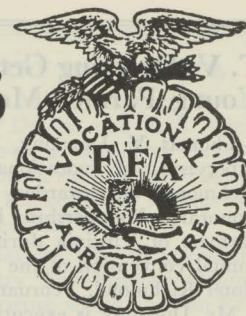


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About 1100 Virginia Future Farmers Will Attend 31st State Convention

Approximately 1,100 high school students and their instructors of vocational agriculture will attend the 31st Annual Convention of the Virginia Association Future Farmers of America at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, June 17-20. The first session will convene Monday night, June 17 and the convention will adjourn at noon Thursday, June 20.

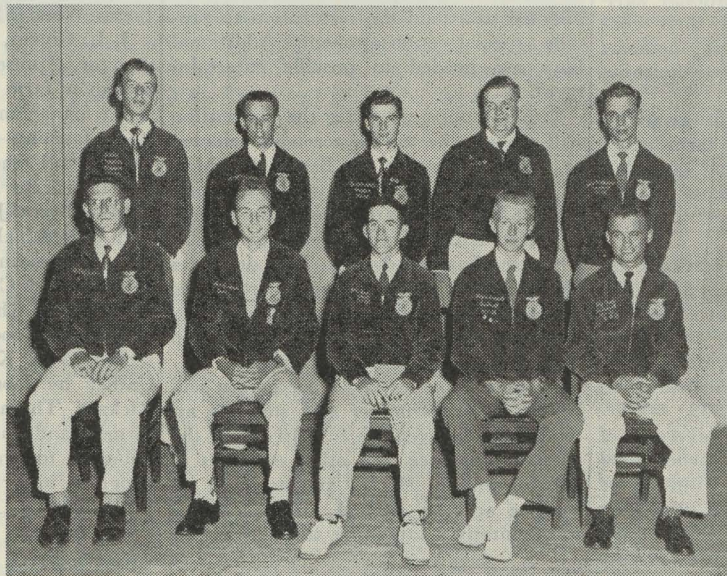
About 245 judging teams from Virginia's 187 FFA chapters and high school departments of vocational agriculture will compete for State honors in dairy, crops, livestock, and poultry contests. The high scoring team in each contest will represent the State in similar national events this fall and the second high team will compete at the Virginia State Fair.

Each chapter is entitled to one judging team for the first 35 active members or less, and an additional team for each additional 35 members or major fraction thereof. No chapter may enter more than two (2) teams in the same contest. Following this procedure, all chapters with a membership of 52 members or less, may send one (1) team. According to State Office records based on chapter membership for whom dues have been paid, the Halifax County Chapter is entitled to five (5) teams and James Wood is entitled to send four (4) teams.

On the same basis the following chapters are entitled to send three (3) teams: Franklin County, Wilson Memorial, Drewry Mason, Randolph Henry, Buckingham, Spotsylvania, Louisa and Broadway.

Galax, Independence, Va.-Carolina, Lou-

The following chapters may send two (2) teams to participate in the State judging contests: Appomattox, North River, Bland, Woodlawn, Clintwood, Bealeton, Check, Floyd, Willis, Narrows,



STATE FFA OFFICERS—Officers of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America who will preside at the 1957 State Convention in Blacksburg, June 17-20 are pictured above. (front row left to right) Billy Clem, sentinel; Johnny Messersmith, secretary; Danny Bird, Jr., president; Wayne Purcell, treasurer; Billy Tuck, reporter; Standing are vice presidents, Dicky Crowder, Dwight Newman, Virlian Bailey, Edward Hanzlik, and David Harman.

doun, Victoria, Madison, Bluestone, Nelson, Whitmell, Dublin, Rappahannock, Andrew Lewis, Turner Ashby, Lebanon, Shoemaker, Strasburg, Rich Valley, Tazewell, Greendale, George Wythe, Rural Retreat, Buchanan, William Campbell, Hillsville, Ervington, Christiansburg, Cumberland.

This year IBM cards will be used in connection with all judging contests including shop judging. In order to prevent bending the cards, it is important that each judge bring a clipboard to the Rally.

A State FFA tractor operators contest

Vo-Ag Conference Set for July 8-12

The fortieth annual conference of Virginia instructors of vocational agriculture will be held at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, July 8-12, it is announced by R. E. Bass, state supervisor of vocational agriculture. Approximately 300 instructors of vocational agriculture, supervisors, teacher trainers and guests are expected to attend.

The program is being planned around the theme "On-Farm Instruction". Copies of the program will be sent to division superintendents, high school and vocational agriculture instructors in the state as soon as it is completed.

Among the speakers listed on the tentative program are: R. E. Bass, state supervisor of vocational agriculture; Parke C. Brinkley, commissioner of agriculture; H. W. Sanders, head, vocational education, VPI; T. J. Horne, head, vocational agriculture, VPI; L. B. Dietrick, dean of agriculture, VPI; H. N. Young, director of experimental station,

VPI; Walter Newman, president, VPI; D. Y. Paschall, supt. public inst..

A portion of the afternoon will be devoted to the annual meeting of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. The teachers will hold their annual banquet Thursday evening, July 11.

will be held again this year. A total of six (6) contestants, one from each supervisory area, will participate in the event Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday morning one member from each chapter

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T. V. Downing Gets Honorary Young Farmer Membership

Thomas V. Downing, Assistant State Supervisor of vocational agriculture, Richmond, was awarded a certificate of Honorary Membership in the Young Farmers of Virginia during the seventh annual convention of the organization at Hotel Richmond, February 16.

Mr. Downing is executive secretary of the association of young farmers enrolled in vocational training groups throughout the state. Formed in 1951, the Young Farmers of Virginia is comprised of 84 local high school young farmer associations. The purpose of the organization is to provide training in agriculture for young men becoming established in farming.

Through his work as a teacher of vocational agriculture, district and assistant state supervisor of agricultural, education, Mr. Downing aided many young men to become better trained farmers through their study of vocational agriculture in high school and their continued agricultural studies as members of Young Farmers groups after finishing high school.

This honorary membership award is given annually to a Virginia farm leader who has made an outstanding contribution to Virginia Young Farmers in their efforts to become established in their chosen vocation of farming.

This is the third time this award has been made. Last year it was presented to Mr. Frank B. Cale, director of vocational education, State Department of Education. Honorable Parke C. Brinkley, Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture was awarded the certificate in 1955.

Downing graduated at University of Maryland in 1920, and taught vocational agriculture at Nassawadox, Virginia for four years. He became district supervisor of vocational agriculture in 1924, a position he held for 22 years. In 1947 he became assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture in Virginia.

GET BABY CHICKS

Some 50 entrants in a four-county broiler contest received baby chicks at Troutville Hatchery recently.

They included 18 Roanoke County 4-H members and 4 FFA members from Andrew Lewis Chapter and others from Botetourt, Bedford and Franklin counties.

This is the second year the counties have taken part in the state contest.

The youthful poultrymen will bring their fowl back to Firestone dressing plant at Troutville to be dressed and judged May 31. Meanwhile, judges will visit the homes to check on progress of the broilers.

Roanoke Valley Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the local entries. Ten of their chickens will be returned to the club for a barbecue this summer.

31st State Convention

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who is attending the State convention in some other capacity may participate in the shop judging contest.

Active and honorary State farmer degrees will be awarded to approximately 160 farm boys with several adults receiving the honorary degree. The most outstanding farm boy receiving the degree will be designated State Star Farmer and will receive \$200 from the FFA Foundation. Similar awards will be given to top candidates in each area and to other Foundation award winners.

Approximately 35 members from chapters throughout the State have been selected to play in the State FFA band during the convention under the supervision of Tom Dobyns, band director at VPI. About 25 selected boys will sing in the State FFA chorus under the direction of Miss Marie Reynolds, director of Music at Radford High School. A number of FFA boys having special talent have been selected to attend the convention to provide special entertainment. Additional boys are needed to provide entertainment.

Other groups attending the convention will include the top degree team selected at the State contest at Brookville, May 11, one contestant in the public speaking contest from each area, the State officers and instructors of vocational agriculture who are chapter advisors. Two delegates from each chapter selected from the group attending the Rally will officially represent the chapter in the transaction of business of the State Association.

A reservation fee of \$5 per person will be charged instructors and students attending the convention to help defray the cost of insurance and other expenses of the convention. Health and accident insurance will be carried on all chapter representatives attending the convention.

LOUISA FAT CATTLE SHOW

One champion and three division winners were named during the first Louisa County Fat Cattle Show held at the county livestock yards recently.

Eight 4-H and Future Farmers of America members entered calves in the show, which was sponsored by the Louisa County Farm Bureau.

A Hereford steer owned by Ralph Poindexter of Kents Store won the championship honors. The steer was first place winner in the Hereford division. It was his first entry in a show.

First place in the heavyweight Angus judging was the entry of Charles Perkins of Trevilians. Winner of the lightweight Angus division was the entry of Fred Knowles of Trevilians.

The three division winners competed for the championship. Runner-up to the champion was Perkins' entry. Knowles' calf placed third.

400 Attend Annual FFA-FHA Banquet at James Wood

The James Wood Chapters of Future Homemakers and Future Farmers were host to 400 parents, guests and members at their annual mother-daughter-father-son banquet held in the James Wood Cafeteria. Danny Shenk, president of the James Wood FFA Chapter served as toastmaster.

The address of welcome was given by Robert Cather and Mrs. David Petrie responded on behalf of the parents. FHA and FFA guests were introduced by Betty Jo Gilliam and Robert Lockhart.

Report of accomplishments of the FHA and FFA Chapters for the past year were presented by Patsy Wolfe and James Watt. A chorus of FHA girls and FFA boys provided entertainment under the direction of Robert Saddler.

FHA Degrees of Achievement were presented by Harriet Goode to Junior, Chapter and State Homemakers in The James Wood FHA Chapter.

J. L. Givens, vocational agriculture instructor, presented FFA Foundation awards in farm mechanics and in soil and water management to James Watt; a livestock farming award to Stephen Lineweaver and scholarship and FFA chapter star farmer to Danny Shenk.

