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Your Local Chapter And Foundation Awards

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Each chapter should review local applications for General Foundation Awards for Green Hand, Star Chapter Farmer, Public Speaking, and Farm Safety (chapter); Agricultural Proficiency Foundation Awards for Crop Farming, Livestock Farming, Dairy Farming, Poultry Farming, and Farm Forestry; and Proficiency Foundation Awards for Ornamental Horticulture, Soil and Water Management, Home Improvement, Agricultural Mechanics, Farm and Home Electrification, Ornamental Horticulture and Home Improvement.

If applicants are deserving, a chapter may select its local winner. Awards include a medal and booklet to the winners and you may use them in any or all of the above events. This is strictly an event on a local basis.

The number of chapters awarding Foundation Medals last year in order of popularity were as follows: 1 - Star Chapter Farmer, 122 chapters; 2 - Public Speaking 187, chapters; 3 - Star Green Hand, 36 chapters; 4 - Home Improvement, 36 chapters; 5 - Orn Hort., 28 chapters; 6 - Crop Farming, 25 chapters; 7 - Farm and Home Electrification, 25 chapters; 8 - Farm Safety, 21 chapters; 9 - Soil and Water Management, 20 chapters; 10 - Agricultural Mechanics, 20 chapters; 11 - Dairy Farming, 15 chapters; 12 - Livestock Farming, 14 chapters; 13 - Farm Forestry, 10 chapters; 14 - Poultry Farming, 7 chapters.

Following the award on a local basis a student should then be encouraged to compete in the district and state FFA Farm Proficiency events.

Only all-day students who are regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture or have been out of high school not more than one year and have completed at least three years of vocational agriculture or all offered in the school, are eligible to compete.

Special FFA Foundation Awards are provided in eleven state events. These include General Foundation Contest, Farm Safety for the chapters; Agricultural Proficiency Contests, Crop Farming, Livestock Farming, Dairy Farming, Poultry Farming, and Farm Forestry; and Proficiency Contests, Ornamental Horticulture, Soil and Water Management, Home Improvement, Agricultural Mechanics, and Farm and Home Electrification. All of the winners of these eleven events will be eligible for regional and national awards.

The application forms are of three types. (1) General Foundation, Farm (continued on page 16)

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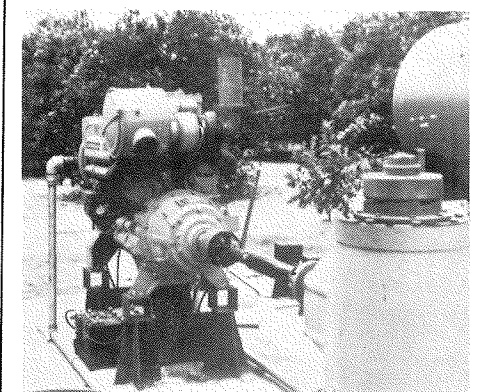
The Cover

John Folks, Director of Rural Development, Florida Power Corporation, presenting awards to the State Winning Demonstration Team of James Richardson and Alan Hitchcock of the Santa Fe Chapter.

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H. E. Wood, former State Advisor of the Florida Association, being congratulated after receiving a Distinguished Service Award from the State Association. Mr. Wood served 39 years in vocational agriculture, many of which were spent giving dedicated service to the FFA.

Florida Future Farmers 40th Annual Convention Held At Daytona Beach June 21-27

Contests, awards, banquets and elections provide a full week for Florida Future Farmers

FUTURE FARMERS, chapter advisers, and guests, numbering more than 1,000, attended the 40th Annual State FFA Convention in Daytona Beach, June 17-21, 1968. Knowing that the sessions were open to the public, interested citizens from Daytona Beach and the surrounding area attended many of them.

An outstanding feature of this convention was the cooperative efforts of President Kinney, his fellow officers, the state staff, committee members, chapter advisers, sponsors, and contest winners. This cooperative undertaking led to the general agreement that this was indeed an outstanding convention.

Prominent guests attending included Paul Diehl, national FFA secretary, Butler, Missouri; Donald Pilkinton, president, Tennessee Association, FFA; Ronald Wright, VICA; Becky Simmons, FHA, Florida Association; Terry Putnam, 4-H Council.

Events of special interest were the election of new officers, meals sponsored by Florida firms, tractor driving and vegetable judging contests, and presentation of awards, scholarships and honorary degrees.

Officer Candidates Interviewed on Monday

THE CHAMBER of Commerce of Greater Daytona Beach was host to the state officers and staff members for a luncheon in the Daytona Plaza Hotel. Mary Brook, representing the Chamber of Commerce, expressed appreciation for the consideration of the Future Farmers in selecting Daytona Beach as a convention site for 18 consecutive years.

Events of the day included intensive interviewing of candidates for state offices and registration of delegates and advisers; division preliminaries of the demonstration contest, T. L. Barrineau in charge; registration and delegates seat assignments, F. L. Northrop and FVATA officers and directors in charge; and demonstration contest finals, Jimmy Emmerson in charge, and judging, grading, and identification contest, John Maddox in charge.

Delegates-Advisers Lunch Climax Tuesday Morning

A BREAKFAST for district tractor driving winners and their advisers was sponsored by Florida Tractor Corporation, Jacksonville, Florida. Activities of the morning included the registration and housing, and the tractor driving contest. C. J. Rogers was in charge. The tractor was furnished by Gerald Behrens of Behrens Tractor Company of Lake Monroe, Florida.

Jon Greeneisen, Chief, Research and Information Division, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D.C., delivered a challenging address at the Delegates and Advisers Luncheon, sponsored by Production Credit Asso-

ciation of Florida, and held at the Daytona Plaza Hotel. President Richard Kinney, master of ceremonies, expressed appreciation to the Production Credit Association for their cooperation with Future Farmers.

Participants in the Inspirational Program Tuesday morning included president Richard Kinney, Zephyrhills Chapter, and vice presidents Cody Taylor, Poplar Springs Chapter and Van Gray, Zephyrhills Chapter. Mayor Owen Eubank welcomed the boys, congratulated them as officers of a fine organization, and invited them to continue holding meetings in Daytona Beach. The mayor presented keys to the city to: Richard Kinney, State President; Paul Diehl, National Student FFA Secretary.

Bill Cowart, representing the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Volusia County, gave welcome to the delegates and invited them to use the facilities of the various schools throughout the county.

Elvin Daughtry, President of the Volusia County Farm Bureau, made inspirational remarks, informing delegates that "agriculture is the backbone of our nation."

C. M. Lawrence, State FFA Adviser, presented charters to new FFA chapters. They were: Apalachicola, Jay Junior, Jacksonville-Southside Junior, Jacksonville-Paxon Junior, and Lake City Junior.

Each state vice president reported on the seating of the delegates in his district and the delegation was seated.

Richard Kinney gave the State President's message after being introduced by Cody Taylor, first vice president, Poplar Springs Chapter.

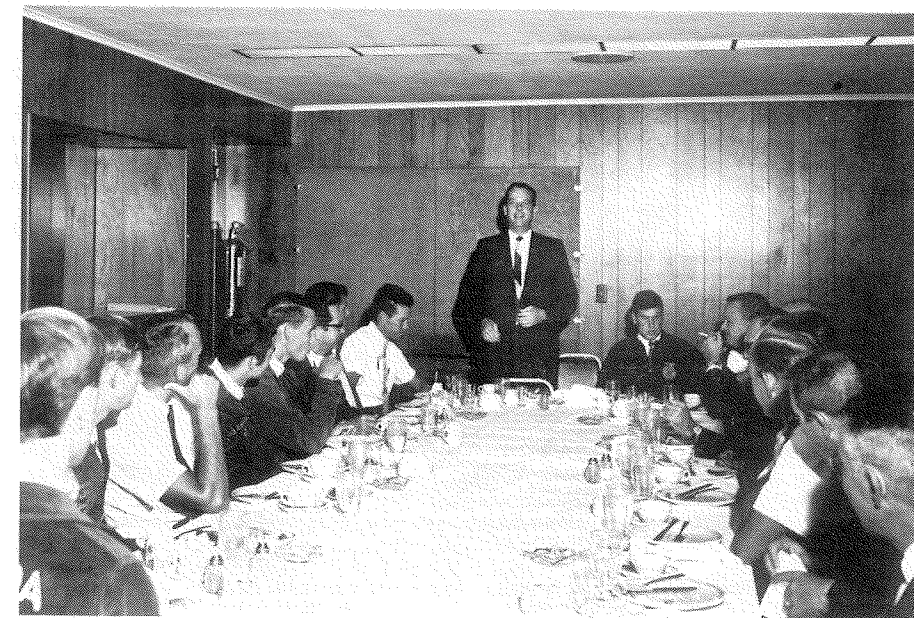
The minutes of the 39th Annual Convention were approved by the delegates as printed in the Summer 1967 issue of the FLORIDA FUTURE FARMER magazine.

The crop farming award of \$100.00, sponsored by the Future Farmer Foundation of America, was presented to Ronald Wayne Williams of the Bethlehem Chapter at Bonifay. This award was presented by Danny Cowart, field representative, Dixie Lime and Stone Company. Other winners, receiving \$25.00 each, were: Henry Gaines, Tate High School, Gonzalez, District I; Wade Howell, Hamilton County Chapter, District II; Jerry Hines, Santa Fe Chapter, District III; Cecil Revels, South Sumter Senior Chapter, District IV; Donnie Huckaba, Bartow Senior Chapter, District V; and Bill Holmes, Lake Placid Chapter, District VI.

