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Top Jr. Chapter

Russ Parkinson, Clinton Rhodes, Brett Seal, Advisor A. W. Mitchell, all from Montevideo Intermediate

Montevideo Intermediate is Best Jr. Chapter

The Montevideo Intermediate Chapter of Penn Laird in Rockingham County, has been named the top junior FFA Chapter in Virginia. The award is sponsored by W. T. Johnson, Associate Director of Agricultural Education, and the Virginia Association FFA.

The sixty-five member chapter competed in six Federation FFA contests, capturing first place in all of them. Judging teams from the chapter placed first in the junior division of the poultry judging contest held during the Virginia Poultry Convention, and was top junior team in the Junior Stockman's Contest at the State Fair of Virginia. Twelve members attended the AES Leadership Conference held at VPI & SU, sixty-five members toured the National FFA Center in Alexandria, and one chapter member attended

the Washington Conference Program in Washington, DC.

An FFA Open House was sponsored along with a Hay, Grain, and Vegetable Show that drew 487 exhibits and was attended by 350 community members, school board members, and county board of supervisors members. An annual parent-member banquet was held to recognize chapter members and community patrons. The chapter participated in the Food for America program with local elementary fourth graders. Eight radio programs were conducted and twenty-nine newspaper articles were submitted for publication.

In addition, safety activities were conducted to promote hunter safety, chainsaw safety, fire safety, and farm machinery safety by sponsoring a safety poster con-

test, conducting safety demonstrations, and presenting safety programs to Ruritan Club and Farm Bureau groups.

Community service projects also included planting 7100 pine seedlings, making improvements at the local cannery, and conducting a campaign to conserve natural resources and preserve the environment.

The chapter also placed fourth in the contest which combines junior high and senior high chapters.

Other area winners, in this award category are:

Appalachian—Hillsville Intermediate
Central—Stonewall Jackson Jr.
Eastern—Russell Jr.
Southside—Blairs Jr.

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MEMBERSHIP IN VIRGINIA FFA ASSOCIATION FOR 1987-88 YEAR

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AREA	CHAPTER	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	86-87	CHANGE	ADV
A	Abingdon	94	25	119	139	-20	2
A	Blacksburg	43	3	46	50	-4	1
A	Bland	69	2	71	80	-9	1
A	Carroll Co.	199	15	214	200	14	3
A	Castlewood						
A	Chilhowie	103	2	105	50	55	3
A	Christiansburg	81	4	85	74	11	2
A	Clintwood	80		80	78	2	1
A	Dryden	39	2	41	14	27	1
A	Ervinton	65	1	66	66		1
A	Flatwoods	53		53	54	-1	1
A	Floyd County	151	10	161	162	-1	2
A	Ft. Chiswell	112	9	121	112	9	1
A	Galax	94		94	86	8	1
A	Gate City	83		83	71	12	1
A	George Wythe	56	7	63	92	-29	2
A	Giles	41	1	42	37	5	2
A	Graham	32	1	33	11	22	1
A	Grayson County	137	7	144	146	-2	2
A	Haysi	46		46		46	
A	Hillsville Int.	123	3	126	127	-1	2
A	Holston	96	8	104	82	22	1
A	Holston Hort.	23	26	49	30	19	1
A	Honaker	44		44	52	-8	1
A	John S. Battle	63	9	72	89	-17	2
A	Jonesville	48	2	50	45	5	1
A	Lebanon	24		24	19	5	1
A	Lee County Voc.	22		22	35	-13	2
A	Marion Horticulture	16	19	35	25	10	1
A	Marion Jr.	42	2	44	34	10	1
A	Marion Senior	20	3	23		23	2
A	Narrows	30		30	22	8	1
A	Northwood Middle	58	22	80		80	1
A	Patrick Henry	48	2	50	114	-64	2
A	Pennington	53		53	43	10	2
A	Pulaski County	114	23	137	180	-43	4
A	Rich Valley						
A	Richlands	132	4	136	126	10	2
A	Riner	54	6	60	39	21	1
A	Rocky Gap	76	1	77	75	2	1
A	Rural Retreat	89		89	78	11	2
A	Rye Cove	75	3	78	76	2	1
A	Scott County Voc.	22		22	28	-6	1
A	Shawsville	17	2	19	11	8	1
A	St. Paul Int.	43		43	37	6	1
A	Sugar Grove	30	7	37	32	5	1
A	Tazewell	66		66	57	9	1
A	Thomas Walker	51		51	50	1	1
A	Twin Springs	79		79	87	-8	1

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		MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	86-87	CHANGE	ADV
A	Vaughan Int.	17		17	11	6	1
A	Woodlawn Int.	59		59	59		1
A	Wythe County Vocational	3	25	28	12	16	1
		3215	256	3471	3197	274	70
C	A. R. Roane	18		18	26	-8	
C	Albemarle	38	1	39	45	-6	
C	Caroline	158	6	164	138	26	2
C	Caroline Middle	38	8	46	43	3	1
C	Cedar-Lee Jr.	43		43	53	-10	1
C	Charles City	63	14	77	61	16	2
C	Chesterfield	19	13	32	27	5	1
C	Courtland	87	2	89	57	32	1
C	Culpeper Jr.	52	7	59	71	-12	1
C	Culpeper Sr.	32	4	36	41	-5	1
C	Fauquier	79	19	98	100	-2	2
C	Fluvanna	46		46		46	1
C	Goochland	85	3	88	140	-52	2
C	Greene County	54		54	74	-20	2
C	Hermitage Vo-Tech	12	9	21		21	1
C	J. P. Burley	10		10	15	-5	1
C	J. T. Henley	15	7	22	30	-8	1
C	Lancaster	97	6	103	114	-11	1
C	Lee-Davis	238	16	254	265	-11	4
C	Liberty Jr.	129	1	130	116	14	3
C	Louisa	94	7	101	116	-15	3
C	Louisa Middle	9		9	15	-6	1
C	Madison	75	14	89	67	22	3
C	Marshall Jr.	20	2	22	5	17	1
C	Nelson County	86	17	103	100	3	2
C	Nelson Jr.	53	17	70	60	10	1
C	New Kent	42	5	47	45	2	1
C	New Kent Middle	10	4	14	27	-13	1
C	North Stafford	12		12	10	2	1
C	Northumberland	55		55	65	-10	1
C	Northumberland Mdl.	10	1	11	27	-16	1
C	Orange County	70	4	74	68	6	1
C	Patrick Henry	145	9	154	150	4	5
C	Powhatan	181	14	195	143	52	4
C	Prospect Heights	7	2	9	10	-1	1
C	Richmond County	19		19	39	-20	1
C	Richmond County Int.	37	4	41	45	-4	1
C	Spotsylvania	73		73	39	34	1
C	Stafford	28	2	30	36	-6	1
C	Stonewall Jackson Jr.	309	12	321	341	-20	4
C	W. C. Taylor Junior	26	1	27	17	10	
C	Walton Middle	26	1	27	26	1	1
C	Warrenton Jr.	14	3	17	3	14	
C	Western Albemarle	51	2	53	50	3	1
		2765	237	3002	2920	82	65

Notes From
National

The FFA Student Handbook will be revised and scheduled for release in the fall of 1989. The handbooks are funded by the Farm Credit System, Denver, Colorado, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The National FFA Organization Update is available on the Ag Ed Network, using the special news code: FFA30 or keyword search using the code SNEWS.UPDATE.

