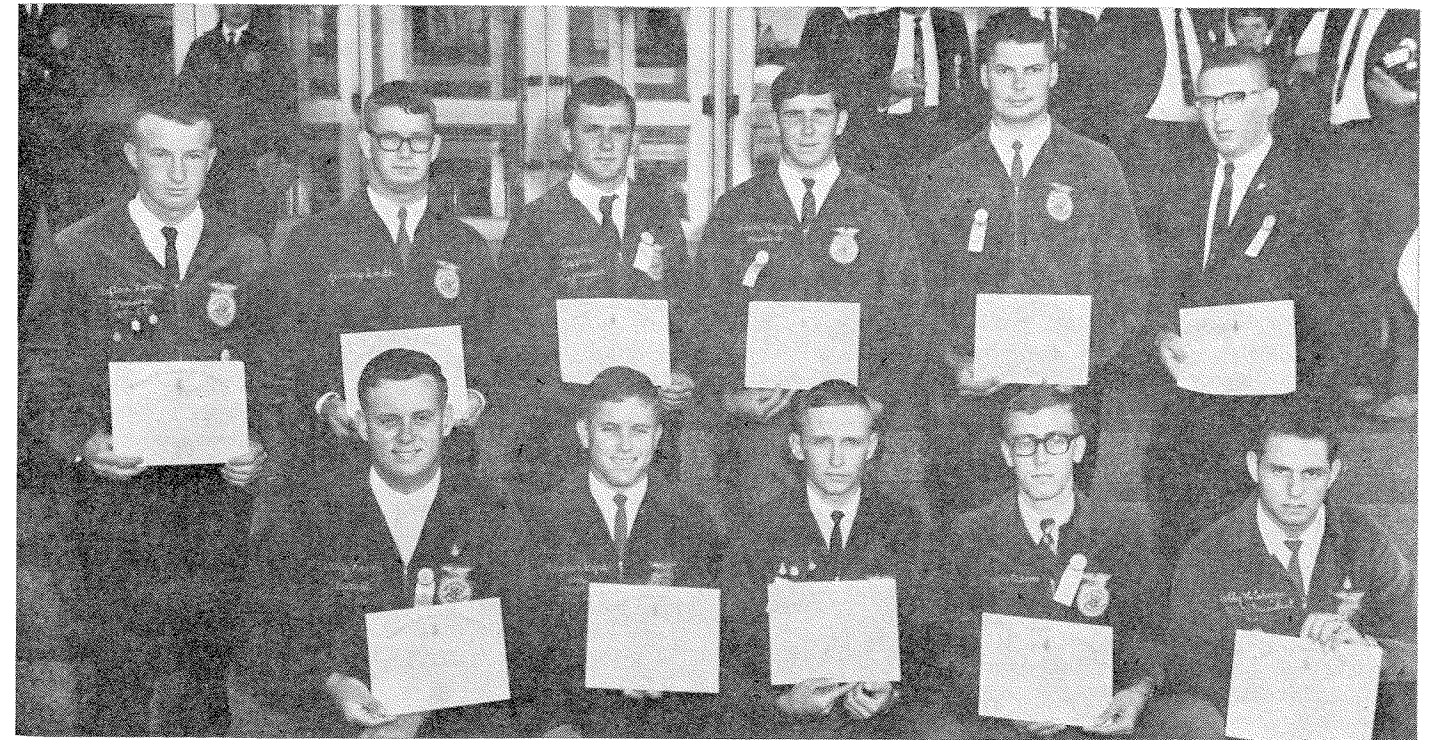


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Florida's 1967 American Farmers during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

THE FLORIDA delegation to the 40th National Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 10-13, 1967, set an all-time high for Florida's attendance at the national event. The 219 persons represented 80 local chapters including members, chapter advisers, school officials, parents, and friends from Florida.

Leading the Florida delegation were official delegates Jerry Scarborough, State FFA Past President of Branford, and State President Richard Kinney, Zephyrhills. Alternate delegates were Cody Taylor, Poplar Springs; Van Gray, Zephyrhills; Jimmy Coleman, Trenton; Barry Taylor, Branford; Wilton Carlton, Groveland; and Billy Franklin, Sarasota.

Four hundred forty-eight members were presented the American Farmer Degree during the second session. Monte Reese, Vice President of the Southern Region, presented his address as a national officer. Following the American Farmer Degree ceremony the Vice President of the Central Region, Keaton Vandemark, presented his last official address.

During the third session Wednesday evening, the national public speaking contest was held. Albert Carter from Virginia was selected as winner. Danny Olson of Minnesota was second; Jeff Handley of Oregon, third; and Bobby Frame of West

Virginia, fourth. Greetings were extended by various groups. Gold emblem chapters were recognized before the closing ceremony.