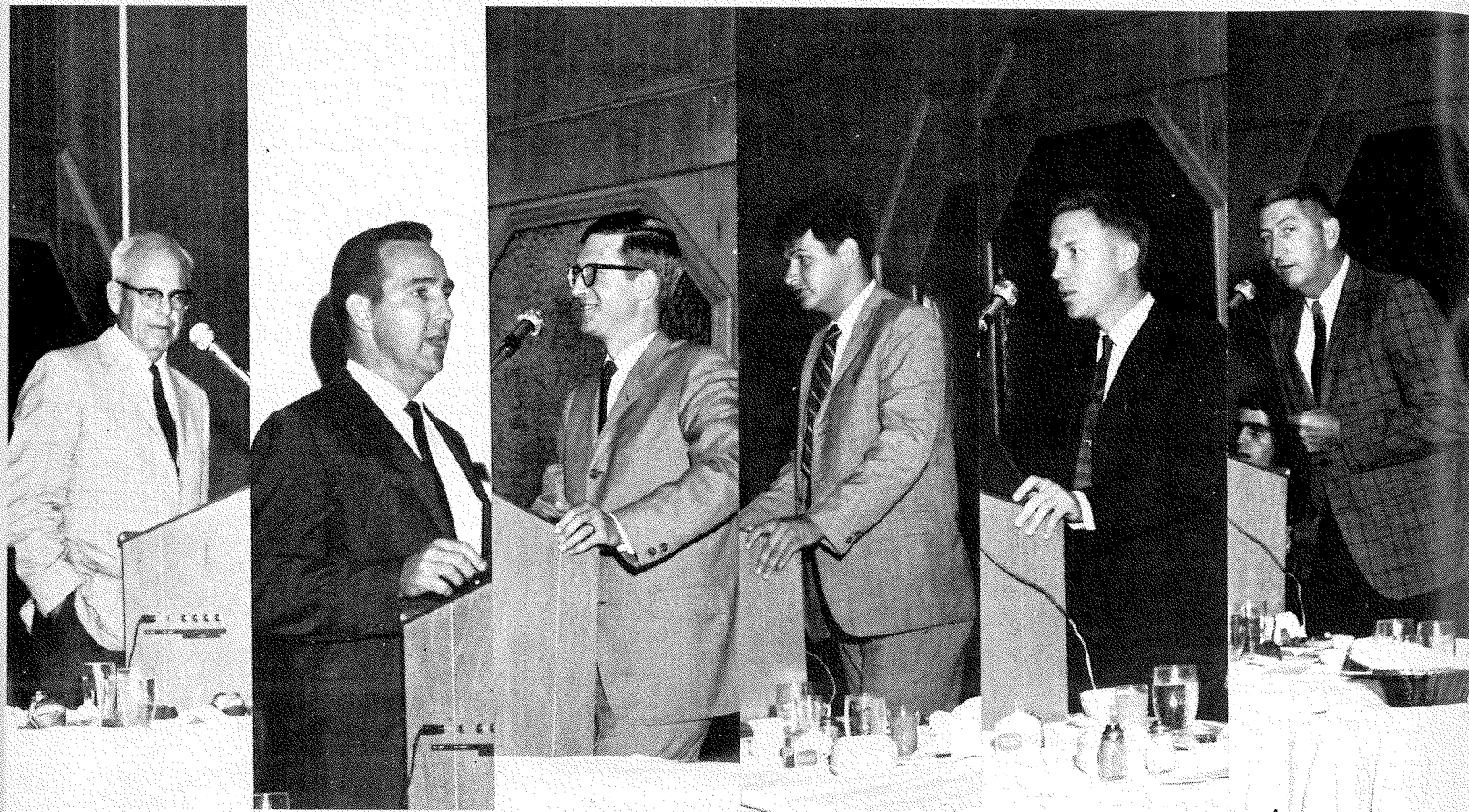
Van Gray, second vice president, read the names of those recommended to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree. The list was approved. Approval was also voted when the names were read of those who had received the degree earlier in the year.

The Florida Cattlemen's Association Awards were presented by C. M. Lawrence, State Adviser. Billy Noble, Marianna Chapter, received a \$100.00 check for his outstanding feeder-steer project. This will help finance a trip for Billy and his adviser, Rex Toole, to the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October. Five other winners of feeder-steer awards receive \$15.00 each to help pay their expenses in attending the State FFA Convention. They were: Hubert Martin, Ocala; David Brown, Peace River Chapter, Wauchula; Jeff Philpot, Newberry; Joe Knight, DeLand; and Mike Piercy, Lake Weir.

Richard Cochrane, Fort Meade Chapter, received \$100.00 as state winner in the beef-breeding contest. His advisers are T. A. Cochrane and John Denmark. Four other members received \$15.00 to help defray their expenses for the state convention. They were: Bobby Creech, Hamilton County



The District Winners in the Tractor Driving contest were guests of Florida Tractor Corporation for a breakfast on Tuesday morning.



From left to right: Willard Fifield, addressing the State Farmer Luncheon being sponsored by Chase and Company; Jerry Thomas, Assistant Manager, Gainesville Federal Land Bank Association, brings greetings to the Chapter Cooperative Award Winners. The Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida sponsor the annual Award Winners Dinner. A highlight of the Delegates and Advisers Luncheon was a talk by Jon Greeneisen. The annual luncheon is sponsored by the Production Credit Association of Florida. Pete Marovich, President, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, was emcee for State Farmer Breakfast on Wednesday morning. Standard Oil Company was host to all chapters entering the Safety Awards Program for a breakfast on Friday morning. A. P. Crouch, Marketing Assistant, brings greeting to the group. Ed Raikes, Wilson and Toomer Fertilizer Company, served as host for the annual Award Winners Luncheon at the close of the convention.

FFA Chapter, Jasper; Sam Judah, Peace River Chapter, Wauchula; and James Albritton, Mulberry.

Jeff Daughtry presented the livestock farming award of \$100.00 to James Sowell, Santa Fe Senior Chapter, Alachua. District winners who received \$25.00 each were: Larry Curry, Bethlehem Chapter, Bonifay, District I; Jody Sullivan, Lafayette Chapter, Mayo, District II; Bill Cellon, Santa Fe Senior Chapter, Alachua, District III; Cecil Revels, South Sumter, Webster, District IV; Alvin Ray Williamson, Turkey Creek Chapter, Plant City, District V; Dennis Lesnick, Miami Central Chapter, District VI.

Van Gray gave the vice presidents' report, which was accepted. This was followed by the closing ceremony.

During the Tuesday afternoon session, which was presided over by Wilton Carlton, fifth vice president, the tractor driving awards were presented by Dick Whittington, vice president, Florida Tractor Corporation. These awards are sponsored by Florida Tractor Corporation, Jacksonville, Florida. Myron Hudson, Ponce De Leon Chapter, was awarded a 21 jewel watch. Wink Hutchinson of the Largo-Semi-

nole Chapter won second place and a 17 jewel watch. Third through sixth place winners who received a \$25.00 Savings Bond each were: John B. Platt of the Wauchula-Hardee Chapter, John Haas of the Branford Chapter, Duane Connell of the Leesburg Chapter, and Emmett Whitehurst of the Williston Chapter.

Judging, grading and identification awards were sponsored by the Florida Power and Light Company, and Florida Power Corporation. Awards presentation was made by Wade Wilfong. Palatka Senior Chapter received first place; Dade City, second place; Hastings, third place; Palatka Junior, fourth place; Santa Fe Senior, fifth place; Auburndale, sixth place; Pinecrest, seventh place; LaBelle, eighth place; Miami-Central, ninth place; and Winter Haven tenth place. The Palatka Senior Chapter will represent Florida at the National Junior Horticulture Convention on December 8-13, 1968, at the Hotel Dinkler, Atlanta, Georgia. Florida Power and Light Company, and the Florida Power Corporation will pay their expenses.

Vice president Van Gray announced the nominating committee's selection for State President, Tim Kelly, Santa

Fe Chapter. Nominations from the floor included: Johnny Gocsek, Gainesville; Van Long, Macclenny; Mike Gibson, Sanford-Seminole; Rudy Rackley, Blountstown; Donnie Johnson, Poplar Springs; Louis Janney, South Sumter; Bruce Williams, Bethlehem; and Omar Adams, Pahokee.

Farm Safety awards were presented by A. P. Crouch, marketing assistant, Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, Florida Division, Jacksonville. The Bartow Senior Chapter received \$100.00 as state winner from the Future Farmers of America Foundation. Standard Oil Company of Kentucky sponsored awards of \$50.00, \$25.00, \$20.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00 which were won by Santa Fe Senior, South Sumter, Baker, Walnut Hill, and Hamilton County respectively.

Each year the Florida Association, FFA, invites the state presidents from all FFA State Associations in the Southern Region, as well as the presidents of other youth organizations to attend its state convention. Those present this year were National FFA Secretary, Paul Diehl; Ronald Pilkinton, Tennessee FFA Association; Ronald Wright, VICA; Becky Simmons,

FHA State Association; and Terry Putnam, 4-H Council.

Bart Ahlstrom presented the poultry farming awards which are sponsored by the Florida Poultry Producers Association. Bobby Clemons, state winner, received a check for \$100. District awards of \$25 were presented to Johnny Pitts, District I; Gerald Creech, District II; Terry Nettles, District III; Bobby Pope, District IV; and Jeffery Hagans, District V.

Awards Highlight Tuesday Evening Session

THE THIRD SESSION was called to order by President Kinney, who then introduced Billy Franklin, sixth vice president to preside.

Jerry E. Hines, Santa Fe Senior Chapter was named state winner of the agricultural mechanics award. He was presented a \$100 cash award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation by Paul Diehl, National FFA Student Secretary. Six other Future Farmers received \$25 each from the Florida Association, FFA. They were Ronald Williams, Bethlehem Chapter; Wade Howell, Hamilton County Chapter; Charles Matthews, Santa Fe Senior Chapter, James Hagood, South Sumter Chapter; Charles Plavchak, Bartow Senior Chapter; and Randy Hilson, South Dade Chapter. In addition to the awards each chapter winner received a medal from the Future Farmers of

America Foundation.

Larry McCraney presented the scholarship awards sponsored by the Florida Bankers Association to Robert L. Goode, Miami Senior FFA Chapter, and Donnie Johnson, Poplar Springs FFA Chapter.

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to H. E. Wood, former State FFA Adviser, who served 39 years in vocational agriculture. Many of these years were spent giving dedicated services to the FFA.

E. A. Emmelhainz, executive director, Division of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education, State Department of Education, presented the Standard and Superior Awards to those chapters qualifying from the six districts.

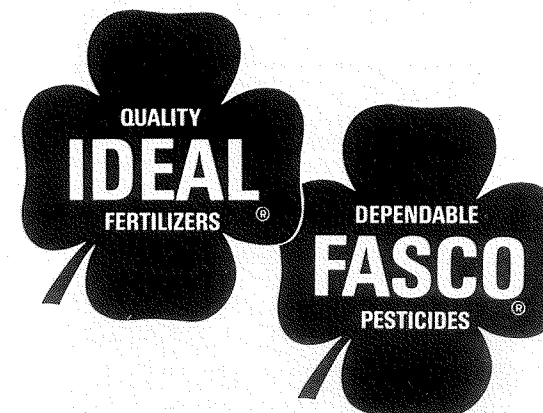
Jim Gorman, general manager, Florida Retail Federation, Jacksonville, presented a check for \$40 and a Gold Plaque to the Santa Fe Senior Chapter, top chapter in Florida for 1968. A Silver Plaque and a check of \$25 was presented to the Bartow Senior Chapter as second place winner, a Bronze Plaque and \$15 for third place was presented to Fort Meade, and South Sumter received a Bronze Plaque and \$10 as fourth place winner in the Chapter Awards Program.

Mr. Gorman also presented awards of \$25, \$20, \$15, and \$10, sponsored by the Belk-Lindsey Stores of Florida, to the top four chapters in each district. District I winners were Walnut Hill, Poplar Springs, Marianna, and Jay.