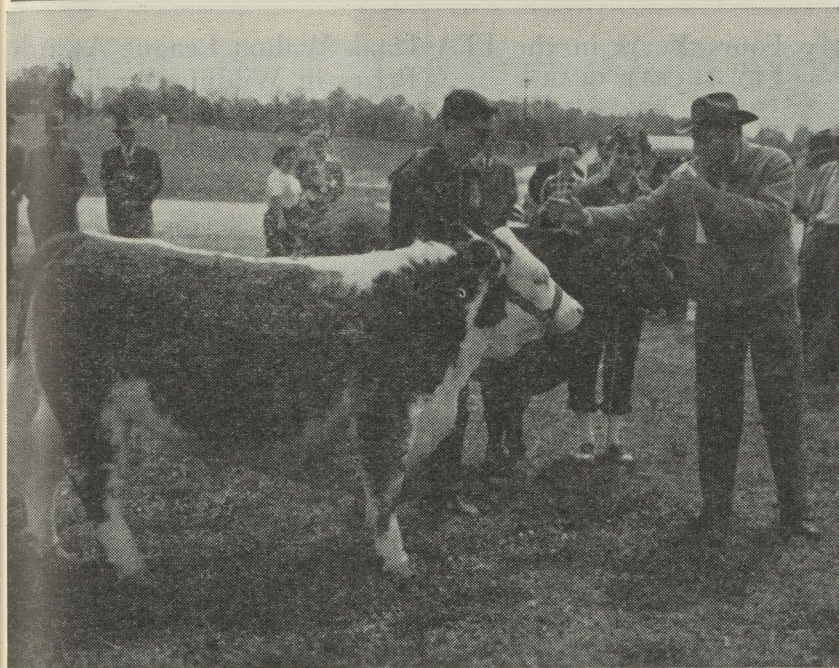
Miss Betty Jo Gilliam was presented with a gold locket by Connie Dehaven as the Outstanding FHA Member of the James Wood Chapter.

Honorary Chapter Farmers degrees in the James Wood FFA Chapter were presented to D. K. Russell and T. Newton Cather by Donald Snapp and Chester Rickard. The awards are made yearly to farmers and business men who have contributed to the vocational agriculture program in Frederick County.

State Star Farmer Award Is Increased to \$200 for 1957

At a recent meeting in Washington the National Board of Student Officers and the Board of Trustees approved the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1957 and ending December 31, 1957. A significant change in the budget was the State Star Farmer award was raised from \$100 to \$200. Another change in the budget was in connection with funds for travel expenses of American Farmer candidates to Kansas City based upon distance traveled. Virginia is located in Zone 3 and American Farmer degree candidates will be awarded \$125 to help pay expenses to the convention to receive the degree in person. The cash award will only be paid to candidates actually attending the convention.

For the first time, the Board has budgeted funds to reimburse individual participants for travel in the regional and tri-state public speaking contests.



CHAMPION—The baby beef shown above and exhibited by Wayne Andrews, member of Montevideo FFA Chapter was judged top steer in the Shorthorn Class at the 1957 Richmond Junior Premium Stock Show and Sale. The steer weighed 915 pounds.

57 Calves and 90 Hogs Shown At Richmond Junior Fat Stock Show and Sale

Virginia FFA and 4-H members received \$18,077 for their cattle and swine sold at the conclusion of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's annual stock show at the State Fair grounds on April 10.

The grand champion of the show, an 865-pound Hereford steer owned by Alan Hiner, a 4-H boy from Waynesboro brought \$674.80, or 78 cents a pound.

Universal Tractor Equipment Co. bought the steer and Earle D. Bottom, president, said the animal would be given to the Crippled Children's Home.

The reserve grand champion, a 1,030-pound Angus steer owned by Johnny Stowers, a 4-H'er of Loudoun county, was sold for 41 cents a pound to Colonial Stores. The champion shorthorn steer, shown by Wayne Andrews, an FFA member from Penn Laird in Rockingham County, was sold for 30 cents a pound to Richmond Hotels. Siegel's Super Market paid 75 cents a pound for the grand champion hog, a 215-pound Hampshire owned by Wayne Mahanes, an FFA boy of Madison county. Sears, Roebuck and Co. bought the champion pen of three hogs from Janet Tiller of Rockville, Hanover county, for 30 cents a pound. The animals were Hampshires.

Buyers paid a total of \$14,289 for the cattle and \$3,718 for the swine.

Thirty-nine prime and choice steers, weighing from 720 to 1,175 pounds, sold for \$25 to \$33 per 100 pounds. Eight good steers, weighing from 725 to 995

pounds sold for from \$23 to \$25.50. Hogs graded U.S. No. 1 sold for \$18.75 and No. 2's and 3's sold for \$17.75 to \$18.

According to Mr. Bottom, chairman of the agriculture committee, it is believed that the 1957 stock show and sale received more publicity through newspapers, radio, and television than any other preceding show. In connection with the publicity, perhaps the most outstanding and highly successful activity was having the grand champion steer in a Thalhimer's display window on Broad Street in Richmond April 11 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. P. S. Troubador, International Grand Champion Baby Beef, was on exhibit during the show and added a great deal to the total event.

Seventy-nine 4-H and FFA members from 24 countries brought 57 calves and 90 hogs to the show and sale. Baby beeves were exhibited by the following members of FFA: Wayne Andrews, Montevideo; William Pankin, Larry Derrenbacker, and David Seay, Buckingham; Johnny Gilman, Wayne Schwartz, and Charles Mills, Ashland; Curtis Lawson and Jimmy Tomlinson, Powhatan; Ralph Poindexter and Kenneth Barlow, Louisa; Walter Fisher, Madison; Walter Humphries, Princess Ann; Gerald Carrol, Marshall.

FFA members having entries in the Swine show were: Frank McCraw and Richard Spencer, Buckingham; Billy Thomasson, William E. Thomson, Jr., and Clarence Murphy, Jr., Beaverdam; Byron Gilman, Charles Mills, Johnny Gilman, Wayne Swartz, and Ray Wood, Jr., Ashland.

AT POULTRY CONFERENCE

Paul Wilkins of Broadway, Roland Zimmerman of Dayton and E. S. Wine, instructor of vo-ag at Broadway recently attended the Fourth Annual Fact-Finding Conference in Kansas City. Wilkins has this to say about the trip.

"I believe that the trip, to attend the National Poultry Fact-Finding Conference is an experience which gives an FFA member an opportunity to learn a great deal about the poultry industry in a very short time. Anyone interested in poultry and carrying it as a major enterprise would profit by attending this conference. Opportunity is provided to observe the latest in labor saving equipment and at the same time take part in discussing poultry problems and what is being done to promote the industry throughout the country. I enjoyed the trip very much and think that any FFA member with poultry as the main enterprise on the home farm would find this conference to be a pleasant as well as an educational experience which is not easily forgotten."

WILSON MEMORIAL BANQUET

The tenth annual father and son banquet of the Wilson Memorial Chapter of Future Farmers of America was held recently in the cafeteria of Wilson Memorial High School. Approximately 150 members and guests were present.

The program got underway with the invocation being given by the Rev. James Allison and a welcome was extended by chapter president, Warren Shiflet.

Dinner was served by the Future Homemakers of America of Wilson Memorial.

Chapter officers were presented by Warren Shiflet and each officer explained his particular job in the chapter. Chapter Vice President Billy Davis gave the highlights of the Wilson FFA during the 1956-1957 year.

In the absence of T. A. Grant, chapter Advisor N. C. Guynn presented winners of the Public Speaking Contest awards for their efforts. Approximately 110 boys took part in the contest stated Mr. Guynn and judges had a difficult time picking the finalists. Those winning awards were: first, Warren Shiflet, second, Billy Baugher; third, Billy Davis; fourth, Buck Freed; fifth, Don Wright; sixth, Larry Cohron; seventh, Robert Smiley; eighth, Kirk Stewart; ninth, Richard Stogdale; and tenth, Glenn Grove and Ned Swartz.

Louis Spilman, Waynesboro, delivered the major address of the evening.

FFA CROWNS QUEEN

Miss Anne Clarke Forrester, a junior at Northumberland High School, was crowned FFA queen of the Northumberland Chapter on Friday night following a dance sponsored by Future Farmers of America.

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FFA CHAPTER HONORS BEAZLEY

L. L. Beazley, veteran agriculture teacher, and advisor to the FFA Chapter of Prince George School was presented a reclining chair, and made an honorary member of the chapter. Beazley is retiring in June after 34 years with the County school system.

The presentation was made at the annual father-son banquet of the Future Farmers of America of Prince George School recently.

Honorary memberships were also presented to Charles W. Smith, superintendent of schools, and Frank Livesay, member of the school board.

Talks were heard on various phases of FFA work. Edward Hanzlik, state vice president, Buddy Nichols, and George Hanzlik, past members of the chapter and PGS graduate, spoke.

Eighty-seven boys and their fathers attended the affair, held in the school cafeteria.

Chapter members presented the program and supper was served by mothers of the members.

My Fours Years in the FFA

BY TUCKER CLARK
 President, Warrenton FFA

In the fall of 1953, I entered the Warrenton High School, and immediately enrolled in vocational agriculture. I was initiated into the FFA Chapter as a Green Hand, and carried as my project one dairy heifer calf, two pigs, twelve turkeys, two acres of corn, one-ninth acre of potatoes and seven supplementary farm jobs.

The second year I increased by projects to six: one dairy heifer, one veal calf, three pigs, four acres of oats, two acres of corn, one-ninth acre of potatoes and eight supplementary farm jobs.

The third year, I had the following projects: one dairy heifer, one dairy heifer calf, one veal calf, seven pigs, four gilts, one boar pig, one hundred chicks for pullets, five acres of corn, eight acres of oats, one-ninth acre of potatoes, and seven supplementary farm jobs.

This year's projects include one dairy cow, one dairy heifer, one dairy heifer calf, 32 hogs, 100 laying hens, 200 chicks for pullets, seven acres of oats, four brood sows, one veal calf, one boar pig and eight supplementary farm jobs.

I have used recommended seed, fertilizer and management practices for my crop projects. I have used approved methods of feeding, sanitation and management for my livestock and poultry projects. I have butchered, cured and sold meat from my 32 pigs carried as a project this year. I have installed cage layers for my poultry project and market the eggs in Washington every Wednesday night.