Several presentations and awards were made during the fourth session in the silver and bronze emblem chapters, the chapter safety awards, special service citations and the distinguished service awards. The Vice President of the North Atlantic Region, Harold Brubaker, gave his final address. Representatives of other youth organizations were present and extended greetings. The Honorable Wayne Morse, United States Senator from Oregon, gave an address. A dramatic pageant was presented by FFA members and advisers in honor of 50 years of Vocational Agriculture. The pageant, "Fifty Golden Years," brought participation from two Floridians: Everett Rains of the Madison-Gary Chapter and Tim Kelly of the Santa Fe Senior Chapter at Alachua.

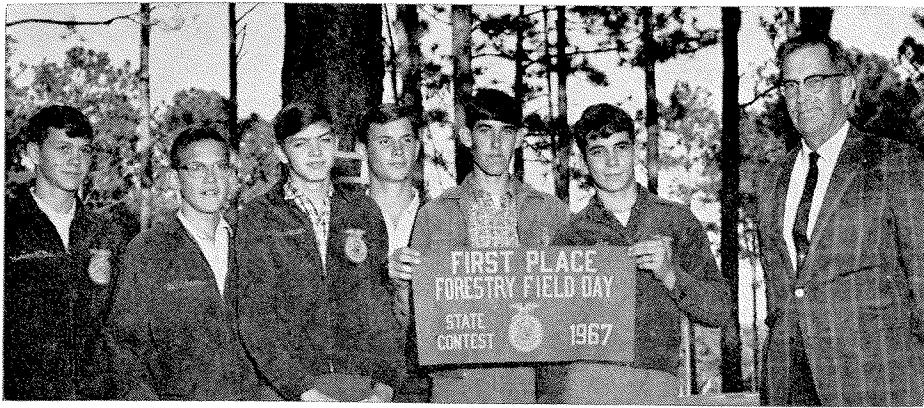
The business session Thursday afternoon opened with several committee reports and other reports. The main item of business was an amendment to the National Constitution which would reappoint the delegates to permit an additional delegate for every 10,000 members over the first 10,000. The amendment was defeated after much discussion. Also, the

proposed National FFA Leadership Center was discussed. Following a report on the activities of the national officers by Paul Tarpley, Secretary, the meeting was adjourned to a reception for the National FFA Foundation Donors.

During the sixth session the FFA Foundation Donors were recognized and the premiere showing of "1967 Star Farmers", preceded the announcement of the 1967 Star Farmer of America. David Mosher of Greenwich, New York, was named "Star Farmer of America".

In the closing session, President Gary Swan presented his final address preceding the installation of the 1967-68 national officers and the ceremony for honoring parents of the 1966-67 officers. The Firestone Show received the usual ovation during the closing session.

Throughout the national convention the National FFA Band (Ralph Alligood, Santa Fe; Billy Palmer, Jacksonville-Paxon; and Milton Bryan, Bartow Senior) and the National FFA Chorus (Zackery Bunkley, DeFuniak-Tivoli; and Carson Ealy, Madison-Gary) were on hand to provide very fine entertainment. Also providing entertainment during the convention was the Florida FFA Champion String Band from Brandon and harmonica selections by Van Gray and Barry Taylor.



The Blountstown Forestry Team with Dick Raymond, Vice President, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg. The team is composed of John Gerber, Buddy Strickland, Marcus Byler, Mark Beiler, Jimmy Hatcher and Laban Bontrager.

Blountstown Takes Forestry Honors

THE BLOUNTSTOWN Senior FFA Chapter was top winner at the Second Annual State-wide FFA Forestry Field Day. The chapter was presented its first place banner and wall plaque by Dick Raymond, Vice President, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, at the Annual Forest Festival Banquet in Perry.

Blountstown received 20 points out of a possible 100 and Dade City placed second with 19. Ponce de Leon was third with 12 points. The awards were based on the total accumulated point score in all contests.

Fourteen FFA Chapter teams competed. They were winners and runners up in the 11 Area Forestry Field Days held during the 1966-67 and 1967-68 school years. The area winners competing were: Turkey Creek Sr., Pinecrest, Dade City, South Sumter Jr., Blountstown Sr., Quincy Sr., Bronson, Chiefland, Ponce de Leon, Chipley-Roulhac, Walnut

Hill, South Sumter Sr., Miami-Central and Winter Haven. Each team was composed of six boys who competed in five contests.

