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## Lineburg is National Winner!

Kristi Lineburg, of Frederick County, is the reigning champion of the FFA's National Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. Lineburg won over three other national finalists at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. She is a member of the James Wood chapter and is currently a student at Virginia Tech.

Lineburg made it to the national championship by besting competitors on the chapter, federation, area, state, tri-state, and Eastern Regional levels. It is a long and difficult journey to national finals in public speaking.

Lineburg captured first place speaking on the value of computers in agriculture. She cited examples in farm management, inventory and agribusiness records. She spoke about the new FFA Computers in Agriculture Award program and increased use of computers by departments of agriculture education.

She received a plaque, a National FFA Foundation check for \$300 and expenses to the national convention from the Virginia Association FFA. The American Farm Bureau Federation is the Special Project sponsor of the contest through the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

## The Best Yet!

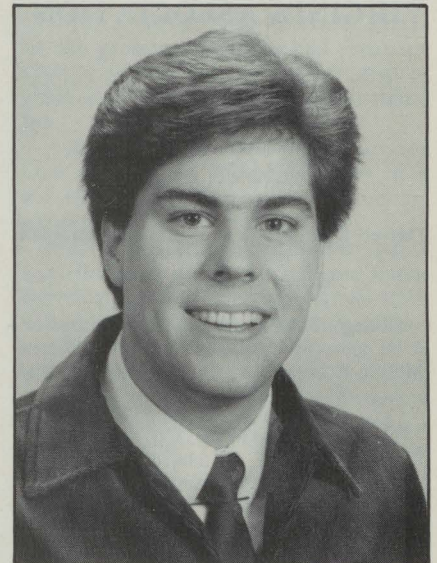
Richard Owen, State Reporter

The 57th National FFA Convention, held November 8-10, 1984 in Kansas City, proved to be one of the most exciting annual meetings in FFA history. Throughout the week, over 20,000 members from across the country competed in contests from Ag Mechanics to Poultry Judging, received individual and chapter awards and made many new friends from all across the U.S. and abroad.

Most Virginia members arrived in Kansas City on Tuesday afternoon after an overnight stay in Jasper, Indiana and a brief stop at the Arch in St. Louis, Missouri. After checking into the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, some members began touring Kansas City, while others enjoyed a meal at one of the city's famous steak establishments or stopped by to give encouragement to Virginia members already in competition, such as Cathy Hively, the state's candidate for national officer.

The meetings began on Wednesday afternoon with a delegate business session. Virginia was well represented as its official voting delegates David Wright, State President; Jimmy Carpenter, State Secretary and Joe Bowman, Past State President actively took part in committee meetings and discussion on the convention floor. This was followed by a motivational vespers program by the national officers entitled "Anvils of our Time." The ensuing six sessions contained something special for each FFA member. Whether it was a national officers' retiring address, or guest speakers such as sports commentator Pat Summerall, Art Linkletter, entertainer Mickey Gilley or Olympic gold medal gymnast Bart Conner, all members carried away a part of the convention which they will cherish as a reminder of the trip to Kansas City. Several members found feelings of joy when they were announced winners of a contest or award. Virginians were as

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## National Secretary At Leadership Camp

National FFA Secretary Michael Gayaldo will be a special guest at the 1985 FFA State Leadership Camp in Smithfield July 29 through August 2. Gayaldo is the first National officer to attend the camp since 1981.

Besides Gayaldo, Leadership Camp will feature the 1984-85 State FFA officers conducting leadership training classes, special audio-visual programs, a banquet, contests, awards, sports, a visit to Busch Gardens and much more.

Gayaldo, 20, of Kelseyville, California was elected during the National FFA Convention in November. His Supervised Occupational Experience Program includes hay and swine projects and work on his family's pear farm. He was State FFA President in California and has been involved in public speaking, parliamentary procedure and judging contests.

He has taken a leave of absence from California Polytechnic State University where he is a sophomore in agricultural business management.

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proud as ever as Kristi Lineburg, of the James Wood chapter, won the national Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. This is the second consecutive year a Virginia member has won a national Public Speaking Contest. Rob Thurmond won the Prepared Speaking Contest in 1983.

By Saturday night, most members were exhausted to the point of sleeping during most of the bus trip back home, yet still wished the convention would last just a few more days. Many friendships were established and memories made during that short trip to Kansas City — memories that will last a lifetime!

