest. This contest is sponsored by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America in cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education and the Farmers Home Administration.

This contest has for its purpose the encouragement of FFA Chapters to strengthen and expand member involvement in understanding and developing their communities.

Roger Zimmerman, Chairman of the Chapter Committee on "Building Our American Communities" received the State plaque for the chapter.

The following area winners were awarded plaques in recognition of their chapter accomplishments:

Appalachian Area.....	Rich Valley Chapter, Smyth County
Blue Ridge.....	Galax Chapter, Galax City
Central.....	Patrick Henry Chapter, Hanover County
Southside.....	Appomattox Intermediate Chapter, Appomattox County

C. T. Smith Wins Farm Safety Award

The C. T. Smith Chapter has been declared the 1971 Farm Safety winner for the State of Virginia. All 103 members participated in activities designed to improve safety on the farm, in the home, in school and on the highways.

One hundred, twenty-three farms were inspected and 445 hazards corrected. These covered farm mechanics, electrical wiring, power equipment, animals, chemical storage, farm ponds, gullies, fuels, buildings, fires and fencing.

These objectives were accomplished by teaching safety in the classroom, chapel programs, surveys, safety slogans, campaigns and newspaper publicity. Courses were taught for K.V.G. crews, on hunting safety, fire fighting and on slow-moving vehicles.

The program was conducted under the leadership of Messrs. F. W. Latham and D. Wayne Wells.

Other area winners include—

Appalachian	Rich Valley
Blue Ridge	Independence
Eastern	West Point
Northern	Montevideo
Southside	Franklin County

Foundation Awards Won by Six Members

Six of Virginia's top FFA members received State awards at the second session of the 45th Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America.

William J. Coate and Kenneth W. Price of the Marion Senior High School FFA Chapter were recognized for outstanding accomplishments in livestock and dairy farming. Dennis Stanley of the Patrick Henry Chapter in Hanover County was recognized as the top poultry farmer and James K. Gochenour of Luray was recognized as the State crop farmer. Each of these members received cash awards of \$100.00 and certificates made available through the National FFA Foundation.

George W. Samuel of the C. T. Smith Chapter, in Caroline County and Gregory D. Sturgill of Loudoun County, were recognized for their outstanding programs in soil, water and air management and agricultural mechanics respectively. George and Gregory received certificates and \$100.00 cash awards in recognition of their accomplishments.

STATE LIVESTOCK FARMING

William J. Choate, a member of the Marion Senior High School FFA Chapter was the recipient of the State Live-



JESSE CHOATE

stock Farming Award. The award was announced at the Tuesday's session of the 45th Annual State Convention of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America.

Young Choates' supervised farming program during his four years in high school has consisted of 226 beef animals, 94 acres of corn, oats and hay and 200 acres of pasture. He and his father farmed 1,092 acres of general livestock farming

in partnership. He has purchased half interest in tractors, seeding, tillage and haying equipment. He has purchased, grown, fitted and shown beef heifers and bulls at local and State fairs. He has assisted in building a barn, along with pieces of livestock handling equipment. He has learned to operate farm tractors, tillage and seeding equipment, haying and shop equipment. He balances rations for breeding stock and show beef animals and practices recommended livestock and management techniques. He has learned cooperative and contract techniques in purchasing feed concentrates and livestock. He holds membership in the Virginia and American Hereford Breeders Associations, Southern States Cooperative, Farm Bureau, local KVG. He is a future tree farmer and has served as Treasurer and Sentinel of his local Chapter. He has represented his chapter at the State FFA Convention as a delegate and livestock judge. He was President of his 8th Grade Class and represented his school in the SCA, basketball and was a member of UMYF.

Area winners of the livestock farming award are:

Blue Ridge—

Rockford Jennings, Galax

Central—

Wickham B. Coleman, Jr., C. T. Smith Eastern—

William B. Hunter, Forest Glen Northern—

James E. Monger, Jr., Elkton

Southside—

John S. Braford, Appomattox County

DAIRY FARMING

Kenneth Wayne Price, a Marion Senior High School student, was named to receive the State award of the Future Farmers of America for dairy farming. Kenneth has conducted an outstanding program of supervised farming on a 102 acre dairy farm where he is farming in partnership with his parents. His supervised farming program has consisted of 83 dairy animals, 66 acres of corn for silage and grain and 65 acres of hay. The skills and competencies which he has developed include testing milk for butterfat, balancing rations according to production and animal nutritional needs, artificially inseminating cows, fitting and showing dairy animals, managing and maintaining animal health by vaccination, breeding procedures, milking techniques and castrating and dehorning. He has gained experience in marketing dairy cattle and products through selling milk cooperatively, purchasing feed and replacement heifers cooperatively, using semen from proven sires in his breeding program. He has shown his dairy animals with distinction in local, regional and



KENNETH PRICE

State fairs. He has represented his chapter in the State Dairy Judging Contests two years; and he is a member of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders Association and a member of the DHIA. He has served as President of his Junior FFA Chapter, Vice-President and Secretary of his Senior Chapter. He has been active in Smyth-Wythe Federation FFA activities, and has also represented his chapter in Public Speaking, Livestock and Forestry Contests. He is Secretary of his Sunday School class and a member of Church RA.

Area winners of the dairy farming award are:

Blue Ridge—

Allan C. Hill, Carroll County

Central—

Julius T. Williamson, Jr., Madison Co.

Northern—

Stanley M. Smith, Fort Defiance

Southside—

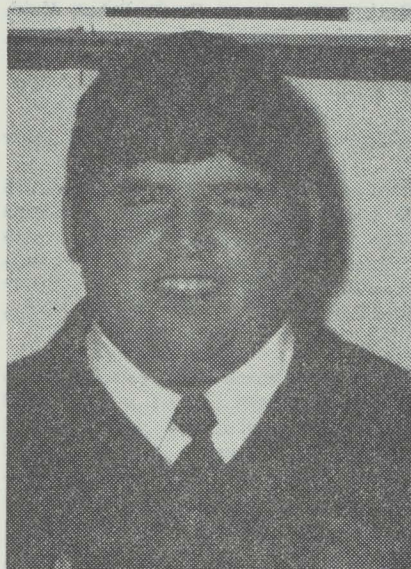
Donnie Ray Montgomery, Franklin Co.

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Dennis Stanley of the Patrick Henry FFA Chapter in Ashland, Virginia has been declared the 1971 Poultry Production Award winner for Virginia. Over a 4-year period Dennis produced 157,600 broilers. The total labor income was \$4,318.89. He has constructed a broiler house, hand feeders and waterers.

In addition to raising poultry, the recipient has represented his school on poultry and livestock teams. He has also served on 4 FFA standing committees, and has been a delegate to the State Poultry Convention. He played football and served on the school SCA. He is active in school, church and community organizations.

His instructors are Messrs. C. M. Hall and L. M. Brubaker.



DENNIS STANLEY

Other area winners include:

Appalachian—

Steven R. Meek, Marion Sr.

Blue Ridge—

Elmon R. Goad, Carroll County

Northern—

Dennis L. Dove, Broadway

Southside—

Kenneth R. O'Brien, Appomattox Co.

CROP FARMING

James Gochenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gochenour of Luray, received the State FFA Foundation Award for Crop Farming. James' accomplishments in producing high yields in corn, hay, and small grains during his enrollment in Agricultural Education have been most outstanding.

Young Gouchenour has been a member of the Luray FFA Chapter for four

years and has served as its president, and as vice president of the Massanutten Federation. He has been a leader in all of his chapter activities, having served on several judging teams and participated in the Public Speaking and Degree Team Contests. He is currently serving as president of the Student Government at Luray High School.

Other area winners include:

Appalachian—

Myron Fields, Rye Cove

Blue Ridge—

Ricky Edwards, Independence

Central—

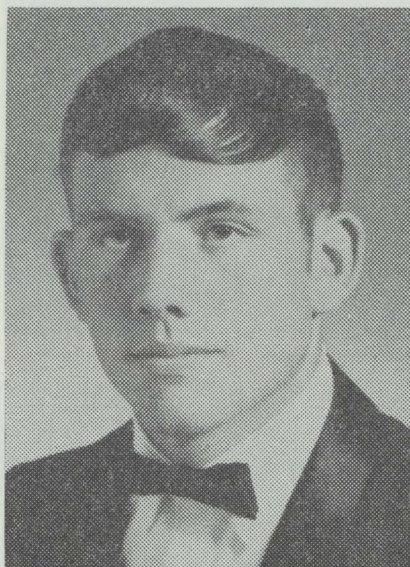
Michael Puryear, Patrick Henry

Eastern—

Charles Belfield, Richmond County

Southside—

James Craddock, Chatham



GEORGE SAMUEL

WATER AND AIR MANAGEMENT

George Warren Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Massie Samuel, of the C. T. Smith Chapter has been declared the 1971 Soil, Water and Air State Contest winner. They live on a small farm in Caroline County. Some of the improved practices included:

1. Practiced 44 acres of contour tillage
2. Used cover crops on 44 acres
3. Maintained 800 feet of sod waterways
4. Stocked pond with fish
5. Fertilized pond
6. Rebuilt 5-acre pond dam
7. Strip cropped 44 acres
8. Planted 17,000 loblolly pines
9. Many other smaller practices were carried out

In addition to the conservation practices, George was SCA president and active in football, baseball and basketball. He represented his school in Forestry, Soils and Livestock Judging.