Individual cash awards were presented to the winning boys by John Folks, Director, Rural Development of the Florida Power Corporation and Dick Raymond, Vice President, Florida Power Corporation, both of St. Petersburg.

Judging Teams Win

FLORIDA'S JUDGING teams were rated gold, silver, and bronze at the meats, livestock and poultry judging contests. The event was held at the American Royal during the National FFA Convention.

Dade City's meats judging team was a gold emblem team with all three members, Lloyd Rosier, Johnny Melton, and Neil Crawford, receiving gold emblem awards.

The livestock judging team from Dade City was silver. Roy McKendree (bronze), Randy Barthle (silver), and William Boyett (silver) composed the team. Steve Boyett also of Dade City received a silver emblem in Livestock Showmanship.

The Santa Fe poultry judging team was rated bronze. Casey Carlisle (gold), Bobby Clemons (bronze), and Paul Strickler (honorable mention) composed the team.

Earlier the Hamilton County dairy judging team had traveled to Waterloo, Iowa. The team composed of Ronny Staten, Don Selph, Larry Harris, received Honorable Mention in both Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products Judging.

Chapters Should Plan for FFA Week, February 17-24

NATIONAL FFA Week this year is February 17-24. Future Farmers throughout Florida and the nation will be planning special activities to commemorate the week.

ALL CHAPTER advisers have recently received a list of materials which is available from the Future Farmer Supply

Florida Takes 12 American Farmers

THE COVETED American Farmer Degree was awarded 12 Future Farmers of America during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The highest award given by the FFA came at the start of the three day convention, October 11-13.

The National Board of Student Officers and the FFA Board of Directors recommended to the delegates that the 12 boys receive the top degree. Approval by these boards is usually tantamount to the election by the delegates.

The Florida American Farmers and their chapters are: Hayward Truman Brock, Vernon; Jack Wayne Brown, Walnut Hill; Glenn E. Byrd, Hialeah; Philip Carl, Kathleen; Bobby W. Coburn, Winter Haven; Jerry Roger Keen, Lake Wales; Clifton H. Lyon, II, Bonifay; Hugh Dewayne Martin, Bell; John Gordon Odom, Jr., Ft. Pierce; James H. Smith, Frostproof; Edgar Wayne Wiggins, Plant City; and Joseph Arden Wiggins, Plant City.

The 12 Future Farmers, who represent the top agriculture boys from Florida for 1967, have outstanding records in their vocational agriculture supervised occupational experience program and FFA activities. At an average age of 20, they far exceed the requirements of net worth and investment set by the national organization.

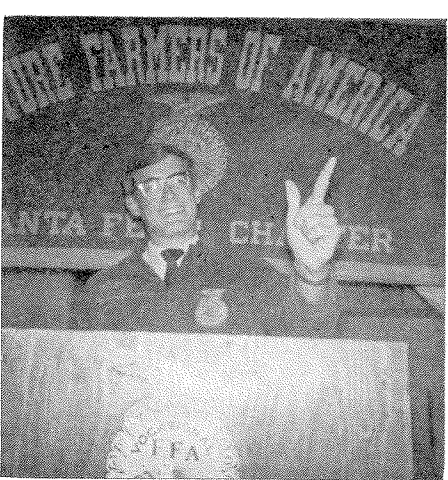
While they are required to have a net worth of \$1,000, Florida's candidates average \$19,623.34 for a collective total of \$235,480.14. Together they own 809 head of livestock including 594 head of beef cattle, 206 swine and 9 horses. They rent and own a total of 3,181 acres of land. They had 10,000 head of poultry, 25 acres of citrus, 120 acres of small grains, 15 acres of truck crops and 12,202 ornamental nursery plants.

Nationally the FFA Board of Directors voted to recommend that 448 Future Farmers receive the American Farmer Degree this year. Each degree winner will receive a gold key and certificate, and a \$125 check from the National FFA Foundation.

Attainment of the American Farmer Degree is based on the Future Farmers' records in farming, leadership and scholarship. The degree is limited to FFA members who have been out of high school at least one year and who are showing evidence of becoming established in agriculture.

Service to help in making it a remembered occasion. Chapters are encouraged to order their supplies early so that they will be received in plenty of time to be of use.

Many chapters appoint committees to work on plans for FFA Week, knowing that this is their opportunity to let people in the community know what their chapter is doing.



Paul Strickler gave the state winning soil and water conservation speech.

Strickler Speech Wins

PAUL STRICKLER, 17, member of the Santa Fe FFA Chapter was selected as the 1967 winner of the Soil and Water Conservation Public Speaking Contest. He spoke on the topic, "Why Must the Urban Population be Involved in my Soil and Water Conservation District Programs."

