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Report of State Convention In Daytona Beach



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171 Receive State Farmer Degree

171 members of the Florida Association, FFA, received the State Farmer Degree at the State Convention in Daytona Beach. The total labor income of these members from productive enterprises was \$427,879.89. Each received at least \$5 from the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company. The best in three districts received \$10*, the best in two areas received \$25** and the Star State Farmer received \$50*** from them. The State Farmer Keys were presented by Florida Federation of Production Credit Associations. The three area winners received \$75 (**) (***) from the Florida Power Corporation, as Leadership Awards. The three District winners (*) also received \$50.00 each and transportation to the National Convention next October from the State Department of Agriculture. Also, the Star State Farmer (**) received \$200 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, and a Trophy from Florida Publishing Company.

Name	Chapter	Age	(A)	(B)	Name	Chapter	Age	(A)	(B)
DISTRICT I					DISTRICT IV				
Howard James Kent	Chipley	16	3	\$ 546.51	Russell Long	Anthony	17	4	1,223.13
Wilton Adams	Graceville	16	3	555.62	John Calvin Grossenbacher	Apopka	17	4	614.58
James P. Balkcom	Graceville	17	4	820.94	John Talton	Apopka	17	4	1,548.45
Freeman Cook	Graceville	17	3	1,178.18	Norman Story	Bushnell (S. Sumter)	17	4	1,352.87
Clayton Ray Jenkins	Graceville	18	4	1,032.46	Roy Daniel Story	Bushnell (S. Sumter)	18	5	1,011.80
Steve Ronald Baker	Jay	17	3	1,131.27	*Robert Marvin Strickland	Bushnell (S. Sumter)	20	4	1,098.16
Thomas R. Carter	Jay	17	3	652.31	*Horace V. Allen, Jr.	Crystal River	18	5	5,389.77
Jerry Franklin Floyd	Jay	19	3	2,952.50	Ernest Charles Woods	Crystal River	18	5	1,894.87
Ernest B. Jernigan	Jay	18	3	1,144.50	James Edward McLellan, Jr.	Crystal River	18	5	1,723.77
Clifford Harold Jones	Jay	17	3	1,485.12	Doyle Clarence Lee	Groveland	17	4	2,617.55
William Frank Nowling	Jay	16	3	2,202.00	Bernie Scott Merritt	Groveland	17	5	2,751.98
Hayward Prescott	Jay	18	3	4,961.45	Franklin Jay Stewart	Groveland	17	5	4,925.90
Wilmer Alford Whitfield	Jay	18	3	759.15	David L. White	Inverness (Citrus)	18	5	1,426.35
William Otis Fears	Marianna	18	5	7,118.16	Arthur Spence	Leesburg	18	4	821.50
*David Gordon Shepard	Marianna	18	5	8,619.35	James Arthur	Ocala (Silver Sprgs.)	18	4	3,723.06
David Sullivan	Marianna	17	5	7,830.11	Robert Logan Fischer	Ocoee	16	4	3,451.16
George S. Pace	Milton	16	3	1,860.65	Donald West Hovey	Ocoee	17	4	4,313.97
Sidney Mike Johnson	Poplar Springs	17	4	1,066.27	Philip Wayne Howard	Ocoee	17	4	960.65
Freddie Paul McIntosh	Poplar Springs	17	4	1,529.99	Morris Ramirez, Jr.	Ocoee	17	4	1,135.47
Joe Mac Smith	Poplar Springs	17	5	1,587.31	Samuel Newell Pearce	Tavares	18	5	1,632.97
George T. Baragona	Vernon	17	3	1,231.44	Joe Franklin Walker	Tavares	19	3	1,377.38
Charles Edward Brock	Vernon	17	3	1,246.24	John Marvin Douthat	Wildwood	17	4	1,224.20
Alchus Lee	Vernon	17	3	771.16					
Kenneth Levon Blanton	Walnut Hill	18	3	1,194.02					
Bobby Gibson	Walnut Hill	17	5	1,522.80					
Alton DeWayne	Walnut Hill	17	5	1,270.18					
Hollingsworth	Walnut Hill	17	5	1,642.47					
William Lamar O'Farrell	Walnut Hill	17	3	3,126.45					
Elmer Lamar Smith	Walnut Hill	17	5	3,126.45					
	TOTAL			\$61,038.61					\$47,610.49
DISTRICT II					DISTRICT V				
Fred Julian Tyre	Altha	17	4	\$ 1,580.63	Bartow	18	5	\$ 1,011.70	
Grady Wayne Shelton	Blountstown	17	3	669.16	Bartow	18	4	876.23	
John Daniel	Crawfordville	18	5	1,222.02	Bartow	18	4	1,088.05	
Gary Bryant	Greensboro	17	4	1,737.25	Bartow	18	4	4,340.00	
Durwood Suber	Greensboro	17	5	1,481.65	Bradenton	18	4	3,928.85	
Frank Morgan, Jr.	Greenville	17	4	2,368.78	Bradenton	17	3	4,130.04	
Adrian Durden	Havana	17	4	1,503.15	Bradenton	17	3	1,300.75	
Bobby Hurst	Havana	18	4	1,657.14	Bradenton	19	4	1,622.62	
Lewis A. Ward	Havana	17	5	2,016.46	Bradenton	17	4	2,570.77	
Lamar Moore	Jasper	17	5	2,377.82	Brandon	18	3	649.58	
Wallace Donald Smith	Jennings	17	5	2,344.76	Brooksville	17	5	1,069.90	
Buchanan Ezra Folsom	Mayo (Lafayette)	17	4	2,877.51	Fort Meade	19	5	1,424.40	
Kelly Koon	Mayo (Lafayette)	17	4	1,754.00	Fort Meade	19	5	844.04	
Owen C. McCall	Mayo (Lafayette)	17	4	4,272.94	Frostproof	17	5	654.49	
Tim Keeth Murray	Mayo (Lafayette)	17	4	3,202.70	Kathleen	18	4	1,173.58	
Herbert Edward Perry	Mayo (Lafayette)	18	4	1,146.95	Kathleen	18	3	558.42	
George D. Connell	Monticello	17	3	500.80	Kathleen	18	4	1,180.75	
William Daniel Blake	Quincy	17	4	1,502.99	Kathleen	19	4	1,575.36	
*Don Nicholson	Quincy	18	5	9,756.39	Lakeland	18	3	780.08	
Walt Dickson	Sopchoppy	17	4	650.15	Lakeland	17	3	746.03	
Ernest Wyrick	Tallahassee (Leon)	17	3	1,334.53	Lakeland	17	3	2,303.54	
Robert Leon Erixton	White Springs	17	5	1,864.79	Lakeland	19	3	891.26	
Damon Morgan	White Springs	17	5	2,102.40	Lakeland	17	3	583.09	
William Durwood Morgan	White Springs	17	5	3,304.16	Lakeland	17	4	1,516.92	
	TOTAL			\$54,229.13	Lakeland	17	3	2,166.68	
DISTRICT III					Lakeland	18	4	4,976.21	
James Eugene Alligood	Alachua (Santa Fe)	17	5	\$ 2,917.93	Lakeland	19	4	2,962.69	
Ronald Carlisle	Alachua (Santa Fe)	18	5	1,379.93	Lakeland	18	5	3,793.25	
David Carroll Lindsey	Alachua (Santa Fe)	17	5	2,744.37	Lakeland	18	5	5,690.93	
David McFarland	Alachua (Santa Fe)	18	5	2,872.65	Lakeland	18	4	1,001.09	
Morgan Outlaw	Alachua (Santa Fe)	17	5	749.55	Lakeland	17	4	1,117.65	
Henry H. Raattama, Jr.	Alachua (Santa Fe)	18	5	9,469.05	Lakeland	17	4	3,255.38	
Brainard Eugene Richardson	Alachua (Santa Fe)	17	5	2,145.48	Lakeland	18	4	4,034.63	
Barney Joseph Stephens	Alachua (Santa Fe)	17	5	2,813.36	Lakeland	18	4	4,717.03	
Marvin N. Smith, Jr.	Baldwin	17	4	1,208.18	Lakeland	18	3	3,613.99	
Hayward Philman	Bell	17	5	1,491.13	Lakeland	17	4	886.63	
Leonard Allen	Branford	17	4	1,207.59	Lakeland	17	4	914.35	
Rodney Boone	Branford	17	5	3,143.69	Lakeland	17	4	2,376.05	
A. W. Gaylord, Jr.	Branford	18	5	1,878.61	Lakeland	16	4	2,386.72	
Bennie Edward Hill	Branford	18	5	3,459.87	Lakeland			\$86,161.40	
Colin Slocum	Branford	18	5	1,493.55					
Robert David Stephens	Branford	17	5	3,062.76					
Kenneth Ulysses Corbin	Bronson	17	5	1,228.13					
Charles Arnold Beck	Chiefland	17	4	1,176.50					
Dewey V. Glenn	Fl. White	17	4	1,420.29					
William Finley Brown	Lake Butler	17	3	915.72					
Clifford F. Dance	Lake Butler	17	3	2,055.69					
Inman Blair Harrison	Lake Butler	16	3	2,264.50					
Roy Edward Messer	Lake City (Columbia)	17	4	1,447.40					
Johnnie Gaskins	Macedonny (Baker County)	18	4	1,045.76					
Paschal Carr	Melrose	20	5	3,035.55					
Winslow B. Fredriksson, Jr.	Melrose	17	4	585.97					
James A. Lilly	Melrose	18	5	13,510.44					
Bernard Howell Dalton	Newberry	18	4	4,820.95					
Samuel Getzen Martin	Newberry	19	4	1,113.60					
Allen Bradford Crews	Starke (Bradford)	18	4	1,917.95					
Winston Wayne Parrish	Starke	17	4	832.07					
William E. Starling	Starke	17	4	1,674.85					
Percy Everett Sullivan, Jr.	Starke	18	3	1,735.59					
*Herbert E. Brown, Jr.	Trenton	18	5	9,524.90					
	TOTAL			\$92,343.56					

Column (A) shows number of years in Vocational Agriculture and Column (B) the amount of labor income.

By Way of Editorial Comment:

Let's Keep Our Muscle

by Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture

LET'S KEEP agriculture strong in America.

Agriculture is our strongest defense against aggression in the United States today. Russia is not nearly as frightened by our missiles and men as she is of our agriculture. When Nikita Khrushchev visited our country he was not as impressed with anything—with the possible exception of Dis-



Doyle Conner

neyland—as he was with our agriculture. After visiting some of our farms, he realized we were capable of feeding a hungry world as well as the people of our own nation.

In America one farmer grows enough to feed himself and 23 others, leaving the other 23 to do other important jobs. In Russia one out of every three or four have to farm to grow enough food, and there still isn't enough.

In the Communist plan, 1961 was supposed to be the year of plenty in Russia, the year that they would surpass us in agricultural production. But, several months ago, Khrushchev called his agricultural experts together and heads rolled because they had not even come close to reaching this goal. Last month the Soviet boss called on his followers to start eating horse meat because

other food was short. He said it was "very tasty." It probably would be if you were hungry enough.

One of the one-thousand-per-week refugees crossing over from Communist East Germany to West Berlin was stopped and interviewed by an American reporter recently. The reporter asked him why he had crossed over. He replied that he had been a farmer in East Germany and that practically all the crops there were failing and the people would soon be starving.

Some military experts say Russia is ahead of the U.S. in space weapons. Others disagree. Whether they are or not, they still have hungry mouths to feed. Soldiers don't fight too well with empty stomachs, and they can't eat their rockets and Sputniks.

And how about Russia's allies and the neutral countries to whom they have promised food? Reports are frequent that some of Castro's Cubans have become dissatisfied because of Russia's failure to fulfill promises of food. Just recently there has been much speculation that Communist China has fallen out with Russia because of their failure to fulfill the same promises.

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The Cover State FFA President Victor Butler, presenting gavels to Hon. William V. Chappel, Jr., Speaker of the 1961 House of Representatives, and Hon. George G. Stone, Speaker Pro Tem.

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Receiving the Honorary State Farmer Degree Wednesday afternoon at the 1961 State Convention. Seated (L to R): Lamar Allen, Pres., Fla. Federation of Fairs, West Palm Beach; T. J. Bailey, State Supervisor, Industrial Education, Tallahassee; R. E. Childs, Principal, Graceville High School; John Y. Mercer, Principal, Ft. Meade High School; J. Owen Eubank, Mayor of Daytona Beach; J. W. Hammett, State Soil Conservationist, Gainesville; John H. Herbert, Jr., Conservationist, Agricultural Extension Service, Gainesville; J. Bates Johnson, Jr., Co-ordinator of Vocational Agriculture, Orange Co., Orlando; J. K. Privett, Co-ordinator of Vocational Agriculture, Polk County, Bartow; Standing (L to R): Fred B. Karl, Member, House of Representatives, Volusia County; Woodie A. Liles, Member, House of Representatives, Hillsborough County, Plant City; Sam Kelly, President, Loncala Phosphate Company, High Springs; Dr. Drayton T. Kinard, Head of Agricultural Engineering Dept., University of Florida; Samuel M. Miller, Supv. Principal, Seabreeze High School, Daytona Beach; W. Harold Parady, Service Mgr., Florida Ford Tractor Co., Jacksonville; Jeet Rowell, Conservation Forester, International Paper Company, Panama City; W. T. Shaddick, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, Gainesville; Thomas Smith, President, County Commissioners Organization in Florida, Quincy; and James N. Watson, Duval County Agricultural Agent, Jacksonville.

The 33rd FFA Convention Story

FUTURE FARMERS, Chapter Advisers and guests attended the Thirty-third Annual State FFA Convention and Leadership Conference in record numbers. Registrations at the Convention, which was held at Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach June 13-17, exceeded 800. Many of the meetings and special events were attended by crowds far in excess of this number. Outstanding performances were turned in by President Victor Butler and his fellow officers, for which they have received many well deserved compliments from Advisers, parents, friends and co-operators. An outstanding characteristic of the Florida F.F.A. Convention is the teamwork between officers, members, advisers and staff. This year was no exception as 136 Advisers attended and assisted with the many activities and events scheduled for the convention.

Included among the many guests of the Convention during the week were: Byron Rawls, Executive Secretary, Alabama Association, FFA, Auburn, Alabama; Jimmy Barnes, President, Alabama Association, FFA, Sulligent, Alabama; and Teddy Carruth, National FFA Vice-President, Tulia, Texas. These guests gave generously of their time and talents in helping to make the Convention a success. It was truly a "team" effort, with each one pitching in to do

his share to help make this one of Florida's outstanding conventions.

MONDAY

The Rotary Club Program was presented at the Palmetto Club, with M. C. Roche in charge. Appearing on the pro-

gram were Victor Butler, State FFA President, as speaker, and the Crawfordville String Band furnishing the music. Teddy Carruth, National FFA Vice-President was a guest. A good crowd was in attendance.



1961-62 State FFA Officers. Seated (L to R): Chuck Beck, Chiefland, President; George T. Baragona, Vernon, 1st Vice-Pres; Chuck McIntosh, Turkey Creek, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Hank Raattama, Santa Fe at Alachua, 3rd Vice-Pres.; Walt Dickson, Sopchoppy, 4th Vice-Pres.; John Douthat, Wildwood, 5th Vice-Pres.; Willie N. Veal, Jr., Pahokee, 6th Vice-Pres. Standing: H. E. Wood, State Adviser; Arnold Beck (father of Chuck); Irving Roche, Vernon, Adviser of George; Elton Hinton, Turkey Creek, Adviser of Chuck McIntosh; Richard Kelly and Henry Lunsford, Santa Fe, Advisers of Hank; Wm. E. Whaley, Sopchoppy, Adviser of Walt; James R. Edwards, Wildwood, Adviser of John; Noma R. Norman, Pahokee, Adviser of Willie; and Teddy Carruth, Tulia, Texas, National Vice-President.