Other area winners include:

Appalachian—

James M. Johnson, Holston

Blue Ridge—

Dennis Anders, Independence

Eastern—

Steven D. Clarke, Richmond County

Northern—

Robert E. Airey, Turner Ashby

Southside—

Larry Eades, William Campbell

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Gregory Dale Sturgill of Route #1, Aldie, was the recipient of the first place Foundation Award in Agricultural Mechanics.

Gregory is a student in agricultural education at Loudoun County High School and an active member of his FFA Chapter. During his high school career, he has been outstanding in developing his mechanical skills in his classes in agriculture. His mechanical experience includes the overhauling of several tractors, constructing and remodeling several farm buildings. He has developed a farm mechanics shop equipped for performing the necessary maintenance and repair jobs on a modern farm.

Young Sturgill has been active in his FFA Chapter of which he is vice president. He has participated in such activities as public speaking, degree team contests, and has represented his chapter in many judging contests. His instructor is Mr. Delano A. Jenkins.

Area winners include:

Appalachian—

Randy Ervin, Rye Cove

Blue Ridge—

Fred W. Martin, Carroll County

Central Area—

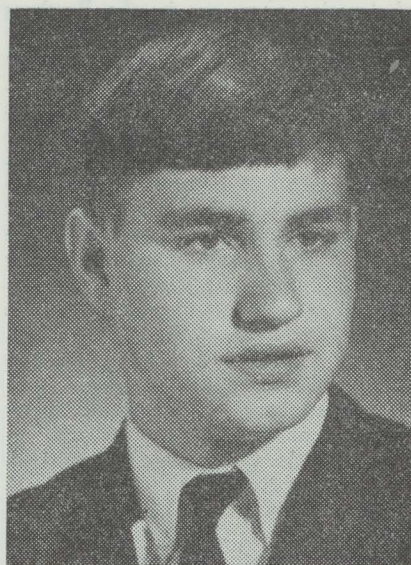
Donald R. Hockaday, C. T. Smith

Southside—

Charles L. Hall, Franklin Co. Senior



JAMES GOCHENOUR



GREGORY STURGILL



Scene at Poultry Judging Contest.

Rustburg, Clarke County, C. T. Smith, Buffalo Gap and Fort Defiance Are Tops in State Judging Contest

State honors in the Animal Judging Contests at the 45th State Convention of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America were won by the Rustburg FFA Chapter (Campbell County) in crops judging; Clarke County Chapter (Clarke County) in dairy judging; C. T. Smith Chapter (Caroline County) in farm mechanics judging; Buffalo Gap Chapter (Augusta County) in livestock judging; and Fort Defiance Chapter (Augusta County) in poultry judging.

Team members and coaches of the dairy, livestock, and poultry judging teams will represent Virginia in a corresponding national contest this fall in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-15.

Team members and coaches of the winning teams are:

Crops: Rustburg—A. Ketchersid, Berry Maxey, and W. R. Austin, coach.

Dairy: Clarke County — John Day, J. Hardesty, Haven Wolfe, and C. E. Mowry, coach.

Farm Mechanics: C. T. Smith—W. Lipstrap, B. Orrock, C. Barlow, and F. W. Latham, coach.

Livestock: Buffalo Gap—Scott Weller, Ernie Reeves, Boyd Derrow, and E. D. Reeves, coach.

Poultry: Fort Defiance—Nevin German, Weldon Michael, David Wampler, and W. L. Simmons, coach.

The crops and farm mechanics judging teams will attend the National FFA Convention at Kansas City in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments.

Team members and coaches of the second place teams in each of the five judging contests, part of whom will represent Virginia at the State Fair at Richmond in September are:

Crops: William Campbell—Shelton Miles, David Yoder, Randy Eades, and J. D. Puckett, coach.

Dairy: Madison County—Neil Jones, D. Forrest, J. Williamson, and J. B. Yowell, coach.

Farm Mechanics: Tunstall—Tim Tatum, Will Souars, Fred Keatts, and J. J. Bohannon, coach.

Livestock: Montevideo—K. Armentrout, Dennis Diehl, Kenny Hammer, and W. W. Cupp, coach.

Poultry: Broadway—Roger Baker, Keith Coffman, David Coffman, and I. W. Diehl, coach.

FIVE HIGH JUDGING TEAMS

<i>School</i>	<i>Score</i>
Crops	
Rustburg	2295
William Campbell	2133
Luray	2034
Appomattox County	2004
Randolph-Henry	1997
Bluestone	1954
Dairy	
Clarke County	1675
Madison County	1670
Wilson Memorial	1618
Appomattox County	1618
Turner Ashby	1615
Farm Mechanics	
C. T. Smith	1814
Tunstall	1775
James Wood	1704
R. E. Aylor	1696
Franklin County	1582
Gretna	1552
Livestock	
Buffalo Gap	1887
Montevideo	1878
Riverheads	1867
Rockbridge	1812
Bland	1791

Poultry

Fort Defiance	1414
Broadway	1394
Clintwood	1393
Turner Ashby	1356
Buffalo Gap	1317

TEN HIGH INDIVIDUALS

Crops	
David Maxey, Rustburg	388
Authur Ketchersid, Rustburg	372
Garnett Smith, Patrick Henry	368
Berry Maxey, Rustburg	364
Randy Eades, William Campbell ..	364
RhPhill Cabbage, Luray	360
Gary Thomas, Appomattox County ..	357
John Tucker, Randolph-Henry	356
Larry Godsey, Rustburg Inter.	349
Steve Yates, Luray	343
Dairy	
John Day, Clarke County	293
Dennis Houff, Montevideo	292
Dwayne Forrest, Madison County ..	291
Julian Bond, Carroll County	289
Julius Williamson, Madison County ..	288
Kegley Brumgradner, Wytheville Inter.	288
Johnny Hardesty, Clarke County ..	287
Ricky Lewis, Appomattox County ..	286
Haven Wolfe, Clarke County	285
Steve Burton, Fauquier	285
Farm Mechanics	
Clay Barlow, C. T. Smith	370
Fred Keatts, Tunstall	367
Wilson Liptrap, C. S. Smith	366

Tim Tatum, Tunstall	363
Bobby Orrock, C. T. Smith	361
Will Souars, Tunstall	360
Eddie Stokes, Chilhowie	359
Wesley Clay, Floyd County	356
Dan Denson, R. E. Aylor	355
Michael Bower, Franklin County ..	352
Roger Zimmerman, James Wood ..	352
Bobby Culbertson, Gretna	352
Gerald Felts, Carroll County	352

Livestock

Boyd Derrow, Buffalo Gap	330
Don Fauber, Rockbridge	329
Dennis Diehl, Montevideo	323
Mac Swortzel, Riverheads	322
Larry Lowe, Thomas Walker	319
Ernie Reeves, Buffalo Gap	319
C. L. Cash, Riverheads	317
Scott Weller, Buffalo Gap	316
Kevin Armentrout, Montevideo	315
Vernon Kindig, Stuarts Draft	314
Mark Slaback, Halifax County Sr...	314

Poultry

Keith Coffman, Broadway	478
Weldon Michael, Fort Defiance	475
David Coffman, Broadway	474
Nevin German, Fort Defiance	472
Brian Baker, Clintwood	470
David Wampler, Fort Defiance	467
Casey Peak, Clintwood	467
Frank Root, Buffalo Gap	462
Paul Hedrick, Turner Ashby	461
Eddie Bowman, Turner Ashby	456



Ring of Jerseys set up for judging.

