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Florida Offers 13 American Farmers at K. C.

13 Florida FFA members have been recommended by the National FFA Board of Directors to receive the American Farmer Degree. The American Farmer Degree is the highest degree of membership presented by the youth organization for students of vocational agriculture. It will be presented during the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-15.

The Floridians named are: Wayne Dale Boyett, Groveland Senior Chapter; William E. Cellon, Jr., Santa Fe Senior Chapter; Johnnie Franklin Copeland, Santa Fe Senior Chapter; Ion Dennis Coulter, Lake Placid Chapter; John Elliott Crews,

Fort Meade Chapter; Randall Gregory Eddy, Gainesville Chapter; Charles Allen Fowler, Santa Fe Senior Chapter; Norman Charles Freel, Lake Wales Chapter; Tim Hatcher, Malone Chapter; Myron Hudson, Ponce de Leon Chapter; Alvin A. Price, Gainesville Chapter; Grady Ercelle Watson, Chiefland Chapter; and William Mark Woodard, South Sumter Senior Chapter.

The Board of Directors and the National Officers reviewed the Florida applications for the American Farmer Degree and jointly agreed to recommend that Convention delegates approve the 13 candidates. Approval by these Boards

usually means that the candidates will be confirmed by the delegates.

The 13 are among 470 FFA members throughout the nation recommended for the American Farmer Degree. The degree is limited to approximately one FFA member in a thousand in any given year.

Each degree recipient will be presented a certificate and gold key from the FFA organization, plus a cash travel allowance of \$125 to the National Convention from the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

FFA members are eligible for the American Farmer Degree after having the State Farmer Degree in their state. They must have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least three years and have a record of participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association.

In addition the FFA member must have earned at least \$1,000 by his or her own efforts from a supervised farming or other agricultural occupational experience program. The money he or she earned must be productively invested or deposited in a bank.

The degree is presented only to FFA members who have demonstrated their leadership and scholarship ability during high school and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in an agricultural occupation.

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National President's Message

Fellow FFA Members:

Traditionally the National FFA Convention has been a proud display of faith, a vivid portrayal of leadership, and a recognition of achievement. The 1971 National FFA Convention to be held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, will be no exception as it opens with the theme: "Youth with a Purpose". The curtain opens on this showcase of the FFA on October 12 and closes October 15.

A Vespers Program, Tuesday evening, will set the stage for the convention and the first business session will begin on Wednesday morning. Sessions will include FFA business, award presentations, and nationally known inspirational speakers.

The program will also include international guests who will bring a message of "Peace Through Understanding" to more than 10,000 FFA members expected to participate in the convention. Special recognition will be given to parents, advisors and Foundation sponsors for their efforts and support to the FFA, and for the incentives provided for members to reach for higher goals.

The Agricultural Career Show with over 40 exhibits illustrating career opportunities in agribusiness is a must for all students preparing for careers in the industry of agriculture. In addition the six National FFA Officers will share with FFA members the rewarding experiences of a year's service to the National

FFA Organization.

The 1971 National Convention will continue a tradition of youth involvement in improving the further developing of FFA. We face many challenges as the FFA grows to better serve all students of agricultural education classes. The National Convention serves as a testing ground for the difficult task of decision making, leadership and responsibility so essential throughout life.

All State Associations in good standing will be represented by two official delegates plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000. Prior to the convention official delegates and national officer candidates will attend a delegate orientation and luncheon.

An invitation is extended to every FFA chapter to be represented by officers and members. Each chapter will soon receive the booklet "You and Your National Convention". You are encouraged to study it as you prepare for the convention.

As your national officers, we want to make this the best National FFA Convention ever held. We are enthusiastically looking forward to your attending and participating in the convention. Your response to this convention call can change your life and the lives of other FFA members.

Yours for a stronger FFA,
Dan Lehmann, Nat'l Pres.
RR #1, Pleasant Plains, Ill. 62677

Commissioner of Agriculture
Doyle Conner addressed
the convention
during Thursday's session.

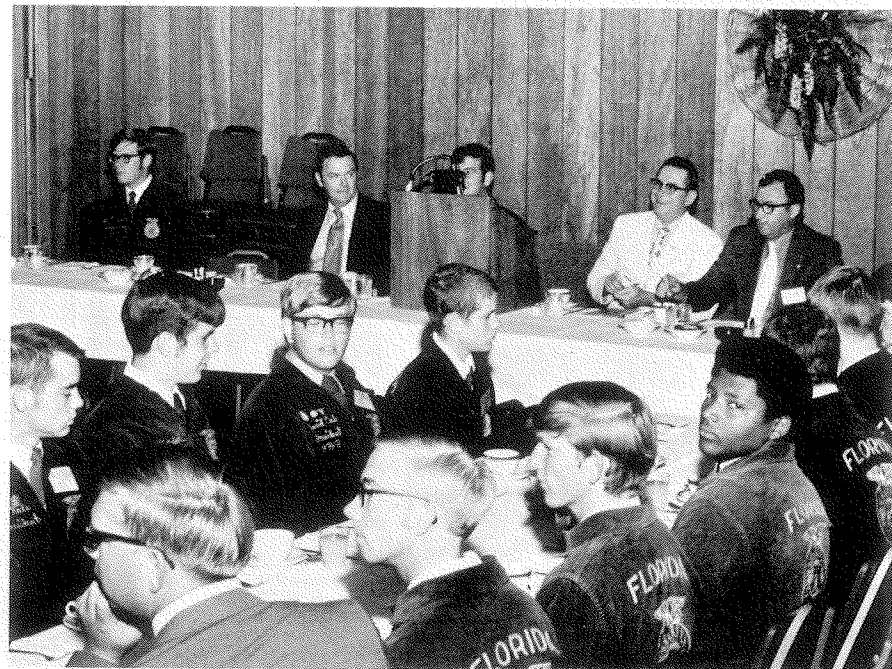


The Cover

Installation of the new officers was a solemn and meaningful ceremony conducted before all convention delegates.



State officers from the period 1937-1939 attended, from left: Wiley Garrett, Griffin Bishop, John Folks, and Eli Read. Picture below shows the Courtesy Corps breakfast held at the Voyager Beach Motel.



Future Farmers Meet

Future Farmers, chapter advisors, and guests, numbering more than 1,000 attended the 43rd Annual State FFA Convention in Daytona Beach, June 14-18, 1971. 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 Hinton, his fellow officers, the state staff, committee members, chapter advisors, sponsors, and contest winners. This cooperative undertaking led to the general agreement that this was indeed a most outstanding convention.

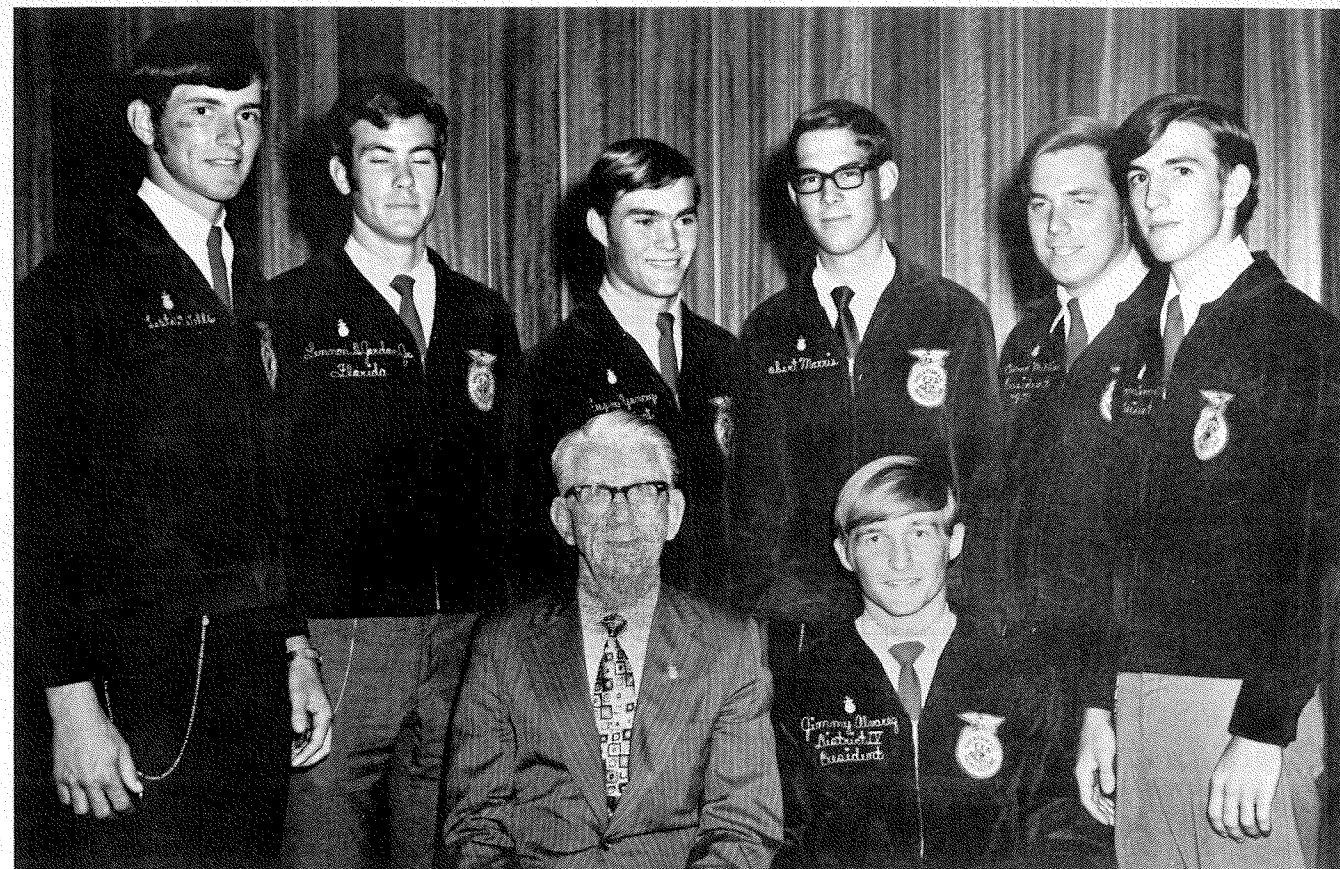
Among the many prominent guests attending were Jim Beard, national FFA vice president, Beggs, Oklahoma, and Mark McKee, president, Tennessee Association, Castalian Springs, Tennessee.

