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**44th Convention Report—1972**



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### The Cover

Installation of the new officers of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America was a meaningful and impressive ceremony conducted before all convention delegates.

## 12 American Farmer Degrees Go to Floridians

Twelve 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 11-13.

Floridians are: David Brookins, Malone; Milton Bryan, Bartow; Richard Bryan, Santa Fe Chapter; Tommy De Vine, Tate; Roy Dietrich, Orlando-Colonial Chapter; Jim Harvey, Okeechobee Brahman Chapter; David Hazellief, Okeechobee Brahman Chapter; Earl Hingson, Jr., Pahokee Chapter; Robert Hinton, Turkey Creek Chapter;

Robert Morris, Gainesville Chapter; James Richardson, Santa Fe Chapter; Roger Wright, Fort Meade 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 12 FFA members were among 471 FFA members throughout the nation recommended for the American Farmer Degree. The degree is presented to approximately one FFA member in a thousand in any given year.

Each degree recipient will be

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 9-13, National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Mo.

October 13, State Forestry Field Day, Perry, Florida.

December 3-7, N J H A Convention, Columbus, Ohio.

February 9, State Poultry Judging Contest, Tampa, Florida.

February 10, FFA Day at Florida State Fair, Tampa, Florida.

February 26-March 1, National FFA Week.

March 30, State Land Judging.

April 13-14, Sub-District Contests.

April 27-28, District Contests.

May 11-12, Area Contests.

June 11-15, (Tentative), 1973 State FFA Convention.

These FFA members visited Washington: Top, Rudy Wetherington, shown during State President's Conference with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and Wallace E. Wilson of General Motors. At Washington Conference, David Still and Bill Hosmer, center, met with National Vice President Phil Johnson. Below, Howard Johnson and David Craig of Sarasota meet Clifford Saylor, also a National Vice President.



presented a certificate and gold key from the FFA organization, plus a cash travel allowance to the National Convention from the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

FFA members are eligible for the American Farmer Degree after having earned 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.

### STATE OFFICERS

President ..... Rudy Wetherington, Turkey Creek  
Secretary ..... Lisa Tomkow, Dade City  
1st V. President ..... Tom Umiker, Turkey Creek  
2nd V. President ..... Norman Flowers, Moore Haven  
3rd V. President ..... David Smallwood, Tate  
4th V. President ..... Freddie Hewett, Gainesville  
5th V. President ..... Tony Coppage, Groveland  
Executive Sec'y ..... Joe R. Kirkland, Tallahassee  
State Advisor ..... T. L. Barrineau, Tallahassee

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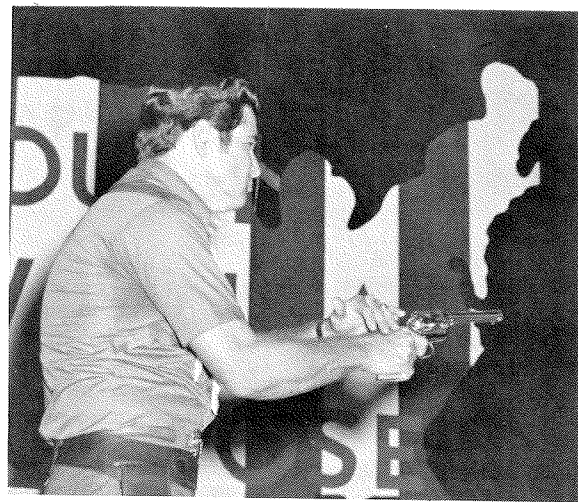
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THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, FFA, Sponsored by State Department of Education, Floyd Christian, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Carl W. Proehl, Director of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education, Tallahassee, Florida.



Harvey Carter entertained with fast draw, sharp shooting. He uses his talents to spread the Words of Christ.



## Future Farmers Meet

Future Farmers, chapter advisors, and guests, numbering more than 1,200 attended the 44th annual State Convention and Leadership Conference in Daytona Beach, June 12-16, 1972. Many interested citizens from Daytona Beach and the surrounding area attended the convention sessions.

Among the many prominent guests attending were Sammy Peebles, National FFA Vice President, Brewton, Alabama, and Noel Thomas, President, Tennessee Association.

Events of special interest were the election of new officers, meals sponsored by Florida firms, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, vegetable judging, demonstration contests, and presentation of awards, scholarships and honorary degrees. New officers elected were: Rudy Wetherington, President, Turkey Creek; Lisa Tomkow, Secretary, Dade City; Tom Umiker, First Vice-President, Turkey Creek; Norman Flowers, Second Vice-President, Moore Haven; David Smallwood, Third Vice-President, Tate; Fredde Hewett, Fourth Vice-President, Gainesville; and Tony Coppage, Fifth Vice-President, Groveland.

### Officer Candidates Interviewed

The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Daytona Beach was host to the State Officers and staff members for a luncheon at the Daytona Plaza. William Counts, from the Chamber of Commerce, expressed appreciation for the consideration of the Future Farmers in selecting Daytona Beach as a convention site for 22 years. Officer candidates enjoyed a fine luncheon sponsored by the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and



1972-73 State Officers are, from left to right: Seated: State Adviser T. L. Barrineau; President Rudy Wetherington, Turkey Creek; Executive Secretary J. R. Kirkland; Standing: 5th Vice President Tony Coppage, Groveland; 4th Vice President Fredde Hewett, Gainesville; 1st Vice President Tom Umiker, Turkey Creek; 2nd Vice President Norman Flowers, Moore Haven; Secretary Lisa Tomkow, Dade City; 3rd Vice President David Smallwood, Tate.

Production Credit Associations of Florida.

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, F. D. McCormick and FFA Advisory Board members; demonstration contest finals; and judging grading, and identification contest, R. L. Gavin in charge with the contest set up by James Stephens, Assistant Vegetable Crops Specialist, University of Florida.

### Delegates-Advisors Lunch

A breakfast was enjoyed by the members of the courtesy corps on Tuesday morning. The courtesy corps helps in all convention proceedings and are a valuable asset to the success of any convention. The breakfast was sponsored by the Production Credit Associations and Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida.

A breakfast for area tractor driving winners and their advisors was sponsored by Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida. Activities of the morning in-

cluded 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.

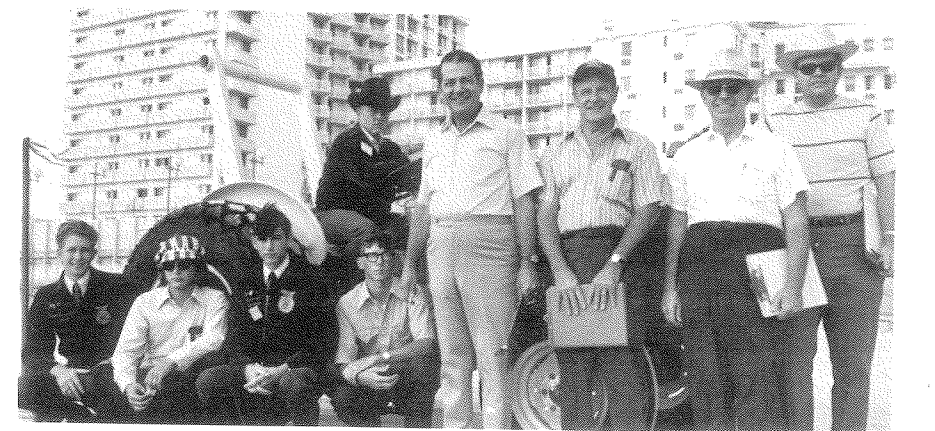
Dr. Carl W. Proehl, Director of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education, delivered a challenging address during the Delegates and Advisors Luncheon sponsored by Production Credit Associations of Flori-

da and Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida, and held at the Daytona Plaza. President Jimmy Alvarez, Master of Ceremonies, expressed appreciation to the sponsors for their continued support of the FFA.

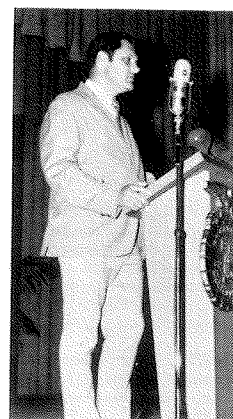
### Vespers Program

The state officers presented a very challenging and inspirational vespers

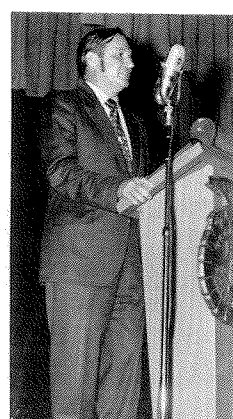
Tractor driving participants and judges take time out to have their picture taken on the beach.



The Young Owls Club sponsored the annual fish fry, one of the Highlights of the 44th Annual Convention.



Ron Miller, National Future Farmer, was guest.



Commissioner Doyle Conner spoke.