Appomattox Wins Chapter Contest

The Appomattox County FFA chapter was recognized as winner of the State

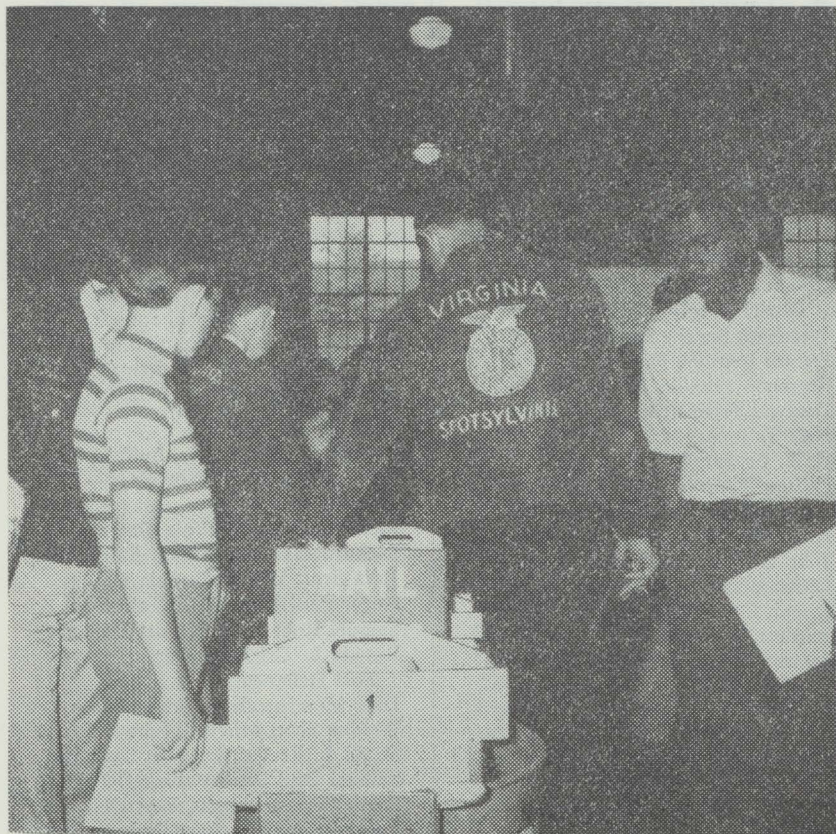
FFA Chapter Contest during the closing session of the 45th annual State FFA Convention. The Appomattox County chapter has 182 active members. The members conducted an average of 4.4 agricultural enterprises per member and earned more than \$4000 to finance chapter activities during the year.

The chapter president, Gary Thomas, was presented a check for \$50 and the state plaque. Chapter advisors are H. B. Pack, R. B. Carter, W. T. Johnson and W. C. Perrow.

Second place in the state chapter contest went to C. T. Smith, of Caroline County. Third place was won by Montevideo of Rockingham County. Richlands of Tazewell County placed fourth. Independence of Grayson County took fifth place and Turner Ashby of Rockingham County sixth.

Rural Retreat, Richlands, C. T. Smith, West Point, Montevideo and Appomattox received area plaques. The Appomattox County, C. T. Smith, Montevideo and Richlands chapters will represent Virginia in the National Chapter Contest. Presentation of National Emblem awards will be a feature of the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in October.

Elkton—Officers for the 1971-72 school year are: Harry Robinson, president; Elizabeth Sigafoose, vice president; Jimmy Riddle, secretary; Ricky Kite, reporter; Prentice Morris, treasurer, and Gary Hensley, sentinel.



FARM MECHANICS—Placing a class of mail boxes.

1971 State Farmer Recipients

Two hundred seventy-eight of Virginia's top farm youths were elected to receive the State Farmer degree in the Future Farmers of America. The FFA is an organization of students studying Agricultural Education in the public high school. The election was a part of the first session of the 45th Annual Convention of Future Farmers of America held this week at Virginia Tech. The State Farmer Degree is the highest honor a State Association may confer upon its members in recognition of accomplishments in agriculture as well as other high school and community activities. The number receiving the degree is limited to two percent of the active membership. This year's membership is 13,904 in 187 chapters.

In addition to the honors conferred upon the active members, the State Association elected 14 Virginia adults to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree. These were selected in recognition of their contributions to Agricultural Education and the FFA. They will also receive the Degree at the Wednesday night session.

Those elected to receive the State Farmer Degree were:

APPALACHIAN AREA

Bobby Miller Penley, Bland
James Lee Bowman, Dublin
Mike Cox, Dublin
Andrew Hall, Dublin
James J. Hedge, Dublin
J. Mike Smith, Dublin
Dennis W. Trail, Dublin
Randy Ervin, Rye Cove
Myron Fields, Rye Cove
Paul Edward McKee, Chilhowie
Eddie Stokes, Chilhowie
William Jessee Choate, Marion Sr.
Steven Roger Meek, Marion Sr.
Gary Wayne Owens, Marion Sr.
Kenneth Wayne Price, Marion Sr.
Richard D. Sexton, Marion Sr.
James Willie Thompson, Marion Sr.
Charles H. Walker, Marion Sr.
Steven Spence, Rich Valley
Wayne Bailey, Abingdon
Wayne Campbell, Abingdon
Shawn Morgan, Abingdon
Dean Price, Abingdon
David Wagner, Abingdon
Robert Anderson, John S. Battle
Lowry Berry, John S. Battle
Steve Gentry, John S. Battle
David Doss, Holston
Donald Widener, Holston
Randall K. Bordwine, Patrick Henry
Douglas Ray Harris, Patrick Henry
Charles E. Hess, Patrick Henry
C. Gail Orfield, Patrick Henry
Jeb Huddle, Fort Chiswell
Steven Jacobs, Fort Chiswell
Kyle Nester, Fort Chiswell

L. D. Thompson, Fort Chiswell
John Chapman, Rural Retreat
James Lawson, Rural Retreat
Cleve Musser, Rural Retreat
Albert R. Willard, Jr., Rural Retreat
Ricky Kegley, George Wythe
Eric D. Umberger, George Wythe

CENTRAL AREA

Hugh Nelson Clark, III, Albemarle
Michael Hudson, Albemarle
Paul Walton, Albemarle
Jimmy Clay, Brunswick Sr.
Lawton Quinn, Brunswick Sr.
Ronnie Finch, Bowling Green, Sr.
Wayne Parker, Bowling Green Sr.
David Scott Ernest, C. T. Smith
David W. Gayle, C. T. Smith
Audubon L. Hayes, C. T. Smith
Clarence Wilson Jones, C. T. Smith
Wilson Liptrap, C. T. Smith
Steve Prescott, C. T. Smith
George Warren Samuel, C. T. Smith
Michael Lynn Satterwhite, C. T. Smith
William Colvin, Culpeper
Glen Haight, Culpeper
James Franklin Hensley, Culpeper
William Gibbs, Dinwiddie Sr.
Heath Hitchcock, Dinwiddie Sr.
Donnie Crump, Lee-Davis
Hunter Parsley, Lee-Davis
William Pointer, Lee-Davis
Warren Rice, Lee-Davis
Jimmy Robertson, Lee-Davis
Danny H. Talley, Lee-Davis
Cooper Woods, Lee-Davis
Louis Beck, Patrick Henry
Kenneth Bremmer, Patrick Henry
Tommy Cage, Patrick Henry
Larry Carr, Patrick Henry
Richard W. Flournoy, III, Patrick Henry
David Goodman, Patrick Henry
Reynolds Hollins, Patrick Henry
Robert Garnett Smith, Jr., Patrick Henry
Wickham Smith, Patrick Henry
Dennis Stanley, Patrick Henry
Clarence Traylor, Patrick Henry
Dwayne Forrest, Madison
Neil T. Jones, Madison
C. T. Bryant, III, Nelson Sr.
Clifton Davis Massie, Jr., Nelson Sr.
Lemuel Scott Massie, Nelson Sr.
Kevin Wayne Miller, Nelson Sr.
John Gordon Payne, Jr., Nelson Sr.
Christopher Arnold, Powhatan
Joseph Otto Durrbeck, Powhatan
Burnett D. Morris, Powhatan
James L. Boggs, Spotsylvania

BLUE RIDGE AREA

Terry V. Bunn, Carroll County
Jerry C. Burnett, Carroll County
Eddie Clotz, Carroll County
Jerry P. Currin, Carroll County
Dennis E. Felts, Carroll County
Gerald G. Felts, Carroll County

Elmon R. Goad, Carroll County
Allen C. Hill, Carroll County
Fred Martin, Carroll County
Rodney Williams, New Castle
Donnie R. Cox, Floyd County
Clyde Kenley, Floyd County
Rick Lane Moles, Floyd County
Dennis Hall, Galax
Rockford Jennings, Galax
Howard Truitt, Galax
Gergory K. Williams, Giles
Dennis Anders, Independence
Gerald Anders, Independence
Ricky Edwards, Independence
Kenneth Hash, Independence
Homer Hash, Independence
Sammy Kinzer, Independence
Dennis M. Owens, Independence
Donald Parsons, Independence
Ronald Parsons, Independence
Jack L. Rudolph, Independence
Jessie Lee Shumate, Independence
Larry Kessinger, Blacksburg
Willard E. Reed, Blacksburg
William B. Simpson, Blacksburg
Doug Bunn, Riner
Lee Slusher, Riner
Larry Absher, Richlands
Earl D. Keene, Richlands
Carl Douglas Kinder, Richlands
Roger D. Lester, Richlands
Rickey D. Sawyers, Richlands
Marrison R. Short, Richlands
Kenneth L. Webb, Richlands