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As a national officer, Gayaldo will travel more than 200,000 miles representing the FFA, including visits to Japan, Hong Kong and mainland China.

The Leadership Camp is held annually at the FFA -FHA Camp in Smithfield as the only statewide leadership training activity sponsored by the state association. During the week, FFA members from across the state will practice parliamentary procedure activities, prepare and deliver speeches, compete in sports events, meet with other chapter members and state officers, visit Busch Gardens and study FFA programs.



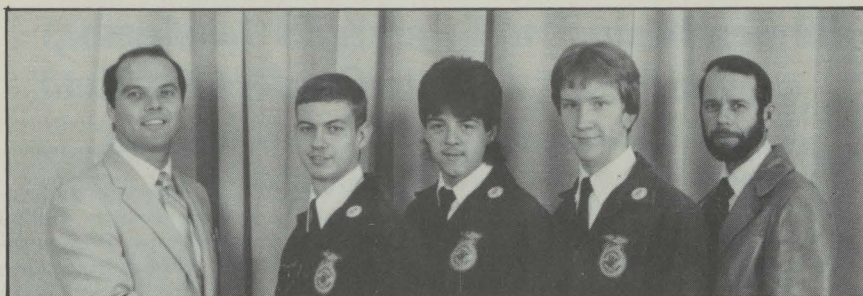
### TURNER ASHBY HONORED

Members of the Virginia Poultry team met recently with one of the Special Project Sponsors of the contest, Mr. Allen E. Tate, Communications Service Manager, Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland, Pennsylvania. The team was one of 36 Poultry teams competing in the National Poultry Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Team members Carissa Shiflet, Woody Secrist, and Neil Cupp were accompanied by their Advisor C. C. Shiflet. All are from the Turner Ashby FFA Chapter in Rockingham County. The National FFA Poultry Contest is a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland, Pennsylvania and Hubbard Farms, Walpole, New Hampshire. The team was sponsored partially by the Virginia Poultry Federation.



### BUFFALO GAP TEAM RECOGNIZED

Members of the Virginia Farm Business Management Team are congratulated by the Special Project Sponsor of the contest, Mr. Louis R. Hathaway, Managing Editor, Deere and Company, of Moline, Illinois. The team was one of 40 FFA teams competing in the National FFA Contest in Kansas City. The Buffalo Gap chapter members are: (left to right) David Kiracofe, Jeff Reeves, and Jeff Kiracofe. They were accompanied by their Advisor D. Mason Ware. All are from Augusta County. The National FFA Farm Business Management Contest is sponsored by John Deere as a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.



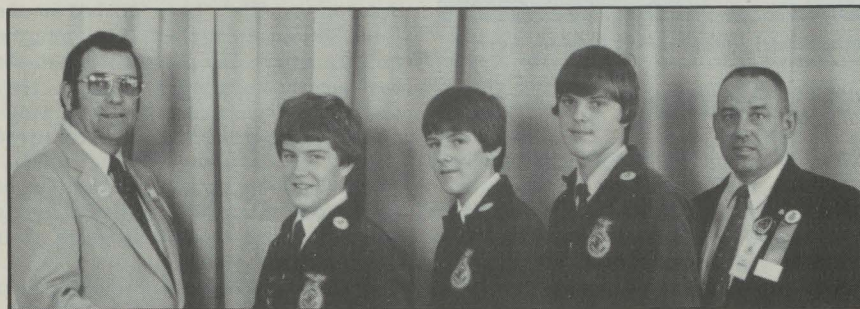
## MECHANICS TEAM MEETS SPONSOR

Members of the Virginia FFA State Agricultural Mechanics Team met in Kansas City with the Special Project Sponsor of the contest, Mr. Eugene L. Van Auker, Marketing Manager, Farm Tires, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio. The team was one of 43 Agricultural Mechanics teams participating in the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. John Smith, Randy McCann and Robert Booth, all from the Dan River Chapter, in Pittsylvania County were accompanied by their Advisor Robert M. Pollok. The National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest is a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. The contest is held at the Fort Osage Vocational-Technical School, Independence, Missouri.



