



FIRST ROW: Roy Fender, Davey Stone, Clifton Crosby, Greg Gathers, Terry Green, Sidney Risher, Timothy Salley, SECOND ROW: Andrew Mingo, Vander Mingo, Alexander Risher, Jerry Green, Samuel Jenkins, Cecil Murray, Riddick Walters, Rodney Behling, Richard Jackson, Curtis Jones, THIRD ROW: Sylvia Bellamy, James Jordon, Herbert Chisholm, Robert Moore, William Copeland, Dean Lingard, Jackie McMillian, Mr. W. Richardson — Advisor, FOURTH ROW: Gary Kinard, Michael Williams, Oscar Mole, Darnell DuBois, Bernard Crosby, Leon Cobbs, Delacy Jenkins, Randy Jamison, Donny Fender, David Grant, Timothy Murdaugh, FIFTH ROW: Donny Ryan, David Godley, Jerome Jones, Charles Maloney, James Jenkins, Melvin Chisholm, Wilbur Jamison, Scott Stephens, James Parker, Tyrone Lewis, SIXTH ROW: Johnny Wiggins, Walter Cook, Mike Ryan, Robert Myers, Richard Breland, William Fryar, Derry Aiken, Tony Smyly, Richard Green, Francis Aiken, Robert Linder, Matthew Walters.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of students enrolled in vocational agriculture. The Ruffin High Chapter is under the supervision of William H. Richardson Jr., who is a graduate of A&T State University and is presently the teacher of Agriculture at the school.

Their year kicked off with the election of FFA officers, who were elected on the basis of merit, scholastic ability, and leadership. Their officers are: President — Greg Gathers, Vice-President — Delacy Jenkins, Secretary — Tony Smyly, Treasurer — Timothy Salley, Reporter — Sidney Risher, and Sentinel — Richard Green. The chapter initiated 28 new members which makes them 58 strong. Among these 28 new members are two girls, Sylvia Bellamy and Michelle Wilcox.

The chapter has participated in the Soil Judging Contest in which the competition was very stiff. There are three contests left, Dairy, Forestry, and Swine. Their aims for 1980 are to strengthen the confidence of students of vocational agriculture, complete the construction of the Ruffin High School greenhouse, and raise money for their picnic. Mr. Richardson strongly encourages all students to enroll in agriculture because it develops leadership, character, and most of all it creates a love for the agricultural way of life.