EASTERN AREA

V. Jesse Hayes, Tappahannock
Rowe Robinson, Jr., Tappahannock
Temple Robinson, Tappahannock
Wesley Gibb, Smithfield
Debra Jean Barnes, Lancaster
Ronald H. Wilmore, Lancaster
Robert Lee Harrell, Forest Glen
Whidbee Dan Harrell, Forest Glen
William Berry Hunter, Forest Glen
R. V. Knight, Forest Glen
Edward Coates, Rappahannock
Clifton Jenkins, Rappahannock
Wayne Jenkins, Rappahannock
Charlie Harris, Jr., Southampton
Larry W. Hatfield, Southampton
Bruce Wayne Jordan, Kellam

NORTHERN AREA

George Edward Bailey, Buffalo Gap
Ray Andrew Bosserman, Jr., Buffalo Gap
Monty Murphy, Buffalo Gap
Richard Marshall Shiftet, Buffalo Gap
John Scott Weller, Buffalo Gap
Roger Paul Wilfong, Buffalo Gap
Samuel Robert Cline, Fort Defiance
Ronald L. Crickenberger, Fort Defiance
Dale Meyerhoeffer, Fort Defiance
Weldon Scott Michael, Fort Defiance
David L. Reeves, Jr., Fort Defiance
Samuel Paul Saufley, Fort Defiance
Larry Forrest Shiftet, Fort Defiance
Roland Simmons, Fort Defiance
David Smith, Fort Defiance

Robert Christian, Riverheads
 Gary Conner, Riverheads
 Jackie Davis, Riverheads
 Daniel E. Myrtle, Riverheads
 Glenn Sensabaugh, Riverheads
 James Keith Phillips, Stuarts Draft
 Roger Dale Weaver, Stuarts Draft
 David Henderson Hevener,
 Wilson Memorial
 Victoria Ann Hevener,
 Wilson Memorial
 Larry Hawkins, Clarke County
 Jerry Wayne Larrick, Clarke County
 John William Rutherford,
 Clarke County
 David Preston Wedlock, Clarke County
 Steve Burton, Fauquier
 Luther Lee Day, Jr., Fauquier
 John Lee Leonard, Fauquier
 William H. Lewis, Jr., Fauquier
 Hans Hydam, James Wood
 Jimmy Norman, James Wood
 Mike Smith, James Wood
 B. E. Massie, Broad Run
 Homer Roger Carroll, Loudoun County
 Curtis Dale Poland, Loudoun County
 Garland R. Miller, Luray
 Robert Dale Strickler, Luray
 Michael Leonard Waters, Luray
 Carroll Cabbage, Page County
 Page Foltz, Page County
 Allen Lee Shenk, Page County
 Donald Flory, Brentville District
 Dean Kidd, Brentsville District
 Ray C. Kidd, Brentsville District
 Wayne Presgraves, Brentsville District
 Thomas McClung Shaw, Rockbridge
 William Randall Adams, Broadway
 Dennis Lee Dove, Broadway
 J. Michael Rhodes, Broadway
 Preston Breeden, Elkton
 James E. Monger, Jr., Elkton
 Donnie Seal, Elkton
 Harry Leon Allen, Jr., Montevideo
 Paul Samuel Craun, Montevideo
 Kern Houff, Montevideo
 Elwood Lewis Miller, Montevideo
 Joseph Artie Monger, Jr., Montevideo
 Layton Lee Yancey, III, Montevideo
 Wendell Eberly, Turner Ashby
 Larry Henley, Turner Ashby
 Linden Jay Rhodes, Turner Ashby
 Richard A. Rhodes, Turner Ashby

SOUTHSIDE AREA

Dwight Mays, Amherst County
 Harvey Mays, Amherst County
 James Hugh Braford,
 Appomattox County
 Edward Osborne Davidson,
 Appomattox County
 Donald Lee Drinkard,
 Appomattox County
 Gary Ranson Fleshman,
 Appomattox County
 Emmitt F. Knight, Jr.,
 Appomattox County
 Roger O'Brien, Appomattox County
 Jimmy Adams, Liberty
 Mickey Davenport, Liberty

Vincent Curtis Zimmerman, Liberty
 Luther Lee Bowyer, Jr.,
 Staunton River
 Carlton Hill, James River
 Harry Johnson, James River
 Gary Drewry, Lord Botetourt
 Donald Short, Lord Botetourt
 Duane Carmody, Buckingham County
 Ivan Price Davis, Jr.,
 Buckingham County
 John Gormus, Buckingham County
 Michael Phillips, Brookville
 Maurice Miller, Rustburg
 Larry Eades, William Campbell
 John F. Hutcherson, William Campbell
 Raymond Elliott, William Campbell
 Stephen Ray Mann, William Campbell
 Johnson David Thurman,
 William Campbell
 Roger Allen Vassar, William Campbell
 Carlyle D. Adams, Randolph-Henry
 Kenneth Earl Colley, Randolph-Henry
 Robert E. Laine, Randolph-Henry
 Stephen P. Lenhart, Randolph-Henry
 Michael P. Milton, Randolph-Henry
 Lynn Royster, Randolph-Henry
 A. D. Rutledge, Randolph-Henry
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 Donnie Montgomery, Franklin Co. Sr.
 Lewis Saul, Franklin Co. Sr.
 Durward Bane Epps, Halifax Co. Sr.
 Earnest E. Powell, Jr., Halifax Co. Sr.
 Robert C. Roller, Halifax Co. Sr.
 Robbie Smith, Halifax Co. Sr.
 Julian E. Waller, Halifax Co. Sr.
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 Bluestone Sr.
 Carroll Bedford Powell, Bluestone Sr.
 James Vaughan, Bluestone Sr.
 Barry M. Wilson, Bluestone Sr.
 Larry Scott Winn, Bluestone Sr.
 John P. Wootton, Bluestone Sr.
 Johnny Baisey, Park View Sr.
 Herman R. Hicks, Park View Sr.
 Edwin Iverson Ryland, Jr.,
 Park View Sr.
 Thomas Arthur Thompson,
 Park View Senior
 Barry Shelor, Patrick County
 Harold Lee Eanes, Chatham
 David Allen Goad, Chatham
 Kenneth Lee Knick, Chatham
 Randy Martin Yates, Chatham
 Stephen Everett Clark, Dan River
 Eddie Pyron, Dan River
 David Lee Jones, Tunstall
 George Andrew Pruitt, Tunstall
 James F. Rigney, Jr., Tunstall
 Degree of Honorary State Farmer was
 conferred upon:
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 School, Galax, Virginia
 S. H. Cassell, Chief Forestry Warden,
 Virginia Division Forestry, Wytheville
 Glen H. Hetzel, Instructor, Agricultural

Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic In-
 stitute and State University, Blacks-
 burg, Virginia
 D. A. Jenkins, Instructor, Agricultural
 Education, Loudoun County High
 School, Leesburg, Virginia
 Roy E. Loving, Instructor, Agricultural
 Education, Fluvanna Sr. High School,
 Carysbrook, Virginia
 Clarence E. Major, Superintendent, King
 and Queen County Schools, King Wil-
 liam, Virginia
 Richard T. Marks, Chief, Forestry Di-
 vision, U. S. D. A., Washington, D. C.
 G. W. Nichols, Instructor, Agricultural
 Education, Kellam High School, Vir-
 ginia Beach, Virginia
 D. E. Propst, Instructor, Agricultural Ed-
 ucation, Bluestone Jr. High School,
 Clarksville, Virginia
 Jack Richardson, Instructor, Agricultural
 Education, Amelia High School,
 Amelia, Virginia
 W. S. Shelbourne, Instructor, Agricultural
 Education, Pennington High School,
 Pennington Gap, Virginia
 W. L. Simmons, Instructor, Agricultural
 Education, Fort Defiance High School,
 Fort Defiance, Virginia
 Earl J. Smith, Jr., Superintendent, Appo-
 mattox County Schools, Appomattox
 Virginia
 W. B. Vincel, Instructor, Agricultural
 Education, Giles High School, Pearis-
 burg, Virginia
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 C. L. Craddock, Chatham, Virginia
 P. E. Henderson, Pearisburg, Virginia
 K. H. Jackson, Pulaski, Virginia
 C. S. Kiracofe, Bridgewater, Virginia
 J. A. McCormick, Chatham, Virginia
 W. J. Rohr, Bristol, Virginia
 O. B. Roller, Weyers Cave, Virginia
 N. H. Sanders, Warsaw, Virginia
 T. Y. L. Steppe, King George, Virginia
 Alexander Winston, Gladys, Virginia

Stuarts Draft Tops In Forestry Judging

The Stuarts Draft High School FFA Chapter of Augusta County was presented a plaque as winner of the State Forestry Judging Contest held last November. The presentation was a highlight of the fourth session of the 45th Annual Convention of the Virginia Association FFA. Members of the Stuarts Draft team are: Vernon Kindig, Steven Bryant, Roger Weaver, and C. A. Marks, coach.