I have attended most all educational town and field trips sponsored by the Warrenton FFA and at the present time am president of the Warrenton Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

I would like to express my appreciation to my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Clark, for the opportunity they have given me to carry on my supervised farming program on their farm. Also, the opportunity to manage the home farm which has given me added experience.

I am indebted to my uncle, George H. Clark, and my vocational agriculture instructor, Joseph A. Whitmore for my accomplishments.

DONATE KITS TO GREECE

The Climax FFA Chapter contributed \$18.50 and the BRB Federation \$37 to CARE recently. The funds were designated specially to purchase carpenter's kits at \$18.50 each for agricultural schools in Greece. The eight FFA chapters (Andrew Lewis, Buchanan, Cave Spring, Eagle Rock, Fincastle, Montvale, Troutville and William Byrd) contributed equal amounts toward the purchase of two kits.

Izaak Walton League Awards Prizes in Wildlife Feeding

Three Spotsylvania High School agricultural students shared \$50 in prizes today for planting food and cover crops for wildlife.

A first-place cash prize of \$25 went to Jesse Winn, Jr.; Leroy Gatewood received \$15; and Ronnie Acors, \$10.

The awards were presented by Ira D. Grinnan in behalf of the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, which sponsored a planting contest. Thirty-eight boys participated.

Each boy was given a bag of mixed seed to plant on patches an eighth of an acre in size. The plant growth provided both food and cover for birds and animals in winter. The boys were judged on the location and preparation of their patches, the type of soil chosen and amount of growth attained.

Similar prizes recently were awarded in a contest sponsored by the League at Stafford High School. Winners were: Wilson Greenlaw, first; Judson Dye, second; and James Wigfield, third.

Life Is Easier for Wertz as Sprayer Is Made Automatic

Danny Wertz has helped to make life a little easier on his father's Roanoke County farm.

Danny, president of Andrew Lewis High School's FFA chapter in Salem, has converted the family's hand-operated spraying machine to an automatic power sprayer.

ONCE IT TOOK two persons to operate the machine. Now, it takes only one.

One day last year Danny watched a movie about a power sprayer in his vocational agriculture class at school. That set him to thinking.

During the past winter he brought his family's machine to the school shop to remodel and overhaul it.

HE DISCUSSED the project with his "vo-ag" instructors, Jim Peters and Murphy Scott, and then went to work. He put new staves on the sides of the wooden tank and extended the frame to hold the spray unit. He cleaned the entire machine and treated wooden parts with a rot-resisting material. Finally, he painted it.

Danny did most of the work during his shop classes, with help of other FFA boys. His father, president of the Roanoke County Young Farmers, worked on the sprayer two nights while attending adult farm machinery repair classes.

Danny's father says the machine will save him a good deal of money because only one person is required to operate it. Total cost of converting the sprayer was about \$325.



NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS—One of the first steps in Chicago for touring FFA officers on their goodwill tour of American cities and industry was to visit John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board of International Harvester Company and recently-elected Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. As Chairman of the Committee, Mr. McCaffrey will be responsible for soliciting contributions from business, industry, and organizations to make up the National FFA Foundation's 1957 budget of nearly \$200,000. These funds provide prizes and awards to future farmer members in recognition of outstanding achievement in some phase of FFA work. National President, John Haid, Jr., wishes Chairman McCaffrey success in his fund drive for FFA. Left to right: James Quincey, Vice-President from Trenton, Fla.; James Brandt, State FFA President from Pearl City, Ill.; John Haid, Jr., Siloam Springs, Ark.; Wesley Patrick, Star Farmer of America from Quitman, Ga.; Pete Knutson, Vice-President from Livingston, Mont.; Mr. McCaffrey; Jerry Ringo, Vice-President from Rothwell, Ky.; Victor Cappucci, Jr., Vice-President from Mehoopany, Pa.; and Jerry Litton, Student Secretary from Chillicothe, Mo.

National Vice President of FFA to Speak at Convention

Jerry Ringo, national vice president of the Future Farmers of America from Rothwell, Kentucky, will be a featured speaker at the Virginia State FFA Convention to be held June 17-20 at Blacksburg.

The visiting national officer was elected to his position at the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, last October. One of the organization's most capable young leaders, he served as Kentucky State FFA President for 1954-55.

When he's not traveling for the FFA, Jerry and his mother operate a 268 acre farm. Major enterprises include 4 registered Poland China brood sows and 10 head of Polled Hereford cattle. Jerry raised the necessary feed crops of corn and hay, and tobacco for a cash crop. Jerry has completed two years at the University of Kentucky where he is studying agricultural journalism, with a minor in political science.

BIRD ATTENDS DECA & FBLA BANQUETS IN RICHMOND

Danny Bird, Jr., president of the Virginia Association FFA, appeared on the banquet program of the annual state convention of the Distributive Education Clubs of America at Hotel John Marshall in Richmond recently. Danny, who was introduced by Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, superintendent of public instruction, spoke briefly on the topic "How Our 8,000 FFA Members Contribute to Virginia's Economy". Representatives of the four other youth organizations in vocational education, DO, DECA, FBLA, and FHA each told how their groups contributed to Virginia's economy.

On April 27 Danny also attended the annual convention of the Future Business Leaders of America at Hotel John Marshall. At the banquet session he brought greetings from Virginia's Future Farmers.

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WINS TROPHY—Norris Cooper of the Callands FFA Chapter receives trophy at the Old Belt Tobacco Growers Meeting in Danville January 23. Presenting trophy and congratulations are Howard Hylton, executive vice president of the Danville Chamber of Commerce and Charles K. Waddell, secretary of the Danville Tobacco Association.

Norris Cooper Wins Trophy At Danville Tobacco Meeting

Norris Cooper of the Callands Chapter is the outstanding young bright tobacco grower in a five county area around Danville. In competition with FFA and 4-H Club members in the Danville area, Cooper was declared the winner for having received the highest number of dollars per acre for his tobacco enterprise. His one acre of tobacco yielded 3024 pounds for which he received \$1948.60 gross.

The contest is sponsored annually by the Danville Tobacco Association and the winner is announced and awarded the trophy at the Old Belt Tobacco Growers Meeting in Danville. The Danville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the meeting which is usually attended by about 2000 people. Any FFA or 4-H Club member in Pittsylvania, Halifax, Franklin, Patrick, and Henry Counties is eligible to participate.

Young Cooper is treasurer of his chapter

TOOL JUDGING

A Troutville team took first place honors February 13 in competition among members of the BRB FFA Federation held at Breckinridge School in Fincastle. Dennis Harris of Fincastle was high individual scorer in competition designed to test a person's understanding of farm tools and their proper use. Second place honors went to Fincastle with Montvale taking third. Billy Amos and Paul Greenway, both of Troutville, were tied for second place honors among individuals in the FFA event. Eight teams from Botetourt, Roanoke and Bedford participated.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM 1957 State FFA Convention

Sunday—June 16
Afternoon

2:00 State Officers Meeting, Squires Hall

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Monday—June 17

Morning

9:00 Executive Committee Meeting
10:30 Registration—The War Memorial Building

Afternoon

2:00 Executive Committee Meeting
2:00 Band Practice—Lobby, Eggleston Hall
2:00 Chorus Practice—The Ball Room, Squires Hall
3:00 to
4:30 Swimming—The War Memorial Building
3:00 Baseball—
(Baseball Field)
3:00 Softball—
(Drill Field)
3:00 Meeting of FFA Entertainers—
Ballroom, Squires Hall
5:30 Dinner—College Dining Hall

Night

7:00 Vespers
7:30 First Session—Burrus Hall
State FFA Band—Directed by Tom Dobyns, Band Director, VPI.
Group Singing—Led by Miss Marie Reynolds, Radford High School, Director of Music; Mrs. Howard Price, Accompanist.
Opening Ceremony
Invocation
Address of Welcome—Dr. W. S. Newman, President, VPI
Nomination and Election of State Farmer Degree Candidates
Committee Announcements
Special Feature
Greetings—Young Farmers of Virginia
Awards—
Efficiency Dairy Production
Chapter Safety
Seaboard Forestry
Address—Jerry Ringo, National Vice President, FFA
Closing Ceremony

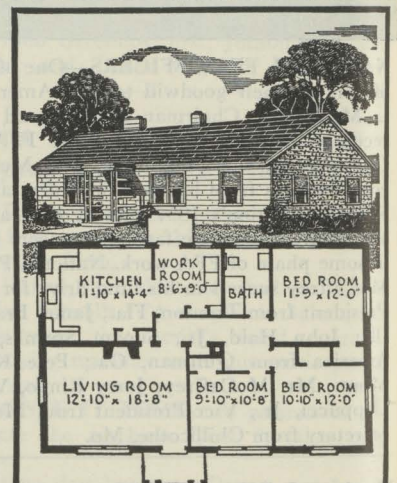
Tuesday—June 18

Morning

7:00 Breakfast—College Dining Hall
8:00 State Judging Contest—Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Crops
8:30 Chorus Practice
Band Practice
9:00 Interviews—State Officers Candidates
9:00 Public Speaking Contest—Preliminary Elimination. R. G. Akers, Presiding, H. W. Sanders, Directing
11:00 Review of Classes
12:00 Lunch—College Dining Hall

Afternoon

1:00 Second Session—Ball Room, Squires Hall
Opening Ceremony
Music—State FFA Chorus, directed by Miss Marie Reynolds,
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- Degree Team Demonstration Awards:
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 - Livestock Farming
 - Brandon Silo
 - Dairy Farming
 - Degree Team
 - Closing Ceremony
- 1:00 Interviews—State Officer Candidates
- 2:30 Committee Meetings
- 2:30 Band & Chorus Practice
- 2:30 Tractor Operators Contest
- 2:30 Baseball—Monday's winner vs (Baseball Field) ((Drill Field)
- 2:30 Softball—Monday's winner vs ((Drill Field) ((Drill Field)
- 3:00 to
- 4:30 Swimming—The War Memorial Building
- 5:30 Dinner—College Dining Hall

