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VICA helps develop skills

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America (VICA) help students develop social and leadership skills. Activities enhancing the development of these skills are conducted by the clubs' members and advisers.

between vocational technical schools and between students, such as parbetween schools, troubleshooting judged. contests for automotive mechanic students, and many others.

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been called the showcase of voca- work. tional education. The Skills Olympprogram in the classroom.

The involvement of industry in the turn, develop appropriate curricula. Vocational Industrial Clubs of Skills Olympics program is essential. Leadership, health, trade, industrial and technical experts donate their time to serve as contest judges and as technical committee members. They assume responsibility for selecting The activities may include events the skills which are to be judged, determining the format of the contests and establishing the standards liamentary procedure contests by which contestants are to be

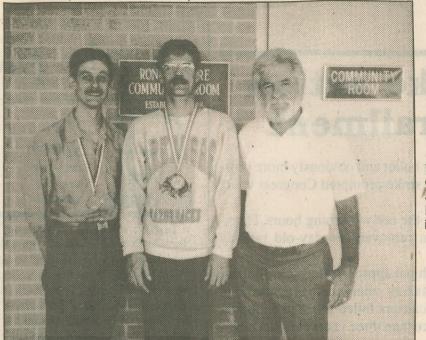
Besides showcasing students' skills, the Skills Olympics, by the Each club elects officers from its very nature of competition, urges stumembership to serve as president, dents to take pride in their work. It vice president, secretary, treasurer, also provides prospective employees with an opportunity to see dedicated, The VICA Skills Olympics has motivated, potential employees at

To continue to meet the needs of ics competitions recognize vocation- both potential employees and prosal students who excel in their occupa- pective employers, the lines of comtional areas, as well as leadership munication between vocational edudevelopment activities which are cational schools and industry must be such an integral part of the VICA kept open. Educators need to be able to identify industry's needs, and, in

Students placing in the VICA Skills Olympics from the food service department were Beverly Burks. who received the Statesman Award and a gold medal in the scrapbook competition; Janice Moss, who received a bronze medal in the cooking competition and Shelia Populus and Rosemary Lockett, who both received the Statesman Award.

In the welding program, students placing were Pat Blount, who received a gold medal in flame cutting and George Mitchell, who received a sliver medal in plate welding ..

Other post-secondary students participating in the VICA Skills Olympics were Vaughn Summerville, food service; Brady McDonald, welding; Luther Anderson and Sammy Helms. air conditioning and refrigeration; Chad Dillard, William McClard, Chad Williams and David Harrision, diesel; and Jack Ray Jr. and Carla Mazander, machine shop.



Welding winners

Winners in the competition of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America from Ouachita Vocational Technical School's welding department are (from left) George Mitchell, Pat Blount and Reece Young.



VICA winners

Winners in the competition of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America from Ouachita Vocational Technical School's food service department include Daily Record Photos-Locke

(from left) Beverly Burks, Janice Moss, Tressie McJunkin, instructor; Sheila Populus and Rosemary Lockett.