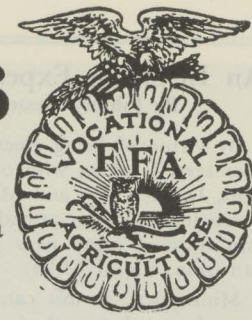


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Sixty-Five Will Attend National Convention

Approximately 65 Virginians will attend the 29th National Convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18, it is announced by R. E. Bass, State supervisor of vocational agriculture.

The Virginia party will include two official delegates, eight American Farmer degree candidates, two National FFA band members, three National FFA chorus members, advisor and high school principal of top chapters in State, forestry winners, Foundation award winners, out-of-state poultry, livestock and crops judging teams, federation and chapter representatives, special guests and supervisors.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company through its industrial and agricultural department will again sponsor the delegates to the 1956 National Convention. The Virginia Party will board a special chartered, air-conditioned, reclining seat car on the "Pocahontas" on Saturday, October 13, and will return to Virginia on Sunday, October 21. Included in the Virginia delegation, although the list is not complete as we go to press, are:

Delegates—Danny Bird, Jr., Bland, State FFA President and R. G. Akers, Jr., Blacksburg, Past President.

American Farmer Degree Candidates—Ernest B. Craun II, North River; Willie R. Gilman, Ashland; John R. Gregory, Rocky Gap; George R. Hanzlik, Prince George; David S. Miller, Bland; Robert E. Mills, Brookville; Sherrell M. Poff, Willis; Earl D. Reeves, North River.

National Band Members—Danny Dudley, Princess Anne; Carl Barlow, Smithfield.

National Chorus Members—Robert Welton Cooke, Gretna; Charles Doyle, McKenny; Wayne Schwartz, Ashland.

Others—Wayne Smith, Troutville; Mrs. Sherrell M. Poff, Willis; Mrs. J. Bryson Rockwell, LaCrosse; A. T. Adams, Instructor of Vocational Agriculture,

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Smith-Douglass Awards Four FFA Scholarships

Four Virginia Future Farmers were recently awarded \$1,000 Future Farmers of America Smith Douglass scholarships to study agriculture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. They were: Peyton Barlow, Stuart; Richard Thomas Crowder, Baskerville; David Ray Harmon, Willis and Ray Lotts, Spottswood. The four scholarships, each having a total of \$1,000 and donated by the Smith Douglass Company, Norfolk, Virginia, will be paid in installments as follows: Freshman, \$400; Sophomore, \$300; Junior, \$200 and Senior \$100.

The four scholarship winners will enroll in agriculture at VPI in September, 1956. Other Virginia Future Farmers receiving similar scholarships in 1953 and 1954 are Ray Loving, Fluvanna; Lennie Gamage, Cumberland; Harold Hopkins, Stuart; and Charles Damewood, Catawba.

While in high school Young Barlow was active in FFA work having served as treasurer, vice president and president of the Smithfield FFA Chapter and vice president of the Peanut Federation. His supervised farming program in vocational agriculture included beef cattle, swine, corn and peanuts. He was vice president of his high school class for three years and was active in the Boy Scouts of America.

Richard Crowder served as president and vice president of his FFA chapter at Buchanan High School and also secretary of his class for two years. He was a member of the Student Council, Beta Club and Monogram Club. Richard's main enterprises were tobacco, corn, wheat, hogs and dairy cattle.

David Harmon was treasurer and president of his local FFA chapter and reporter of the Floyd County Federation. He is now serving as vice president of Virginia Association FFA for Southwest Virginia. He was a member of the Willis livestock judging team for two years and has shown purebred beef heifers at local and area shows.

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Eight Recommended For Highest FFA Degree

Eight Future Farmers of America members from Virginia will be recommended to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the 29th annual National Convention of FFA in Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18.

R. E. Bass of Richmond, State Supervisor of vocational agriculture, reported he has received information from FFA headquarters in Washington, D. C., stating that the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the national organization have reviewed the Virginia applications and will recommend to the delegates at the convention that the eight boys receive the coveted degree. Approval by these boards usually is tantamount to election by the delegates.

The eight Virginians are Ernest Craun II, North River; Willie R. Gilman, Ashland; John R. Gregory, Rocky Gap; George Hanzlik, Prince George; David Miller, Bland; Robert Mills; Brookville; Sherrell Mason Poff, Willis; Earl DeWitt Reeves, North River.

Nationally, the FFA Board of Directors voted to recommend that 365 Future Farmers receive the American Farmer Degree. Presentation of the degrees will take place in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City during the convention session on the afternoon of October 16. Each degree winner will receive a certificate and gold key from the FFA Organization, and a \$100.00 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Attainment of the American Farmer Degree is based on the Future Farmer's record in farming, leadership and scholarship. The degree is limited to FFA members who have been out of high school at least one year and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in farming. State Associations of FFA are limited to one American Farmer Degree candidate for each 1,000 members or major fraction

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An Inspiring Experience

By Johnny Messersmith

By virtue of being elected State FFA Secretary, I, along with our State President, Danny Bird, and M. O. Marshall, instructor of vo-ag, attended the leadership training camp near Shelby, Michigan from August 13-26.

Miniwanca, as this camp is called, is located on the sand dunes bordering Lake Michigan.