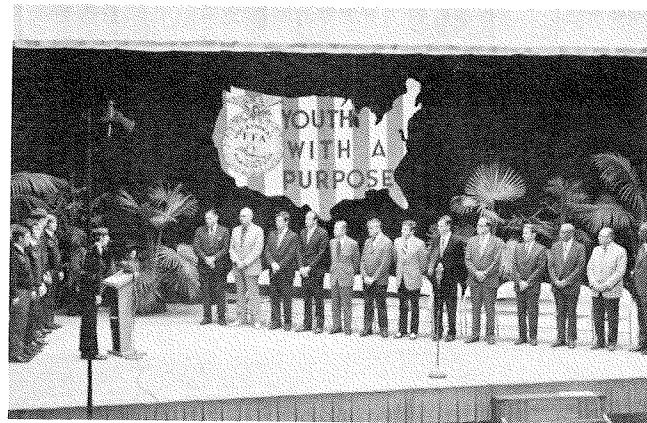


Thornton Hartley, Florida Times-Union Gainesville Bureau, received award.





State Officers presented a most meaningful and impressive Vespers Service early in the state convention.



13 gentlemen received the 1972 Honorary State Farmer Degree from the Florida Association during the State Convention.

## Convention

program to begin the week long activities.

T. L. Barrineau, State Advisor, presented charters to new FFA chapters. They were: Webb Junior, Boynton Beach, New Port Richey Junior, Monroe Junior, Vanguard Junior, Ocoee Junior, Fort Pierce Junior, Chiefland Junior, Walker Junior, Deerfield Beach, Boca Pine and North Tech.

Each State vice president reported on the seating of the delegates in his area and the delegation was seated. Mayor Richard Kane welcomed the delegates, members, advisors and guests to Daytona Beach. Jimmy Alvarez gave the State President's message.

A motion was approved to adopt the minutes of the 43rd annual State Convention as printed in the 1971 Summer Issue of the Florida Future Farmer.

Marvin Fussell, age 17, of Webster, Florida was named the 1972 State Winner in Crop Production. Marvin received a \$100 cash award from Mr. Travis Cork, Area Manager for Dixie Lime and Stone Company, Clermont, Florida.

In addition to the State Winner, Dixie Lime and Stone Company presented cash awards of \$25 to each of the area winners. Area I — Luke Ward of the Vernon Chapter, Dozier Hendry, Advisor; Area II — Billy Williams of the Baker County Chapter, Mr. Jack Williams, Advisor; Area III — Greg Wilbanks, of the Groveland Chapter, Freddie Garner, Advisor; Area IV — Bing Blackburn of the Hardee Chapter, Bill Lovett, Advisor; Area V — Gary Avery of the Spady Chapter, I. Mitchel, Advisor.

Second place area awards of \$5

each were also presented by Dixie Lime and Stone Company to: Area I — John Hart, Lafayette Chapter, J. M. Everett, Advisor, Area II — Dale Clemons, Bradford Sr., Chapter, Paul Hutchins, David Smith and Harvey Smith, Advisors; Area III — Delbert Redditt, Orlando-Colonial Chapter, Fred Dietrich, Advisor, Area IV — Berton Twiss of the Fort Meade Chapter, T. A. Cochran, Advisor.

### Community Action Awards

Selected to receive the top Gold Award for Florida was the Santa Fe Senior FFA Chapter of Alachua and High Springs, Florida.

This chapter, along with other Florida FFA chapters encouraged better understandings of local, state and national economic, social and environmental problems. Teaching guides for these chapters to accomplish this task were provided by the Farmers Home Administration.

Presenting awards to all of the Florida award winners was Mr. Claude L. Green, Jr., State Director for the Farmers Home Administration of Florida. Each of the following chapters received Area BOAC Award Plaques.

Bartow Senior, Bradford Senior, Carrabelle, Crescent City, Fort Meade, Gainesville, Groveland, Hamilton County Senior, Interlachen, Santa Fe Senior, South Sumter Senior, Okeechobee Junior, Vernon, Zephyrhills Senior, and Bradford Junior.

In addition to Santa Fe Senior being selected as Florida's top BOAC winner, the South Sumter Senior Chapter was also awarded a Gold Emblem and both of these chapters will represent Florida in the Na-

tional BOAC Awards Program.

Selected to receive the State Silver Emblem BOAC Awards were the chapters at Gainesville, Vernon and Bradford Senior of Starke. Receiving the State Bronze Emblem Awards were Fort Meade, Interlachen and Zephyrhills. Florida's top chapter in the "Building our American Communities" program, will also receive the Governor's Citation.

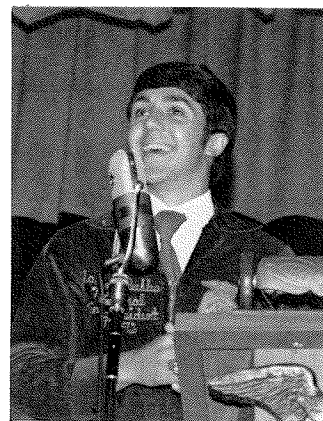
Santa Fe Senior Chapter took advantage of its strong Horticulture Program by utilizing numerous shrubs and plants for many school and community beautification projects. The Community plan called for and received the cooperation of local Civic Clubs and other interested groups. The total interest and involvement of the Santa Fe Chapter in community improvement resulted in their being selected as Florida's 1972 winner from among many fine community projects.

Mike Revels, of the South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter was selected the 1972 State Winner in the area of Fish and Wildlife Management.

Planting of wildlife cover and feed crops, constructing waterways, timber thinning and control of farm pond stocking are among many of his activities.

In recognition for these accomplishments, Mike received a \$100 cash award from the National Future Farmer Foundation, Inc. This award was presented by Mr. Jim Floyd of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Other winners from various areas of Florida who received awards from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission were: Area I, Willis Keen of the Lafayette FFA Chapter at Mayo, Florida, J. M. Everett Advisor; Area II, Wesley Lewis of the



Sammy Peebles, National Vice President, Southern Region, from Brewton, Alabama, displays his skills. Sammy is an outstanding speaker.



Four 1939-44 State Officers were honored: left to right they are: Bennie Driggers, Grant Godwin, Don Adams and C. M. Lawrence.

Santa Fe Sr. FFA Chapter, Larry Reese Advisor, Area III Leslie Green of the South Sumter FFA Chapter, John Stephens, Advisor; Area IV, Jeffri Durrance, of the Hardee FFA Chapter, Bill Lovett, Advisor.

### Honorary State Farmers

Lenn Jordan, state secretary, read the names of those recommended by the State Executive Committee to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree. The list was approved.

The State FFA Feeder-Steer and Beef Breeding Awards, sponsored by the Florida Cattleman's Association, were presented by Wayne Stephens, Executive Secretary, Florida Cattleman's Association.

Phil Redditt, Orlando-Colonial received a \$100 check for the most outstanding job with his Feeder-Steer projects. This cash award will assist with expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, next October. His advisers

are: Fred Dietrich and Bill Sasser.

The other five winners who received \$15 each to assist with State FFA Convention expenses were: Earl Lomas, Orlando-Colonial; William Hancock, Fort Meade; Kirby Joyner, Okeechobee; Vicki Griffin, Zephyrhills and Greg Wilbanks, Groveland.

David Allen of the Pinecrest Chapter received \$100 toward the purchase of a purebred animal to add to his herd. He did an outstanding job with his Beef Breeding projects. His adviser is Earl Glymph.

Five other area winners received \$15 each to assist with their expenses at the State FFA Convention. They were: Bill Freeman, Okeechobee; David Downing, Hardee County; Phillip Kaharske, Groveland; Carl Story, Orlando-Colonial and Greg Gordon, Fort Meade.

Phil's project includes four Hereford and Angus cross steers as a part of his supervised occupational experience program. He has been active in the Colonial FFA Chapter, serving

as Vice President and Treasurer and has attended local and State leadership schools. His animals have been exhibited in the Florida State Fair and Central Florida Fair and have placed well in class competition.

David has been active in the Pinecrest FFA Chapter for the past four years. His project program has centered around beef breeding and consists of four bulls and six heifers. He has exhibited animals annually at the Florida State Fair and Hillsborough Junior Agriculture Fair. His Charolais bull was grand champion at both shows. Other animals exhibited have received numerous ribbons and trophies. He is active in the Junior Charolais Association and the American Angus Association. His adviser is Earl Glymph.

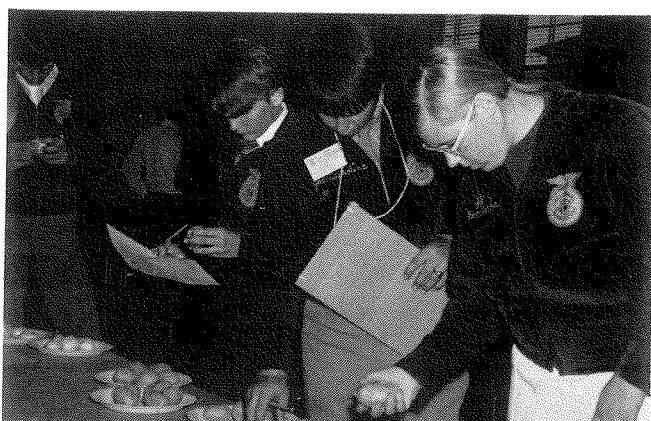
Will Dietrich of the Colonial Chapter was presented the livestock production award of \$100.00 sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

Mr. T. L. Barrineau, State advisor

T. L. Barrineau, State Advisor, presents the Livestock Production award to Will Dietrich, Colonial. Others from Okeechobee, Auburndale, South Sumter, Hamilton County, and Lafayette also won.



