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The Rising Sun Gives Courage To Man

IN THE EARLY BEGINNING God said, "Let there be light." Consequently the rising sun has given man courage and hopes and the promise of a more rewarding day. Without the welcome, warming rays of the sun, life could not exist.

We Future Farmers could not pick a more appropriate symbol for our emblem than the rising sun. Placed at the President's station, a rising sun represents the capable leadership which enables the FFA to grow and meet the needs of an expanding, progressive agriculture.

The rising sun means many things to the Future Farmers of America. It represents the sunshine of agricultural prosperity we enjoy in the United States. The cooperative efforts of business, industry, education, and agriculture have created for Americans the highest standard of living in the world. In the midst of this abundance, we sometimes forget that fully half the world still lives in the darkness of hunger, ignorance and despair. When we observe that the majority of the farmers of the world are using production methods which have remained unchanged for generations, we become aware of the tremendous challenge facing the agriculturalist of tomorrow.

The tremendous challenge falls squarely upon our shoulders, for we will inherit the problem of providing food and fiber for the multiplying masses of the world. For the tools to meet this challenge we turn to the Future Farmers of America, and here we find another meaning for the rising sun. The FFA is truly a rising sun of opportunity.

If we are to use the FFA for an educational device to prepare us for the world, we must use every opportunity, for opportunity is:

What the industrious man asks for,
What the lazy man dreams about,
What the weak man waits for,
But what the wise man makes for himself and uses.

Perhaps we face the greatest opportunity of all, for we will soon be entering the complex and ever-changing world of agriculture. As we see the rising sun in the FFA, let us remember that there is still a lot of hard work ahead for our organization and a hard day's work ahead for all of us if we are to take advantage of the opportunities extended to us by the FFA. To all of

you, I would extend this challenge: Do not let the sun set on a job undone.

The Star Farmers have faced the rising sun. They have accepted the challenges of life and taken advantage of the opportunities provided by the FFA. They began preparing early and have worked hard throughout the day. They have reached "high noon" of the day by being selected as Star Farmers in Florida and look toward the horizon in search of their American Farmer Degree.

Yes, Future Farmers, these young men can feel the warming rays of joy in the accomplishments they have made in their home school, community, and in the FFA.

The sun should never set without all Future Farmers giving proper thanks to all the individuals who have helped them lay the cornerstones of life that enable them to better perform the principles of living they have learned through the FFA.

The chapter advisers, whose untiring efforts, patience, and advice help us develop our supervised experience programs and leadership abilities to better serve as Future Farmers.

Mom and Dad—how can a son express his appreciation for your contribution in helping to make our service in FFA a more worthwhile and happy experience? Your advice, sacrifices, and understanding, have made our experiences complete in every way.

The State Staff in Agricultural Education and the school faculties and administrators for their devotion to the welfare of our organization. Their words of wisdom and encouragement have served as a constant inspiration and help in our total program.

It has been said that the morning is the time for preparation, the noon time is the time for achievement, and the evening is the time for reward. Fellow Future Farmers, I know that you—all of you—will achieve the very best for our country, and the greatest success in your lives because you have been prepared in a rich heritage of experiences in FFA and you are always facing the rising sun.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: "The Rising Sun" was an inspirational presentation used in building the Star prior to the Star Farmer Ceremony during the 1969 State FFA Convention. The State Vice Presidents developed and delivered the message.)



The Past, The Present And The Future

PICTURED ON the cover during the 1969 state convention are: (from left) Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture; Dale Boyett, 1969-70 State FFA President; Tim Kelly, 1968-69 State FFA President; and Earl Faircloth, Attorney General.

Commissioner Conner was State FFA President in 1946-47. He served as National President of the organization in 1948-49.

Attorney General Faircloth served as president of the State association in 1937-38. Mr. Faircloth returned to the convention in 1969 to serve as emcee for the annual Bandshell Program.

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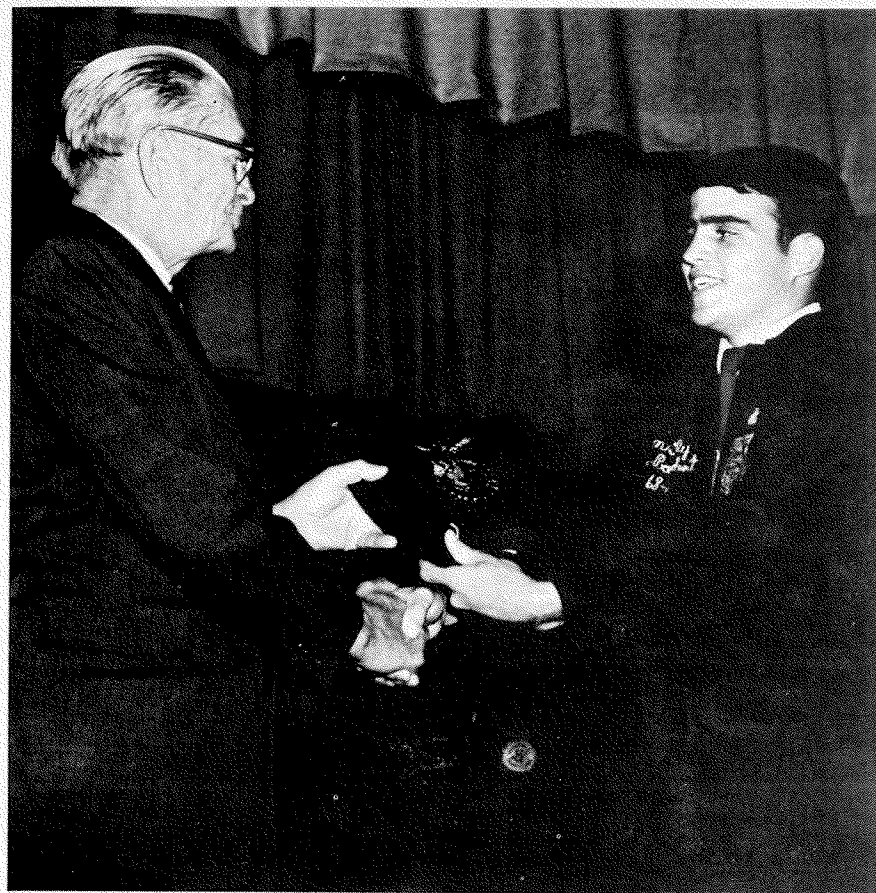
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Tallahassee



President Kelly presents the FFA Distinguished Service Award to two men who have served the Florida Association faithfully for many years. F. L. Northrup, above, and L. A. Marshall, below, have consistently worked for the goals of FFA.



Florida Future Farmers Gather For 41st Annual Convention Held At Daytona Beach

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

FUTURE FARMERS, chapter advisers, and guests, numbering more than 1,000, attended the 41st Annual State FFA Convention in Daytona Beach, June 9-13, 1969. Knowing that the sessions were open to the public, interested citizens from Daytona Beach and the surrounding area attended many of them.

A distinctive characteristic of this convention was the cooperative efforts of president Kelly, 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 a most outstanding convention.

Among the many prominent guests attending included Jerry Batts, national FFA secretary, Athens, Alabama; Dennis Pharris, vice president, Texas Association, FFA, Hillsboro; Mike Collins, president, Georgia Association, FFA, Cairo; Bobby Walls, president, North Carolina Association, FFA, Fuquay-Varina; Johnny Holland, president, Tennessee Association, FFA, McEwen; Bette Van Trump, FFA Vice President, Georgetown; and Cliff Register, president, Florida VICA, Chipley.

Events of special interest were the election of new officers, meals sponsored by Florida firms, tractor driving and vegetable judging contests, presentation of awards, scholarships and honorary degrees, and special entertainment by Randy Scott, vocalist from the Turkey Creek chapter.

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 Riviera Motel. A representative from the Chamber of Commerce expressed appreciation for the consideration of the Future Farmers in selecting Daytona Beach as a convention site for 19 consecutive years.

Events of the day included interviewing of candidates for state offices and registration of delegates and advisers; division preliminaries of the demonstration contests, T. L. Barribeau in charge; delegates' seat assignments, F. L. Northrop and FVATA directors and officers in charge; demonstration contest finals, T. L. Barribeau 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. Activities of the morning included registration

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and housing, and the tractor driving contest. C. J. Rogers was in charge of the tractor driving contest. The tractor was furnished by Bill Hester, Volusia Tractor Company, DeLand.

Dr. H. B. Clark, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Florida, Gainesville, delivered a challenging address during the Delegates and Advisers Luncheon, sponsored by Production Credit Associations of Florida, and held at the Riviera Motel. President Tim Kelly, Master of Ceremonies, expressed appreciation to the Production Credit Association for their cooperation with Future Farmers.

Participants in the Inspirational Program Tuesday morning included the Reverend Charles Roesel, Zephyrhills, and Richard Kinney, 1967-68 State FFA President, also of Zephyrhills.

C. M. Lawrence, State FFA adviser, presented charters to new FFA chapters. They were: Pensacola-Woodham; Bradford Junior; Callahan Junior; Hilliard Junior; West Nassau County; Groveland Junior; Union Park Junior; Immokalee; and Miami-Northwestern.

Each state vice president reported

on the seating of the delegates in his district and the delegation was seated.

Tim Kelly gave the State President's message.