## COLONIAL HEIGHTS IN NATIONAL CONTEST

Members of the Virginia State Nursery/Landscape team met recently with one of the Special Project Sponsors of the contest Ms. Kerry A. McCoy, Education and Publication Coordinator, American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., Washington, D.C. The team was one of 42 Nursery/Landscape teams competing in the Nursery/Landscape Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Members of the Colonial Heights team are: (left to right) Kathy Blaha, Tanja Johnson, and Kenny Narrow, accompanied by their Advisor Terry Lautzenheiser. The National FFA Nursery/Landscape Contest is a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Washington, D.C.; Kubota Tractor Corporation, Campton, California and Amfac Garden Products, Inc., Burlingame, California.



## SPOTSWOOD TEAM COMPETES

Members of the Spotswood FFA chapter's state winning Dairy Cattle team are congratulated by the Special Project sponsor, Mr. Howard Jacobsen, Corporate Director, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas. The team was one of 47 FFA teams competing in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The Rockingham County members, Kevin Craun, Drew Maloney and Travis Hensley were accompanied by their Advisor Dwight Newman. The National FFA Dairy Cattle Contest is a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., San Antonio, Texas. Expenses for the Virginia team were partially sponsored by the Virginia-North Carolina Select Sires.

## Essex, Martin Recognized in BOAC

WASHINGTON, D.C. — John L. Martin of Dunnsville, a member of the Essex FFA Chapter, represented Virginia as the 1984 Achievement in Volunteerism state winner at the annual Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Community Development Conference in Washington, D.C., September 29-October 3. As the Virginia winner, Martin was presented a plaque and check for \$200 at the state convention from program sponsor R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.

Accompanying Martin was his advisor Dale H. Sanders. All expenses for state winners and their advisors were underwritten by R. J. Reynolds.

Martin was recognized as the major contributor to the success of the Essex BOAC program. Essex was named state winner in Building Our American Communities in June during the state FFA convention at Virginia Tech.

Among those participating in the national conference were House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza of Texas; Gerald Long, president and chief executive officer of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company; Frank Naylor, USDA undersecretary for Small Community and Rural Development; James Coyne, President Reagan's assistant for private sector initiatives; Dr. Robert Worthington, USDE assistant secretary for Vocational and Adult Education; Charles Shuman, administrator, Farmers Home Administration; and Willard (Bill) Phillips, director of Rural Development Policy, USDA.

An awards luncheon on Capitol Hill was the highlight of the five-day conference for the state winners. Prior to the awards luncheon, state winners completed a morning internship program in their Congressmen's offices. More than 70 Congressmen, Senators and legislative aides attended the luncheon and visited with the students and advisors.

State winners also visited the National Cathedral and several other Washington sites, toured historic Woodlawn Plantation to learn more about early American community development, and saw Anthony Quinn perform in "Zorba the Greek" at the Kennedy Center.

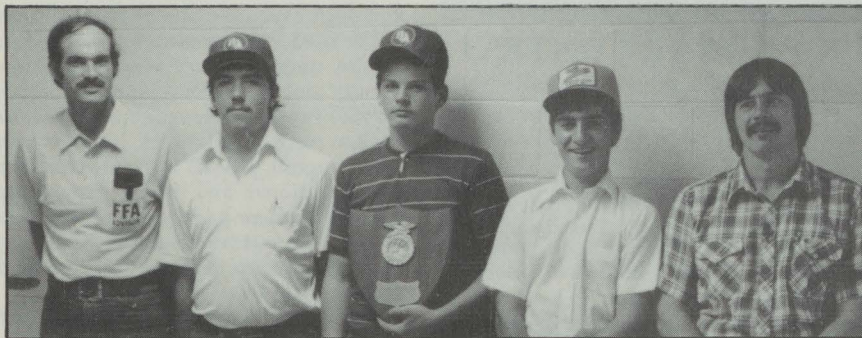
According to the conference Director, Dr. Richard Carter, students will return to their home states as "ambassadors for community development."