After a long trip that carried us through five States, we arrived in Miniwanca the afternoon of August 13th. We registered, found our cabin numbers, and to our surprise we found that we did not room in the same cabin. However, we discovered that this was to serve a purpose. We soon met boys from other states and formed new friendships. In each cabin there were six boys and one advisor. Being a small group we felt closer to each other. By the end of the two week period we practically knew the life history of each person in the cabin.

At our first session we signed up for our elective classes. Every first year man had three classes plus two elective classes. I chose "Principles of Leadership", and "Techniques of Public Speaking" as my two elective classes. Along with these we had "The Art of Creative Living", "The Life and Teachings of Jesus", and "Balanced Four-fold Development". These classes were challenging and they changed my viewpoints on many things.

We were divided into six Indian tribes as the founders felt that competition should be a part of this fine camp. The competition was very, very keen throughout the two week period. There were very few points difference in the first and last place tribe as tabulated at the end of camp.

Swimming in Lake Michigan, playing softball, football, tennis and badminton in the sand dunes, eating out under the stars, and worshipping in the Church of the Dunes all is a part of Camp Miniwanca.

I feel that in that short two weeks I learned more than was possible any where else in the same space of time. The challenge of Camp Miniwanca still awaits as it has for the past 43 years for the young man that is willing to set his goals that high.

BLAND FFA CHAPTER

Officers of the Bland FFA Chapter have been installed.

They are D. B. Waddle, president; Billy Strock, Vice president; Billy DeHart, secretary; Billy Bowen, treasurer; David Tate, reporter; and Jimmy Melvin, sentinel.

Plans were discussed for the group's annual trip to the West Virginia State Fair.

Former Princess Anne Student Pays Tribute to S. B. Myers

(Mark Oetinger, a recent graduate of Princess Anne High School wrote the following letter to D. J. Howard, superintendent of Public Instruction in Virginia)

July 21, 1956

Dear Mr Superintendent:

Because good teachers go unsung, I believe you might be interested in my letter of praise for one of my High School teachers, Mr. S. Blair Myers, Vo-Ag Teacher at Princess Anne High School, Lynnhaven, Virginia. I was one of the June graduates from that school; my letter was published by the Virginia Beach Sun-News on July 12.

"... I am deeply appreciative of the very nice write-up which your paper gave three Princess Anne High School Future Farmer boys: Ken Whitehurst, Jr., David Flanagan, and myself. May I offer a personal tribute to our instructor, Mr. S. Blair Myers, without whom our honors would not have been possible?

Five years ago his guiding hand took hold of this very small and very green boy and tried to make a man of him—a Future Farmer. Mr. Myers was gentle and patient, but firm, and always encouraging; important to my city-sensitiveness was the fact that he never belittled me for my mistakes, but would come up with corrective measures, and I know of no teacher more highly respected.

Having been to school in many states all over our country and in one foreign country, I have probably come in contact with almost every type of teacher; all of us know that some teachers may be spoken of in conversation by their last names, or probably by some sarcastic nickname, but our Vo-Ag instructor was always Mr. Myers, showing the esteem to which an able teacher is entitled.

His soft-spoken manners showed satisfaction with our work and gave us confidence when we deserved it, but those same quiet qualities were just as quick to mete out discipline when any goofing-off was in the air.

His classroom was one into which I entered without misgivings because there stood a "judge" who was a fair man; I am a better citizen and a stronger person, both mentally and physically, for having been under his good influence and his friendly guidance, and it matters not where I go from here, Mr. S. Blair Myers will always be in my memory book as a gentleman, a capable teacher who knew his job and worked hard at it, and most of all, a friend to whom students could go with their problems.

I salute with pride my vocational-agriculture instructor, S. Blair Myers

National Convention

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Smithfield High School; J. G. Reveley, Jr., Principal, Smithfield High School.

Forestry Winners—Parker Johnson, Park View, winner of Seaboard Railroad Forestry Award and J. Bryon Rockwell, his instructor of vocational agriculture.

Federation and Chapter Representatives—As we go to press the list of Federation and Chapter representatives who will attend the National Convention is incomplete. Approximately 20 federations and chapters plan to send representatives. Boys who will attend are: Clinton Lee Anderson, Effinger; Frank Inge, Appomattox; D. B. Weddle, Bland; Thomas Presson, Chuckatuck; Leland Mahan, Climax; Clarence Barrack, Lancaster; Warren Jones, Rich Valley; Ray Wood, Ashland; Bobby Loving, Ashland; Edgar Shepherd, Nokesville; June Brewer, Bluestone; John Hudson, Pearisburg; John Jennings, Jr., Halifax; Robert Bowman, Hillsville; David Corum, Park View; Harold Maxey, Pembroke; Harry Bryan, Buckingham; Leon Reynolds, Concord.

Out-of-State Judging Teams

Poultry—Leroy Carr, Paul Driver, Charles Comer, R. C. Cupp, Instructor of Vocational Agriculture, all from Dayton.

Livestock—Riley F. Wagnor, Billy Simmons, Joe Zimmerman, E. B. Craun, Instructor of Vocational Agriculture, all from North River.

Crops—Paul Wright, Carroll Hoffman, Michael Yager, R. E. Taylor, Instructor of Vocational Agriculture, all from Orange.