Winners from District II were Hamilton County, Havana, Mayo and Greensboro; District III winners were Santa Fe Senior, Santa Fe Junior, Starke-Bradford, and Newberry. District IV winners were South Sumter, Groveland, DeLand, and South Sumter Junior. District V winners were Bartow, Fort Meade, Mulberry and Turkey Creek, and District VI winners were Fort Pierce, Bradenton, Miami-Central, and North Miami.

W. T. Loftin, head teacher educator, Agricultural Education, University of Florida, presented the J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarships to agriculture students planning to teach vocational agriculture. The recipients of the scholarships were: Gary Lee, William Morgan, and Richard Jarner. O. E. Yearty, President of FVATA, presented the H. E. Wood Scholarship to Charles Sneed.

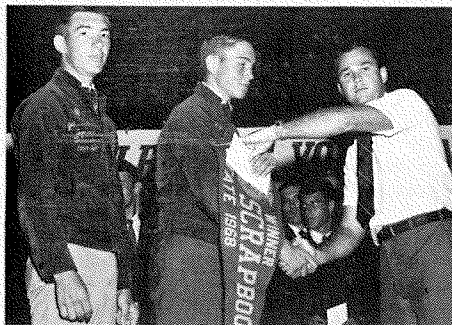
Quentin Duff presented the ornamental horticulture awards which were sponsored by Hofmann Nurseries, Miami. Larry Rose was named winner of the Future Farmer Foundation Award and received a \$100 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation. Hofmann Nurseries provided district awards of 1st place, \$25, 2nd place, \$15; and 3rd place, \$10 for the following district winners: District I — John Hall, Walnut Hill; Ronald Williams, Bethlehem. District II — Robert Smith, Hamilton County; Everett Rains, Madison-Gary; Charles Jones, Tallahassee-Leon; District III — Brian Stone, Santa Fe Junior; Arnold Smith,



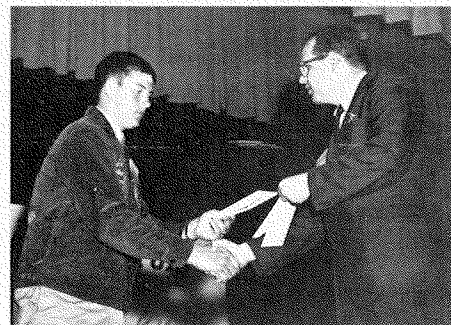
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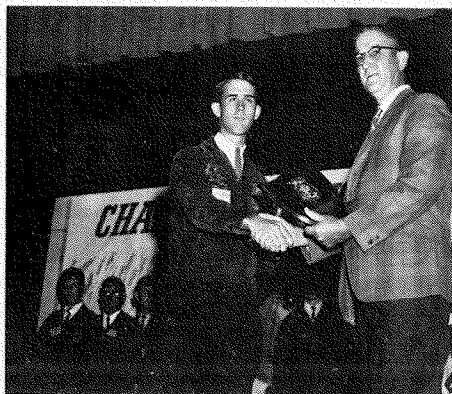
Larry McCraney, former state officer, presented the Scrapbook banner to the Santa Fe Co-Chairmen.



Alan Fowler presented the Seaboard Coast Line Forestry Award to Wade Murphy of Hamilton County Chapter.



Quentin Duff presented awards to Ornamental Horticulture winners for Hoffman Nursery of Miami.



Ed Dukes, President, Florida Council of Cooperatives, presenting the Top Chapter Plaque in the cooperative contest to Bill Cellon of the Santa Fe Chapter.



Billy Richards receiving the Harmonica Champion Pennant.



Mason Rowe, Florida Forest Service, presents the Forest Farming award to Morgan Stokes of Baldwin.



Frank Westmark, St. Regis Paper Company, presenting the Chapter Forestry Award to Jay Rackley, Blountstown.



Carroll Lamb presenting the State Champion pennant to the Havana-Northside quartet.

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ers. J. L. Simmons and John St. Martin are the advisers of the Area III winner, Ralph, Randall, of the Turkey Creek Chapter.

Mr. Lamb presented the State Department of Agriculture district awards of \$50 each to six outstanding young men who have distinguished themselves as first year agriculture students. From District I, Hilton Hatcher of the Malone Chapter; District II, Robert Kelly, of the Branford Chapter, District III, Ricky Keene, Santa Fe Senior Chapter. From District IV, William Woodard of the South Sumter Junior Chapter; District V, David Little of the Bartow Senior Chapter; District VI, Clifford Waldron of the Dan McCarty Chapter.

The Star State Greenhand from the Sanford Junior Chapter is D. Harold Fauver. His adviser is Donald H. Farren. Harold and Mr. Farren each received \$100 to attend the National FFA Convention.

The candidates for state president, 1968-69, were given two minutes each to present their qualifications prior to the balloting for president. President Kinney called on Rex Bishop who explained the method of voting. Voting machines were used through the courtesy of Mrs. Katherine Odham, Supervisor of Registration, Volusia County. The delegates voted immediately after the meeting adjourned.

State Farmers of 1968 and their advisers were guests of Chase and Company of Sanford at a luncheon in the Daytona Plaza Hotel. Richard Kinney, state president, was Master of Ceremonies.

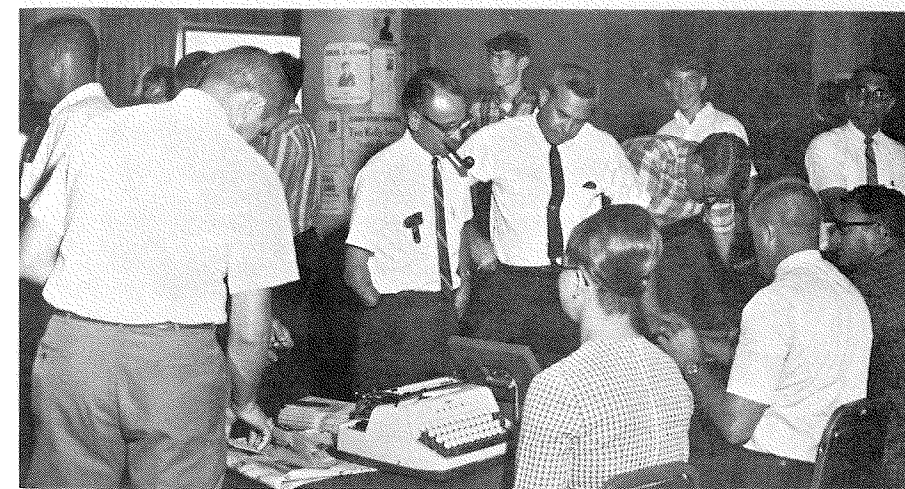
Honorary Farmer Degree Awarded

THE FIFTH SESSION of the convention was called to order by President Kinney who introduced Cody Taylor, first vice president, to preside.

Warren Harrell, Area III Supervisor, was in charge of the parliamentary procedure contest.

The first place award of \$25.00, a pennant, and a trophy from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, went to the Santa Fe Team. Sam Love, vice president of Sales and Marketing for the Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, presented the awards as John B. Mattingly, chairman of the judges, announced the results. Second place winner, receiving \$20, was the Marianna Chapter. The Dade City Team received \$15 as third place winner.

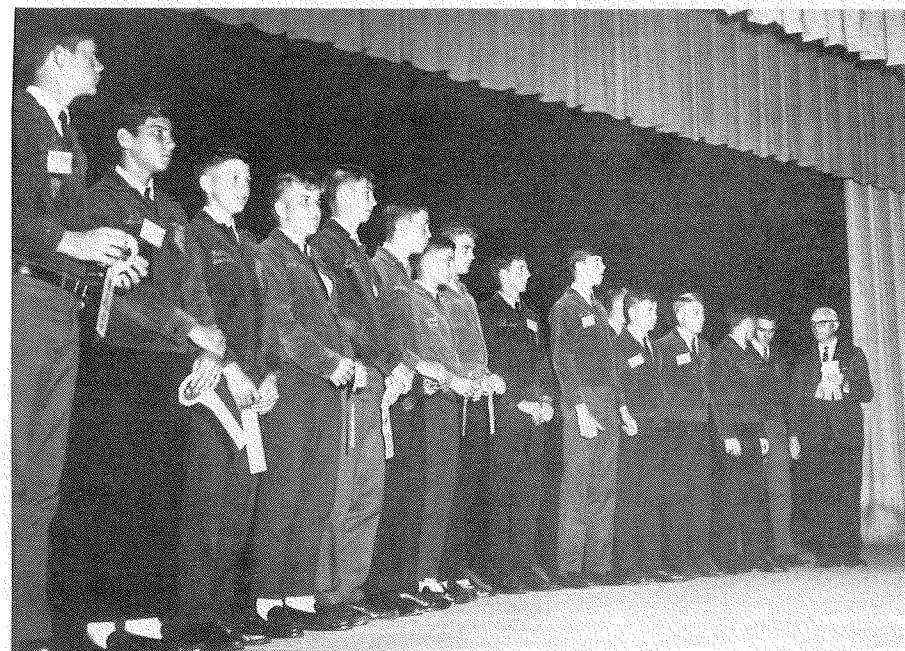
Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded to the following people: Carl M. Williams, principal, Bell High School; Glen Evers, principal, Plant City High School; Martin Mills, assistant principal, Kathleen Junior High School; Theo Salibra, principal, Lake Alfred Junior High School; Harley Lee Heirs, Jr., principal, Lake Wales Senior High School; David E. Wilson, supervising principal, Frostproof Area Schools; William M. Rickert, president,



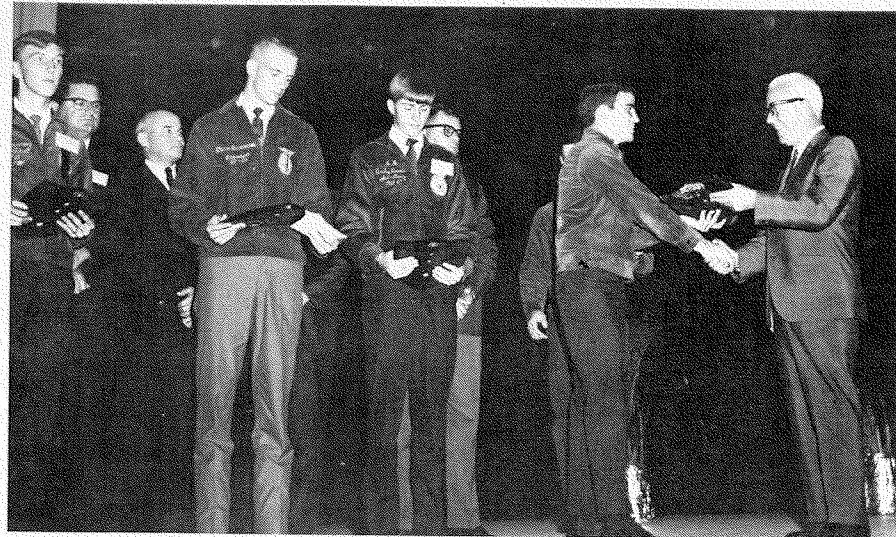
Registration prior to the convention was handled by officers and directors of FVATA.