Carter, who has been on leave from

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## 1985 Dates to Remember

February 16-23	National FFA Week
March 15-21	Virginia Agriculture Week
March 23	State Parliamentary Procedure Contest Southside Area
April 7	Easter
April 12-13	State FFA Officers' Meeting — Virginia Tech
April 25-26	State FFA Advisory Council Meeting — Lynchburg
May 25	FFA Day at Kings Dominion
June 11-14	State FFA Convention — Virginia Tech
June 17	State FFA-FHA Camp Opens — Smithfield
June 24	Second Week of FFA-FHA Camp begins
July 1	Third Week of FFA-FHA Camp begins
July 8	Fourth Week of FFA-FHA Camp begins
July 10-12	Summer Ag Teachers Workshop — Virginia Tech
July 15	Fifth Week of FFA-FHA Camp begins
July 22	Sixth Week of FFA-FHA Camp begins
July 23	National FFA Convention forms mailed
July 29-August 2	State FFA Leadership Training Camp—Smithfield
September 2	Labor Day
September 19-29	State Fair — Richmond
September 28	AES Leadership Workshop — Virginia Tech
November 5	Election Day
November 14-16	National FFA Convention, Kansas City
November 28	Thanksgiving
December 18-20	State FFA Officers' Meeting — Richmond



J. V. Garland, Adv., Mark Overstreet, John Lewis, Robert Andrews, Dale Sanders, Advisor

## Essex is Forestry Winner

The Essex forestry judging team won the 1984 State Forestry Contest, competing against area winning teams from across the state. Essex represented the Eastern Area.

The Forestry Judging Contest is a practical application of skills gained in the VoAg classroom. Contestants must correctly identify forest trees, estimate the board foot volume of standing trees, determine whether to remove certain trees or leave them to grow, calculate best financial use of designated trees and give the best management plan for timber plots.

Team members Mark Overstreet, John Lewis, Rob Andrews will compete in the

first National FFA Forestry Judging Contest in Kansas City in November. They are coached by advisors Dale Sanders and J. V. Garland.

The William Campbell team, from Southside Area placed second. Third was the Carroll County team representing Appalachian Area, while Northern Area's Spotswood team placed fourth and Central Area's Caroline team placed fifth.

In individual competition, Andy Meadows of Spotswood was the highest scoring contestant. John Lewis placed second and Rob Andrews was third. Placing fourth was Billy Semones of Carroll County and Barry Guthrie of William Campbell placed fifth.

## AES Leadership Conference Held

David Winston

The Virginia Tech Agriculture Education Society held its Fourth Annual Leadership Conference for FFA members October 12-13, 1984 at the Squires Student Center on the Virginia Tech campus.

The conference is designed to help new FFA members get acquainted with the organization and its opportunities. Since its start in 1981, the conference has experienced tremendous growth. Three hundred sixty-six members from 35 chapters attended the first conference; this year, 603 members representing 58 chapters were in attendance.

Members had the opportunity to attend classes ranging from the "History of the FFA" to "Goal Setting." Classes were conducted by Agricultural Education majors at Virginia Tech with assistance from state FFA officers. Participants also saw a presentation from National FFA President Ron Wineinger from Kansas.

An added feature of the FFA members' visit to the Virginia Tech campus was a performance by the Virginia Tech cheerleaders and the school mascot. Many of the members and advisors at the conference attended the Virginia Tech-Duke football game in Lane Stadium the following day.

## Chesterfield Vo-Tech News

Submitted by: Richard Seltzer, Advisor

The FFA has been helping with school decorations. They have worked in the Food Service dining room developing the holiday mood. The main office had the best wreaths hung in the windows. They tied bows, decorated some of the stock poinsettia plants and carried them to the Central Office lobby for the holiday. They will soon be taking examples of their work to the Chesterfield County Nursing Home to help brighten their lounges for the season.

The students are also developing their sales skills. They have learned how to write sales slips, explain the care the plants will need in the customer's home, and how to operate our cash register and make correct change.