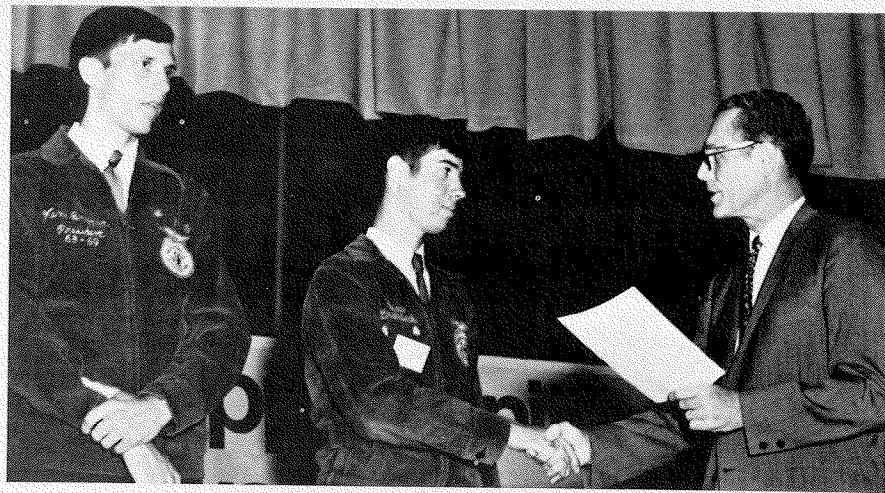
The crop farming award of \$100.00, sponsored by the Future Farmer Foundation of America, was presented to Victor Wade Howell of the Hamilton County Chapter at Jasper. This award was presented by Jerry Batts, National FFA Secretary. The other five winners, receiving \$25.00 each from Dixie Lime and Stone Company, were: Frankie Paulk, Malone Chapter, Area I; Jerome Law, Hamilton County Chapter, Jasper; Area II, Eddie Maddox, South Sumter Chapter, Area III; Donnie Huckaba, Bartow Senior Chapter, Area IV; and Allen Webb, Pahokee Chapter, Area V.

Van Long, second vice president, read the names of those recommended by the State Executive Committee 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.

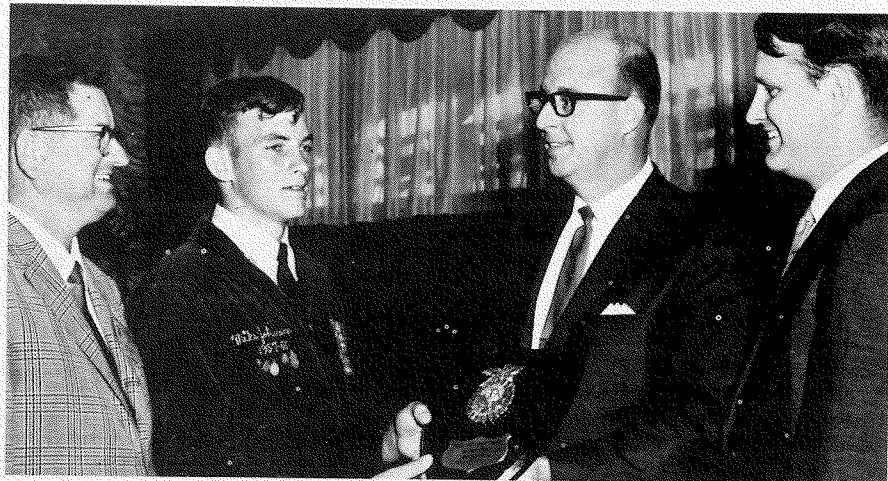
The Florida Cattlemen's Association Awards were presented by Charles Lykes, president, Florida Cattlemen's



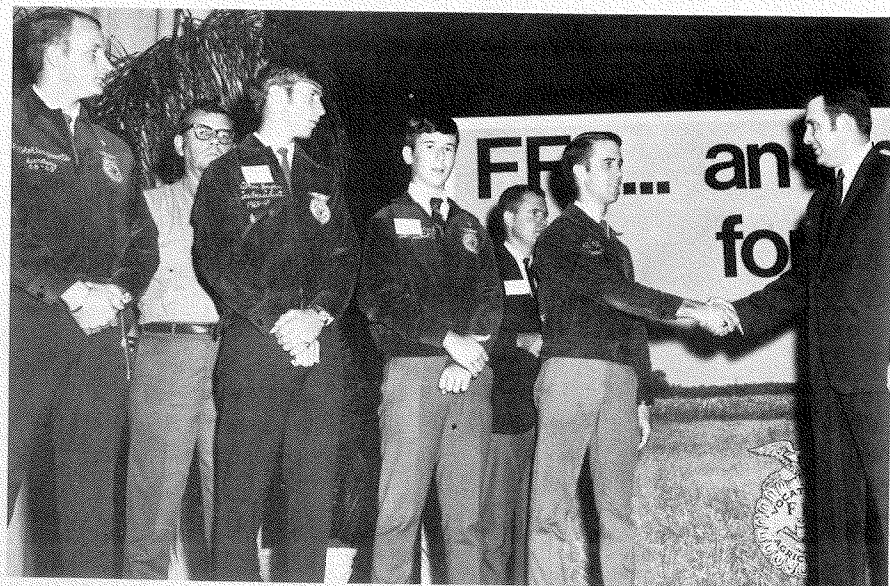
Bill Cellon receives the State Livestock Farming Award from L. W. Harrell, Area Supervisor. Mr. Harrell presented the area awards on behalf of sponsor Doyle Carlton, Jr., Wauchula.



Phillip Wagner, representing the Florida Bankers Association, presents Banker Scholarships to Key Bryant and Eugene Gruenbeck.



Mike Johnson, South Sumter, receives congratulations from Carlos McNair and Curtis Nolan on the chapters state winning cooperative entry. John Stephens, chapter adviser, left, smiles his approval.



Leadership Award winners (from left) Wes Hollingsworth, Milton Bryan, Billy Woodard, and Bill Cellon, receive awards from Bill Lockhart, State Department of Agriculture.

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Association, Tampa. Richard Cochran, Fort Meade Chapter, received a \$100 check for his outstanding feeder-steer projects. This will help finance a trip for Richard and his advisers, T. A. Cochran and Gary Lee, to the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri in October. Five other winners of feeder-steer awards receive \$15 each to help pay their expenses in attending the State FFA Convention. They were: Jeff Philpot, Newberry; Farren Bakin, Palmetto; Tommy Beak, Santa Fe; Bill Trask, Fort Meade; and Perry Knight, Peace River Chapter at Wauchula.

Roy Dietrich, Colonial Chapter, Orlando, received \$100 as state winner in the beef-breeding contest. His adviser is Wayne Trawick. Five other members received \$15 to help defray their expenses for the state convention. They were: Connally Barnett, Fort Meade; Sam Judah, Peace River Chapter, Wauchula; Ronnie Staten, Hamilton County Chapter, Jasper; and Don Selph, Hamilton County Chapter, Jasper.

Doyle Carlton, Jr., represented by C. M. Lawrence, State FFA Adviser, presented the Livestock Farming Award of \$100 to Bill Cellon, Santa Fe Senior Chapter, Alachua. District winners, receiving \$25.00 each were: Tim Hatcher, Malone Chapter, District I; Jody Sullivan, LaFayette Chapter, Mayo, District II; Johnnie Copeland, Santa Fe Senior, Alachua, District III; Gene Melvin, Bradford Senior Chapter, Starke, District IV; John York, Groveland Senior Chapter, District V; Roy Dietrich, Orlando-Colonial Chapter, District VI; William Yates, Dade City Chapter, District VII; Richard Cochran, Fort Meade Chapter, District VIII; and Roger Odom, Fort Pierce Chapter, District XI.

Nominations Received For State Officers

DURING THE Tuesday afternoon session, which was presided over by Rudy Rackley, third vice president, the tractor driving awards were presented by Richard Whittington, vice president, Florida Tractor Corporation. These awards are sponsored by Florida Tractor Corporation, Jacksonville, Florida. Dwight Bilbrey, Winter Haven Chapter, was awarded a 21-jewel watch. Third through fifth place winners, receiving a \$25.00 Savings Bond each were: Buddy Higginbotham, Jacksonville-Paxon Senior Chapter; Danny Carswell, Gainesville Chapter; and Donny Williams of the South Sumter Junior Chapter.

Judging, grading and identification awards were sponsored by the Florida

Power and Light Company, and Florida Power Corporation. Awards presentation was made by Bill Duncan, Florida Power and Light Company, of Daytona Beach. The Hastings Chapter received first place; Dade City, second place; Palatka Senior, third place; Palatka Junior, fourth place; Auburndale, fifth place; Winter Haven-Westwood Imperial Junior, sixth place; LaBelle, seventh place; Fort Meade, eighth place; Winter Haven-Denison, ninth place; and Wauchula-Peace River, tenth place. The Hastings Chapter will represent Florida at the National Junior Horticulture Convention on December 8-13, 1969, at the Hotel Dinkler, Atlanta, Georgia. Florida Power and Light Company, and the Florida Power Corporation will pay their expenses.

Vice President Van Long announced the Nominating Committee's selection for State President—Dale Boyett, Groveland Senior Chapter. Nominations from the floor included: Alan Sanders, Palatka, Leonard Harris, Jr., Mulberry; Allen Lovvorn, Newberry; Wes Hollingsworth; LaBelle; Jay H. Rackley, Blountstown; Robert D. Carter, Jacksonville-Paxon Senior; James Shepherd, West Nassau County; Milton W. Bryan, Bartow Senior; and David D. Locke, Bethlehem.

Van Long also announced the nominating committee's selection for State Secretary—William Woodard, South Sumter Senior Chapter. Nominations from the floor included: Bill Cellon, Santa Fe; and Ronald Williams, Bethlehem.

Farm Safety awards were presented by A. P. Crouch, Marketing Assistant, Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, Florida Division, Jacksonville. The Santa Fe 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 Bartow Senior, South Sumter Senior, Santa Fe Junior, Baker, and Newberry, respectively.