Each year the public speaking finals are held in conjunction with the F.A.C.D. Convention. Paul received his \$300 scholarship, \$100 cash and a plaque during the annual meeting in Ft. Lauderdale.

Paul has been a member of the state winning teams in parliamentary procedure, meats judging and poultry judging. He is also a member of the livestock judging team, vice president and sentinel of the chapter. He has served as president of the Student Council and Beta Club.

He is the son of Mrs. Paul B. Strickler of Alachua.

FFA Day Slated at the Florida State Fair

UPON ENTERING the State Fairgrounds, everyone will go directly to the grandstand for registration and the special FFA Day Program.

Before the program starts, group leaders will be labeled and stationed at intervals in front of the grandstand, and members of the first groups of Dairy and Livestock Judging teams will be told when to move out to their respective groups.

General information for judging teams: For each chapter, three boys will compose a judging team. There will be no substitutions in any of the contests after judging begins.

Each group will be given a total of twelve minutes for general inspection and official placing of each of the four entries in each class. Explicit instructions will be given groups in Tampa before the judging begins.

Included in the special FFA programs will be entertainment, presentation of awards, visiting agricultural and commercial exhibits, and brief talks by Floyd T. Christian, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and William C. MacInnes,

Thomas Southern Regional Winner

ROBERT THOMAS, 18, is the 1967 Southern Regional Ornamental Horticulture Award Winner from Fort Myers. The award was made during the 40th Annual National Future Farmers of America Convention held in Kansas City during October.

Robert received a \$200 cash award, made possible by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. He had previously received an award of \$100 for the top achievement in ornamental horticulture in the state.

His supervised occupational experience program consists of a 4,416 plant ornamental nursery. Robert has developed many skills and competencies in ornamental horticulture. These include propagating, potting, spraying, fertilizing, pruning and shaping ornamentals as well as salesmanship of his product. He has also learned to follow landscape plans in landscaping houses, and plans to be a landscape architect after graduation from college.

He has been active in his local FFA chapter serving as President for 24 months. Other leadership activities include serving as a delegate to the FFA State Convention for two years, member of his chapter's livestock and land judging teams, and a member of the parliamentary procedure team. In addition, he served in his local community as President of the Boy Scouts Explorer Post No. 110.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Thomas of Ft. Myers. He is a 1967 graduate of Ft. Myers High School where his vocational agriculture instructor was Lonnie Sims.

president of the Florida Fair Association.

Beginning with registration at 8:00 on the morning of February 10, the day will be crowded with activities of interest to FFA members.

Meats Contest Set

THE FFA Area Meats Judging Contests will be held on Saturday, January 20. The events will be held at the various meat packing plants:

Area I — Frosty Morn's, Quincy; Area II — Camp's, Ocala; Area III — Lykes Plant, Plant City.

A team must place in the top 25 percent of the teams participating in an Area Contest to qualify for the State Contest. The state finals will be held on Friday, April 5, 1968.

L. W. DAVIS, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Vice President of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, has been named to serve during 1968 as chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.



Youth Is Our Best Resource

MORGAN O. STOKES, 17-year-old Florida Future Farmer of America forestry contest winner from Baldwin High School, will speak to the leaders of more than 80 New England industries at a luncheon in Boston. Stokes will demonstrate, perhaps unwittingly, one of the reasons why the South has prospered during the past several decades.

Members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) are interested in the agricultural growth of the nation and although Stokes will be representing forestry, he will not be speaking outside the agricultural field. Tree farming is a vital, profitable part of the Southern agricultural scene.

Forest-related industries form the backbone of the economy of many of the cities and towns which surround Jacksonville, and the pine tree plays a significant role in the economy of this metropolis.

Florida and the South are no longer the home of the ill-managed farm. Agriculture is as modern an industry as any in this country. Farmers have college degrees, utilize the latest scientific knowledge and find uses for computers, satellite weather forecasts and all the other information gathering and processing machines which man has devised. New chemicals and fertilizers are increasing the per acre yield and science is finding new and better uses for Naval stores which have been the traditional backbone of our woodlands.

Despite these modern advances and the increasing importance of all forms of agriculture in a hungry and growing world, the greatest resource in Florida and the South remains the potential of its young people as represented by Morgan Stokes.

Unless the South can produce and retain intelligent, dedicated young people who will farm its fields, man its factories and guide its destinies in moral, material and spiritual affairs, all the other much vaunted resources will lie fallow or be improperly and perhaps unwisely developed.

Editorial

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Citrus Identification Planned

THE STATE FFA Citrus Identification Contest will be held in the main building of the Florida Citrus Showcase, Winter Haven, on Thursday, February 22, 1968.