The Out-of-State Dairy Judging team from Manassas will represent Virginia in National competition at Waterloo, Iowa, October 1-2. Team members are Emory Vandone, Richard Schultz, Bobby Michael and A. T. Kline, instructor of vocational agriculture, coach.

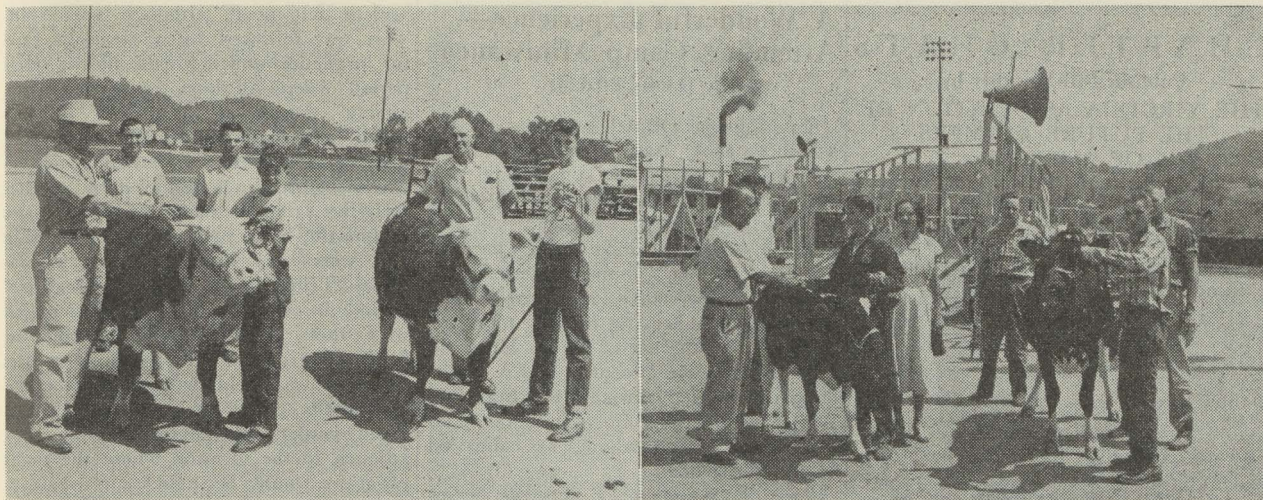
J. M. Campbell, assistant supervisor of vocational agriculture and executive secretary of Virginia FFA will direct and supervise the trip to Kansas City.

Safety Note

The young news writer was told to cut a story to the bare facts. He did: "Joe Doe pushed on the throttle to see if his hot-rod would do 100 mph. It did. Age 18."

of the Princess Anne High School—a teacher I am sorry to leave behind me! . . ."

Sincerely yours,
Mark Oetinger



TOPS HEIFER SHOW AT GALAX—J. A. Hardy, Area Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture Southwest Virginia congratulates Gene Horney, Rural Retreat winner in the Hereford class at the fourth Annual Livestock Heifer Show at Galax. At right is Morris Long, Dublin, second place winner. In background, left to right, are C. M. Vaughan and Robert Copenhaver, Rural Retreat, and Earl Tilson, Dublin, all teachers of Vocational Agriculture.

TOP HOLSTEIN IN DAIRY SHOW—J. O. Hoge, Area Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, congratulates Joe Johnsey, FFA member of the Virginia-Carolina High School Chapter, for showing the Grand Champion Holstein at the Galax Show. Joe's mother watches the presentation. At right is Bob Lee Huddle, Wytheville, with the Reserve Champion. In the background are Jack Rudolph, Virginia-Carolina, E. F. Wilson and Jim Copenhaver, both of Wytheville, teachers of Vocational Agriculture.

Dairy and Beef Heifers, Sheep, Swine Shown by FFA Boys At Galax Farm Festival

The fourth Annual Livestock Show by the Future Farmers of America was held at Galax August 9-10. Exhibits were entered from Southwestern Counties of Virginia.

Sixteen Hereford heifers were shown with top honors going to Gene Horney, Rural Retreat. Reserve Champion went to Morris Long, Dublin. Dallas Hubbard, Willis, placed third; Gene Horney, Rural Retreat, fourth; Albert Bowles, Jr., George Wythe, fifth; and Frank Morris, Galax, sixth.

Harry Cline Sowers, Jr. of Willis showed the Grand Champion Shorthorn heifer. Reserve Champion went to Ned Umberger, George Wythe. Third and fourth placings went to Bob Lee Huddle, also of George Wythe High School.

Richard Marshall, Willis, won top honors with his Angus heifer. Second place went to J. Michael Kidwell, Sugar Grove.

An added attraction to the show this year was the showing of sheep. The class for pen-of-three market lambs was won by Ike Parsons, FFA member from Independence. Second and third went to Loyd Halsey and Billy Young, both from Grassy Creek. Ike Parsons showed the Grand Champion individual lamb with Billy Young, Grassy Creek, second and Loyd Halsey, third.

Sixty-six dairy heifers were shown in the second day's showing at the Galax Farm Festival. The Future Farmers of America exhibited nine classes—three in

each breed; Guernsey, Holsteins and Jerseys.

