

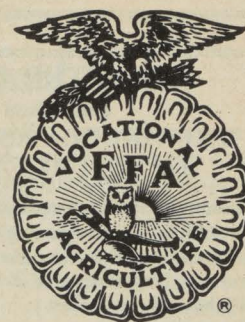


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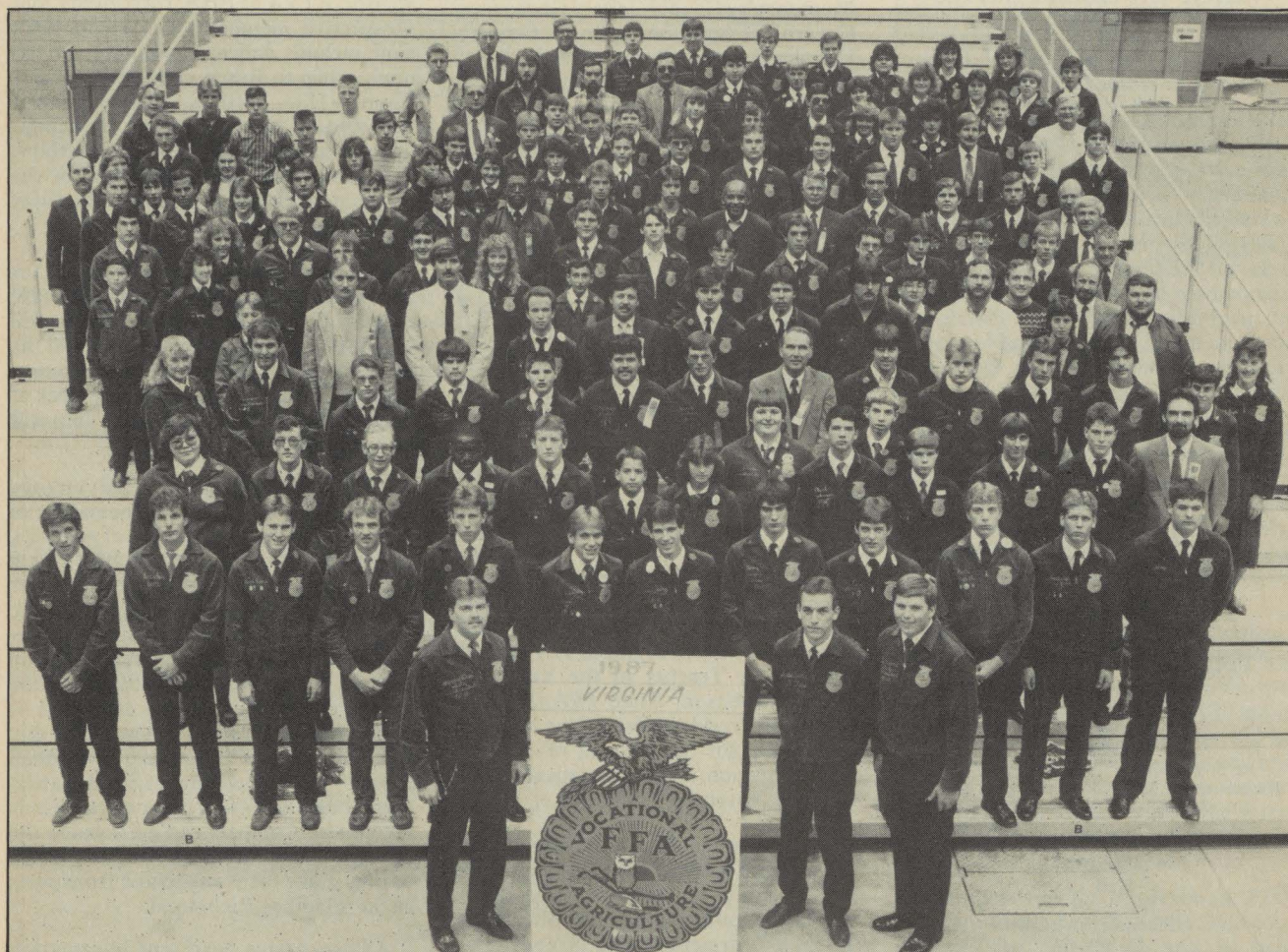
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## Virginia FFA At National Convention

Virginia members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) returned from their annual national convention recently, bringing with them a host of honors. More than 200 members, advisors, parents, future teachers and other supporters made up the Virginia group this year, making it the largest delegation in recent memory. The 60th National FFA Convention was held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 11-14.

The convention is the scene of national contests, teacher awards, proficiency honors, officer elections and major speakers. This year's event featured Vice President George Bush, Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca, U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett, former football quarterback Roger Staubach, Miss America Kae Lani Rae Rafko, Country singer Charlie Pride, and others.

Twenty-seven young men and women

were named to receive the **American Farmer Degree**, the highest degree awarded by the national organization to a member. The members honored were:

Lee F. Arrington, Gretna Senior, Pittsylvania County; Melvin Atkinson, Lee-Davis H.S., Hanover County; Steve Black, James Wood H.S., Frederick

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In addition to the student awards, Mr. John Downing, FFA Advisor at Northampton Senior High School in Northampton County, was recognized as Virginia's **AgriScience Teacher of the Year**. Mr. Tommy Johnson, State FFA Advisor, was voted **President-elect** of the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education, and will assume the presidency in November, 1988.

Three adult supporters received the **Honorary American Farmer** Degree, the highest degree the national organization may bestow on a non-member. Mr. Dewey T. Oakley, former Director of Vocational and Adult Education, Virginia Department of Education; Dr. Stanley Burke, Agricultural Engineering Department at Virginia Tech; and Dr. Alan R. McDaniel, Extension Specialist in Horticulture at Virginia Tech, were all honored for their work to further the educational programs of the FFA.