H. B. Gassaway, Field Representative, Sealtest Foods, Tampa, presented the Dairy Farming Awards which are sponsored by the Kraftco Corporation. William Woodard, Star State Dairy Farmer, South Sumter Chapter, received a check for \$100.00 and a certificate from the National Future Farmers of America Foundation. Kraftco Corporation presented him with a plaque. The five area winners were: Wyatt O'Steen, Lafayette Chapter, Mayo, Area I; Don Selph, Hamilton County Chapter, Jasper, Area II; Clarence Cook, Orlando-Union Park Chapter, Area III; Darryl Townsend, Dade City Chapter, Area IV and Ronald Butler, Okeechobee Chapter, Area V. Each received a \$25.00 check. The top area winner, Albert Higginbotham, Jacksonville-Paxon Senior Chapter, re-

ceived a \$25.00 check and a plaque.

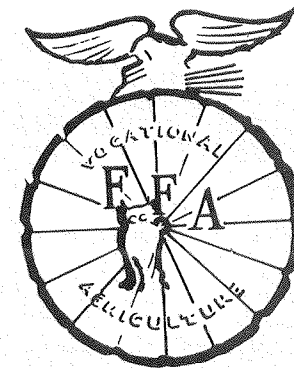
Each year the Florida Association, FFA, invites the state presidents and vice presidents from all State FFA Associations in the Southern Region, as well as the presidents of other youth organizations to attend its state convention. Those present this year were National FFA Secretary, Jerry Batts; Dennis Pharris, vice president, Texas FFA Association; Mike Collins, president, Georgia FFA Association; Bobby Walls, president, North Carolina FFA Association; Johnny Holland, president, Tennessee FFA Association, Cliff Register, Florida VICA; and Bette Van Trump, FFA vice president.

Bart Ahlstrom presented the Poul-

try Farming Awards which are sponsored by the Florida Poultry Producers Association. Don Selph, state winner, received a check for \$100.00. The Area Winners, Tony Cook, Area I, Walnut Hill Chapter; Warren Thompson, Area II, Jacksonville-Paxon Senior Chapter; Bobby Pope, Area III, DeLand Chapter; Jerome Frederick, Area IV, Mulberry Chapter; Steve Barry, Area V, Miami-Central Chapter; each received an award of \$25.00.

Awards Highlight Tuesday Evening Session

THE THIRD session was called to order



Your Day at the 1970 FLORIDA STATE FAIR

The future of Florida largely depends on you, because you will decide the future of farming — a big business in Florida. Plan now to be at the 1970 Florida State Fair, the world's largest winter exposition, Tampa, February 3-14.

As a member of Florida Future Farmers, you'll also have a chance to bring your prized stock to be judged, and sold at the Florida Fat Stock Sale. And you'll have a whole day devoted especially to you. The competition is stiff, but it's your opportunity to show your talents in raising fine stock.

If farming is your future, don't miss the 1970 Florida State Fair in February. We'll look forward to seeing you.



FLORIDA STATE FAIR

TAMPA, FEBRUARY 3-14, 1970



Virgil Davis, Agrico Chemical Company, presents the state's top forestry award to Ross Nichols from the Malone Chapter.



Bobby Tindol receives the State Agri-Business Award from Jimmy Downing, representing the Florida Production Credit Associations.



Bill Cellon, Santa Fe, receives the State Chapter Award in Safety from A. P. Crouch, Marketing Assistant, Standard Oil Company.



David Little, Bartow, receives the State Public Speaking Award from M. A. Brooker, College of Agriculture, University of Florida.

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by President Kelly, who then introduced Dennis Coulter, fifth vice president, to preside.

Charles A. Fowler, Santa Fe Senior Chapter was named state winner of the Agricultural Mechanics Award. He was presented a \$100.00 cash award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation by Jerry Batts, National FFA Student Secretary. Five other Future Farmers received \$25 each from the Florida Association, FFA. They were Lynn McNorton, Tate Senior Chapter; Emory Baily, Lake City-Columbia; Robert Merritt, Groveland; Rodney Veal, Sarasota Chapter; and Mike Jenkins, Fort Pierce Chapter, from Areas I through V respectively. In addition to the awards, each area winner received a medal from the FFA Foundation.

Phillip Wagner, vice president, Florida Bank and Trust Company, Day-

tona Beach, presented the scholarship awards sponsored by the Florida Bankers Association to Eugene Rudolph Gruenbeck of the Kathleen Senior FFA Chapter, and Ken Bryant of the Greensboro FFA Chapter.

Glynn Key, president, Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, presented Distinguished Service Awards to L. A. Marshall, Assistant Area Supervisor, who served forty-four years in vocational agriculture, and to F. L. Northrop, Area Supervisor of Agricultural Education, who served forty years in vocational agriculture in Florida. Many of these years were spent giving dedicated service to the FFA.

V. T. Sewell, president of the Owl's Club was on hand to present two awards to teachers for outstanding service in vocational agriculture in Florida. The recipients were L. A. Marshall, Assistant Area Supervisor, and F. L. Northrop, Area Supervisor.



Charles Fowler, Santa Fe, State Agricultural Mechanics winner, receives award from Jerry Bates, National FFA Secretary.



Norman Freel, Lake Wales, receives the State Ornamental Horticulture Award from Bruce Hutchcraft, former State FFA V.P.



Don Selph receives the State Poultry Farming Award from Bart Ahlstrom, Executive Secretary, Florida Poultry Association

Dr. Leon Sims, Director of Planning, Division of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education, State Department of Education, presented the Standard and Superior Awards to those chapters qualifying from the nine districts.

Ralph Bradford, Director of the Program Development Department, Florida Retail Federation, Jacksonville, presented a check for \$40.00 and a gold plaque to the Santa Fe Senior Chapter, top chapter in Florida for 1969. A Silver Plaque and a check for \$25.00 was presented to the Bartow Senior Chapter as second place winner, a Bronze plaque and \$15.00 for third place was presented to the South Sumter Senior Chapter, and Walnut Hill received a bronze plaque and a \$10.00 check as fourth place winner in the Chapter Awards Program.

Mr. Bradford also presented awards of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00, sponsored by Belk-Lindsey Stores of Florida to the top three chapters in each district. District I winners were Walnut Hill, Poplar Springs, and Tate Senior. Mayo, Havana, and Madison-Gary were the winners from District II. District III winners were Santa Fe Senior, Newberry, and Santa Fe Junior. District IV winners were Jacksonville-Paxon Senior, Macclenny, and Jacksonville-Paxon Junior. Winners from District V were South Sumter Senior, Groveland Senior, and DeLand Senior. Ocoee, Sanford-Crooms, and Orlando-Union Park were the District VI winners. District VII winners were Palmetto, Bradenton, and Dade City. Winners from District VIII were Bartow Senior, Fort Meade, and Mulberry, and winners from District IX were Miami-Central, North Miami, and Delray Beach Spady.

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: Neal Deese, Quincy; Jim Brown, Lake Butler; and Ronald Hobbs, Jasper. Glynn Key, president of FVATA, presented the third annual H. E. Wood Scholarship to James McIntosh.

H. Quentin Duff presented the Ornamental Horticulture Awards which are sponsored by Hofmann Nurseries of Miami. Norman C. Freed, Lake Wales, was named state winner of the FFA Foundation Award, and received a \$100.00 check from the National FFA Foundation. Hofmann Nurseries provided area awards of 1st place, \$25.00; 2nd place, \$20.00; 3rd place, \$15.00; and 4th place, \$10.00, for the following award winners: Area I, John Hall, Walnut Hill Chapter; Dannie Williams, Bethlehem Chapter; Ronald Williams, Bethlehem Chapter; Charles Engram, DeFuniak Springs-Tivoli Chapter; Area II, Leland Gleaton, Jackson-

ville-Paxon Chapter; James Barton, Macclenny Chapter; Wilson Boozer, Santa Fe Junior chapter; James Shepherd, West Nassau County Chapter; Area III, Dick Heath, South Sumter Senior Chapter; Tom Burt, Apopka Junior Chapter; Jim Hardin, Sanford-Seminole Chapter; Joseph Small, DeLand-Southwestern Chapter; Area IV, Thomas Smith, Kathleen Chapter; Joe Cain, Mulberry Chapter; Everett Cantrell, Largo-Seminole Chapter; Michael Amlong, Southeast Manatee Senior Chapter; Area V Joseph Komers, North Miami Chapter; Rolando Vento, Miami-Central Chapter, Lawrence Hunt, Delray Beach-Spady Chapter; Robert Stevens, North Miami Chapter.

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

State Farmer Ceremony Held Wednesday Morning

WEDNESDAY MORNING a breakfast was held for 1969 State Farmers going to college and their advisers. This event was sponsored by the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, Gainesville. Miller Couse, President, University of Florida, Alpha Gamma Rho, was Master of Ceremonies for the breakfast.

After the Opening Ceremony, Pres-

Rich opportunity awaits Florida's Future Farmers

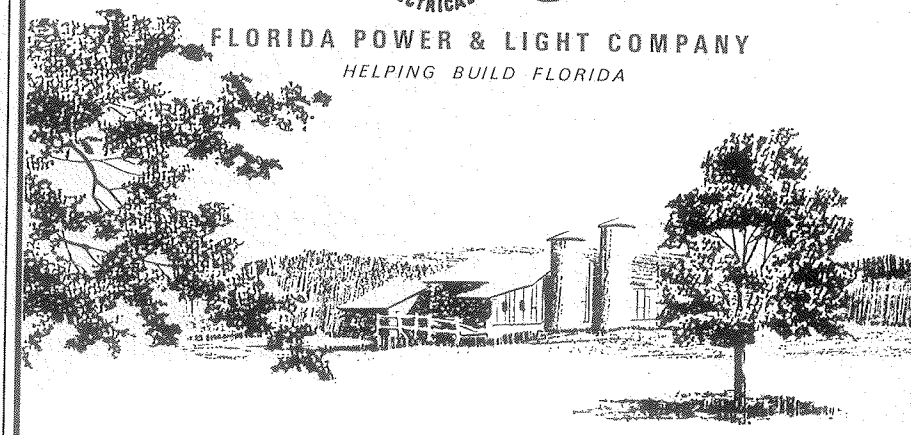
Today, electric automation is boosting farm production, saving man-hours, and cutting costs. Tomorrow will belong to an even greater degree to farmers trained in modern methods.