## Results of Virginia's Participation in the 1984 National FFA Convention

CONTEST	TEAM	PLACING
AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS	DAN RIVER Robert Booth Randy McCann John Smith Robert Pollok (Coach)	BRONZE Silver Bronze
DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING	SPOTSWOOD Drew Maloney (Turner Ashby) Kevin Craun Travis Hensley D. W. Newman (Coach)	SILVER Gold Silver
DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP	Tina Stiles (Strasburg)	Silver
FARM BUSINESS MGMT.	BUFFALO GAP Jeff Reeves David Kiracofe Jeff Kiracofe D. Mason Ware (Coach)	GOLD (7th) Gold Gold Silver
FLORICULTURE	NELSON COUNTY Rhonda Clements Betty Hughes Karen Dudley John Roberts (coach)	GOLD (9th) Gold Silver Silver
LIVESTOCK	BUFFALO GAP Douglas Redifer Brock Bartenslager Charles Horn, Jr. Earl Reeves (Coach)	SILVER Gold Silver Bronze
LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP	Bill Wade (Riverheads)	Gold
MEATS JUDGING	SPOTSWOOD Andy Meadows Mark Hensley Timothy Flick W. W. Cupp (Coach)	BRONZE Silver Bronze Bronze
NURSERY/LANDSCAPE	COLONIAL HEIGHTS Kenny Narrow Kathy Blaha Tanja Johnson Terry Lautzenheiser (Coach)	SILVER Gold Silver Silver
POULTRY	TURNER ASHBY Woody Secrist Carissa Shiflet Neil Cupp C. C. Shiflet (Coach)	SILVER Silver Silver Bronze
EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING	Kristi Lineburg James Wood Chapter	First Place
HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES	S. B. McMullen, Gloucester, Gloucester County Marshall Bailey, Randolph-Henry, Charlotte County	
VIP CITATION	W. C. Dudley, Area Supervisor (retired), Appomattox	
REGIONAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS	Jeff Kiracofe Richard Stickles	Buffalo Gap Chapter Strasburg Chapter
		Sheep Production Fish and Wildlife

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Iowa State to direct the awards program, said, "These outstanding FFA members have already demonstrated their leadership abilities. Our goal with this conference was to supplement those abilities and their knowledge about community development so that they in turn can teach others across their states."

To contact the Virginia winners to schedule a program for your chapter, write: Dale H. Sanders, FFA advisor, Essex High School, P. O. Box 1006, Tappahannock, Virginia 22560, or John Martin (address on inside cover of this issue.)

## FFA Day at Kings Dominion

Circle Saturday May 25th on your calendar! The first annual FFA Day will be held at Kings Dominion Amusement Park north of Richmond. Kings Dominion has extended an invitation to FFA members in Maryland and Virginia to participate in special activities at the park, including seminars and guided tours.

The reduced price of \$9.50 per person will admit each person to the tours and seminars as well as all of the other park attractions and shows.

A number of state officers will be present during the day to meet FFA members.

In March, each chapter will be sent information with order forms and instructions. You may want to make plans for your chapter to attend this special recreational and educational activity.



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### VIRGINIA MEATS CONTEST TEAM

Members of the Virginia FFA State Meats Team met in Kansas City with Special Project Sponsors of the contest (left to right) Mr. Michael D. Van Ess, Fresh Meats Purchasing Manager, Oscar Mayer Foods, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, and Mr. Robert Wells, Vice President, Pork and Beef Division, George A. Hormel and Company, Austin, Minnesota. The team was one of 38 FFA teams participating in the National FFA Meats Judging Contest at the National FFA Convention. The Spotswood chapter members (left to right), are Andy Meadows, Tim Flick, and Mark Hensley, accompanied by their Advisor W. W. Cupp. All are from Rockingham County. The National Meats Judging Contest is sponsored by Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation, Madison, Wisconsin and George A. Hormel and Company, Austin, Minnesota, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.



### LIVESTOCK TEAM RECOGNIZED

Members of the Virginia State Livestock Team met recently with the Special Project Sponsor of the National contest, Mr. Don Mauery, Director of Operations — Kansas City, Ralston Purina Company. The team was one of 46 state FFA Livestock Teams competing at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The Buffalo Gap chapter members are (left to right) Charles Horn, Jr., Douglas Redifer, and Brock Bartenslager. They were accompanied by their Advisor Earl D. Reeves. All are from Augusta County. The National FFA Livestock Contest is a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri. The contest is held at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show in Kansas City, Missouri. The Virginia Farm Credit Associations paid for all lodging and travel expenses for the team members and advisor to compete in the national contest.

## Rockingham Federation Elects Officers

Bo Morris, of Harrisonburg, has been elected president of the Rockingham FFA Federation for 1984-85. He is a 17-year-old senior at Spotswood High School, where he is also president of the Spotswood FFA chapter.