The **VIP Citation** was presented to Dr. James Clouse, Professor (retired) Agricultural Education at Virginia Tech, for his thirty-plus years of service to Agricultural Education and the FFA on state, national and international levels.

## Camp Opens June 20

FFA members, get ready for another fun season at camp! On June 20, the FFA-FHA Camp program will begin its five week run at the co-owned camp on the James River near Smithfield. Camp director Turner Trice and his staff are preparing to assist campers and advisors with the restful, recreational and educational activities for which the camp is noted.

The camp is open to any member or advisor of FFA or FHA, their guests, and prospective members. The camp week may include dances, swimming in the pool, a trip to Busch Gardens or Water Country USA, softball, volleyball, talent shows, tournaments, boating, recent popular movies, new and renewed friendships, and lots of other activities. This is the only state-sponsored recreational activity of the Virginia FFA.

The camp is scheduled to be open for the weeks of June 20, July 11, July 18, August 8, and August 15, which will avoid the conflicts around July 4 and the week of the vocational teachers' conference in Richmond during the first week of August. The FFA Leadership Camp will be held July 25-29.

The camp is owned by the Virginia Associations of Future Homemakers of America and Future Farmers of America. It was bought in the early 1940's as a recreational opportunity for the members and advisors of the two organizations. The camp has even been the site of abbreviated forms of the state FFA convention during World War II. Located on the James River, the 28 acre camp site is across from Fort Eustice. On a clear day you can see the U.S. Navy "Mothball Fleet," where decommissioned battle-ships, destroyers, and other naval vessels are stored. Campers can even watch the passage of freighters and other large ships as they make their way to and from ports as far inland as Richmond.

Advisors have been sent information about the 1988 camping season. Please send your reservations in early to get the week you prefer. The cost of a full week at camp, including lodging, meals, and all on-site activities is only \$60 for members and advisors and \$70 for non-members. There is an additional charge for field trips. Information about the leadership camp will be mailed to advisors later.

Plan NOW to attend YOUR camp and to have one of the best weeks you have ever had! We know that if you come to camp, you will want to come back year after year.

During the convention, thirty-three Virginia members competed in national contests, with the following results:

Contest	Chapter & Student	Placing
Agricultural Mechanics	Franklin County H.S.	Silver
	Tony Green	Gold
	Allen Watson Richard Motley	Bronze Bronze
Dairy Contest	Spotswood H.S.	Gold (8th)
	David Seekford	Gold (10th)
	Stephanie Newman	Gold
	Chris Monger	Silver
Dairy Showmanship	Stonewall Jackson H.S. (Shenandoah)	
	Brent Eaton	Gold
	Strasburg H.S.	
	Dawn Cooke	Silver
	Tammie Stiles Kim Bean	Silver Silver
Farm Business Management	Fort Defiance H.S.	Silver (10th)
	Jeff Walker	Gold
	Duane Harlow	Silver
	Margaret Custard	Bronze
Floriculture	Laurel Park H.S.	Gold (8th)
	Randall Sink	Gold (5th)
	Sherrie Martin	Gold
	Valerie Barnes	Silver
Forestry	Carroll County H.S.	Silver (7th)
	Michael Carico	Silver
	Glen Worrell	Silver
	Dwayne Dalton	Silver
Livestock	Spotswood H.S.	Silver
	Julie Meadows	Silver
	Scott Liskey	Silver
	Loren Rhodes	Silver
Livestock Showmanship	Adam Shiflett, Stewart Middle School	Silver
Meats	Patrick Burchett, Dryden H.S.	Bronze
	Tim French, Central H.S. (Woodstock)	
	Dean Crutchfield, Park View Sr. H.S.	
Nursery/Landscape	Nelson Senior H.S.	Gold (5th)
	Robert Ragland	Gold (1st)
	David Fitzgerald	Gold
	Tim Bishop	Gold
Poultry	Broadway H.S.	Gold (8th)
	Todd Biller	Gold
	Jeff Keplinger	Silver
	Michael Thompson	Silver
National Public Speaking, Extemporaneous	Chellie Hyre, James Wood H.S.	2nd
<b>Regional Proficiency Awards (National Finalists)</b>		
Forest Management	John Baughman, James Wood H.S.	
Sheep Production	Todd Garber, Turner Ashby, H.S.	

**National FFA Alumni Legion of Merit Awards** (all from Turner Ashby H.S. in Rockingham County) — Cliff Shiflet, Amanda Horton, Paula Plaughter.

## National Notes

**Special FFA Public Service Announcements** have been sent to television and radio stations, magazines and newspapers for use in publicizing the FFA organization. The campaign is sponsored by Monsanto Agricultural Company and the National FFA Foundation. Chapters should contact local news media to make certain they have received the information and to encourage them to use the material.

**BOAC Application Error** The 1988-90 version of the BOAC application has a typographical error. The error occurs on item 5B. It should read "Number of Students" instead of "Number of Hours."

**The 1988 Washington Conference Program** will be held in Washington, D.C. this summer for the 20th consecutive year. Six week-long sessions will be available to FFA members and advisors beginning June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, and 25. Costs are \$350 for students and \$270 for advisors. A full-color brochure with conference details and an application form are being sent to chapters from the national center. For more information, you may call Perry Storms at the National FFA Center at 703/360-3600, extension 252.

**The Second Annual FFA Alumni State Leaders Conference** will be held in Washington, D.C. the last week in July. State Alumni presidents and Alumni leaders are invited. Philip Morris is again sponsoring the conference as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

**Want to Host WEA Students?** Anyone interested in hosting Work Experience Abroad Students should contact the National FFA Center. Students will arrive in March and in June. Families will be required to provide room and board and a minimal stipend for the work the students do on the farm. Contact the International Department for information at 703/360-3600, extension 238.