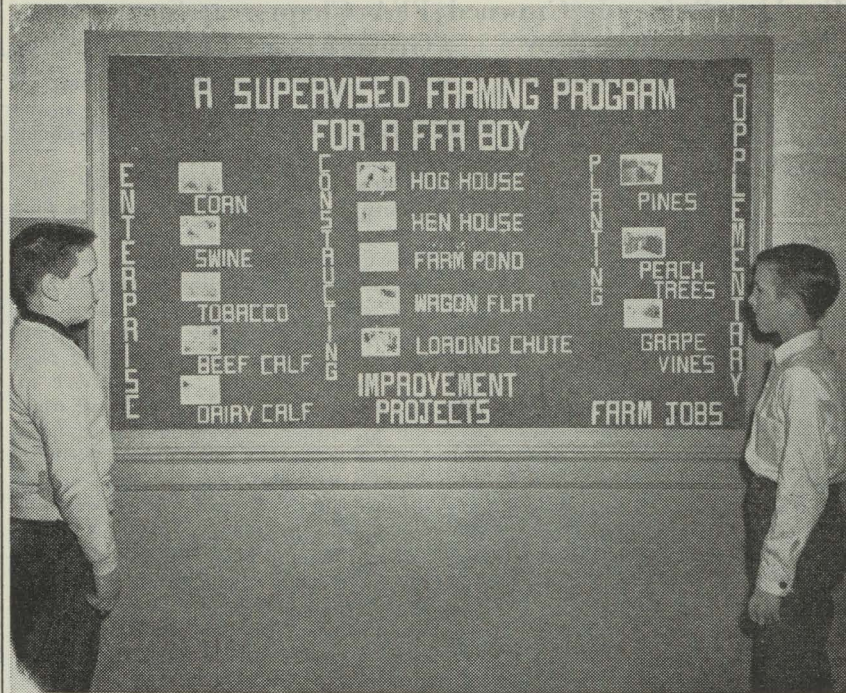
Night

- 7:00 Vespers
- 7:30 Third Session—Burruss Hall
 - State FFA Band
 - Group Singing
 - Opening Ceremony
 - Public Speaking Contest—R. B. Akers, Past President, Presiding; H. W. Sanders, Directing
 - State FFA Band
 - Music—State FFA Chorus
 - Recognition of FFA Foundation Donor Representatives
 - Special Feature
 - Awards:
 - Farm Electrification
 - Soil & Water Management
 - Farm Mechanics
 - Tractor Operators
 - Public Speaking
 - Closing Ceremony
- 11:00 Review of Shop Classes
- 12:30 Lunch—College Dining Hall

Wednesday—June 19

Morning

- 7:00 Breakfast—College Dining Hall
- 8:00 Judging Contest—(Five High Teams in Each Contest)
 - Shop Judging
- 8:30 Fourth Session—Ball Room, Squires Hall
- 8:30 State FFA Band
 - Group Singing
 - Opening Ceremony
 - Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer
 - President's Annual Address—Danny Bird, Jr.



HILRAY COMPTON and JOHNNY JENNINGS, eighth grade students at Renan, look over the school bulletin board prepared by members of the Renan FFA Chapter and C. J. Franks, advisor. The board illustrates the sections of a good supervised farming program with local pictures. Both boys will be students of vocational agriculture and FFA members next year.

- Music—State FFA Chorus
- Committee Reports:
 - Auditing
 - Budget
 - Constitution and by-laws
 - Chapter Chats
 - FFA-FHA Camp
- Special Feature
- Reports of Retiring Officers
- Awards
 - Chapter Forestry Contest
 - Chapter Wildlife
- Nomination of State Officers
- Closing Ceremony
- Band & Chorus Practice

Afternoon

- 1:00 Committee Meetings
- 1:00 Educational Tours, Hikes—Instructors Responsible
- 1:00 Band & Chorus Practice
- 2:30 Baseball—Championship Game—(Baseball Field)
- 2:30 Softball—Championship Game—(Drill Field)
- 3:00 to
- 4:30 Swimming—The War Memorial Building
- 5:30 Dinner—College Dining Hall

Night

- 7:00 Vespers
- 7:30 Fifth Session—Burruss Hall
 - State FFA Band
 - Group Singing
 - Opening Ceremony

- Conferring Active State Farmer Degrees
- Music—FFA Band and Chorus
- Conferring Honorary State Farmer Degrees
- Special Feature
- Presentation of the Star Farmer Awards
- Closing Ceremony

11:00 Lights Out.

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Thursday—June 20

Morning

- 7:00 Breakfast—College Dining Hall
- 8:00 Sixth Session—Burruss Hall
 - Opening Ceremony
 - Committee Reports:
 - Program of Work
 - Contests and Awards
 - Public Relations
 - FFA Advisory Council Resolutions
 - Music—FFA Band and Chorus
 - Election of Officers
 - Report of Retiring Officers
 - Awards:
 - Chapter Contest
 - Baseball and Softball
 - Judging Contests
 - Installation of New Officers
 - Closing Ceremony
- 12:00 Lunch—College Dining Hall
- Leave for Home

Miss Una Raines Is Crowned 'Chapter Sweetheart' by Montevideo FFA Chapter

During National FFA Week, the Montevideo FFA entertained the entire student body with an assembly program.

For the special assembly, a one act comedy play "Its Cold in Them Thar



CHAPTER SWEETHEART — Miss Una Raines is crowned "Chapter Sweetheart" by Wayne Andrews, president of the Montevideo FFA chapter. Miss Raines is a member of the local FFA chapter.

Hills" was presented. The play was the story of a family consisting of Paw, Maw, and their six teen-age daughters. Paw and Maw decide that a husband must be found for one daughter, who is nineteen and still unmarried. They have a problem though because their daughter, Snoddy, prefers her pet hog Hubert to a man. Finally she becomes entranced with a tourist, Bill Vandemere. Paw's efforts to persuade Bill to marry Snoddy delighted everyone. To make the play even funnier, FFA boys played the parts of the female characters in the play. The play proved to be 45 minutes of hilarious entertainment. Members taking part in the play were: Norman Michael, David Berry, Wayne Baugher, John Harner, Daniel Hooke, Richard Shirey, Billy Diehl, Ray Hensley, Fred Smith, Larry Jenkins, Wayne Myers, and Wayne Andrews.

This year for the first time we have elected a chapter sweetheart. The executive committee nominated four candidates from the FFA and the entire chapter voted on them. The candidates were: Nancy Albrite, Carole Tanner, Virginia Castle and Una Raines. The results of the election were kept secret until the

FFA Chapter at Sugar Grove Makes Farm Gates

The Sugar Grove Future Farmers of America Chapter this school year made 15 farm gates as a part of the vocational agriculture training program.

These gates were made for the community farmers, with the farmers furnishing the material. The chapter will receive \$1 for making each gate.

The gates are made by the boys to gain experience in the shop. This project is scheduled in the regular shop program and is not used as a money making project but to give the boys a chance to develop skills and abilities in wood work and to learn how to build a good farm gate. The project was also started to improve the appearance and efficiency of the farms in the Sugar Grove community, school officials say.

This program, under the instruction of E. R. Thompson, agriculture instructor at the school, has been in effect for four years. During this time, the classes have made approximately 100 gates for local farmers.

Gates are made according to the farmers' needs in height and length, with a slide latch.

The agriculture department teachers have plans for a metal gate made from pipe and woven wire. This gate will be made from one inch pipe, with a welded and braced frame covered with wire.

"These boys have learned to build farm gates in the right manner, and I think this phase of the program has proven its worth," Mr. Thompson said.

These boys have also received instruction in tractor maintenance, forge work, cold metal work, toolfitting, soldering and sheet metal work. All instruction and training is in doing jobs that are necessary on the farms and doing the job in the right way.

Assisting Mr. Thompson in the training are Sterling Robinson and Eugene Griffin, student teachers in vocational agriculture from VPI.

assembly program. Una Raines was chosen as the first Chapter Sweetheart. All the other girls were declared runner-ups.

Miss Raines was presented with a crown, -official sweetheart jacket, and pearl pendant, and a spray of red roses. Each candidate was given a white carnation and red rose "nose-gay."

Other activities during National FFA Week for the chapter were: Bulletin board displays in halls of the school; cooperated with the federation in sponsoring a television and radio program; had a special display in the library and distributed FFA stickers.

On February 16, the FFA gave a semi-formal Valentine Ball in honor of the FFA. The dance was a big success and enjoyed by the 250 guests.

Mail Box Holders Being Built By Buckingham FFA Boys

New mail box holders will soon begin springing up like magic through the length and breadth of Buckingham County. The tell-tale letters "FFA" on the post belie any magic, but give the definite clue that the Buckingham Future Farmers of America are responsible for this newest effort at farm beautification.

The posts are surprisingly heavy and strong. They should be. They are made of concrete with reinforced steel. Gordon L. Baldwin, Vo-Ag instructor at Buckingham Central High School, said that the mail box holders are in keeping with the overall project of FFA to improve farm appearances.

In addition to their sturdy neatness, the FFA members will derive benefit from working with the concrete, and the uniform height should make the rural mail carriers' job easier. The posts are painted in the FFA colors of blue and gold. They are white and the letters FFA in the posts have reflecting glass beads, which make them show up clearly at night.

At the present time the boys are making the posts for their own use, but later may make an effort to sell them to the public. The mold holds four posts and it takes a week for the concrete to finish properly in the mold. After that comes the job of painting and putting on the finishing touches. Once they are firmly anchored in the ground, they will be well worth the work that went into making them.



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FFA EXHIBITS AT STATE SAFETY MEETING—Seven Virginia Future Farmer Chapters prepared safety exhibits for the annual meeting of the Virginia Rural Safety Council at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond recently. FFA chapters preparing the exhibits pictured above are (top, left to right) Ashland, Louisa; (center) Buckingham, Rocky Gap and Park View; (bottom) West Point and Cumberland. The FFA exhibits were on display at the hotel also for the youth sessions of the Southern Safety Association.