Joe Johnsey, member of the Virginia-Carolina High School FFA Chapter, showed the Grand Champion Holstein heifer. Reserve Champion went to Bob Lee Huddle, Wytheville. Joe Vaught, Rural Retreat, placed second in the Bred Heifer Class. Tommy Thompson, also from Rural Retreat, placed first in the Senior Holstein Class with second going to John Holder, Hillsville. Robert Williams exhibited the second place heifer in the Junior Calf division.

Grand Champion in the Guernsey Breed was won by Bob Lee Huddle, George Wythe FFA Chapter. Reserve Champion was shown by John Schuyler, FFA boy from Galax. Second place went to Alvin Cox, Independence, in the Junior Guernsey class. Jimmy Davis, Woodlawn, showed second in the Senior Calf division. In the class of Bred Heifers, Glenn Kincer, Rural Retreat, and Dennie Quesenberry, Austinville, placed first and second respectively.

Two members of the Marion FFA Chapter walked away with the Grand and Reserve Champion in the Jersey breed. The Champion was shown by Everette Odum with William Romans exhibiting the Reserve grand Champion. Harold Brown, Rural Retreat, placed first in the Jersey Bred Class with Roger Linkous, also of Rural Retreat, showing second. Noel Padgett from Woodlawn placed second in the Senior Jersey Class. Roger Linkous, Rural Retreat, placed second in the Junior Class.

The review of Champions was held in front of the Grandstand, Felts Park, Friday night in conjunction with the

Galax Golden Jubilee celebration.

Albert Bowles of George Wythe was awarded the Showmanship Trophy for his outstanding showing of beef cattle during the festival.

The trophy for outstanding showmanship in the dairy classes was presented to Bob Lee Huddle of the George Wythe FFA Chapter.

SURRY FFA STARTS PIG CHAIN

Surry County's Future Farmers of America are going to have a white pig chain, and present farmers stand to gain.

The Surry FFA chapter's Otis Pittman, David Huber, and Benton James have been given a purebred Yorkshire gilt apiece and the chapter a Yorkshire boar, now in Benton's keeping, to start the program, Vocational Agriculture Instructor Ernest Wrenn announced.

From the first litters, he said, they must give one of the best gilts to another selected FFA boy. From each of the first two litters, they must offer at least two of the best boar pigs for sale to local farmers for breeding purposes.

Four county firms—Surry Supply Co., Wallace Edwards & Son Co., Bank of Surry, and Elberston Supply Co.—furnished the animals in the interest of making more meat-type boars available locally to produce more meat-type hogs the market demands, Wrenn said.

FAIRFIELD FFA CHAPTER

Fifteen members of the Fairfield FFA Chapter met at the school Friday, third of August, for the annual summer meeting and watermelon feast. Plans were made for the remainder of the summer.

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ANDERSON HEADS MILLROCK

Clinton Anderson, Effinger High School was elected president of the Millrock FFA Federation at Brownsburg recently. Anderson was chosen for his outstanding work in his home forestry project.

Other Federation officers elected were vice president, Jerry Sams, Millboro; secretary, William Koogler, Brownsburg; treasurer, Cleotis Law, Millboro; reporter, Eugene Richie, Fairfield and sentinel, Frank Sheets, Brownsburg. All of the officers were chosen on outstanding work in his chapter.

The Federation adopted a plan to send one member to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri on October 25. This is planned as an expense paid trip.

The Millrock FFA Federation is made up from Fairfield, Effinger, Brownsburg and Millboro FFA Chapters. Valley High School, Hot Springs, Virginia has been invited to join the Federation. R. C. Yeatman will be the vocational agricultural advisor for the Valley FFA chapter.

The meeting was closed with a social hour.

A Wonderful Experience— Attending Camp Miniwanca

By Danny Bird, Jr.

Upon being elected president of the Virginia FFA Association, I learned that another State FFA officer and myself would have the opportunity of attending a camp in Michigan for two weeks in August. Not knowing what was in store for us, Johnny Messersmith, State FFA Secretary, and myself had the pleasure of leaving Sunday morning, August 12 in the car of M. O. Marshall, an advisor of the Woodlawn FFA Chapter. We traveled through the States of West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan before arriving at camp on Monday afternoon.

That day, August 13, was the beginning of the two most fruitful weeks of my life and I think all boys who have attended Camp Miniwanca in the past will certainly agree. Let me explain just a few things about Camp Miniwanca before I tell of its many activities. First of all, it is a Christian Leadership Training Camp in which Christian principles of living are stressed for you to live by to your utmost ability. This includes a balanced four-fold program whereby you are always urged to exploit yourself physically, mentally, socially, and religiously at all times. Camp Miniwanca is owned and operated by the American Youth Foundation and campers from all over our United States and many foreign countries annually attend for two weeks of close fellowship with each other and with God.

When we arrived in camp, we were immediately assigned to our tents and could plainly see and feel the friendly atmosphere that existed. The entire camp was divided into six tribes, each named after famous Indian tribes in early American History: (1) Blackfoot, (2) Navajo, (3) Crowfeet, (4) Dakota, (5) Iroquois, (6) Susquehanna. We later learned that in about everything we did; cleanliness of tents, cheers and stunts, tribal games, swimming and track meets, and so forth that we were in competition, as a tribe, with each other. There was plenty of excitement among all of us due to the keen competition between all the tribes. A tribal shield was given the last day to the outstanding tribe. However, each individual competed with himself and his highest goal was to better his own record. This is true of all us FFA members for we certainly want to better even our highest achievements that we set.