Alan Hitchcock and James Richardson presenting their state winning demonstration.



Judging, Grading and Identification awards presented to the top ten teams by Wade Wilfong. The Florida Power Corporation and the Florida Power and Light Company will sponsor Palatka, the State winning team to the NJHA Convention.



Presentation of District and State Chapter Contest Awards was made by James E. Groman, General Manager, Florida Retail Federation on behalf of Belk-Lindsey Stores of Florida.



Presentation of Star Greenhand Awards climaxed the Wednesday morning session. Harold Fauver, Sanford Junior Chapter, received a cash award and trophy as Star State Greenhand.



National FFA Secretary Paul Diehl presented Agricultural Mechanics Awards.

First National Bank, Plant City; Lee Moore, executive vice-president, Chase and Company, Sanford; John D. Stiles, Division of Marketing, State Department of Agriculture; David D. Sehores, woodlands manager, the Buckeye Cellulose Corporation, Perry; Carl H. Rehwinkel, past president, FVATA, Inverness; E. A. Emmelhainz, executive director, Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education, State Department of Education, Tallahassee; and R. M. Howard, Howard Fertilizer Company, Orlando.

Vice President Taylor asked all American Farmer Degree recipients to stand and introduce themselves. 1968 American Farmer candidates present were Ronald Hobbs, Paxton, and Harry Lyon, Bonifay Senior. Dewitt Scott was recommended for National Office.

"Pass - the - Chicken, Pappy" awards, sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, were presented to seventeen chapters by Clyde Ware, program director, Sears Roebuck Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia. The first place winner in each district received \$25; second place, \$15; and third place, \$10. Those who received awards by districts were as follows. District I, Poplar Springs, Bethlehem, Marianna JCTS; District II, Hamilton County, Tallahassee-Rickards, Wilson Merritt; District III, Macclenny, Crescent City, Bunnell; District IV, St. Cloud, Webster; District V, Bartow Senior, Mulberry, Tampa-Middleton; District VI, Wauchula-Peace River, Avon Park, Wauchula-Hardee.

Top chapters in the Sears Roebuck Improved Breeding Program received awards from Mr. Ware. The top four received \$200 each to use toward a registered heifer. These were: Santa Fe, Fort Pierce, Okeechobee, and Haines City. Others were: Fort Meade, \$50; Brandon, \$35; Groveland, \$25; Belle Glade, \$15; Clewiston, \$10; and Auburndale, \$5.

A second ballot for president was held after the Closing Ceremony.

Over 850 Future Farmers, advisers, and guests met on the beach at "Beach Rest" at 5:30 PM for a fish fry sponsored by Florida Cattleman's Magazine, Kissimmee; City of Daytona Beach, and the Daytona Beach Jaycees.

Bandshell Program Wednesday Night

THE ANNUAL Wednesday night Bandshell program was moved to Peabody Auditorium because of unsuitable weather. Former national FFA president, Senator W. D. "Billy" Gunter, served as emcee for the Bandshell program. He explained and conducted the musical contests. N. L. "Nat" Storms was producer for the event.

Chapter quartets in order of their placing in the contest were: first, Havana-Northside, awarded \$20; second, Newberry, \$15; third, Turkey Creek, \$10; fourth, Groveland, \$5; and fifth, Hardee-Wauchula, \$5.

The string bands in the order of their contest placings were: first, Williston, \$20; second, Goulds, \$15; third, LaBelle, \$10; fourth, Quincy-Carter, \$5; fifth, Chipley, \$5; and sixth, Fort Meade, \$5.

Billy Richards, Avon Park, was the state champion harmonica player and received \$10. He was followed by Bobby Hargrave, second place, receiving \$8; Mace Fredrick, third place, \$7; Terry Cranford, fourth place, \$5; Vernon Medders, fifth place, \$5; and Mitch Newton, sixth place, \$5.

Forrest Breckenridge served as chairman of the judges for the musical contests. Breckenridge announced the contest results and presented the awards.

Farm Electrification Award Winners Honored

A SPECIAL breakfast was held for farm electrification award winners and their advisers Thursday morning. Sponsors were: Tampa Electric Company; Florida Power and Light Company, Miami; Gulf Power Company, Pensacola; and Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg. Don Adams acted as toastmaster and the Turkey Creek Quartet furnished the music.

The sixth session was presided over by second vice president, Van Gray, from the Zephyrhills Chapter.

The Naval Stores awards were presented by Mason Rowe, representing the American Turpentine Farmers Association. The chapter winners, who received \$5 each were Johnny Ruth, Union Grove Chapter, Joe Gipson, Walnut Hill; Milton Taylor, Macclenny. The district winner was Morgan Stokes, Baldwin.

The state winner in Naval Stores was Morris Driggers, Hamilton County Chapter. He and his advisers, James Dunaway and Milton Galvez, received a check for \$125 to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

Nominations for state vice presidents were offered at this session.

Paul Diehl, national student secretary, gave an inspiring talk.

Wade Murphy of the Hamilton County Chapter was presented \$275 as state winner of the FFA forestry contest sponsored by Seaboard Coast Line Company, and his advisers James Dunaway and Milton Galvez received \$125 to attend the National Convention.

Second place, \$50, was presented to Ross Nichols of Malone; third place, \$30, was presented to Sandy Dowling, Macclenny; and fourth place, \$20, was presented to James Stephens of Santa Fe.

Wade Murphy also won the ITT Rayonier FFA forestry scholarship of \$500 which was presented by Rees Snedaker.

State winner of the foundation forestry farming award was Morgan Stokes of Baldwin. Mason Rowe made the presentation of the \$100.00 award.

Rich opportunity awaits Florida's Future Farmers

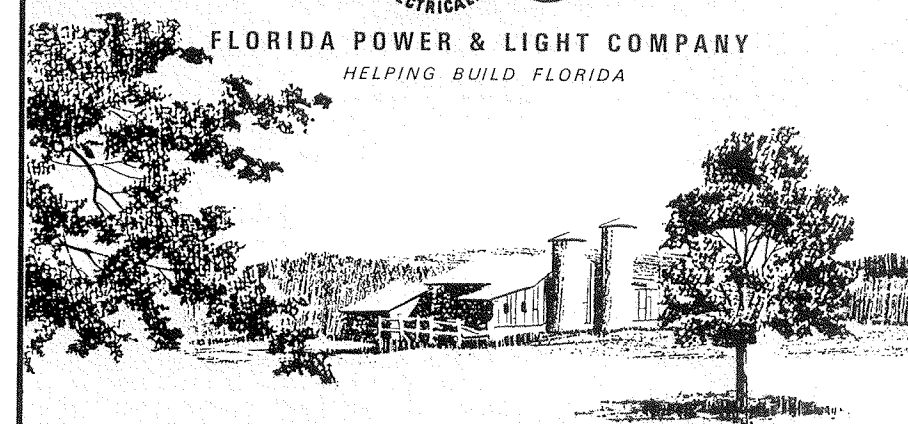
Today, electric automation is boosting farm production, saving man-hours, and cutting costs. Tomorrow will belong to an even greater degree to farmers trained in modern methods.

Many career opportunities in agriculture await young people with educational background and work experience. These include agronomy, animal science, forestry, agricultural economics, bacteriology, botany and other specialties.

We salute the Future Farmers of Florida who will build tomorrow's agriculture leadership. More power to you!



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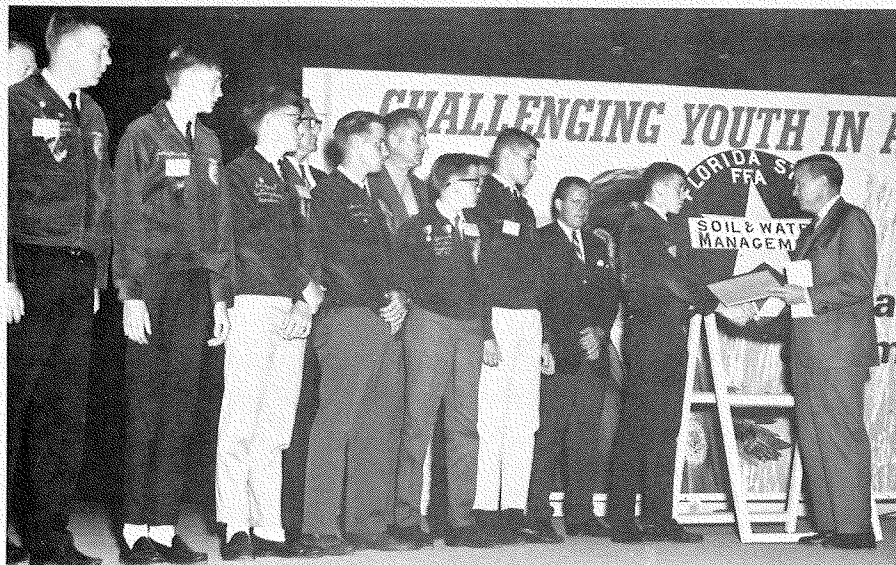
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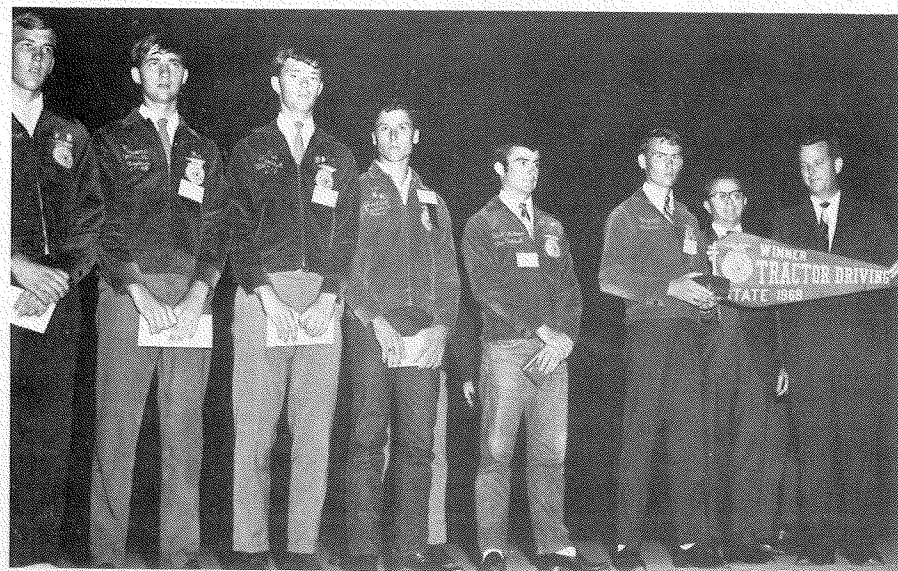
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Alan Hitchcock receiving the State Soil and Water Management Award. Don Adams is presenting the District Awards on behalf of the Florida Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America.