Area plaques were previously presented to area winners as follows:

Appalachian—Clintwood
 Blue Ridge—Carroll County
 Central—Fluvanna
 Eastern—Rappahannock
 Southside—William Campbell

Hayes, Forrest Win Foundation Awards

Placement in Sales, Service

Eighteen year-old Audubon L. Hayes of the C. T. Smith Chapter has been declared the 1971 State winner in the Placement in Sales and/or Service contest. During his high school career he worked a total of 5,600 hours and earned \$5,295.00. He had experience in stocking, selling and ordering agricultural food products at Safeway Stores.

During his four year program the recipient served as chairman of two standing F.F.A. committees and as a member of four others. He also participated in Farm Mechanics, Soils, Dairy and Forestry Judging. He was active in other school organizations.

Audubon expects to study Business Administration in college and then enter agricultural service and supply.

His program was conducted under the supervision of Messrs. F. W. Latham and D. Wayne Wells, Agricultural Instructors.

Other area winners include:

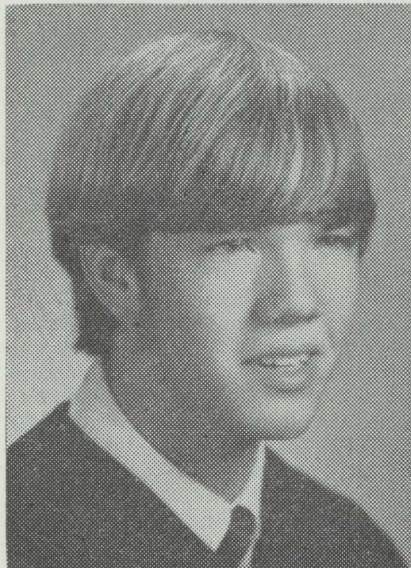
Appalachian...Steve Schetrim—Holston
Blue Ridge.....Joseph D. Parsons—

Independence
Eastern...Wesley Gibbs, Jr.—Smithfield
Northern....Mitch Miller—Loudoun

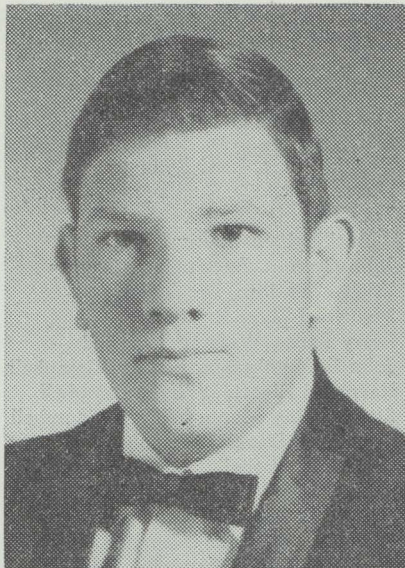
County
Southside.....Joseph O. Bolling, Jr.—
Smith Mountain

Placement in Agricultural Production

The 1971 Placement in Agricultural Production Award winner for Virginia is Dwayne Forrest of the Madison Chapter, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Forrest of Madison, Virginia. They live on a dairy farm and dairy



DWAYNE FORREST



AUDUBON HAYES

enterprises are the main source of income. The recipient worked 6,500 hours and received a gross income of \$12,500.00. Most of this was put back into the farming operation.

In addition to his work on the dairy farm the recipient has served as treasurer and chairman of two committees in his FFA chapter and participated on judging teams in Soils, Crops and Dairy. He has learned how to do all of the jobs on the farm and around the dairy operation.

Dwayne has served as president of the Madison Dairy Club, K.V.G. and participated in football, track and soccer.

His instructors are Messrs. Joel B. Yowell and Thomas M. Kitchen.

Other area winners include—

Appalachian.....Shawn Morgan—
Abingdon

Blue Ridge.....Jerry V. Bunn—
Carroll County

Eastern.....Harold A. Griffin, Jr.—
Smithfield

Northern.....David L. Reeves, Jr.—
Fort Defiance

Southside.....Donald L. Drinkard—
Appomattox County

Jewell Recipient of Conservation Award

Lloyd M. Jewell, Jr., Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education and Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Virginia Young Farmer Association, was honored at the Sixth Annual Awards banquet of the Virginia Wildlife Federation as the recipient of the "Conservation Educator of the Year" Award. The achievement award banquet was held at the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia on June 19, 1971.

The Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Virginia's Senior U.S. Senator, made the presentation on behalf of the Virginia Wildlife Federation.

Alden Aaroe, WRVA Radio announcer and Master of Ceremonies, in reading the citation said, "Lloyd M. Jewell, Jr., as a teacher of agriculture conducted a most successful program of conservation. His program emphasized forestry, soil and water and wildlife conservation. Because of his efforts many of his students were honored for the conservation practices they applied on their home farms and in the community."

"Upon being appointed as Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education with the State Department of Education he continued his efforts in conservation education on a statewide basis. He developed a course of study on Conservation and Forestry that was initiated into the public school program. He prepared the publication "Forestry in Agricultural Education in Virginia," which includes a series of teaching units used by teachers of agriculture throughout the State. Also he prepared a series of ten forestry filmstrips to accompany the forestry publication. He has promoted contests in forestry judging, wildlife management and soil and water management. He has assumed the leadership in planning workshops and credit courses for the inservice training of teachers. It is a pleasure this evening to honor Lloyd M. Jewell, Jr., as "Virginia's Conservation Educator of the Year."

Montevideo Wins Community Service

The Montevideo Chapter of Future Farmers of America was recognized as performing outstanding service to the school community and awarded a check for \$25.00 given by the Virginia State Grange.

Mr. M. B. Weaver is principal of Montevideo High School at Penn Laird and the instructors under whom the program was supervised are Messrs. A. W. Mitchell, D. W. Newman, and W. W. Cupp.

A few of the services which this FFA

Chapter rendered to the community during the past year are: planting 15,000 pine seedlings, mixing and distributing 1950 pounds of bird seed, sponsoring county clean-up and safety program for operation of farm machinery, mixing and distributing 850 pounds of rat bait and assisting with soil and water conservation projects.

The above consists of only a portion of the many fine activities performed by the Montevideo FFA Chapter to win this recognition.

Appomattox Wins Forestry and Wildlife Awards

FORESTRY CONSERVATION

The Appomattox County FFA Chapter was recognized as state winner in the 1970-71 Chapter Forestry Contest. A check for \$40 from Virginia Forests Inc. and a plaque were presented to the chapter.

During the year chapter members planted more than 30,000 loblolly pines on their home farms. More than fifty percent of the chapter members had forestry as a part of their supervised occupational experience programs. Nearly 9000 hours were devoted to forestry by members of the chapter.

Four educational exhibits were displayed and a forestry demonstration area established. The chapter sponsors five "Keep Virginia Green" crews. The chapter is a member of Virginia Forests Inc.

Chapters receiving area recognition were:

Appalachian—Clintwood
Blue Ridge—Richlands
Central—C. T. Smith
Eastern—King and Queen
Northern—Montevideo

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

The work of the Appomattox County FFA Chapter in wildlife conservation was recognized as the state's most outstanding.