Other officers elected for the year include Kerri Hively, vice president; Steve Funkhouser, secretary; Carissa Shiflet, treasurer; Todd Bailey, reporter, and Charlie Craun, sentinel. Federation directors are Matt Lohr, Mark Deavers, Scott Deane, Denna Hensley, Mike Armstrong, Matt Farley, Scott Layman, and

Michele Shifflett.

The federation's plans for the year include forestry, crops, land, and dairy judging contests in addition to creed, extemporaneous, and prepared public speaking contests. A Parliamentary Procedure demonstration contest will also be sponsored. Other activities include a trip to the state fair, participation in the junior stockman's contest, conducting a leadership workshop, attending the national FFA convention, hosting a parent-member banquet and celebrating National FFA Week in February.

## Broadway Chapter News

The Broadway FFA Chapter and the Broadway Young Farmer Association recently held their annual Crop and Mechanics Show. There were 428 entries including garden crops, field crops, and a variety of shop projects. A crops judging contest was held during the show. Don Adams was the high individual in the non-FFA member category, followed by Tim Bushing. In the FFA division, Tim Biller was the high individual and Glenn Baldwin placed second. Todd Bailey was declared the show's Sweepstake Winner with 38 entries, while Craig Bailey was second.

Mr. Terry Stoehr, personnel manager for Holly Farms, Inc. in Harrisonburg, spoke about career opportunities in the poultry industry at a recent meeting of the Broadway Chapter. Mr. Stoehr discussed the need for interested and highly trained individuals to fill the ever-expanding job market in the highly integrated poultry business. He told the members of the opportunity to "earn while they learn" through the co-op program in poultry science at Virginia Tech. Through this program a student would attend college one quarter and then work in some phase of the poultry industry the following quarter. He also spoke of the large number of college scholarships available to poultry science majors.

Members of the Broadway Chapter got into the Christmas spirit by collecting, repairing, and distributing toys to needy families in the community. The chapter also received \$125.00 from members which was used to purchase food baskets which were delivered with the toys.

The chapter cooperated with visiting teacher, Mrs. Nancy Lantz, in locating and determining families to be assisted.

In keeping with the holiday season, the chapter also donated fruit to the local Community Food Bank to be distributed to low income families.



## WANTED!

The State Officers need slides of 1984-85 FFA activities. The slides will be used as part of the state officer activity slide program to be shown during the state convention in June. They prefer 35mm slides, showing FFA members in action with a current state officer in view. If a state officer has not yet visited your chapter, you may send slides that depict a chapter activity, with close-up photos if possible.

It will be very difficult to return the slides to the chapters after the program, so send slides that you will not need or send duplicate slides. You may see your picture in the state slide show!

Send all slides by February 15 to David Wright, State President. His address is in the inside front cover of this issue.

## FFA Degree Awarded

Fourteen members of the Broadway Chapter were recently awarded the Greenhand Degree. The Greenhand Degree is the first of four degrees of membership a vocational agriculture student may earn in the FFA. Requirements for receiving the degree include reciting the FFA creed, becoming familiar with the colors, history, emblem and Aims and Purposes of the FFA, and being enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.

Receiving the degree were: Cindy Barrix, Grant Bibble, Cory Cave, Greg T. Cooper, Roy Grogg, Leonard Reedy, John Billet, Steve Bova, James Hamblin, Scott Lee, Steve Orebaugh, Margaret Ratliff, Ross Ryan, and Rodney Yankey.

## Riverheads Selected Best

For the third consecutive year the Riverheads FFA Chapter received the Most Outstanding Chapter Award in the Agricultural Mechanics Exhibit at the Virginia State Fair.

A metal project exhibit was also named the Outstanding Metal Project of the show.

Department of Education officials complimented the students for the skills needed to produce the projects. The mechanics program at Riverheads was commended for being among the best in Virginia.

Several projects that were exhibited were a wood splitter, round bale unroller, picnic table, and numerous pieces of tillage equipment.

## Camp Staff Needed

Applications are now being taken for staff members for the state FFA-FHA Camp in Smithfield for the summer sessions. The camp opens for members on June 17, continuing weekly until August 4. Both male and female staff members are needed.