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

New officers elected were: Jimmy Alvarez, president, Starke; Lenn Jordan, secretary, Groveland; Jerry Tarrents, first vice president, Groveland; Eugene Yancey, second vice president, Myakka City; Conrad Mellin, third vice president, Miami; Lester Wells, fourth vice president, Jay; Robert Morris, fifth vice president, Gainesville.

Officer Candidates Interviewed

The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Daytona Beach was host to the state officers and staff members



1971-72 state officers are, from left: Seated, State Advisor T. L. Barrineau; Pres. Jimmy Alvarez, Starke; Standing, 4th V. P. Lester Wells, Jay; Sec'y Lenn Jordan, Groveland; 2nd V. P. Eugene Yancey, Myakka City; 5th V. P. Robert Morris, Gainesville; 3rd V. P. Conrad Mellin, Miami; 1st V. P. Jerry Tarrents, Groveland.

for a luncheon in the Voyager Beach Motel. Bill Counts from the Chamber of Commerce expressed appreciation for the consideration of the Future Farmers in selecting Daytona Beach as a convention site for 21 consecutive years.

Events of the day included interviewing of candidates for state offices and registration of delegates and advisors; division preliminaries of the demonstration contests, George Busby in charge; delegates' seat assignments, James A. Barge and FVATA directors and officers in charge; demonstration contest finals, George Busby in charge; and judging, grading and identification contest.

Delegates-Advisors Luncheon

A breakfast for Area Tractor Driving Winners and their advisors was sponsored by Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida. Activities of the morning included registration 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.

Mr. Frank L. Barton, Vice President and Secretary, The Federal

Land Bank of Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina, delivered a challenging address during the Delegates and Advisors Luncheon, sponsored by Production Credit Associations in Florida, and held at the Voyager Beach Motel. President Bob Hinton, Master of Ceremonies, expressed appreciation to the Production Credit Associations for their cooperation with Future Farmers.

Officers Program

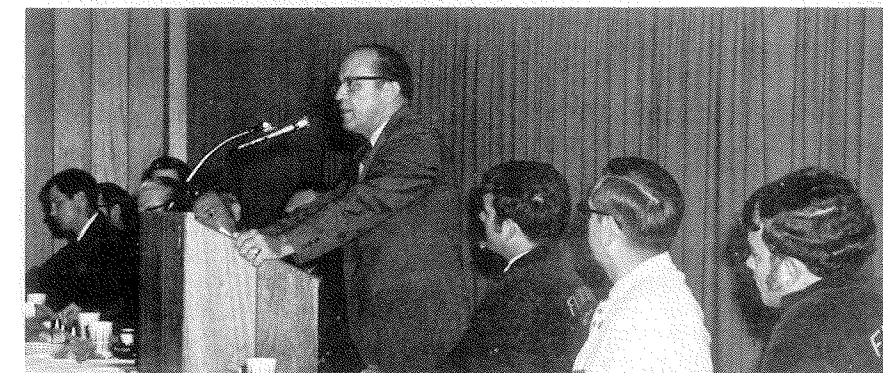
The state officers presented a very

challenging and inspirational vespers program to begin the week-long activities. Brad McClain, Hope Hull, Alabama, gave a personal testimony of his Christian experiences. Brad's trip to the State Convention was sponsored by John Folks.

T. L. Barrineau, State FFA advisor, presented charters to new FFA chapters. They were: Dade City Junior, Boca Raton, DeLand Junior, Lockhart, Carter-Parramore, Cross City, Vanguard, Forest, Hamilton County Junior and Walton Junior.

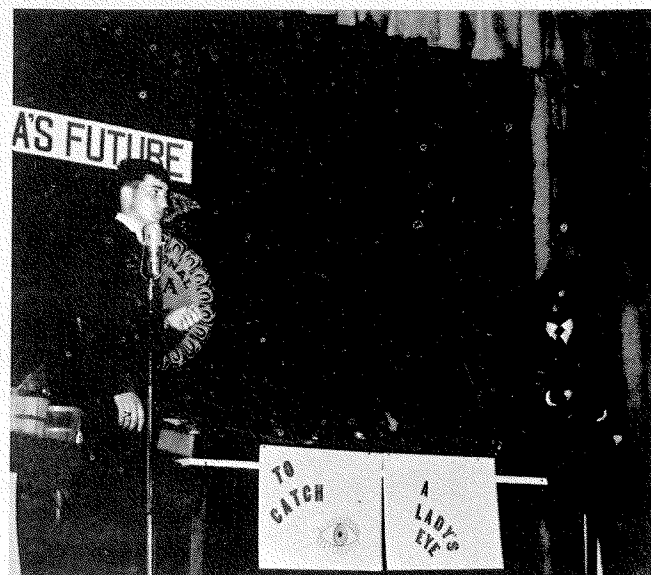
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Frank Barton of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., addressed luncheon sponsored by Florida Production Credit Associations.





Above, Bill Hester is shown presenting the Tractor Driving Award to Wayne Smith.



Turkey Creek wins the Demonstration Contest: Tom Umiker, left, and Rudy Wetherington.

1971 Convention

Charlotte County was also recognized as being chartered in 1969-70.

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

Bob Hinton gave the State President's message.

A motion was approved to adopt the minutes of the 42nd Annual State Convention as printed in the 1970 Summer Issue of the *Florida Future Farmer*.

The Crop Production award of \$100, sponsored by the Future Farmer Foundation of America, was presented to Don Selph of the Hamil-

ton County Chapter at Jasper. The other five winners, each receiving \$25.00 from Dixie Lime and Stone Company were: Luke Ward, Vernon Chapter, Area I; Stephen Hendricks, Lake Butler Chapter, Area II; Robert D. Strong, Jr., South Sumter, Area III; Walter Singletary, Dade City Chapter, Area IV; and Gary Hazellief, Fort Pierce Chapter, Area V. A. M. Marsh, Dixie Lime and Stone Company, was on hand to present these awards.

Community Action

The 1970-71 year brought a new program to the FFA at the local, area, state and national levels. For

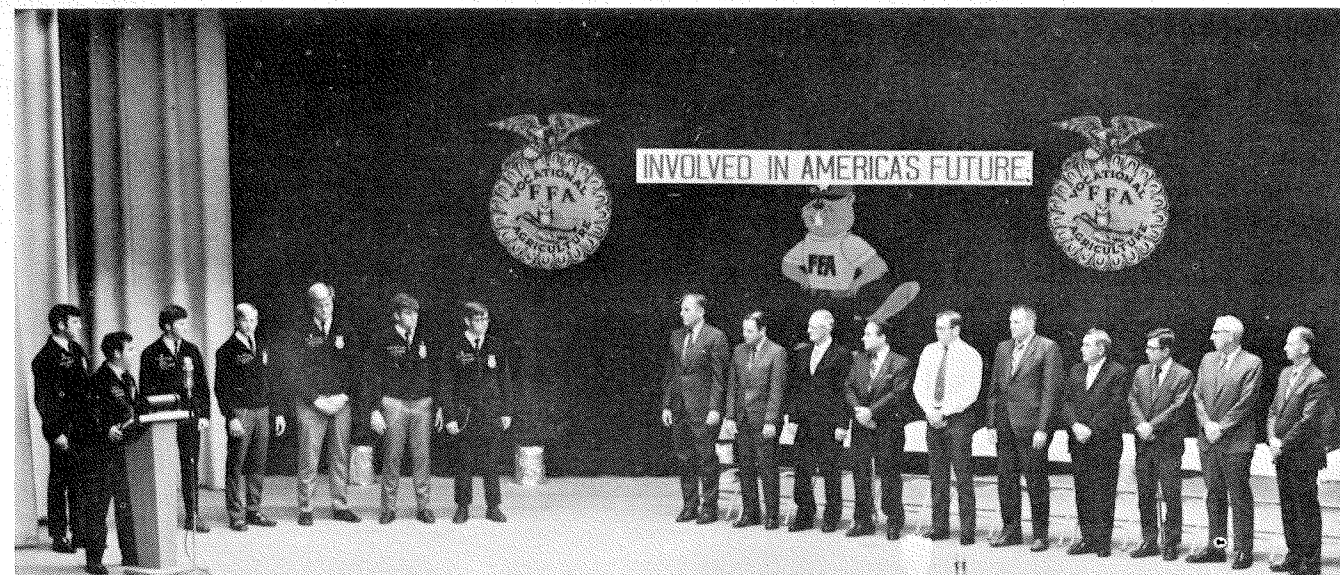
the first time in the history of the FFA, a program was developed to give recognition to chapters who are involved in community action.

Building Our American Communities program was designed to stimulate interest in community improvement then point out ways members can take constructive action to help their community prepare for the future.

Awards were presented by W. W. Weathers, Chief Community Programs, Farmers Home Administration, Gainesville, as follows: Bradford Senior Chapter, gold emblem state award plaque and Governor's Citation for having the top BOAC program in Florida; Vernon, gold emblem state award plaque; Gainesville Chapter, silver emblem state award plaque; and Crescent City, bronze emblem state award plaque. All chapters participating in the program received an area award plaque. The Bradford Chapter presented the large replica of the BOAC Beaver to the State FFA Association for display in the State Office. The Beaver was used on stage in the background during the convention.

The State Association is grateful to the Bradford Chapter for time and effort involved in providing the Beaver.

Lester Wells, Jay, was presented with the Fish and Wildlife Management State Award. Lester received \$100 from David E. LaHart, Conservation Education Coordinator, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Lester has been working on a partnership basis with his father to develop and stock 32



The 1971 Honorary State Farmers were awarded the Honorary State Farmer Degree in this ceremony held during the state convention at Daytona Beach.

acres of catfish ponds and develop a game farm. Lester now has over 20,000 catfish in the production ponds. Their game farm consists of some 200 game animals, including deer, buffalo and sheep. Area bird plots have been developed throughout the 1,280 acre farm.

Lester shared the recognition with Gary Wiggins, Walnut Hill; Wesley Lewis, Santa Fe; Ronald Lee, Groveland; and Rudy Weatherington, Turkey Creek. Each of the Area Winners were presented a \$30 cash award.

Honorary State Farmers

Mike Johnson, state secretary, read the name of those recommended by the State Executive Committee to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree. The list was approved. Approval was also cited 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 Wayne Stephens, Executive Secretary, Florida Cattlemen's Association, Kissimmee. William Trask, Fort Meade Chapter, received a \$100.00 check for his outstanding feeder-steer projects. This will help finance a trip for Bill and his advisors, T. A. Cochrane and Gary Lee, to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October. Five other winners of the feeder-steer awards receive \$15.00 each to help pay their expenses in attending the State FFA Convention. They were: Earl Lomas, Colonial; Kirby Joiner, Okeechobee Chapter;

Phil Redditt, Colonial Chapter; Daniel Yancey, Southeast Manatee Chapter, and Vicki Griffin, Zephyrhills Chapter.