**Registration Fee** for the National FFA Convention will be \$18 for the 1988 convention. The convention will be held November 9-12 in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Three New Films** are available for chapter use. "The Case of the Sneaky Snack," sponsored by Kraft, Inc., is designed for use with the Food For America presentations. "America—We Are the FFA" is the new theme show, sponsored by The Wrangler Brand, which captures the essence of FFA in song and visuals. "Stars Over America, 1987" is a film showing the programs of the eight regional star farmers and agribusinessmen,

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## National President to Attend State Convention



**Kelli Evans, National FFA President**

Kelli Evans, National FFA President, will attend the 62nd Virginia FFA Convention at Virginia Tech June 28–July 1. Evans will address the convention during the fifth session on Thursday evening, prior to the awarding of the State Star Farmer and Star Agribusiness Awards. She is also scheduled to conduct a leadership seminar on Thursday afternoon, but her major task during the convention will be to meet as many Virginia FFA members as possible.

Evans, of Lincoln, Nebraska, was elected 60th national president during the national convention held in November in Kansas City. A University of Nebraska-Lincoln junior majoring in agricultural economics, she has taken a year's leave of absence to serve as a national officer. She plans a career in agribusiness.

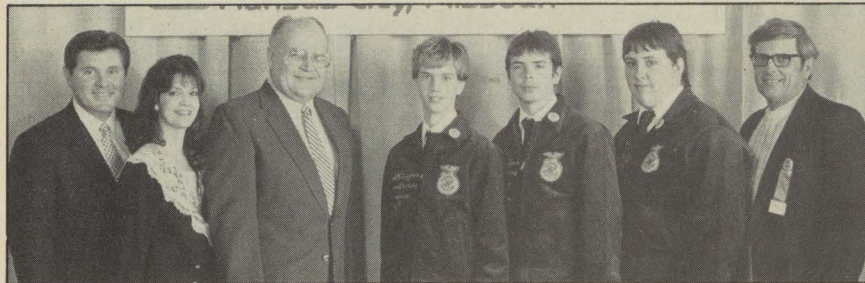
During her year as a national officer, Evans will travel more than 200,000 miles visiting chapters, attending state conventions, meeting business and political leaders, and representing the FFA and agriculture to a diverse audience. She and

the other five national officers met with President Reagan and Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng in December. The officer team will also travel to Japan in February on an international cultural exchange program sponsored by the Mitsui Corporation.

Evans served as secretary and vice president of the Medicine Valley FFA Chapter, and Nebraska state vice president. She participated in public speaking and other contest activities. Her supervised occupational experience program included sheep, cattle, and horse production. She has also worked at the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service and in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The Virginia FFA convention is thought to be the oldest convention of Future Farmers in the United States. During the state convention, 1,300 members and adult advisors will participate in contests, receive awards, attend seminars, elect ten state officers, and conduct other business of the state association. Virginia has more than 13,000 FFA members in 210 local chapters across the Commonwealth.

The Virginia FFA holds national charter number one and is generally known as the founding state of the national organization. The Future Farmers of Virginia (FFV) was established in 1926 on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, now VPI & SU. The constitution, by-laws, ceremonies and procedures of the FFV were used as a model when delegates met in Kansas City in 1928 to form the Future Farmers of America. Four Virginia Tech professors are credited with the birth and implementation of a state organization of agriculture students which became the FFV and, eventually, the FFA. Henry Groseclose, Dr. Walter S. Newman, Harry Sanders and Edmund C. Magill are known as the "Founding Fathers" of the FFA.



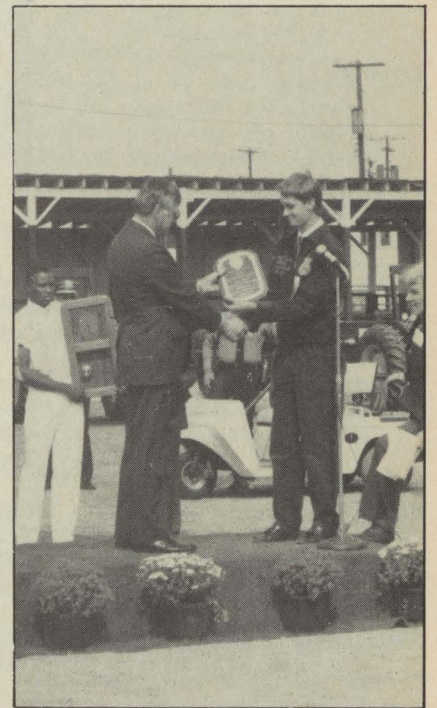
### Nursery/Landscape Team Meets Sponsors

Members of Nelson County's nationally competing Nursery/Landscape team met representatives of contest sponsors in Kansas City. Team members are: David Fitzgerald, Robert Ragland, and Tim Bishop. They were coached by their advisor John Roberts.



### Press Covers FFA Event

Dr. Stanley Burke (right) talks with a reporter from the Richmond News Leader newspaper during the State Fair Tractor Troubleshooting Contest.



### Governor Receives Plaque

Scot Lilly, State FFA President, presents Governor Gerald Baliles a plaque for his support of Virginia agriculture. The plaque was presented during special ceremonies at the State Fair.



**Ft. Defiance Team Meets Sponsor**

A Farm Business Management Contest sponsor representative met with members of Virginia's champion farm business management team in Kansas City. Team members are Margarita Custard, Duane Harlow, and Jeff Walker. Their coach and advisor is David Shiflett.



**Dairy Team is Congratulated**

The Spotswood chapter's state champion dairy contest team met a representative of contest sponsor, the Associated Milk Producers, Inc. in Kansas City. Team members were: Stephanie Newman, Chris Monger, and David Seekford. They were coached by advisor D. W. Newman.



**Livestock Team in Kansas City**

Spotswood High School's state winning livestock contest team was honored in Kansas City when they met with a representative of Purina Mills, Inc. Team members are Loren Rhodes, Julie Meadows and Scott Liskey. They were coached by advisor W. W. Cupp.