Clyde Ware, Program Director, Sears Roebuck Foundation, presented the Livestock Improvement Awards.



Dick Whittington, Vice President, Florida Tractor Corporation, presented the Tractor Driving awards. Myron Hudson, Ponce De Leon Chapter, was announced winner.

Victor Wade Howell of Hamilton County was named state winner of the farm and home electrification award. Don Adams, Florida Power and Light Company, presented the foundation award of \$100 and an award of \$100 from the privately owned electric companies of Florida. Wade's advisers, James Dunaway and Milton Galvez, each received \$100 to attend the National FFA Convention. Area winners' advisers receiving checks for \$75 were: F. D. McCormick and Kenneth Lee of Santa Fe, and Eugene Bailey of Palmetto.

Twenty-three members received district awards of \$75 first place, \$25 second place, and \$15 third place, and \$10 fourth place.

District I — Chester Jackson, De-funiak Springs-Tivoli; Charles Peoples, Gonzalez — Tate Senior; Dennis Scarborough, Bethlehem.

District II — Charles Ward, Havana; Walter Bell, Mayo; Labon Bontrage, Blountstown Senior; Willie Branom, Madison-Gary.

District III — James Stephens, Santa Fe Sr.; Wayne Roberts, Bell; Gary Voorhees, Newberry; Roger Mann, Jacksonville-Paxon Jr.

District IV — Fred Roesel, South Sumter Sr.; George Carlton, Sanford-Seminole; William Woodard, South Sumter Jr.; Martin Steele, South Sumter Sr.

District V — Eugene Gruenbeck, Kathleen Sr.; Daniel Norris, Fort Meade; Leonard Harris, Mulberry; Herman Fussell, Bartow Sr.

President Richard Kinney presided over the seventh session Thursday afternoon.

Scrapbook awards were presented by the State Association. The state winner of \$50 was the Santa Fe Chapter. District awards of \$20 and \$10 were presented to: District I — Bethlehem and Walnut Hill; District II — Hamilton County and Quincy Senior; District III — Newberry and Gainesville. District IV — DeLand and Groveland; District V — Bartow Senior and Lakeland; District VI — Miami-Central and Okeechobee.

Bobby Hargrave of Santa Fe received \$100 as the first annual award in natural resources development. National Secretary Paul Diehl presented the award.

The Santa Fe Senior Chapter at Alachua was selected as top chapter in the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperative Activities contest. The chapter was presented a check for \$500 by C. A. McNair of Gold Kist Peanut Growers Association. District awards of \$50, 1st place; \$30, 2nd place; and \$20, 3rd place were presented.

District I — 1st place, Walnut Hill Chapter; 2nd place, Bethlehem Chapter; and 3rd place, Poplar Springs Chapter. District II — 1st place, Hamilton County Chapter at Jasper; 2nd place, Leon Chapter; 3rd place, Rickards Chapter. District III — 2nd place, Gainesville Chapter; 3rd place,

Newberry Chapter.

District IV — 1st place, South Sumter Senior Chapter; 2nd place, Groveland Chapter; 3rd place, Southwestern (DeLand) Chapter. District V — 1st place, Bartow Senior Chapter; 2nd place, Mulberry Chapter; 3rd place, Zephyrhills Senior Chapter. District VI — 1st place, Bradenton Chapter; 2nd place, Central Chapter at Miami.

Charles A. Fowler of Santa Fe won the state home improvement award of \$100. This award was presented by David Darwin of Mid-States Steel and Wire Company. District awards of \$25, \$10, and \$5 were presented to 18 Future Farmers. District I — Dan Eubanks, Walnut Hill; Dennis Scarborough, Bethlehem; and Billy Ownes, Malone. District II — Wade Murphy, Hamilton County; Everett Rains, Madison-Gary; Micheal Francis, Quincy-Carter; District III — James Richardson, Santa Fe; Bobby Tindel, Jacksonville-Paxon Senior; Mickey Stripling, Newberry. District IV — George Carlton, Sanford-Seminole; Harold Brown, South Sumter; Terrell Newman, Groveland; District V — John L. Harvey, Mulberry; Jimmy Meeks, Bartow Senior; Nelson Moore, Tampa-Chamberlain; District VI — Wayne Hardy, Palmetto; Lawrence Hunt, Delray-Spady; Mize Johnson, Jr., LaBelle.

The remainder of the Thursday afternoon session was devoted to a business meeting. The meeting included the reading and approving of committee reports. Unfinished, old, and new items of business were presented and proper disposition was made.

The major items of business included the rearranging of FFA Areas and Districts and the establishing of sub-district and district officers.

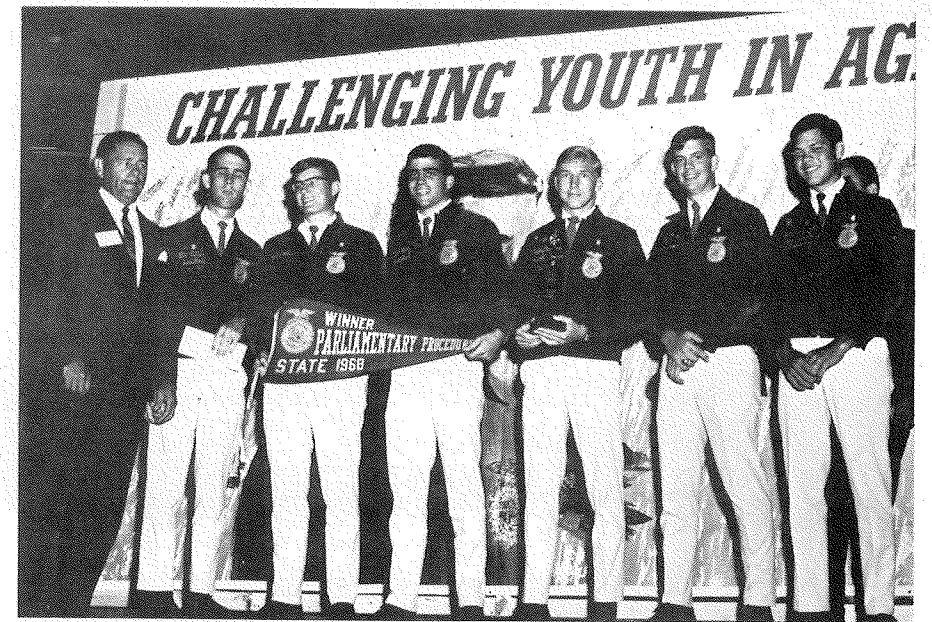
The Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida sponsored a dinner in the Daytona Plaza Hotel for members and advisers of winning chapters in the chapter cooperative contest.

Public Speaking and Star Farmers Thursday Evening

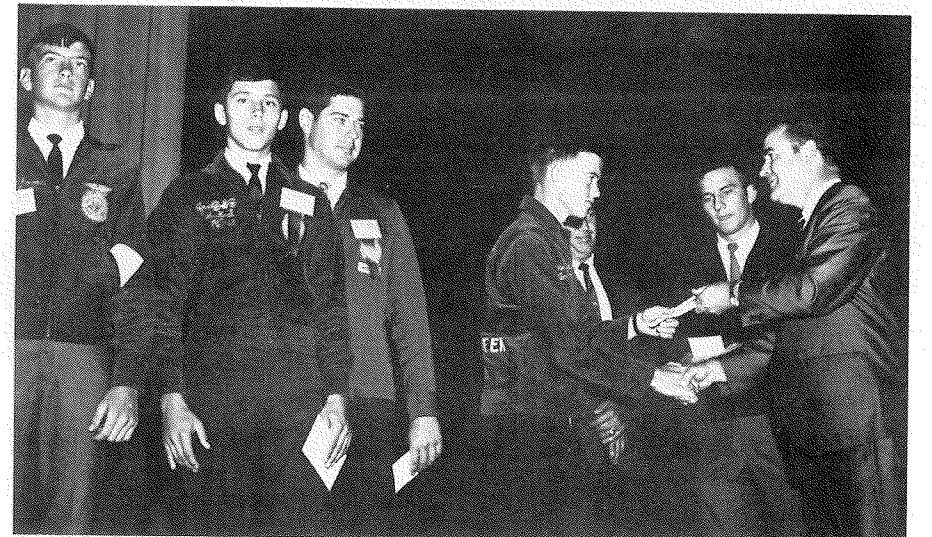
VICE PRESIDENT Barry Taylor presided over the eighth session on Thursday evening.

The highlight of the evening was the state finals in public speaking. Everett Rains of the Madison-Gray Chapter won first place, speaking on "Agriculture Faces the Challenge of a New Era." He represented Florida in the Tri-State Contest in Tifton, Georgia, June 24. Second place winner was Ray Bishop of Miami-Central and Tim Kelly, Santa Fe Senior Chapter, placed third. The awards were sponsored by the Belk-Lindsey Stores of Florida.