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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Speakers at the convention included National FFA Secretary Jerry Batts, Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, Attorney General Earl Faircloth, and Harris T. Remley, Freight Traffic Representative, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company.

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ident Kelly introduced Ed Fortner, first vice president, to preside over the fourth session.

Jimmy Downing, assistant secretary-treasurer, Southwest Florida Production Credit Association, presented the Agriculture Business and Agriculture Production Awards, which are sponsored by the National FFA Foundation. A member of the Jacksonville-Paxon Senior Chapter, Bobby Tindol became the state winner of the Agri-Business Award. Joe Kirkland is his adviser. Skip Holloway of the Ocoee Chapter became the state winner of the Agriculture Production Award.

Dale Carlton, Director of Grower and Contract Division, Florida Citrus Mutual in Lakeland, was on hand to present awards in Citrus Production and Placement for experience in the citrus industry, which are sponsored by Florida Citrus Mutual.

From the Brandon Chapter, Tom

Pospichal received a check for \$100.00 for the most outstanding work with his citrus production projects. N. L. Storms and Julius Peterson, his advisers, received a plaque.

Receiving \$25.00 each as area winners in Citrus Production were: Dale Boyett, Groveland Chapter, Area III; Mike Roberts, Wauchula-Hardee Chapter, Area IV; and Dennis Hazel, Fort Pierce, Area V.

Terry Pendergrass from the Groveland Chapter was presented a \$100 check from Florida Citrus Mutual for the best work in the Citrus Placement Program. His advisers, Freddie Garner and R. A. Campbell, received a plaque.

Area winners in Citrus Placement, receiving a \$25.00 check each were: Richard Braddy, Sanford-Seminole, Area III; Ralph Mathes, Sebring, Area IV; and Howard Kindell, Fort Pierce, Area V.

The State Farmer Degree was bestowed upon 172 Future Farmers. The Production Credit Associations in Florida presented a State Farmer

Key to each member receiving the degree. Charles Ault, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Central Florida Production Credit Association, presented the keys.

Bill Lockhart, Executive Secretary, Agriculture and Livestock Fair Council, State Department of Agriculture, delivered an inspiring message to the young Future Farmers.

Mr. Lockhart presented the Leadership Awards, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, to five young men. These young men were selected from the State Farmers which excelled in leadership. They were: Area I, Ken Bryant, Greensboro Chapter; Area II, Bill Cellon, Santa Fe Senior Chapter; Area III, Billy Woodard, South Sumter Senior Chapter; Area IV, Milton Bryan, Bartow Senior Chapter; Area V, Wes Hollingsworth, LaBelle Chapter.

The 1969 Doyle Conner Scholarships of \$200 each were presented by Mr. Lockhart. The recipient from Area I was Billy Nobles of the Marianna Chapter. His advisers are

Rex Toole and Leon Nobles. Bill Cellon, Area II winner, is from the Santa Fe Senior Chapter. F. D. McCormick and Kenneth Lee are his advisers. The Area III winner, from the Groveland Senior Chapter, is Dale Boyett. Dale's advisers are Freddie Garner and T. A. Campbell. From the Lake Wales Chapter, Eddie Chandley is the winner from Area IV. His advisers are J. C. Lane and James Thornhill. Dennis Smith, Area V winner, is from the Okeechobee Chapter and his adviser is James Knight.

The Greenhand Degree is the starting point in the career of each Future Farmer. Six outstanding young men who have distinguished themselves as first year members in the FFA are presented cash awards. The five Area Star Greenhands will receive a \$50.00 cash award to defray their expenses to Kansas City in October and the State Star Greenhand and his adviser will receive \$100.00 each to help them attend the National FFA Convention in October. From Area I, Mike Shaw of the Lafayette Chapter; from the Santa Fe Senior Chapter is Bill Copeland, Area II winner; Roy Dietrich, Area III winner, is from the Orlando-Colonial Chapter; Area IV winner, from the Dade City chapter, is Darryl Townsend; and Jim Harvey from the Okeechobee Chapter is the Area V winner.

The Star State Greenhand is Leo D. Wells, Jr., from the South Sumter Chapter.

The state president and state secretary candidates, 1969-70, were given three minutes each to present their qualifications prior to the balloting for president and secretary. President Kelly called on Rex Bishop, Chapter Adviser, 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 1969 and their advisers were guests of Chase and Company of Sanford at a luncheon in the Riviera Motel. Tim Kelly, state president, was Master of Ceremonies.

Honorary Farmer Degree Awarded

THE FIFTH SESSION of the convention was called to order by President Kelly who introduced Donnie Johnson, sixth vice president, to preside.

T. L. Barrineau, Area I Supervisor, conducted the parliamentary procedure contest.

The Santa Fe Chapter team received the first place award of \$75.00, a pennant, and a trophy from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation. Sam Love, vice president of Sales and Marketing for the Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, pre-

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sented the awards as John B. Mattingly, Chairman of the Judges, announced the results. The second place winner was the South Sumter Team, receiving \$50.00. Receiving \$40.00 as the third place winner was the Marianna Team. Fourth place, Dade City team, received \$30.00 and LaBelle team was fifth place, receiving \$20.00.

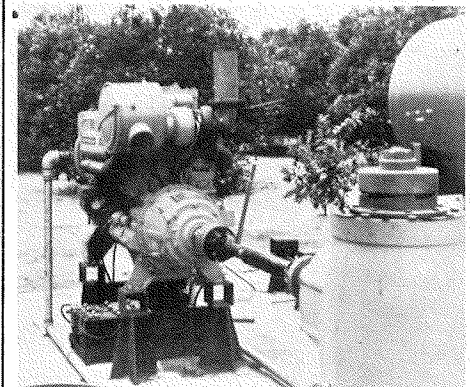
Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded to the following people: Royce Burt, principal, Turkey Creek High School, Plant City; Carroll Lamb, Executive Director, Florida Agricultural Council State Department of Agriculture, Tallahassee; L. F. Richards, Vegetable Specialist, Chase and Company, Sanford; Lewis Tucker, Director of Adult-Technical Center, North Florida Junior College, Madison; Fred C. Murray, Assistant Director, High School Vocational and Technical Education, Dade County, Miami; James F. Pritchett, principal, Stephen Foster Elementary School, Gainesville; James Paige, Assistant Principal, Crystal Lake Junior High School, Lakeland; Wade Wilfong, Assistant Director, Rural Development, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg; Alan Fowler, Assistant General Industrial Forester, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, Richmond, Virginia; Ken Smith, State Representative, Perry; Virgil Mills, principal, Palmetto High School, Palmetto.

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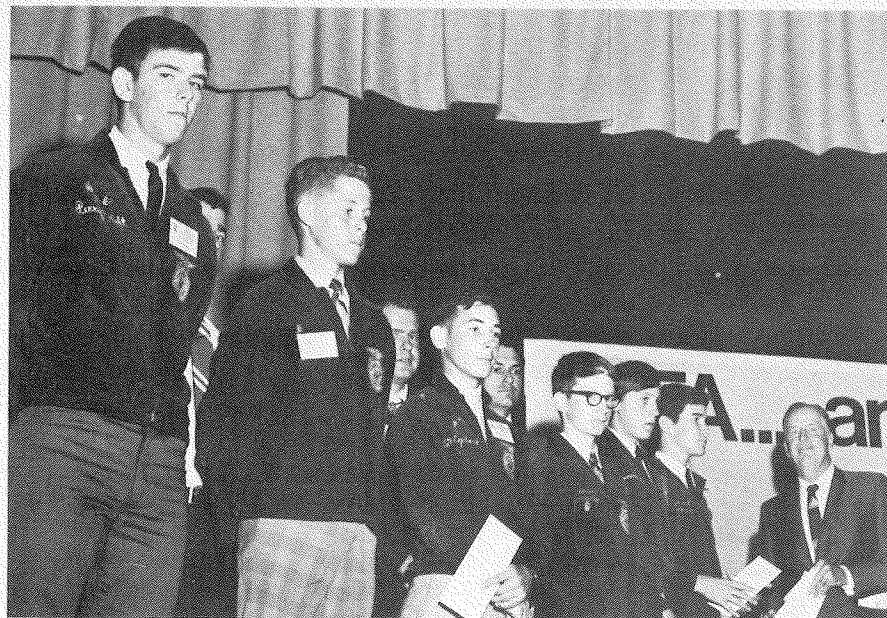
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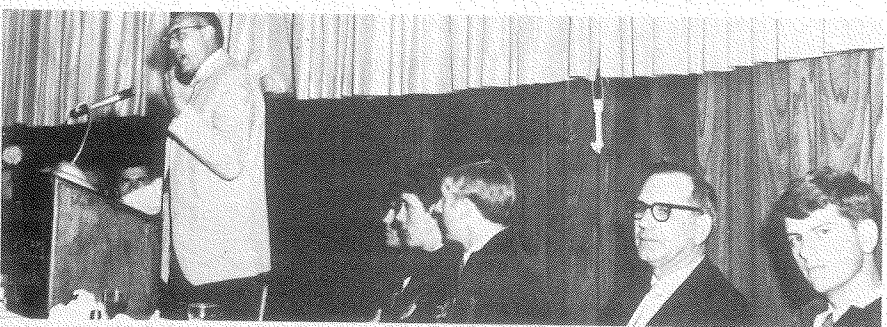
Richard Cochrane received the Florida Cattlemen's fedder-steer award from Charles Lykes, President of the State Cattlemen's Association. Other winners (from left) Perry Knight, Bill Trask, Tommy Beck, Farren Bakin, and Jeff Philpot.