Improvement Award
is Norman's

David L. Norman is the 1988 winner of the state Home and/or Farmstead Improvement award. Norman, son of Mrs. Louisa Bradley of Midland, Virginia, and a member of the Fauquier Chapter, was presented the award for his accomplishments in home and farmstead improvement and his involvement in FFA activities over the past three years.

Upon entering agricultural education, Norman became interested in mechanics and planning and constructing projects. He has been busy at home during the past three years improving the house and home grounds. He has constructed a room in the basement, insulated and wired it, constructed a garage, done finish work on a family room, constructed a computer center in the home, insulated the attic, repaired bathroom plumbing, and installed new kitchen cabinets. He has also done extensive work in renovating the yard and constructing sidewalks, picnic tables, and a barbecue pit.

Norman has been active in FFA leadership activities including serving as FFA chapter president, attending leadership conference, and participating in contests on the local, area and state levels.

The Home and/or Farmstead Improvement proficiency award is sponsored by Upjohn/Tuco Animal Products.

Area winners were:

Appalachian—Patrick Cockran,
Carroll County

Eastern—John Brinkley, Forest Glen

Northern—Brian Fadely, Central
(Woodstock)

Southside—Joe Tibbs, Jr., Jefferson
Forest

Newcomb is Oil Crop Winner

Robbie Newcomb of Hanover County, has been named winner of the Oil Crop Production proficiency award. Newcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Newcomb, is a member of the Lee-Davis Chapter.

For Newcomb, winning the oil crop award is the result of four years of developing an outstanding supervised occupational experience program of several cash grain crops. He has excelled in soybean production, including soybeans as a part of his program each year. He has used the latest practices in producing the soybeans and used innovative marketing practices in selling his crop.

Newcomb has been very active in his local FFA Chapter, serving as treasurer and reporter and as a member of numerous judging teams.

He is a member of Corinth Christian Church, the East Hanover Young Farmers and Southern States Cooperative.

The Oil Crop Award is sponsored by The Chicago Board of Trade and FMC Foundation.

Robert L. Andrews of Essex won the Eastern area award.

Crop Award Goes to Ott

Morgan B. Ott, III, a member of the Fauquier Chapter, won the Diversified Crop Production Award for 1988. Ott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan B. Ott, Jr.

For Ott, winning the Diversified Crop Award is the result of five years of developing an outstanding Supervised Occupational Experience Program. He has an excellent dairy program, and as a complementary part of this operation has excelled in crop production. Ott produces corn for grain and silage, hay, pasture and small grains. He has used the latest approved practices in developing an outstanding crop program to support the dairy operation. In 1987 he entered into a full partnership with his father.

Ott has been active in his FFA chapter, holding a number of chapter offices and representing his chapter on judging teams.

The Diversified Crop Production Award is sponsored by Cargill, Inc.

Area winners in Diversified Crop Production were:

Appalachian—J. D. Crutcher,
Holston

Eastern—John M. Hundley, Jr.,
Essex

Northern—Matthew Lohr, Broadway

Southside—W. B. Bass, William
Campbell

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E	Brunswick	17	5	22	25	-3	1
E	Career Dev Cent		30	30	26	4	1
E	Chesapeake Tech.	11	1	12	20	-8	1
E	Dinwiddie Jr.	37		37	35	2	1
E	Dinwiddie Sr.	36		36	36		1
E	E. W. Wyatt Jr.	23	1	24	16	8	2
E	Essex	63	8	71	69	2	2
E	Forest Glen	61	1	62	48	14	1
E	Gloucester	32	1	33	43	-10	1
E	Greensville	6		6	6		1
E	J. E. J. Moore Jr.	19	18	37	23	14	1
E	J. F. Kennedy	35	2	37	25	12	1
E	John Yeates	36	1	37	10	27	1
E	King and Queen	37	22	59	35	24	1
E	King William	52		52	32	20	1
E	N. B. Clements	14	1	15	5	10	
E	Nandua	21		21	28	-7	1
E	New Horizons	21	14	35	20	15	1
E	Norfolk Tech.	12	13	25	10	15	1
E	Northampton	98	7	105	73	32	1
E	Northampton Middle	39	5	44	41	3	1
E	P. D. Pruden	8	6	14	8	6	1
E	Prince George	10	1	11		11	
E	Rowanty Vo-Tech	21	24	45	47	-2	2
E	Russell Jr. (Brunswick Jr)	20		20	11	9	1
E	Smithfield	35	1	36	32	4	1
E	Southampton	110	7	117	65	52	2
E	Southampton Middle	58	5	63	40	23	1
E	Stony Creek	19		19	15	4	
E	Sussex Central	48	2	50	61	-11	1
E	Va. Beach Voc.	11	9	20	20		1
E	W. S. Newman	58	1	59	57	2	2
E	Waverly Jr.	25	2	27	16	11	1
		1093	188	1281	998	283	35
N	A. R. Burton	10	2	12	9	3	1
N	Addison Jr.						
N	Alleghany	43	2	45	54	-9	1
N	Botetourt Junior	56	5	61	86	-25	1
N	Botetourt Voc.	4	20	24	24		1
N	Broadway	97	10	107	100	7	2
N	Buffalo Gap	68	9	77	79	-2	1
N	Central	117	8	125	124	1	2
N	Clarke County	70	5	75	89	-14	2
N	Craig County	63	5	68	64	4	1
N	Elkton Int.	32	6	38	23	15	1
N	F. S. Kay Vo-Tech	6		6	12	-6	1
N	Fort Defiance	78	14	92	99	-7	2
N	Frederick Mdl. (W.R. Legge)	77	24	101	109	-8	2
N	Highland County	46	2	48	30	18	1

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N	J. C. Myers Int.	23	3	26	26		1
N	James River	61	1	62	61	1	1
N	James Wood	184	25	209	243	-34	4
N	John Wayland Int.	31	6	37	34	3	1
N	Lord Botetourt	42		42	48	-6	1
N	Loudoun County	17	3	20	35	-15	1
N	Loudoun Valley	49	14	63	59	4	1
N	Luray	119	8	127	117	10	2
N	Monroe Vo-Tech	9	7	16	14	2	2
N	Montevideo Int.	49	16	65	77	-12	1
N	Nokesville	24	6	30	30		2
N	Page County	115	4	119	113	6	2
N	R. E. Aylor Middle	42	5	47	29	18	1
N	Riverheads	89	12	101	96	5	2
N	Rockbridge	33	1	34	29	5	1
N	Spotswood	83	14	97	134	-37	2
N	Spring Hill Farm	7	1	8	13	-5	1
N	Stewart Middle	53	6	59	81	-22	1
N	Stonewall Jackson	136	16	152	119	33	2
N	Strasburg	161	27	188	179	9	3
N	Stuarts Draft	60	2	62	69	-7	1
N	Stuarts Draft Mdl.	18	1	19	30	-11	1
N	Turner Ashby	96	11	107	121	-14	3
N	Wilson Memorial	84	24	108	95	13	2
N	Woodstock Middle	47	8	55	62	-7	1
		2399	333	2732	2816	-84	59
SS	Amelia	86	10	96	95	1	1
SS	Amelia Middle	21	16	37	20	17	2
SS	Amherst	40		40	35	5	1
SS	Amherst Jr.	41		41	33	8	1
SS	Appomattox	144	3	147	170	-23	1
SS	Appomattox Middle	73	15	88	84	4	2
SS	Blairs Jr.	158	6	164	174	-10	3
SS	Bluestone	135	13	148	136	12	3
SS	Bluestone Middle	67	22	89	71	18	1
SS	Brookville	58	48	106	124	-18	1
SS	Buckingham Jr.	58	16	74	64	10	2
SS	Buckingham Sr.	56	19	75	74	1	3
SS	Central/Lunenburg	55	2	57	40	17	1
SS	Charlotte Central Middle	37	11	48	60	-12	1
SS	Chatham						
SS	Cumberland	66	4	70	59	11	3
SS	Dan River	107	2	109	100	9	2
SS	Drewry Mason	75	6	81	75	6	1
SS	Franklin County	171	1	172	151	21	3
SS	Gretna Jr.	100	3	103	93	10	2
SS	Gretna Sr.	40	1	41	40	1	1
SS	Halifax Jr.	77	17	94	77	17	2
SS	Halifax Sr.	83	8	91	91		3

Mills Wins Computer Award

Richard L. Mills, III, is the 1988 winner of the state Computers in Agriculture Award. Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mills, Jr. of Ashland, in Hanover County, received the award during the 62nd State FFA Convention.