The camp's activities during the day are geared to the level of capacity in leadership for all boys. At 6:30 all campers arise for a flag raising ceremony, then a fifteen minute exercise period and a fast dip in Lake Michigan. The dip really woke everybody up

and it felt good, although very cold. This was followed by a clean-up time for inspection and a fifteen minute quiet period where all boys have meditation among themselves and are brought much closer to God. We then had breakfast and four forty-five minute classes before lunch followed by another forty-five minute class. These classes taught the basic principles of leadership and were very interesting and educational. Tribal games and a recreational period in which all boys participated were then held until dinner time at 5:30. After dinner, the evening's vespers program was held with a member of the faculty giving an inspirational talk. From vespers, the entire camp would adjourn to the location where the night program would be held.

We would hit the sack every night at 9:30 filled with good, clean living and learning in the day gone by and excited about what wonderful experience the camp would provide us with the next day. A choir of campers would sing a couple beautiful hymns from high on the sand dunes above the camp before we would fall asleep. While lying in bed and hearing the choir sing and the waves of Lake Michigan beating against the shore, you would thank God for giving you the opportunity of a lifetime—attending Camp Miniwanca.

I could go on forever telling about all the experiences of Camp Miniwanca, but let me just say this much more. Anybody can attend this Christian camp, if they are really interested. It is not restricted to State FFA Officers or even FFA boys. It is for youth today of all walks of life who will be the leaders of tomorrow. If you get your application in early to the American Youth Foundation headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., and are worthy of a scholarship, you will enjoy the most thrilling two weeks of your life, as I did and others have done, at Camp Miniwanca. I would like to urge you to set this as your goal for if you work hard, the opportunity will certainly come your way.

I want to express thanks from the bottom of my heart to our Virginia FFA Association and the Ralston-Purina Company for giving me two wonderful weeks I will never forget the rest of my life. I certainly hope I can prove that I was worthy of the experience.

Women Are Like That

Observing that artificial diamonds have now been made instead of mined, a young man asked his lady-love if she'd just as soon have an artificial stone as the real thing for an engagement ring.

"Listen," she blazed, "if you ever give me an artificial diamond, you'll be remembered around here as: My Former Friend Ersatz."

Future Farmers Break Ground For New Office Building Near Alexandria, Va.

National officers of the Future Farmers of America participated in a brief ground-breaking ceremony recently for a \$275,000 office structure the organization is building South of Alexandria, Virginia, near the intersections of Mount Vernon Boulevard and U. S. Highway 1, approximately 15 miles southwest of Washington, D. C.

Dan Dunham, 20-year-old national president of the FFA from Lakeview, Oregon, turned the first spadeful of earth before construction equipment was pulled on the site to begin excavations. He was joined in the operation by his fellow national FFA officers, Terrell Benton, Jr., Jefferson, Georgia, student secretary; and the four vice presidents, Lynn Loosli, Ashton, Idaho, Lennie Gamage, Cartersville, Virginia, Allen Colebank, Morgantown, West Virginia, and Dale Ring, Wooster, Ohio. Dr. W. T. Spanton, Director of the Agricultural Education Branch in the U. S. Office of Education and national advisor of the FFA, also participated.

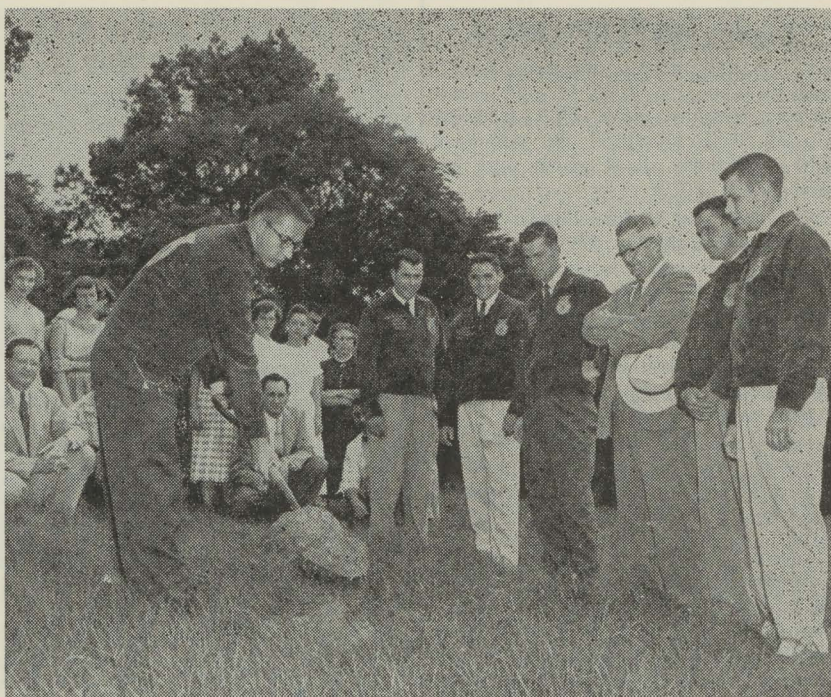
The new Future Farmers' building will be a brick structure in colonial architecture containing two stories plus basement. The central section of the building is 118 feet long by 36 feet wide. Two wings 32 feet wide will extend 29 feet from either end, giving an over-all length of 176 feet. A front portico approximately 29 feet by 10 feet in size, will be supported by four round wood columns extending up to the roof line.