Glenn Wilson, South Sumter, receives the state award for Natural Resources Development from Virgil Davis, Agrico Chemical Company. Other winners (from left) Dan Martin, Andy Hollingsworth, and Richard Bryan.



Honorary State Farmer degrees were presented in impressive ceremony.



Dr. H. B. Clark, addressing the Delegate and Advisers Luncheon sponsored by the Production Credit Associations of Florida.

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asked all American Farmers to introduce themselves and their guests. The 1969 American Farmer Degree candidates present were Richard Kinney, Zephyrhills, John Scott, Fort Pierce, and Bruce Yancey, Southeast Manatee. Richard Kinney was recommended for National Office.

Awards were presented to the second through fifth place winners in Natural Resources Development for the first time. The Agrico Chemical Company is sponsoring these awards of \$60.00, \$40.00, \$30.00 and \$20.00 for second through fifth places respectively. Billy Knight, advertising manager, Agrico Chemical Company, presented the awards to Allen Hitchcock, Santa Fe, Second place; Andy Hollingsworth, Walnut Hill, third place; William Richburg, Tate Senior, fourth place; and Ricky Keene, Santa Fe, Fifth place.

The state winner, Glenn Wilson from the South Sumter Senior Chapter, received a certificate and \$100.00 from the National Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Livestock Improvement Awards were presented by T. J. Wetherell, Manager, Daytona Beach Sears Stores, to the top chapters. The top four chapters, receiving \$200.00 each to use toward a registered heifer were: Fort Meade, Groveland, Greenville-Wilson Merritt, and Clewiston. Other winners were: Santa Fe, \$50.00; Okeechobee, \$35.00; Haines City, \$25.00; Belle Glade, \$15.00; Mayo-Lafayette, \$10.00, and Trenton, \$5.00.

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

Other 875 Future Farmers, advisers, and guests met on the beach at "Beach Rest" at 5:30 PM for a fish fry sponsored by THE FLORIDA CATTLEMEN MAGAZINE, Kissimmee; City of Daytona Beach; and the Daytona Beach Jaycees.

Bandshell Entertains All Wednesday Night

EMCEE for the Annual Bandshell Program on Wednesday night was the Honorable Earl Faircloth, Attorney General. N. L. "Nat" Storms, producer for the event, was assisted by F. D. McCormick.

Wayne Bennett of the Bradford Senior Chapter was named State Champion Harmonica player and was awarded a pennant and \$15. The second place winner, Randy Scott, of the Turkey Creek Chapter received \$8; Terry Cranford of the Lafayette Chapter, placing 3rd, received \$7; Robert Wright of Leesburg, placed 4th and received \$6; and Dale Wright of the Immokalee Chapter received \$5 as 5th place winner.

Winning the State Quartet Con-

test was the Newberry Chapter Quartet, composed of Rusty Baker, Carl Baker, Allan Lovvorn, and Roy Miller.

The Monticello Quartet placed 2nd and received \$20; 3rd was the Groveland Quartet, receiving \$15; 4th was the Moore Haven Quartet, receiving \$10; and 5th was the East Bradenton Chapter, receiving \$10.

The Groveland Chapter String Band was named winner of the State String Band Contest. Band Members were: Gary Laseter, Billy Speer, Terrell Newman, Jerry Torrence, and Terry McGregor. The band was awarded a pennant and a \$25 check by the Florida Association, FFA.

Special entertainment between contests was provided by Randy Scott, a member of the Turkey Creek Chapter. Randy is a very talented vocalist and captivated the audience with his selections.

Chairman of the Judges for the musical contest was Forrest Breckenridge.

Farm Electrification Winners Honored

A BREAKFAST for Chapter Farm and Home Electrification Winners and their advisers was held Thursday morning in the Riviera Motel. This event was hosted by: Tampa Electric Company; Florida Power and Light Company; Gulf Power Company; and Florida Power Corporation. Toastmaster for the event was John Folks. Music was provided by the Newberry string band.

Presiding over the Thursday morning, sixth convention session, was Van Long, second vice president, from Macclenny.

Frank Westmark, St. Regis Paper Company, presented the Chapter Forestry Awards. The Walnut Hill Chapter was awarded \$250 as first place winner and \$75 was presented to each Area Winner, with second place winners in each area receiving \$50. Winners were as follows:

State Winner—Walnut Hill; Area I—First Place—Tallahassee, Leon; Area II—First Place—Starke, Second Place—Palatka; Area III—First Place—Brooksville.

During this session, the nominating committee presented their recommendations for the vice presidents for 1969-70, and the floor was opened for nominations for each of the offices.

Jerry Batts, National Student Secretary, from Athens, Alabama, and honor guest at the convention, presented an inspiring address.

The Seaboard Forestry Awards, sponsored by the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, were presented by Alan Fowler. The 1969 State Winner is Ross Nichols of the Malone FFA Chapter. His adviser is Charles Saunders. Ross received a check for \$275 and Mr. Saunders was presented a check for \$125 to

attend the National FFA Convention.

The Chapter Scrapbook Awards were presented by Jesse Burt. These awards are sponsored by the Florida Association, FFA. The Santa Fe Chapter was named State Winner and was awarded \$50. Area awards of \$20 for 1st, and \$10 for 2nd, in each Area were presented to:

Area I—Walnut Hill and Bethlehem; Area II—Hamilton County and Newberry; Area III—Groveland and Union Park; Area IV—Bartow and Buchanan Junior; Area V—Moore Haven and Okeechobee Brahman.

Winner of the State Forestry Farming Award sponsored by the National FFA Foundation was Ross Nichols of the Malone FFA Chapter. Virgil Davis, Agrico Chemical Company, presented the award. Mr. Davis also presented awards sponsored by Agrico Chemical Company to the second through fifth place winners in the contest. Winners were: Sandy Dowling, Macclenny, 2nd place, \$40; Ray Chavers, Walnut Hill, 3rd place, \$30; Larin Cone, Baldwin, 4th place, \$20; and Dennis Michele, Groveland, 5th place, \$10.

John Folks, Florida Power Corporation, presented the Foundation Award of \$100 and an award of \$100 from the privately owned electric companies of Florida to James William Stephens, Santa Fe Chapter, state winner. His advisers, F. D. McCormick and Kenneth Lee, received \$100 to attend the National FFA Convention.

Area winners received awards sponsored by the electrical organizations as follows: 1st place, \$75; 2nd place, \$25; 3rd place, \$15; and 4th place, \$10.

Area I—Ronald Williams, Bethlehem, 1st; David Locke, Bethlehem, 2nd; Harvey Bradberry, Walnut Hill,

3rd; Jewel Walker, Madison-Gary, 4th.

Area II—Mike Shirvin, Santa Fe Senior, 1st; Richard Taylor, Jacksonville-Paxon Senior, 2nd; Brian Stone, Santa Fe, 3rd; and James Shepherd, West Nassau, 4th.

Area III—Billy Woodard, South Sumter Senior, 1st; Jerry Tarrents, Groveland Senior, 2nd; George Carlton, Sanford-Seminole, 3rd; and Lance Tillman, South Sumter Senior, 4th.

Area IV—Joe Smith, Fort Meade, 1st; Harvey Kirkland, New Port Richey, 2nd; Robin Franklin, Sarasota Senior, 3rd, and John Amerson, Palmetto, 4th.

Area V—Mike Jenkins, Fort Pierce.

Chapter Cooperative Winners Announced

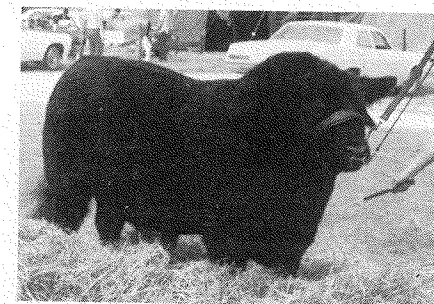
THE EIGHTH SESSION on Thursday afternoon was presided over by President Tim Kelly.

Chapter Cooperative Awards were presented by C. A. McNair, Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives and Jean Rice, Cotton Producers Association.

A check for \$500 was presented to the South Sumter Chapter at Bushnell. The money is to be used by chapter advisers John Stephens and Robert Ray to help defray their expenses while attending the American Institute of Cooperation Meeting in Urbana, Illinois, August 3-7, 1969.

They also received a \$50 check as Area winners (Area III) to help defray expenses for the State Convention.

Area awards were as follows: first place, \$50; second place, \$35; third place, \$25; and fourth place, \$10. Awards winners were:



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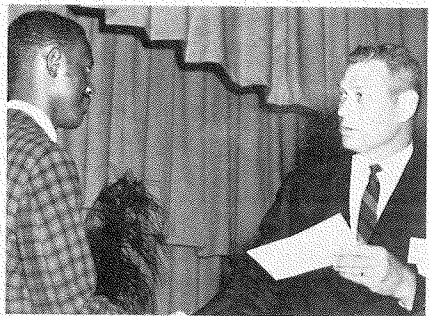
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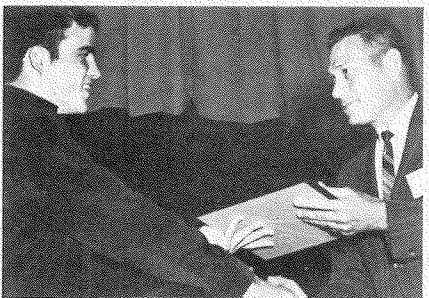
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Ronald Williams, Bethlehem, receives the State Soil and Water Management Award from T. L. Barrineau.