The Vegetable Judging, Grading and Identification Contest was a major activity on Monday before the convention began.





## Convention

presented \$30 checks to the five area winners on behalf of the Florida Association: Robert Lawson, Lafayette Chapter, Area I; Cleveland Selph, Hamilton County Chapter, Area II; Paul Wall, South Sumter, Area III; Tim Best, Auburndale Chapter, Area IV; and Jaunett Waldron, Okeechobee Chapter, Area V.

### State Officer Nominations

During the Tuesday afternoon session, which was presided over by Lenn Jordan, State secretary, the state winning demonstration was presented by Paul Hutchins, Jr. of the Bradford Chapter.

The 16th Annual Judging, Grading and identification contest awards sponsored by the Florida Power and Light Company, Tampa Electric Company, Florida Power Corporation, and Gulf Power Company, were presented. The state winning team was Palatka, Sr. and team members were Steve Marrs, John Knight, Vance Singleton and John Turner. Robert Lewis, Land Conservation Engineer, Tampa Electric Company, presented the awards.

Second place honors went to the Santa Fe Sr. Team, coached by M. C. Riviere, W. C. Geiger & Larry Reese.

The day long contest included identification of seeds, Irish potato defects, insects, nutrient deficiencies, vegetables diseases, weeds, potato grades, varieties and kinds of vegetables, fruits and horticulture plants, and judging of fresh raw vegetables for quality and condition.

Third place in the state contest went to the Dade City Senior Chapter team, coached by Floyd Philmon, John Roberts, Larry McCranney, Richard Lane, Richard Roe.

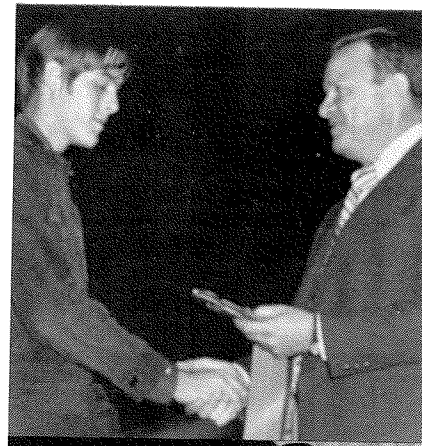
The seven other high teams receiving ribbons were:

4th, New Port Richey; 5th, Dade City Junior; 6th, Tomlin Junior; 7th, Santa Fe Junior; 8th, Bartow Senior; 9th, Westwood Junior; and 10th, South Sumter Senior.

The Palatka Chapter will represent Florida at the National Junior Horticulture Convention in December 1972, in Columbus, Ohio. Florida's investor owned power companies will pay their expenses.

Winning the 16th annual State Demonstration Contest was the Bradford Chapter. The demonstration was given by Paul Hutchins, Jr. His advisors are Paul Hutchins, Harvey Smith and David Smith.

Florida's Investor Owned Power



Winning demonstration was shown above by Paul Hutchins, who got award from Don Adams.

Companies will sponsor a trip to the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in December for Paul. Other winners in the contest were as follows: Production: David Edfield, Leon Chapter; Use: James Crosby, Ocoee Chapter; and Artistic Arrangement: Becky Hutchins, Bradford Junior Chapter.

Lenn Jordan, State Secretary, announced the Nominating Committee's selection for State President — Tom Benefield, Santa Fe Chapter. The Nominating Committee's choice for State Secretary was Tom Umiker.

The Standard Oil Company of Jacksonville, Florida and the Future Farmers of America sponsor Florida's Safety Program to stimulate activities by local chapters to initiate programs at their local levels to promote safety. These programs result in the wide spread use of safety rules, thus lessening the tremendous loss of property, time and even lives as they relate to the Agriculture Industry of Florida. Many significant accomplishments are a direct result of these local Future Farmer Safety Programs. Mr. C. S. Talbot, Public Relations, made the presentations.

The South Sumter Senior Chapter, Future Farmers of America, Bushnell, Florida was named the top Florida chapter in safety for 1972. This chapter received a \$100 cash award from Standard Oil Company of Jacksonville, Florida. As a result of their outstanding accomplishments, their advisers, Mr. John Stephens, Mr. Carey Lee, and Mr. Carl Williams have been selected by Florida to prepare their report for National Judging and possible National Recognition in Oct. at Kansas City, Missouri.

National Safety Programs will be recognized during the Future Farmers of America National Convention, at this annual event. Other awards of \$50, \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10 were presented to the Chapters at Santa Fe, Zephyrhills, Hamilton County, Fort Meade and Baker, respectively.

Neil Buzzard, a member of the Santa Fe Senior Chapter FFA, was named Florida's 1972 Star State Dairy Farmer. Neil received \$100 from the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and Production Credit Associations of Florida by Sammy Peebles, National Vice President.

Neil, in addition to his own four personal dairy cows, has assumed much of the responsibility associated with the operation and management of the family's dairy farm. Feeding, pasture rotation, artificial breeding, calf raising, replacement selection, sanitation, as well as the full time job of milking, are among many of Neil's abilities.

The Top Area Winner was Tim Best of the Auburndale Chapter, who received \$50 from the Federal Land Bank Association of Florida and the Production Credit Association of Florida.

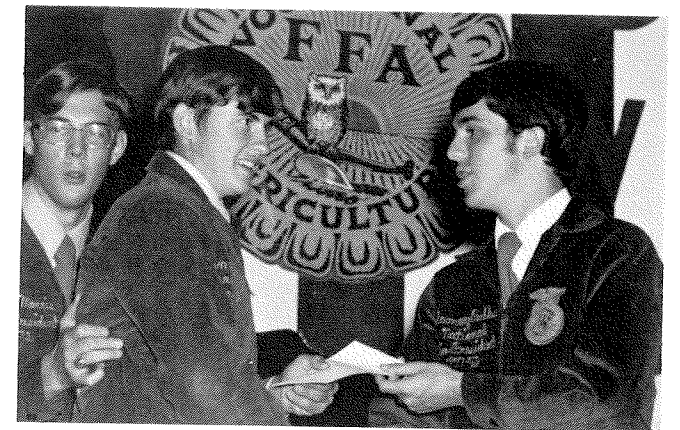
Other area winners receiving checks of \$25 each are: Area I — Steve Shiver, Lafayette Chapter, adviser, Mr. J. M. Everett; Area II — Tommy Langford, Santa Fe Chapter, advisers, Mr. Larry Reese, W. C. Geiger, Marion Riviere; Area III — Eddie Young, Orlando-Colonial Chapter, adviser, Mr. Fred Dietrich; Area IV — Ronnie Barnes, Brandon Chapter, Adviser, Mr. N. L. Storms; Area V — Jeff Watford, Okeechobee Chapter, Adviser, Jim Knight.

### 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,



Cliff Talbot, Public Relations Representative, Standard Oil Company, presents Safety Awards to chapter representatives during the meeting.



Sammy Peebles, National Vice President, presents Dairy Production awards given by Production Credit Associations and Federal Land Bank Associations.

as well as the presidents of other youth organizations to attend its state convention. Those present were National Vice President, Sammy Peebles and Noel Thomas, President, Tennessee Association.

### Seaboard Forestry Awards

David Wainwright, a member of the Bradford Senior, FFA Chapter at Starke, Florida was selected as Florida's 1972 Seaboard Coast Line Forestry Contest winner. Alan Fowler, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Coastline, presented the award to David. He received \$325.00 to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. David received this award for his outstanding accomplishments in Forestry.

David received his Forestry instruction from Mr. Paul Hutchins, his vocational agriculture teacher. Mr. Hutchins received \$125 from Seaboard Coast Line to cover his ex-

penses to attend the National FFA Convention.

David's Forestry activities included the cutting and selling of pulpwood as well as firewood. He thinned and pruned 36 acres of pulp timber as well as gained experience in selling pulpwood by bidding. Other forestry activities include Fire Control practices and the thinning of diseased and infected trees. His leadership activities include participation in Area Forestry Contest, Chapter Treasurer, Livestock Judging and attended the State FFA Convention.

Second through fourth place awards were presented to FFA members by Alan Fowler, Industrial Forester, SCL, Richmond, Virginia. Fowler presented awards to: Danny Mills, Palatka, \$50; Gerald Rosier, Starke \$30; Billy Williams, Baker County, \$20.

Norman Webb of Mayo was named state winner of the FFA Proficiency Award in Poultry

Production. He received a \$100 cash award from the National FFA Foundation. The other Poultry Production Awards are made possible by the Florida Poultry Federation.