The award was presented to Mills for his knowledge and his use of computers in many phases of his agricultural education program.

He has used his computer to keep records of all of his enterprises. He also used the computer to complete FFA proficiency award and degree applications and has assisted other students with computer instruction. Mills was responsible for keeping computer records on the chapter fruit sales and records of other FFA activities.

The Computers in Agriculture award is sponsored by Agri-Data Resources, Inc.

Other area winners in the Computers in Agriculture award were:

Appalachian—Jessie Wimmer,
Tazewell

Eastern—Duane Langford, Essex

Northern—Michael W. Miller,
Fort Defiance

Beahm Wins Horse Award

Eric D. Beahm of Warrenton is the winner of the 1988 state Horse Proficiency award. Beahm is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Beahm and a member of the Fauquier Chapter.

Beahm has been involved with raising and training horses since he entered agricultural education. He has increased his inventory over the years and is now in partnership with his father. In addition, he has worked as a stable worker, stable manager, and a riding instructor. Last year he placed eighth in the World Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Beahm has served as vice president of his FFA chapter and has been a member of several judging teams. He has participated in horse shows at the Virginia State Fair, and Chesterfield County and in North Carolina and Maryland.

The Horse Proficiency award is sponsored by the the American Quarter Horse Association.

Area winners in Horse Proficiency were:

Appalachian—Ralph C. Sheets,
Holston

Eastern—Karen Brizendine, Essex

Northern—Kimberly Dawn Bean,
Strasburg

Southside—Jon C. Wade, Laurel Park

Chris Owen is Electrification Winner

Christopher Todd Owen, a member of the Laurel Park chapter won the state FFA proficiency award in Agricultural Electrification. He is the son of Mrs. Judith Owen, of Martinsville.

The Agricultural Electrification Award is sponsored by the Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council, the National Food and Energy Council, and Klein Tools, Inc.

Winning the award is the result of three years of work in agricultural education which includes his supervised occupational experience program. He has developed skills in installing wiring and circuits, gas welding, arc welding, drafting, installing air conditioning, and refrigerator repair.

Area winners are:

Appalachian—Randal S. Gallimore,
Carroll County

Central—Jimmy Allen, Patrick Henry
(Ashland)

Eastern—Duane Lankford, Essex

Northern—Michael L. Lonas,
Stonewall Jackson

Vann is Nursery Winner

Cheryl Vann, a member of the James Wood Chapter of Frederick County, has been named winner of the 1988 state Nursery Operations proficiency award. Vann is the daughter of Gaynor Vann of Winchester.

Vann's SOE program consisted of lawn care, landscaping, flower beds and work experience at Weber's Nursery, where she has worked over one thousand hours. She is employed as a nursery stock assistant for retail sales of nursery stock and related supplies. She has attended the Atlantic Nurseryman Show and has completed several courses in Nursery, Landscape, and Vegetable Management at Lord Fairfax Community College.

Vann was an active member of the James Wood Chapter where she was chapter treasurer and sentinel. She participated in the state Nursery/Landscape Contest and attended the FFA's Washington Conference Program.

The award is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beam; and MSD AGVET Division of Merck & Co., Inc.

Other area winners in the Nursery Operations Proficiency Award were:

Appalachian—Ryan McDougle,
Lee-Davis

Eastern—Jason E. Taylor, Essex

Southside—Robert D. Stratton,
Appomattox Sr.

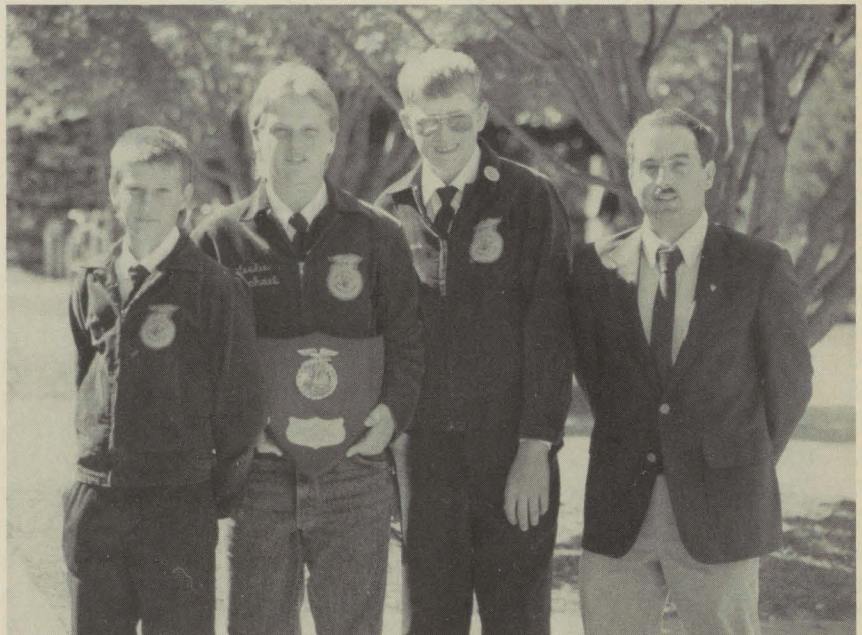
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SS J. J. Riegel (Wm. Camp. M)	33	10	43	30	13	1
SS Jefferson Forest	45	4	49	55	-6	2
SS Laurel Park	68	60	128	129	-1	2
SS Liberty	59	3	62	64	-2	2
SS Lunenburg Jr.	20	8	28	29	-1	
SS Monelison	75	6	81	85	-4	1
SS Nottoway Sr.	43	2	45	49	-4	1
SS Park View Middle	104	6	110	103	7	1
SS Park View Sr.	108	2	110	101	9	2
SS Patrick County	106		106	107	-1	3
SS Piedmont (G. W. Carver)	28		28	38	-10	1
SS Pittsylvania Vtc.	24	24	48	49	-1	2
SS Prince Edward	51	12	63	64	-1	3
SS Randolph-Henry	97	13	110	95	15	3
SS Rustburg	79	5	84	91	-7	2
SS Rustburg Middle	31	3	34	27	7	1
SS Smith Mountain Jr.	48		48	54	-6	1
SS Smith Mtn. (Staunton Rive	133	6	139	122	17	2
SS Tunstall	97	3	100	94	6	2
SS William Campbell	60	5	65	82	-17	1
	3057	395	3452	3334	118	73

Future Farmers of America



Top Jr. Dairy Cattle Team
from John Wayland Intermediate
Marion Cobb, Leslie Michael, Mark Shiflet, Advisor Tim Long.

Jones Wins Wildlife Award

Michael Jones, a member of the Stonewall Jackson chapter of Shenandoah County, is the 1988 state Wildlife Management proficiency award winner. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Mt. Jackson.