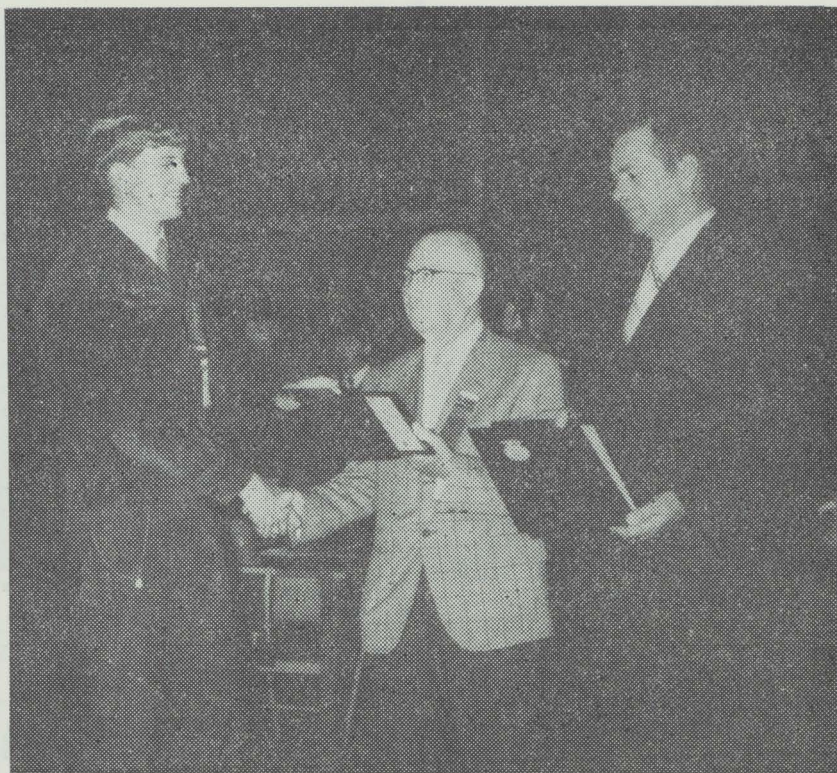
Nearly 200 wildlife feed patches were planted by members of the winning Appomattox County FFA Chapter. A wildlife exhibit was prepared and placed in a local store.

Members of the chapter presented programs on wildlife to local civic clubs. Ninety-one percent of the chapter members are carrying supervised home practice work in wildlife.

Every member received instruction on Virginia game laws.

Area winners were:
Appalachian—Clintwood
Blue Ridge—Independence
Central—C. T. Smith
Eastern—West Point
Northern—Montevideo

Tappahannock—The following officers were elected and installed for the 1971-72 school year: Nelson Hillyer, president; Larry Tignor, vice president; David Cook, secretary; Bill Ellis, treasurer; Forest Baxter, reporter; Mike Brizendine, sentinel. Clent Robinson, a member of the Tappahannock FFA Chapter, was recently elected treasurer of the Northern Neck Federation.



(L-R) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS—Randy Roller, State President, presents the Distinguished Service Award to J. C. Green. Robert Delano, President, Virginia Farm Bureau, received the award on behalf of his organization.

Service Awards Are Presented

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and Mr. Jesse C. Green, Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

The award was made to the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation in recognition of its outstanding contributions to agricultural education and the FFA. This organization has supported FFA and Young Farmer activities at the local, area and state levels, particularly in the areas

of safety, membership and program development. The American Farm Bureau has supported the FFA Foundation for many years and its individual members have assisted local chapters with their projects. These activities have provided excellent experiences and incentives for youth to further their preparation for successful careers in agriculture.

Mr. Jesse C. Green has devoted his

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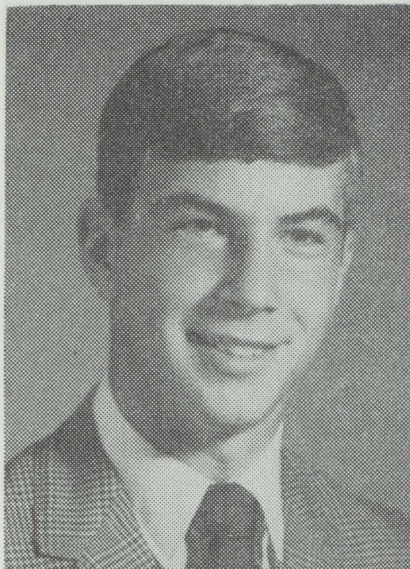
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JAMES SHRECKHISE

Horticulture Award Won by Shreckhise

James Shreckhise, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shreckhise of Mount Sidney, was the recipient of the first place FFA Foundation award in ornamental horticulture.

The experiences James has received have been numerous and varied and include production, management, and marketing of ornamental horticulture products on a retail and wholesale basis. The winner has received a total of 2300 hours experience in his father's nursery during his high school career.

Young Shreckhise has been a leader while in school, having served as vice president of his FFA Organization, president of the Student Cooperative Association, and participated in many other important activities.

James graduated as an honor student from Fort Defiance High School and plans to enroll at V. P. I. this fall in Horticulture.

Service Awards

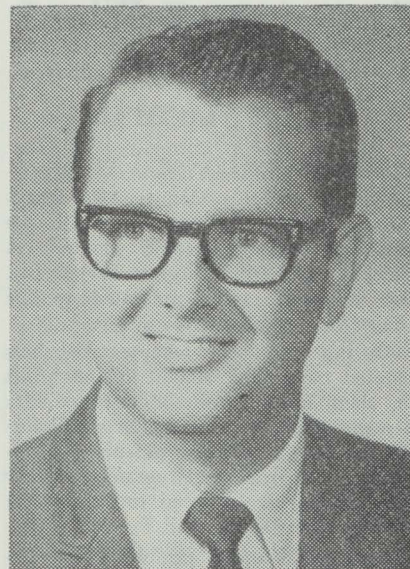
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entire professional career of 45 years to public education and service to Virginia. As a teacher and assistant supervisor he has provided inspiration and encouragement to many teachers, school administrators, parents and students with whom he has worked. As a supervisor the past 29 years, he has given outstanding support to FFA work and the total program of agricultural education in Central Virginia.

Dr. Wright Joins Tech Ag Ed Staff

Dr. Bobby R. Wright began work at VPI&SU on June 1, 1971 as assistant professor of agricultural education. He received a B.S. degree and an M.S. degree from Sam Houston State College at Huntsville, Texas. He was a teaching assistant at Sam Houston State College the last year he was there. He taught vocational agriculture in Texas five years.

He qualified for a Doctor of Education degree at Oklahoma State University in 1970 and was a graduate assistant while earning this degree. During 1970-71 he was director of vocational education in the Mineral Wells Public Schools, Mineral Wells, Texas. He is a Baptist and he and his wife are the parents of two sons, ages 8 and 3. Dr. Wright looks forward to meeting and working with the teachers of vocational agriculture in Virginia.



DR. BOBBY WRIGHT

Ford Releases New Tractor Safety Film

A new film on farm tractor safety, with accompanying classroom aids, is being distributed by Ford Motor Company's Tractor and Implement Operations—North America.

The film strip, entitled "Play it Safe," features 79 artwork illustrations of tractor safety ideas. It was designed by Ford Tractor Operations primarily for high

school vocational agricultural classes. Members of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association consulted with the company in its preparation.

One-thousand films, with accompanying wall charts, take-home booklets and tractor safety decals, have been distributed by

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Ag Electrification Won by Hutcherson

John F. Hutcherson, 19 won the state award of the Future Farmers of America for agricultural electrification. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hutcherson, RFD 1, Gladys, Virginia. A William Campbell High School senior, John was recognized for wiring four farm buildings, repairing three electric motors, and extending several circuits.

The state winner received a check for \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a certificate from the Virginia Association.

Area winners in agricultural electrification were:

Appalachian—

Dean Price, Abingdon

Blue Ridge—

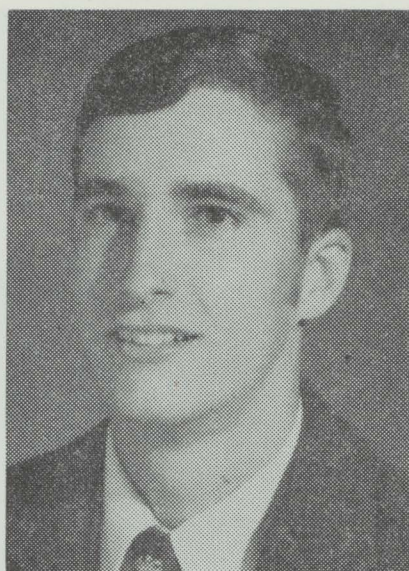
Allen Bobbitt, Independence

Central—

Robert Smith, Louisa

Northern—

Samuel Martin, Fort Defiance



JOHN HUTCHERSON

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Keatts Honored for Home Improvement

Frank Keatts, Jr., a member of the Tunstall High School FFA Chapter in Pittsylvania County, was named state winner in home improvement. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keatts, RFD 1, Axton.

Keatts received a check for \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a certificate from the Virginia Association FFA. He was cited for assisting in enlarging and remodeling the family home. He is also conducting a well-rounded program of agricultural occupational experiences.

Area winners in home improvement are:

Appalachian—

Dennis W. Campbell, Holston

Blue Ridge—

Richard M. Hylton, Riner

Central—

David S. Ernest, Ladysmith

Eastern—

Richard Zirkle, Smithfield

Northern—

Wendell Eberly, Turner Ashby

Strole Wins FFA Speaking Contest

First place in the State and Tri-State Public Speaking Contests has been won by Dennis Strole, a member of the Fort Defiance High School FFA Chapter. The Tri-State Contest between the three states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia was held at Virginia Tech June 29 and Dennis emerged as winner of two contests within one month period.