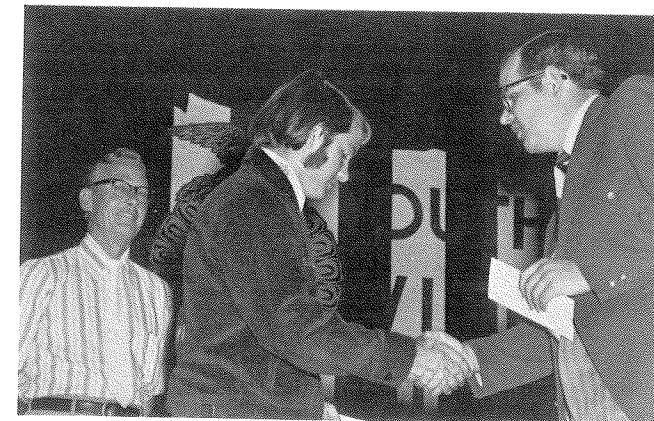
Norman's project program has centered around broiler production. He has been in the agriculture program for four years and owns 5% interest in a 125,000 broiler operation. He has been active in the Lafayette chapter and exhibited poultry in local shows.

Four FFA members — Area Winners — received \$25 each from the Florida Poultry Federation. They were: Area I, John Cook, Walnut Hill; Area II, Dennis Crews, Baker County; Area III, Daniel Schiffer, Orlando-Colonial, and Area IV, Ronnie Barnes, Brandon Chapter.

The third session was called to order by Jimmy Alvarez, who then introduced Jerry Tarrents, first vice president, to preside.

Phillip Kuharske of the Groveland

Alan Fowler presented SCL Forestry Awards to David Wainwright, Starke; Danny Mills, Palatka; Gerald Rosier, Starke; and Billy Williams, Macclenny.



William Schmidt, Vice President, Florida Tractor Corporation, presents Agricultural Mechanics awards to Phillip Kuharske, Groveland.





## Convention

FFA Chapter was named State Winner in Agricultural Mechanics.

Phillip received a \$100 cash award from the Florida Tractor Corporation of Jacksonville, by Bill Schmidt, Vice President of the Corporation.

His supervised agricultural experience programs have consisted of such activities as planning and helping construct cattle facilities, repairs and maintenance of grove equipment.

Five other FFA members were selected as Area winners from throughout Florida. Each of these FFA members received \$30 cash awards from the Florida Tractor Corporation. They were:

Area I — Richard Alford of the Walton FFA Chapter.

Area II — Benjamin Baker of the Englewood FFA Chapter.

Area III — Robin Johnson of the South Sumter FFA Chapter.

Area IV — William Hosmer of the Bartow Senior FFA Chapter.

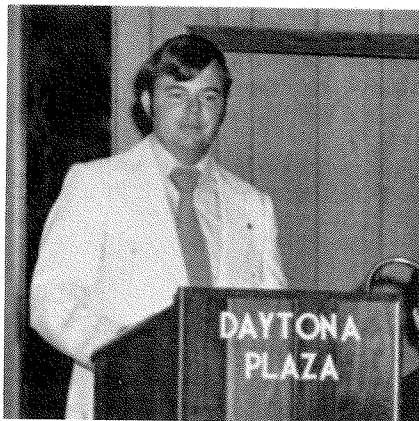
Area V — Kenneth Davidson, of the Moore Haven FFA Chapter.

The Florida Bankers Association each year since 1941, has presented scholarships to outstanding Future Farmers to assist them in attending the University of Florida. This year two more scholarships worth \$250 each were presented.

The selection of winners is based upon FFA leadership as evidenced by participation in cooperative activities, committee work, leadership within their local chapters, and their supervised agriculture experience programs.

Mr. Phillip Wagner, Vice President, Florida Bank and Trust Company, Daytona Beach, representing the Florida Bankers Association, presented the 1972 Scholarships to Earl Lomas of the Orlando-Colonial FFA Chapter and to Norman Flowers of the Moore Haven FFA Chapter.

Mr. David Kinderdine, representing Belk Lindsey Store, Daytona Beach, presented a check for \$40 and a gold plaque to the Santa Fe Senior FFA Chapter of Alachua and High Springs for being the top chapter in Florida for 1972. A silver plaque and a check for \$25 was presented to the Bartow Senior FFA Chapter for second place; Zephyrhills Senior Chapter received a bronze plaque and \$15 check for third place; and the South Sumter Senior Chapter received a bronze plaque and \$10 for fourth place.



Jim Giles served as the master of ceremonies at the Officer Candidate luncheon.

Florida will be allowed to submit 10% of its superior ranking chapters for National Award Evaluations. The National awards to be presented at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri during the month of October 1972.

Mr. Kinderdine also presented awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10 to the top three chapters in each district.

District I — Walnut Hill Chapter, \$25; Poplar Springs Chapter, \$15; and Vernon Chapter \$10.

District II — Madison-Gary Chapter, \$25; Lafayette Chapter, \$15; and Greensboro Chapter, \$10.

District III — Santa Fe Senior Chapter, \$25; Santa Fe Junior Chapter, \$15; and Hamilton County Senior Chapter, \$10.

District IV — Bradford Senior Chapter, \$25; Interlachen Chapter, \$15; and Palatka Senior Chapter, \$10.

District V — South Sumter Senior Chapter, \$25; Groveland Senior Chapter, \$15; South Sumter Junior Chapter, \$10.

District VI — Orlando-Colonial, \$25; Ocoee Junior Chapter, \$15; and Ocoee Senior Chapter, \$10.

District VII — Zephyrhills Senior Chapter, \$25, Manatee High Chapter, \$15, and East Bay Senior Chapter, \$10.

District VIII — Bartow Senior Chapter, \$25; Fort Meade Chapter, \$15; and Bartow Junior Chapter, \$10.

District IX — Okeechobee Chapter, \$25; Moore Haven Chapter, \$15; and Spady Chapter, \$10.

Chris Burhans of the Winter Haven FFA Chapter was named the 1972 Ornamental Horticulture winner for Florida. He received his award of \$100 from Robert Croft, representing Hofmann Nurseries of

Miami, Florida.

Other individuals who received awards at this evening session were from five areas of Florida. Presentation of \$25 cash awards from the Hofmann Nurseries of Miami went to: Area I, Steve Bruce of the Ponce de Leon Chapter; Area II, Danny Hemphill of the Santa Fe Chapter; Area III, Tim Linerseidge of the Orlando-Colonial Chapter; Area IV, Allen Snell of the Bartow FFA Chapter; Area V, James Cromer of the North Miami Chapter.

### Judging Teams Recognized

State judging Teams were recognized for their accomplishments. Cottondale was recognized as winner of the state land judging contest. Pahokee was the dairy judging winner. Colonial received recognition as the livestock judging winner. The Dade City Chapter won top recognition in poultry and meats judging state contests. The Groveland Chapter won the state citrus judging contest.

Henry Dover, District Manager, Louisiana Seed Company of Mississippi presented awards to the winners of the Funk's 304 Bushel challenge contest to Wesley Sache of Chiefland and Damon Deas and Cleve Selph of Hamilton County.

W. T. Loftin, head teacher educator, Agricultural Education, University of Florida, presented the J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarship to agriculture students planning to teach vocational agriculture. The recipients of the scholarship were: John L. Davidson, John L. Carter and Cesar Martinez.

Dr. Rupert Seals, Dean of School of Agriculture and Home Economics, Florida A&M University, presented the H. E. Wood Scholarship to Oscar Bennett Potter.

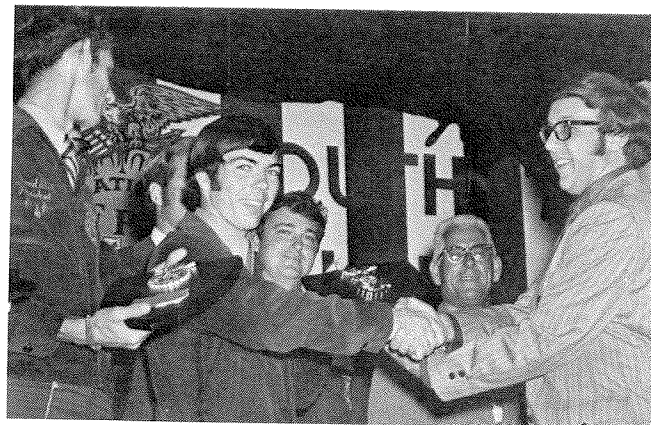
After announcements, the meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

### State Farmer Ceremony

Wednesday morning a breakfast was held for 1972 State Farmers going to college and their advisors. This event was sponsored by Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies and Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

After the opening ceremony, President Alvarez introduced Robert Morris, fifth vice president, to preside over the session.

A representative for the Production Credit Associations of Florida and Federal Land Bank Associations



David Kinderdine representing Belk-Lindsey Stores of Florida presented the State chapter awards to chapter representatives during the convention.

of Florida presented the Agricultural Production, Agricultural Processing and Sales and/or Service Placement Awards.