Jones maintained 261 acres for wildlife habitat in the Dry River, South River, Barbs Gap, Laurel Run, Little Stony and Paddy Run areas. He established five acres of wildlife habitat and managed wildlife habitat for eleven ponds. He assisted the Virginia Game Commission to relocate bears and record information on deer and turkey population, and available wildlife food sources. He has accumulated over five hundred hours in wildlife related learning experiences.

Jones served as President of the Stonewall Jackson chapter and participated in dairy judging, dairy bowl, and parliamentary procedure contests.

The award is sponsored by The Prudential Foundation.

Other area winners in the Wildlife Management Proficiency award were:

Appalachian—Shawn Sexton,
Jonesville

Central—David C. Thomas, Lancaster

Eastern—Robert Lewis, Jr.,
Northampton

Southside—Aubrey W. Fitzgerald,
Jefferson Forest

Ely is Forage Winner

Garry Ely, of the Jonesville chapter, has been named winner of the proficiency award in Forage Production. Ely is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Ely of Jonesville, in Lee County.

Ely has applied many approved practices in Forage Production. He has sprayed pesticides to control weeds and insects. Good seed beds are prepared and certified seed is used when new stands are established. The crops are harvested at the appropriate stage of maturity to increase both quality and quantity. The crops are marketed through local cooperatives or by contract.

Ely has served as president of his local FFA chapter and has participated in many other leadership activities. After high school, he plans to operate construction equipment and be a part-time farmer. He was presented a certificate and check for \$100 as state winner. The state award is sponsored by the Gehl Company and the Northrup King Company.

Other area winners in Forage Production were:

Central—Susannah Grove, Fauquier
Northern—Jeff Keplinger, Broadway

Nobili Wins Regional Award

William Anthony (Tony) Nobili has been named winner of the Eastern Region proficiency award in Outdoor Recreation. Nobili, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nobili of Woodlawn in Carroll County, received the state award at the state convention at Virginia Tech.

Nobili is employed at the Carrollwood Campground. His program has included treating the lake in the spring to kill algae, feeding fish during the winter months, spraying poisonous plants on the campground with herbicide, draining water lines, storing all portable facilities during the winter months, and painting, waxing and winterizing the waterslide. He has used many marketing techniques to promote the campground, distributing post cards to campers, giving group rates to camping clubs, placing coupons in newspapers, giving advance reservations, erecting signs on major highways, offering a fishing jackpot, and providing an LP gas station. He took the Dale Carnegie Course

to improve his public relations skills.

Nobili has held the offices of president, secretary, and reporter in his local chapter and has participated in many other leadership activities. The award is sponsored by the Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA.

He received a certificate and check for \$100 as the state winner and as Eastern Region winner will receive a plaque and check for \$250. As one of four national finalists, Nobili will be interviewed by a panel of judges in Kansas City. If named national winner, he will receive an additional \$250 and a tour of agricultural sites in Europe.

During the state convention, area winners in Outdoor Recreation were:

Central—Marc Harlow, Patrick Henry
Eastern—Joey Reinhardt, Essex

Northern—Jeffrey M. Poole,
Stonewall Jackson

Southside—Barry C. Moxley,
Laurel Park



Regional Sales/Service Award Belongs to Webb

Bradley Scott Webb is the 1988 winner of the Eastern Region proficiency award in Agricultural Sales and/or Service. Webb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester I. Webb of Fancy Gat in Carroll County.

As an employee of the Blue Ridge Market of Virginia, Webb has learned how to regulate temperatures to extend freshness of fruit, how to make contracts with farmers, make deliveries and to keep prices as low as possible yet make a fair profit. He has also learned that keeping customers happy requires giving them quality produce at a reasonable price.

Bradley has participated in many leadership, school and community activities. He will attend Ferrum College and major in general agriculture, then return to work for his father after graduation. He received a certificate and check for \$100 as the state winner. As winner of the East-

ern Region award, Webb will receive a plaque and check for \$250. He and the three other national finalists will be interviewed by a judging panel which will determine the national winner. The national winner will receive an additional \$250 and a tour of European agricultural sites. The award is sponsored by Babson Brothers Company; General Motors Corporation, and ICI Americas, Inc./Agricultural Products.

Other area winners in Agricultural Sales and/or Service honored at the state convention include:

Central—Sanford Fenne, Lee-Davis

Eastern—Wayne Moore, Essex

Northern—Duane McAllister, Fort
Defiance

Southside—Thomas R. Scales, Laurel
Park

1988 State Conv

Agribusiness

1. James Wood
Jennifer Rust
Richie Lantz
Mr. Doug Rinker, Coach
2. Turner Ashby
Wayne Shiflet
Greg Martin
Mr. C. C. Shiflet, Jr., Coach
3. Strasburg
4. Broadway
5. Clarke County

Individuals—Demonstration

1. Bradley Reeves, Buffalo Gap
2. Richie Lantz, James Wood
3. Susan Belford, Clark County
4. Jason Herndon, Richlands
5. Adam Golton, Strasburg

Individuals—Interview

1. Jennifer Rust, James Wood
2. Russell Edmondson, Strasburg
3. Brian Campbell, Stuarts Draft
4. Keith Rose, Richlands
5. Jeff Kackley, Clarke County

Agricultural Mechanics

1. Carroll County
Alan Webb
Darrin Quesenberry
Billy Worrell
Mr. Wayne Combs, Coach
2. Stonewall Jackson
Charles Whitacre
Mike Lonas
Jeff Poole
Mr. J. B. Jarrett, Jr., Coach

Individuals

1. Alan Webb, Carroll County
2. Darrin Quesenberry, Carroll County
3. Mike Rose, Lee-Davis
4. Billy Worrell, Carroll County
5. Mike Lonas, Stonewall Jackson

6. T. Cheatham, Appomattox
7. Charles Whitacre, Stonewall Jackson
8. Harry Barnette, Patrick Henry
9. David Robertson, Dan River
10. Johnathan Ryman, Central

Agriculture Science and Mechanics

1. Blairs Junior
Robert Mills
Robert Pollok
Matt Doss
Mr. G. E. Nolen, Coach
2. Hillsville Intermediate
Jody Bunn
Brett Bunn
Kathy Dalton
Mr. Sterling Robinson, Coach
3. Appomattox Senior
4. Gretna Junior
5. Floyd County

Individuals

1. Robert Pollok, Blairs
2. Stacy Goff, Floyd County
3. Jody Bunn, Hillsville Intermediate
4. Brett Bunn, Hillsville Intermediate
5. Shawn Cox, Gretna Junior
6. Matt Wilkerson, Appomattox Senior
7. Jason Carter, Appomattox Senior
8. Brad Jennings, Woodlawn Intermediate
9. Matt Doss, Blairs Junior
10. Amos Rudolph, Strasburg

Computer Contest

1. Roger Shafer, Strasburg
2. Duane Lankford, Essex
3. Craig Draughan, Park View
4. Lynn Phillips, Fauquier Vo-Tech
5. Chris Nichels, Holston
6. Sarah Headley, Richmond County Intermediate

Co-op Seminar Scholarships to AIC

1. Jody Lynn Bickel, Orange Senior
2. Catherine Shuey, Buffalo Gap
3. Linwood Ellsworth, Southampton Senior

4. Roger D. Bailey, Abingdon
5. Robbie Lewis, Northampton
6. Lindon Allen, Caroline
7. Danielle Liskey, Broadway
8. Mike Burner, Clark
9. Wayne R. Thomas, Madison
10. Paul Widener, Richlands
11. John Price, Randolph-Henry