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and is sponsored by DuPont. All three films are available in either 16mm or VHS videotape format on free loan from Venard Films at 309/699-3911, or may be bought from the National FFA Supply Service.

**David Coffey** has been appointed to the National FFA Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1990. Coffey is a former agriculture instructor in Caroline County and now is a teacher educator at Western Kentucky University.

**W. Tommy Johnson**, State FFA Advisor, is the President-elect of the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE). Johnson will serve one year as President-elect and then serve one term as President.

**Chesterfield News**

The FFA was actively involved in decorating the Chesterfield Vo-Tech Center and wrapping gift plants for the Chesterfield Nursing Home and Parks and Recreation's Senior Holiday Surprise. The students are also expanding their knowledge of the organization by working toward their Greenhand Degree and several other awards programs in the field of Horticulture.

**AES Leadership Conference Conducted**

by **Tonja Cupp**

Fifty-nine FFA Chapters, represented by over 600 members, advisors and guidance counselors attended the 7th Annual AES-FFA Leadership Conference at Virginia Tech in October. The event, organized each year by the Virginia Tech Agricultural Education Society, is beneficial to the high school students and the Virginia Tech students who assist with the instruction. Workshops led by the AES members and state FFA officers included "Uniting the World," "How to be Marvelous," "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" and "You Are What You Do."

The highlight of the day was the keynote speaker, Jones Loflin, National FFA Vice-president from North Carolina. He imparted motivation and high-level energy throughout the day with his session titled, "Who . . . Me?"

Sponsors of the conference were Diversified Marketing Associates, Inc.; Ruritan National; Seald-Sweet Growers; Sovran Bank and L. B. Citrus Company.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM 1987

## Tuesday, June 28

- 8:00 a.m. State Officer Meeting — Pritchard Hall  
 10:00 a.m. Registration Begins — Pritchard Hall  
 1:00 p.m. State Officer Meeting — Burruss Hall  
 1:30 p.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews  
 2:00 p.m. Recreation committee  
 2:00 p.m. Practice for posting of colors — Area Creed  
 Speaking winners — Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 3:00 p.m. Volleyball and Softball: Northern Area vs.  
 Southside Area  
 4:00 p.m. Contest orientation meeting for FFA Advisors  
 4:00 p.m. Housing Committee/FFA Advisory Council  
 Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Dinner — Dietrick Dining Hall  
 6:30 p.m. All Chapter Safety Award winners report to  
 Area Supervisor in front of stage in Burruss Hall  
 Auditorium  
 6:45 p.m. Vespers — Burruss Hall Auditorium —  
 State Officers  
 7:00 p.m. First Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 Posting the Colors — Area Creed  
 Speaking Winners  
 National Anthem  
 Opening Ceremony — State Officers  
 Invocation  
 Welcome — Virginia Tech  
 Nomination and Election of State  
 Farmer Degree Candidates  
 Introduction of State Officer Candidates  
 Keynote Address  
 Awards Presentations:  
 Chapter Safety  
 Forestry Contest  
 Announcements  
 Closing Ceremony  
 All Official Delegates — Meet in Burruss Hall  
 Auditorium immediately following session.  
 All Committee Chairmen — Meet in Burruss  
 Hall Auditorium immediately following session.  
 9:00 – 10:30 p.m. Dance — Location to be announced  
 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

## Wednesday, June 29

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast — Dietrick Dining Hall  
 7:45 a.m. Assemble for Judging Contests — across from  
 Cassell Coliseum  
 8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
 8:00 a.m. Sr. Agricultural Mechanics Contest —  
 Agriculture Engineering Department  
 8 a.m. – 12 noon Computer Applications Contest — Lane Hall  
 (Contest will be administered again in the after-  
 noon for those with other commitments in the  
 morning)  
 8:30 a.m. State Judging contests  
 A. Crops  
 B. Dairy Cattle  
 C. Floriculture  
 D. Livestock  
 E. Nursery/Landscape  
 F. Poultry  
 8:30 a.m. Farm Business Management Contest  
 8:30 a.m. Co-op Seminar — Ways of Doing Business  
 in America  
 8:30 a.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews  
 8:30 a.m. Agribusiness Contest  
 8:30 a.m. Tractor Operators Contest — Written Exam —  
 Agriculture Engineering Building

- 9:00 a.m. State FFA Committee Meetings: Assemble  
 in Burruss Hall Auditorium, then move to  
 meeting rooms  
 1. Auditing  
 2. Budget and Dues  
 3. Chapter Chats  
 4. Constitution and By-Laws  
 5. Contests and Awards  
 6. FFA-FHA Camp  
 7. Program of Activities  
 8. Public Relations  
 9. Resolutions  
 9:00 a.m. Creed Speaking Contest  
 9:00 a.m. Preliminary Extemporaneous Speaking Contest  
 9:00 a.m. Junior Public Speaking contest  
 9:30 a.m. Preliminary Sr. Public Speaking contest —  
 Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 11:00 a.m. Review of Judging Contest Classes  
 12:00 noon Lunch — Dietrick Dining Hall  
 12:15 – 2:45 p.m. Second Annual State FFA Proficiency Award  
 and Sponsor Luncheon — VIP Section, Dietrick  
 Dining Hall  
 12:30 p.m. Farm Business Management Continuation  
 1:00 p.m. Tractor Operators Contest  
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Computer Applications Contest — Lane Hall  
 1:30 p.m. Co-op Seminar — Ways of Doing Business  
 in America  
 1:30 p.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews  
 1:00 p.m. First Annual FFA State Talent Contest —  
 Burruss Hall  
 2:45 p.m. All BOAC Award Winners report to Area  
 Supervisors in front of stage in Burruss Hall  
 Auditorium  
 3:00 p.m. Second Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest Finals  
 Awards Presentations:  
 Building Our American Communities (BOAC)  
 Parliamentary Procedure — Jr. & Sr.  
 Proficiency Award "Pageant of Stars" — State  
 Winners of all Proficiency Awards  
 Extemporaneous Public Speaking Results  
 Announcements  
 Closing Ceremony  
 4:15 p.m. Softball and Volleyball Games — Tuesday's  
 winner vs. Appalachian Area, Central Area vs.  
 Eastern Area  
 5:15 p.m. Dinner — Dietrick Dining Hall  
 6:30 p.m. All Public Relations Award winners report to  
 Area Supervisor in front of stage in Burruss Hall  
 Auditorium  
 7:00 p.m. Third Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium  
 Opening Ceremony — State Officers  
 Prepared Public Speaking Contest Finals —  
 Sr. Division, Kathy Lineburg, Past State  
 President  
 Recognition of FFA Foundation Donor  
 Representatives  
 Report on Virginia FFA Foundation, Inc.  
 Dr. Claud L. Scroggs, Chairman  
 Recognition of Virginia FFA Foundation Board  
 of Directors  
 Awards Presentations:  
 Public Relations Chapter Awards  
 Computers in Agriculture  
 Tractor Operators  
 Creed Speaking  
 Junior Prepared Public Speaking  
 Senior Prepared Public Speaking  
 Announcements  
 Closing Ceremony