Florida Future Farmer for Summer, 1961

TUESDAY

Registration, housing, interviewing of candidates for state office, the tractor driving contest, as well as the Vegetable Judging, Identification and Grading, and Demonstration Contests, had the spotlight during the first day. Future Farmers filled their headquarters, the Daytona Plaza Hotel, and many of the surrounding hotels.

A program was presented at the Lion's Club, with N. L. Storms in charge. Dale Marler, 3rd State FFA Vice-President of the Lakeland Chapter was the speaker.

The Halifax Area Kiwanis Club Program was given at the Peninsular Club, with Jack Millican in charge. Victor Butler, State President was speaker and the Turkey Creek String Band furnished the music.

The Florida Ford Tractor Company was host at a Luncheon for District Tractor Driver Winners and their Advisers.

The Delegates and Advisers Dinner was held at the Daytona Plaza Hotel at 5:00 p.m. This most enjoyable event was attended by 265 delegates, advisers, state officers, members and friends. Victor Butler, State President, acted as Master of Ceremonies, gave a short welcome and introduced his fellow State officers. The Invocation was given by David Vorpapel, 6th Vice-President from the Orlando-Evans Chapter. H. E. Wood, State FFA Adviser, introduced the guests, and Dr. Walter R. Williams, Jr., State Director of Vocational and Adult Education was the guest speaker. President Butler presented Mr. Wood with a new Adviser's jacket. Bill Fletcher, Agriculture Teacher from Arcadia presented orchids to all the ladies present. Excellent music was furnished by the Groveland and Crawfordville String Bands. The State FFA Sweetheart of 1960-61, Tillie Smith, and the State Champion Quartet from the Bartow Chapter provided additional entertainment.

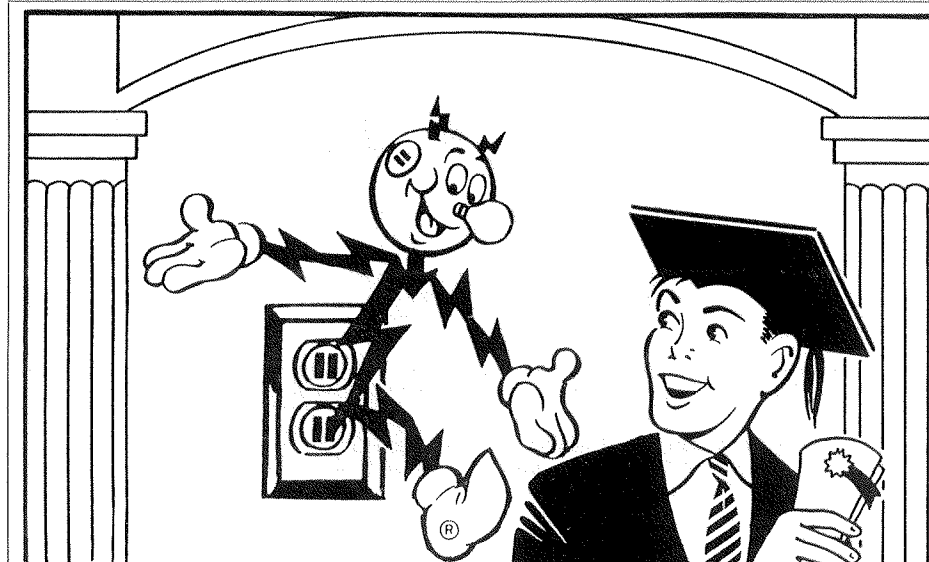
TUESDAY EVENING

The First General Assembly of all delegates, advisers, and guests, was held in the Peabody Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The State Officers occupied their respective stations for the official opening ceremony. State President, Victor Butler gave a welcome and introduced the other officers. Luther Beauchamp, 4th Vice-President, presided. W. T. Loftin, Associate Professor of Agricultural Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, and Leon Sims, former Agriculture Teacher and now a graduate student at the University, were in charge of the Parliamentary Procedure Contest. The Judges were: John Mattingly, Attorney, DeLand; Vince Gould, member of a Parliamentary Procedure Class, DeLand; and Lamar Allen, President of Florida Federation of Fairs and Shows, West Palm Beach.

Chapter teams and members in the order of their final placings in this contest were: 1st, Havana (Lewis Ward, Tommy Hancock, Ralph Porter, Tommy



Jim Saunders, Agricultural Engineer, Florida Power Corporation, presenting the State Leadership Awards: Don Nicholson, Quincy; Horace V. Allen, Jr., Crystal River, and Hubert Larry Walker, Mulberry.



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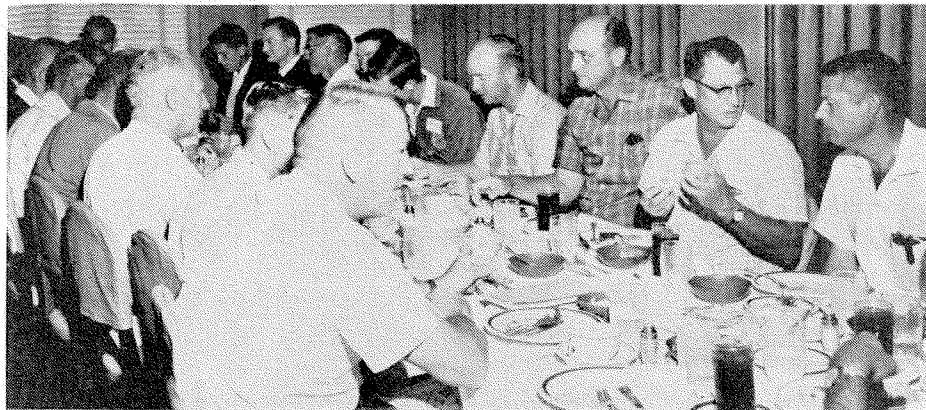
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Top photo shows Florida Ford Tractor Company Luncheon for Tractor Drivers and their Advisers. • Bottom photo: Tractor Driving Contest.

Underhill, Joe Johnson, and Johnny Fischer) was awarded \$25 and a pennant from the Florida Association, FFA, and a trophy from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation by Lewis Haveard, Director of Organization, Florida Farm Bureau Gainesville; 2nd, Bradenton (Wayne Stokes, Marvin Johns, Glen Westberry, Phil Davidson, Joseph Broxton, and Jimmy Parks), \$20; 3rd, Santa Fe Chapter at Alachua (Morgan Outlaw, Hank Raatama, Jimmy Hamm, James Allgood, Jim Busby, and Elmo Douglas), \$15. Mr. Mattingly announced the results.

John McCarty, 1st Vice-President, explained the String Band Contest, and Aubrey Fowler, Manager of North Florida Production Credit Association, Live Oak, gave the qualification of the judges. After the contest was held, the awards sponsored by the Florida Association, FFA were presented by Wayne Fowler as follows: Groveland, as State Winner (Jay Stewart, Sherman McGregor, Keith Rudd, and Earl Drawdy), received \$20 and a pennant; Ft. Pierce as second place winner received \$15; Turkey Creek 3rd place, \$10.00; Columbia Chapter at Lake City, 4th place, \$5.00; Crawfordville 5th place, \$5.00; and Ponce DeLeon 6th place, \$5.00. The Judges in the String Band Contest were Wayne Fowler, Live Oak, singer, recent graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D. C., Dr. Hal Gordon, owner of the Gordon Company of Orlando, and Ralph Lougee, Daytona Beach (Retired).

T. E. Hancock, Ass't. General Sales Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville, presented the follow-

ing awards to winners of the Tractor Driving Contest, which was sponsored by his company: a 21 jewel wrist watch, and pennant for the chapter, to Tommy Crevasse, (Santa Fe) Alachua, as State Champion; a 17-jewel watch to Robert Breeding of Quincy as second place winner; and \$25 Savings Bonds to the following in their respective placings: Edward Harrison, Ocoee; Robert Pleas, Chipley; Ronald Smith, Ft. Pierce; and M. E. Wilkins, Palmetto. Prof. C. J. Rogers, University of Florida, Gainesville; Harold Parady, Service Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville; and John Hollowell, John Deere Plow Company, Lake City, were the Judges. The tractors were furnished by Florida Ford Tractor Company and the trailer was furnished by the Jim Tew Service

AT OUR recent state convention I received one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed on a farm boy. In doing so I also reached a goal long set as a Future Farmer. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those who made this honor possible and also to those who have offered words of encouragement for the coming year.

Fellow Future Farmers, I have accepted this great responsibility with sincere humility and look forward to the coming year of working with you, your Chapter Advisors, State Department personnel and the wonderful people of business and industry who have shown such a great interest in our organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to challenge you Fellow Future Farmers to take advantage of the opportunities to develop your potential, both in agriculture and in leadership, for the promotion of our State Association, of agriculture as a way of life, and to strengthen the reserves of leadership sorely needed to maintain a great country.

CHUCK BECK
President, Florida Association, F.F.A.

Station, Daytona Beach. G. C. Norman, Program Specialist in Agricultural Education, had charge of arranging the Tractor Driving Contest, conducted by M. L. Bishop, Alachua County Co-ordinator of Agricultural Education.

C. M. Lawrence, Area Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture presented the awards sponsored by the Florida Cattlemen's Association in the Beef Breeding and Feeder Steer Contest, to the following: Wayne Carlton, of the Ft. Pierce Chapter, as state winner of the Beef Breeding Award received \$100 toward the purchase of a pure-bred registered animal of the breed desired. Other winners: Rodney Hammond, Winter Haven; Ted Sutherland, Bartow; C. L. Thornhill, Jr., Winter Haven; Richard Parramore, Quincy; and Tommy Cunningham, Lakeland, each received \$15 to help defray their expenses in attending the State Convention. The State Winner of the Feeder Steer Award, Ronald Thompson, Marianna, was presented \$100 to apply on expenses for him and his Adviser, R. F. Toole, to attend the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October 1961. Other winners, each of whom received \$15 to help defray their expenses to the State Convention, were as follows: George Culverhouse, Ft. Pierce; Paul Osborne and Harold Wilson, Bartow; and Jerry Hollingsworth, Santa Fe Junior Chapter at Alachua.

The Farm Safety Awards, a \$100 check and certificate from the Future Farmers of America Foundation were presented to the Winter Haven Chapter by R. A. Miessen, Ass't. to the Division Manager, Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville. John Doty, Chairman of the Farm Safety Committee, accepted the award. Other awards presented by Mr. Miessen on behalf of the Standard Oil Company were: \$50 to the South Dade Chapter at Homestead; \$25 to the Ft. Pierce Chapter; \$20 to the DeLand Senior Chapter; \$15 to the Ocala Chapter; and \$10 to the Bradenton Chapter.

Luther Beauchamp then returned the gavel to the State President for the Closing Ceremony and Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Ft. Pierce String Band (Tom Maxwell, Joe Parker, Ronald Smith,

Harold Vrana, John Futch, and Buddy Albritton), second place winner in the state contest, entertained the delegates and guests with some very fine music. The Devotional was given by Reverend Jerry L. Adkins of the First Baptist Church, Holly Hill.

The 33rd Annual State Convention then opened officially with State President Victor Butler presiding. The officers occupied their respective stations for the official opening ceremony.

Mayor Owen Eubank then extended a hearty welcome to the Florida Future Farmers and wished for them a very successful convention. He also expressed the hope that they would return to Daytona Beach next year for their convention.

John H. Smiley, Volusia County Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Floyd Kay, Manager of Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, extended greetings and best wishes to the Future Farmers.

At this time H. E. Wood, State FFA Adviser, and the State Officers were introduced.

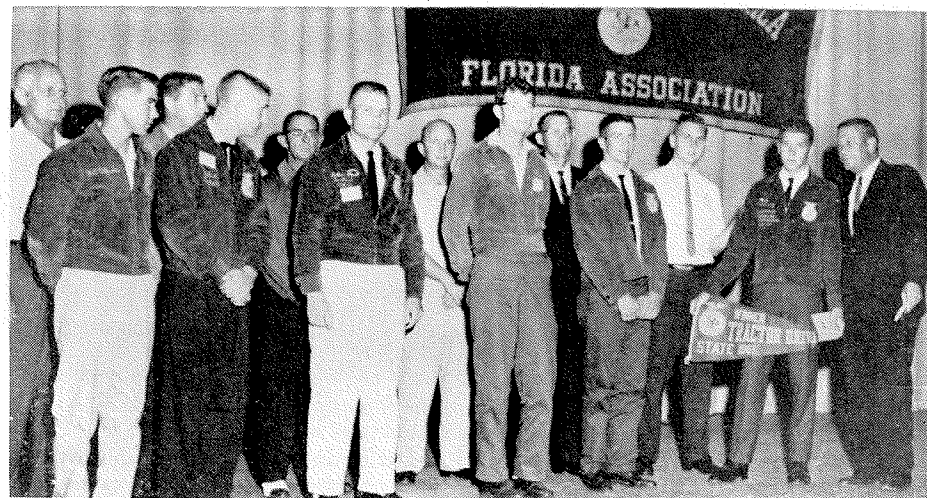
The roll call of delegates by districts was made by the State Vice-Presidents, and the entire delegation was seated. Special recognition was given to our new chapters, as follows: Alachua (Santa Fe Jr.); Bradenton (Southeast Jr.);



H. E. Wood, State FFA Adviser, receives gift from Victor Butler, State President.



Victor Butler, State President, receives award from his mother. His parents received the Certificate of Merit and Honorary State Farmer Degree in 1960, as Victor was Star State Farmer.



1961 Tractor Driving winners being presented awards by T. E. Hancock, Ass't General Sales Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville.

Brandon (Mann); Sanford Junior and Tallahassee (Cobb-Raa).

After being introduced by John McCarty, Jr., 1st Vice-President, Victor Butler gave the State President's Message.

The Minutes of the 32nd Annual Convention were read by David Vorpagel, 6th Vice-President, and approved.

The State Forestry Contest Awards, sponsored by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, were presented by R. N. Hoskins, General Forestry Agent, Richmond, Va. David King of Jasper, as State Winner received \$275, and his Adviser, R. S. McMillan received \$125 to help cover their expenses in attending the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, and visiting other cities in October. Second place and \$50 went to Houston Taff, Crawfordville; third place and \$30 to Leamon Register, Macclenny; and fourth place and \$20 to Donald Cook, Vernon Chapter.

The State Champion Groveland String Band furnished some very good music at this time.

David Vorpagel read the names of those recommended to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree during the Convention and they were approved. He also read the names of those who had received the Degree during the year and they were approved.

Secretary Wilkerson then presented the Nominating Committee's selection for State President, Chuck Beck of Chiefland, who was approved, and nominations were received from the floor for Chuck McIntosh, Turkey Creek; Wayne Stokes, Bradenton; and Herbert E. Brown, Jr., Trenton. Each candidate gave a short talk.

President Butler read telegrams from the State 4-H Girls Council and the State 4-H Boys Council, made several announcements, and gave recognition to guests who were present. Luther Beauchamp, 4th Vice-President, led the observance of Flag Day.

Two special luncheons were held at 11:45 a.m. at the Daytona Plaza Hotel. One was for the Farm Safety Winners

(Chapter Advisers and Chairmen of the Farm Safety Committees) as guests of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, with R. A. Miessen as host. The other was for the District Sweethearts and their chaperones, who were guests of the Craig Hotels; John E. Leonard, Manager, A. K. Every, Resident Manager, and Mrs. Ruth Janetos, Sales Director.

The Civitan Club Program was presented at Morrison's Imperial House, with W. T. Loftin in charge of the program. David Vorpagel, Orlando-Evans Chapter was speaker, and the Newberry Quartet furnished the music.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Wednesday afternoon session was called to order by the President and opened with the official ceremony.

John McCarty, Jr. introduced the Judges for the Harmonica Contest as follows: Aubrey Fowler, Wayne Fowler, and Ralph Lougee.