Alternates

1. Reese Hauenstein, Park View Senior
2. Kristen Harner, Staunton River
3. Kristy D. Clark, Blairs Junior
4. Martin J. Forbes, Chesapeake

Crops

1. Appomattox Senior
Chris Barr
Chuck Wilkerson
Ward Sauls
Mr. A. H. Carter, Coach
2. Randolph-Henry
Kyle Whitlow
Michael Moore
J. E. Bailey
Mr. G. L. Jones, Coach
3. Rustburg
4. William Campbell
5. Carroll County

Individuals

1. Chris Barr, Appomattox Senior
2. Michael Moore, Randolph-Henry
3. Ward Sauls, Appomattox Senior
4. Kyle Whitlow, Randolph-Henry
5. Chuck Wilkerson, Appomattox Senior
6. J. E. Bailey, Randolph-Henry
7. Eddie Floyd, Rustburg
8. Dwayne Dickerson, William Campbell
9. Kevin Tweedy, Rustburg
10. William Denton, William Campbell

Dairy Cattle

1. Fort Defiance
Kirk Wagner
Kenneth Weaver
Jay Humphreys
Mr. W. L. Simmons, Coach
2. Turner Ashby
Tom Lam
Nikki May
Chris Grove
Mr. E. L. Fitzgerald, Coach
3. Spotswood
4. Wilson Memorial
5. Broadway

Individuals

1. Mike Jones, Stonewall Jackson
2. Mark Grove, Wilson Memorial
3. Marion Cobb, J. W. Wayland Intermediate
3. James Phillipi, Pulaski
5. Loren Rhodes, Spotswood
6. Bucky Custer, Stonewall Jackson
7. Richard Polson, Blacksburg Senior
8. Tom Lam, Turner Ashby
9. Chris Grove, Turner Ashby
10. Timmy Jones, Buffalo Gap
10. Kirk Wagner, Fort Defiance

Dairy Management

1. Franklin County
Charles Brubaker
Ben Bowman
Tim Bowman



**Top Agricultural Mechanics Team
from Carroll County**

Advisor Wayne Combs, Darrin Quesenberry, Alan Webb and Billy Worrell.

Convention Results

- Larry Hylton, Coach
- 2. Spotswood

Farm Management

1. Carroll County
Tony Nobili
Mike Largen
Kenley Branscome
Mr. Wayne Combs, Coach
2. Broadway
Nathan Trumbo
Trent Lantz
Jeff Keplinger
3. Nelson County
4. Fort Defiance
5. Stonewall Jackson

Individuals

1. Nathan Trumbo, Broadway
2. Tony Nobili, Carroll County
3. Jennifer Schoftstan, Holston
4. Kenley Branscome, Carroll County
5. Tommy Lawhorse, Nelson County
6. Billy Loving, Nelson County
7. Kristen Phillips, Fort Defiance
8. Mike Largen, Carroll County
9. Trent Lantz, Broadway
10. Tim Lamb, Turner Ashby

Floral Design Practicum

1. Teresa Divers, Laurel Park
2. Michelle Compton, Lee-Davis
3. Lenora Heilman, C. S. Monroe Vo-Tech

Floriculture

1. Nelson County
Robert Ragland
David Fitzgerald
Tim Bishop
Mr. John Roberts, Coach
2. Laurel Park
Michelle Fuchs
Michelle Agee
Teresa Divers
Ms. Deborah Barker, Coach
3. James Wood
4. John S. Battle
5. C. S. Monroe Vo-Tech

Individuals

1. Robert Ragland, Nelson County
2. Michelle Fuchs, Laurel Park
3. Teresa Divers, Laurel Park
4. Beth Travel, James Wood
5. David Fitzgerald, Nelson County
6. Michelle Agee, Laurel Park
7. Tim Bishop, Nelson County
8. Anthony Woodyard, Pulaski County
9. Greg Hoar, New Horizons Tech
10. Shelly Dean, John S. Battle

Horticulture

1. Laurel Park
Michelle Fuchs
Michelle Agee
Teresa Divers
Randall Sink
Betsy Wike
Esther Maxey
Ms. Deborah Barker, Coach
2. James Wood
Tanya Weaver
Beth Travel
Logan Holliday
Cheryl Vann

- Carl Ay
- Robert Updike
- Mr. Monty Loving, Coach

Livestock

1. Fort Defiance
Burke Simmons
Brian Crickenberger
Duane Harlow
Mr. D. R. Shiflett, Coach
2. Broadway
Marc Gollaway
Meade McDonald
Danny Miller
Mr. D. M. Smith
3. J. W. Wayland Intermediate
4. Wilson Memorial
5. Strasburg

Individuals

1. Chris Estes, Stuarts Draft
2. Randy Ashby, Wilson Memorial
3. Danny Miller, Broadway
4. Chuck Wymer, Strasburg
5. Scott Mason, Strasburg
5. Monica Rhodes, J. W. Wayland, Intermediate
7. Kenny Cash, Wilson Memorial
7. Meade McDonald, Broadway
9. Bradley St. Clair, Christiansburg
10. Aubrey Fitzgerald, Jefferson-Forest
10. Burke Simmons, Fort Defiance

Nursery/Landscape

1. Laurel Park
Randall Sink
Betsy Wike
Esther Maxey
Ms. Deborah Barker, Coach
2. James Wood
Cheryl Vann
Carl Ay
Robert Updike
Mr. Monty Loving, Coach
3. New Horizons Tech
4. Lee-Davis
5. Nelson County

Individuals

1. Carl Ay, James Wood
2. Randall Sink, Laurel Park
3. Betsy Wike, Laurel Park
4. Cheryl Vann, James Wood
5. Esther Maxey, Laurel Park
6. Tripp Dillard, Lee-Davis
7. Jim Bivens, Nelson County
8. John Labreque, New Horizon Tech
9. Steve Hagy, Marion Hort
10. David Strickland, New Horizon Tech

Poultry

1. Central
Phil Sigler
Mike Gochenour
Teresa Eastep
Mr. Joe Fleming, Coach
2. Broadway
Matt Lohr
Joe Ritchie
Keith Mongold
Mr. J. E. Hively, Coach
3. Clintwood
4. Montevideo Intermediate
5. Turner Ashby

Individuals

1. Phil Sigler, Central
2. Mike Gochenour, Central
3. Joe Richie, Clintwood
3. Douglas Phipps, Clintwood
6. Matt Lohr, Broadway
7. Jeff Rhodes, Turner Ashby
8. Clinton Rhodes, Montevideo Intermediate
9. Teresa Eastep, Central
10. Brett Seal, Montevideo Intermediate

Tractor Operator's

1. Ben Harman, Northern
2. Craig Holland, Central
3. Wes Mundie, Eastern
4. Lee Musick, Appalachian
5. Keith Rutrough, Southside



Champion Nursery/Landscape Team
Betsy Wike, Randall Sink, Esther Maxey and two team alternates—Advisor is Ms. Deborah Barker.

Award in Floriculture Goes to Clopton

Barbara Clopton is the 1988 winner of the state Floriculture award. Clopton is the daughter of Mrs. Mary H. Clopton of Warrenton, and is a member of the Fauquier Chapter.

Clopton became interested in floriculture during her junior year in high school. As a part of her horticulture program she has produced poinsettias and chrysanthemums as cash crops. She has also been employed by a floral shop and is involved in floral arrangement and sales. She served as a teaching assistant for the Floral Design class conducted as a part of the school's adult education program.

Clopton has been very active in her local FFA chapter, holding a number of chapter offices and has represented her chapter in several judging contests.