Middle River FFA Chapter Has Safety Campaign

With more than 14,000 fatal accidents to farm people with even a much larger number of other accidents, and fires costing a property loss of at least one hundred fifty million dollars, the members of the Middle River FFA Chapter have launched out on a safety campaign that

is to run from March 15 until April 15. George Shreckhise, chairman of the chapter's Cooperation Committee, is heading up the campaign with Nelson Blosser, Bobby Hitritter, and Jared Sheets serving in cooperation with the chairman. The students are hoping that in some phase of the total program that each citizen of the school area will become more safety conscious on the high-

way and in the home and farm.

Shreckhise has announced many activities to be held within the thirty day period ranging from educational film, essay contests, public talks, visual aids, and a general educational program that will call for the help and cooperation of everyone. The chairman has said, "that there is considerable talk in relation to

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Blue Ridge Area Improves FFA Degree Team Contest

FFA Degree Team Contest

By J. E. Peters

The Blue Ridge Area's degree team contest brought out something new. It was suggested that we make the contest more educational and interesting at the advisors meeting at Christiansburg.

It was brought out that the Botetourt-Roanoke-Bedford Federation contest was put on with each team watching the entire contest along with many visitors.

J. O. Hoge, area supervisor, gave a committee the job of working out the details of the contest. This was done and each team had an equal opportunity.

When the area contest was held at Floyd, all teams met at 9:30 a.m. and went to work. About 60 contestants and friends of FFA watched the well-trained boys do their jobs. All teams stayed in the auditorium except when they were given about five minutes to go out in the hall and get ready for their part on the program.

A check was made among the boys to see if they approved the new plan. In every case, the boys were pleased and said they had something new to take home. Here are a few comments from presidents and advisors:

Donnie Williams, president, Woodlawn Chapter: "It makes it possible for members of a degree team to strengthen their own team by observing how the other teams operate and seeing their strong point."

Maurice O. Marshall, advisor, Woodlawn Chapter: "When the degree team contests are open to the public, it is possible for a team to improve from year to year. We were very happy with the training we received at the Blue Ridge Area contest where all teams saw each other in action."

Danny Wertz, president of Andrew Lewis Chapter: "The opportunity of the degree team to watch the other contestants perform, gives all teams better ideas to be added to their teams in the following years in order to make better and more alert teams. The way the contests have been held in the past, gives no one a chance to see other teams perform and better their teams for the future, thus giving more of the valuable training they need or lack."

W. M. Scott, advisor of Andrew Lewis Chapter: "We received some very valuable training by watching the other teams perform. It is the only way to make improvements in your own team. Unless the teams can watch each other perform, I honestly don't see much benefit from federation, area and state contests. We certainly received many ideas that we will use next year to improve our team."

J. W. Jenks, advisor, Narrows Chapter: "The open observation of other degree teams was far more successful than it

BASS IS NAT'L FFA TREASURER

R. E. Bass, State supervisor of vocational agriculture in Virginia, was elected National FFA treasurer recently by the National Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America and the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation, Inc. Mr. Bass replaces Dr. D. J. Howard who died February 23.

Mrs. Pauline D. Coiner, who served as secretary of FFA under Dr. Howard will continue to serve in that capacity in the organization and the Foundation under Mr. Bass.

BUCHANAN BOYS PLANT TREES

Recently the Buchanan FFA chapter received 3,000 white pine seedlings from the Virginia State Forestry Service.

These seedlings were distributed among the FFA members and planted on their home farms. This is good assurance of future timber and conservation natural resources.

The largest single lot of seedlings (about 1,150) was planted on the school Forestry plot. A plot of land owned by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Coffey, on which they have given the Buchanan FFA Chapter permission to plant and use for a demonstration forestry plot. This land is located near their residence, four miles south of Buchanan on Route 11.

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safety, but not enough actual activities to get the people to see the need for a constant program of safety."

Considerable emphasis is being planned on the promotion of safety procedures in driving on the highway. A state trooper is to appear before the student body in urging the students to be more conscious and careful on the highway. The slaughter of innocent people must be reduced on the public highways of this nation, and this can only be done by first educating the drivers of automobiles. Movies will be shown on highway safety, talks given by students, and literature distributed on this important objective.

Each student is requested to remove the safety hazards on his home farm or in the home. This phase of the program will be under the guidance of the committee and the agriculture instructor.

The students in the elementary schools are writing essays, making posters, and studying safety as their part of the planned event. The group plans to work in conjunction with the local Ruritan club and P-TA's in the program.

would have been held the old way. The boys on my team were better able to see their mistakes in a way far more effective than being told by a judge or an advisor. Almost immediately after the contest they were talking about ways to improve for next year."

Danny Bird, Jr., Speaks at Independence Banquet

The enthusiasm was great. The fellowship was pleasant. The program was entertaining, and highly inspirational. The food was excellent.

Such was the first Father-and-Son banquet held by the Independence High School FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter Friday night in the IHS cafeteria.

"The field of agriculture is one of the biggest businesses we have today, and a boy must absorb all the scientific knowledge about it possible if he is to make a success of it," said Danny Bird, of Bland, president of the Virginia State FFA Association, guest speaker.

The young Bland FFA leader who is the son of State Senator Woodrow W. Bird, of Bland (representing Bland, Wythe, Giles and Pulaski counties), is now a student at VPI, Blacksburg. He was accompanied to Independence by his former instructor, Ralph R. Reynolds, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Bland High School.

Roger Poole, of Comers Rock, president of the Independence High School FFA chapter, presided.

Bob Bryant, a chapter member, reported some of the outstanding activities of the organization during the past year. This report was followed by a talk by Fred M. Bennington, of Elk Creek, on the subject, "What I Expect of My Boy in Agriculture."

Mr. Bennington stressed the importance of fathers of boys in agricultural pursuits taking a fatherly interest in their boys' work, and lending them encouragement in every way possible, and as being, in a sense, their partners.

Young Mr. Bird's talk, which followed that by Mr. Bennington, included also strong stress on FFA boys setting high goals in their first year as Green Hands, rather than waiting until later and thus losing golden opportunities.

Eugene Sutherland received the dairy farming award and Elmo Sumner was given the livestock farming award.

WYTHE COUNTY BABY BEEF HELD AT WYTHEVILLE

The annual Baby Beef Show for Wythe County in which 4-H members and FFA members participate was held at the Wytheville Livestock Market recently.

The show was jointly sponsored by the Wythe County Chamber of Commerce, the Ruritan Club of Max Meadows, the Wytheville Live Stock Market, and the Wythe Hereford Breeders' Association.

There were six classes in the show. The following are the entries, and the place each rated in the show, with the first name implying first place, etc.:

Shorthorn heifers — Edwin Friend,
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Renan—Chapter members are making plans to organize a beef calf ring. The chapter will buy a beef heifer which will be given to a member of the chapter. The boy receiving the heifer raises the calf and then returns the first heifer to the chapter which is given to another member. During February the chapter held recreation night. The boys participated in tournaments and table tennis, badminton, basketball, and volley ball.

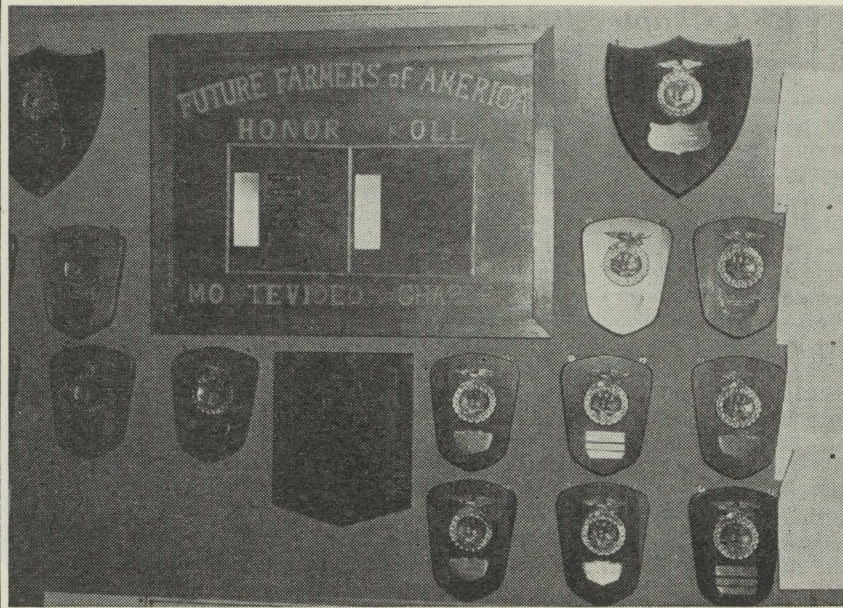
Edinburg—The chapter church-going contest and the pest eradication contest were both won by the Gold Team. Captains of the two winning teams were Roger Bowers and Ray Fadely. Alfred Day was named Chapter Star Farmer at a recent father-son banquet. President Kelly Coffelt, presided.

Surry—Through donations made by the local Ruritan Club, Farmers Union and Farm Bureau, the Surry FFA chapter will expand its Yorkshire pig chain from three gilts to seven this spring. Billy Epps, Bob Richards, Bennie Berryman, Bobby Berryman, Mowry Gwaltney, Billy Lane, and Bud Lane will receive the available gilts. At the annual father-son banquet recently Benton James received the star farmer award. He also received the chapter public speaking medal. John Appel was awarded the farm mechanics medal and Bud Lane was winner of the corn production award. During national FFA week the chapter set up a window display in Surry around the theme of "FFA Contests Teach a Lesson." A program on WXEX-TV, Petersburg, was also included in the week's activities.

Dan River—Chapter members presented a program for the P-TA meeting. Following a history of the FFA by Dabney Brumfield, a film "FFA Silver Anniversary" was shown. Ronald Thompson opened the meeting with devotions.

Midway—Chapter members sponsored a program featuring Wilma Lee, Stoney Cooper, and the Clinch Mountain Clan in the school auditorium recently. These entertainers star on the World's Original Jamboree, WWVA and on the coast-to-coast hook-up "CBS Saturday Night Country Style." Proceeds from the program will be used to finance future activities. In recognition of their achievements in four fields of activities during the past year chapter members were awarded three plaques and individual medals at a recent LAND Federation banquet.