After the harmonica contest was held Wayne Fowler announced the results and presented the awards to the following in their order of placing: Broward Creamer, Blountstown, \$10 and a pennant; Claude Rankin, South Sumter at Bushnell, \$8; Kim Wellman, Bronson, \$7; Lafayette Shelley, Chipley, \$5; John Kellogg, Southeast Manatee, \$5.

Dale Marler and David Vorpagel gave introductory remarks regarding the candidates for Honorary State Farmer Degree, after which the State Officers awarded the Degree to the following: Lamar Allen, President, Florida Federation of Fairs and Livestock Shows, West Palm Beach; Thurman J. Bailey, State Supervisor, Industrial Education, Tallahassee; R. E. Childs, Supervising Principal of Graceville High School; J. Owen Eubank, Mayor of Daytona Beach; J. W. Hammett, State Soil Conservationist, Gainesville; John H. Herbert, Jr., Extension Conservationist, Agricultural Extension Service, Gainesville; J. B. Johnson, Jr., County Co-ordinator for Agricultural Education, Orlando; Fred B. Karl, Member of House of Representatives,



Presentation of the Superior Chapter Awards is shown in photo above.

Volusia County, Daytona Beach; Sam Kelly, President of Loncala Phosphate Company, High Springs; Dr. Drayton T. Kinard, Head of Agricultural Engineering Department, University of Florida, Gainesville; Woodie A. Liles, Member of House of Representatives, Hillsborough County, Plant City; John Y. Mercer, Supervising Principal of Ft. Meade High School; Samuel M. Miller, Supervising Principal of Seabreeze High School, Daytona Beach; W. Harold Parady, District Supervisor for Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville; J. K. Privett, County Co-ordinator of Agricultural Education, Bartow; Jeet Rowell, Conservation Forester for International Paper Company, Panama City; W. T. Shaddick, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, Gainesville; Thomas Smith, President of the County Commissioners Organization in Florida, Quincy; and James N. Watson, Duval County Agricultural Agent, Jacksonville.

Others receiving the Honorary Degree during the year were: D. Hoyt Woodberry, President of Eli Witt Cigar Company, Tampa; James Blanton, Vice-President of Publix Super-Markets, Lakeland; Sam Bush, Chairman, Florida Egg Commission, New Port Richey; Dr. D. W. Griffin, Veterinarian, Tampa and Dr. Paul Little, Veterinarian, Clearwater, at the Florida State Fair on FFA Day; W. H. Chapman, Agronomist-in-Charge, West Florida Experiment Station, Quincy, at the West Florida Livestock Show in Quincy.

At this time, Lamar Allen, President of Florida Federation of Fairs made some inspiring remarks to the delegation.

Charles Olive of Malone was presented a certificate and check for \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a \$100 Savings Bond from the Florida Ford Tractor Company, as state winner of the Farm Mechanics Award, by Tommy Hancock, Ass't. General Sales Manager, of Jacksonville. To each of the District winners, he presented \$50 Savings Bonds also from his company: I—Leroy Gillis, Ponce DeLeon; II—Robert Erixton, White Springs; III—A. W. Gaylord, Jr., Branford; IV—Edmond Harrison, Ocoee; V—Hubert L. Walker, Mulberry; VI—George Culverhouse, Jr., Ft. Pierce. County Winners each received a \$25 Savings Bond from their local Ford Tractor Dealer.

At this time President Butler read a telegram of contratulations from past State President Cecil Tindel and past State Vice-President Curtis Koon. After some announcements were made, the committees received their assignments and recessed for meetings in Seabreeze High School and in Peabody Auditorium.

Over six hundred Future Farmers, Advisers and Guests met on the beach at "Beach Rest," at 5:30 p.m. for the fish fry, which was sponsored by the Florida Ford Tractor Company, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Marion L. Bishop and G. C. Norman had charge of the fish fry.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

At 8:30 p.m. a special talent program arranged by D. A. Storms, Sr., was presented in the Peabody Auditorium, with over 1500 Future Farmers and guests in attendance. Bill Gunter, past National President, was Master of Ceremonies for a full and very entertaining program. President Victor Butler introduced special guests, and the Fort Pierce String

Band played. Singing and other entertainment was furnished by the following: Anita Miles, DeFuniak Springs FFA Sweetheart; Sally Fuller, Largo Sweetheart; Babs Beville, Pompano Chapter Sweetheart; Betsy Rumpf, Lakeview Chapter Sweetheart, Winter Garden; Linda Faye O'Steen, Lafayette Chapter Sweetheart, Mayo; John Douthat, Wildwood, Trumpet Solo; Maryjean Henyey, Hilliard Sweetheart; Marlin Register, Graceville, singing with Guitar; Larry Bowers, DeFuniak Springs, singing with Guitar; Claude Rankin, South Sumter Chapter at Bushnell, Harmonica; Turkey Creek String Band; Larry Barrington, Mann Jr. Chapter at Brandon, vocalist; Bartow FFA Quartet; Groveland String Band; Tri-State Champion Quartet from Turkey Creek; 1960-61 State FFA Sweetheart, Tillie Smith, Quincy; Broward Creamer, State Harmonica Champion, Blountstown.

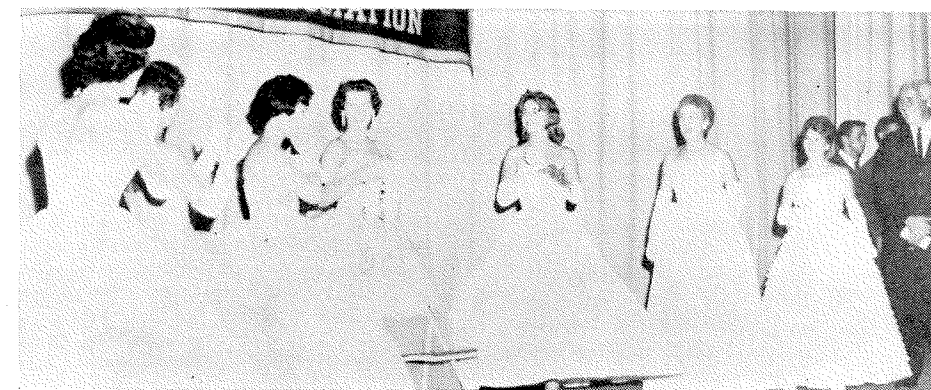
The Program closed with Tillie Smith leading the audience in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, University of Florida, sponsored a breakfast at the Daytona Plaza Hotel, at 7:00 a.m. for all State Farmer Candidates planning to attend college. T. L. Barrianeau, Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Area I had charge of the program. Randy Kincaid, member of the Fraternity and former State President of FFA, acted as Toastmaster. Special music was furnished by the Turkey Creek Quartet.

The fourth session opened with harmonica playing by Claude Rankin, South Sumter Chapter at Bushnell. The Devotional was given by Reverend Theodore Rogers of the Ormond Beach Union Church. President Butler called the meeting to order with the official opening ceremony, and the Annual FFA Report was given by Luther Beauchamp, 4th Vice-President.

The State F.F.A. Highlights for 1960-61 were given by Dr. E. W. Garriss, Head Teacher Trainer of Agricultural Educa-



1961 District Sweethearts with J. E. Gorman, General Manager, Florida Retail Federation, as the State Sweetheart was announced.



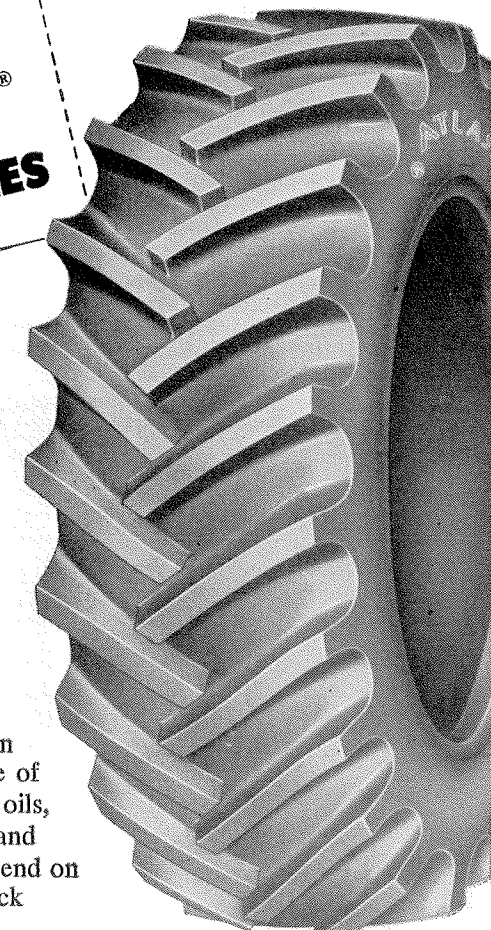
Honored guests at the International Harvester Luncheon. Kneeling—1961-62 Officers: Chuck Beck, Chiefland, President; George Baragona, Vernon, 1st Vice-Pres.; Chuck McIntosh, Turkey Creek, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Hank Raattama, Santa Fe at Alachua, 3rd Vice-Pres.; Walt Dickson, Sopchoppy, 4th Vice-Pres.; John Douthat, Wildwood, 5th Vice-Pres.; Willie Veal, Jr., Pahokee, 6th Vice-Pres. Seated—1960-61 Officers: Victor Butler, Havana, President; John McCarty, Jr., Ft. Pierce, 1st Vice-Pres.; Robert Wilkerson, Paxton, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Dale Marler, Lakeland, 3rd Vice-Pres.; Luther Beauchamp, Chiefland, 4th Vice-Pres.; Harrell Howell, Jennings, 5th Vice-Pres.; David Vorpapel, Orlando-Evans, 6th Vice-Pres. Standing—P. K. Beck, Chiefland, President 1956-57; Donald Adams, Chiefland, President 1943-44; Claude Jones, Pahokee, President 1941-42; H. E. Wood, State Adviser; G. M. Nation, District Mgr., International Harvester Co.; Soil and Water Management Winners—State, Murdock Leroy Gillis, Ponce DeLeon; Doyle Lee, Groveland; and George Culverhouse, Jr., Ft. Pierce.



Tillie Smith, Quincy, 1960-61 Sweetheart, crowning the new State Sweetheart, Maryjean Henyey, Hilliard.

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From left to right are pictured: Hon. Tom Adams, Secretary of State, addressing the 1961 State Convention. • Hon. Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, addressing the 33rd State FFA Convention. • Dr. Walter R. Williams, Jr., State Director, Vocational and Adult Education, Speaking at the Delegates and Advisors Dinner at the 1961 State Convention. • Dr. E. W. Garris, Head Teacher-Trainer, Agricultural Education, University of Florida, giving the 1960-61 Highlights. • Teddy Carruth, National Vice-President, Tulia, Texas, addressing the 1961 State FFA Convention.

tion at the University of Florida, Gainesville. (Copies of this report will be distributed at the Vocational Agricultural Teachers Conference in September.)

Dale Marler, 3rd Vice-President, presented the Treasurer's Report for the year 1960-61, which was approved by the delegates.

At this time the State President introduced George Talbott, Manager of the Production and Marketing Division, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Orlando. Mr. Talbott introduced David Brengle, 1960 State Winner, who gave a summary of the Demonstration Contest. David attended the National Junior Vegetable Grower's Association Convention in Denver, Colorado, last December, and was elected National Secretary of the Association for 1961. He also gave an account of his trip at this time. Then John Farrar, FFA Director of Public Relations and Information, Washington, D. C., announced the winners. Mr. Talbott presented awards in the Judging, Grading and Identification Contest, and the Demonstration Contest, as follows:

The Palatka team, composed of Johnnie Cone, James May, and Guy Golden was State Winner in the State Judging, Grading and Identification Contest, and will represent Florida in the National Junior Vegetable Growers Convention in Detroit, Michigan, next December. The expenses will be paid by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association. Other winners in their respective order were: Second, Winter Haven; Third, Lakeland. The other high seven teams receiving ribbons were: Pinecrest, Turkey Creek; Miami-Edison; Hialeah; Auburndale; Lake Wales, and Santa Fe Sr. at Alachua.

In the Demonstration Contest the State Award was presented to the Turkey Creek Chapter Team composed of John Lee. The title of the Demonstration was "Producing Tomatoes Hydroponically." FFA'er Lee was also the Production Winner. The other Division Winners were: Marketing, Hialeah, composed of Tony Naville and Hoyt Northcutt. The title of the Demonstration was "Marketing Tomatoes." Use, Palatka, composed of David Enzor and Richard Rich. The

title of the demonstration was "Preparing Fruits for Freezing."

Winning the Soils Division was the Miami-Edison Chapter Team composed of Jimmy Hightower and Robert Hunnicutt. The Demonstration was "Fumigating Soil." The Turkey Creek Team received expenses to attend the N.J.V.G.A. National Convention in Detroit, Michigan, in December, from the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.

Division Winners in Demonstration Contests gave their Demonstrations at this time.

Mardi Liles, of the Tampa Tribune, and formerly with WFLA-TV, was introduced by President Butler. The Tribune Company (WFLA and WFLA-TV) is sponsor of the Dairy Judging Team's trip to Waterloo, Iowa each year.

Broward Creamer, Blountstown Chapter, State Champion Harmonica Player gave a few selections.

Kenneth Lee, former member of the Branford Chapter, and Clyde Rogers, former member of the South Dade Chap-

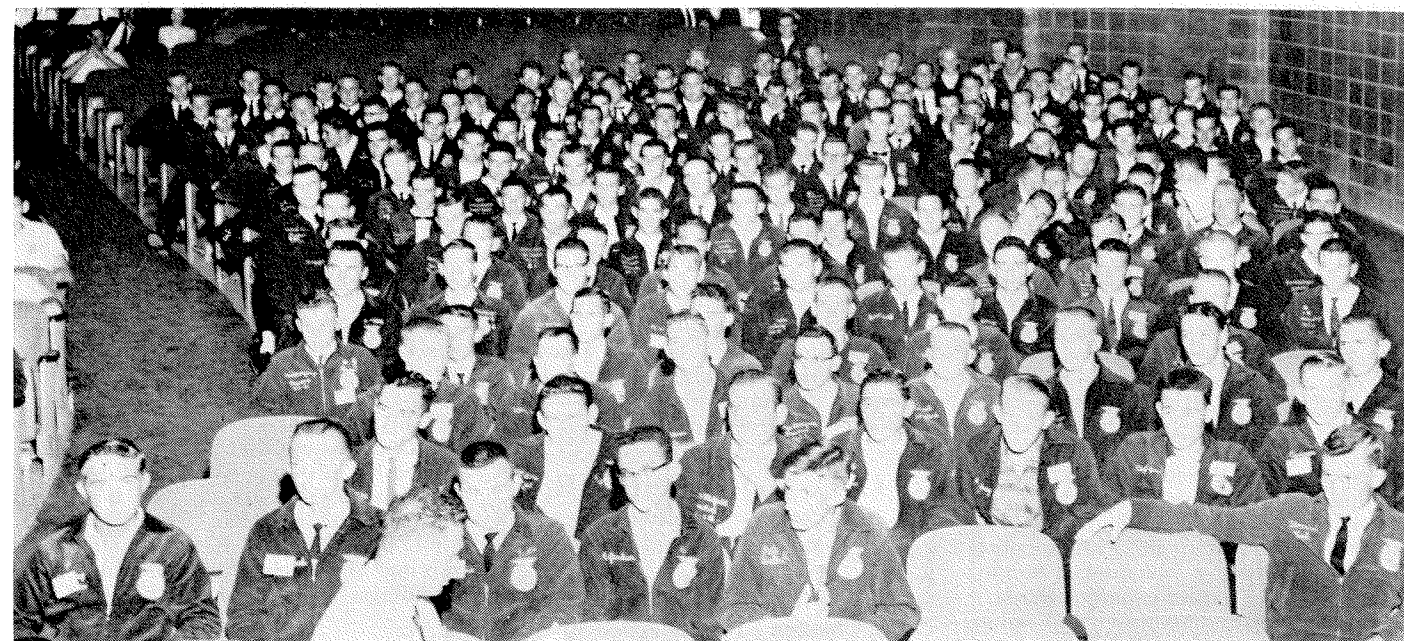
ter at Homestead, now seniors at the University of Florida and members of the Collegiate Chapter, were each presented a \$100 J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarship by H. E. Wood, State FFA Adviser. Kenneth and Clyde are both planning to accept employment as teachers of vocational agriculture in Florida.