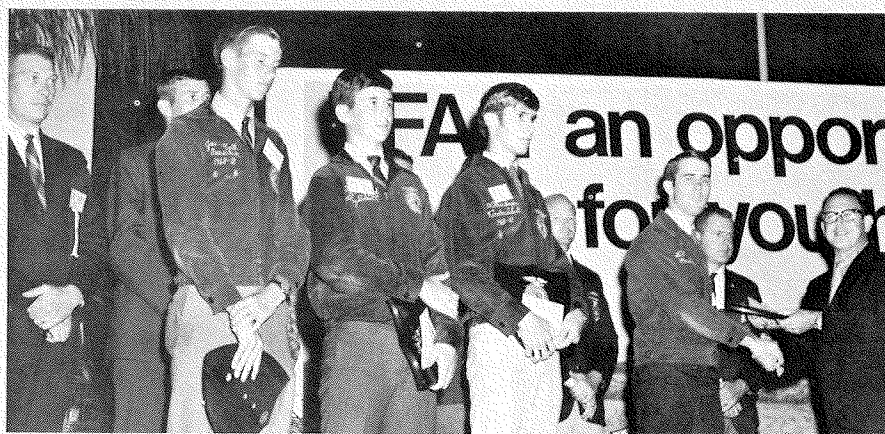
James McIntosh receives the H. E. Wood Scholarship from Glynn Key, FVATA President.



Tim Kelly, Past State President, receives the Florida Vocational Association certificate of recognition from Glynn Key, President, FVATA.



State Star Greenhand Louis Wells receives award from Bill Lockhart, State Department of Agriculture.



Ralph Bradford, Florida Retail Federation, presenting the top chapter awards to the Walnut Hill, South Sumter, Bartow Senior, and Santa Fe Senior Chapters on behalf of Belk-Lindsey Stores of Florida.

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Area I—first place—Tallahassee-Leon; second place—Walnut Hill; third place, Poplar Springs; fourth place, Ponce de Leon.

Area II—first place—Santa Fe Senior; second place, Santa Fe Junior; third place, Gainesville-Buchholz, and fourth place, Newberry.

Area IV—first place, Bartow Senior; second place, Mulberry; third place, Bradenton; and fourth place, Dade City.

Area V—first place, Miami-Central; second place, Clewiston; third place, Pahokee; and fourth place, Fort Pierce.

Jerry Batts, National Student Secretary, gave a report on the National FFA Center and FFA activities on the national level.

Committee reports were presented by representatives from the various committees and were duly approved.

Unfinished, old, and new items of business were presented, discussed and taken care of. A decision was made to exclude girls from membership in the Florida Association, FFA. It was also decided that state membership dues be raised \$.10 per member, making the total state and national dues \$2.00 per member. The extra money from this increase will be used for a scholarship, a new

award, or a project which will benefit the entire Association. Authority was given the State Executive Committee to make the final decision concerning use of the funds.

A motion was approved to adopt the minutes of the 40th Annual State Convention as printed in the 1969 summer issue of the FLORIDA FUTURE FARMER.

President Tim Kelly presented a beautiful plaque to Billy Woodard of the South Sumter Senior Chapter as the Outstanding District Officer for 1968-69. Billy served as Secretary for District V.

The session was adjourned early for District Meetings. Each District met and elected officers for the coming year.

A dinner was held Thursday evening for members and advisers of the winning chapters in the Chapter Co-operative Contest. The event was sponsored by the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida. Curtis Nolan, Gold Kist Hatcheries, was guest speaker.

Public Speakers and Star Farmers Presented

THE THURSDAY evening, eighth session, was presided over by Vice President Mike Gibson of the Sanford-Seminole Chapter.



1969 State Dairy Farmer Billy Woodard, South Sumter Senior Chapter at Bushnell, receives awards from H. B. Gassaway, Sealtest Food Plant. Billy's advisor looks on at left.

The State Final Public Speaking Contest added to the enjoyment of the evening session. David Little of the Bartow Chapter received a check for \$100 and a pennant. David will represent Florida in the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest in Montgomery, Alabama, July 29th.

Billy Woodard of the South Sumter Chapter, placed 2nd in the contest and received \$25.

Dean M. A. Brooker, University of Florida, presented the Public Speaking Awards. Dr. William Becker, University of Florida, acted as Chairman of the Judges for the contest.

Mr. Jan Long, Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, presented the Home Improvement Awards, which are sponsored by the National FFA Foundation and Mid-States Steel and Wire Company.

James Richardson of the Santa Fe Senior Chapter was presented a check for \$100 from the National Association as State Winner.

Awards of \$25, \$10, and \$5 were presented to the first, second and third place winners respectively. Winners are:

Area I—first place, Dannie Williams, Bethlehem; second place, Dennis Scarborough, Bethlehem; and third, Harvey Bradberry, Walnut Hill.

Area II—first, Allan Lavvorn, Newberry; second, Ronny Staten, Hamilton County; and third, Brian Stone, Santa Fe Junior.

Area III—First, George Carlton, Sanford-Seminole; second, James Darin, South Sumter; and third, Jim Hardin, Sanford-Seminole.

Area IV—first, James Albritton, Mulberry; second, Chris Casella, Dade City; and third, Lamar Harris, Mulberry.

Area V—first, Tommy Lee Stevens, Delray Beach-Spady; second, Willie Gordon, Delray Beach-Spady; and third, Howard Kindell, Fort Pierce.

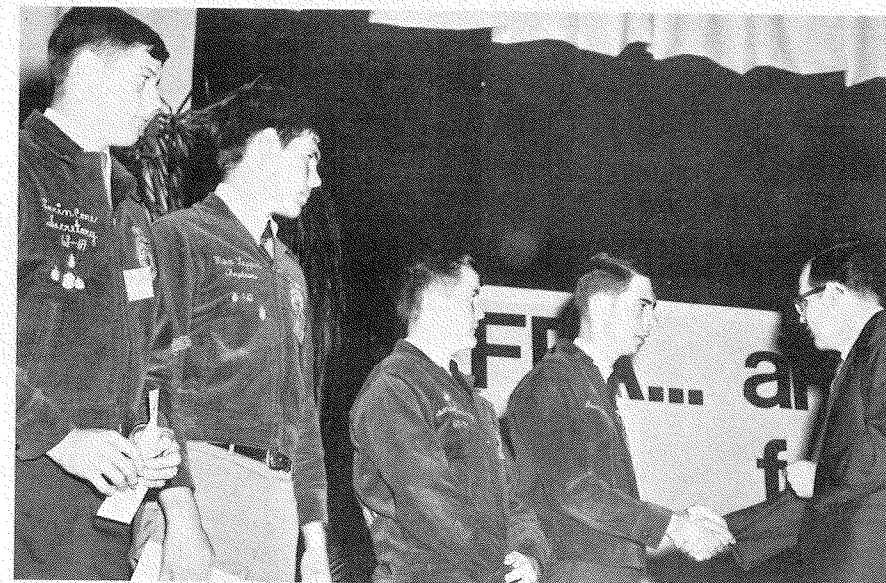
The State Officers presented a challenging message entitled "The Rising Sun", expressing gratitude to those who have helped Future Farmers develop and realize their goals and challenging Future Farmers themselves to always set their goals high and look toward the future.

Wayne Dale Boyett, Groveland, was named 1969 Star State Farmer. Dale is a member of the Groveland Senior Chapter where his advisers are Freddie Garner and Robert A. Campbell. Jerry Batts presented a check for \$200 and a certificate to Dale from the National FFA Foundation. Dale also received a \$50 check from Mid-States Steel and Wire Company.

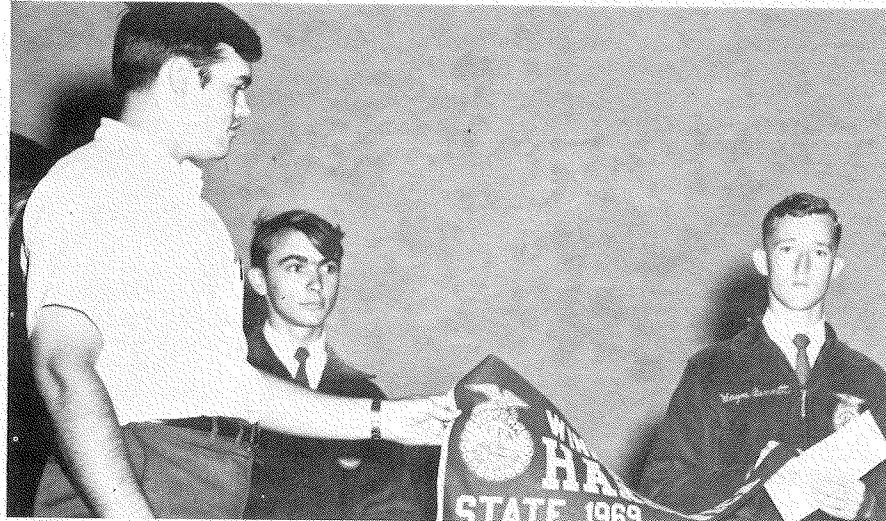
Area Star Farmers were: Area I, Billy Nobles, Marianna; Area II, Bill Cellon, Santa Fe; Area IV, Milton Bryan, Bartow; and Area V, Allen Webb, Pahokee. Each of the Area Farmers was awarded \$25 by Jan Long, Mid-States Steel and Wire Company.

Mr. Long also presented awards of \$10 each to the District Star Farmers.