It will face Mount Vernon Boulevard, setting back about 630 feet from the road. The location is on a 30-acre property originally purchased by the FFA in the late 1930's for a national camp and leadership training school.

Construction is to begin immediately, with completion expected next spring. Morton W. Noble, AIA, of Washington, is the architect. Altimont Brothers, Builders, of Bethesda, Maryland, have the contract for building.

The building will be used to house The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, a bi-monthly publication published by the organization, and the Future Farmers' Supply Service, a mail-order business operation selling jackets, jewelry, and other official supplies to FFA members throughout the country.

Both the magazine and supply service are wholly owned and operated by the national FFA organization. About 30 persons are currently employed by the two units and housed in old buildings already located on the site. Additional employees are hired on a temporary basis during fall and early winter rush sea-



GROUND-BREAKING—Lennie Gamage, National FFA Vice President from Cartersville, Virginia, is shown above turning a spadeful of earth at ground-breaking ceremonies for the new FFA office building near Alexandria recently. His fellow FFA officers and a small crowd appear in the background.

sons. Both the magazine and the supply service expect considerable expansion in their business and number of employees within the next few years.

The magazine, which was begun as a quarterly in 1952, has a circulation of about 180,000 and just this year switched from a quarterly to a bi-monthly publication. Operation of the Future Farmers' Supply Service was begun in 1948. Its volume of business handled last year exceeded a million dollars.

National headquarters of the FFA will remain with the U. S. Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare building on Independence Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets, S. W., in Washington. The organization operates under a charter of incorporation granted by Congress which provides for sponsorship in the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education, with the national FFA advisor, the executive secretary, and four members of its adult Board of Directors to be members of the Agricultural Education Branch staff.

The property upon which the new building is to be located was originally purchased by the FFA in 1939 for use as a national camp. Two wood frame buildings were constructed, a barracks building to house 75 boys, and a dining-recreation hall with a capacity of about 100 persons. Shortly after completion of those buildings, however, the outbreak of World War II caused cancellation of all plans for a national camping program, and the camp was closed until the

summer of 1946 when the facilities were made available to FFA chapters for housing members while they were touring the Washington area.

By 1949 the property was beginning to assume the looks of a white elephant. National Treasurer Dowell J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Virginia, presented figures to show that from a cold cash standpoint the FFA would have saved money by furnishing free hotel rooms in downtown Washington to touring FFA members. Delegates at the 1949 national FFA convention voted to give the Board of Trustees authorization to dispose of the property.

In the meantime, though, the Future Farmers Supply Service had been started and one of the buildings was used to house those offices. It expanded so rapidly that before any sale of the property could be arranged, the space of both buildings was needed. Checking into the proposition of renting or buying other facilities in the area revealed that little, if any, savings could be made by selling the camp.

What once appeared as a white elephant has turned into a good investment for the FFA. Rising real estate values in the area place the land at a worth considerably more than its original cost.

About eight acres, including a 760 foot frontage on U. S. 1, has been zoned for commercial use and is being offered for sale by the organization. Only about

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Eight Recommended

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thereof. Virginia, with FFA membership of 8100, submitted the names of eight candidates, all of whom were approved.

Announcement of Star Farmer awards will be made during the evening session of the convention on October 16. One Future Farmer who is most outstanding of the degree winners will be named Star Farmer of America and will receive a \$1,000.00 cash award. Three others will receive Regional State Star Farmer awards of \$500.00 each.

FITTING AND SHOWING LIVESTOCK

Another Fair season is upon us and livestock must be prepared for showing. The State Supervisor for Vocational Agriculture and the National Safety Council urge Future Farmer of America members to observe safety practices in grooming, fitting and showing animals.

One of the principal safety rules is to never trust any livestock, no matter how old it is or how gentle it has been in the past.

Bulls should be rung at an early age and worn or weakened rings replaced promptly. When it is necessary to lead a bull, always use a staff.

Work quietly and deliberately in releasing, leading and driving animals. Crowding may cause injury to the worker; it is easy to get stepped on. Swinging horns inflict painful wounds; in "fly time," this risk is greatest. Never stand directly in front of or behind horses, mules or cattle.

Forks, shovels or other hand tools should never be left on the ground or on the floor. Stacked grain or other feed should be placed so it cannot topple and injure a worker.

Little children and livestock cannot read. All bottles or cans of disinfectants and remedies should be correctly labeled and promptly returned to a closed safe place.

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Terry Clark of Luray Gets \$4,000 VPI Scholarship

Announcement was made recently that Terry Blackburn Clark, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn Clark, of Luray, was awarded the highest scholarship that is given at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va.

The scholarship is the Rockingham Poultry Marketing Co-Op Scholarship which allows \$1,000 for each of the four years the student will be in school, with the understanding his academic grades will be upheld. The scholarship also guarantees a job for the summer months during the four years and also a job upon completion of school.