Woody Story, Colonial Chapter, Orlando, received \$100.00 as state winner in the beef-breeding contest. His advisor is Fred Dietrich. Five other members received \$15.00 each to help defray their expenses for the state convention. They were: Delbert Reddit, Colonial Chapter; David Downing, Hardee County Chapter; David Allen, Brandon Chapter; Phillip Kuharske, Groveland Chapter and Connally Barnett, Fort Meade Chapter.

Roy Dietrich of the Colonial Chapter, was presented the livestock production award of \$100.00, sponsored by the Future Farmers Foundation of America. Mr. T. L. Barrineau, state advisor, Florida Association, FFA, representing Doyle Carlton, Jr., presented a \$30.00 check to each of the five area winners. They were: Lester Wells, Jay Chapter, Area I; Ronnie Staten, Hamilton County Chapter, Area II; Louie Wells, South Sumter Chapter, Area III; Cary Lightsey, Brandon Chapter, Area IV; and Ted Edwards, Okeechobee Chapter, Area V.

State Officer Nominations

During the Tuesday afternoon session, which was presided over by Mike Johnson, state secretary, the tractor driving awards were presented by Bill Hester, manager, Volusia Tractor and Implement Company. These awards are sponsored by the Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida. Wayne Smith,

Moore Haven Chapter, was awarded \$30.00 cash, pennant and trophy. Second through fifth place winners, receiving \$25.00, \$20.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00, respectively, each were: Wayne Fussell, South Sumter Chapter; David Yancey, Southeast Senior Chapter; Charlie Law, Hamilton County Chapter; and Mike Purvis, Walnut Hill Chapter.

Judging, grading and identification awards were sponsored by the Florida Power Corporation, Florida Power and Light Company, Tampa Electric Company, and Gulf Power Company. Awards presentation was made by Bob Lewis, Tampa Electric Company. The Palatka Senior Chapter received first place; Palatka Junior second place; Dade City Senior, third place; Santa Fe Senior, fourth place; Dade City Junior, fifth place; Santa Fe Junior, sixth place; New Port Richey, seventh place; Tomlin Junior, eighth place; Bartow Senior, ninth place; and Westwood (Winter Haven), tenth place.

The Palatka Senior Chapter will represent Florida at the National Junior Horticulture Convention on December 5-9, 1971, in Miami, Florida. Florida Power Corporation, Florida Power and Light Company, Tampa Electric Company, and Gulf Power Company will pay their expenses.

Winning the 15th annual State Demonstration Contest was the Turkey Creek Chapter. Their demonstration was "To Catch a Lady's Eye" in the Marketing Division. The demonstration was given by Tom Umiker and Rudy Weatherington. Their advisors are

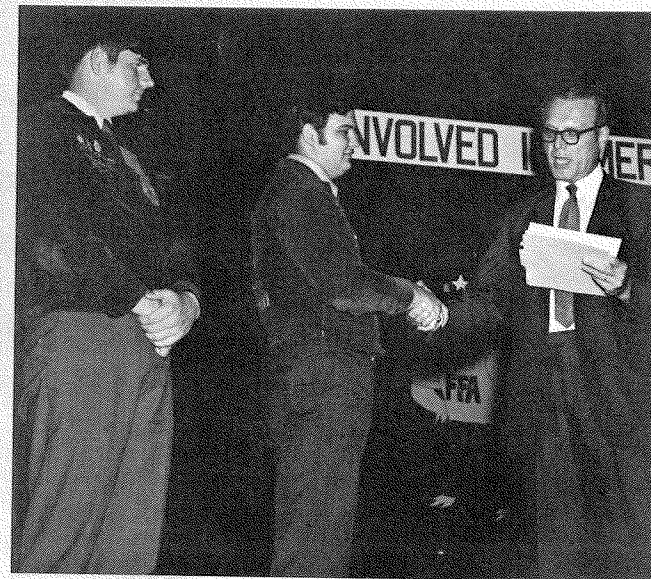
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Judging, grading and identification winners received their awards from Bob Lewis of Tampa Electric Company.





Jim Beard presented the Poultry Production Award to Conrad Mellin. Others shown, from left: Mike Hendry, Tony Coppage, Thomas Grace.



Phillip Wagner presented the Bankers' Scholarship to Ronnie Crawford. Jack Anderson, left also received one.

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John St. Martin, O. G. Lastinger and James Simmons.

Florida's Investor Owned Power Companies will sponsor a trip to the National Junior Horticultural Association Convention in Miami in December for Tom and Rudy. Other winners in the contest were as follows: Production: Vernon Crosby and Rick Swann, Brandon Chapter; Artistic Arrangement: Paul Hutchins, Jr., Bradford Junior Chapter; and Use: Mike Oliver and Joey Bennett, Bradford Senior Chapter.

Mike Johnson, state secretary, an-

nounced the Nominating Committee's selection for State President — Jimmy Alvarez, Bradford Chapter. Nominations from the floor included: Steve Jackson, Gainesville; Cary Lightsey, Brandon; Hal Davis, Greensboro; Lester Wells, Jay; Eugene Yancey, Southeast Manatee; Johnny Jones, Trenton; Bill Trask, Fort Meade; Jack Anderson, Lake Wales; and James Wilson, Poplar Springs.

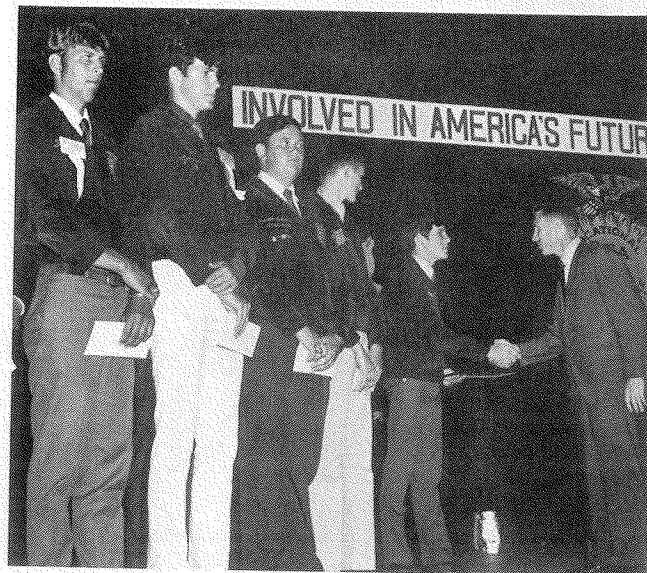
Mike Johnson also announced the Nominating Committee's selection for State Secretary — Ronnie Crawford, Dade City Senior Chapter. Nominations from the floor included; Lloyd Worthington, Chiefland; Lenn

Jordan, Groveland; David Bowen, Bartow; and Wayne Tope, East Bay.

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 South Sumter Senior, Bartow Senior, Baker, Walnut Hill and Okeechobee, respectively.

Homer Thompson, Manager, Federal Land Bank Association of

Chapter Safety Awards were given to representatives of the winning chapters by A. P. Crouch.



From left, recipients of Dairy Production Award are: Sonny Staire, Charles Price, David Bowen, Jackie Royals, Eugene Yancey, and Kenny Woodard, who receives his from Homer Thompson.



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Feature of the convention was the Annual Fish Fry sponsored by the Daytona Beach Jaycees and held outdoors for the delegates.



Speaker at Officer Candidates Luncheon sponsored by Federal Land Bank Associations in Florida was Homer Thompson.

Tampa, Brandon, presented the Dairy Production Awards which are sponsored by the Federal Land Bank Associations in Florida. Kenny Woodard, Star State Dairy Farmer, South Sumter Senior Chapter, received a check for \$100.00 from Federal Land Bank Associations in Florida. The five area winners were: Andy Hollingsworth, Walnut Hill Chapter, Area I; Sonny Staire, Macclenny Chapter, Area II; Charles Price, Colonial Chapter, Area III; David Bowen, Bartow Chapter, Area IV; and Jackie Royals, Indian River Chapter, Area V. Each received a \$25.00 check. The top area winner, Eugene Yancey, Southeast Bradenton Chapter, received a \$50.00 check.

Out-of-State Visitors

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 were National Vice President, Jim Beard, and Mark McKee, President, Tennessee FFA Association.

Jim Beard, National Vice President presented the Poultry Production Awards which are sponsored by the Florida Poultry Federation. Conrad Mellin, Miami-Central Chapter, state winner, received a check for \$100.00 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The area winners: Norman Webb, Lafayette Chapter, Area I; Mike Hendrey, Santa Fe Chapter, Area II; Tony Coppage, Groveland

Chapter, Area III; Thomas Grace, Bartow Chapter, Area IV; each received an award of \$25.00 and a certificate.

The Brandon Chapter received a certificate from the National Safety Council for accomplishments in tractor safety programs conducted for its members during the year.

Awards Made by Richardson

The third session was called to order by Bob Hinton, who then introduced James Richardson, first vice president, to preside.