Paul Wall, was named Florida's 1972 State Winner in Agriculture Production Placement Program. Paul is a member of the South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter at Bushnell, Florida. His advisors are Mr. John Stephens, Carey Lee and Carl Williams. Paul was presented a \$100 cash award.

In addition to the State Winner, four other young Future Farmers were recognized for their placement for experience programs.

Second place and \$60 went to Earl Price of the Gainesville FFA Chapter.

In third place and receiving a \$40 cash award was Michael Revels of the South Sumter FFA Chapter.

Fourth place went to Jim Hanson of the Groveland FFA Chapter who received \$30.

Frank Rhoden of the Colonial

FFA Chapter at Orlando received \$20 for his 5th place application.

Paul Wall, the State winner, has developed his skills through placement work at the T. G. Lee Dairy Farm near Webster, Florida.

Tony Coppage of the Groveland FFA Chapter was selected the state winner in Placement in Processing. His chapter advisors are Mr. Freddie Garner and Mr. R. A. Campbell. Tony's placement was with the Carter Fruit Company.

The second place winner was Buford Thrift of the Baker County FFA Chapter. He received a \$60 cash award.

Third place award of \$40 went to Herbert Eugene Waters of the Palatka Senior FFA Chapter. Fourth place winner is William L. Lawrence of the DeLand FFA Chapter. William received a \$30 cash award. Fifth Place and \$20 went to David Ard, of the Carrabelle FFA Chapter.

Earl D. Brooks, of the Jacksonville-Englewood FFA Chapter was



Placement in Agricultural Production Awards, sponsored by Federal Land Bank Associations and Production Credit Associations, were presented by George Busby, Area III Supervisor.

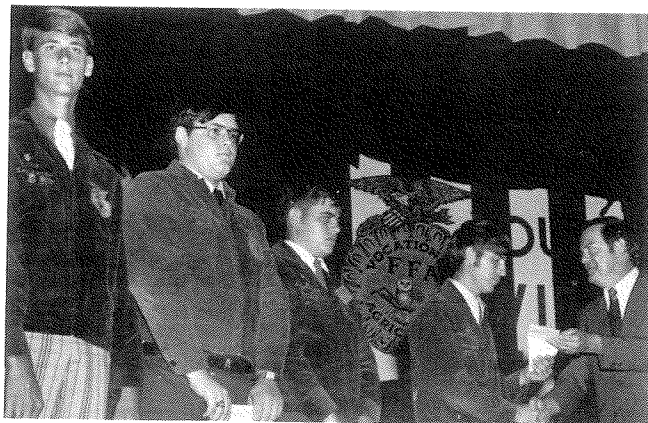
named Florida's 1972 State Winner in its Placement in Sales and Service Awards Program. Earl was presented with a \$100 cash award.

Mr. Jim Bridges is Earl's Chapter Advisor and Agriculture Instructor. Earl developed his interest in the Florist business through his ornamental program at school and gained many of his skills through his placement with Peterson's Florist.

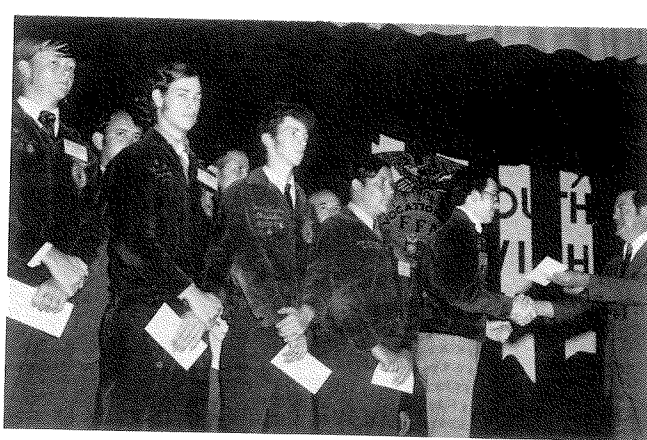
Winning 2nd place was Robert Gould of the Sarasota FFA Chapter, receiving a \$60 Award. 3rd place went to Ronald Purvis of the Groveland FFA Chapter, receiving a \$40 Award. Winner of 4th place and \$30 was Phil Redditt of the Colonial FFA Chapter. 5th place and \$20 went to James Hazel of the Ocoee FFA Chapter.

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

George Busby, Area Supervisor, presents Placement in Processing Award to Tony Coppage, State Winner. Others receiving awards were: Buford Thrift, Herbert Waters, William Lawrence and David Ard.



Placement in Sales and/or Service Awards were presented to Earl Brooks, Robert Gould, Ronald Purvis, Phil Redditt, and James Hazel.





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are sponsored by Florida Citrus Mutual.

From the Hardee chapter, Jeffri Durrance received a check for \$100 for the most outstanding work with his citrus placement projects. Bill Lovett, his advisor, received a plaque.

Receiving \$25 each as area winners in citrus placement were: Jim Hanson, Groveland Chapter, Area III; and David Pitts, Sarasota Chapter, Area IV.

Palmer Simmons from the Turkey Creek Chapter was presented a \$100 check from Florida Citrus Mutual for the best work in the citrus production program. His adviser, Oscar Lastinger, received a plaque.

Area winners in citrus production, receiving a \$25 check cash were: Delbert Redditt, Colonial Chapter, Area III; Bob Huffaker, Bartow Chapter, Area IV.

John S. Shipp, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Education, Department of Education, addressed the delegation on the important role that young people must assume in today's society.

The State Farmer Degree was bestowed upon 217 Future Farmers. The Production Credit Associations of Florida and the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida presented a State Farmer Key to each member receiving the degree.

### Leadership Awards

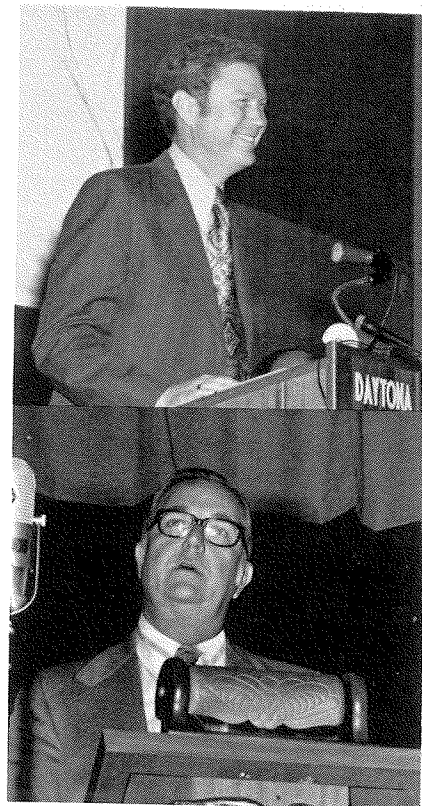
Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and former FFA Executive Secretary, presented the Leadership Awards, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, to five young men. These young men were selected from the State Farmers which excelled in leadership. Bruce McMulliam, Malone Chapter, Area I; Bruce Alligood, Santa Fe Chapter, Area II; Tony Coppage, Groveland Chapter, Area III; David Cash, Lake Wales Chapter, Area IV; and Norman Flowers, Moore Haven Chapter, Area V.

The 1972 Doyle Conner Scholarships of \$200 each were presented by Mr. Kelly. The recipient from Area I was Danny Sims of the Marianna Chapter. His Advisers are Tom Melvin and Isaac Pittman. Wesley Sache, Area II winner, is from the Chiefland Chapter. Eli Beasley and Dan Faircloth are his Advisers. The Area III winner, from the Groveland Chapter, is Tony Coppage.

Tony's advisors are Freddie Gar-



Terri Ann Rickard, Miss Sunflavor, addressed the convention Thursday evening.



Top, Sen. Bill Gunter spoke at Chase lunch. Below, John Shipp, Dept. of Education, spoke Wednesday.

ner and Robert Campbell. From the Sarasota Chapter, Tim Shealy is the winner from Area IV. His adviser is Milton Galvez. Norman Flowers, Area V winner, is from the Moore Haven Chapter and his advisors are Ron Smoak and Wade Shivers.

The State president and State secretary candidates, 1972-73, were given two minutes each to present their qualifications prior to the balloting for president and secretary. President Alvarez called on George Busby, Area III Supervisor, who explained the method of voting. The delegates voted immediately after the meeting adjourned.

State Farmers of 1972 and their advisors were guests of Chase and Company of Sanford at a luncheon at the Plaza. John Carli, Director of Sales, Chase and Company, introduced the dynamic speaker for the luncheon, Bill Gunter, Past State Officer and National FFA President.

The fifth session of the convention was called to order by President Alvarez who introduced Conrad Mellin, third vice president, to preside.

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

The South Sumter Senior Chapter team received the first place award of

\$75, a pennant, and a trophy from the Florida Farm Bureau Insurance 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 team winner was the Santa Fe Chapter, receiving \$50. Receiving \$30 each as runners-up in the contest were: Brandon, Milton and Moore Haven.

Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded to the following people:

Sam Love, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Florida Farm Bureau;

Jack Siebenthaler, Chairman of Ornamental Horticulture Education Advisory Committee and Landscape Manager, Seminole Nurseries;

Jesse Burt, Consultant, Community Relations, Division of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education;

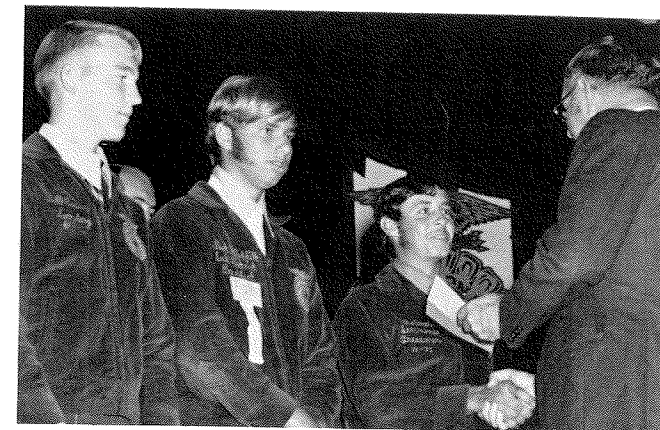
W. R. Jeffries, Assistant Administrator, Agricultural Education, Department of Education;

C. S. Talbot, Public Relations, Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, Jacksonville;

Carl Dennis, St. Regis Paper Company, Wood Procurement, Jackson-



Dale Carlton, Florida Citrus Mutual, presents Citrus Placement awards to Jeffri Durrance. Others shown receiving awards are Jim Hansen, and David Pitts.



Dale Carlton, presents Citrus Production Award to Palmer Simmons. Others who received the award were Delbert Redditt and Bob Huffaker.

ville, Florida;

Frank Westmark, District Manager, Public Relations, St. Regis Paper Company, Pensacola, Florida;

Buddy McKay, Representative, Ocala, Chairman of Legislative Subcommittee on Vocational Technical Education, Former FFA Member;

Chester Taylor, Superintendent of Pasco County, State Advisory Committee for Vocational Education and Agricultural Education;

Harry Lydick, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Gainesville High School;

E. A. McCray, Retired Teacher of Vocational Agriculture from Palmetto;

Otis Bell, Retired Teacher of Vocational Agriculture from Alachua County;

George W. Conoly, Former Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Teacher Educator at Florida A & M University, Former Executive Secretary of Florida A & M Alumni Association and past National Adviser of

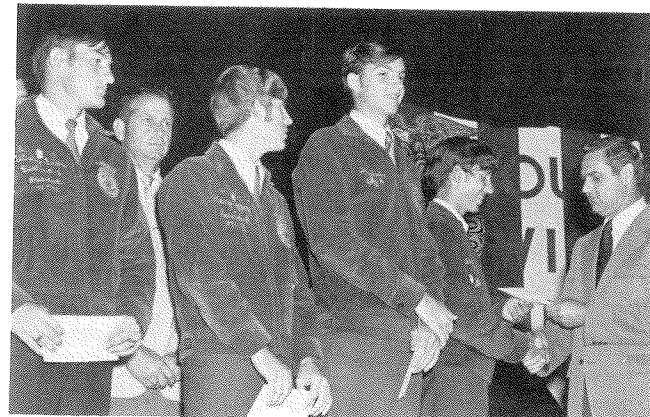
the New Farmers of America before its merger with the FFA.

Vice President Conrad Mellin asked all American Farmers to introduce themselves and their guests. Several 1971 American Farmer Degree recipients and 1972 American Farmer Degree Candidates were present.

Honorable Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services gave an Address and presented the Star State Greenhand awards at the afternoon session.

The Greenhand Degree is the starting point in the career of each Future Farmer. Six outstanding members who have distinguished themselves as first year members in the FFA were presented cash awards. The five Area Star Greenhands will receive a \$75 cash award to defray their expenses to Kansas City in October and the State Star Greenhand and his advisor will receive \$100 each to help them attend the National Convention in October.

Doyle Conner Scholarship Winners receive checks from Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant, Department of Agriculture.



Sam Love is shown with the state winning Parliamentary Procedure Team from South Sumter, as they were recognized at Daytona Beach.





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and \$20, respectively, each were: Gordon Baxley, Ponce de Leon Chapter; Marvin Arnold, Okeechobee Chapter; Earl Lomas of the Orlando Colonial Chapter; and Berton Twins of the Fort Meade Chapter.

### Forest Management Awards

David Wainwright, a member of the Bradford Senior FFA Chapter at Starke was presented the Florida Forest Management Award from the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Mr. Virgil Davis, forester, Agrico Chemical Company, Mulberry, presented the award. David received his instruction in forestry from his Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Paul Hutchins.

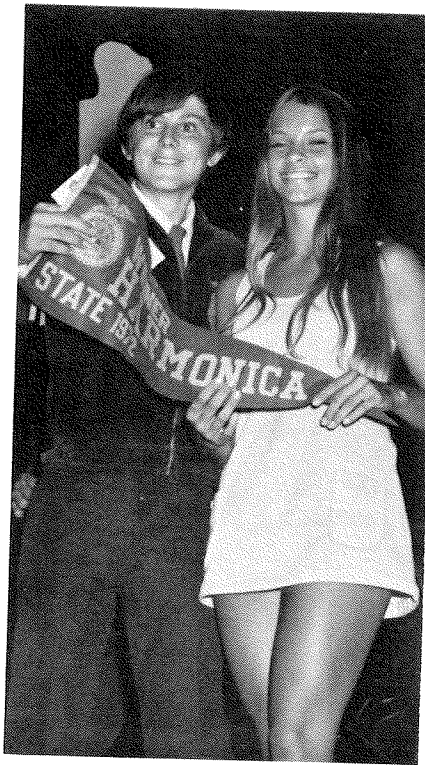
Second through fifth place Forest Management Awards were presented to FFA members by Virgil Davis, Agrico Chemical Company, Mulberry. Davis presented awards to Danny Mills, Palatka, for \$40; Gerald Rosier, Bradford, \$30; Billy Williams, Baker County \$20, and Doug Dowling, Baker County \$10.

Rudy Wetherington of the Turkey Creek Chapter is the State winner of the FFA Outdoor Recreation Award. He has developed a fish pond, built picnic tables, water fountain and barbecue pit and developed a field for game. Rudy received a check for \$60 from Agrico Chemical Company, Sponsor of the award.

A second ballot for President and Secretary was held after the closing ceremony.

Future Farmers, advisors, and guests met at the pool-side at the Daytona Plaza at 5:30 p.m. for one of the finest annual Fish Fries ever

Commissioner Conner congratulates Fred Wayne Waters, Star State Greenhand. Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Waters, and Robert O'Berry and Pat Cockrell, advisers, look on.



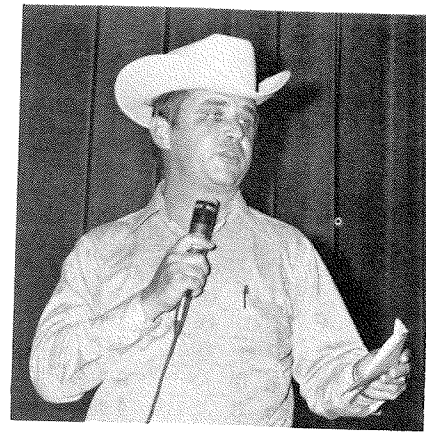
Champion Harmonica Player was Alan Flowers from Moore Haven, shown getting award.

held.

The event was sponsored by the Young Owls.

### Musical Program

Emcee for the annual Musical Program on Wednesday night was Jesse Burt, Consultant, Community Relations, Vocational, Technical and Adult Education. He entertained those present, explained and conducted the musical contests. N. L. Storms was producer for the event.



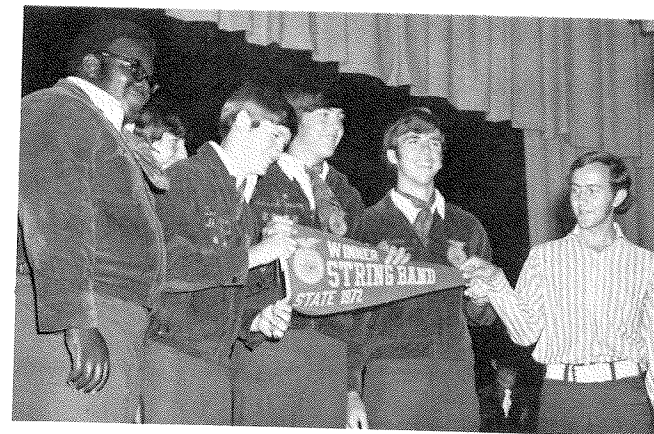
Jesse "James" Burt was master of ceremonies for the musical program.

Alan Flowers of the Moore Haven Chapter was named State champion Harmonica Player and was awarded a pennant and \$15. The second place winner, Don McCaskill of the Walton Senior Chapter received \$8. Francis Pitts of the Dade City Chapter, placed third, received \$7. Kenny Roberts of the Santa Fe Chapter placed fourth and received \$6; and Albert Key of the Orlando-Colonial Chapter received \$5 as fifth place winner.