President Butler read the names of the 1960 American Farmer Degree recipients (and their Advisers): Amos Beutke, Santa Fe at Alachua; Darrel Hobbs, Paxton; Lamar Jenkins, Williams Chapter at Live Oak; C. V. Jones, Jr., Trenton; Mike Kurish, Ft. Meade; Billy Poston, Quincy; Wesley Smith, Hastings; Harold Stephens, South Sumter at Bushnell; Billy Joe Williams, Graceville.

Then, Dale Marler, 3rd Vice-President, introduced the 1961 applicants: Victor Butler, Havana; Gene Curls, Santa Fe at Alachua; Walter Edwards, Jr., Monticello; Roy Leon Hagan, Jr., Lakeview at Winter Garden; P. L. Keen, Bradenton; Randy King, Jasper; Ray L. Rhodes, Ocala; Edward Henry Ver-



Mid-States Steel and Wire Company Luncheon for District Star Farmers. Seated in front: Don Nicholson, Quincy; H. E. Brown, Jr., Trenton; Horace V. Allen, Jr., Crystal River; Hubert Larry Walker, Mulberry; and George Culverhouse, Jr., Ft. Pierce. Second row: Mrs. Lou Nicholson; Mrs. H. E. Brown, Sr.; Jack Salt, Sales Director, Mid-States Steel & Wire Company, Jacksonville; Mrs. Hubert Walker; Mrs. George Culverhouse. Standing: Horace V. Allen, Sr.; Dewitt C. Crawford, Adviser, Crystal River; H. E. Brown, Sr.; Eugene Doss, Adviser, Mulberry; Hubert Walker, Sr.; Ed Raikes, Adviser, Ft. Pierce; and George Culverhouse, Sr.



Shown above are 171 members who received the 1961 State Farmer Degree.

tommen, Pahokee; and Jack H. Walker, South Dade at Homestead.

Ronald Nelson, North Miami, past State Vice-President, was introduced, and he made remarks at this time.

A motion was passed that the Florida Association unanimously recommend Randy King for one of the Regional Star Farmer Awards. A motion was also passed that the Association recommend Victor Butler for a National Office.

For the past several years the Florida Association, FFA has invited the State Presidents from all FFA State Associations in the Southern Region, as well as Presidents of other youth organizations in Florida, to attend their State Convention. Those present this year were Teddy Carruth, Tulia, Texas, National FFA Vice-President; and Jimmy Barnes, State President, Alabama Association, FFA. Jimmy spoke briefly at this time.

Hon. Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, was introduced at this time, and the entire delegation rose in his honor, after which he gave a very inspiring message to the delegates and guests.

After some announcements, the meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony.

The 1961 State Farmer Candidates and their Advisers were guests of Wilson-Toomer Fertilizer Company of Jacksonville, at a luncheon at the Daytona Plaza Hotel. J. D. Garden of Mayo, a representative of Wilson-Toomer Company was host. Leon Sims had charge of the program and the (Columbia) Lake City Chapter String Band furnished the music. Victor Butler, State President, was Master of Ceremonies.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The fifth session was called to order by the President. At this time Teddy Carruth, National FFA Vice-President from Tulia, Texas, addressed the delegation.

Then, election and initiation of candidates for the State Farmer Degree by the State Officers was held. The degree was conferred on 171 Future Farmers (This listing is given on page 2.) The Mid-States Steel and Wire Company of Crawfordville, Indiana, and Jacksonville, Florida, sponsored awards of \$5 each and a certificate for members receiving the State Farmer Degree, with \$10 going to the three top District Winners; the two area winners received \$25 each, and \$50 to the Star State Farmer. Jack Salt, Sales Director from Jacksonville, presented the awards.

The Florida Federation of Production Credit Associations presented a State Farmer Key to each member receiving the Degree. Howard V. Lee, President of the Federation, East Lake Weir, and R. A. Darr, President of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Columbia, S. C., presented the keys, after which Mr. Darr was presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree, and made a most inspiring speech.

The four candidates for 1961-62 State President were given two minutes each to present their qualifications prior to the balloting for President. Next, President Butler called on W. T. Loftin, who explained the method of voting. Voting machines were used through the courtesy of Mrs. Katherine Odham, Supervisor of Registration, Volusia County, and delegates voted immediately after the meeting adjourned.

"Pass-the-Chicken, Pappy." Awards, sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation were presented to 17 Chapters by T. J. Wetherall, Manager of the Sears Roebuck Store at Daytona Beach. First place winner in each District received \$25, second place winner \$15 and third place winner \$10. Those who received awards by District in order of placing were as follows: I—Poplar Springs; Bethlehem; Vernon; II—Tallahassee (Leon);

Jasper; Greenville; III—Macclenny; Chiefland; IV—Bushnell (South Sumter); St. Cloud; Ocoee; V—Haines City; Bartow; Brooksville; VI—Wauchula (Peace River); Wauchula (Hardee); Sebring.

Malone, Tallahassee (Leon), Trenton, Ocala, Mulberry, and South Dade (Homestead) were presented Bronze plaques with their Chapter name engraved on them, as well as \$100, as district winners in the chapter cooperative leadership contest. The checks to the chapters in Districts I through IV were from the Cotton Producers Association, a large Farm Supply and Marketing Cooperative, which has branch stores known as Farmers Mutual Exchanges located at various points in North Florida. Checks for Districts V and VI were furnished by the Florida Council of Farmer Coop-

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1961 State Champion Parliamentary Procedure Team from Havana. Members: Johnny Fischer, Joe Johnson, Tommy Underhill, Ralph Porter, Tommy Hancock and Lewis Ward; Adviser O. E. Yearty.

1961-62 Officers

CHARLES A. BECK President

CHARLES "CHUCK" BECK, a recent graduate of the Chiefland High School and a member of the FFA Chapter, is the newly elected President of the Florida Association. He was State Champion Public Speaker in 1959. He is 17 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Beck.

He has been President and Reporter for his Chapter, delegate to the State Convention, Chairman of many Committees, participated in Parliamentary Procedure, Chapter Banquets, Judging teams, and has received many awards.

Chuck's outstanding leadership activities included serving as Cabin Leader at Forestry Camp, Page in the U. S. Congress, being State Junior Conservation Award winner, school representative of Florida Youth Workshop, being main speaker at annual meeting of Florida Retail Federation, and Ocala Rotary Club, President of Sunday School, Training Union and Church Choir, and Church Youth Pastor, Class Officer, Captain of Band, Officer in Student Council, and member of Beta Club. He was also a member of the football and basketball teams.

His farming program consists of 15 acres watermelons, 20 acres corn, 2 head beef cattle, and 24 hogs for meat.

Chuck's improvement projects included beautifying the home, 10 acres soil improvement crops, forest fire protection, growing home garden, and livestock breed improvement.

GEORGE T. BARAGONA 1st Vice-President

GEORGE BARAGONA, age 17, is the new First Vice-President representing District I. He is a recent graduate of the Vernon High School and a member of the FFA Chapter. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Cook.

George's supervised farming program for this year consisted of 1 acre of corn, 7 cows for breeding, 3 head of cows for meat, 1 milk cow, 3 hogs for breeding, 2 hogs for meat, and 1 acre of general truck crops.

He has served as President and Treasurer of his Chapter, Chairman of the Recreation Committee and a member of the Radio Program Committee. He has participated in parliamentary procedure, officers leadership training school, chapter banquets, judging teams, and fairs and shows; has attended the state and national convention, and state fair.

George's other leadership activities consisted of being President and Vice-President of 4-H Club, Parliamentarian

of Junior Class, member of Beta Club, V Club, Math Club, Boys' State, basketball and baseball teams, and high school band.

His improvement projects consisted of building fences, draining land, building modern conveniences, keeping farm records, planting soil improvement crops, stumping and improving land, and livestock breed improvement.

C. C. McINTOSH, JR. 2nd Vice-President

CHARLES "CHUCK" McINTOSH, recently elected Vice-President representing District V, is a member of the Turkey Creek Chapter. He graduated this year from the Turkey Creek High School, is 17 years old, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. McIntosh, Sr.

During the last year, his supervised farming program consisted of 25% ownership in two acres of strawberries.

Chuck has served as President and Secretary of his Chapter, Chairman of Scholarship Committee; participated in parliamentary procedure, chapter banquets, judging teams; was a member of the State Champion String Band, State and Tri-state Champion Quartet, was Master of Ceremonies for Talent Show at National FFA Convention and pianist for National FFA Chorus, and furnished entertainment at the Florida State Fair, and many Civic Club programs.

His other leadership activities were serving as President and Secretary of his Sunday School Class, Training Union, Church Pianist, Chairman of National Honor Society Talent Program, Ass't Chairman of Polio Benefit Program, pianist for many gospel Sings, and officer in the local Demolay Chapter.

Chuck's improvement projects included installing light extension to barn, digging drainage ditch, planting shrubs, keeping farm records, irrigating land, planting cover crops, improving driveway, irrigating land, and practicing soil and water conservation.

H. H. RAATTAMA, JR. 3rd Vice-President

HANK RAATAMA, newly elected Third Vice-President representing District III, is the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raatama, Sr. He is a recent graduate of the Santa Fe High School and a member of the FFA Chapter.

His Supervised Farming Program this year consisted of 2 head of cows for meat.

Hank has served as President, Vice-President, Ass't. Treasurer and Sentinel of his Chapter, Chairman of many committees, delegate to the State Convention, chapter member at the National

Convention, Chairman of Judging Teams; participated in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, leadership schools, chapter banquets, many fairs and shows, and won many awards.

His other activities include serving as Officer in his Sunday School Class, Youth Fellowship, class at school, Capt. of Midget Football Team, member of Varsity Football Team, American Legion Baseball team, S Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, Beta Club and Boy Scouts of America.

Hank's improvement projects consisted of building fences, draining land, beautifying the home, and painting farm buildings.

WALTER B. DICKSON, JR. 4th Vice-President

WALT DICKSON, Fourth Vice-President, represents District II and is a member of the Sopchoppy Chapter. He is the 17 year son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Dickson, and will be a senior in high school next year.

His supervised farming program this year consisted of one acre truck farm, 18 head of hogs for breeding, and one dairy cow.

Walt has served as Vice-President of his chapter, was chairman of many committees, delegate to the State Convention, participated in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, leadership school, chapter banquets and judging teams, fairs and shows.

He has served as Officer of his class, a member of the Student Council, Beta Club, 4-H Club, S Club, and softball team.

His improvement projects consisted of breeding hogs, building fences, draining land, and growing a home garden.

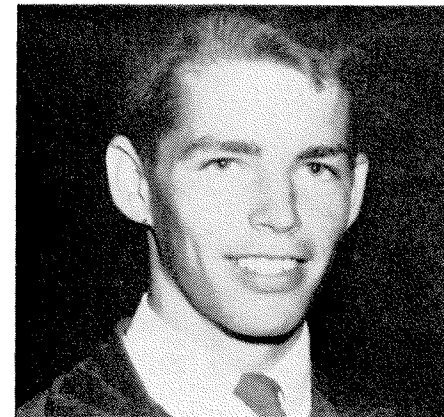
JOHN DOUTHAT 5th Vice-President

JOHN DOUTHAT, newly elected Fifth Vice-President representing District IV, is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Douthat of Wildwood, and a recent graduate of the Wildwood High School.

John's Supervised Farming Program this year consisted of 5 head of beef cattle.

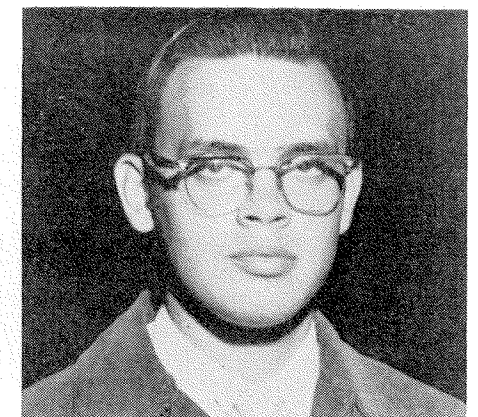
His leadership activities in the FFA included serving as President and Reporter for his Chapter, Chairman of Leadership, Recreation and Public Relations Committees; participated in Chapter Banquets, Leadership Schools, Chapter Quartet, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure, was on Livestock and Poultry Judging Teams at the County and State Fair, attended Forestry

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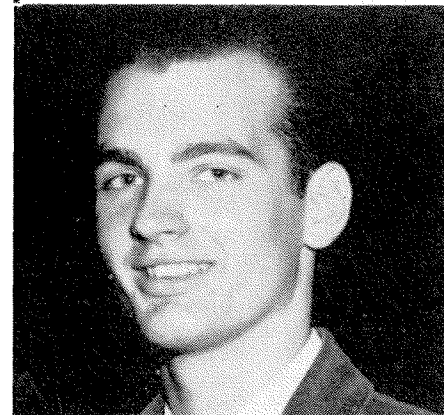


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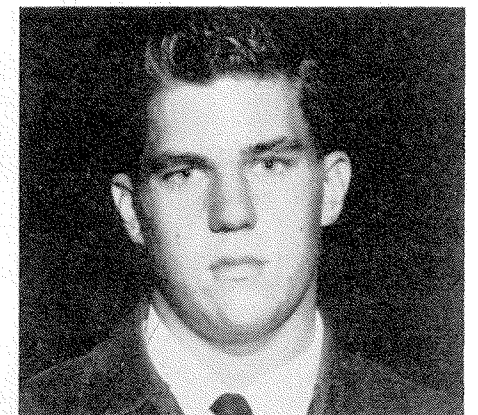
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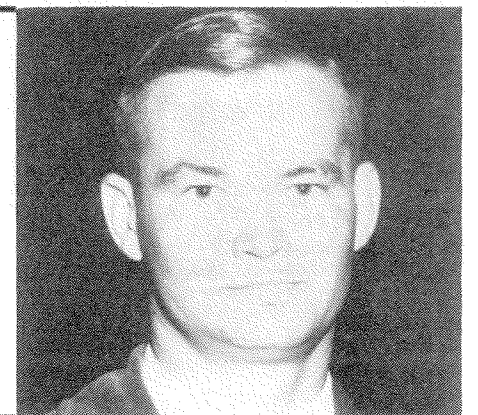
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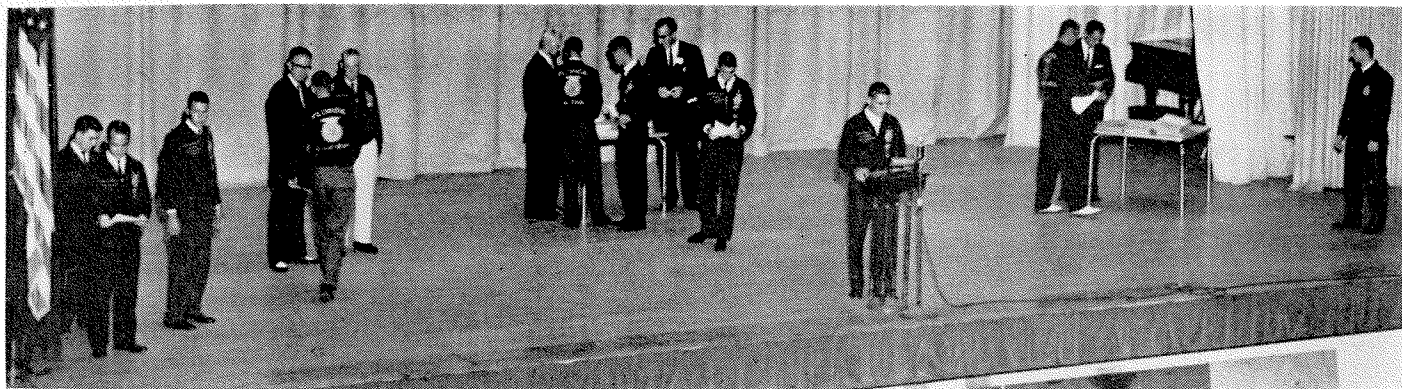
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Shown in photo above: Presentation of the State Farmer Degrees.