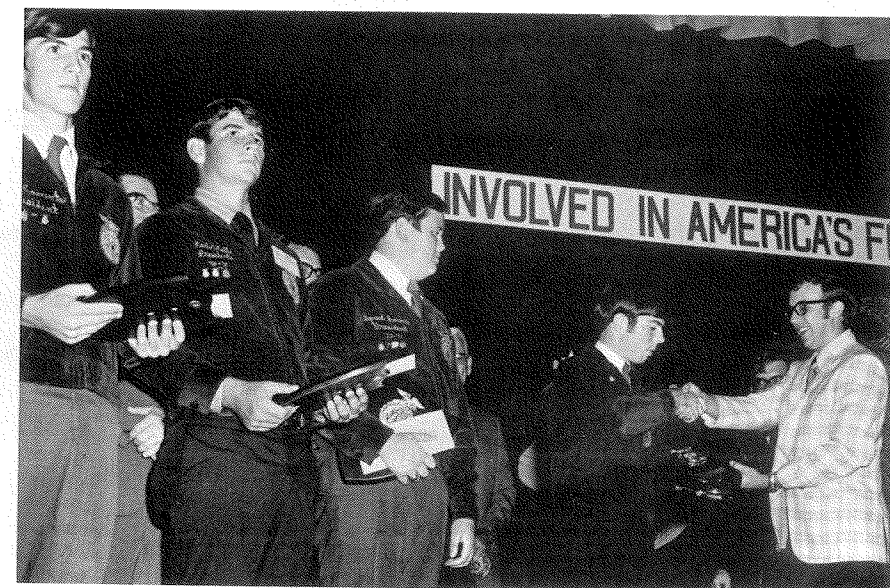
Gordon Baxley, Ponce de Leon

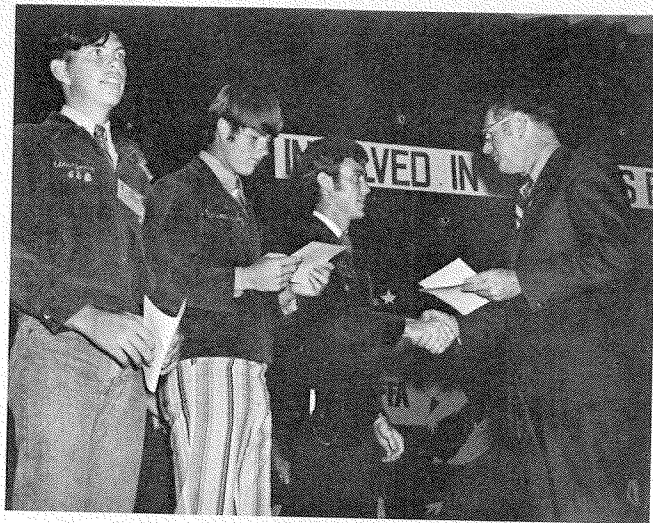
Chapter, was named state winner of the Agricultural Mechanics Award. He was presented a \$100.00 cash award. Five other Future Farmers received \$30.00 each from the Florida Tractor Corporation. They were: Guy Sims, Madison Chapter, Area I; Delbert Smith, Lake Butler Chapter, Area II; Eddie Smoak, South Sumter Senior Chapter, Area III; William Hosmer, Bartow Chapter, Area IV; and Frank Dancy, Fort Pierce Chapter, Area V.

Phillip Wagner, vice president, Florida Bank and Trust Company, Daytona Beach, presented the

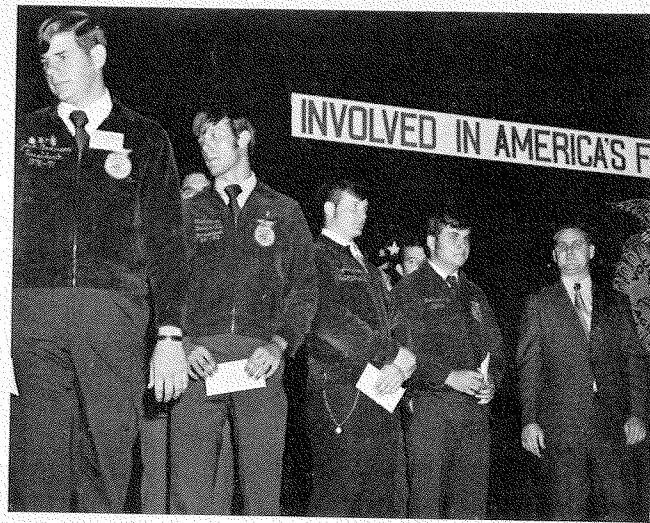
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David Kinderdine presented the State Chapter Awards to chapter representatives during the convention.





Dale Carlton presents Citrus Production Award to Lenn Jordan. Others who received awards were Eddie Young and Mac Sharpe, also shown in picture above.



Department of Agriculture Leadership Award recipients, pictured with Richard Kelly, are, from left, Jack Anderson, Marvin Fussell, Steve Jackson, and Hal Davis.

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scholarship awards sponsored by the Florida Bankers Association to Ronnie Crawford of the Dade City Chapter and Jack Anderson of the Lake Wales Chapter.

C. M. Lawrence, former teacher of vocational agriculture and state advisor, presented the Standard and Superior Awards to those chapters qualifying from the nine districts.

David Kinderdine, Belk-Lindsey Stores, Daytona Beach, presented a check for \$40.00 and a gold plaque to the Santa Fe Senior Chapter, top chapter in Florida for 1971. 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 Groveland Chapter received a bronze plaque and a \$10.00 check as fourth place winner in the Chapter Awards Program.

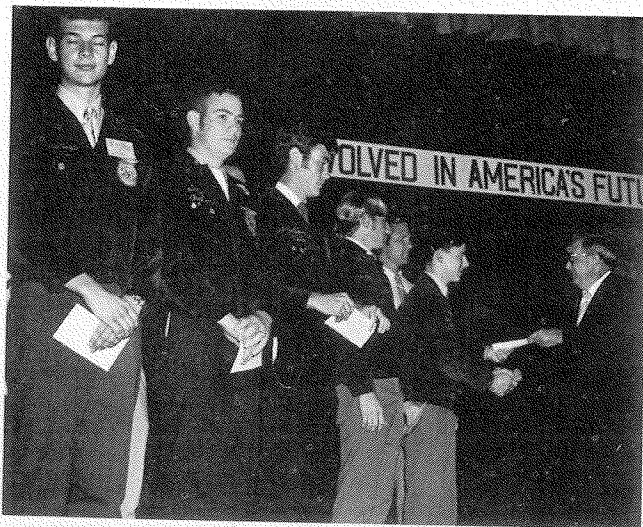
Mr. Kinderdine also presented awards of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00, sponsored by Belk-Lindsey Stores of Florida to the top three chapters in each district. District I winners were Walnut Hill, Ponce de Leon and Poplar Springs. Lafayette, Madison-Gary, and Greensboro were the winners from District II. District III winners were Santa Fe Senior, Santa Fe Junior and Chiefland. District IV winners were Bradford Senior, Lake Butler, and North Marion A.

Winners from District V were South Sumter Senior, Groveland Senior and South Sumter Junior. Ocoee, Sanford-Seminole, and Colonial were the District VI winners. District VII winners were Dade City, Manatee-Bradenton, and Palmetto. Winners from District VIII were Bartow Senior, Fort Meade, and Auburndale; and winners from District IX were Okeechobee, Moore Haven and Spady.

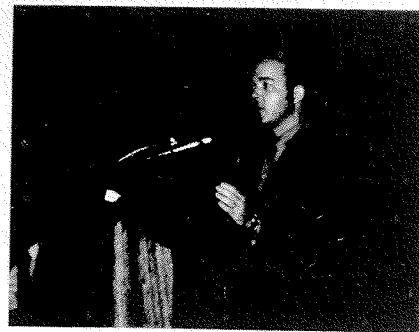
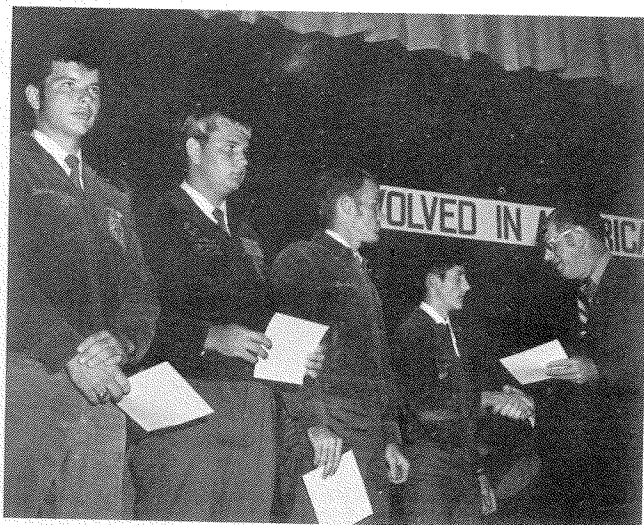
Robert Croft, Area V Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Department of Education, presented the Ornamental Horticulture Awards which are sponsored by Hofmann Nurseries of Miami.

David Cromer, North Miami Chapter, was named state winner of

Presenting Placement in Sales and/or Service Award to Groover Hudson is R. O. Hatcher. Other recipients, from left, Wayne Tope, Woody Story, Lenn Jordan, and Clint Palmer.



Dale Carlton is shown presenting the Citrus Placement Award to Richard Gaffney. Others receiving the award are, from left, Larry Braddy, Charles Brooks, Frank Dancy.



Victor Butler addresses State Farmer's Luncheon sponsored by Chase and Company of Sanford.

Specially honored were these Future Farmers, winners of the State Farmer Degree.

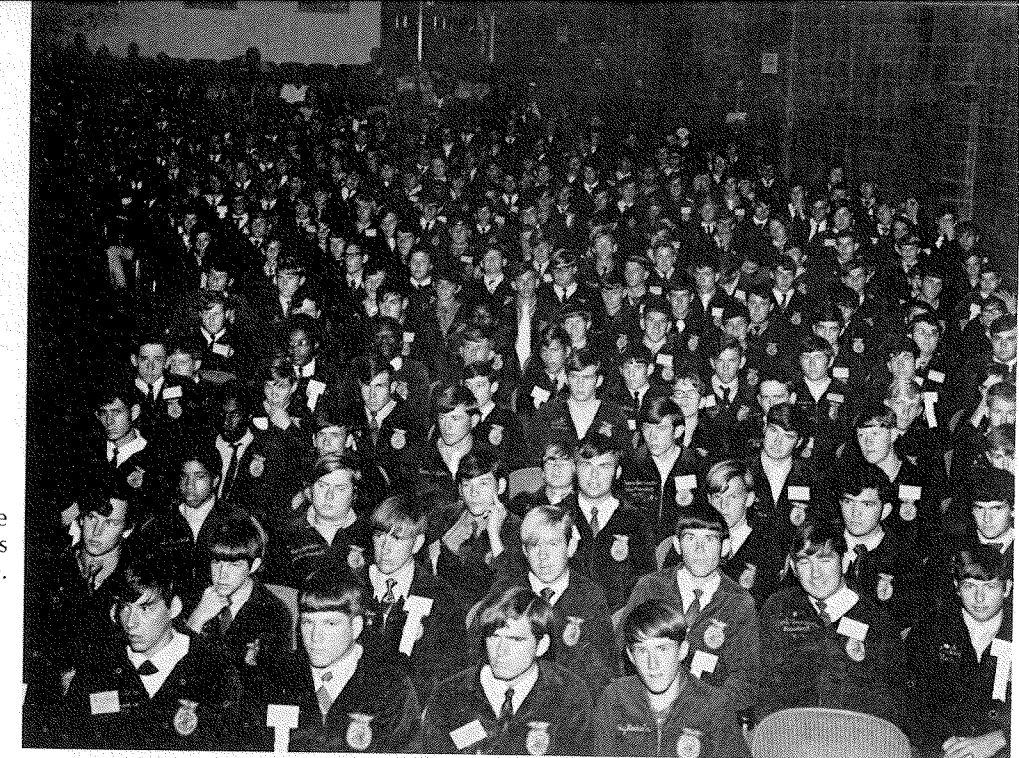
the FFA Foundation Award, and received a \$100.00 check from the National FFA Foundation. Hofmann Nurseries provided area awards of 1st place, \$25.00; 2nd place, \$15.00; and 3rd place, \$10.00 for the following award winners: Area I, Jimmy Palmer, Walton Senior Chapter and Danny Pitts, Walnut Hill Chapter; Area II, Robert Morris, Gainesville Chapter; John Hall, Englewood Chapter; and Stephen Cox, Englewood Chapter; Area III, Jim Hardin, Sanford-Seminole Chapter; John Young, Colonial Chapter; William Levine, Crystal River Chapter; Area IV, Burns Warfield, Tampa-Chamberlain; Allen Snell, Bartow Senior Chapter and Oscar Cain, Mulberry Chapter; Area V, Conrad Mellin, Miami-Central Chapter; Samuel Hill, Spady, and Scott Lamp, Goulds Chapter.