The Floriculture Proficiency Award is sponsored by the Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch, The Lerio Corporation, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beam, and the American Floral Endowment.

Area winners in Floriculture were:
 Appalachian—Frankie Pennington,
 Jonesville
 Eastern—Randal Ginn, Essex
 Northern—Tanya Weaver, James
 Wood

Kirby is Best Mechanic

Ken Kirby, a member of the Lee-Davis Chapter is the winner of the state Agricultural Mechanics proficiency award. Kirby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kirby of Mechanicsville.

Kirby began working on mechanical projects at an early age. Upon entering high school, he became interested in the Agricultural Mechanics program. In 1984 he began working at Pohlig's, Inc. as a cooperative education student. He has gained experience there in overhauling engines, and being in charge of the parts department. He has also overhauled tractors, and constructed several pieces of equipment as a part of his supervised occupational experience program.

Kirby was a member of many FFA teams on the local, area, and state levels. He has also served his chapter as secretary, treasurer, and sentinel.

The Agricultural Mechanics Award is sponsored by Case IH.

Other members named as area winners were:

Foundation Report VIRGINIA FFA FOUNDATION, INC.

July 1, 1987–April 4, 1988

BEGINNING BALANCE		10,158.45
RECEIPTS		
Certificates	733.39	
General Fund	8,985.00	9,718.39
Total Receipts, April 4, 1988		9,718.39
Balance and Receipts, April 4, 1988		19,876.84
DISBURSEMENTS		
Certificates	14,000.00	
Miscellaneous	795.38	
Plaques	428.12	15,223.50
Total Disbursements, April 4, 1988		15,223.50
Balance, April 4, 1988		4,653.34
Total Disbursements and Balance, April 4, 1988		19,876.84

Future State Convention Dates

1989	June 27–30
1990	June 26–29
1991	June 25–28
1992	June 22–26



Top Senior Poultry Team
from Central High School
of Shenandoah County

Advisor Joe Fleming, Mike Gochenour, Phil Sigler and Teresa Eastep

Strasburg Captures BOAC

The Strasburg Chapter of Shenandoah County has been named winner of the State Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Award. The award is sponsored by RJR Nabisco, Inc.

The major thrust of Strasburg's project was "Operation Recreation", which improved facilities at three recreational sites in the Strasburg area; the Lions Club playground, the Maurertown Community Park, and the Elizabeth Furnace camping and picnic area. Chapter members built five picnic tables, constructed two horseshoe pits and two barbecue pits, poured a concrete floor for a shelter, and constructed, rearranged, and repaired playground equipment. They also reclaimed recreational land that was destroyed by a recent flood, and planted 350 white pine trees and 200 ornamental trees. Eight thousand trout were stocked in streams

passing through the recreational areas, and chapter members managed a six-acre woodlot area at the Maurertown Park.

One-hundred eighty members of the Strasburg chapter were involved with projects, with more than 1,300 hours of work needed to complete the activities. In addition, the chapter worked with community groups including the Shenandoah County Department of Parks and Recreation, the Virginia Division of Forestry, the US Forest Service, the Strasburg Lions Club, the Strasburg Leo Club, the Shenandoah County Extension Service, and local businesses.

Other area winners in this award category are:

Appalachian—Abingdon
Central—Culpeper Jr.
Eastern—Essex
Southside—Bluestone Middle

Essex Wins Chapter Forestry

The Essex Chapter placed first in the state FFA Chapter Forestry Contest. The award, sponsored by the Virginia Forestry Association and the Virginia Association FFA, was presented during the state FFA convention.

The chapter members have promoted forestry in the school and community. Exhibits on forest fire prevention, reforestation, tree growth, and tree identification were constructed and displayed. Radio programs and bulletin boards improved public awareness of forestry.

Chapter members planted 10,000 pine seedlings, harvested 900 cords of pulpwood and firewood, and planted more than 2,000 Christmas trees. The chapter also assisted the Virginia Division of Forestry in conducting prescribed burns. The Chapter's team won the state Forestry Judging contest and will participate in the national contest in November in Kansas City, Missouri. Chapter members also participated in the Keep Virginia Green crew training.

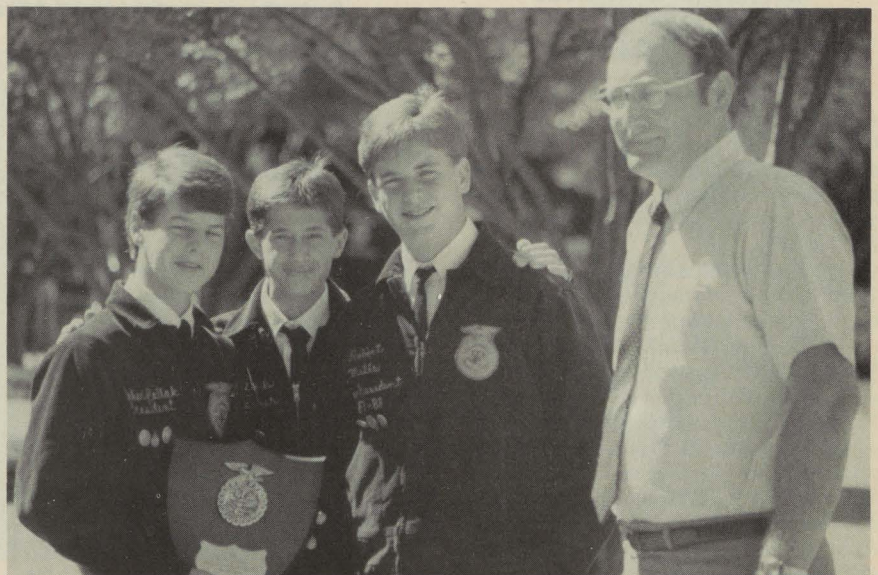
A nature trail was maintained by chapter members and other projects included cutting firewood for the elderly and a special tree planting for Arbor Day.

The chapter received a plaque and a check for \$40.00 for winning the state award. Placing second and receiving a check for \$30.00 was the James Wood Chapter of Frederick County, Clintwood of Dickenson County received \$20.00 for placing third and Carroll County received \$10.00 for placing fourth.

Five other chapters were named best in their geographic areas. Each received a plaque as area winner.

Appalachian—Clintwood
Central—Patrick Henry (Hanover County)
Eastern—Essex
Northern—James Wood
Southside—Park View Senior

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Champion Agriculture Science and Mechanics Team from Blairs Jr.
Robert Pollok, Matt Doss, Robert Mills and Advisor G. E. Nolen

Thompson is Poultry Winner

Michael Thompson, a member of the Broadway chapter of Rockingham County, has been named winner of the 1988 state Poultry Production proficiency award. Thompson is the son of Edward and Marie Thompson of Broadway.

Michael's SOE program consisted of a contracted broiler enterprise over a three-year period with Rockingham Poultry, Inc. With his father, he assisted in producing over 1,215,000 broilers. Some of the improved management practices used include installing a fogger system and breeze boards, high energy feeds, and installing a feeding system.

Thompson was active in his local chapter, having served as reporter and sentinel. He was a member of a state winning poultry judging team which won a gold rating in national competition. He also participated in dairy judging and the Junior Stockman's Contest.

The award is sponsored by Chore-Time Equipment, Inc.; Red Brand Fence (Keystone Steel and Wire Company); Pitman-Moore, Inc.; and the Virginia Poultry Federation.