Riner—Six chapter members attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg recently. The Riner chapter led by Jackie Chafin, president, has several activities under way including a purebred pig chain, an alfalfa project, and a purebred beef project. These activities are



FFA HONOR ROLL—In the chapter room of the Montevideo FFA Chapter the names of all chapter members who have received the State Farmer and the American Farmer degrees are listed on bronze plates of the Honor Roll. The Honor Roll along with state and intra-state plaques are pictured above.

mostly carried on by committees appointed for specific duties.

Whitmell—W. C. Dudley, area supervisor of vocational agriculture, was guest speaker at the chapter father-son banquet recently. Archie Boswell, Jr., presided at the meeting. Among the guests seated at the head table were T. A. Pollard, chairman of the Pittsylvania County School Board, J. P. Pullen, vo-ag instructor at Whitmell; Donald Phillips, principal, and Archie Boswell, Sr.

Franklin County—Ronald Walker received an award cup for producing the highest yield of tobacco in Franklin County. He sold 2,580 pounds of broadleaf Hicks tobacco per acre for \$1,379.45. He placed second in sixteen-county competition.

Boones Mill—Fifteen members of the Boones Mill FFA Chapter aided in stocking Maggadee Creek with 1,100 two-year old rainbow trout recently. Mr. Gordon Preston, Franklin County Game Warden supervised the project.

New London—Fay Moorman of Rustburg was guest speaker at the FFA-FHA mother-daughter father-son banquet at the school cafeteria recently. Edna Roberts served as toastmaster and Charles Padgett gave a short talk. The theme of the meeting was "Happier Families Make Better Homes." Gene Nichols received the chapter star farmer award.

Shawsville—Five members and their advisor attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show recently. During the year three members exhibited livestock in the Southwest Virginia FFA Fair, and several members attended the State Fair in Richmond and the West Virginia State Fair in Lewisburg. Six members partici-

pated in the Montgomery County Fair. For recreation the FFA members invited FHA girls to be their guests at a skating party which was held in Salem. The chapter is making plans for the annual barbecue to be held this spring.

West Point—The annual FFA-FHA social was held at the armory recently. Approximately 400 boys and girls were present for the occasion. A large part of the evening was devoted to dancing and other forms of recreation. Turpin Acre, FFA president, and Joyce Sweet, FHA president of the federation, presided. At chapter advisor, presented to Wilton a recent chapter meeting S. U. Ferguson, Dunn a sweat shirt for selling the most garden and flower seeds for the chapter. This has been a money-raising project under the leadership of Leon Carter, chairman of the earnings and savings committee.

Woolwine—Gerald Wright, president of the chapter, presided at the annual chapter father-son banquet in the school cafeteria recently with 49 fathers, sons, and guests were present. A program centered around the FFA organization was presented by Kenneth Rakes, Maynard Harris, Falus Hatcher, Clyde Thomas, Roy Turner, Larry Robertson, and Leon Harris. James V. Lax, Superintendent of Patrick County Schools, was presented with the honorary Chapter Farmer degree. Gerald Wright received the star chapter farmer award.

Halifax—Lennie Gamage, past vice-president of the national FFA, was guest speaker of the annual father-son banquet of the Halifax County chapter recently. Two hundred and ten members and

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guests were present. John Jennings, chapter president, served as toastmaster. Following introductions by Tommy Reeves and J. R. Caldwell, various chapter members gave accounts of their supervised farm programs. Jennings reported on his trip to the national FFA convention; Weldon Shelton told how to select, feed, and show a prize steer; Glen Good discussed the fine points of swine production, telling how he acquired his first animal through the FFA loan plan; Earl Saunders told of his experience in a prize-winning tobacco project; and Judson Reese described ways of improving the county's mailboxes. The chapter's officers made presentations of honorary Chapter Farmer degrees to two of the guests present, Lynn Shelton, editor of the Halifax Gazette and Harwell Darby, editor of the South Boston News.

Greene County—Miss Frances Knight, student at William Monroe High School, was selected as the "FFA Sweetheart" by the Greene County FFA chapter recently. She was presented with a FFA jacket by Glen Brill.

Greensville—At the annual father-son mother-daughter banquet held at the school cafeteria recently, instead of the usual program of informing the parents of the goals and projects of the groups, a very comical program was presented. The theme "Hearts and Flowers" was carried out in both program and the red and white decorations. After the opening of the banquet by the toastmistress, Barbara Slate, and toastmaster, Ed Lee, the FHA Creed and "What FHA Means to Me" was given by Betty Mae Bradley. The FFA Creed was recited by Bobby Harrison. The remaining program was a canning demonstration by Chuck King, a kitchen band composed of FHA girls, a mock wedding of "Aggie Culture" (Iris Johnson) and "Homer Economics" (Gordon Barnes).

Gretna—Clay Hayden, Gretna Future Farmer, and Giles O. Cocke, local farm leader, were tapped recently for top honors during the annual joint banquet for FFA and FHA members. Young Hayden was given the chapter star farmer medal, and Cocke received the honorary Chapter Farmer degree. Billy Tuck, State FFA reporter, brought greetings for FFA members. Barbara Dunnivant, who served as toastmistress for the FHA portion of the program, turned up with a new jacket—one the FFA boys placed on her shoulders as their chapter sweetheart. Chapter members were in charge of a special assembly program during national FFA week.

Appomattox—Richard Krantz was selected chapter star farmer of the year and was presented a medal at the recent chapter banquet. Richard was awarded a silo by the Brandon Silo Corporation.

J. L. Torrence, dairy farmer and Appomattox County fire warden, received the honorary Chapter Farmer degree. R. N. Ashworth was also presented a certificate as honorary Chapter Farmer by Ralph Reynolds, chapter president. "Touch Down Diesel" one of the top floats in the homecoming parade last fall was designed and built by local FFA chapter members. Lennie Gamage, past national vice-president, was guest speaker at the annual father-son banquet. H. B. Pack, chapter advisor, also presented the chapter livestock farming award to Fred Caldwell. Gerald Blanks received the chapter dairy farmer award, and James Carter received a medal for being the top public speaker in the chapter. The farm mechanics award was presented to Frank Inge and the farm electrification award was presented to Glenn Milner.

Gate City—Local FFA chapter members went to Clinchport and helped clean up some of the houses that were damaged by the floods which hit portions of Southwest Virginia. During FFA week the Gate City Chapter placed window displays in downtown stores, put on radio programs, and prepared news articles. The local FFA basketball team won the finals of the federation basketball tournament by defeating Clintwood.

Dungannon—Chapter members helped in the construction of the new and modern vocational agriculture building at the local high school. The boys assisted with the electrical and plumbing work, installing equipment, and doing the finish work on the building. They also designed and painted a blower system to rid their shop of shavings and sawdust.

Independence—A donkey baseball game was sponsored recently by the Independence FFA Chapter. In addition to special acts, local businessmen rode the donkeys as they played baseball.

Rich Valley—Travis Mitchell won the chapter public speaking contest recently. He spoke on the subject "Recent Social Security Changes and the Farmer." A chapter project is under way to get signs for each FFA member in front of his home. The sign will read, "A Future Farmer Lives Here." Bruce Robertson, vo-ag instructor at Rocky Gap was guest speaker at the annual father-son banquet.

Elkton—An assembly was sponsored by the FFA at the high school gym recently. Bill Lawson gave the FFA history and purposes. F. H. Jackson, local advisor, introduced the two student teachers, Richard Reeves and Roy Loving, both seniors at VPI, and "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Richard Boyer. Following the torch-light ceremony, the high school chorus sang the Future Farmers' song.

Luray—The local chapter organized in 1940 has more than 275 boys who have received one or more years instruction in vocational agriculture. Fourteen boys from Luray have received the State Farmer degree. This year there are 43

boys in the Luray Chapter who are carrying 160 enterprises.

Floyd—The local FFA chapter sponsored a donkey baseball game in the high school gym recently. The local boys from the FFA chapter were the riders and the main event. W. W. Robinson, principal of Radford High School, was guest speaker at the chapter father-son banquet. Over 100 members, fathers and guests attended.

Ashland—During national FFA week the Ashland FFA Chapter had a window display in one of the local stores. They also put on a program on station WTVR-TV Richmond. Raymond Wood is chapter president.

Blacksburg—This year, for the first time, the Blacksburg FFA chapter has elected a sweetheart. She was elected by secret ballot in the chapter, and only the president and advisor of the chapter know who she is. A chapter sweetheart jacket will be presented at an assembly program at the same time the annual is dedicated. The FFA chapter constructed a float for the homecoming parade which took second place over about 36 floats. They also built a float for the Christmas parade which placed third over about 16 others. Chapter members sold cold drinks during football games to raise money for chap-

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ter activities.

Warrenton—During the year chapter members have been busy with varied activities with well planned meetings held every third Tuesday. The members entered 40 exhibits in the Fauquier Junior Fair, winning four championships, 15 blue ribbons, 9 red ribbons, and 4 white ribbons. John Murphey and Robert Courtney won calves in the rodeo contest. The chapter won first place in the forestry judging contest with Wilson Ramey winning first place in individual competition. One of the chief chapter activities is the supervised farming program of which Raymond Payne is chairman. During the past year members invested \$10,058 in projects and realized a net profit of \$4,166.

Buckingham—During the year 82 chapter members are conducting a total of 261 farm enterprises including 360 acres of crops, 125 head of livestock, and 18,712 birds in poultry. In addition to these, chapter members are turning out 355 improved projects and supplementary farm jobs. Charlie and Percy Heath were awarded first prize in a contest sponsored by the Buckingham Forestry Club for having done the best job in planting pine seedlings. Last year the Buckingham chapter led all other FFA chapters in the state in the planting of pine seedlings. Members have already ordered more seedlings for planting this year than were planted last year by the group.

Andrew Lewis—Among the FFA week's activities are that the chapter put on TV and radio programs on WSLs, radio program on WROV, an assembly program at the high school, and a window display at a local store. Ted Carroll won first place in the annual public speaking contest of the BRB Federation recently. Carroll spoke on the topic "The Land We Defend." The degree team also won the Federation contest.

Cleveland—Chapter members celebrated national FFA week by giving the Meadowview girls a party. The \$64,000 question game was played and Folk games were enjoyed by all. About 55 members and guests attended.