Top photo shows 1961 Farm Safety winners being presented awards by R. A. Miessen, Ass't to the Division Manager, Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville. • Middle photo: State and District Winners in the Chapter Cooperative Contest sponsored by the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the Cotton Producers Association. • Bottom photo: H. B. Gassaway, Field Representative, Sealtest Foods Plant, Tampa, presenting 1961 Dairy Farming Awards, sponsored by the National Dairy Products Corp.

Convention

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eratives. The checks this year were presented by Dr. E. W. Cake, Marketing Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service, Gainesville; J. E. Dukes, Chairman of the Youth Committee of the Florida Council, Palatka; Verlon Hall, District Manager, Cotton Producers Association, Live Oak; and Maxey Love, Executive Secretary of Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Winter Haven.

The South Dade Chapter as top Chapter in the State, was presented a plaque and check from the Council for \$500, to help defray expenses for at least one carload of its members and advisers to the annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn., August 20 to 24.

After some committee reports were read and approved, the meeting adjourned with the official closing ceremony.

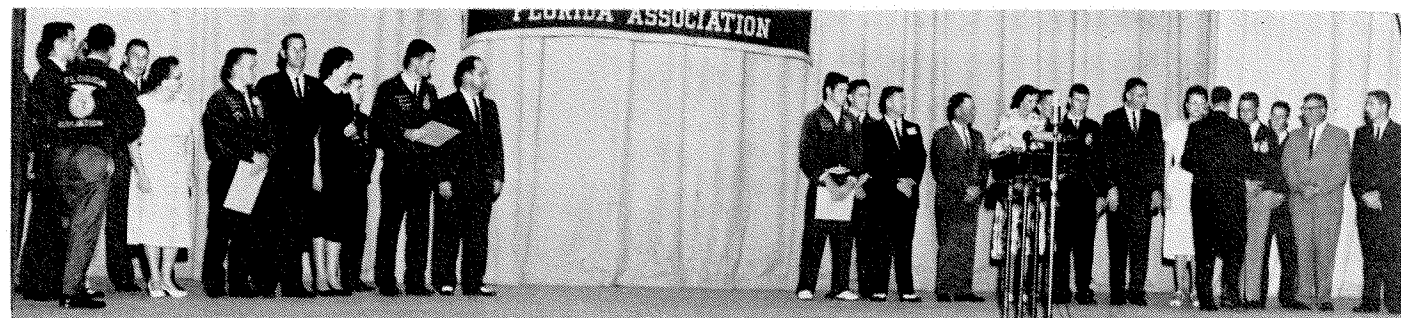
The boys and advisers of winning Chapters in the Chapter Cooperative Contest were guests of the Florida Citrus Production Credit Association, Orlando, at the Daytona Plaza Hotel, with Al Whitmore, Secretary-Treasurer, as host. Appearing on the program was a boy from each of the winning Chapters, who gave a summary of chapter activities that helped to win the award.

THURSDAY EVENING

A program was given at the Daytona Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting at Morrison's Imperial House, with the Ft. Pierce String Band furnishing the music, and Broward Creamer, Blountstown, State Champion Harmonica Player, playing some selections. Leon Sims had charge of the program, and Teddy Carruth, Tulia, Texas, National FFA Vice-President gave the address.

The sixth session of the Convention was called to order by the President, and Harrell Howell, 5th Vice-President was introduced as Master of ceremonies for the session, after the official ceremony.

W. T. Lofton explained the procedure for the Public Speaking Contest and introduced the following Judges: Dr. Mar-



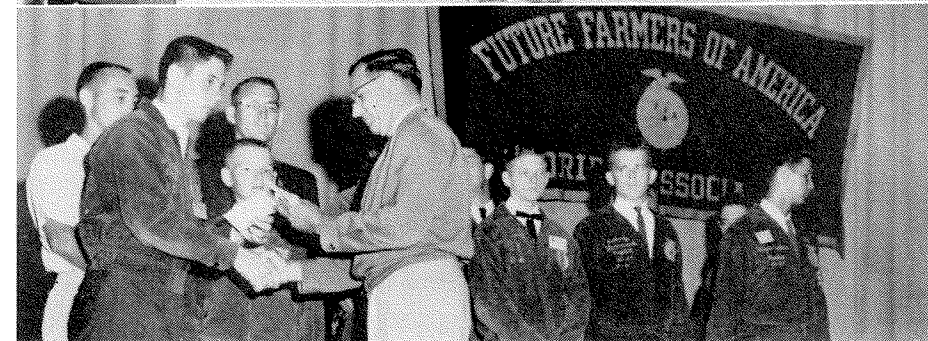
Announcing the District Star Farmers for 1961.

vin A. Brooker, Dean, College of Agriculture; Dr. Roy Tew, Acting Head, Speech Department, University of Florida; and James Quincey, past State and National FFA Officer, now assistant to Congressman D. R. "Billy" Matthews.

In the absence of Colin Lindsey, Manager of the Belk-Lindsey Stores, Tampa, James E. Gorman, General Manager of the Florida Retail Federation, Jacksonville, represented him, and John Farrar, National FFA Director of Public Relations and Information, Washington, D. C., presented the Future Farmers of America Foundation Award. The Future Farmers of America Foundation certificate and check for \$100 and a pennant went to first place winner, Gerald Roberts of Palatka; and awards sponsored by Belk-Lindsey Stores to Bobby Hewett of Grand Ridge—\$25 as second place winner, and John Hester of Pinecrest—\$20 as third place winner. The titles of their speeches in their respective placings were: "The Future of Farming," "The Future of Farming," and "Farming and Free Enterprise vs. Communism." The State Winner in this Contest will represent Florida in the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida, July 12, 1961.

John McCarty, 1st Vice-President, explained the State Quartet Contest, and introduced the following Judges: Ralph Lougee, Dr. Hal Gordon, and Wayne Fowler. The awards in the Quartet Contest, sponsored by the Florida FFA Association, were presented by Wayne Fowler to the following: Bartow (Joe Roberts, Charles Waller, Dennis Ford, and Harold Wilson)—\$20 and Pennant; Wauchula (Peace River) (Lynn Revell, Marcus Shackelford, Walter Mann and Hugh Bradley, accompanied by Miss Brenda Pierson)—\$15; Newberry (Barry Green, Clarence Holt, Raymond Frier, and Junior Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Audrey Turner)—\$10; Baker (Ronnie Courtney, Chad Wilkinson, Freddie Stanley, and Mayhew Peaden, accompanied by Dale Grief with guitar)—\$5; and South Sumter Chapter at Bushnell (Franklin Murphy, Wayne King, Norman Story, and Wayne Hooten, accompanied by Miss Frances Wall)—\$5. The Bartow State Champion Quartet will represent Florida in the Tri-State FFA Quartet Contest to be held in Daytona Beach, July 12, 1961.

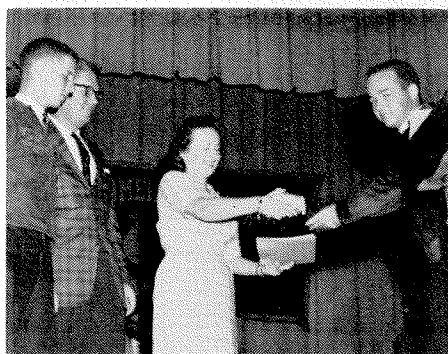
Charles Douglas Waller of the Bartow Chapter was presented a Dairy Efficiency Plaque from the National Dairy



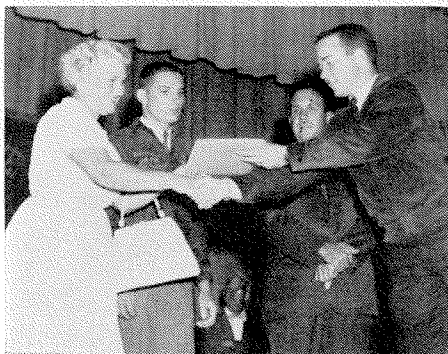
Top photo shows: Teddy Carruth, National Vice-President from Tulia, Texas, presenting Scrapbook Awards to representatives of winning Chapters: 4th—Ft. Pierce; 3rd—Jennings; 2nd—Vernon; and 1st—Mulberry. • Middle photo shows: Al Whitmore, Sec.-Treas., Florida Citrus Production Credit Assn., Orlando, speaking at the Dinner sponsored by his Association. • Bottom photo shows: C. M. Lawrence, Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Area III, and a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association, presenting the 1961 Florida Cattlemen's Association Beef Breeding Awards.



Shown above are the top four Demonstrations in the State Contest.



John McCarty, Jr., 1st State Vice-President, and his father and mother, as Victor Butler presents them with the Honorary State Farmer Degree and Certificate of Merit.



Victor Butler, State FFA President, presenting Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Marler, mother of Dale, 3rd State Vice-President. Mr. Marler received the Honorary State Farmer Degree.



Victor Butler, State President, presenting Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Vorpapel, mother of David, 6th State Vice-President. Mr. Vorpapel received the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

Products Corporation, New York, and a certificate and check for \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation as Star State Dairy Farmer, by H. B. Gassaway, Field Representative of Seal-test Foods Plant, Tampa. District winners receiving \$25 each from National Dairy Products Corporation were: Freeman Cook, Graceville; Kenneth B. Jackson, Lafayette Chapter at Mayo; Eli Beasley, Bronson; Gary Suhl, Kissimmee; Leroy Bryan, Kathleen; and George Culverhouse, Ft. Pierce. Leroy Bryan received a Special Dairy Efficiency Plaque as the top district winner.

The meeting was then turned over to the State President for the Closing Ceremony and adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING

The seventh session of the Convention was called to order by the President. After a couple of selections were given by the Wauchula (Peace River) Quartet, second place winner in the State Contest, Rev. R. Hugh Hawkins of the Stetson Baptist Church at DeLand gave the devotional. The President then proceeded with the official opening ceremony, after which he read a telegram from Girls 4-H Short Course. He announced that the voting on State President had resulted in a run-off between Charles "Chuck" Beck of Chiefland, and Charles "Chuck" McIntosh of Turkey Creek.

\$250 scholarships from the Florida Bankers Association to assist them in attending the University of Florida were presented to George Theron Baragona, Vernon, and Rodney A. Hammond, Winter Haven, by Stanley Taylor, President, Florida Bank & Trust Company, Daytona Beach.

President Butler announced the results of the run-off election for President. Chuck Beck was named the new State FFA President.

At this time several numbers were rendered by the Bartow State Champion Quartet.

Harrell Howell, 5th Vice-President, presented the names of the Nominating Committee's selections for State Vice-Presidents, which were approved as follows: 1st—George Baragona, Vernon; 2nd—Charles Waller, Bartow; 3rd—Hank Raatama, Santa Fe Chapter at Alachua; 4th—Walt Dickson, Sopchoppy; 5th—John Douthat, Wildwood; 6th—Calvin Arnold, Okeechobee.

Nominations from the floor were made for the following: 1st—David Shepard, Marianna; 2nd—George Ruis, Plant City; Tommy Cunningham, Lakeland; Chuck McIntosh, Turkey Creek; Wayne Stokes, Bradenton; 3rd—A. W. Gaylord, Jr., Branford; Alvin Lily, Melrose; 5th—Bernie Merritt, Groveland; Donald Hovey, Ocoee; Edward McClellan, DeLand; John Grossenbacker, Apopka; David White, Inverness (Citrus); 6th—Willie Veal, Pahokee.

Walt Dickson was unanimously elected as 4th Vice-President at this time.

Presentation of Farm Electrification Awards was made by J. R. Saunders, Jr., Agricultural Engineer, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, as follows: to the State Winner, Don Nicholson of Quincy, a Certificate and check for \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a \$100 Savings Bond from the Florida Power & Light Company of Miami, Florida Power Corporation of St. Petersburg, Tampa Electric Company, Tampa, and Gulf Power Company of Pensacola. The following District Winners were awarded \$50 Savings Bonds by the electrical organizations: I—Charles Edward Brock, Vernon; II—Lewis Ward, Havana; III—Barney Joseph Stephens, Santa Fe at Alachua; IV—Hiram Russell Cross, South Sumter at Bushnell; V—George Harley O'Cain, Mulberry; VI—Ronald B. Smith, Ft. Pierce. Each of the winners previously had received County Farm Electrification Awards of a \$25 Savings Bond from one of the electrical organizations.

Several committee reports were read and approved at this time.

After some announcements and introductions, the meeting adjourned.

A special luncheon was held at the Daytona Plaza Hotel for the District Winners and Advisers of the Farm Electrification Contest. Co-sponsors of the luncheon were Florida Power Corporation, Tampa Electric Company, Florida Power & Light Company, and Gulf Power Company. Murray Langford handled the program.

A special luncheon was also held at the Daytona Plaza Hotel for the District State Farmers, their parents and advisers, and the office staff, by the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, Crawfordville, Indiana, and Jacksonville, Florida, with Jack B. Salt as host. Bill Fletcher had charge of the program.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The eighth session was called to order by the President.

Some committee reports were read and accepted.

The first ballot for Vice-President was held during the noon hour.

Luther Beauchamp, 4th Vice-President, introduced his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Beauchamp, Sr., at this time, and President Butler presented his father with the Honorary State Farmer Degree, as they could not be present on Saturday morning for the Presentation of Parents. His mother had previously received a Certificate of Merit.

The Chapter Scrapbook Awards were presented by Teddy Carruth, Tulia, Texas, National Vice-President to the following: The Mulberry Chapter, as State Winner, received \$25.00 and a Pennant. Other District winners were Vernon, Jennings, and Fort Pierce, each receiving \$10.00. Judges were Dr. T. W. Strickland, R. A. Miessen, Thurman J. Bailey, and Lamar Allen.

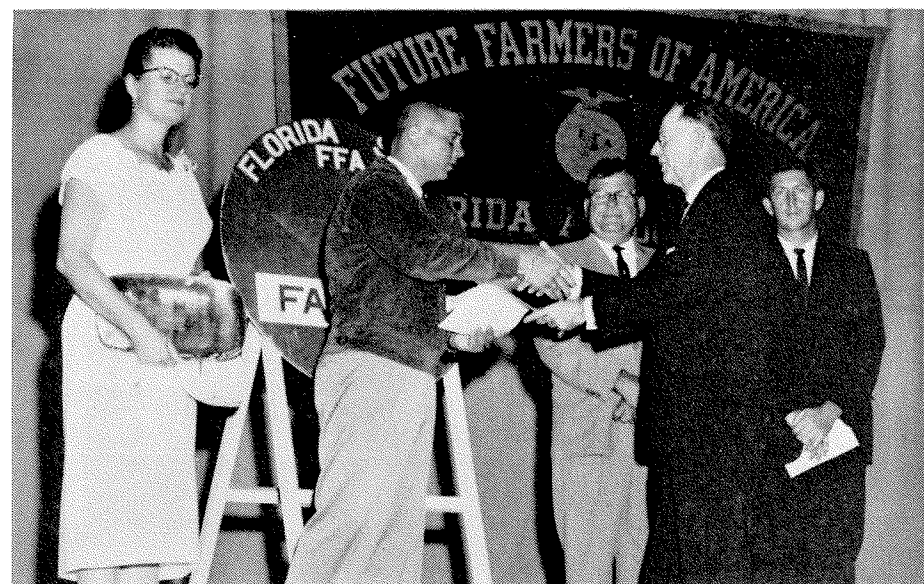
President Butler introduced Hon. Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, stating that under his leadership Florida has developed one of the finest school systems in the nation. He not only is a loyal friend of the Future Farmers, but is recognized as one of the outstanding educators in Florida and in our nation. The entire delegation rose in honor of Superintendent Bailey, before and after his address.