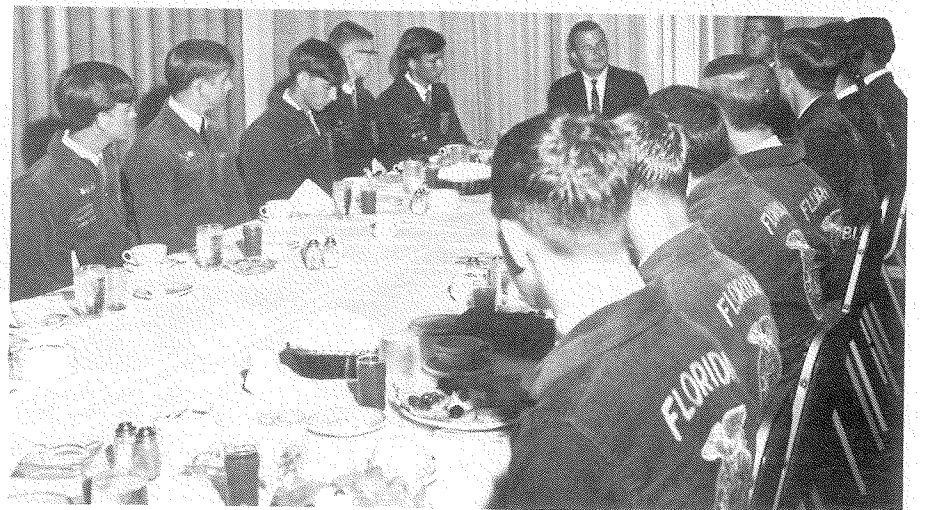
Howell Koon of the Lafayette Chapter won the star dairy farmer award of \$100 and a special dairy efficiency plaque from the National Dairy Products Company. District awards of \$25 were presented to Harold Martin of Walnut Hill, Don Selph of Hamilton Coun-



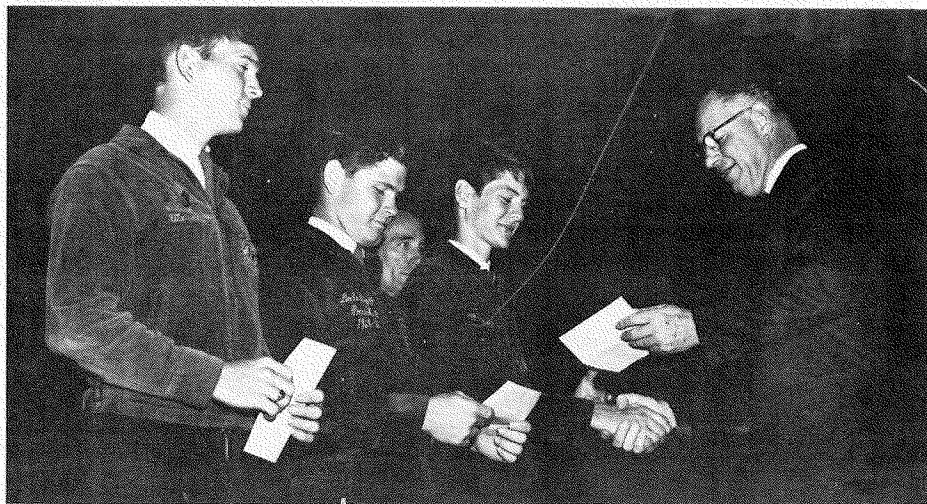
Florida Farm Bureau representative Sam Love presented the Parliamentary Procedure trophy to the Santa Fe team as the state winning team.



Presentation of the \$200 Conner Scholarships to area winners was made by Carroll Lamb.



A luncheon was held Monday for state officer candidates. Jim Giles and Jimmy Emerson, former state officers, conducted a briefing session for the candidates.



Dale Carlton, Citrus Mutual, presented awards in Citrus Placement and Production.



Livestock Farming Awards were presented to District and State winners by Jeff Daughtry. James Sowell, Santa Fe, is receiving his \$100 check and certificate.



Everett Lindsey closed the Convention with an inspiring message and a number from his carefully selected "Rockettes."

ty, Buckley Shaw of Santa Fe, William Woodard of South Sumter, Ralph Randall of Turkey Creek, and Richard Clyde Wise of Lake Placid.

A very impressive presentation of "Building a Star" led up to the presentation of the Florida Star Farmer for 1968. Victor Wade Howell of the Hamilton County Chapter was named 1968 Star Farmer and was presented the Foundation Award of \$200 by Paul Diehl, national student secretary, and the Times-Union Trophy was presented to Wade by Roy Mills, bureau chief, Florida Times Union.

Area Star Farmers were Tim Kelly of Santa Fe Senior and Edward R. Fortner, Jr., of East Bay, and Wade Howell, Hamilton County. The District Star Farmers were Richard Swails of Marianna, Louis Janney of South Sumter Chapter, and Buddy Keen of Palmetto.

The newly elected 1968-69 state officers were announced as: president, Tim Kelly, Santa Fe; 1st vice president, Ed Fortner, East Bay; 2nd vice president, Van Long, Baker County; 3rd vice president, Rudy Rackley, Blountstown; 4th vice president Mike Gibson, Sanford; 5th vice president Dennis Coulter, Lake Placid; and 6th vice president, Donnie Johnson, Poplar Springs.

New Offices Installed At Final Session

A SPECIAL breakfast was held at the Daytona Plaza Hotel for district star farmers, their parents and advisers, by Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, Jacksonville, Florida. A special breakfast was held for chapter farm safety winners and their advisers. This breakfast was sponsored by Standard Oil Company of Kentucky.

The final session of the convention was called to order by President Richard Kinney.

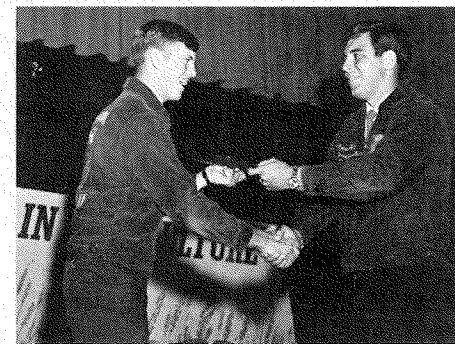
President Kinney gave the report of the retiring president to the assembly and delegates.

Don Adams presented the soil and water management awards. Alan Hitchcock, Santa Fe Senior Chapter, received \$100 cash award from the Future Farmers Foundation. Six other members received district awards of \$25 each from the Florida Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America. Winners were: District I — Dan Eubank, Walnut Hill Chapter; District II — Phil Garland, Havana Chapter; District III — Jackie Barrow, Trenton Chapter; District IV — Fred Roesel, South Sumter; District V — James Albritton, Mulberry Chapter, and District VI — Tom Scott, Fort Pierce Chapter.

Courtesy Corps members were honored by the delegate assembly.

Parents of 1967-68 state FFA officers were given certificates of merit and Honorary State Farmer Degrees. The following parents were presented to the delegates and assembly; Mr. and Mrs. James F. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. N. L.

Coleman, Reverend and Mrs. O. F. Taylor, Mrs. Neita Gaffney and Mr. and Mrs. Bill C. Franklin, Sr. As they left the stage, they were given a standing ovation for their service to the Florida Association, FFA.



Bobby Hargrace, Santa Fe, receiving the first annual award for Development of Natural Resources.



Everett Rains, Madison, receives the State Public Speaking banner from Dean Brooker, College of Agriculture, University of Florida.

Past state officers were invited to come to the stage. Several did and each made a brief talk encouraging and congratulating the delegate assembly.

Donald Pilkinton, Tennessee State Association, was introduced and made his concluding remarks.

President Kinney and other state officers honored members of the State Staff and Advisory Committee by awarding individual gifts as a token of appreciation for their guidance. On behalf of the Florida Association, FFA, gifts were presented to Wanda Hanna, secretary to Richard Kelly and Helen Jones, secretary to T. L. Barrineau for their outstanding assistance during the convention. A gift was also sent to Lillie Grayson, secretary to L. A. Marshall in appreciation of her assistance in preparing convention materials.

The new officers of the Florida Association, FFA, for 1968-69 were officially installed with the appropriate Future Farmer Ceremony and escorted to their respective stations by retiring officers. Retiring president Richard Kinney turned the gavel over to President Tim Kelly, who then assumed his duties as president. He presented to outgoing President Kinney a gavel on which were engraved the names of the 1967-68 officers.

C. M. Lawrence, State Adviser, presented a past state officer's pin to each of the retiring officers. Tim Kelly, state president, then extended greetings to the delegates and guests.

President Kelly gave brief remarks and introduced Everett C. Lindsey, Atlanta, Georgia, who gave an inspiring address, "Human Motivation."

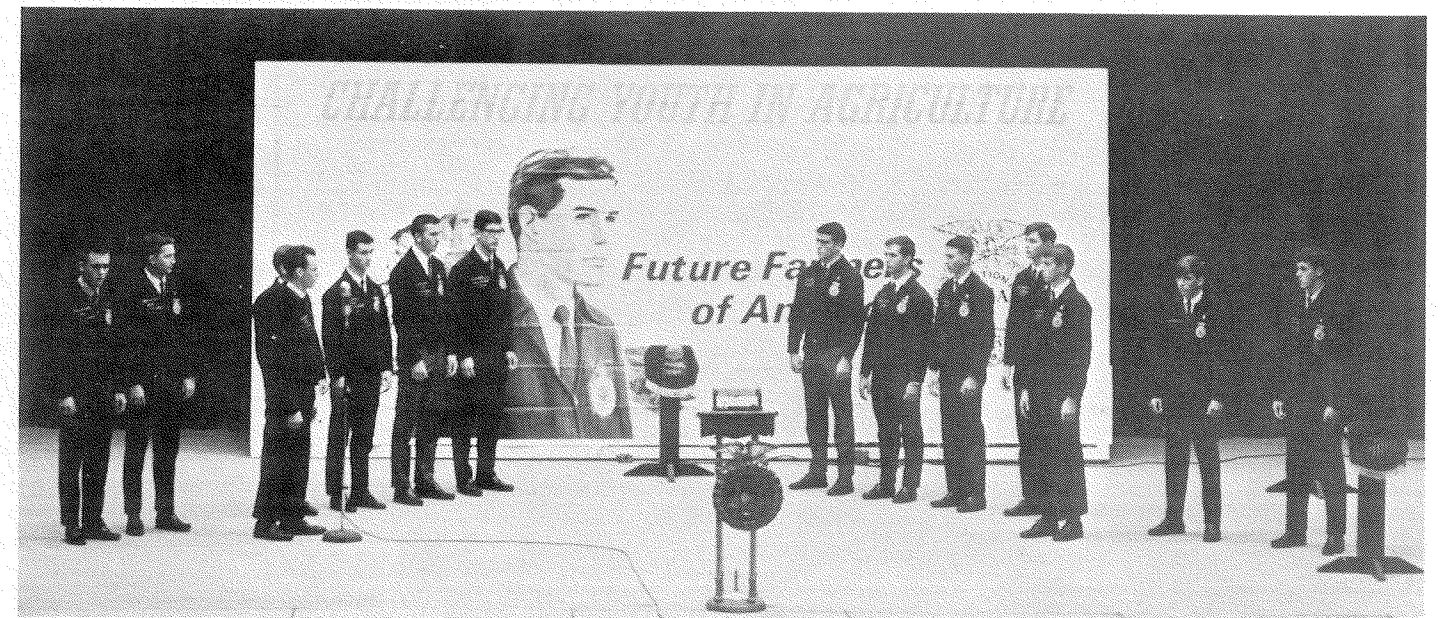
President Tim Kelly expressed appreciation to the Turkey Creek Chap-

ters, South Florida Junior College and Florida Southern College for the educational value of their exhibits at the convention. The 40th Annual Convention, Future Farmers of America was adjourned by President Kelly.



Representing the National FFA Organization, Paul Diehl, National Secretary, gave an inspiring talk to the convention delegates.