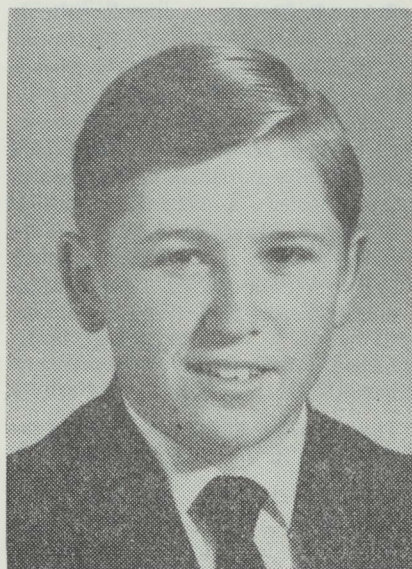
In advancing to the Tri-State finals, young Strole placed first in his local chapter contest, the "BAR" Federation contest, the Northern Area contest, and the State Public Speaking contest. His subject was "A Cause To Serve".

As State winner, he received a cash award of \$100. As winner of the Tri-State contest, he advances to the Southern Regional contest and will be held this year at Kansas City, Missouri, in conjunction with the National FFA Convention.

Other competitors in the State Contest and their placings are: second, Alpha Trivette, C. T. Smith, \$75; Mike Cox, Dublin, third, \$50; Debbie Barnes, Lancaster, fourth, \$40; Don Jones, Blairs Jr., fifth, \$30; and Jack Rudolph, Jr., Independence, sixth, \$20.

Awards for the contest are provided by the FFA Foundation and Southern States Cooperative.

Franklin County—Donnie Montgomery was winner of the Tractor Driving Contest held on April 9. Laird Bowman took second place and Donald Bowman took third. Donnie will represent Franklin County in the area contest at Appomattox.



FRANK KEATTS, JR.

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Jesse C. Green Retired July 1

Jesse C. Green who has served as assistant supervisor of agricultural education in the State Department of Education for the past 29 years with headquarters at Powhatan retired July 1, 1971.

Mr. Green, 70, has devoted his entire professional career of 45 years to public education and service to Virginia. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Richmond and the Masters degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He taught vocational agriculture at Powhatan High School for 12 years after devoting three years to academic and administrative work.

He was recently honored by the Virginia Wildlife Federation by being named "Wildlife Educator of the Year". In 1968 the national organization of FFA awarded him their highest honor, the Honorary American Farmer degree.

Mr. Green is married and has three children. He is a member of the May Memorial Baptist Church and has served as chairman of the Board of Deacons, Sunday School superintendent, and is now teaching the Men's Bible class. He has been active in many civic and fraternal organizations, having been a charter member of the Powhatan Ruritan Club, past president, Zone and District Governor, and past National Program Chairman of Ruritan. He is a member of the Powhatan Masonic Lodge No. 295, Past Master and Past District Deputy Grand Master.



JESSE C. GREEN



(L-R) Archie Synder, Choral Director at Giles High School and Miss Rebecca Lowdermilk, pianist, worked with the State FFA Chorus.

FFA Band, Chorus Liven State Convention

A State FFA band and State FFA chorus selected from chapter members throughout the State provided special entertainment at each convention session. Boys selected to play in the band were trained by Mr. Tom Dobyns, treasurer of Pulaski County. Mr. Archie G. Snider, director of choral music, Giles High School, trained and directed the FFA chorus.

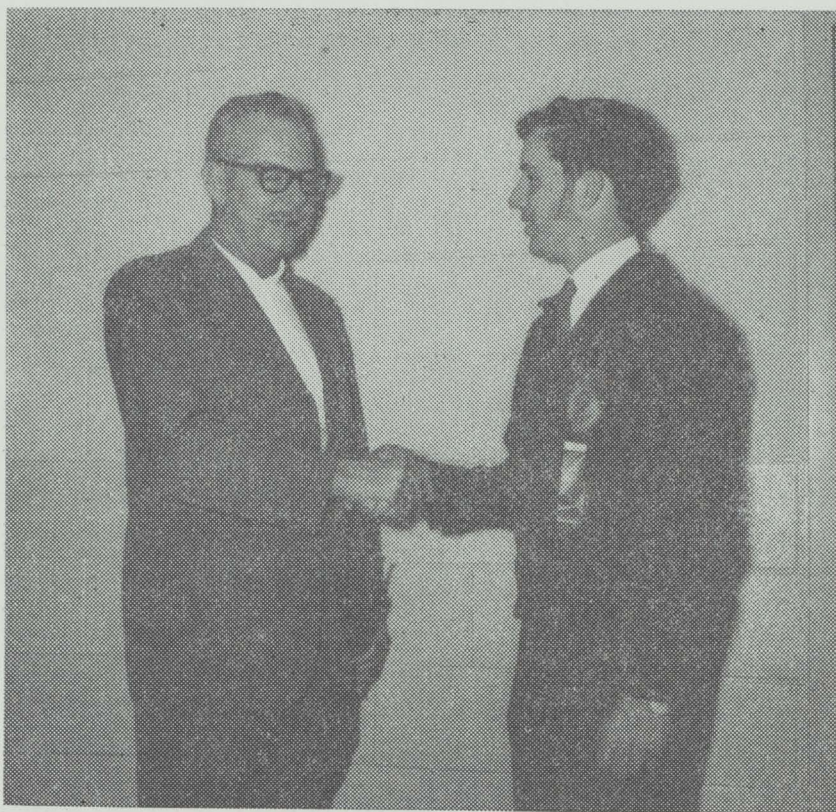
The following FFA members were selected to play in the State FFA band:

Name	School
Randy Clark	Brentsville District
Jimmy Ned Dalton	Carroll County
Dennis Gochenour	Central
Neal Hewitt	Buffalo Gap
Roger D. Owen	Gretna Jr.
Donald M. Sebera	Prince George
Bryan K. Selz	Appomattox County
William A. Crutchfield....	Bluestone St.
Robert Cramer	Buffalo Gap
John Craddock	Chatham
Wally Payne	Chatham
Charles A. Jackson, Jr....	Clarke County
Ellis Cassader	Dan River
Steve Johnson	Gretna Jr.
Bobby Culbertson	Gretna Sr.
Wesley Hall	Gretna Sr.
William W. Clements	Henley Jr.

James M. Johnson	Holston
Eric W. Figgatt	Montevideo
Steve Floyd	Montevideo
Wayne Hensley	Montevideo
Dennis Houff	Montevideo
Thomas N. Southerly	Montevideo
Robert B. Christian	Riverheads
Wayne E. Heizer	Riverheads
C. McCheyne Swartzel	Riverheads
Gary Judy	Robert E. Aylor Jr.
Terry Lee Ludwick..	Robert E. Aylor Jr.
C. T. Cash, Jr.	Rockbridge
Steve Duffy	Rockbridge
Rusty Miller	Rural Retreat
George M. Evans, Jr.	Rustburg
David VanPelt	Turner Ashby
Sherrill Wright	Turner Ashby
James Thomas Nicholas....	Buckingham
Co. Jr.	
Kenneth Martin Miller....	Independence
James Peck	Narrows

The following FFA members were invited to sing in the State FFA chorus:

Name	School
Steve Davis	Elkton
Thomas W. Jenkins, Jr.	Fauquier
Michael E. McGrady....	Carroll County
Wilton M. Parrish II	Patrick Henry



David Shiflett, Past State President, commends Tom Dobyns for his work with the State FFA Band.

Barry Riddle	William Campbell
Michael S. Gallier	Appomattox County
Al Fontaine Johnson	Appomattox County
Allen Austin	Appomattox Intermediate
Charlie Alan Jones	Appomattox Intermediate
Carroll Powell	Bluestone Sr.
Charles Ricky Carter	Blairs Jr.
Jackie Wayne Finney	Blairs Jr.
Joseph Hall	Blairs Jr.
Steve Edward Wilson	Blairs Jr.
Robert D. Eastwood	Dan River
Randy James Richardson.....	Dan River
Robert C. Morgan, Jr.....	Clarke County
Elon Andre Bowling	Gretna Jr.
Timothy Stephens	Gretna Jr.
William P. Fletcher	Montevideo
Keith Wayne Liskey	Montevideo
Alan Liskey, Jr.	Montevideo
Mark Everette Evans	Rustburg
John Page Collins	Tunstall
Carroll Tommy Moon, Jr.—	
	William Campbell
Julian Coleman	Fort Defiance
Michael Dixon	Halifax County
Joe Alger	Broadway
Gary Siler	J. C. Myers
Melvin Kelley	Gretna Jr.
William Godwin	Kennedy

Tractor Safety Film

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Ford to vocational-agriculture departments on a first-request basis. Ford said it is taking steps to answer additional requests as soon as possible.