The three winning Chapters in the State Chapter Contest were presented their awards by James E. Gorman, General Manager of the Florida Retail Federation, Jacksonville, and will be entered in National competition. The State winner this year was Bradenton, which received \$40 and a Gold Plaque; second—Quincy, which received \$25 and a Silver Plaque; and third—Ft. Pierce, which received \$15 and a Bronze Plaque. First place winner in each District received \$25, second place winner \$20, third place winner \$15, and fourth place winner \$10. Those who received awards by Districts in order of placing were as follows: I—Vernon, Malone, Jay, Walnut Hill; II—Quincy, Mayo, Havana, Jasper; III—Alachua (Santa Fe), Macclenny (Baker Co.), Trenton, Chiefland; IV—Inverness (Citrus), Ocala, Reddick (N. Marion), Crystal River; V—Bradenton, Bartow, Mulberry, Winter Haven; VI—Ft. Pierce, Homestead (S. Dade), Miami-Edison, Hialeah. Increased interest was shown this year by the Chapters as indicated by their Accomplishment Reports. Those having Superior Rating (94) received a plaque, or a button to be placed on the plaque which they received last year.

At this time the Honorary State Farmer Degree was presented to Paul F. Davis, Principal of Manatee High School, and Raymond F. Lee, Adviser of the Bradenton Chapter.

The retiring State Vice-Presidents made their individual reports to the delegates and they were approved.

President Butler then made several in-



Hon. Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, congratulating George Culverhouse, Jr., 1961 Star State Farmer; Mr. and Mrs. Culverhouse, and Ed Raikes, Adviser, Ft. Pierce FFA Chapter.



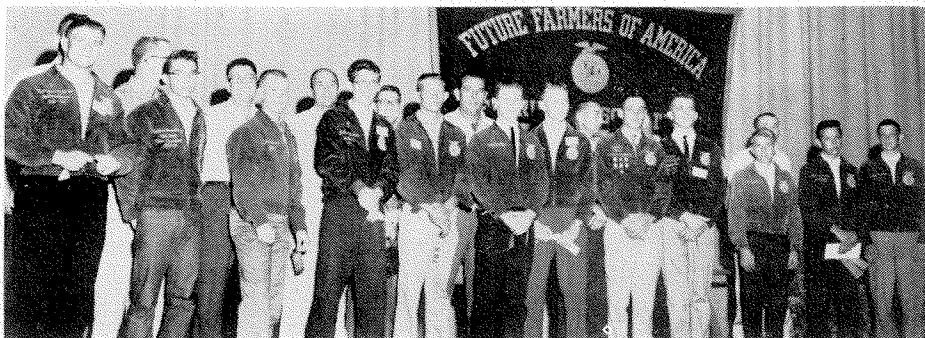
Top photo shows J. E. Gorman, General Manager, Florida Retail Federation, receiving present from top Chapters. • Center photo: Part of the head table at the Farm Safety Luncheon sponsored by the Standard Oil Company of Jacksonville. • Bottom photo: Part of the head table at the Delegates and Advisers Dinner.



Top photo shows George Talbott, Manager, Production & Marketing Division, Fla. Fruit & Vegetable Assn., Orlando, presenting the State Champion Demonstration Award to John Lee, Turkey Creek FFA Chapter. • At bottom, 1961 Farm Mechanics Winners— District 1-6: Murdock Leroy Gillis, Ponce DeLeon; Robert L. Erixton, White Springs; A. W. Gaylord, Jr., Branford; Edmond Harrison, Ocoee; Hubert Larry Walker, Mulberry; George Culverhouse, Dan McCarty (Ft. Pierce) and the State Winner, Charles Olive, Malone, were presented their awards by T. E. Hancock, Assistant General Sales Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Co., Jacksonville.



Ted Pendarvis, Acting Chief, Florida State Marketing Bureau, Jacksonville, presenting the State Department of Agriculture Awards to three of the District Star Farmers: David Shepard, Marianna; Herbert E. Brown, Jr., Trenton, and Hubert Larry Walker, Mulberry.



Winners in the Vegetable Judging, Grading and Identification Contest. (L to R): Santa Fe, Sr.; Lake Wales; Auburndale; Hialeah; Miami-Edison; Turkey Creek; Pinecrest; Lakeland (third place); Winter Haven (second place); and Palatka Team, who was the State Winner. (Johnnie Cone, James May, and Guy Golden).

roductions including Miss Nata Carolyn Fowler, Princess of 1961 Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C.

The results of the election for Vice-Presidents were announced and the following were elected: 1st—George T. Baragona, Vernon; 2nd—Charles "Chuck" McIntosh, Jr., Turkey Creek; 3rd—Henry H. Raatama, Jr., Santa Fe Chapter at Alachua; 4th—Walter B. Dickson, Sopchoppy; 5th—John Douthat, Wildwood; 6th—Willie N. Veal, Jr., Pahokee.

Tillie Smith of Quincy, State Sweetheart for 1960-61 entertained the delegation with several songs, at this time.

The President made some announcements, after which the meeting adjourned with the official closing ceremony.

A special dinner was held at the Daytona Plaza Hotel for the Presidents and Advisers of State Chapter Contest Winners, by the Florida Retail Federation, with James E. Gorman, General Manager, as host. C. M. Lawrence had charge of the program.

FRIDAY EVENING

The ninth session of the Convention was called to order by the President, after several numbers by the Groveland String Band. The meeting opened with the official opening ceremony.

Ted Pendarvis, Acting Chief, Florida State Marketing Bureau, Jacksonville, presented the State Department of Agriculture Awards of \$50.00 and transportation to the National Convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City to the following: Area I—David Shepard, Marianna; Area II—Herbert Brown, Jr., Trenton; Area III—Hubert Larry Walker, Mulberry.

Jack B. Salt of the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company presented awards as follows: George Culverhouse, Jr., Fort Pierce, Star State Farmer—\$50; Don Nicholson, Quincy, and Horace V. Allen, Jr., Crystal River, Area Star Farmers—\$25 each; David Shepard, Marianna, Herbert E. Brown, Jr., Trenton, and Hubert Larry Walker, Mulberry, District Star Farmers—\$10 each.

Parents and Advisers of the winners who were present were introduced to the delegation.

Leadership Awards from the Florida Power Corporation were presented to George Culverhouse, Jr., Don Nicholson, and Horace V. Allen, Jr., by James R. Saunders, Jr., Agricultural Representative from St. Petersburg. Each was awarded \$75 toward his expenses to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October 1961.

Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented a certificate, Star State Farmer pin and check for \$200 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation to George Culverhouse, Jr., the Star State Farmer, and Roy Mills, Bureau Chief with the Florida Times Union presented him with a beautiful trophy from the Florida Publishing Company. At this time, President Butler presented George's Father and his Adviser, Ed Raikes, with the Honorary State Farmer Degree and his Mother with the Certificate of Merit.

The President turned the meeting over to David Vorpagel, 6th Vice-President, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for the remainder of the program.

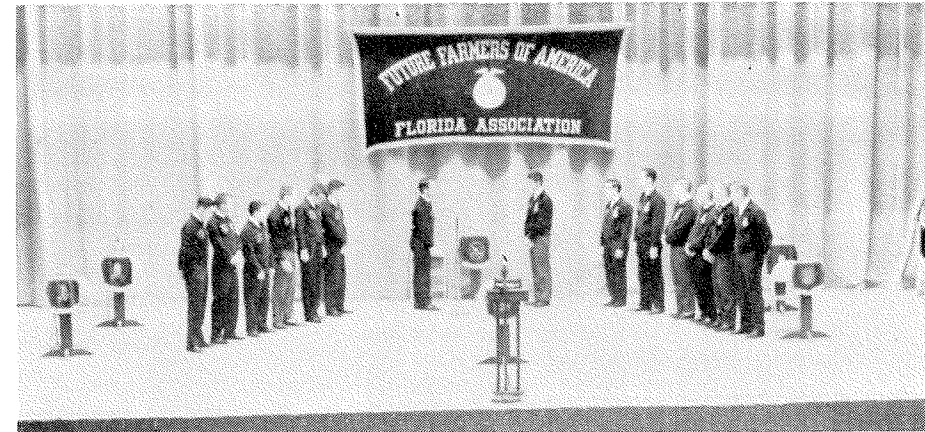
A. R. Cox, Executive Secretary, Florida Association, FFA, made some announcements concerning the Sweetheart Contest. The Turkey Creek Quartet sang several numbers while waiting for the results of the Sweetheart Contest to be announced. James E. Gorman introduced the following Judges for the Sweetheart Contest: Senator E. Wm. Gautier, New Smyrna Beach, Representative Fred Karl, Daytona Beach, and Representative E. C. Rowell, Wildwood.

Maryjean Henney of Hilliard was selected State Sweetheart of the Florida Association, FFA for 1961-62. She was crowned by Tillie Smith, 1960-61 Sweetheart, while the Bartow Quartet sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," with Chuck McIntosh at the piano, and James E. Gorman presented her with a trophy and for her chapter a pennant from the Florida Association, FFA. The cash awards, sponsored by the Belk-Lindsey stores of Florida were: \$100 to the State Sweetheart and \$20 to each of the other contestants, who were: Betsy Rumpf, Lakeview Chapter at Winter Garden; Anita Miles, Walton Chapter at DeFuniak Springs; Linda Faye O'Steen, LaFayette Chapter at Mayo; Babbs Beville, Pompano Beach; and Sally Fuller, Largo. M. C. Roche, Adviser at Ocala, was in charge of arrangements, assisted by Bruce Howell, Adviser at Lakeland.

SATURDAY MORNING

The tenth and final session of the convention was called to order by the President. Tillie Smith, 1960-61 Sweetheart, led in group singing. The Devotional was given by Rev. Glen E. Smith of the Christian Missionary Alliance, Daytona Beach, after which the delegation spent a few moments of silent prayer in memory of friends and loved ones who had departed during the past year.

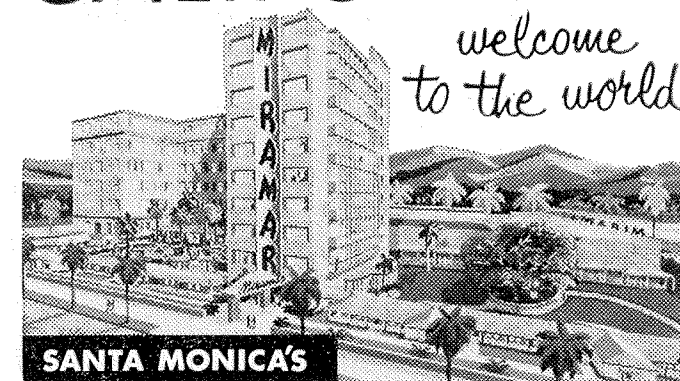
G. M. Nation, District Manager, International Harvester Company, Jacksonville, assisted by H. M. Lasson, Sales Promotion Supervisor, also of Jacksonville, presented the Soil and Water Management Awards. The State Winner, Murdock Leroy Gillis, of the Ponce DeLeon Chapter received a certificate and check for \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a \$100 Savings Bond from the International Harvester Dealers of Florida. To each of the District Winners was given a \$50 Savings Bond for first place, \$25 Savings Bond for second place, and \$10 check for third place, also from the International Harvester Dealers of Florida. These winners in their respective placings by districts were as follows: I—George T. Baragona, Vernon; Charles Byrd, Walnut Hill; II—Tommy Strange, Havana; David King, Jasper; Johnny Suber, Quincy; III—William E. Sterling, Starke; Hayward Philman, Bell; Joe Kirkman, Macclenny; IV—Doyle Lee, Groveland; Edmond Harrison, Ocoee; Nelson Monty



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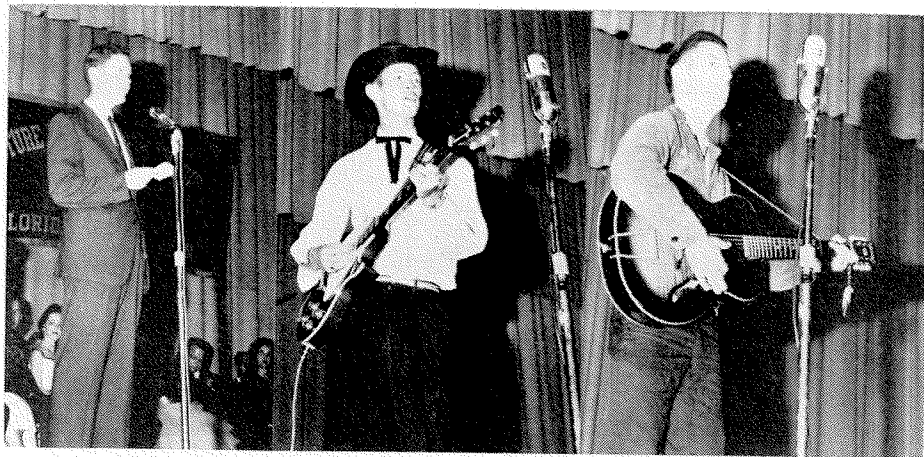
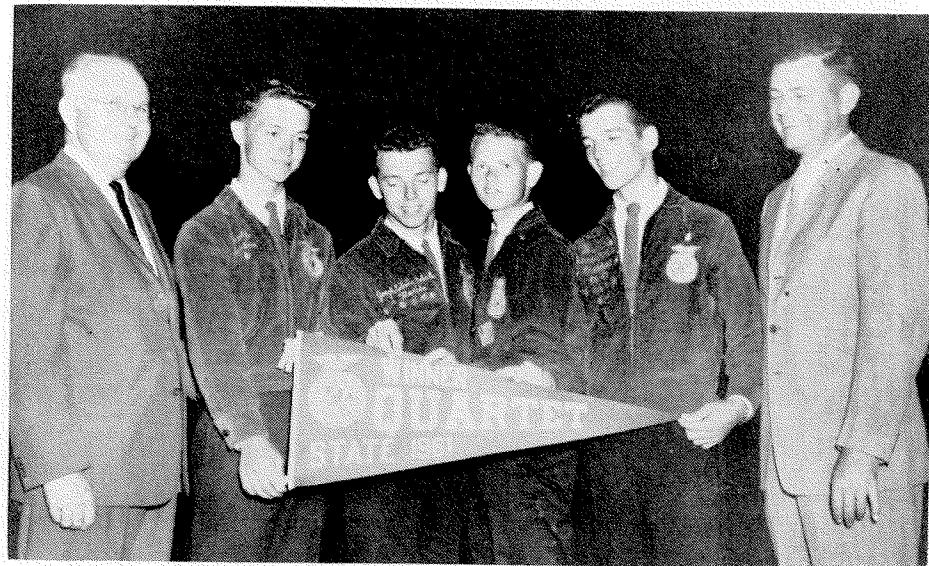


Photo at left shows Bill Gunter, Past National FFA President, Emceeing the Special Talent Program at the 1961 State FFA Convention. • Center: Larry Bowers, DeFuniak Springs FFA Chapter, is shown singing with his guitar. • Right: Marlin Register, Graceville FFA Chapter, is shown singing and playing his guitar.



Aubrey Fowler, Sec.-Treas. of the North Florida Production Credit Assn., Live Oak, with the 1961 State Champion Quartet from Bartow: Harold Wilson, Joe Roberts, Dennis Ford, Charles Waller, and their Adviser, R. B. O'Berry.