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10:00 p.m. Rap Sessions with State Officers — Dietrick Dining Hall

11:00 p.m. Lights Out

## Thursday, June 30

7:00 a.m. Breakfast — Dietrick Dining Hall

8:00 a.m. Assemble for second day judging contests — on lawn between Pritchard and Ambler-Johnston Dormitories (across Washington Street from Cassell Coliseum)

8:00 a.m. All Horticulture teachers report to contest site

8:30 a.m. Judging Contests: Dairy Cattle (top 10%)  
Crops (top 10%)  
Livestock (top 10%)  
Junior Agricultural Mechanics  
Nursery/Landscape — all teams  
Floriculture (top seven teams)

8:30 a.m. Co-op Seminar — Ways of Doing Business in America

8:30 a.m. A Representative of each chapter receiving a Superior Chapter award report to Area Supervisor in front of stage in Burruss Hall Auditorium

9:00 a.m. Fourth Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium  
Opening Ceremony — State Officers

Awards: Chapter Forestry  
Chapter Wildlife  
Community Service  
Recognition of New Chapters  
Superior Chapter (National Chapter Award Program)  
Computer Applications Contest  
Business Session  
Roll Call of Delegates  
Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Committee Reports  
Auditing  
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Chapter Chats  
Constitution and By-Laws  
Contests and Awards  
FFA-FHA Camp  
Program of Activities  
Public Relations  
Nomination of State Officers for 1988-89

Announcements  
Closing Ceremony

12:00 noon Lunch — Dietrick Dining Hall

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Virginia FFA Alumni Association Convention

1:15 p.m. Leadership and Special Interest Activities  
Various points on campus

1:30 p.m. Dairy Management Contest

1:30 p.m. National Officer Candidate Interviews

1:30 p.m. Co-op Seminar — Ways of Doing Business in America

3:30 p.m. Softball Championship — Drill Field

3:30 p.m. Volleyball Championship

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Reception for all State Farmer Degree Recipients and Advisors — VIP Section, Dietrick Dining Hall  
Sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation  
Young Farmers Committee

4:30 p.m. State Officer Family Reception — Dietrick Dining Hall

5:15 p.m. Dinner — Dietrick Dining Hall

6:30 p.m. All State Farmer Degree candidates report to Area Supervisor in front of stage in Burruss Hall Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Fifth Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium  
Opening Ceremony — State Officers  
Greetings — President, Young Farmers of Virginia

Conferring Active State Farmer Degrees  
State Officer Special Presentation  
Conferring Honorary State Farmer Degrees  
Recognition of State Officers' Parents  
Address — Kelli Evans, National FFA President

Presentation of FFA Alumni Association Scholarship — President, Virginia FFA Alumni

Conferring of Distinguished Service Awards  
Special Feature — Winner, State FFA Talent Contest

Stars Over Virginia — Star Farmer and Star Agribusiness Awards  
Closing Ceremony

10:00 p.m. Special Meeting — State FFA Executive Committee and 1988-89 State Officer Nominees

11:00 p.m. Lights Out

## Friday, July 1

7:00 a.m. Breakfast — Dietrick Dining Hall

8:00 a.m. A representative of each 100% Membership chapter report to Area Supervisor in front of stage in Burruss Hall Auditorium

8:30 a.m. Sixth Session — Burruss Hall Auditorium  
Opening Ceremony — State Officers  
Committee Reports

Resolutions  
FFA Advisory Council

Special Presentation to State Officers — Mr. Kendall Clay, State President 1961-62  
Announcement of National Officer Candidate Awards Presentations:

Co-op Seminar Scholarships to AIC  
100% Membership Chapters  
Chapter Contest — Junior Division  
Chapter Contest — Senior Division  
Softball Championship  
Volleyball Championship  
Housing Contest  
Contest Results — Final

President's Farewell Address — Scot Lilly, State President, 1987-88

Installation of Officers for 1988-89  
Address — 1988-89 State President

Closing Prayer

Closing Ceremony — 1988-89 State Officers

11:15 a.m. Special Meeting of Newly Elected State Officers and Immediate Past State Officers — Burruss Hall

11:30 a.m. Lunch — Dietrick Dining Hall

Noon Leave for home

**FFA**  
**AGRICULTURE'S**  
**NEW SPIRIT**



### Floriculture Team Competes

Laurel Park's state champion Floriculture team met with a representative of the National FFA Foundation in Kansas City. Team members were: Randall Sink, Sherrie Martin, and Valerie Barnes. They were coached by their advisor Deborah Barker.