Other area winners in the Poultry Production award were:

Appalachian—Lorin B. Hanshaw, Bland
Central—Pete Porcaro, Greene County
Eastern—Benjamin G. Konkel, III, Northampton
Southside—Charles Craig Hughes, Laurel Park

Rosson is Champion Livestock Producer

Charles A. Rosson, a member of the Louisa Chapter, has been named winner of the state Diversified Livestock Production Award. Rosson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Rosson of Trevilians.

Rosson began his livestock project while in elementary school. After entering high school, he expanded his livestock operation. While his main livestock enterprise is swine, he also raises sheep, beef cattle, and poultry. His present program consists of 15 purebred sows, 2 purebred boars, 10 barrows, 20 sheep, and 2 beef steers.

Rosson has been very active in the Louisa chapter serving as president, secretary, and treasurer. He has represented his chapter on judging teams on the local, area, and state levels. He was named the 1987 state Swine Proficiency Award winner.

The Diversified Livestock Proficiency Award is sponsored by Wayne Feed Division of Continental Grain Company, and Starbar Division of Zoecon Corporation.

Area winners in Diversified Livestock were:

- Appalachian—Kirby Cunningham,
Grayson County
- Eastern—William B. Wright,
Brunswick Senior
- Northern—Angela Craun, Spotswood
- Southside—Tracy A. Millner,
Jefferson Forest

Owens Best in Processing

Desmond Owens, nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Owens of Gloucester, received the state FFA Agricultural Processing proficiency award at the state convention in Blacksburg. He is a member of the Gloucester chapter in Eastern area.

Owens has accumulated more than 2,500 hours of work experience in harvesting, processing and marketing oysters.

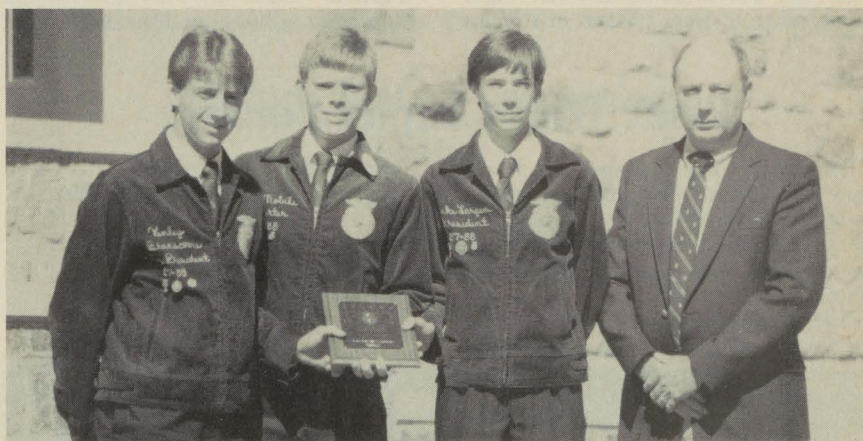
He is a graduate of Gloucester High School and five years of agricultural education. This Fall he will be a sophomore in Agricultural Economics at Virginia Tech.

The Agricultural Processing award is sponsored by the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation. Owens received a certificate, and a check for \$100. Area winners, who received certificates and checks for \$20.00, were:

- Central—Jeff Kellum, Lancaster
- Southside—Randy Dwaine Peters,
Laurel Park



Champion Livestock Team
from Fort Defiance
Coach D. R. Shiflett, Burke Simmons, Duane Harlow, Brian Crickenberger.



State Champion Farm Management Team
from Carroll County
Kenley Branscome, Tony Nobili, Mike Largen and Advisor Wayne Combs.

Menefee is National Finalist

Dennis Menefee is the 1988 winner of the Eastern Region Beef Production proficiency award. Menefee, son of Mrs. Betty Menefee of Boyce, Virginia, is a member of the Fauquier Chapter.

Menefee began his beef enterprises during his first year in agricultural education, when he raised and sold a steer for the local Jr. Livestock Show and Sale. He started his registered Angus herd by purchasing five Angus cows with calves. Through additional purchases and raising some heifers, he has increased his herd to 27 brood cows. He also owns twelve Angus heifers, one registered Angus bull, and seven Angus steers.

Menefee has continued to raise, exhibit, and sell two steers at the local Jr. Livestock Show each year. In addition to raising his own livestock, he is working as herdsman on a local farm. He is also a

certified Artificial Insemination Technician.

Menefee will be interviewed with the three other national finalists when he attends the national convention in Kansas City. As Eastern Region winner, he will receive a plaque and a check for \$250. If selected national winner, he will receive an additional \$250 and a tour of agricultural sites in Europe.

The Beef Production Award is sponsored by NASCO Division of NASCO International, Inc., and the American Simmental Association.

- Area winners in Beef Production were:
- Appalachian—Arty Dean, Jonesville
 - Eastern—Wes Mundie, Essex
 - Northern—Susan Renee Hoover,
Spotswood
 - Southside—Anne M. Jones, Jefferson
Forest



Top Jr. Livestock Team from John Wayland Intermediate of Rockingham County



Winning Crops Team from Appomattox Senior
Ward Sauls, Jason Carter, Chuck Wilkerson, Advisor A. H. Carter



Top Dairy Management Team
from Franklin County
Tim Bowman, Charles Brubaker, Ben Bowman, Larry Hylton, Advisor

Garrett Wins Specialty Award

Scott Garrett is winner of the 1988 proficiency award in Specialty Crop Production. Garrett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Garrett of Jonesville in Lee County.

Garrett has applied many approved practices in tobacco production. He has sprayed pesticides to control weeds and insects. Soil samples are taken on a regular basis and the crop is fertilized according to the results of these samples. Crops are rotated and manure is spread on the fields to increase organic content of the soil. All green and black tobacco is separated from the bright during the grading process. The tobacco is marketed at a local warehouse on the first or second sale which usually brings more per pound than later sales.

Garrett has held the office of president in his local chapter and has participated in many leadership activities. He was presented a certificate and check for \$100 as the state winner. The award is sponsored by RJR Tobacco, USA.

Area winners in Specialty Crop Production were:

Central—Charles Perkins, Jr., Louisa
Eastern—Eric P. Carter, Essex
Southside—Richard W. Motley,
Franklin County





State Champion Meats Judging Team from Spotswood High School
Advisor W. W. Cupp, Angela Craun, Tony Hensley. Absent: Julie Meadows.

Whitacre is Conservationist

Charles Whitacre, a member of the Stonewall Jackson chapter of Shenandoah County, has been named winner of the 1988 state Soil and Water Management proficiency award. Whitacre is the son of Charles D. Whitacre of Basye.

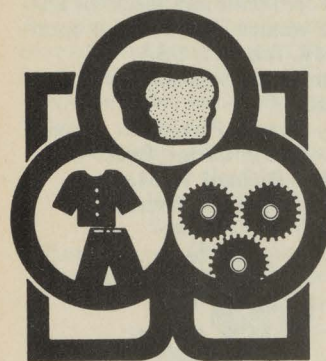
Whitacre completed 756 hours on activities related to Soil and Water Management including taking soil samples, fertilizing, liming, and strip cropping land. In addition, 235 hours were also devoted to tree and shrub management, including planting 1700 white pine seedlings and Autumn Olive and Lespedeza. One and one-half acres were also planted as a wild-life food plot.

Whitacre has been an active member of the James Wood chapter having served as Vice President. He participated in the FFA forestry contest and Forestry Camp. He also attended the State FFA Leadership Conference and participated in the parliamentary procedure contest on the area level.

The award is sponsored by Ford New Holland, Inc.