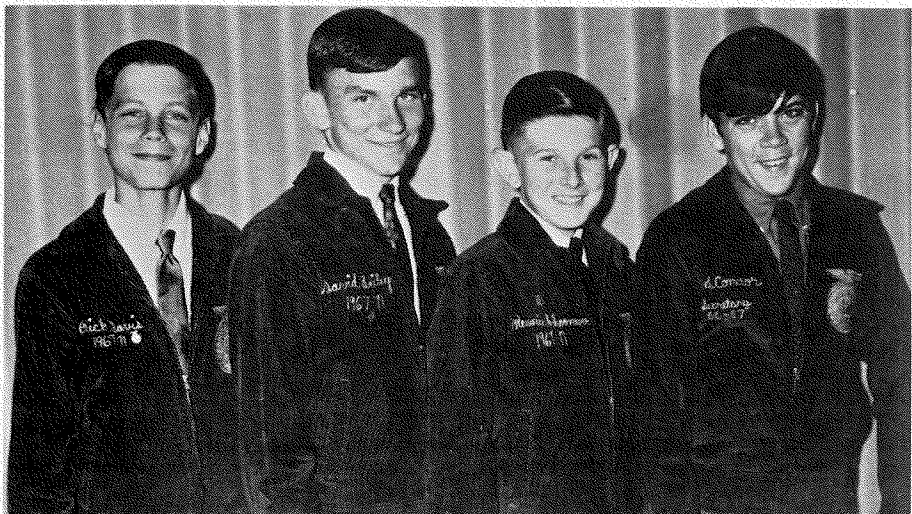
Retiring Officers Present the Challenge to Your New Leaders



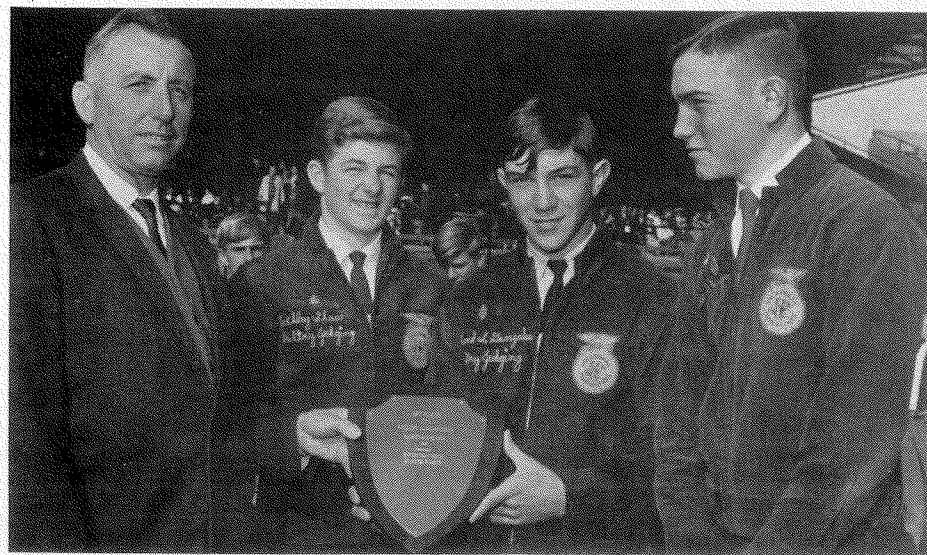
New officers were installed by outgoing officers during the session on Friday morning.



Larry Swindle, Robert King, Phil Roberts and Larry Arrington composed the State Champion Livestock Judging Team from the Plant City Junior Chapter. Jacques Waller, Vocation Agriculture teacher, Plant City, coached the team.



Plant City's Junior Chapter Dairy Judging Team was first in the state. From left to right members are: Bill Davis, David Bailey, Ronnie Schoonover, and Bernard Blanton.



Champion Poultry Judging Team from the Santa Fe Senior Chapter, Buckley Shaw, Ricky Gonzales and Richard Bryan. Pictured with the team is L. M. Richardson, Vice President, Florida Poultry Association.

Foundation Awards . . .

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Safety (chapter). (2) Agricultural Proficiency, Crop Farming, Livestock Farming, Dairy Farming, Poultry Farming, and Farm Forestry. (3) Proficiency Awards, Ornamental Horticulture, Soil and Water Management, Home Improvement, Agricultural Mechanics, and Farm and Home Electrification. These may be obtained from the State Office. The application forms plus additional information as requested must be used for reporting records and achievements of all students who desire to have their application considered for State Awards.

In all events (and Farm Safety on a chapter basis), a \$100 award goes to the first place winner in the State. Other awards are \$200 to the regional winner or \$250 if a national winner. Regional and national winners divide another \$250 according to their distance from Kansas City to help pay their expenses for travel to the National Convention.

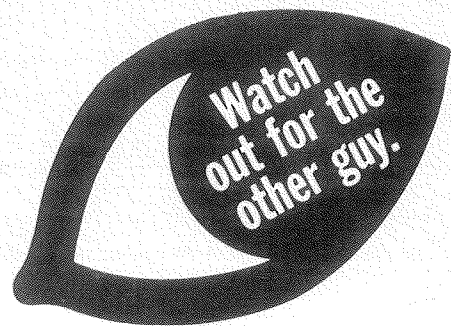
Shouldn't your chapter recognize special achievement of your members, too? Shouldn't such awards be made at some proper school function? Will your chapter use the National Foundation award program to a greater extent this year?

Top Judging Teams Awards and News

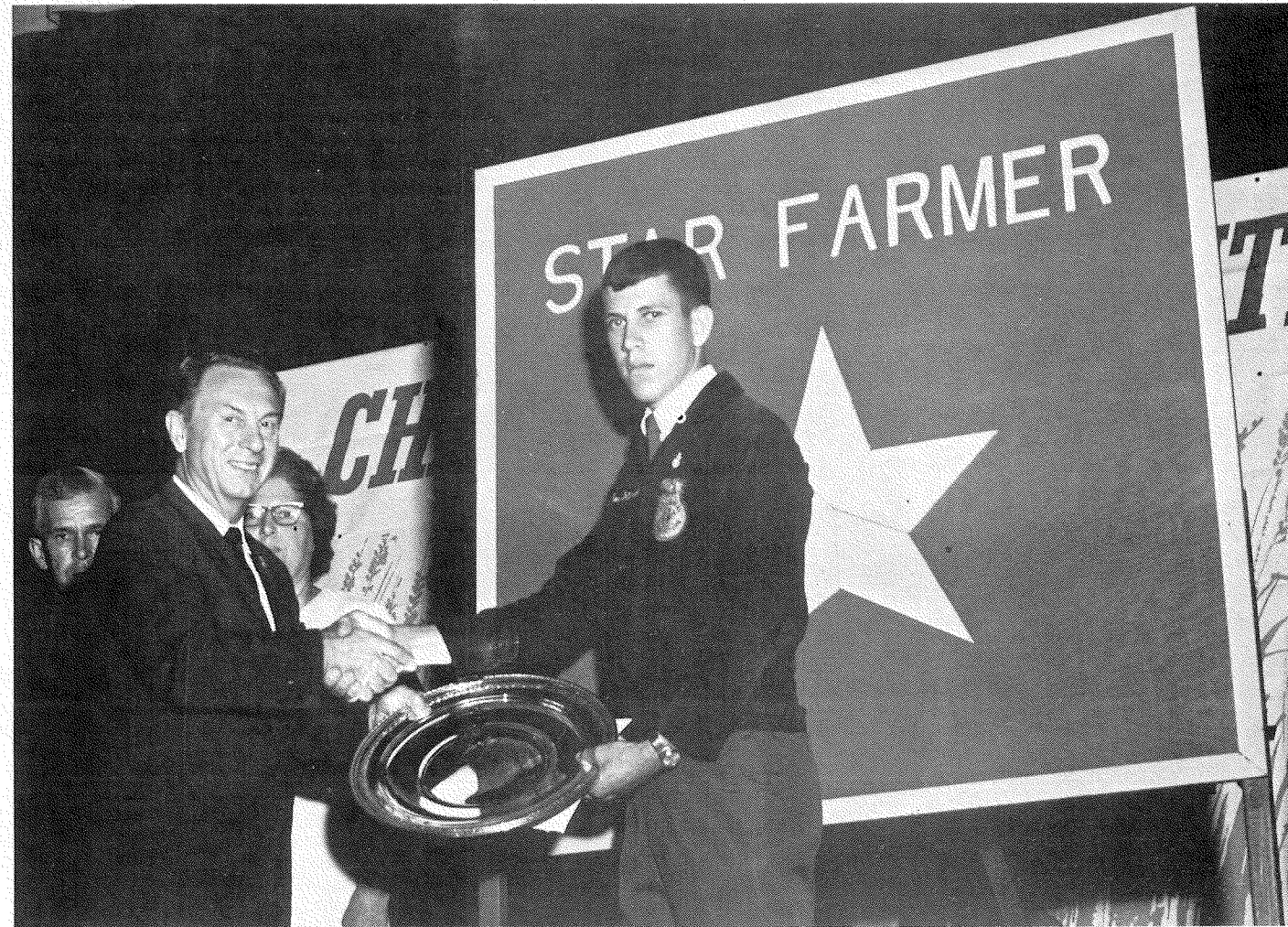
PLANT CITY Junior Chapter's judging teams were superior this year. Both the Livestock Judging Team and the Dairy Judging were declared champions in the state. Due to hard work and good coaching from their advisor Jaques Waller, these two teams have earned the privilege of representing Florida in the national competition.

Also pictured at the left is the state champion Poultry Judging Team from the Santa Fe Chapter. By continuously studying and practicing, they became the best team in the state.

The Gainesville Land Judging Team represented Florida at the International Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma. The team placed 14th among a group of 50 teams from all parts of the United States. Team members who made Florida proud were Gary McClellan, John Gocek, Bob Richardson, and Jimmy Hall.



Florida Future Farmer



Wade Howell Is Star Farmer

VICTOR WADE HOWELL, Hamilton County Chapter at Jasper, was named Star State Farmer of Florida for 1968 by the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America. The award is the state's most coveted rural youth title and the highest award the State Association can confer.

Awards received by Wade included a \$200.00 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., presented by Paul Diehl, National FFA Secretary from Butler, Missouri. A check for \$50 was presented by Jack Salt, sales manager of Mid-States Steel and Wire Company of Jacksonville, Florida, and Crawfordsville, Indiana. Wade also received a beautiful silver platter from the Florida Publishing Company, presented by Roy Mills, bureau chief, *Florida Times Union*, Deland.

His advisors, J. L. Dunaway, Jr., and Milton Galvez, received \$75 from Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals, Division of Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. Presented by Dr. Irvin Wofford, manager, Agricultural Public Relations, the check will help pay expenses to the National FFA Convention. Wade's father, Dorian H. Howell, received the Honorary State Farmer degree and his mother, Ester Howell, received a special Certificate of Merit when Wade was acclaimed named Star Farmer of Florida.