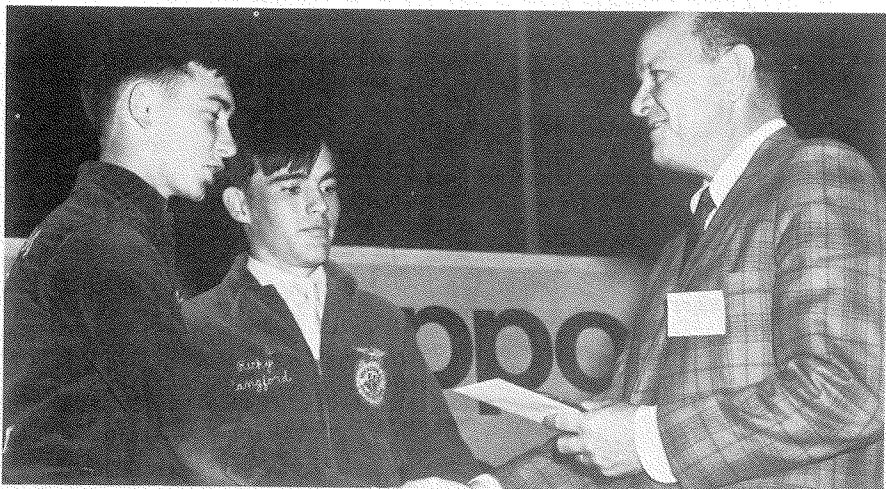
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Ross Nichols accepts the state Seaboard Coastline Forestry Award from Alan Fowler, Industrial Forester, SCL. Other winners (from left) Larin Cone, Max Lepper, and Sandy Dowling.



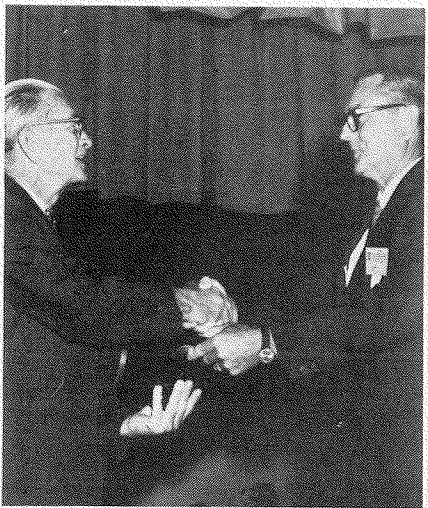
Wayne Bennett receives the state Harmonica Award.



Don Adams, Florida Power and Light Company, presenting the State Horticultural Demonstration award to the Santa Fe team of Johnnie Cope-land and Ricky Langford.



Dale Carlton, Citrus Mutual, presents plaque to Freddie Garner, adviser of Citrus Placement winner. At left is Terry Pendergrass, state placement winner.



F. L. Northrop, Area Supervisor (retired), receives an award from V. T. Sewell, President, Owl's Club.



New officers were installed by the outgoing officers with the official ceremony during the final session. These new officers will serve you until next year's convention.

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They were as follows: Wayne Williams, District II, Madison; James Shepherd, District IV, West Nassau County; Bernard Morris, District VI, Sanford-Crooms; and Charles Swilley, District VII, Pinecrest.

President Tim Kelly introduced the new State President Dale Boyett, of Groveland. Dale then introduced his fellow officers for 1969-70 as follows: Billy Woodard, South Sumter, Secretary; Jay Hoyt Rackley, Blountstown, first vice president; Bill Cellon, Santa Fe, second vice president; Terry Pendergrass, Groveland, third vice president; Milton Bryan, Bartow, fourth vice president; and Wes Hollingsworth, LaBelle, fifth vice president.

New Officers Installed at Final Session, Friday

A BREAKFAST was held Friday morning honoring Star Farmers, their parents and advisers. The breakfast was held in the Riviera Motel and was hosted by Mid-States Steel and Wire Company.

The final session of the 41st Annual Convention Friday morning was presided over by President Tim Kelly.

T. L. Barrineau, Area I Supervisor, presented the Soil and Water Management Awards. These awards are sponsored by the Florida Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America.

Ronald Wayne Williams of the Bethlehem Chapter was named State Winner and received a \$100 check.

Area awards of \$30 each were presented to: Lester Wells, Jay, Area I; Ronny Staten, Hamilton County, Area II; Louis Wells, Jr., South Sumter Senior, Area III; David Albritton, Mulberry, Area IV; Thomas Scott, Fort Pierce, Area V.

President Tim Kelly gave his report as retiring president.

The member of the Courtesy Corps were honored for their outstanding contribution toward making the convention a success.

Parents of the 1968-69 State officers were presented Certificates of Merit and Honorary State Farmer Degrees. Those honored were: Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fortner; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Rackley; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coulter; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Long; and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gibson. The delegates showed their appreciation of the parents by giving them a standing ovation.

The past state officers were recognized and several spoke for a few minutes, offering congratulations for a successful convention.

President Dale Boyett presented outgoing President Tim Kelly a gavel on which the names of his fellow officers for 1968-69 were engraved.

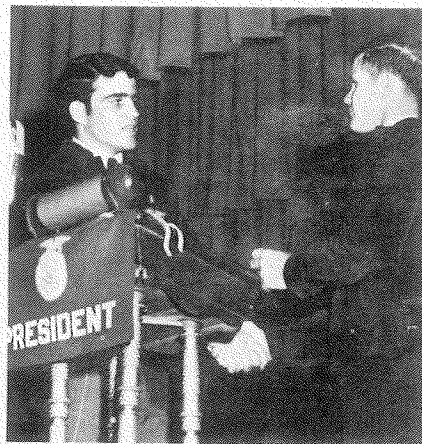
C. M. Lawrence, State Adviser, presented each of the outgoing officers a past state officers pin.

President Tim Kelly presented gifts from the State Officers to C. M. Lawrence, Richard Kelly, Wanda Hanna, Carol Wilkes, and Helen Jones in appreciation of their assistance during their year as officers and during the convention. Other staff members and State Executive Committee members were also recognized.

President Dale Boyett then gave brief remarks and introduced the guest speaker, Harris Remley. Mr. Remley, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, Richmond, Virginia, gave an inspiring address.

President Dale Boyett expressed appreciation to the Florida Citrus Mutual through the Citrus Club at the Florida Southern College for the orange juice which they provided for delegates, advisers, and guests throughout the convention.

The 41st Annual Convention of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, was adjourned by President Dale Boyett.



Tim Kelly, outgoing president, passed the gavel to new president Dale Boyett.



Dale Boyett Is Star Farmer

WAYNE DALE BOYETT, 18, of the Groveland FFA Chapter was named Star State Farmer June 12 by the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, during the 41st Annual State FFA Convention in Daytona Beach. Pictured above is Dale with his Mother and chapter advisers.

The son of Mrs. Veretha L. Boyett of Route 1, Groveland, Dale was recently graduated from Groveland High School where his advisers were Freddie Garner and Robert A. Campbell.

Dale's receiving the outstanding award was based on the merit of his supervised experience projects, including livestock, citrus, and grain. When Dale had organized his program and seemed to be making systematic progress, his father was stricken suddenly and died. This left Dale, his mother, two brothers and two sisters in extreme circumstance.

Dale's first thought was not only to forsake his vocational agriculture activities but to drop out of school to work more closely in the management of the family farm. His FFA adviser, Freddie Garner, dissuaded him, and Dale resolved to finish school.

Within sixty days, however, it was necessary to sell his hogs and beef cattle. Again it appeared that Dale would not be able to continue. Again his counselor stood by explaining that FFA leaders don't quit. Starting once again at virtual zero, his first projects liquidated, Dale started over.

Dale's new enterprise was citrus. It was necessary for him, in order to get a good return from the five-acre grove which he inherited from his father's estate, to learn citrus management quickly. Dale learned use and maintenance of the spray equipment, and he mastered management techniques in record time. He assisted his mother and

his invalid brother in the management of their 15 acres and was able to assure them a respectable yield and market return.

Continuing to counsel with his adviser, Dale was able to add to his citrus production a pasture project, beef finishing operation and a corn project.

During the two-year period when Dale was following through with production and marketing, he lent an active hand in farm maintenance. This included repairing and improving fences and gates, equipment repair and maintenance, and routine work on two farm buildings.

Other work was in pruning trees, fertilizing, propagating planting stock, and raising selected ornamentals for market. Dale learned how to inoculate cattle and hogs and how to apply fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides.

During the 1968-69 school year, Dale was named president of his chapter, having served as vice president during the preceding year. A recognized leader, he is a good public speaker, and represented his chapter at the National FFA Convention one year ago. He has served as a delegate to the State Convention, attended the State Leadership Conference and acted as chairman for his parliamentary procedure team. Moreover he has taken part in beef, land, and citrus judging competition. His interests include forestry, quartet singing, and promotion of booster programs for Radio and TV.

The Star State Farmer Award is a citation given once yearly in Florida to the FFA member and vocational agriculture student who has evidenced outstanding ability in leadership, and in chapter and community activities, even while a high scholastic rating is maintained.

Dade City Wins Four State Judging Titles

MEMBERS OF THE Dade City Chapter won four judging contests in state competition. These are the contests and the boys participating on each team.

JOHNNY MELTON

JOHNNY MELTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Melton, Dade City, is 17 years old and has taken vocational agriculture for four years at the Dade City High School. He holds the Chapter Farmer Degree and has participated in two National Conventions. Johnny was a member of state winning Meat Judging team in 1967.

RONNIE CRAWFORD

RONNIE CRAWFORD, 15, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Crawford, Dade City, Florida. He is a Chapter Farmer, chapter secretary, and president-elect of the para-medical club. He has attended the Forestry Camp and participated on the Land Judging team, Forestry Judging team, and Parliamentary Procedure team. He is presently FFA Secretary, Dist. VII.

FRANK MCKINNEY

FRANK MCKINNEY is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beeson, Dade City. He is a member of the 10th grade class, 16 years of age, and in his second year of vocational agriculture.