### Small Engines Contest Conducted

Dr. Jordan Hudson (right) instructs contestants in the State Fair Small Engines Contest before they begin competition.



### Franklin County Competes

Members of the Virginia Agricultural Mechanics team met a representative of the Firestone Trust Fund, sponsors of the national contest. Team members are: Tony Green, Allen Watson, Richard Motley and advisor James Waddy.

## Essex Wins Forestry

The Essex FFA team took top honors in the Eastern Area Forestry Judging Contest at Chippokes State Park and went on to win the state competition at Massanetta Springs in the Shenandoah Valley. Team members Stephen Ellis, Conway Upshur, and Dwayne Lankford placed first, second and fifth, respectively in the individual scoring, for a combined score of 1,521. Rounding out the top five scorers was third place Bert Canada, and fourth place Darrin Quesenberry.

The team placing second in the contest was Carroll County with a team score of 1,469. Powhatan placed third with a score of 1,417.

The Essex team will represent Virginia in the 1988 national Forestry Contest during the national FFA Convention in Kansas City in November. This is the second time a team from the Essex chapter has competed nationally in forestry. Advisors are Dale Sanders and J. V. Garland.

The forestry contest consists of a 50-question written test, estimating tree volume, timber stand improvement, determining value of standing trees, and a forest management evaluation.

Plaques and awards were sponsored by the Virginia Forestry Association, Inc. The Virginia Division of Forestry cooperated with agricultural education and the Department of Education in preparing and conducting the contest.

## Camp Staff Needed

Do you like working with people? Do you enjoy being outdoors? Do you like sports? Do you enjoy a variety of activities? Do you like helping people have a good time? If you can answer yes to these questions, then perhaps you would like a job at the FFA-FHA camp this summer! The camp needs applications for the position of camp counselor, with the jobs beginning one week prior to opening on June 20. Preference is given to members and former members of the FFA or the FHA. Lodging and all meals during the week are furnished.

This is an opportunity to make friends, earn some money, be on your own for the summer, and have a great time. If you think you might be interested, contact Randy Trivette at 804/355-7869 or your area supervisor.

## Hyre Second in National Contest

Virginia FFA member Chellie Hyre placed second in the National FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest during the national convention in Kansas City. Representing the fifteen-state Eastern Region, Hyre competed against speakers who represented the three other national regions in the event. As runner-up, she received a plaque, travel expenses, and a check for \$250.

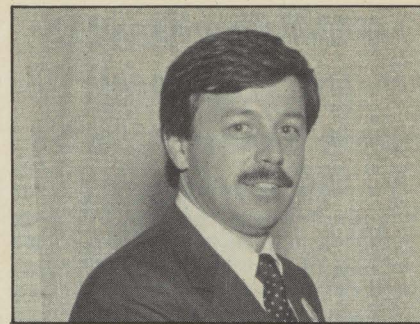
She earned the right to compete in national competition by placing first in the Eastern Region contest in Springfield, Massachusetts, in September. For Hyre, it was a double-duty convention. As president of the state winning parliamentary procedure team from James Wood High School, she competed in the National FFA Invitational Parliamentary Procedure contest in Carthage, Missouri, two days before the start of the national convention.

A first-year student at Virginia Tech, majoring in Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Hyre is currently

serving as State FFA Secretary. She is a 1987 graduate of James Wood High School in Frederick County, where she served as chapter president.

Participation in a national FFA speaking contest is at the end of a long and arduous road. Before competing in the national contest, Hyre first won her chapter's speaking contest and competed in the federation event. As federation winner, she competed in and won the Northern Area contest, earning her the right to participate in the state contest. Winning the state contest in June, she then successfully competed against state winners from North Carolina and West Virginia in the Tri-State contest in Charleston, West Virginia last summer, giving her a berth in the Eastern Region event in Massachusetts.

Public Speaking contests develop leadership skills by giving students experience in researching, writing and presenting speeches in the public arena. One of the major goals of the FFA is the development of agricultural leadership and citizenship.



### Downing Honored

John Downing, Northampton FFA Advisor, was honored in Kansas City as Virginia's Agriscience Teacher of the Year.

## Downing is Teacher of the Year

John E. Downing, agriculture instructor and FFA advisor at Northampton High School, Eastville, was recognized at the 60th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri as the State Agriscience Teacher of the Year winner for Virginia.

The Agriscience Teacher of the Year award program recognizes high school agriculture instructors for placing increased emphasis on agriscience education. The award focus is on biological, environmental, and engineering sciences as well as agribusiness technology. Downing was honored for preparing his students for the high-tech career opportunities in today's modern agriculture industry.

The Agriscience Teacher of the Year award program is sponsored by ICI Americas, Inc. of Wilmington, Delaware, as a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation.

## Lohr Elected Broadway President

by J. E. Hively, Advisor

Matt Lohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lohr of Broadway, has been elected president of the Broadway Chapter for 1987-88. A junior at Broadway High School, Lohr has been active in all phases of the Agricultural Education and FFA program including participation in an exchange trip to Japan earlier this summer.

Other officers elected were: Jeff Kepingler, vice-president; Marc Golladay, secretary; Fred Bowman, treasurer; Michael Thompson, reporter; Todd Biller, sentinel; and Nathan Trumbo, Parliamentarian.



### Horticulture Winners Honored

Dr. Alan McDaniel, of Virginia Tech, congratulates winners of the Horticulture Demonstration contest at the State Fair. Each winner earned the right to compete in the American Junior Horticulture Association Contest.