Terry competed with applicants from the eight surrounding counties and those persons whose parents were members of the Rockingham Poultry Marketing Co-Op. He will major in Poultry Husbandry during his four years.

Terry is a graduate of Luray High School with the class of 1956 and while in school was active in the FFA, 4-H Club and the Student Government.

He was in the FFA for three years and served as Vice-President during his senior year and Reporter during his sophomore year and he was also a member of the 4-H Club for three years. He received the Dairy Achievement Award upon graduating. During his senior year he was president of the Student Cooperative Association.

Nokesville Wins Award for Efficient Dairy Production

Nokesville FFA chapter received the top Efficient Dairy Production Award during the first session of the 30th Annual Convention of FFA June 25. Rural Retreat FFA chapter in Wythe county placed second and Franklin county chapter third.

The Nokesville Chapter of 37 members received a plaque and \$75 for their high standing in the field of dairy production. Prizes for the contest were provided by the National Dairy Products Corporation in cooperation with Southern Dairies, Inc., and Chestnut Farms Dairy. The members of the Nokesville Chapter own 61 dairy animals, 21 of which are of production age. Twenty of their animals are registered with breeder associations. One-hundred per cent of the members of this chapter have dairy projects. During the past year eight of the FFA chapter members won \$325 exhibiting their livestock at dairy shows. The chapter owns five registered dairy heifers which were purchased with chapter funds.

D. C. Link is principal of the Nokesville High School and P. B. Reading is the local teacher of vocational agriculture and chapter advisor.

POULTRY JUDGING TEAM

A group of four Andrew Lewis FFA boys attended the 83rd national meeting of the American Poultry Association in Buffalo, N. Y. They were accompanied by agriculture instructor James E. Peters. The boys are Lewis Bowling, David Turner, Johnny Mitchell and Bill Willis. They are scheduled to participate in the junior judging contest.

This same team represented the A. L. chapter at VPI last June, where they finished 6th in poultry judging competition with 35 teams from all over Virginia. This will make the 4th consecutive year that Peters has taken boys to the national meeting. They have travelled to Fort Worth, Texas; St. Louis Mo.; and Lansing Mich.

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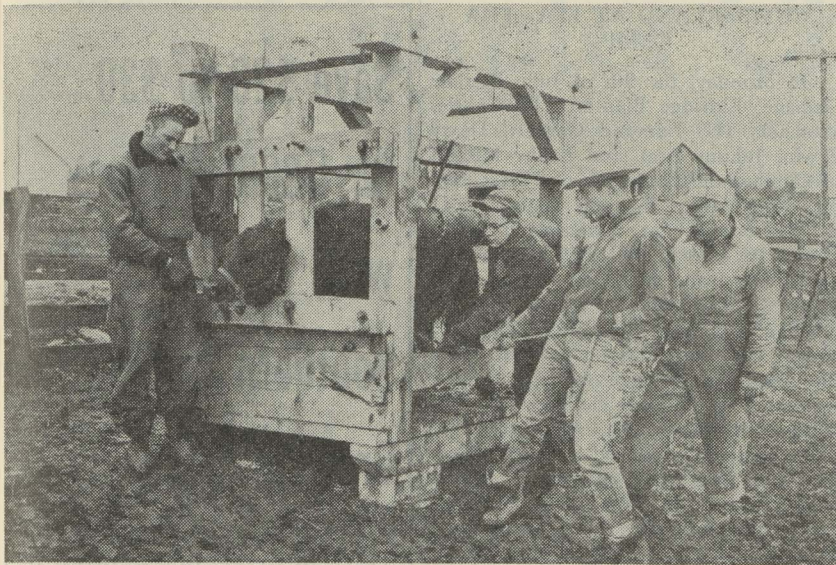
Young Lotts served as secretary and president of his local chapter and secretary of his FFA federation. In high school, Ray was active in athletics and dramatics, having taken part in several plays and participating in public speaking. He was a member of the FFA livestock judging team and exhibited crops and livestock in local shows.

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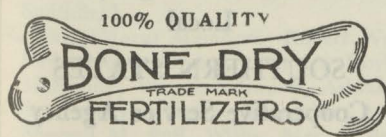
FITTING AND SHOWING—Shown above are members of the Willis High School FFA Chapter fitting a beef heifer to be shown at the Virginia State Fair. Dallas Hubbard is at the halter while Richard Marshall is trimming his heifer's foot. David Harman has the foot tied down while S. A. Roudabush, instructor of vocational agriculture, looks on. The cattle stock was constructed by the FFA boys as a shop project this year.

Rocky Gap and Effinger FFA Chapters Receive Awards in Forestry and Wildlife

The Rocky Gap High School FFA Chapter of Bland County and the Effinger High School Chapter of Rockbridge County were presented awards June 27 at the FFA Convention for their accomplishments in two fields of conservation, forestry and wildlife.

A plaque and an award of \$50 were presented to the Rocky Gap FFA Chapter for their accomplishments in the field of forestry conservation. Second place and an award of \$40 went to the Louisa FFA Chapter of Louisa County followed by the Andrew Lewis Chapter of Roanoke County, Stony Creek Chapter of Sussex County and the Buckingham Chapter of Buckingham County which chapters received awards of \$30, \$20, and \$10 respectively. Funds for the forestry awards were provided by Virginia Forest, Inc., an organization of woodland owners interested in the conservation and development of Virginia forests.