Castlewood—Chapter members carried 147 supervised farming projects last year. Of these, there were 84 acres of crops and 135 head of livestock. There were 8,032 student hours and a net profit of \$17,699.

Brownsburg—Each year the Brownsburg FFA chapter enters in wildlife contests of growing food and cover for wild animals and birds. The chapter is sponsoring such activities as conducting scrap iron drives, taking part in radio programs, riding farms in this area of rats and mice, holding safety campaigns, and a parent-son banquet. Plans are being



BROOKVILLE EXHIBIT—This educational exhibit prepared by the members of the Brookville Chapter was displayed in the show window of Webb-Whitaker Company, 909 Main Street, Lynchburg during National FFA Week. Included in the display are the FFA purposes, motto, and paraphernalia.

made to beautify and landscape the school grounds.

Effinger—Members improved the chapter meeting room by painting and re-arranging the citations, pennants, plaques, and symbols won in the chapter during the past ten years. For the third consecutive year it distributed a calendar which was supported by business organizations of Lexington and Rockbridge county. Chapter members are very active in forestry and wildlife conservation.

Marion—Chapter members presented an assembly program at the high school recently. Fred Clark, president, spoke on the aims and purposes of FFA and explained the organization's motto. A film entitled "Silver Anniversary of FFA" was shown. Polly Campbell and Bob Eller were chosen king and queen of hearts by the FFA and FHA chapters. They reigned over the annual Valentine dance at the high school gym recently.

Fairfield—The chapter started a registered Tamworth pig chain recently with one gilt and one sow. James Armstrong received the sow pig and Don Fox, the bred gilt. The first father-son banquet of the chapter was held at the high school recently. Clinton Anderson of the Effinger FFA chapter talked on his trip to the national FFA convention and Dr. George West Diehl gave the boys an instructive talk using examples from farm life to illustrate his speech. Dee Thompson, vice president, presided.

Sugar Grove—Approximately 57 FFA members and parents and 25 guests recently attended the local chapter annual parent and son banquet at the high school. Charles Brewer, president, served as the toastmaster. The Rev. K. Wayne Cummings was guest speaker.

Moneta—The FFA and FHA chapters held their first father-son mother-daughter banquet at Moneta High School recently. Guest speakers were W. C. Dudley, area supervisor of vocational agriculture, and Mrs. Emily J. Rickman, district supervisor of home economics education. There were 108 members, parents, and guests present.

Blue Ridge—Alvin Radford was presented the star chapter farmer award at the 19th annual father-son banquet held at Blue Ridge High School recently. About 50 members and guests were present. Dr. W. Eric Jarrell, guest speaker and a former member of the chapter and who is now a physician in the locality, was presented with the honorary Chapter Farmer degree. Doctor Jarrell told of some of his experiences while in the FFA and the importance of the training received in the organization. He emphasized the fact that the training in leadership that he had received in FFA was more than in any other source.

Callands—"Opportunities in farming are better today than ever before," Senator Wyatt of Danville said recently in returning to his native ground. He addressed the annual Callands FFA banquet. Bennie Powell, chapter president, was presented the chapter star farmer award and Wendell Hubbard received the chapter public speaking medal. Charles Garrett was also cited for outstanding chapter work. Some 60 FFA boys and fathers and guests were present.

Will Reynolds—Shelby Layman has been elected chapter sweetheart of 1957 by the Will Reynolds FFA chapter. Shelby Jean will receive a sweetheart jacket with her title and the emblem on it. The

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chapter degree team won second place honors in the Fairystone Federation contest.

Rappahannock—Approximately 175 fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, and guests attended the FFA-FHA annual banquet in the Rappahannock High School auditorium recently. A delicious meal was prepared by the home economics students and was served by prospective home economics students.

Randolph-Henry—The local chapter has distributed 27,000 pine seedlings to its members and to young farmers in the county for reforestation plantings. These trees were planted on 44 farms of these members. The local chapter was given 21,000 pine seedlings by the Continental Can Company and 6,000 by the Virginia Division of Forestry. Larry Gilman won the chapter public speaking contest and placed second in the Piedmont Federation.

Rustburg—About 78 persons attended the FFA chapter parent-son banquet at Rustburg High School. Top honors of the evening went to David Clowdis, chapter star farmer award. James Phillips, president of the chapter, was toastmaster. John Harrison, soil conservationist, of Campbell County, was guest speaker of the evening. He was introduced by Jimmie Moore. The banquet was served by the Rustburg FHA members under the direction of Mrs. Retha Updike, instructor. O. L. Waddell, advisor, presented the public speaking award to Charles Farriss. Albert Neighbors introduced the guests, and James Phillips conducted a question and answer period. The chapter officers conferred honorary degrees on C. I. Anderson, G. M. Hodge, and D. E. Allcock, Jr.

Rocky Gap—The FFA and FHA chapter at Rocky Gap recently held a joint meeting and program in the high school cafeteria with 75 members and invited guests present. The FFA chapter was host at the joint meeting. The chapter conducting a regular business session using the opening and closing ceremony followed by committee reports and several items of business. Prizes were given to both FFA and FHA members in a special drawing. A full length motion picture "Battle at Apache Pass" was shown after which an ice cream supper was served under the direction of Mrs. L. H. Sands, advisor of the FHA chapter. Safety key links with a safety slogan as well as FFA decals were presented to each member. Another joint meeting has been planned with the FHA as the host chapter according to Philip Ramsey, reporter.

Culpeper—Robert Lipscomb, a Culpeper high school senior and member of the FFA won the Rotary good citizenship award for the second six weeks period. He also achieved the honor last year.

Robert, who participates in many school activities, has been recognized for his speaking ability as he has received both distinction and FFA awards

Eagle Rock—The FFA and FHA chapters sponsored their second annual parents, daughters, and sons smorgasbord recently. Judy Sullender, FHA president, welcomed the parents and other guests in behalf of the two organizations. David King, FFA president, awarded Lois Kidd an FFA sweetheart jacket on behalf of the chapter members. H. R. Graham, Jr., principal of Eagle Rock, gave the invocation after which Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Painter, as honored guests, were asked to lead the group along the table laden with food.

Dublin—Mayor Frank H. Flanagan of Dublin designated the week of February 18 as National FFA Week in Dublin. During the special week chapter members conducted many activities including a special assembly program. During the observance the history of the Dublin chapter was presented by David Showalter. Richard Guthrie, School Board member and former student for four years in vocational agriculture, spoke on "What Vocational Agriculture Means to Me and The Community." The FFA emblem program was presented by Clarence Jarrells, Jimmy Linkous, Clifford Underwood, Ralph Jones, and Fred Rotenberry.

Cumberland—Fred Gamage, president of Cumberland FFA chapter, presented the star chapter farmer award to Charles Womack, III, during the annual father-son banquet held at the high school recently. Others receiving awards were Edward Garnett Claude Meinhard, and Eldridge Blanton. Dr. George W. Jefferies was guest speaker at the banquet. John Sanderson was first place winner in a question and answer contest centered on the history and purposes of FFA during a recent chapter meeting.

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George Wythe FFA; Bobby Lee Huddle, George Wythe FFA, and another of Huddle's heifers shown by Franklin Coleman.

Hereford heifers — Graham Watson, George Wythe FFA; Albert Bowles, Jr., George Wythe FFA; Edward Danner, Max Meadows 4-H; Buster Bartee, Rural Retreat; Julian Fisher, Rural Retreat; Paul Coleman, George Wythe FFA; Carl Riggle, George Wythe FFA; James Fisher, Rural Retreat; David Burnett, George Wythe FFA.

Angus baby beeves — Douglas Copenhaver, Crockett 4-H; David Danner, Max Meadows 4-H.

Shorthorn baby beeves—Clare Watson, Max Meadows 4-H; Edward Danner, Max Meadows 4-H; Douglas Copenhaver, Crockett 4-H; Julian Fisher, Rural

Rocky Gap Vo-Ag Instructor Speaks at FFA Meeting In Washington, D. C.

Bruce Robertson, instructor of vocational agriculture at Rocky Gap High School, was a guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation and FFA Board of Student Officers held in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Auditorium, Washington, D. C. recently.

Representing the teachers of vocational agriculture throughout the country, Mr. Robertson spoke on "Experiences of a Teacher of Vocational Agriculture" in connection with the award program of the FFA Foundation. Robertson outlined the use of the Foundation award program in a program of vocational agriculture as well as its importance and cited specific examples of its success.

The Rocky Gap FFA Chapter has been the recipient of numerous of the awards of the Federation. This award program begins in the local chapters with the presentation of medals. These winners then compete in the district, state, regional and national award program. Last year the Rocky Gap Chapter won the state and national Farm Safety Award. Previously, the Chapter has won Gold Emblems in the national Chapter Contest. Raymond DeHart won the national Farm Mechanics award in 1954. Richard Gregory was awarded the American Farmer Degree and a check for \$100.00 provided by the Foundation.

These incentive awards have materially contributed to vocational agriculture throughout the nation and provide a wonderful opportunity for boys willing to accept the challenge of modern farming.

Retreat.

Lightweight Hereford baby beeves—Graham Watson, George Wythe FFA (1st and 2nd); David Danner, Max Meadows; Carson Manuel; Charles Roberts.

Heavyweight Hereford baby beeves—Edward Danner, Max Meadows; Clare Watson, Max Meadows; Hayden Horney.

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Federation News

Floyd County—Willis's FFA team won the Floyd County Federation grain judging contest recently. Check placed second with Floyd taking third. Donald Vest of Check took top honors in individual scoring followed by Randolop Hollandsworth of Willis and Edward Conner of Floyd. In the exhibit division of the Annual Seed and Grain Show there were 158 exhibits shown by the three FFA chapters in eighteen different classes. Willis placed first in fifteen of the classes with Floyd taking two and Check one. Harry Sowers of Check was judged winner in the annual federation public speaking contest.

Northern Triangle—Approximately 150 members were present for the third annual meeting of the federation. Following the business session a shop judging contest was held consisting of three boys from each school. The Luray Chapter won a bushel of apples for having the highest percentage of the members present at this night meeting.