Registration will start at 5:00 p.m., and the Contest will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Each chapter may enter a team of four boys, and the top three scores shall constitute the chapter total.

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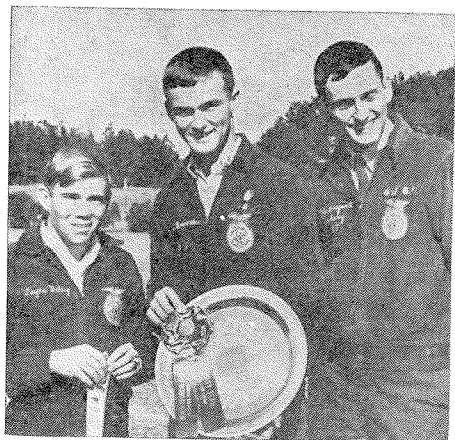
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The Greensboro FFA Chapter team won the Farm Judging Contest at the North Florida Fair at Tallahassee. Members of the team are from left: Bobby Shepard, Wayne Brandon, and Ken Bryant. The Chapter also won last year.

Santa Fe Wins Gold Award

THE THREE Florida FFA chapters which were entered in the National Chapter Awards program received awards at the National FFA Convention. The three award winners in the state were selected at the state convention last June. State membership permitted three entries from Florida.

The top award, which is the gold emblem, was awarded to 54 local chapters. The silver emblem was presented to 58 chapters, and the bronze emblem to 36 chapters. The chapters were rewarded for their outstanding program of activities during the 1966-67 school year. Each chapter received a special plaque, or in the case of those who had already received a plaque in former years, a spur for attachment to the plaque was awarded.

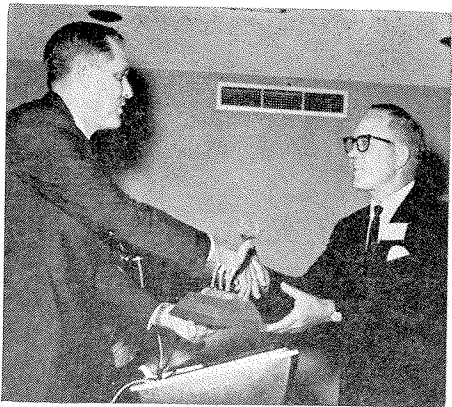
The Santa Fe Senior Chapter received a gold emblem award while the Bartow Senior and Ft. Pierce Chapters received the silver emblem award.

Florida Chapters Win

TWENTY-FOUR local chapters of the Future Farmers of America were honored at the 40th Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City with "Gold Emblem" awards for their outstanding achievement in the promotion of Safety. "Silver Emblem" awards were presented to 19 and the "Bronze Emblem" to 14.

The chapters were recognized for their accomplishments in safety promotion during the 1966-67 school year. Each chapter was presented a plaque appropriately lettered to indicate the award received, provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Santa Fe Chapter received the gold emblem award while the Hamilton County Chapter at Jasper received a silver emblem and Bartow Senior was awarded a bronze emblem.



Troy Caruthers, advisor of the Ocala-Osceola Junior High School FFA Chapter, is shown receiving his State Award. Mr. Caruthers was selected as the state winner of the Conservation Education Award.

Sumter Judging Results Shown

AT BEVILLE'S Corner, on November 11, 1967, FFA members from 35 chapters judged steers, junior Angus heifers, senior Angus heifers, Brahman bulls and Brahman cows. Each chapter was allowed to have two teams and 53 teams competed in this show.

The placings and chapter members of the four high teams were:

Placing	Chapter	Members	Score	Award
1st	Groveland "A"	Tommy Leathers Dale Boyett	664	Gold Trophy
2nd	South Sumter Sr. "B"	Terry Pendergrass Robbie Strong Billy Woodard Buster Ward	646	Rosette
3rd	Mills (Webster)	Larry McLaughlin Freddie Roberts Terry Kirnes	645	Rosette
4th	South Sumter Sr. "A"	Howard Grice Cecil Revels Larry Merritt	635	Rosette

Three other chapters scored more than 600 out of a possible 750 points. They were as follows: Lakeland "B" (619), Kathleen Jr. (613), and Seminole "B" (601).

HIGH SCORING INDIVIDUALS

Placing	Chapter	Member	Score	Award
1st	Lakeland "B"	John Ford	236	Gold Trophy
2nd	South Sumter Sr. "B"	Robbie Strong	234	Rosette
3rd	South Sumter Sr. "A"	Howard Grice	228	Rosette
4th	Groveland "A"	Tommy Leathers	225	Rosette