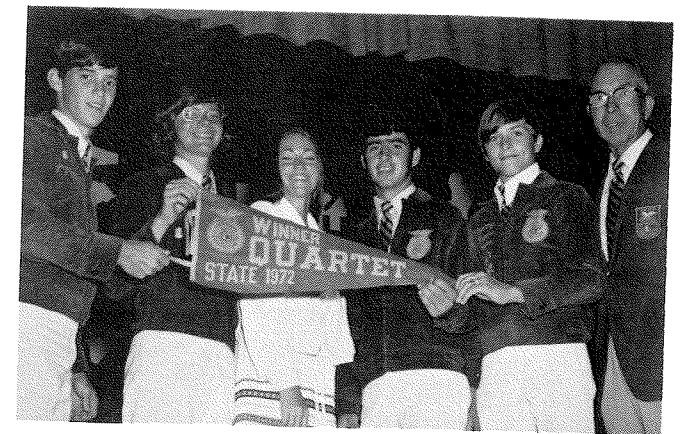
Winning the State Quartet Contest was the Moore Haven Chapter. They received \$25 cash and a pennant. The Groveland Chapter placed second and received \$20; third was the Bartow Quartet, receiving \$15; Hamilton County was fourth, receiving \$10; and fifth was the Greensboro Chapter Quartet, receiving \$10.

The Plant City Chapter String Band was named winner of the State String Band Contest. The Band was awarded a pennant and a \$25 check by the Florida Association, FFA.

Dennis Swilley, State champion tractor driving winner from Santa Fe, receives award from John Hipp, Ford Tractor Company in High Springs.



The Plant City String Band pictured above, became the state winner at the musical program on Wednesday during the convention.



State Champion Quartet from Moore Haven is shown above. Its advisers are Ron Smoak and Wade Shivers.

The Groveland String Band placed second and received \$20; the Leon Chapter String Band placed third, receiving \$15; fourth place, receiving \$10 was the Crescent City String Band; and placing fifth and receiving \$10 was the Moore Haven String Band.

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

### Farm Electrification Breakfast

A breakfast for Chapter Farm and Home Electrification Winners and their advisors was held Thursday morning in the Daytona Plaza. This event was hosted by; Tampa Electric Company; Florida Power and Light Company; Gulf Power Company; and Florida Power Corporation.

Presiding over Thursday morning session was Eugene Yancey, second vice president. Frank Westmark and Carl Dennis of the St. Regis Paper company, presented the Chapter Forestry Awards. The Chapter win-

ners were presented certificates from the St. Regis Paper Company. Cash awards were presented at the Agriculture Teachers Conference in August.

The 1970-71 State Chapter Forestry winner was Vernon. Baldwin was named second place winner, Baker, third place; fourth place was Fort Meade and; fifth place was Walnut Hill. All chapters received certificates.

During the session, the nominating committee presented their recommendations for the vice president for 1972-73 and the floor was opened for nominations for each of the offices.

Sammy Peebles, National Vice-President, from Brewton, Alabama, and honor guest at the convention, presented an enthusiastic address.

Don Adams presented the Soil, Water and Air Management Awards for John Barnes, Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Marianna.

Also recognized were five area win-

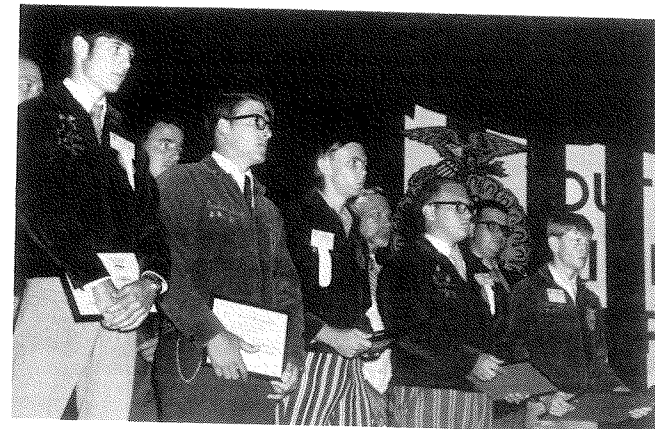
ners from throughout Florida, who were presented with \$25 awards.

Area I winner was Wroten Land of the Lafayette Chapter at Mayo, Florida. Area II winner is Michael Williams of the Hamilton County Sr. FFA Chapter at Jasper, Florida. Area III winner is Alan Lee of the Groveland FFA Chapter. Area IV winner was Jeffri Durrance of the Hardee FFA Chapter. Area V winner is Jaunett Waldron of the Okeechobee FFA Chapter.

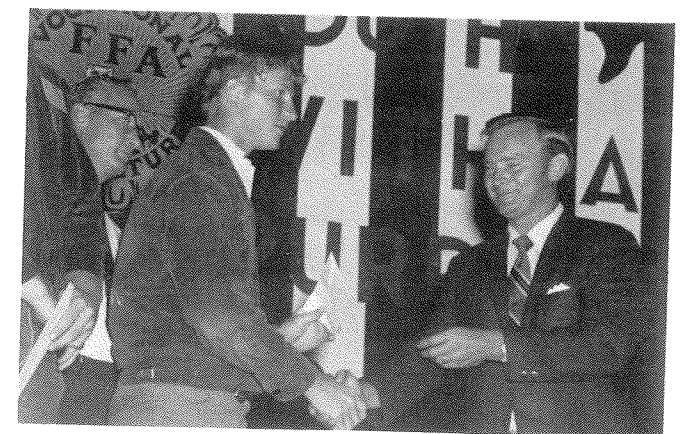
Walter Graham, of the South Sumter Chapter, was named the State winner. Walter received a \$100 cash award from the Future Farmers of America Foundation for his outstanding achievement.

The Chapter Scrapbook Awards were presented by W. R. Jeffries, Assistant Administrator, Agricultural Education. These awards are sponsored by the Florida Association, FFA. The Moore Haven Chapter was named the State Winner and was awarded \$50 and a pennant. Area awards of \$15 for first,

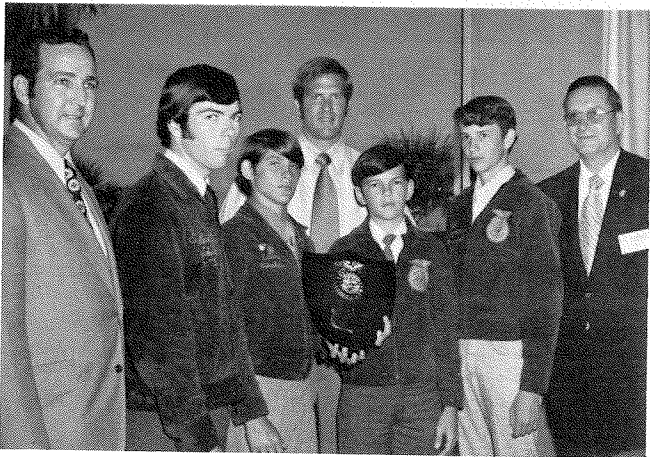
St. Regis Paper Company, presented School Forest Management Awards to Chapter representatives.



Virgil Davis, Agrico Chemicals, presents Forestry Management Awards, another feature of the annual FFA Convention.







Upper left:  
Scrapbook Awards were presented to chapter representatives by William R. Jeffries, Assistant Administrator, Agricultural Education.

Upper right:  
1972 Agricultural Electrification Winners are shown with representatives of Florida's Investor Owned Power Companies, sponsors of the awards.

Left:  
Homer Thompson and Jerry Thomas representing Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida are shown with representatives from the Santa Fe Chapter, winner of the 1972 Cooperative Award.

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and \$10 for second, in each Area, were presented:

Area I, Greensboro and Leon. Area II, Santa Fe Senior and North Marion. Area III, Union Park and Colonial. Area IV, Bartow Senior and Zephyrhills. Area V, Okeechobee.

President Alvarez was presented with the annual FVA Award for his accomplishments during the past year. J. W. Brown, President of FVATA, made the presentation.

Don Adams, Director, Agricultural Development, Florida Power and Light Company presented the Foundation Award of \$100 to Tim Best, Auburndale Chapter, as state winner in Agricultural Electrification. His advisors are William Holbrook and Jack Russell.

Area Winners received \$75 awards sponsored by the power companies.

The Area I winner was Lloyd Wade of the Ponce de Leon Chapter; Tom Benefield, Santa Fe Chapter, Area II winner; Area III winner was Marvin Fussell, South Sumter Chapter; Ray McClellan, Hardee Chapter, was the Area IV winner; and Earl Gibson of the Moore Haven Chapter Area V honors.

The first ballot for vice president was held after the session.

### Chapter Cooperative Winners

The seventh session on Thursday afternoon was presided over by fourth vice president, Lester Wells from Jay.