Teddy Carruth, National Vice-President, presented the Harmonica awards. Shown with Pennant is State Champion Broward Creamer from Blountstown. Others in picture with their Advisers are: Claude Rankin, South Sumter Chapter at Bushnell; Kim Wellman, Bronson; Lafayette Shelley, Chipley; John Kellogg, Southeast Manatee; and Ronnie Smoak, Pompano.

Crawford, DeLand; V—Dewey Fussell, Auburndale; Hubert Larry Walker, Mulberry; Ted Sutherland, Bartow; VI—George Culverhouse, Jr., Ft. Pierce; Claude F. Daigle, Jr., South Dade Chapter at Homestead; Ronny Smoak, Pompano.

President Butler presented a Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Leila B. Smith of Atlanta, Ga., Publishing Executive of Turner E. Smith & Company; and Special Award Plaques to George W. Dansby, Alachua, Florida, former Supervisor of the Adult Program in the State Department of Education and vocational agriculture teacher, who is now retired; and H. J. Malsberger, Executive Vice-President of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, Atlanta, Georgia, in appreciation of their many years of service to the Future Farmer Organization.

On behalf of the Florida Association, FFA, boxes of candy were presented to Miss Tillie Smith, 1960-61 Sweetheart, and Mrs. Autie McCallum and Mrs. Caroline Langston, for their assistance during the Convention.

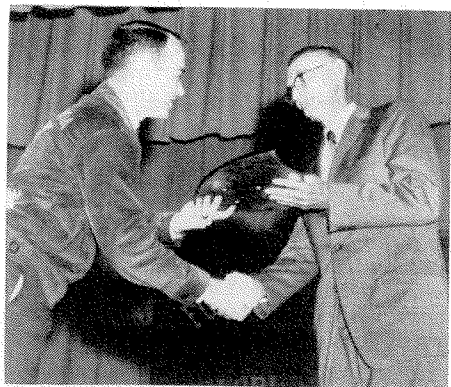
H. E. Wood, State Adviser; A. R. Cox, Executive Secretary, and E. D. Ryals, retiring member of the State Advisory Committee were presented gifts as a token of appreciation for their outstanding guidance and leadership during the past year.

Woodrow J. Darden, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Brevard County was presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree at this time, as he was unable to be present to receive it on Wednesday afternoon.

Honorable Tom Adams, Secretary of State, was then presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree, after which he gave a very inspiring message to the Delegation.

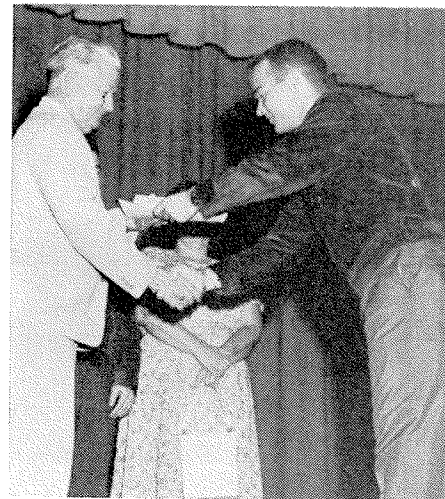
A motion was made, seconded and passed to refer the "Program of Work" Committee Reports to the new Executive Committee. A motion was also made, seconded and passed recommending to the Executive Committee that the date of the 1962 Convention be set for June 12-16.

The new State Sweetheart, Maryjean (Continued on page 25)

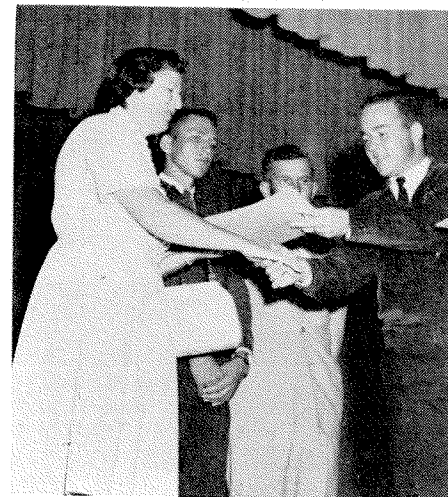


George W. Dansby, Alachua, past Supervisor of the Adult Program in the State Department of Education, and vocational agriculture teacher, being presented a Special Award Plaque by Victor Butler, State President.

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Presentation of the Honorary State Farmer Degree to W. O. Beauchamp, Sr., father of Luther, 4th Vice-President. Mrs. Beauchamp in the background.

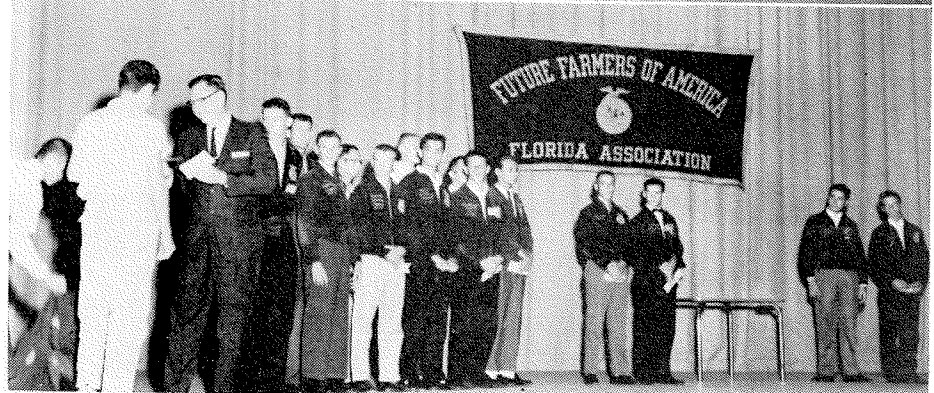
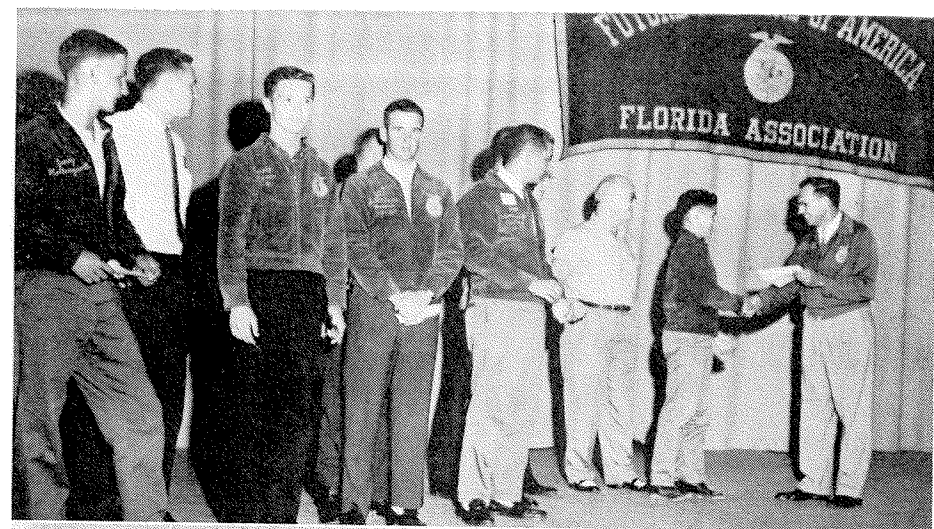


Victor Butler, State President, presenting Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Howell, mother of Harrell, 5th Vice-President. Mr. Howell received the Honorary State Farmer Degree.



Victor Butler, State President, presenting Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Leila B. Smith, Publishing Executive of Turner E. Smith & Company, Atlanta, Ga.

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Top photo shows C. M. Lawrence, Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Area III, presenting the Florida Cattlemen's Association Feeder Steer Awards. (L to R): Jerry Hollingsworth, Santa Fe Chapter at Alachua, his Adviser, Richard Kelly; Tommy Ussery, Leon Chapter at Tallahassee; Harold Wilson and Paul Osborne, Bartow; George Culverhouse, Ft. Pierce; Ronald Thompson, Marianna, receiving the State Award, and his Adviser, R. F. Toole. • Bottom photo: Tommy Wetherell, Manager of the Daytona Beach Sears, Roebuck Store, presenting the Banquet Chick Awards.



Tillie Smith, 1960-61 State Sweetheart with the six District Sweethearts. (L to R): Tillie, Sally Fuller, Largo; Betsy Rumpf, Lakeview at Winter Garden; Maryjean Henyey, Hilliard; Anita Miles, DeFuniak Springs; Linda Faye O'Steen, Mayo; and Babs Beville, Pompano.



Some of the 1961 members recommended for the American Farmer Degree, and their Advisers.



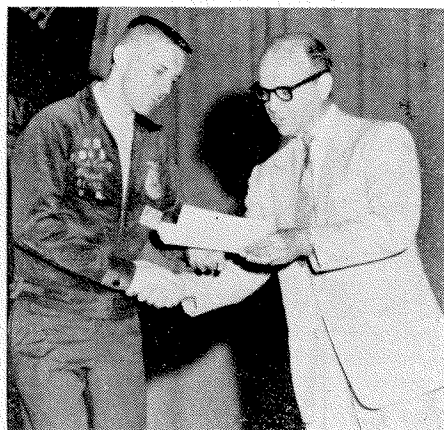
J. E. Gorman, General Manager, Florida Retail Federation, with representatives of the three State Winning Chapters: Bradenton, Quincy, and Ft. Pierce.



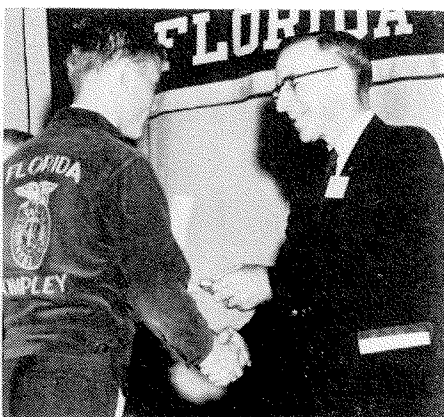
Jacques Waller, Pinecrest, Adviser of John Hester; Leroy Sumner, Grand Ridge, Adviser of Robert Hewett; John Eubanks, Adviser of Gerald Roberts, Palatka, State Champion Public Speaker, and John Farrar, National FFA Director of Public Relations and Information, presenting Future Farmers of America Foundation Award.



H. J. Malsberger, Exec. Vice-Pres. of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Assn., Atlanta, Georgia, being presented a Special Award Plaque by Victor Butler, State President.



R. N. Hoskins, General Forestry Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, presenting State Forestry Award to David King, Jasper.



A new State Farmer receiving his pin from H. V. Lee, President, Florida Federation of Production Credit Assn., Eastlake Weir, Fla., and being congratulated by Robert A. Darr, Pres., The Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Columbia, S.C.

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Clinic and was a delegate to the State Convention.

He was President of his Junior Class, Youth Fellowship, an officer in the Sunday School, a member of football and basketball teams, Beta Club, High School Band, Farm Bureau, Church Choir, Student Council, Chairman of Student Council Project Committee, Elks Basketball Tourney, and has won many honors and awards.

John's Improvement Projects consisted of breed improvement of livestock, building fences, installing waterworks, beautifying home, keeping farm records, renovating citrus, rearranging fences and fields, repairing and painting farm building, and starting home fruit orchard.

WILLIE N. VEAL, JR. 6th Vice-President

WILLIE VEAL, newly-elected Sixth Vice-President, representing the Sixth District, is the 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Veal. He is a recent graduate of Pahokee High School and a member of the F.F.A. Chapter.

Willie's supervised farming program this year consisted of 100 beef-breeding cows. He weans his calves in the fall and brands them before putting them to pasture on rye grass in addition to a regular supplementary feeding. In the spring they are culled and sold at the market. The best heifers are kept for future breeding. As always this project entails such additional projects as building fences, sheds, and special drainage work, and there is always repair to be done and branding of cattle kept.

His leadership activities in the F.F.A. Chapter included serving as Sentinel, Vice-President, President, and member of the Supervised Farming Committee. He has participated in several Fairs and Livestock Shows, Chapter Banquets, cooperative projects, and sub-district contests and livestock judging team at the State Fair in Tampa. He also received the Elk's Club Trophy award for the outstanding senior agriculture student. He was a delegate to the State F.F.A. Convention.

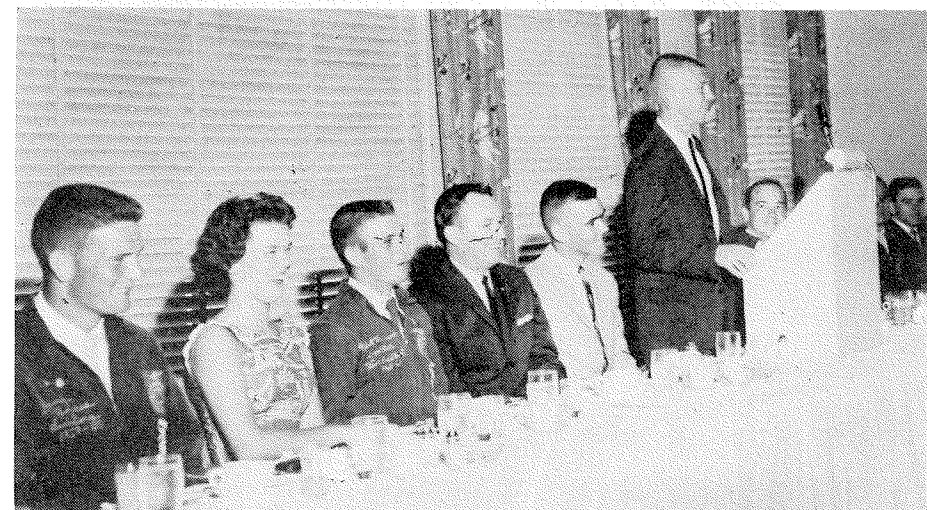
His other leadership abilities to the school and community included being Vice-president of the Junior Class, chairman of the prom committee, President of the M.Y.F., President of the Student Council, chairman of the Youth Fund Drive for Pahokee Youth Center, delegate to Student Council State Convention, and captain of the football team, 4-H Member and counselor at 4-H summer camp.

JACK HALTIWANGER and Terry White, vocational agriculture teachers at Lake City, have been awarded Affiliate Membership Certificates in the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

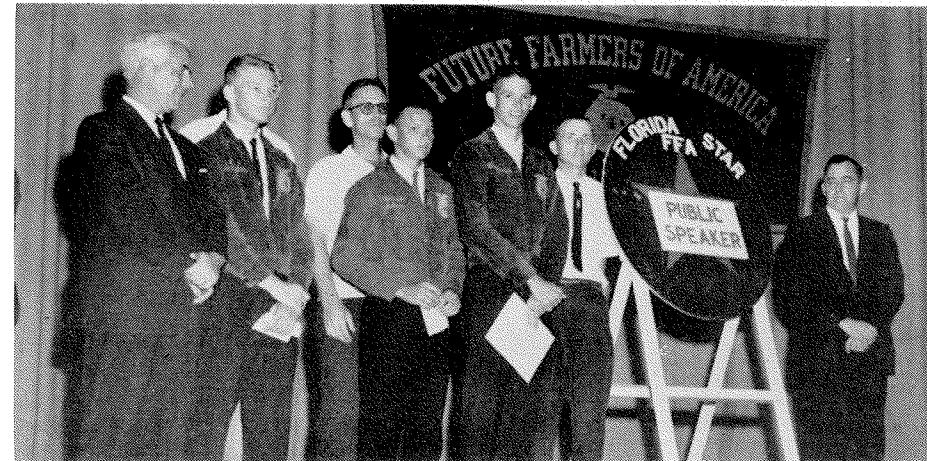
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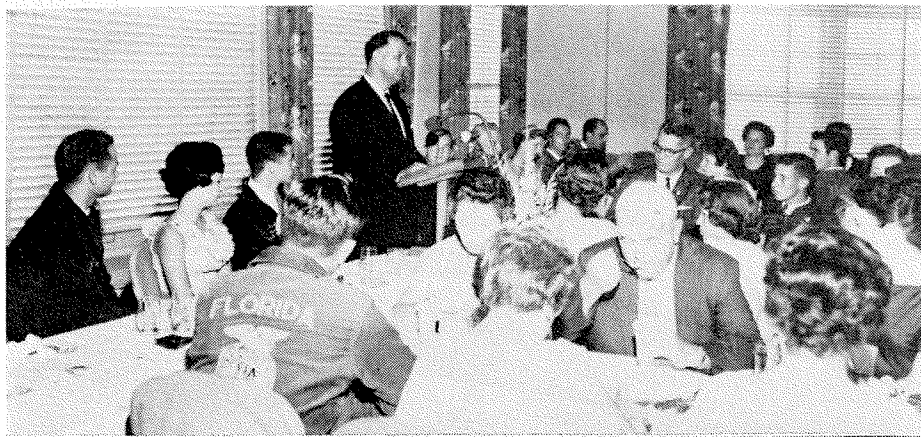
George Talbott, Manager, Production and Marketing Division, Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, presenting a Demonstration Award, as John Farrar, National Director of Public Relations and Information, FFA, announces the results.