Smyth-Wythe—James Ferguson of Sugar Grove won the federation shop judging contest recently. Millard Naff of Chilhowie placed second with Leon Cassell of George Wythe placed third. Travis Mitchell a member of the Rich Valley Chapter was winner of the federation public speaking contest held at Rich Valley. Speakers from the FFA chapters at Rural Retreat, Sugar Grove, Jackson Memorial, and Rich Valley participated.

Pittsylvania—The Renan chapter team for the second year in succession won top honors in the federation degree team contest in competition with teams from seven other county chapters. Climax placed second, Whitmell third, followed by Brosville, Dan River, Spring Garden, Calland, and Gretna. After the Renan boys returned to their school, they put on a demonstration before the PTA. Members of the championship team are Herman Andrews, president; Carlton Mayhew, vice-president; Paul Dawson, secretary; Garland Shelton, treasurer; Errol Lanier, reporter; Edward Power, sentinel; Paul Shelton and Vernon Giles, conductors; Wendell Kelly and Melvin Bruce, Green Hands; and C. J. Franks, advisor.

T. V. Downing—Russell Magee, president of the Stony Creek FFA chapter, won the federation public speaking contest held at Prince George High School recently. "Rus" spoke on "Forestry as an Enterprise." Wally Parsons, also of Stony Creek, won the federation tractor driving contest at Southampton. Gilbert Branch of Southampton was runner-up. Other boys participating were Stanley Forbes, of Stony Creek; James Vick, of Southampton; Larric Hooper, of Surry; and Sammy Bulles and Ray Turner, of



GEORGE WYTHE DISPLAY—During National FFA Week the George Wythe Chapter filled the display case in George Wythe High School with some of the trophies its members have won at recent Livestock Shows. In the lower foreground are shown the Chapter Charter and Chapter Achievement Award. The Rosettes in the center were won by members on beef and dairy cattle at district shows and the State Fair of Virginia. The trophies were awarded chapter members last year for showmanship, and the model Herefords were awarded for outstanding work with beef cattle. The pictures in the background are from the classroom collection of the George Wythe Chapter.

Franklin.

BRB—Ten minutes of talking earned Ted Carroll first place in the BRB FFA Federation's annual public speaking contest recently. The Andrew Lewis FFA member spoke on soil conservation using as his topic, "The Land We Defend." Billy Loope of Buchanan placed second; Johnny Mitchell of Cave Spring third; and Douglas Mason of Eagle Rock fourth.

Hub—The Naruna FFA Chapter was presented a plaque as the outstanding chapter in the Hub Federation FFA during the past year. This plaque is given annually to the chapter providing the most competition in federation contests and activities. Lee Davis, president of the Naruna chapter, accepted the plaque. This makes the third consecutive year that Naruna has won this plaque. Forrest Arthur of Naruna was top speaker in the federation public speaking contest held at Amherst County High School recently. The topic for his discussion was "The Agricultural Revolution."

BAR—Dwight Houff, of Middle River, won first place in the federation public speaking contest recently. Warren Shiflet, Wilson Memorial, won second place, and Charles Harris of Spottswood was third. Other contestants were Veron Fultz, North River; and James Huffman, Monterey.

FLAG—Raymond Daughtry a member of the William Monroe High School FFA chapter won first place in the federation tractor driving contest held at Albemarle High School recently. He took

first place over students from Albemarle, Fluvanna, Madison, and Nelson counties. The boys were judged on speed, skill, and safe handling of tractors.

Peanut—Chuckatuck took team chapter top honors in the annual federation livestock judging contest held at Holland Experimental Station recently. Second place honors were won by Great Bridge, followed by Holland, Princess Anne, Smithfield, and Whaleyville. Chuckatuck winning team was composed of P. B. Piland, John Gayle, Wilbur Wright, Alfred Hingerty, and Tom Beale. Piland was also highest scorer in the contest. The Windsor team placed first in the crops judging contest held at Poquoson. The team was composed of Robert Earl Byrum, James Robert Cobb, Carlton Butler, Willie Lee Wells, and Jack Story, Jr.

LAND—Midway FFA team won the Land Federation shop judging contest held at Victoria recently. Jack Bennett, a Midway senior, was highest scorer in individual competition. Victoria A and B teams placed second and third. Willie Whitby a Brunswick, FFA member, placed first in the federation tractor driving contest, recently.

Fairystone—Stuart and Critz took top honors in the Fairystone Federation degree team and public speaking contest held recently at Drewry Mason High School. Stuart was tops in degree team competition, while Ralph Reynolds of Critz took first place speaking honors. Second place in the degree team contest

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was won by Critz, and Lamar Owens of Stuart placed second in the speaking contest. Four degree teams and eight public speakers took part. Members of the winning degree team were: Lamar Owens, president; Bobby Clark, vice president; Ralph Blaylock, secretary; Milton Gunter, treasurer; Buddy Handy, reporter; Marvin Gunter, sentinel; Marion Funter and Marvin Foley, conductors; Junior Cassidy and J. T. Woods, Greenhands.

Rockingham—The Montevideo FFA basketball team carried away top honors in the first annual Rockingham County basketball tournament held at Turner Ashby High School recently. A silver cup was presented to the winning team. Turner Ashby placed second, followed by Broadway and Elkton. Ronnie Mayes was captain of the championship team.

LADDER SAFETY

Ladders are one of the simplest and most commonplace items on the farm, however, the unsafe use of them frequently results in accidents. A brief moment of carelessness or slight disregard for safe practice can quickly cancel the advantages of the tool's simplicity and usefulness.

Fortunately, the rules for safety in using ladders are as simple as the tool itself. The State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and the National Safety Council recommend the following precautions against ladder accidents:

1. Face ladder when either ascending or descending.
2. Don't climb a ladder when shoes are covered with snow, mud or grease.
3. Work facing the ladder and hold on with one hand.
4. Never use a horizontal position. Extension and single ladders are not designed for such loads.
5. When climbing to roof, top of ladder should extend two feet above edge of roof.
6. Make sure a stepladder is fully spread and locked, with all four legs resting on level base.
7. Never stand on top of a stepladder.

Inspect ladders periodically for rusted or loose bolts and nails, cracked, rotten or loose rungs or supports. If ladders are found defective, repairs or replacements should be made promptly. Never leave a ladder where it will fall or be tipped over. Ladders should be stored in readily accessible locations where they can be secured in a hurry in case of fire or other emergency.

R. E. Bass Elected President of American Vocational Assn.

Richard Edward Bass, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, is the newly elected president of the American Vocational Association for 1957-58. For the past three years Bass has served as vice president of AVA representing Agriculture. His term of office as AVA president will begin in December, 1957.

Bass has been connected with Virginia's program of Agriculture Education for twenty-seven years. In recognition of his leadership and service to vocational education, Virginia agricultural teachers presented him with an AVA life membership last year and NVATA made him an honorary life member in 1954. Active in Virginia Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, Virginia Vocational Association, and Virginia Education Association, Bass has served on other boards and committees including AVA's legislative committee.

The breadth of his interests and activities is further indicated by membership in Alpha Zeta, Phi Delta Kappa, Rotary, the Masons, the Grange, and the Press Club of Virginia. He is a consultant to the Virginia Vocational Association; a member of the National Awards Committee, American Forestry Association; the agricultural advisory council, Atlantic Rural Exposition; State advisor of FFA and the Young Farmers of Virginia.

Reared on a Virginia farm, Bass holds a B.S. degree in agricultural education from VPI and a M.Ed. degree in school administration from the University of Virginia. His administrative ability is reflected in the steady growth of Virginia's vocational agriculture program.

He taught vocational agriculture 10 years and served as Assistant State Administrator, National Youth Administration; assistant to director, Food Production War Training; Assistant State Supervisor Vocational Agriculture; Executive Secretary-treasurer, Virginia FFA; and editor of *Chapter Chats*, the State FFA paper, before becoming State Supervisor in 1951. He had a major part in developing the State FFA-FHA camp.

Bass is married, has one son, and is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Education*.

WILDLIFE

By Lloyd Pennington

Each year the Brownsburg FFA Chapter enters the annual "Wildlife Contest" of growing food and cover for wild animals and birds. This contest is sponsored by Soil Conservation Service and Va. Inland Game and Fisheries.

The boy selects a site on his farm near the woods and where it will be protected from livestock. The ground is made ready for seeding by plowing and disking. After a well prepared seedbed the area is fer-

Madison FFA Youths Work On Own 60-Acre Farmland

By Ben Kent

Sixty-six members of the Madison County chapter, Future Farmers of America, are tackling the task of putting a 60-acre tract of farmland on a paying basis this year.

The land, located near the agricultural building and adjoining school property on U.S. 29, south of Madison, was purchased last May under the name of the chapter. And a lot of hard work is now needed to produce a bumper crop.

By fall, the first payment on the land is due. By that time, the young businessmen expect to have the money in hand.

High Hopes

T. N. Broyles, head of the vocational agriculture department at Madison County High School, has high hopes for the farming venture. He figures that the boys will have everything under control two years from now.

The farm is the first of its type in this area. Broyles said he knows of only one other type of similar operation in Herndon.

Acting on a "first-things-first" basis, Broyles said the main thing at present is to make the farm produce paying crops. That is the first of a two-phase agricultural program for the FFA Chapter. The second phase is to use the farm for experimental purposes after it is paying for itself. Profits from the produce will go into the FFA bank account and will be used for educational tours and to send representatives to state and district contests, according to Broyles. "We hope we can start making some tours two years from now," Broyles commented.

Around 50 acres of the tract has been cleared so far. That leaves 10 more acres to be cleaned up this spring. When the chapter first bought the property, broom sage, weeds, brush and trees covered it. However, with one Madison firm supplying a bulldozer, the land started to take shape. On a field day last year, the chapter members turned out to supply the necessary manpower in the clearing operation. Afterwards, other local firms donated fertilizer and lime.

Broyles emphasized that no county or state funds are involved in the purchase of the farm. "It is an experimental and money-making venture owned and being paid for by the chapter," he said, "and came about with the concurrence of the Vocational Agriculture Advisory Committee."

tilized with a complete fertilizer and seeding about the first of June.

If we are to have more wild game in this area we must provide more food and cover for these animals.

Every farmer should plant a small patch of wildlife seed each year.