## What a Start for Highland!

by Robby Halterman and Hope Pugh

The Highland chapter started the year off with the annual 4-H and FFA livestock show at the Highland County Fair. The next bit of business for the new year was the selection of new officers. They are as follows: President, Marion Hope Pugh; Vice Presidents, Scott Arbogast and Mike Isles; Secretary, David Brock; Assistant Secretary, Joe Botkin; Treasurer, C. R. Simmons; Reporter, Robby Halterman; Sentinel, Mark Siron. Shortly after school started, six students started staying after school to practice for the Augusta Federation forestry judging contest. The contest was held October 8, at Riverheads High School where the team placed seventh out of nine teams. The first chapter meeting was held September 25, with State Forester Roger Moyers speaking to the chapter on the Chesapeake Bay Clean-up Project. On Monday, September 28 a busload of FFA and FHA members traveled to the State Fair of Virginia in Richmond. The following Friday at eight o'clock a.m. the school van departed from Highland High School with Hope Pugh, Scott Arbogast, Mike Isles, Mark Siron, Allen Armstrong, and Jon Osborn. They were on their way to the Agricultural Education Society Leadership Conference at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. On October 16, the second regular meeting was held with a special program on commercial trout production. So far this has been a good start to the year and we hope to make the rest of the year even better.

## Rye Cove Promotes FFA

by Freda Russell, Reporter

The Rye Cove Chapter had a prize winning float in both the Duffield Daze and Scott County Tobacco Festival Parades. The float featured a smiling cow wearing a blanket that was entitled "This is No Bull." Aboard were the chapter officers with two of them "milking" the cow and sometimes feeding the two cats that were also on board. The float theme was "FFA is Pulling for America."

The chapter also offers a squeeze chute to the community for their use in working with livestock. There is a charge of one dollar for every day the squeeze chute is out. The chapter has found that it is a great help to the community and is a good public relations tool.

## Fauquier Wins Dairy Bowl

Submitted by: Edie Coleman and Craig Kelican, Advisors

The Fauquier Chapter team placed first at the Eastern United States Dairy Bowl Contest held at the Virginia State Fair on September 26. The contest was composed of four parts, including a written exam which was used to place the teams for the oral contest. Teams competed in pairs for three rounds of questions. The first set was a series for individual responses of each member, while, in the second round, questions were aimed at the entire team. The third round had "toss-up" questions designed to be answered by the individual who signals first. Fauquier received a bye after the written portion as a result of high scores. In the championship, Fauquier dominated every round, with the final score Fauquier 305, North Carolina 55. The team celebrated the victory with a meal at The Red River Rib Company Restaurant in Richmond. Team members were Morgan Ott III, David Bacon, and David Norman.

**Learning to do,  
Doing to learn,  
Earning to live,  
Living to serve.**

## FFA Day at Kings Dominion

Kings Dominion has announced that it has designated May 21, 1988 as FFA Day! The event is open to all FFA members, leaders, families and friends. A discount price of \$11.75 per person is being offered to groups of ten or more, and will be good for May 21, 22, and May 28, 29, 30. Tickets must be paid in advance, and payment must be received by May 6, 1988. For each ten tickets purchased, one ticket will be issued free.

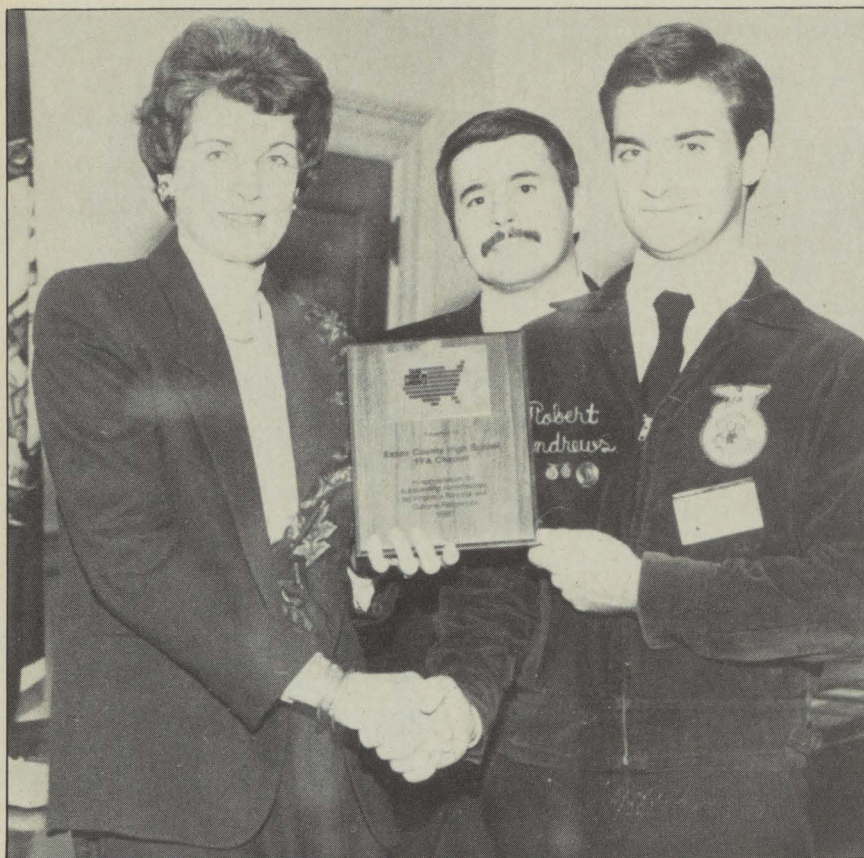
In addition to the discount pricing, special seminars will be offered on FFA Day. Seminars, held on May 21 only, will present a behind-the-scenes look at Kings Dominion's park operations, including the greenhouse program.

New in 1988 at Kings Dominion is the "Avalanche Bobsled Ride." The family will enjoy the excitement of a simulated bobsled run with twisting curves, deep valleys and steep hills. The authentic feeling of a free moving toboggan makes each ride a new adventure. And, for the first season at Kings Dominion, "Fantasy," a high energy, Broadway-style revue will be featured.

For additional information, contact Kings Dominion at P.O. Box 166, Doswell, Virginia 23047 or call 804/876-5000.