Other area winners in the Soil and Water Management award were:

- Appalachian—Curtis Banks, Carroll County
- Central—Clarence Tignor, Jr., Caroline
- Eastern—Ben Baird, Essex
- Southside—Barry Wayne Smith, Laurel Park



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Kelsoe Wins Regional Turf and Landscape Management Award

Stephen Kelsoe, a member of the James Wood chapter in Frederick County, has been named winner of the 1988 Eastern Region Landscape proficiency award. Kelsoe, the son of Robert Kelsoe of Winchester, will be presented the award during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November.

Kelsoe's program included 922 hours of lawn care and landscaping enterprises during his five years as a student of agricultural education. He purchased several major pieces of equipment including a tractor, dump truck, and seeder, and has hired part-time labor to assist with his landscape business.

Kelsoe served on six major FFA chapter committees. He attended the state and national FFA conventions, and competed in the Agricultural Mechanics Contest on

the local, area, and state levels.

The award is sponsored by O. M. Scott and Sons through the National FFA Foundation. Kelsoe received \$100 as a state winner and will receive \$250 as Eastern Region winner. If selected as national winner, he will receive an additional \$250 and a tour of agricultural sites in Europe. He and the three other national finalists will be interviewed by a judging panel in Kansas City to select the national winner.

Other area winners in the Turf and Landscape Management proficiency award were:

- Appalachian—Michael Largen, Carroll County
- Central—Steve Kelley, Lee-Davis
- Eastern—Conway Upshur, Essex
- Southside—Chris Kidd, Park View Senior



Champion Agribusiness Team from
James Wood High School
Jennifer Rust, Advisor Doug Rinker
and Richie Lantz

Custard Wins State Dairy Award

Margaret Custard, a member of the Fort Defiance chapter of Augusta County, is the winner of the 1988 state Dairy Production proficiency award. Custard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Custard of Grottoes, received the award during the state FFA convention.

Custard's dairy herd is mostly Holsteins with some grade animals and includes 25 head of cows and heifers, 25 grade calves, and 10 breeding bulls. Innovative management techniques used by Custard include the transfer of embryos to improve the genetic quality of the herd.

She has been an active member of the Fort Defiance chapter serving as Historian and Secretary. She has judged dairy cattle on the local, area, and state levels. Custard was a member of a state winning FFA Farm Business Management team and a state 4-H dairy judging team which competed in the World Dairy Expo.

The award is sponsored by Alfa-Laval, Inc., Agri. Group; American Breeders Service; and Manna Pro Corporation.

Other area winners of the Dairy Production award were:

Appalachian—Curtis Dean Turman,
Carroll County
Central—William W. Orrock, Jr.,
Caroline
Southside—Bryan Keith Harris,
Appomattox

Essex Wins Wildlife Award

The Essex Chapter placed first in the 1988 state Chapter Wildlife Contest.

The 71 members have been very active in promoting wildlife conservation, placing exhibits in schools and local businesses. Members presented wildlife conservation messages using radio announcements, slide programs, and bulletin boards.

Every chapter member completed individual projects to conserve wildlife including building duck nests and bird houses, planting wildlife feed patches, developing wildlife hedges, cleaning streams, and maintaining a nature trail.

The chapter received a plaque and \$40.00 from the Virginia Association FFA for its achievement. Four other chapters were recognized for being best in their areas:

Appalachian—Clintwood
Central—Patrick Henry—(Hanover)
Northern—James Wood
Southside—Park View Senior

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State Winning Dairy Cattle Team
from Fort Defiance

Advisor W. L. Simmons, Kenneth Weaver, Jay Humphreys and Kirk Wagner.

Broadway Captures State Safety Award

The Broadway Chapter of Rockingham County is the 1988 state Chapter Safety Champion. The award is sponsored by the Virginia Association FFA.

Safety activities conducted by the chapter included promotion of National Farm Safety Week, assisting with a hunter safety training program, sponsoring a safety poster contest, surveying safety hazards on the farm and home, and certifying chapter members for their license to apply pesticides.

Three chapter meetings were devoted to safety and members distributed safety decals provided by the "Brand 'Em" safety campaign and the Rockingham Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Chapter members promoted the use of slow moving vehicle emblems, safety chains, flares and other devices. Sixty members were

trained in fire prevention and control through the Keep Virginia Green program.

Community groups helped conduct the safety program of the chapter, including FFA alumni, the Broadway Rescue Squad, the Virginia Silo Company, the Virginia Game Commission, the local Young Farmer Association, and the local radio station and newspaper.

The chapter has 100% membership with one hundred nine members. Chapter Advisors are James Hively and Dennis Smith.

The Appalachian area winner is Carroll County. Stonewall Jackson Jr. won the Central area award and Essex won the Eastern area title. Broadway represented the Northern area and Park View Senior is the best in the Southside Area.



Champion Floriculture Team
from Nelson County

Advisor John Roberts, David Fitzgerald, Robert Ragland and Tim Bishop.

Wade is Sheep Production Champion

James R. Wade, a member of the Riverheads chapter of Augusta County is the winner of the 1988 state Sheep Production proficiency award. Wade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wade, Jr. of Greenville.

Wade's sheep production program includes sixty-six registered Dorset ewes. He has developed a national reputation for quality Dorset breeding stock by showing in major shows in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. He has consigned animals to many sales including the Ohio Dorset Sale, Eastern Stud Ram Sale, Virginia Bred Ewe Sale, The Virginia Ram Test and the Virginia Dorset Breeders Sale.

Wade has been active in the Riverheads chapter, as Historian, Treasurer, and Vice President. He was the Star Chapter Farmer.

The award is sponsored by the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc., Sheep Industry Development Program; Justin Boot Company, Kent Feeds, Inc., and Evergreen Mills, Inc.

Other area winners in the Sheep Production award were:

Appalachian—Robert Lester, Holston
Central—Jeffrey Ronald York, Orange
County
Southside—Teresa L. Millner,
Jefferson Forest

Hundley Wins Cereal Grain Award

Growing cereal grain profitably has been a real challenge for Robert Hundley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hundley of Champlain in Essex County. The member of the Essex Chapter received the Cereal Grain Proficiency Award at the 62nd Virginia FFA Convention at Virginia Tech.

The Cereal Grain Production Award is sponsored by the DuPont Company, Incorporated, through the National FFA Foundation. Students applying for the award must employ the best management practices and marketing of cereal grain crops such as wheat, barley and rye.

For Hundley, winning the award is the result of three years of work in the vocational agriculture classroom and in his supervised occupational experience program at Essex High School. His main enterprise is wheat.

Hundley was presented a certificate and a check for \$100.00 as state winner. Each area winner received a certificate and Virginia FFA check for \$20.00

Area winners were:

Appalachian—Garry Collinsworth,
Jonesville
Central—Alex Jackson, Louisa

Heflin Wins Swine Award

Lisa Heflin, a member of the Fauquier Chapter, has been named state winner of the Swine Production proficiency award. Heflin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Heflin of The Plains in Fauquier County.

Heflin got started in the swine business in 1981. In 1985, after enrolling in agriculture education, she expanded her swine enterprise. After raising market hogs for one year, she purchased several bred gilts in 1986 and began a farrow-to-finish operation. She now has 89 feeder pigs and 10 sows and gilts.

Heflin has been active in the FFA serving as chapter sentinel and vice president. She has also represented her chapter in public speaking, forestry judging, livestock judging, and parliamentary procedure.

The Swine Proficiency Award is sponsored by Pfizer, Inc./Agricultural Division.

Area winners in Swine Production were:

Appalachian—Timothy Mark Berry,
Gate City
Eastern—Danny Ware, Essex
Northern—Trent Lantz, Broadway
Southside—Steve Johnson, Jefferson
Forest