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: Alfie B. Speight, Paul Usina, and Ray L. Crawford. B. B. Archer, teacher educator, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, presented the H. E. Wood Scholarship to George Gregory Rutledge.

Judging Team Winners

State Judging teams were recognized for their accomplishments. Malone was recognized as winner of the state land judging contest. Zephyrhills Junior was the dairy judging winner. The Dade City Chapter won four state contests. They won titles in poultry, meats, livestock and citrus judging.

After announcements, the meeting



was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

State Farmer Ceremony

Wednesday morning a breakfast was held for 1971 State Farmers going to College and their advisors. This event was sponsored by the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, Gainesville. Wylie Hinton, Treasurer, University of Florida, Alpha Gamma Rho, was Toastmaster for the breakfast.

After the opening ceremony, President Hinton introduced Glenn Wilson, second vice president, to preside over the fourth session.

R. O. Hatcher, Assistant General Manager and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, North Florida Production Credit Association, Live Oak, presented the Agricultural Production, Agricultural Processing and Sales and/or Service Placement Awards.

A member of the South Sumter Chapter, Walter Graham, became the state winner of the agricultural Production Award. John Stephens, Carl Williams and Carey Lee are his advisors. Phil Redditt of the Colonial Chapter became the state winner of the Placement in Processing Award. His advisor is Fred Dietrich. Groover Hudson became the state winner of the Placement in Sales and/or Service Award. Groover is a member of the Santa Fe Chapter where his advisors are Bud Riviere, W. C. Geiger, Larry Reese and S. J. McCaslin.

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 Groveland Chapter, Lenn Jordan received a check for \$100.00 for the most outstanding work with his citrus production projects. Freddie Garner, his advisor, received a plaque.

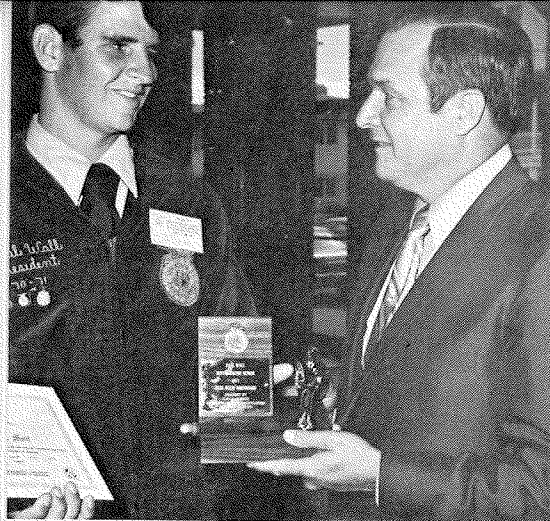
Receiving \$25.00 each as area winner in Citrus Production were: Eddie Young, Colonial Chapter, Area III; and Mac Sharpe of the Brandon Chapter, Area IV.

Richard Gaffney from the Indian River Chapter was presented a \$100.00 check from Florida Citrus Mutual for the best work in the Citrus Placement Program. His advisor, Kenneth Lee, received a plaque.

Area winners in Citrus Placement, receiving a \$25.00 check each were: Larry Braddy, Seminole Chapter, Area III; Charles Brooks, Lake Wales Chapter, Area IV; and Frank Dancy, Fort Pierce Chapter, Area V.

The State Farmer Degree was bestowed upon 237 Future Farmers. The Production Credit Associations in Florida presented a State Farmer Key to each member receiving the degree. R. O. Hatcher, North Florida Production Credit Association, presented the keys.

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Paul Wall, State Star Greenhand, is pictured with Doyle Conner.

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Leadership Awards

Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and former FFA Executive Secretary, 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: Hal Davis, Greensboro, Area I; Steve Jackson, Gainesville Chapter, Area II; Marvin Fussell, South Sumter Chapter, Area III; Jack Anderson, Lake Wales Chapter, Area IV; and Conrad Mellin, Miami-Central Chapter, Area V.

The 1971 Doyle Conner Scholarships of \$200 each were presented by Mr. Kelly. The recipient from Area I was Hugh Rowan of the Greensboro Chapter. His advisor is James Deas.

Richard Kelly presented the Star Greenhand award to Paul Wall. Other recipients were, from left: Luke Ward, Walter Graham, Walter Prevatt, Ronnie Barnes, and James Cromer.



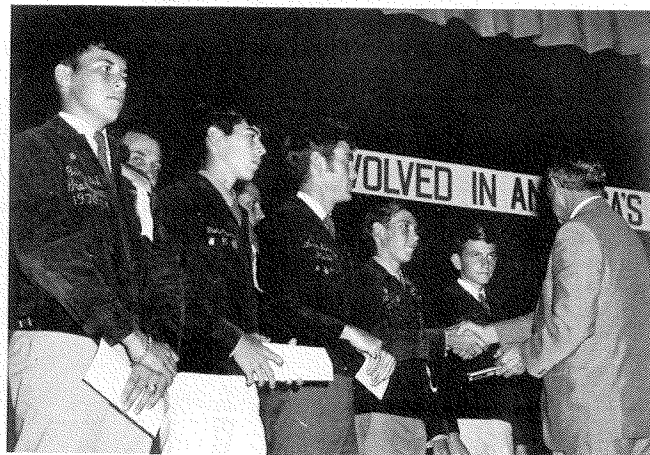
Johnny Hale, Area II winner, is from the Santa Fe Chapter. W. C. Geiger, Bud Riviere, Larry Reese, and S. J. McCaslin are his advisors. The Area III winner, from the Colonial Chapter, is Roy Dietrich. Roy's advisor is Fred Dietrich. From the Lake Wales Chapter, David Cash is the winner from Area IV. His advisors are James Thornhill and J. C. Lane. Edward Conrad, Area V winner, is from the Okeechobee Chapter and his advisors are Jim Knight and Thomas Durrett.

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 were 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 advisor will receive \$100.00 each to help them attend the National Convention in October. From Area I, Luke Ward of the Vernon Chapter; from the Bradford Chapter is Walter Prevatt, Area II winner; Walter Graham, Area III winner, is from the South Sumter Chapter; Area IV winner, from the Brandon Chapter, is Ronnie Barnes; and James Cromer, from the North Miami Chapter is the Area V winner.

The Star State Greenhand is Paul Wall from the South Sumter Chapter. His advisors are John Stephens, Carey Lee, and Carl Williams.

The state president and state secretary candidates, 1971-72, were given two minutes each to present their qualifications prior to the balloting for president and secretary.

T. J. Wetherell of Sears Roebuck and Company, presents chapter representatives with awards in Livestock Improvement in this photograph taken at the annual convention in Daytona Beach.



President Hinton called on Mr. George Busby, Area III Supervisor, Agricultural Education, who explained the method of voting. The delegates voted immediately after the meeting adjourned.

State Farmers of 1971 and their advisors were guests of Chase and Company of Sanford at a luncheon in the Voyager Beach Motel. Victor Butler, past National President, was guest speaker.

Honorary State Farmers

The fifth session of the Convention was called to order by President Hinton who introduced David Little, third vice president, to preside.

L. Warren Harrell, Area III Program Coordinator, conducted the parliamentary procedure contest.

The Santa Fe Senior Chapters 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, presented the awards as John B. Mattingly, Chairman of the Judges, announced the results. The second place winner was the South Sumter Senior Chapter team, receiving \$50.00. Receiving \$30.00 each as runners-up in the contest were: Moore Haven, Dade City and Jay.

Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded to the following people: Carl Alford, Meat Merchandiser, Certified Growers of Florida, Ocala; Robert L. Reddish, Associate Meats Specialist, University of Florida, IFAS, Gainesville; Clifton Lyon, Sr., farmer, Bonifay; Martin Mills, Director of Migrant Programs, Polk County, Bartow; Jack Cullison, A



Special recognition was given these men for dedicated service to the Future Farmers: from left, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Norman, T. P. Winer, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Waldron.

Bar B Ranch, Ocala; Ted M. Sandy, Assistant Manager, Federal Land Bank of Tampa, Brandon; R. O. Hatcher, Jr., Assistant General Manager, Production Credit Association, Live Oak; Charles Butterworth, General Manager, Chase Fertilizer Company, Sanford; Ray Yarbrough, Supervisor of Residential Sales, Gulf Power Company, Pensacola; and O. Z. Revell, retired teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Leon High School, Tallahassee.

Vice President David Little asked all American Farmers to introduce themselves and their guests. The 1971 American Farmer Degree candidates present were John Elliott Crews, Fort Meade; Tim Hatcher, Malone; Norman Freel, Lake Wales; Dennis Coulter, Lake Placid, Dale

Boyett, Groveland; Randy Gregory Eddy, Gainesville; Grady Eccelle Watson, Chiefland; Charles Allen Fowler, Santa Fe; and Alvin Price, Gainesville.

Outdoor Recreation

The initial presentation of the Outdoor Recreation Awards was made at the 43rd annual convention. This award was established to stimulate members to develop outdoor recreational opportunities such as vacation cabins, hunting, fishing, shooting preserves and others. Awards were presented by Mr. Dutch DeHaan, Agrico Chemical Company. The first place state award went to Charles McDowell, Colonial; 2nd Rudy Weatherington, Turkey

Creek; and 3rd, Kenneth Long, Walnut Hill.

Winner of the State Forest Management Award sponsored by the National FFA Foundation was Willie Brantley, of the Macclenny FFA Chapter. Dutch DeHaan, Agrico Chemical Company, presented the award. Mr. DeHaan also presented awards sponsored by Agrico Chemical Company to the second through fifth place winners in the contest. Winners were: Carl Redmon, Ponce de Leon, 2nd place, \$60; Harold Harris, Baldwin, 3rd place, \$40; Jim Carter, Groveland, 4th place, \$30; and Larry Beasley, Walnut Hill, 5th place, \$20.