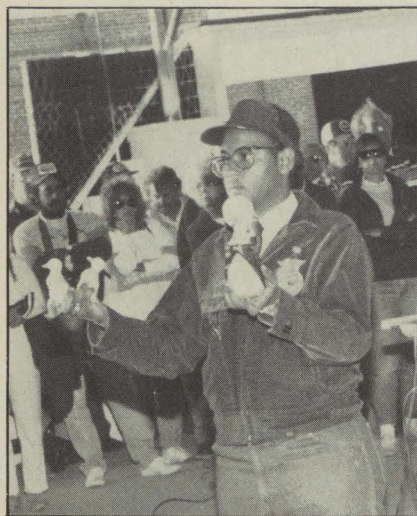


Rye Cove Parade Float



### Take Pride in America Award Won by Essex

Mrs. Jeannie Baliles presents the Take Pride in America plaque to Robert Andrews, president of the Essex chapter during awards ceremonies in Richmond. Behind Andrews is advisor Dale Sanders.



### FFA Works with Auctioneers

Prince Edward FFA member assisted with the Virginia Auctioneers' Association Contest held during the State Fair. The auctioneers competing in the contest auctioned items made by agriculture students/FFA members from across the state.

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## Goochland News

Submitted by:  
Tommy Liesfield, Reporter

The citrus fruit sale has been completed and the results are in. Even though chapter membership is down (from 130 to 89), they sold more fruit, with 750 boxes vs. 550 last year. Top salespeople for the chapter are: 4th place — Todd Hawk; 3rd place — Wesley Ellis; 2nd place — Chris Waldrop; and 1st place — Chris Ferguson with 88 boxes sold. Ferguson received \$40 prize money plus commission.

Plans are underway for the first Goochland FFA Parent-Member Banquet in over 10 years! This spring the chapter will invite parents and other guests to a great meal and good time. They plan to have Virginia FFA State President Scot Lilly as guest speaker. Awards will be given to outstanding FFA members in a wide range of areas.

The chapter welcomed sixteen new members on Wednesday, November 25. The Agriculture I students were welcomed into the chapter using the Official Greenhand Ceremony. Each new member received a Greenhand Certificate and a bronze pin. The new members are: Gilbert Athey, Sherman Barker, Bryan Barrett, Michael Brice, Bonnie Eddy, Jason Ellis, Jeffrey Glass, Roger Goins, Kevin Mann, Shawn Morris, Timothy Page, Bonni Rigsby, William Smith, Christopher Shawn Williams, and Nelson Walton.

Chapter member Brian Jackson received James River District awards for 1987 Football competition. Jackson was named 1st Team All District Defensive Back and 2nd Team All District Running Back.

Members Robert Sodan and Simon Ellis have also been busy, starring in the school play "The Mousetrap."



### Broadway's Poultry Team in Kansas City

Members of the state champion poultry contest team met in Kansas City with sponsors of the contest. Team members are: Todd Biller, Jeff Keplinger, and Michael Thompson. They were coached by advisor James Hively.

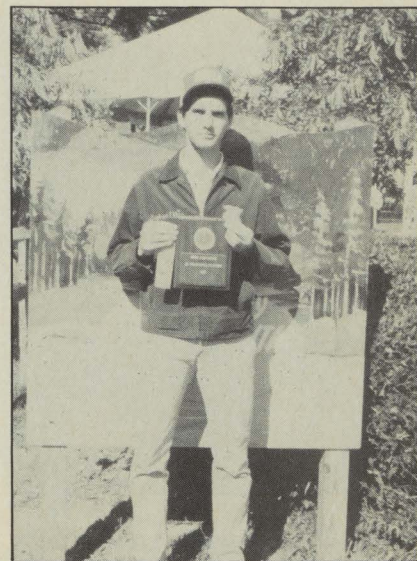
## Dates of Importance

March 12	State FFA Alumni Executive Committee Meeting Christiansburg
March 15	Southside Area Teachers Meeting
March 19	State Parliamentary Procedure Contest Caroline High School, Central Area
March 20-26	Virginia Agriculture Week
March 29	Northern Area Teachers' Meeting Spotswood High School
April 7	Virginia FFA Foundation Board Meeting Ingleside Hotel, Staunton
April 11-13	Southern Agricultural Education Conference Orlando, Florida
April 19-20	AgEd Network In-service workshop for grant awardees, Richmond
April 21-22	State FFA Advisory Council Meeting Lynchburg
April 22-23	State FFA Executive Committee Meeting Virginia Tech
April 27-29	Agricultural Education Staff Meeting Virginia Tech
April 29-30	Eastern Region Agricultural Education Meeting Hershey, Pennsylvania
May 5	Swine Field Day, State Fairgrounds, Richmond
May 25	All chapter award line-up lists due to state office
June 3	Deadline for slides of state proficiency award winners to state office
June 20	Camp opens, Smithfield
June 27	Second week of camp, Smithfield
June 28-July 1	State FFA Convention, Virginia Tech
July 11	Third week of camp
July 18	Fourth week of camp
July 19-21	National FFA Board of Directors Meeting Alexandria
July 22	National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting Alexandria
July 25-29	State FFA Leadership Camp, Smithfield
August 1-4	Virginia Vocational Education Conference Richmond
August 1-4	Leadership Conference for State Officers New Brunswick, NJ
August 8	Final week of camp, Smithfield
Sept. 22-Oct. 2	State Fair of Virginia, Richmond
November 9-12	National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Mo.
December 21-23	State FFA Executive Committee Meeting Richmond



### Ragland Number One

Robert W. Ragland, a member of the Nursery/Landscape team from Nelson County High School, placed first in the nation in the Nursery/Landscape contest held in Kansas City in November. He competed against 123 other contestants from across the United States.



### Ellis First in Jr. Foresters'

Stephen Ellis, of Essex, holds plaque he earned as top scorer in the Junior Foresters' Contest held during the State Fair.