Rick Allen, Past President of the State Boys' 4-H Council, speaking at the A.G.R. Breakfast.



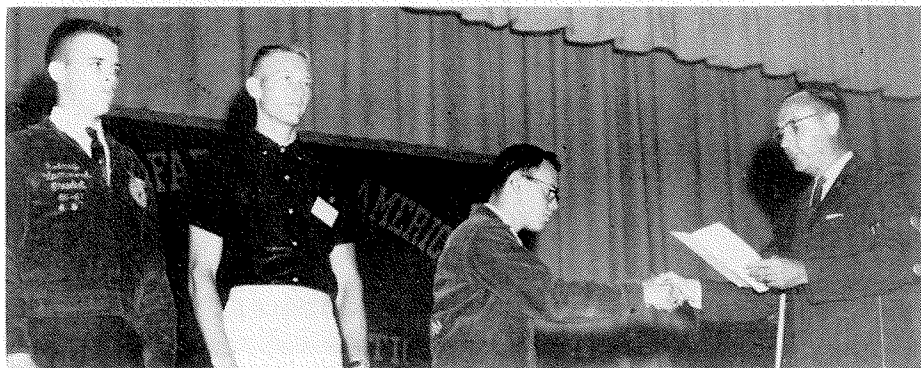
J. E. Gorman, General Manager, Florida Retail Federation, Jacksonville, presented 2nd and 3rd place awards in Public Speaking from Belk-Lindsey Stores. Others in picture: Jacques Waller, Pinecrest, Adviser of John Hester; Leroy Sumner, Grand Ridge, Adviser of Robert Hewett; John Eubanks, Adviser of Gerald Roberts, Palatka, State Champion Public Speaker, and John Farrar, National FFA Director of Public Relations and Information.



Top photo shows G. M. Nation, District Manager, International Harvester Company, speaking at the International Harvester Luncheon in honor of Incoming and Outgoing Officers, Past State Presidents, and other guests. • Bottom photo shows Aubrey Fowler, Sec.-Treasurer of the North Florida Production Credit Association, Live Oak, presenting pennant to the State Champion String Band, Groveland FFA Chapter.



Mr. G. M. Nation, District Manager, International Harvester Company, presenting State Soil and Water Management Award to the State winner, Murdock Leroy Gillis, Ponce DeLeon FFA Chapter. District winners in front row, left to right: George T. Baragona, Vernon; Tommy Strange, Havana; William E. Sterling, Starke; Doyle Lee, Groveland; Dewey Fussell, Auburndale; and George Culverhouse, Jr., Ft. Pierce.



Presentation of Florida Bankers Scholarships. Stanley Taylor, President, Florida Bank and Trust Company, Daytona Beach, presenting George Baragona, Vernon FFA Chapter, \$250.00. His Adviser is Irving Roche. Also, Rodney Hammond, Winter Haven, received a \$250.00 Scholarship.

South Dade Is Regional FFA Contest Winner

WORKING TOGETHER, and helping each other in their farm business projects, Future Farmer members of the South Dade FFA Chapter at Homestead, Florida have won national honors and a trip to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, August 20-23 for their officers, and Advisors, Gene Herring and Lansing Gordon, offered by the American Institute of Cooperation.

In their dramatic report of cooperative business activities, the boys told how they carried on extensive farming projects, sold vegetables and ornamental plants valued at \$29,259; how they beautified the fairgrounds, carried out educational projects on farm business, attended farmer cooperative and farm organization meetings, published "South Dade Cooperative News," and were designated the most outstanding FFA Chapter in Florida.

"The South Dade boys are joint winners with three other FFA Chapters in widely separated parts of the country which competed for a share of the \$2,000 in expense funds offered by the Institute to FFA Chapters reporting the most outstanding programs of cooperative business activities," J. K. Stern, President of the Institute, said. The A.I.C. is chartered as a university in the District of Columbia, and is the educational and research agency for farm cooperative business.

"Other winners, in the four regions established by the U.S. Office of Education, are: Little Lions FFA Chapter, State College, Pa.; North Sevier FFA Chapter, Salina, Utah; Kearney FFA Chapter, Kearney, Neb.

"While hundreds of Chapters competed through the Southern Region, the South Dade boys, who were Florida Champions, competed in the finals with Sayre FFA Chapter, Sayre, Oklahoma; Moultrie FFA Chapter, Moultrie, Ga.

The South Dade boys and their advisors will join with some 1,000 other rural youth and young farmers from all over the country and several foreign nations in panel discussions on farm business and community problems, and on tours to outstanding packing plants and farms in the Minneapolis area. They will participate with adult farm business and government leaders in joint sessions on improving marketing practices, and on increasing farm income through more efficient distribution.

"At a Youth Reports session Monday evening, August 21, Maurice Ennis will tell the audience of some 3,000 youth and adults what his Chapter members did through Learn-by-Doing projects to earn the national honors, an attractive plaque, and the trip to the A.I.C.'s 33 annual conference.

"In the thousand-word report which



Judging Vegetables at 1961 State FFA Convention.

the boys submitted to the Institute, they described the following typical activities:

"Bought livestock, spray materials, fertilizer and supplies cooperatively amounting to \$6,594; borrowed \$5,950 to carry on their projects; sold \$29,259 worth of vegetables and ornamental plants to cooperatives; carried on farming projects raising potatoes, tomatoes, pole beans, squash, field peas, ornamental plants, other vegetables, poultry, orchids (1,000 plants), and beef. They planned activities with adult leaders in cooperative business, visiting the co-ops and attending meetings to learn more about this form of business activity."

Editorial

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But, in the United States—because of our advances in agriculture—we are the best fed people in the world, and still have food left over to feed the hungry people of other nations. Because the Soviets are more afraid of this than any other thing we have, agriculture is our best line of defense. Let's keep agriculture strong in America.

Convention

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Henney, entertained with vocal selections at this time.

President Victor Butler gave his Retiring report, which was unanimously approved.

The following parents were presented to the delegates and guests by the State Officers, after which President Butler presented each father with the Honorary State Farmer Degree and each mother with a Certificate of Merit: Mr. and Mrs. John McCarty; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Marler; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Howell; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Vorpapel; and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Butler.

Teddy Carruth, National Vice-President from Tulia, Texas, gave a brief talk to the delegation.

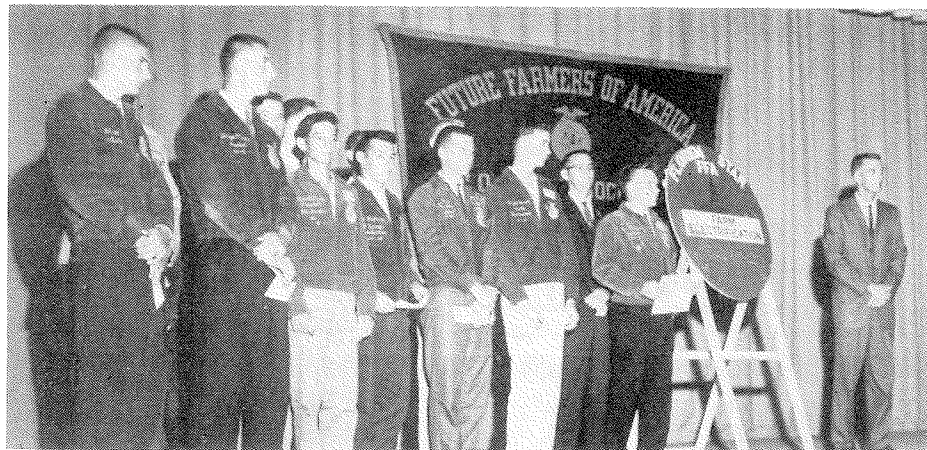
The new officers of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America for 1961-62 were officially installed with the appropriate Future Farmer Ceremony and escorted to their respective stations by the retiring officers. Retiring President Victor Butler turned the gavel over to President Chuck Beck, who then assumed his duties as President. President Beck talked to the delegation briefly



David King, Jasper, receiving the Rayonier Forestry Scholarship from Ernest P. Davis, Manager, Southeast Timber Division, Fernandina Beach, with his Adviser, R. S. McMillan.



Luncheon for the Farm Electrification winners—sponsored by Florida Power Corporation, Tampa Electric, Gulf Power Company and Florida Power and Light Company.



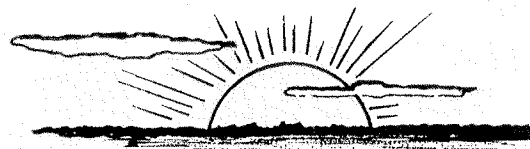
Farm Electrification Award winners, District; Charles Edward Brock, Vernon; Lewis Ward, Havana; Barney Joseph Stephens, Santa Fe at Alachua; Hiram Russell Cross, South Sumter at Bushnell; George Harley O'Cain, Mulberry; and Ronald B. Smith, Ft. Pierce—State winner, Don Nicholson, Quincy, and James R. Saunders, Jr., Agricultural Engineer, Florida Power Corporation who presented the awards for the Future Farmers of America Foundation; Florida Power Corporation, Tampa Electric, Gulf Power Company and Florida Power and Light Co.

and presented outgoing President Butler with a gavel, on which was engraved the names of the 1960-61 Officers.

H. E. Wood, State Adviser, presented each of the retiring officers with a past state officers pin and after a few announcements, the 33rd Annual Convention, Future Farmers of America, was declared adjourned by President Beck.

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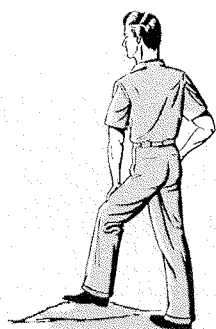
of Jacksonville has sponsored a luncheon for the past several years, which is a delightful climax to a very eventful week. The 1960-61 and 1961-62 State Officers, several Past State Presidents and special guests, with members of the supervisory staff attended this luncheon which was held at the Daytona Plaza Hotel. Grady M. Nation had charge of the luncheon, assisted by H. M. Lasson.



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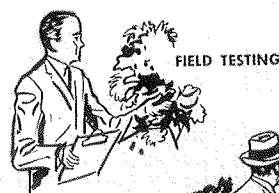
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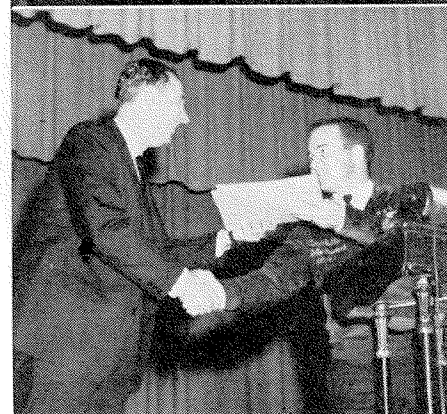
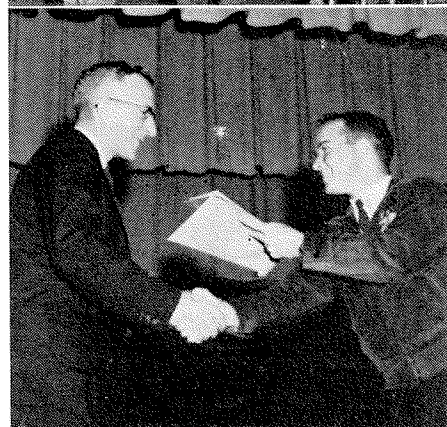
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Top photo: Presentation of the Honorary State Farmer Degree to Paul F. Davis, Principal of Manatee High School, and Raymond F. Lee, Adviser of the Bradenton FFA Chapter, as the Bradenton FFA Chapter was selected as the top chapter in the State. • Middle photo: Robert A. Darr, President, The Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Columbia, S. C., is presented with the Honorary State Farmer Degree by Victor Butler, State FFA President. • Bottom Photo shows Woodrow Darden, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Brevard County, being presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree by Victor Butler, State President.

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Jack B. Salt, Sales Director, Mid-States Steel and Wire Company of Jacksonville, presenting the State Farmer Certificates and Awards.



J. D. Garden, a representative of Wilson-Toomer Fertilizer Company, Mayo, speaking at the State Farmer Luncheon sponsored by his company.



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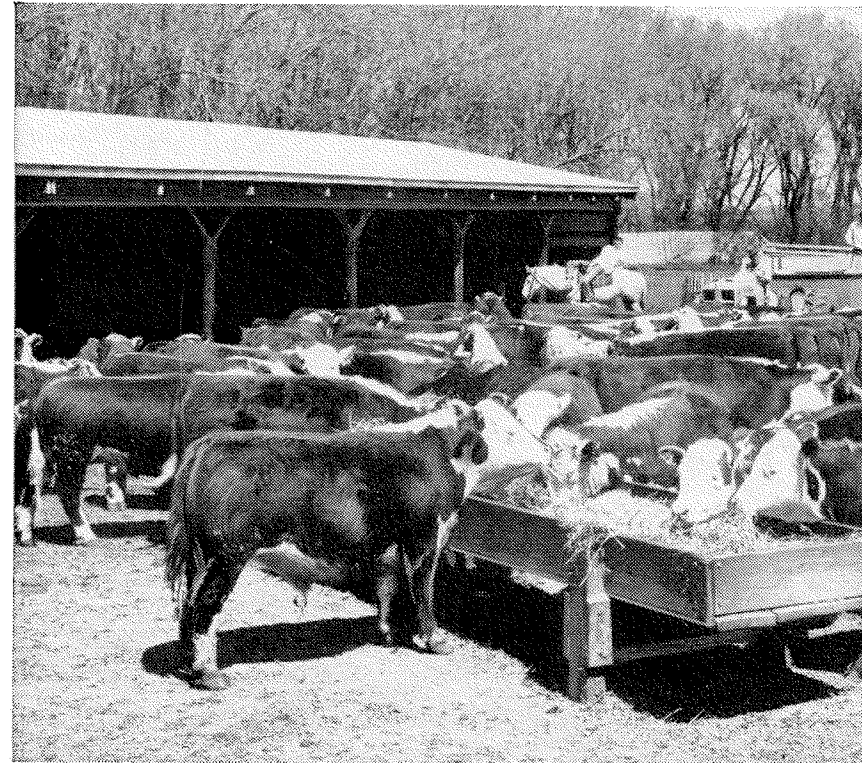
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Robert A. Darr, President, The Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Columbia, S. C., addressing the 1961 State Convention.



Top photo shows Tillie Smith, 1960-61 State Sweetheart, and Mrs. Autie McCallum and Mrs. Caroline Langston, Convention Secretaries, receiving boxes of candy from President Butler. • Middle photo: Tillie Smith, 1960-61 State Sweetheart, shown playing the piano. • Bottom photo: Turkey Creek FFA, 1960 Tri-State Quartet—Chuck McIntosh, Clavie Allen, Charles Creech and Lynwood Simmons.