The Livestock Improvement Awards were presented by T. J. Continued on Next Page

Richard Kelly of the Department of Agriculture, presented Doyle Conner Scholarships to, left to right, David Cash, Roy Dietrich, Johnny Hale and Hugh Rowan, during the Daytona convention.

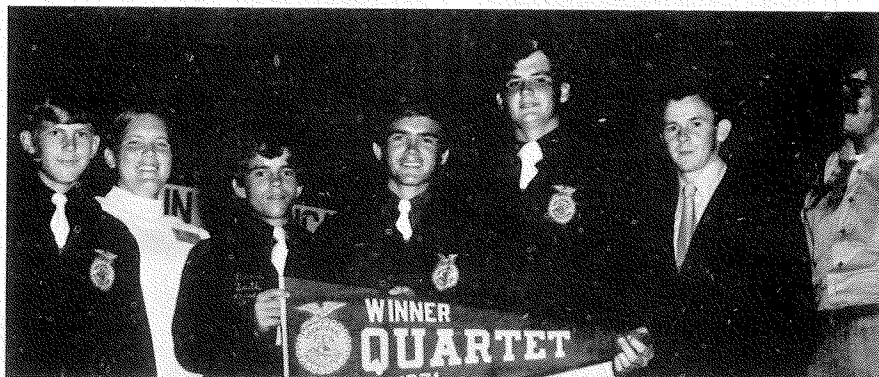


Sam Love is shown with the state winning Parliamentary Procedure team from South Sumter High School, as they were recognized for their accomplishment at Daytona Beach.





Music played a big part in the convention: above left, Harmonica winner Alvin Wade receiving check and banner; above right, Chuck McIntosh hamming it on the piano as emcee for Bandshell Program; below, top to bottom: 1970-71 state officers display talents (?); State Quartet from Turkey Creek; State String Band from South Sumter.



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Wetherell to the top chapters. The top two chapters, receiving \$300.00 each to use toward a registered heifer were: Okeechobee and East Bay Senior Chapter. Other winners were: Groveland Senior, \$60.00; Pahokee, \$50.00; and Clewiston, \$30.00.

A second ballot for president was held after the Closing Ceremony. Lenn Jordan was chosen State Secretary on the first ballot.

Over 1,000 Future Farmers, advisors, and guests met on the beach behind the Voyager Beach Motel at 5:30 p.m. for a fish fry sponsored by the Daytona Beach Jaycees.

Bandshell Entertainment

Emcee for the Annual Bandshell Program on Wednesday night was the former state FFA vice president, Charles McIntosh. He explained and conducted the musical contests. N. L. "Nat" Storms was producer for the event.

Alvin Wade of the Ponce de Leon Chapter was named State Champion Harmonica player and was awarded a pennant and \$15.00. The second place winner, Wendell Watson of the Santa Fe Chapter received \$8.00; Mitchell Marsh of the South Sumter Chapter, placing third, received \$7.00; Ricky Portal of the Hardee County Chapter, placed fourth and received \$6.00; and Alan Flowers of the Moore Haven Chapter received \$5.00 as fifth place winner.

Winning the State Quartet Contest was the Turkey Creek Chapter Quartet, composed of Rudy Weatherington, David Smith, Ricky Smith and Billy Joyce.

The Groveland Chapter Quartet placed second and received \$20; third was the Bradford Quartet, receiving \$15; and fourth was the Moore Haven Quartet, receiving \$10.00.

The South Sumter Chapter String Band was named winner of the State String Band Contest. Band members were: Forrest Rodger, Mitchell Marsh, Dennise Johnson, Bill Tomlinson, and James Adcock. The band was awarded a pennant and a \$25 check by the Florida Association, FFA.

The Brandon Chapter String Band placed 2nd and received \$20.00; the Santa Fe Chapter String Band placed 3rd, receiving \$15.00; and placing 4th was the Wewahitchka Chapter String Band, receiving \$10.00.

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



Ray Harbrough, Wade Wilfong, Bob Lewis and Don Adams are shown in this photo with the recipients of Agricultural Electrification awards.

Farm Electrification Winners

A breakfast for Chapter Farm and Home Electrification Winners and their advisors was held Thursday morning in the Voyager Beach 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 Ray Yarbrough, Gulf Power Company.

Presiding over the Thursday morning, sixth convention session, was Jim Harvey, fourth vice president, from Okeechobee.

Jim Doscher, St. Regis Paper Company, presented the Chapter Forestry Awards. The chapter winners were presented certificates from the St. Regis Paper Company. Cash awards were presented at the Agriculture Teachers Conference in August.

Vernon was judged State Winner and awarded \$250.00. Baldwin was named second place winner, \$150.00; Baker, 3rd place, \$100; Fort Meade, 4th place, \$75; place was Walnut Hill, \$50.

During this session, the nominating committee presented their recommendations for the vice presidents for 1971-72 and the floor was opened for nominations for each of the offices.

Jim Beard, National Vice President, from Beggs, Oklahoma, and honor guest at the convention, presented an enthusiastic address.

Don Adams, Florida Power and Light Company, presented the Soil, Water and Air Management Award for John Barnes, Program Coordina-

tor, West Florida Resource Conservation and Development Projects, Soil Conservation Service.

Gene Wynn of the Hamilton County Chapter, was named State Winner and received a \$100.00 check from the National FFA Foundation.

Area awards of \$25.00 each were presented to: Lester Wells, Jay Chapter, Area I; Earl Price, Gainesville Chapter, Area II; Walter

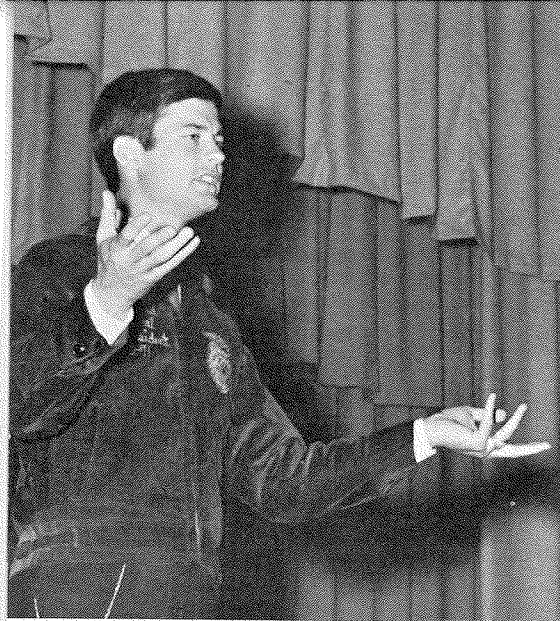
Graham, South Sumter Chapter, Area III; and James Albritton, Mulberry, Area IV.

The Seaboard Forestry Awards, sponsored by the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, were presented by Alan Fowler. The 1971 State winner is Willie Brantley of the Macclenny FFA Chapter. His advisor is Jack Williams. Willie

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Below top, Soil, Water and Air Management Award winners, from left, Lester Wells, Walter Graham, Earl Price, James Albritton, and Gene Wynn; bottom, Dutch DeHaan gives Forest Management Award to Willie Brantley.





Jim Beard, national vice president, addresses delegates.



Scrapbook Awards were presented to representatives of the winning chapters by G. C. Norman.

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received a check for \$325 and Mr. Williams was presented a check for \$125.00 to attend the National FFA Convention.

The second place winner receiving \$50 was David Wainwright, Bradford Chapter; Billy Williams, Macclenny Chapter, third place receiving \$30; and fourth place, receiving \$20, was Carl Redmon, Ponce de Leon Chapter.

The Chapter Scrapbook Awards were presented by G. C. Norman, Area II Supervisor, Agricultural Education. These awards are sponsored by the Florida Association.

tion, FFA. The Santa Fe Senior Chapter was named State Winner and was awarded \$50 and a pennant. Area awards of \$15 for first, and \$10 for second, in each Area, were presented to:

Area I — Greensboro and Vernon; Area II — North Marion Senior; Area III — Leesburg and Groveland; Area IV — Dade City and Brandon; and Area V — Moore Haven and Okeechobee.

President Hinton was presented with the annual FVA Award for his accomplishments during the past year. Ray Arrington, County Coordinator, Orange County, made the presentation.

Ray Yarbrough, Supervisor, Residential Sales, Gulf Power Company, presented the Foundation Award of \$100.00 to Jerry Tarrents, Groveland Chapter, as state winner in Agricultural Electrification. His advisor, Freddie Garner, received \$100.00 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 — Tony Smith, Godby, 1st; Robert Barley, Walton Senior, 2nd; Billy Truett, Walton Senior, 3rd; and Larry Land, Lafayette, 4th.



Ray Arrington presented the FVA award to President Bob Hinton.

Area II — Gary Hillhouse, Hamilton County Senior, 1st; Stephen Tillman, Gainesville, 2nd; Tom Benefield, Santa Fe Senior, 3rd; and Ernest Williams, Palatka, 4th.

Area III — Ricky Shirley, South Sumter, 1st; Leslie Green, South Sumter Senior, 2nd; Jeff Cepuran, Sanford-Seminole, 3rd; and Mark Graber, Colonial, 4th.

Area IV — James Albritton, Mulberry, 1st; Colon Tyson, Bartow, 2nd; Daniel Sheppard, Brandon, 3rd; and Jerry Stokes, Turkey Creek, 4th.

Area V — Earl Gibson, Moore Haven, 1st; and Daniel Yates, Okeechobee-Brahman, 2nd.

Chapter Cooperative Winners

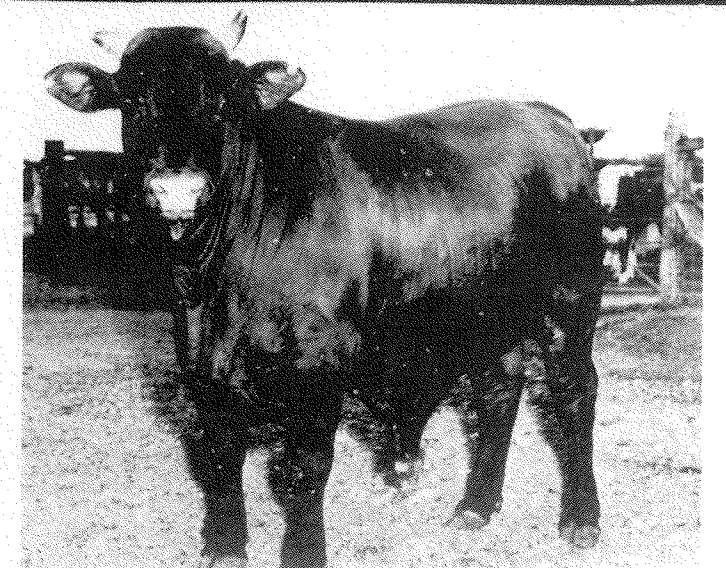
The seventh session on Thursday afternoon was presided over by fifth vice president, Terry Joe Taylor from Graceville.