Preference will be given to those with prior FFA and/or FHA experience. The Camp Director, Mr. Turner Trice, wishes to employ mature, responsible young people who enjoy working with other young people and adults in a recreational setting.

Interested persons should contact their area supervisor or write Randy Trivette, Department of Education, P.O. Box 6Q, Richmond, VA 23216.

## Chapters Receive Gold Rating

Five Virginia FFA chapters received gold rating recognition in the National Chapter Award program at the national convention. James Wood, Broadway, Spotswood, Fort Defiance and Turner Ashby were recognized for their accomplishments in eleven areas of the Program of Activities, as certified by Forms I and II of the National Chapter Award application. Sixteen Virginia chapters were honored with gold, silver, or bronze ratings.

Appomattox Senior, Montevideo Intermediate, Caroline, Essex, Carroll County and Gretna Junior received silver ratings.

Laurel Park, Stonewall Jackson Junior, Lee-Davis, Spotsylvania, and Jefferson Forest received bronze ratings.

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The Future Farmers of America chapters across Virginia and the nation perform a valuable service in developing leadership, cooperation and good citizenship among our young people in agriculture.

Calling attention to this contribution, and to the 1985 Vocational Agriculture and FFA theme "Keep Agriculture #1," the organization has set aside the period of February 16-23, 1985, as FFA WEEK in Virginia, and I call its significance to the attention of all our citizens.

*Charles A. Bell*  
Governor

## Gretna Jr. Has Busy Fall

The 74th Annual Halifax County Fair was a success for the 100 members of the Gretna Junior FFA Chapter. Paul Hammock was the top chapter winner with a total of \$21.00 in premiums and 5 ribbons. Entries by the members received over 50 ribbons and \$180.00 in premiums.

The FFA Chapter entered an educational exhibit on forestry with the theme of "Forestry — Virginia's Only Natural Renewable Resource." The exhibit was judged on four areas including educational value, arrangement, attractiveness and creativity. The premium for the prize winning exhibit was \$35.00.

FFA members entered many exhibits including tobacco, corn, wheat, oats, potatoes (Irish and Sweet), pumpkins, apples, pop corn, peppers, silage, alfalfa hay, mixed annual hay, sudex hay, oat hay, soybean hay, a variety of canned goods and insect collections.

The chapter conducted a community service project for Thanksgiving. The chapter members collected canned food to be distributed to the area needy. The food collection was a cooperative effort with the Pittsylvania County Social Services Department. The project was a success with the chapter collecting over three grocery bags of food. Assisting with the packaging of the canned items was State FFA Reporter Richard Owen. Richard paid a visit to the chapter and extended greetings on behalf of the FFA State Association. Richard stressed the need for students to get a good education and for FFA members to fully enlist in the many opportunities available in the Future Farmers of America.

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L G D O K L N B L A C K S B U R G A H I M  
A O E R R P G V D F A J M Z Y R Y L R V P  
O Q B I S I S N S M I T H F I E L D T E E  
S M U N H T U U J O E B O W M A N O S T P  
I P R K O O N W C W H K A N S A S C I T Y  
N T G E F T R O L L E R E Q X S W T S E N  
O M E R E D I T H C B V K E I T H M A Y Z  
E Q S A N V Y L I E A J L T B A O P D C N  
M E S B L U E R O C H A P T E R C H A T S  
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U S Q V T E M R L C V L G M O T T O H E T  
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K E G G K Y G C I S S Z P U Z B E G M C U  
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| CHAPTERCHATS | HORTICULTURE | FOUNDATION |
| WEYERSCAVE   | GROSECLOSE   | ALEXANDRIA |
| KANSASCITY   | SMITHFIELD   | BLACKSBURG |
| GREENHAND    | RISINGSUN    | JOEBOWMAN  |
| CONGRESS     | VIRGINIA     | MEREDITH   |
| KEITHMAY     | TRIVETTE     | GAYALDO    |
| TIFFANY      | BURGESS      | BJPOOLE    |
| EASTERN      | JOHNSON      | ALUMNI     |
| ALASKA       | RINKER       | ROLLER     |
| WRIGHT       | TRICE        | MOTTO      |
| EAGLE        | CAMP         | CASE       |
| PLOW         | BLUE         | TEN        |
| NFA          | FFV          | WEA        |
| OWL          |              |            |