BILL YATES

BILL YATES is the son of Mrs. Rosa Lee Yates, Dade City; he is 18 years old and in the 12th grade. He is a member of the band drum major, in addition to being a member of the State Dairy Judging team.

Bill holds the Chapter Farmer Degree and has served in many capacities in his local chapter. plans to continue his education after high school.

BILL GILMORE

BILL GILMORE is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilmore, Dade City. He is 17 years of age and in the 12th grade. He is a Chapter Farmer and holds the office of Chaplain in his local chapter.

CHRIS CASELLA

CHRIS CASELLA, 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo G. Casella of Dade City. Chris is in the 11th grade and serving as the Chapter Reporter.

Chris participated in Land Judging contest, Vegetable Judging contest, Spanish Club, Science Club, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

ROBBIE TESTON

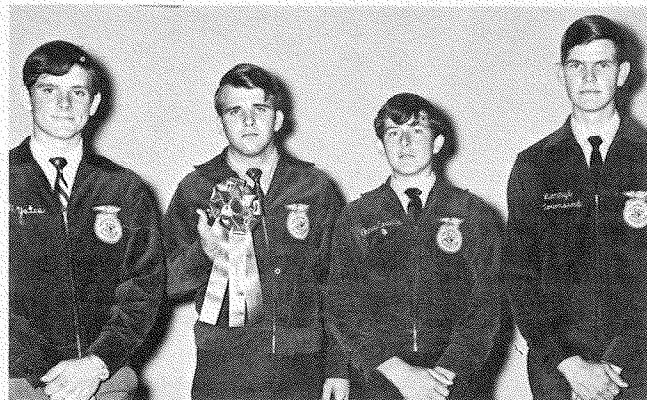
ROBBIE TESTON, age 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruley "Bud" W. Teston, Jr. of Dade City. He is in the 12th grade and holds the Chapter Farmer Degree.

MIKE EDENFIELD

MIKE EDENFIELD, age 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Edenfield, Dade City. Mike has taken vocational agriculture for four years and is in the 12th grade. He has participated in various FFA activities during the four years of enrollment. He plans to continue his education.

DARRYL TOWNSEND

DARRYL TOWNSEND is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Townsend. He is 18 years of age and in the 12th grade. Darryl is the president of the National Honor Society, Pasco High School.



State Winning Citrus Judging Team—Bill Yates, Robbie Teston, and Chris Casella.



Livestock Judging Team—Johnny Melton, Bill Gilmore, Ronnie Crawford, and Darryl Townsend.



State Winning Poultry Judging Team—Johnny Melton, Christ Casella, and Darryl Townsend.



Meats Judging Team—Ronnie Crawford, Mike Edenfield, Bill Gilmore, and Frank McKinney.

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Remember to Give Thanks For All Your Blessings

No THANKSGIVING since the first one when the Pilgrims feared the motive of the Indians has offered such an assessment of blessings as Thanksgiving of 1969. It will be a joyful one; it will be one of abundance; it will be one of apprehension; and one that taxes the imagination of all nutritionists and the everyday homemaker.

Each situation fits well in a Florida atmosphere. There'll be joy when the clan comes "home" for Thanksgiving. There is abundance in Florida, the Winter Salad Bowl of the world.

Florida commodities can be found on almost every shelf in the United States in the right quantity, quality and price.

Dieters will be apprehensive that the aromatic roasted turkey, dressing and all the other trimmings will be calorie-laden. They might even procrastinate a little, "This is too good to pass up, just this one day".

These are the down-to-earth blessings to count or forego. While the homemaker is cooking her Thanks-

giving dinner, she will be spared of the intricacies of cooking required for the men who traveled to the moon. They won't be concerned about engineering, physiological and psychological criteria as required for space foods.

But that was a concern in Florida during the July moon flight and will continue to be for future astronauts who fly to other planets. The three men on the Apollo 11 were furnished 70 items of food prepared freeze-dried or rehydratable, wet pack, spoon bowl and in snacks.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) says the typical day's menu included a breakfast of peaches, bacon squares, strawberry cubes, a grape drink and an orange drink.

Lunch included beef and potatoes in a wet pack, butterscotch pudding, brownies and grape punch. The dinner packet consisted of salmon salad, chicken and rice in a spoon bowl, sugar cookie cubes, cocoa and a pineapple drink.

A NASA spokesman said most

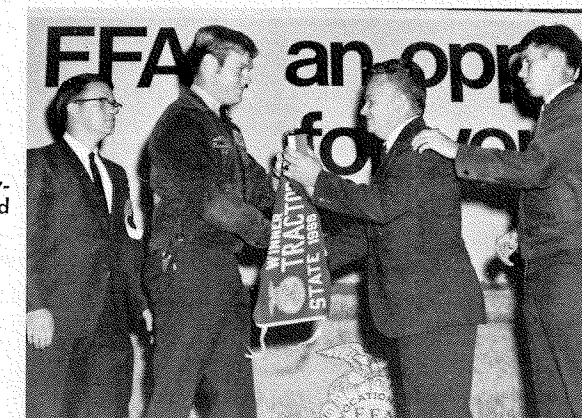
of the foods required special preparation with cold or hot water on board the Command and Lunar Modules. Not tomorrow, but in the not-too-distant future, the spokesman said space vehicles will carry meals like TV dinners which will be easily warmed in a radar-type oven.

While the homemaker will not quickly accept or avail herself of these innovations, her kitchen of the future may just have one of those ovens; and quicker than you say Thanksgiving, she'll have her meal ready.

These new developments could never have been imagined by Priscilla, the Pilgrim beauty, as she helped John Alden roast clams during the first Thanksgiving. The modern day homemaker marvels at these space food innovations, knowing that food must meet the appetite, satisfy hunger, be familiar in sight, smell and taste to her family. For now, only the earth-bound Thanksgiving custom and meal will provide these criteria.

So from where there's plenty and from where man made his first trip out of an earthly environ to another planet, the homemaker will find all she needs for this earthly Thanksgiving Day menu suggestion.

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Dwight Bilbrey, receiving the winning award from Hilton Denmark.

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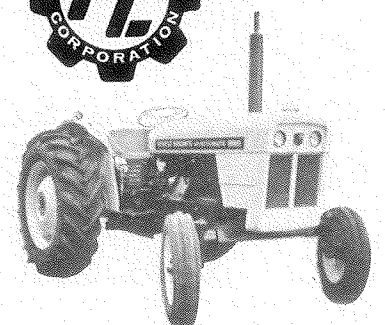


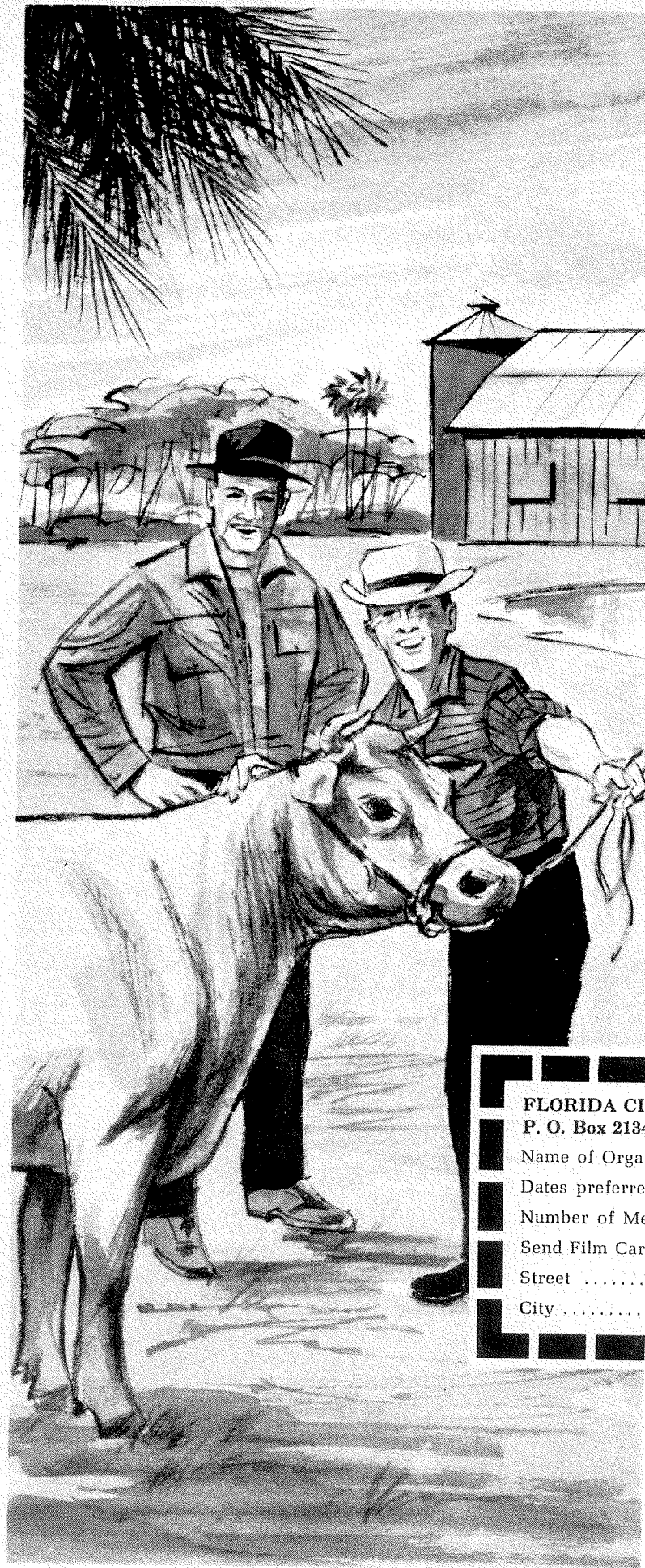
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