Chapter Cooperative Awards were presented by Jack Nelson, president, Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Sam Weeks, Goldkist, Inc., and Dr. E. W. Cake, Economist, University of Florida.

A check for \$700 was presented to the South Sumter Senior FFA Chapter at Bushnell. The money is to be used by chapter advisors John Stephens, Carey Lee, and Carl Williams, to help defray their expenses while attending the American Institute of Cooperation in Fort Collins, Colorado, August 1-4, 1971.

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

Area I — Walnut Hill, first place;
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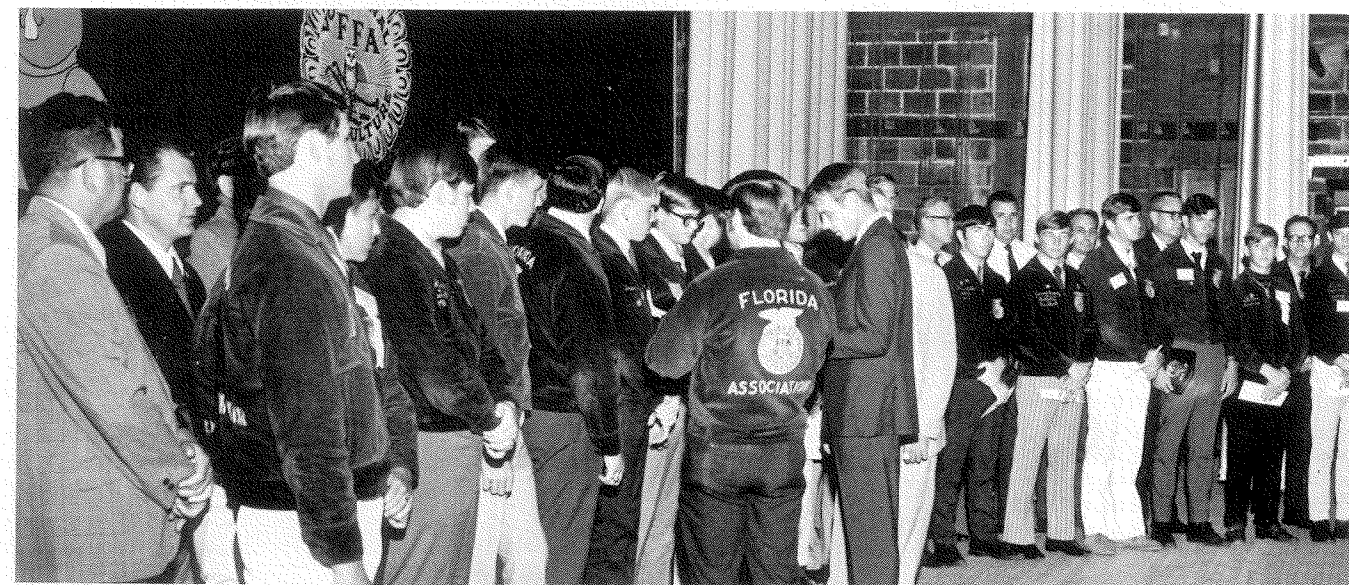
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John Hornbuckle presents Public Speaking Award to Joel Thornton. Other winners, left to right, Tom Umiker, Norman Flowers, Nick Sims, Steve Jackson.

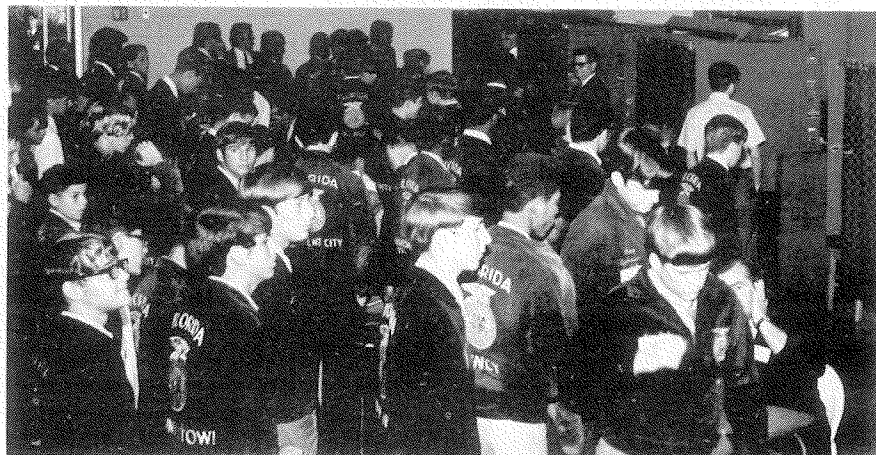
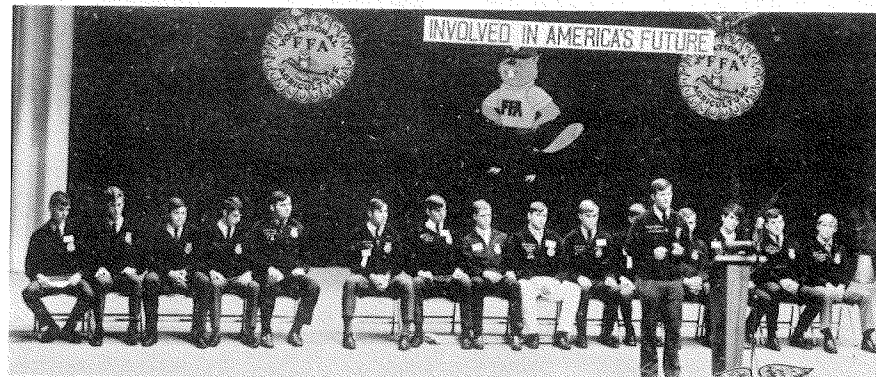
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Ponce de Leon, second place; Poplar Springs, third place; and Bethlehem, fourth place.

Area II — Hamilton County, first place; Santa Fe Senior, second place; Gainesville, third place; and Bradford Senior, fourth place.

Area III — South Sumter Senior, first place; Groveland, second place; Crystal River, third place; and DeLand Senior, fourth place.

The election saw state officer candidates campaigning, top, and then a large turnout for voting.



Area IV — Bartow Senior, first place; Zephyrhills Senior, second place; Bradenton (Manatee), third place; and Mulberry, fourth place.

Area V — Indian River (Vero Beach), first place; Clewiston, second place; Miami-Central, third place; and Okeechobee, fourth place.

Jim Beard, National Vice President, 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.

District Meetings were held during the session. Each District met and elected officers for the coming year.

Fifth vice president Terry Joe Taylor presented an attractive plaque to Jack Anderson of the Lake Wales Chapter as the Outstanding District Officer for 1970-71. Jack served as President of District VIII.

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

A dinner was held Thursday evening for members and advisors of the winning chapters in the Chapter Cooperative Contest. The event was sponsored by the Federal Land Bank Associations in Florida. Homer Thompson, Federal Land Bank Association of Tampa, was the speaker.

Public Speaking, Home Improvement

The Thursday evening, eighth session, was presided over by State Secretary Mike Johnson from the South Sumter Senior Chapter.

The State Final Public Speaking Contest added to the enjoyment of the evening session. Joel Thornton of the Bristol Chapter received a check for \$100.00 and a pennant. Joel will represent Florida in the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest in August.

Steve Jackson of the Gainesville Chapter placed second in the contest and received \$25.

John Hornbuckle, Lykes Pasco Packing Company of Dade City, presented the Public Speaking Awards. Dr. Dan Spinks, University of Florida, acted as chairman of the Judges for the contest.

Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services addressed the convention delegates and guests.

President Bob Hinton represented Don Call and Mid-States Steel and Wire Company in presenting the Continued on Next Page



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Tuesday, February 1, 1972

8:30 a.m. FFA Beef Cattle Judging
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1:00 p.m. Florida Youth Steer and
Carcass Show
4:00 p.m. Ranch Ready Beef Judging
7:30 p.m. Youth Steer Show Award
Banquet

Saturday, February 5, 1972

9:00 a.m. FFA Beef, Dairy and Swine
Team Judging
4:00 p.m. Rabbit Team Judging

Sunday, February 6, 1972

6:45 p.m. & 8:45 p.m. WYOU Salute
to Country Music Show —
Grandstand

Wednesday, February 2, 1972

9:00 a.m. Angus Beef Cattle Judging
10:00 a.m. Poultry Judging—Youth
7:00 p.m. Florida Youth Steer and
Carcass Sale

Tuesday, February 8, 1972

9:00 a.m. FFA Dairy Show Judging

Wednesday, February 9, 1972

9:00 a.m. Ayrshire Dairy Cattle Show
Judging—Jersey Dairy Cattle
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Pony of the Americas Show

Thursday, February 3, 1972

9:00 a.m. Appaloosa Horse Show
Brahman Beef Cattle
Judging
1:00 p.m. Charolais Beef Cattle
Judging
2:00 p.m. Rabbit Judging—Youth

Thursday, February 10, 1972

9:00 a.m. Brown Swiss Dairy Cattle
Judging
Quarter Horse Show—Adult
Halter, Performance and
Championship Classes.

Friday, February 4, 1972

9:00 a.m. 4-H Beef and Swine Team
Judging — Arabian Horse
Show - Halter, Performance
and Championship
6:00 p.m. FFA Poultry Team Judging
7:00 p.m. Parade of Beef Champions

Friday, February 11, 1972

9:00 a.m. Quarter Horse Show—Youth
6:00 p.m. Release of Quarter Horses
—Youth. Release of Pony
of the Americas
7:00 p.m. Parade of Dairy Champions

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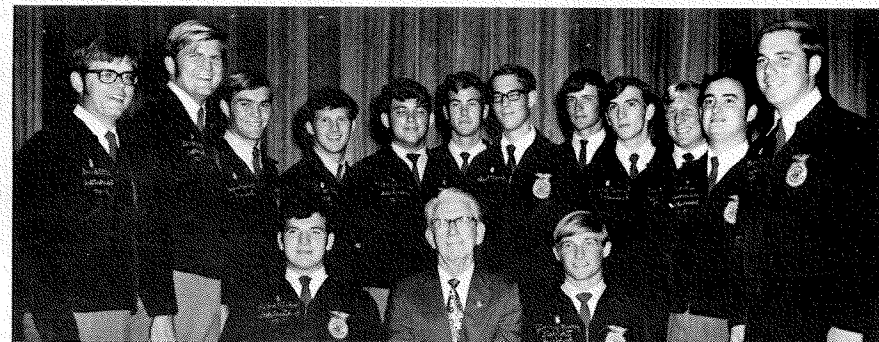
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Old and new state officers, from left: David Little, Glenn Wilson, Eugene Yancey, Terry Joe Taylor, Mike Johnson, Lenn Jordan, Robert Morris, Lester Wells, Jerry Tarrents, Jim Harvey, James Richardson, and Conrad Mellin. Seated are Bob Hinton, T. L. Barrineau, and Jimmy Alvarez.