During his years in FFA, Wade has expanded his supervised practice program to include beef cattle, swine,

poultry, corn, tobacco and pasture. Among his outstanding improvement projects are designing and installing a complete irrigation system, home gardening, soil improvement crops, reforestation and conservation of soil, water and game resources. For his supplementary farming practices, Wade has been active in landscaping, insect control, improved marketing techniques, and care of farm machinery.

In addition to the exceptional work he has done with his practice program, Wade has an outstanding record of participation in FFA and civic activities. His chapter activities include the offices of historian, secretary and president in consecutive years; delegate to state and national conventions; winner in farm mechanics, bankers' scholarship, Star Chapter Farmer contests, state winner of the 1968 Farm and Home Electrification Award.

At Hamilton County High School he was active in many organizations. Wade served as class secretary, parliamentarian and representative, member of the basketball team, and science club.

Wade's future plans include active support of and participation in the FFA program. This fall he plans to enter North Florida Junior College. Following this Wade will enter the University of Florida to work toward a degree in agriculture, and then return to full time farming.

Training in Golf Course And Landscape Operations Now Available at Lake City Junior College

by Gene C. Nutter¹

AT ONE TIME in our history, every red blooded American boy wanted to be President. Today, instead, boys dream about shooting golf like Arnold Palmer — and perhaps soaring home in his Lear jet after the match.

Just as spectacular is the growth in technology surrounding the management of golf course operations. In the final analysis, a golf hole, no matter how skillfully designed by the most famous of golf course architects, is not beautiful or as functional unless the turf is healthy and well groomed. This is where technical education comes in.

Golf Course Operations

GOLF COURSE operations are managed by golf course superintendents. These are the men who provide the beautiful, highly groomed golf courses across the nation. They make recreation and beautification possible for millions of Americans.

The work of the golf course superintendent involves many specialized activities and scientific duties. They must know about soils and plants and climate; and how these factors interact with nature in order to build and maintain acres of lush green fairways and carpet-smooth putting greens. They must know equipment and motors in order to keep the many types of machines on the move. They must understand how to be a good boss and to get the most work out of the help they hire. Thousands of dollars worth of equipment and supplies are purchased by the golf course superintendent each year, so he must be a good businessman.

Must Know Golf

FINALLY, the golf superintendent must know (and should play) golf. Thus he understands the object of the game and how his golf course should be maintained to offer the most challenging game to the golfer.

The benefits? They are many. Salaries are good for those who are qualified. The experienced and successful golf superintendent may earn from

\$10,000 to \$20,000 per year. But there are many other benefits.

Arnold Palmer once wrote an article in a national sports magazine about the enjoyable life of the golf course superintendent. (Arnold's father was a golf course superintendent, and Arnold grew up on the golf course.) He wrote about the blue sky, beautiful flowers and lush green grass. He talked about the changing nature of the work; how it never got monotonous. Palmer emphasized the great art of blending science and nature into a beautiful, functional golf course facility. In short, he was talking about the outdoors — a prideful profession — independent work and the satisfaction of providing enjoyment for others.

How can you become a golf course superintendent? This is why the curriculum in golf course operations was developed at the Lake City Junior College. This is a highly specialized program — the only such course in the Southeast to grant an Associate of Science degree in Golf Course Operations. The instructors are well known leaders in the field who know golf course operations from A to Z.

Why was this course of study developed at Lake City? Because the golf industry needs trained and educated men who can become golf course superintendents. The Lake City Junior College (site of the famous Forest Ranger School) is particularly well suited to offer this special new program. This is why the Turf-Grass Industry chose (and endorses) this school. There is a place there for you if you are interested in the enjoyable and rewarding future of golf course operations.

Landscape Operations

LANDSCAPE operations is the basis of today's modern age of beautification. Whether we are dealing with a golf course, a beachfront motel, a lovely home or a park, the skillful use and maintenance of plants is both an art and a science. Like a golf course without good turf, a valuable property without good landscaping is a waste. The attractive landscape is a blend of many different types of plants and



Landscape operations involves the use of plants blended with natural resources and manmade objects to provide more attractive and functional use of land.

flowers, shrubbery, trees and grass. The specialist who works with plants in landscape operations is called a landscape technologist.

Landscape Operations is the name of the new curriculum at the Lake City Junior College designed to train landscape technologists. It teaches the student which plants are best adapted to different landscape situations, and how these plants are established and maintained. Like golf course operations, landscape operations also includes courses in pest control, soils, equipment operations and human relations. It also deals with the great out-of-doors and how to make land and property more attractive and valuable.

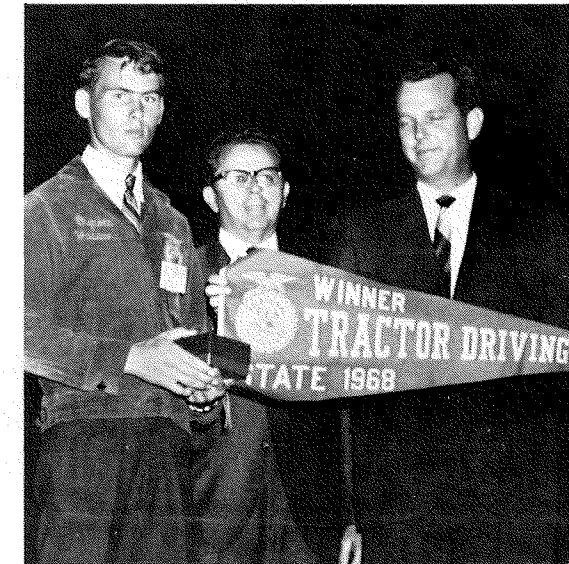
The new Disney World development in Orlando, Busch Gardens in Tampa and Jacksonville, Jekyll Island and Callaway Gardens in Georgia, Viscayah and Interama in Miami, are but a few examples of the amazing complexes which require trained landscape technologists. In addition, dozens of opportunities exist in parks, private landscape contracting and maintenance companies, and nurseries.

Where will this trained manpower come from? Dr. Herbert Phillips, President of the Lake City School, has promised industry that his college will produce graduates with outstanding training in landscape operations. These graduates will be awarded an Associate of Science Degree in Landscape Operations. Lucky group!

Those interested in either the curriculum in Golf Course Operations or Landscape Operations should write to Mr. Jerry Cheesman, Department of Golf Course and Landscape Operations, Lake City Junior College, Lake City, Florida 32055. Enrollments for the 1968-69 school year are still acceptable. Classes begin August 26, 1968. Send your request for application forms immediately.

¹Dr. Gene C. Nutter is Editor-Publisher of Turf-Grass Times and Chairman of the Industry Advisory Committee for Golf Course Operations and Landscape Operations Curricula, Lake City Junior College.

Congratulations!

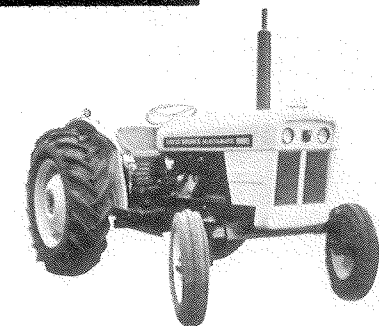
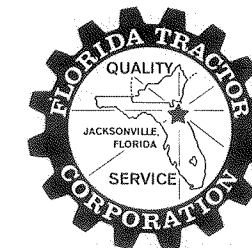


Myron Hudson, receiving the winning award from Dick Whittington, Vice-President of Florida Tractor Corporation.

Florida Tractor Corporation, in conjunction with the Florida Association of Future Farmers tractor driving contest, and sponsors of the Tractor Driving Contest Breakfast, congratulate the 1968 State Tractor Driving Champion, Myron Hudson.

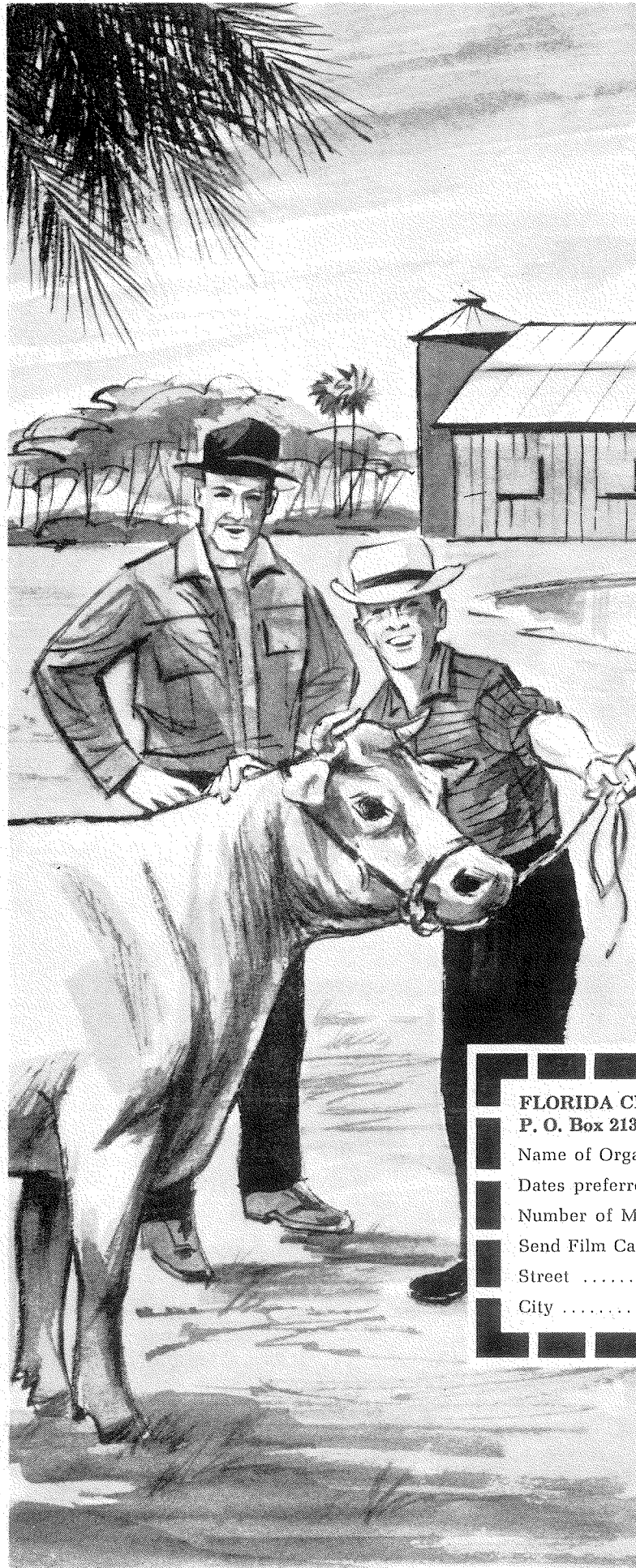


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