The film calls attention to accelerated efforts by tractor and farm machinery manufacturers to make their products as safe as possible, and to stepped-up farm safety programs by many groups.

"These efforts are inspired by the conviction that tractor accidents can be avoided," Ford notes.

Safety pointers in the film range from proper preparation for a tractor's operation to hazards in the field and on the highway.

Safety reminders on decals accompanying the film include:

- Use protective frames or cabs together with safety belts.
- Pull loads from drawbar only.
- Equip tractor with weights necessary for good stability.
- Make sure power take-off protective shield is in place.
- Use flashing lights and slow-moving emblem on highways, day or night.
- Do not allow passengers on tractor at any time.

Dairy Co-ops To Sponsor FFA Contests

Two of the largest dairy marketing co-ops in the nation recently announced they will join the National FFA Foundation in sponsoring two educational dairy contests at the National FFA Convention this fall in Kansas City, Missouri. Associated Milk Producers, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, and Mid-America Dairy-men's Association, Inc., of Springfield, Missouri, will co-sponsor the National FFA Contests in Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products judging. The FFA is a national youth organization which provides educational activities to supplement the instructional program in vocational agriculture.

Representatives of both Associated Milk Producers, Inc., and Mid-America Dairy-men's Association, Inc., met with National FFA President, Dan Lehmann, recently to sign a sponsoring agreement. Wm. A. Powell, President of Mid-America Dairy-men's Association, Inc., and John Butterbrodt, President of Associated Milk Producers, Inc. emphasized this will be an opportunity for their organizations to join in an educational activity that benefits youth and at the same time advances the dairy industry.

The dairy judging contests are two of five National Judging Contests held each

year at the National FFA Convention. They are the culmination of FFA Dairy Judging Contests that begin at the local chapter level and proceed through contests at the district and state levels.

Last year 44 states sent three-man teams to the National FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Another 34 states sent teams to participate in the National Dairy Products Judging Contest. The National Judging Contests are competitive activities in which young men and women who are students of vocational agriculture test their ability to select top quality dairy cattle and dairy products. The contests are a valuable educational tool because in selecting and ranking livestock and animal products, participants must use their knowledge and understanding of the factors that make top quality agricultural products.

Only FFA members between 14 and 21 years of age are eligible to compete in the contests. Students must either be enrolled in vocational agriculture or they must have completed all the courses in agriculture given in their school.

Nine classes of dairy cattle will be available for the Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Each three-man judging team

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observes the animals from all angles for 12 minutes, but is not allowed to touch them. After the allotted time each team member is given an additional 12 minutes to prepare reasons for their placement choices. Finally, each team member has two minutes to give oral reasons for one class placement.

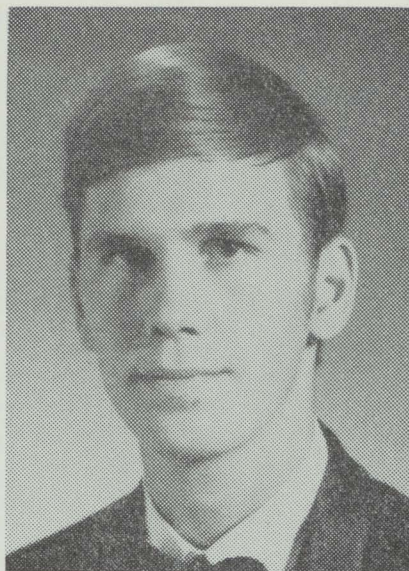
The Dairy Cattle Judging Contest requires students to make decisions under pressure. They must call on all their knowledge of dairy cattle learned in the classroom to make a placement decision. Reasons must be sound because the student is called on to verbally defend his reasoning once the decision is made.

The dairy products judging has application for both the dairy farmer and the milk consumer. The contest teaches students to recognize top quality milk and to understand the factors that affect milk quality. The Dairy Products Judging Contest consists of two parts. First, each three-man team is given seven samples of bulk milk which has been pasteurized. Each sample is to be visual and taste tested to determine flavor, odor, and sediment content of the milk. In addition to scoring milk samples, contestants are required to inspect milking machine parts rating serviceability and affect on milk quality. Each team member's evaluation of the samples and the milker parts is written on score sheets and compared to scores determined by the contest officials. The scoring is done according to standards set by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Although the dairy contests are recognized as competitive events with all the joys of victory and agonies of defeat, they are considered strong educational activities. "Contests provide an incentive for students to learn more about their area of interest," says Robert Seefeldt, FFA Manager of Contests and Awards. "Contestants for the National FFA Dairy Judging Contests will spend many hours practicing and sharpening their skills. The knowledge and decision-making ability they gain will help make them better employees," he points out.

Dairy Judging Contests start at the local chapter level where thousands of students are involved. Most states also have district and state Dairy Judging Contests where chapters throughout the state vie for the opportunity to represent the state in the National Dairy Judging Contests. In this way a high proportion of FFA members are involved in the Dairy Judging Contests even though only the best teams make it to the national competition.

In sponsoring the Dairy Products and Dairy Cattle Judging Contests, Mid-



STEVE PRESCOTT

Prescott Tops In Forestry Award

Steve Prescott, the 20-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Prescott of Caroline County, placed first for the State of Virginia in the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Forest Management Contest.

Steve planted 17,000 pine seedlings on the home farm and helped set out 32,000 on a neighbor's land. He cut 5 cords of pulpwood and 6 cords of fuel wood, and also cut and marketed 800 fence posts. He picked 10 bushels of pine cones for seed. He also thinned timber and poisoned hardwood trees.

The recipient has been active in FFA, having served on Forestry, Soils, and Dairy Judging teams as well as on 4 committees.

His instructors are Messrs. F. W. Latham and D. Wayne Wells.

Others who placed among the first four include:

2nd—Thomas Edward Winfree—Amelia
3rd—Douglas R. Bolt—Buckingham
4th—Raymond D. Elliott—

William Campbell

Montevideo—Recently elected officers for 1971-72 are: Dennis Diehl, president; Kevin Miller, vice president; William Simmons, secretary; Tommy Smith, reporter; Dennis Houff, treasurer; and Kevin Armentrout, sentinel.

America Dairymen's Association, Inc., and the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., have agreed to provide funds to help offset administrative expenses, as well as to provide awards and travel money for the contestants.

Coleman Is Champ In Tractor Driving

W. B. Coleman, Jr., a member of the C. T. Smith FFA Chapter, Ladysmith in Caroline County, has been declared the 1971 State winner of the Tractor Operators contest held at VPI&SU during the State FFA Convention. In recognition of his accomplishments, young Coleman will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, with a major portion of his expenses paid by the Virginia Association FFA.

The contest consists of a written examination and a demonstration of the operator's ability to handle a tractor safely under practical driving conditions.

Other contestants in the order of their placings were: Wesley Gibbs, Smithfield; Phillip Lucado, Appomattox; Harland Stokes, Chilhowie; Garry Harris, Floyd County; and William Longerbeam, Loudoun County.

Chapter News

Appomattox—At a recent meeting, the following officers were elected for the 1971-72 school year: Phillip Lucado, president; David Wheeler, vice president; Kenneth O'Brien, 2nd vice president; James Torrence, secretary; Doug Webb, treasurer; Emmitt Knight, reporter; Brent Washburn, sentinel; Phillip Harris, chaplain; David Drinkard, historian; and Edward Davidson, second conductor.

Dublin—FFA officers for 1971-72 are as follows: Tommy Covey, president; Dean Jackson, 1st vice president; Rodney Keister, 2nd vice president; John Ferrell, secretary; Terry Covey, treasurer; Cecil King, reporter; Tim Sutphin, sentinel; Malcolm Booth, chaplain, and Richard Flinchum, parliamentarian.

Page County—Newly elected officers for 1971-72 are: Randy Keyser, president; Davy Atwood, vice president; Darrell Lam, secretary; Ikey Parks, treasurer; Donnie Babb, reporter; and Larry Gray, sentinel.

Federation News

Pittsylvania—New officers of the Pittsylvania FFA Federation for the 1971-72 school year are: Bob Eastwood, president; Billy Shumate, vice president of Tunstall; George Pruitt, secretary of Tunstall; Randy Richardson, treasurer of Dan River; Steven Payne, reporter of Tunstall; Kent Wright, sentinel of Tunstall; Bobby Culbertson, parliamentarian of Gretna Senior; and Timothy Stevenson, chaplain of Gretna Senior.