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

Marvin Fussell of the South Sumter Chapter was presented a check for \$100 from the National FFA Foundation as State Winner.

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

Area I — Tony Smith, Godby, first place; Jesse Dorsey, Lafayette, second place; and James Gentry, Walnut Hill, third place.

Area II — Freddie Hewitt, Gainesville, first; Thomas Whitley, Englewood, second; and Joseph Bryant, Santa Fe, third.

Area III — Ricky Shirley, South Sumter, first; Leslie Green, South Sumter, second; and Lane Purcell, South Sumter, third.

Area IV — David Still, Bartow, first; James Albritton, Mulberry, second; and Daniel Sheppard, Brandon, third.

Area V — Angela Waldron, Okeechobee, first; and Nathaniel Rolle, Delray Beach-Spady, second.

Four former state officers were honored at the 1971 State Convention. They became elite members of those past state officers who received a certificate of service and a heartfelt thanks for their dedication as a state officer. Those honored were John Folks, Manager of Rural Development, Florida Power Corporation; Eli Read, Superintendent of Schools, Gilchrist County; Griffin Bishop, Superintendent of Schools, Madison County; and Wiley Garrett, USDA, Soil Conservation Service, Blountstown. These gentlemen served the State Association between 1937-1939.

They will later become members of the Golden Gavel Club.

New Officers Installed

The final session of the 43rd Annual Convention Friday morning was presided over by President Bob Hinton.

The State Officers presented a challenging message 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.

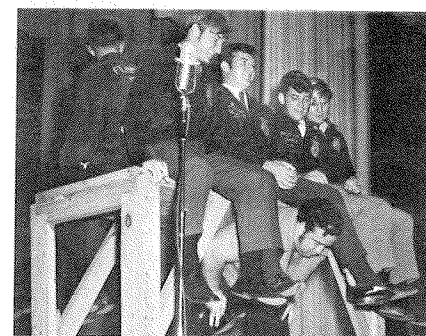
Lester Wells, Jay, was named 1971 Star State Farmer. Lester is a member of the Jay Chapter where his advisor is Alton A. Harrison. Jim Beard presented a check for \$200.00 and a certificate to Lester from the National FFA Foundation. Jim Beard, National FFA Vice President, representing WTVT, Tampa, presented Lester with a beautiful Star State Farmer Trophy sponsored by WTVT, Channel 13 Television, of Tampa.

Area Star Farmers were: Area II, Stephen Hendricks, Lake Butler; Area III, Roy Dietrich, Colonial; Area IV, Cary Lightsey, Brandon; and Area V, Conrad Mellin, Miami-Central. Each of the Area Farmers was awarded \$75 by R. O. Hatcher, North Florida Production Credit Association, and an Area Star Farmer pin by T. L. Barrineau, State Advisor.

Mr. Barrineau also presented District Star Farmer pins to the District Star Farmers. R. O. Hatcher presented \$25 checks to the winners. They were as follows: Mike Shaw, District II, Mayo; Ricky Keene, District III, Santa Fe Senior; Kenny Woodward, District V, South Sumter; and Connally Barnett, District VIII, Fort Meade.

President Bob Hinton gave his report as retiring president.

Parents of the 1970-71 State Officers were presented Certificates



Paul Anderson lifted old and new officers seated on the table during his demonstration Friday morning.

of Merit and Honorary State Farmer Degrees. Those honored were: Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hinton; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman G. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Little; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Harvey. 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 Jimmy Alvarez presented outgoing president Bob Hinton a gavel on which the names of his fellow officers for 1970-71 were engraved.

T. L. Barrineau, State Advisor, presented each of the outgoing officers a past state officer's pin.

President Bob Hinton presented gifts from the State Officers to T. L. Barrineau, Joe Kirkland, Carol Wilkes, and Nell Buser 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 Jimmy Alvarez then gave brief remarks and introduced the guest speaker, Paul Anderson. Paul Anderson, the undisputed "World's Strongest Man", addressed the convention on Friday morning. Anderson exhibited his skills as a weightlifter and addressed the convention on man's relationship to God. All enjoyed his address.

The 43rd Annual Convention of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, was adjourned by President Jimmy Alvarez.

A luncheon was held at the Voyager Beach Motel for Incoming and Outgoing Officers and State FFA Award Winner following the adjournment of the 43rd Annual Convention. The event was sponsored by Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation.

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Lester Wells, Star State Farmer, is shown above with his parents, his chapter advisor and John Temple, director of adult, vocational and technical education in Santa Rosa County.

Star Farmer Has Wide Agricultural Experience

Lester Wells, 17, of the Jay Chapter, was named Star State Farmer by the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, June 17, during the 43rd annual State Convention.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wells of Route 2, Jay, Lester was recently graduated from Jay High School where his advisor was Alton A. Harrison.

Lester's receiving the outstanding award was based on the merit of his supervised occupational experience program, including livestock, peanuts, cotton, pasture, corn, soybeans, deer, buffalo, and catfish farming, and his achievements in leadership activities.

Lester enrolled in vocational agriculture and FFA in the ninth grade. The Wells' farm is very diversified and has become more so since Lester enrolled in vocational agriculture. He began his projects with five acres of peanuts, nine pecan trees and one steer.

In his second year Lester greatly expanded his program. The program consisted of fifteen acres of peanuts,

ten pecan trees, twelve acres of pasture, ten acres of cotton, five head of steers, two head of buffalo, two head of swine and forty-five head of deer.

In his third year his labor income was \$15,250.25, which is quite an accomplishment for a young man in the eleventh grade.

Lester is currently working with his father and brother in fencing a square mile area, with a nine-foot high fence, to be used as a shooting preserve.

Catfish has become a popular productive farming enterprise in the past few years. Lester currently has 10,000 catfish in four separate ponds.

Lester has served as treasurer and president of the Jay Chapter. He has been active in activities such as forestry, livestock and dairy judging, parliamentary procedure team and public speaking. He has attended the state convention for the past two years. Lester has had many experiences in vocational agriculture which provided additional experience, skill and efficiency in agri-

cultural activities. Some of these included: constructing farm buildings, building fences, repairing farm equipment, planning and constructing fish ponds, planting game cover, etc.

Upon receiving the award, Lester said, "I plan to be a farmer like my father and brother before me. I have always loved farm life and see a bright future for agriculture. My aim is to follow the footsteps of my brother, who was FFA State Reporter in 1964 and received the highest degree given to a member in the National FFA Organization, the American Farmer Degree."

Lester was also named Fourth Vice President of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America for 1971-72. He is definitely following his brother's footsteps.

The State Star 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.

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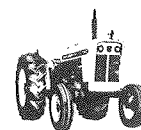
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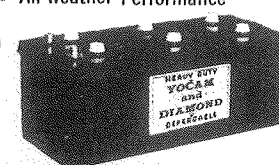


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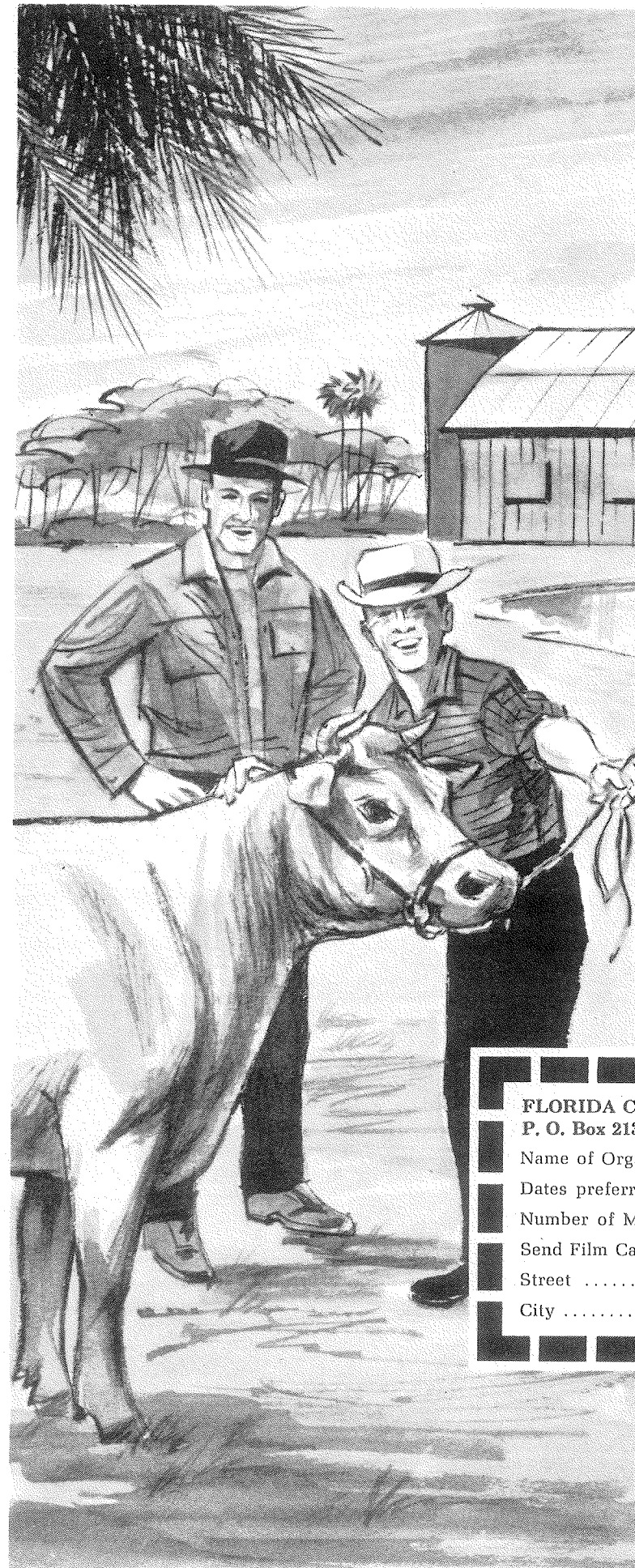
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