The 49 members of the Rocky Gap Chapter worked a total of 2,233 hours on their home forestry projects from which they received a labor income of \$2,391. They cut and sold 3,185 mine



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7. Observed Arbor Day and planted trees on school grounds.
8. Assisted science class in preparing a tree leaf and wood identification board for the classroom.

Garland L. Updyke is principal of the Rocky Gap High School. Bruce Robertson is the local teacher of vocational agriculture and chapter advisor.

Effinger Chapter Places First in FFA Wildlife Contest

The Effinger High School FFA Chapter placed first in the Wildlife Conservation program sponsored by the Virginia Future Farmers Association with funds furnished by the National FFA Foundation. With first place went a check for \$40. Second place and a check for \$30 went to the Stony Creek High School Chapter of Sussex County, followed by the Brookpropps and 576 cords of defective and overcrowded trees to improve their home farm timber stands.

The chapter contributions to Virginia's Forestry Conservation Program included such activities as the following:

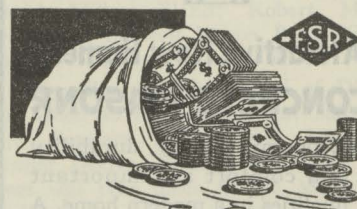
1. Maintained a ten-acre roadside reforestation project marked with appropriate signs.

ville Chapter of Campbell County with \$20 and the Bland Chapter of Bland County with \$10. All 34 FFA members of the Effinger Chapter conducted wildlife conservation projects on their farms with each boy devoting an average of 10 hours to this phase of his home project program. The chapter has a 200 acre school forest which serves as a wildlife refuge. They organized and conducted a campaign in the community to promote wildlife conservation. One hundred and ninety pounds of seed for feed patches were distributed in the community. Talks were made by chapter members at meetings of local Ruritan Clubs and other community organizations. They distributed 500 calendars in the county to help promote Governor Stanley's "Plant More Trees" program. Thirty-one members of the chapter prepared wildlife essays and entered them in the contest sponsored by the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. Five programs on wildlife conservation were presented over local television stations.

Graham Goodman is Principal of the Effinger High School. D. L. Glick is the local teacher of vocational agriculture and chapter advisor.

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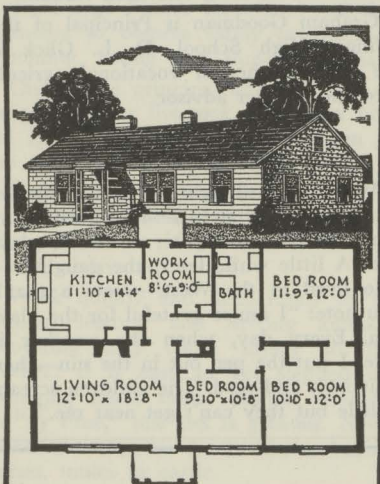
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New Office Building

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ten acres will be required for the grounds of the new building, but the FFA has no plans at present for disposing of the remaining acreage.

When plans for the new building were approved by the national FFA officers last year they also arranged for the purchase of two vacant lots facing Mount Vernon Boulevard. The purchase gives a 268 foot frontage on the Boulevard. Although not included in the original building contract, future plans call for a circular driveway from the Boulevard to the building, with nearby paved parking facilities for 30 cars. The old buildings will remain in use until the new one is completed, then it is expected that they will be demolished.



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CUMBERLAND AT FFA—FHA CAMP

On Monday, the 9th of July, Freddie Gamage, Eldridge Blanton, III, Charles Womack, III, Edmund Garnett, David Erwin, Johnny Asal, and Bobby Midkiff of Cumberland High School FFA Chapter, accompanied by their instructor, L. D. Rorrer, met at Cumberland Court House for a trip to Smithfield and a week of fun and relaxation at the State FFA — FHA Camp.

After arriving at camp, unpacking and getting our room straight, we headed for the beach and a cool swim. Following swimming we had our choice of croquet, horse-shoes, ping pong, which together with the swim produced a hearty appetite. This was well satisfied at dinner however, and we were soon ready for the evening program, which consisted of dancing and games.

During the week the campers competed against each other in a soft ball and a volley ball tournament. The boys from Cumberland with some assistance from the Amelia boys, really went overboard winning both tournaments. There were also tournaments for individuals in badminton, horse-shoes and ping pong.

Highlights of the week included a tour of Colonial Williamsburg, a trip to the "Common Glory", a fishing trip on the James River and a talent contest. Two of our boys, Freddie Gamage and Charlie Warmack participated in the talent contest.

Charlie won third place in the skit contest. These special events plus the swimming and games really made the week enjoyable. Of course, we all made many new friends from all over the state. When we arrived home Saturday afternoon we were a bit travel weary, but we brought with us many happy memories and an eagerness to return to camp next year.

WINS FFA AWARD

Milton Conrad a member of the Lively FFA Chapter was first place winner in the Seafood Development Award given by the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America. He has completed two years of Vocational Agriculture and carried crabbing and oystering as a part of his supervised program. This award is made annually to the FFA member doing the most outstanding work in Seafood Development and Conservation.

Milton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Conrad of Mollusk.

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