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

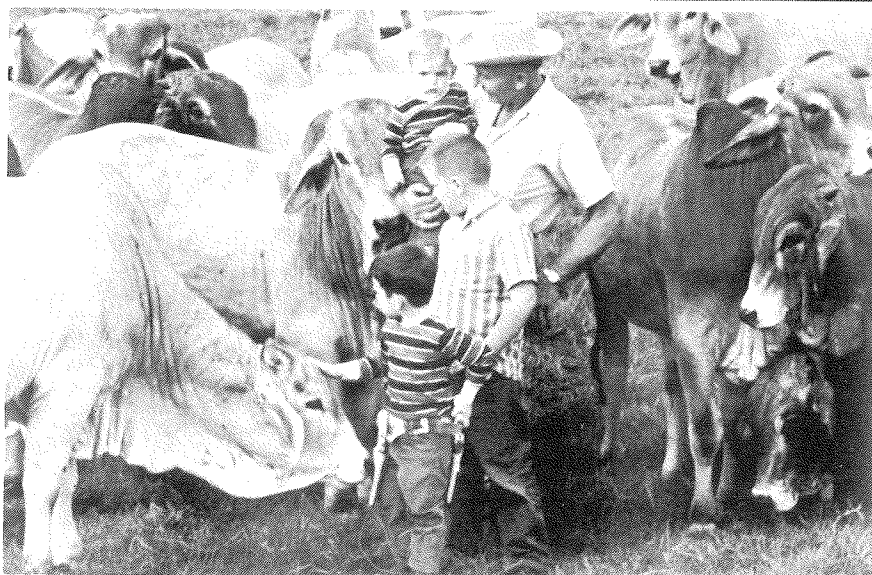
The Santa Fe Senior Chapter was presented a check for \$700 by Jack Nelson, President of the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, to help defray their expenses when attending the American Institute of Cooperation meeting in August, 1972. Advisors at Santa Fe are W. C. Geiger, Bud Riviere and Larry Reese.

Santa Fe's many chapter cooperative activities have been designed to utilize cooperatives to further the agricultural economy of an area.

Area winners from throughout Florida were presented \$50 by Mrs. Jean Rice, Director of Public Relations, Gold Kist, Inc., Atlanta Georgia. Other winners receiving awards were: (1st Place, \$50; 2nd



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Place \$35; 3rd Place, \$25; and 4th Place, \$10).

Area I—1st Place, Chapter Ponce de Leon; 2nd Place, Poplar Springs; 3rd Place, Walnut Hill; and 4th Place, Bethlehem Chapter.

Area II—1st Place, Hamilton County FFA Chapter; 2nd Place, Gainesville FFA; 3rd Place, Bradford FFA Chapter; and 4th Place, Baker County.

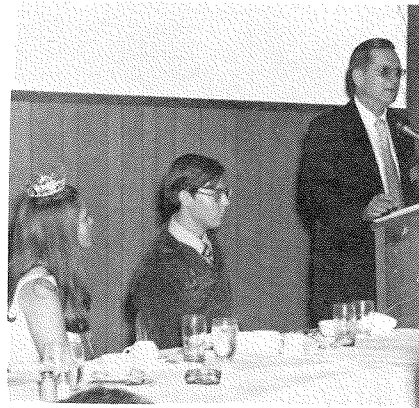
Area III—1st Place, South Sumter, Sr.; 2nd Place, South Sumter, Jr.; 3rd Place, Groveland and 4th Place, Crystal River.

Area IV—1st Place, Zephyrhills, Sr.; 2nd Place, Bartow, Sr.; 3rd Place, Manatee; and 4th Place, Mulberry.

Area V—1st Place, Indian River; 2nd Place, Clewiston; 3rd Place, Okeechobee; and 4th Place, Moore Haven.

Sammy Peebles, National Vice President, gave a report on FFA Operation Update and the FFA Alumni Association. Ron Miller, a member of the National FFA Magazine staff, was on hand to discuss national activities with the delegates.

Committee reports were presented by representatives from the various



Homer Thompson spoke at Chapter Cooperative Contest dinner on Thursday.

committees and were duly approved as corrected in some cases.

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

### Constitutional Change

A change in the State Constitution was proposed by the Crescent City Chapter about a month before the State Convention. The change was presented to and considered by the delegates. The change was passed. The change reads as follows:

Article VIII, Section F—The State officers, for any given year, must be elected from the High School Graduating class, of the group receiving the State Farmer Degree, and/or from the group who received their State Farmer Degrees as juniors the preceding year.

A member is eligible to run for office only one year.

Fourth Vice President Lester Wells presented an attractive plaque to Norman Flowers of the Moore Haven Chapter as the Outstanding District Officer for 1971-72. Norman was later elected as State Officer.

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 chapters participating in the Chapter Cooperative Contest. The event was sponsored by the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and Production Credit Association of Florida. Homer Thompson, Federal Land Bank Association, was the speaker.

### Public Speaking

The Thursday evening, eighth session, was presided over by State Secretary Lenn Jordon from the

Groveland Chapter.

The State Final Public Speaking Contest added to the enjoyment of the evening session. Tom Umiker of the Turkey Creek Chapter received a check for \$100 and a pennant. Tom will represent Florida in the Tri State Public Speaking Contest in August.

Norman Flowers of the Moore Haven Chapter placed second in the contest and received \$25.

The speaking awards are sponsored by Lykes Pasco Packing Company of Dade City.

Dr. Dan Spinks, University of Florida, acted as chairman of the judges.

Danny Levins of the Milton Chapter, Tom Benefield of the Santa Fe Chapter and Danny Schiffer of the Orlando-Colonial Chapter, each, received \$10 for participating in the State Public Speaking Contest.

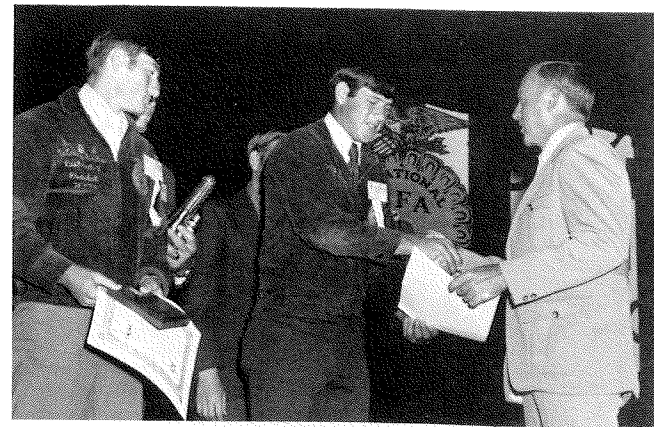
Leslie Green, of the South Sumter FFA Chapter at Bushnell has been named the 1972 State Winner for Home Improvement. He received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation. The presentation was made by a representative of Mid-States Steel and Wire Company of Jacksonville, Florida. His advisors are Mr. John Stephens, Mr. Carl Williams and Mr. Carey Lee.

Area award winners of the Home Improvement Award received \$25 cash prizes also from Mid-State Steel and Wire Company. These winners are: Area I, Lloyd Wade of the Ponce de Leon Chapter; Area II, Damon Deas of the Hamilton Sr. Chapter; Area III, Ray Henderson of the South Sumter Chapter; Area IV, Mike Walker of the Zephyrhills Chapter; Area V, Norman Flowers of the Moore Haven Chapter.

Four former State Officers were honored at the 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 C. M. Lawrence, Administrator, Programs and Supervision, Division of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education; Dixie Driggers, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture Apopka; Don Adams, Director, Agricultural Development, Florida Power and Light Company; and Grant Godwin, State 4-H Club Leader. These gentlemen served between 1939 and 1944. They will later become members of the Golden Gavel Club.

The beautiful Miss Sunflavor, Terri Ann Richard, added spice to the evening session.

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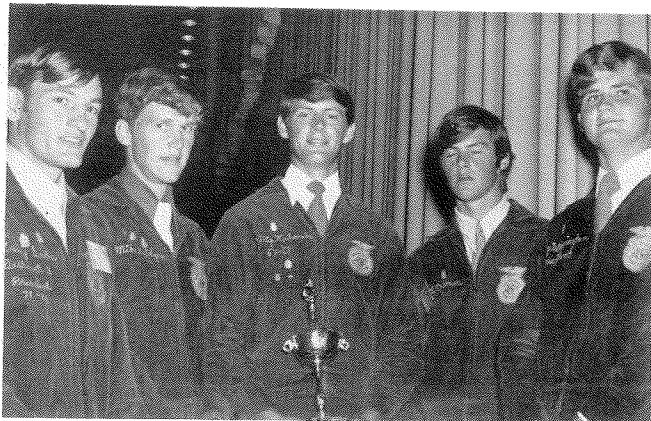
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Lower left:

Chris Burhans, Winter Haven, became the first Star State Agribusinessman winner. Chris receives the \$200 check and trophy from Robert C. Lee of U. S. Sugar Corporation.

Lower right:

Area Star Farmers for 1971-72 were recognized at the Convention. From left: Wesley Sache, Area II, Chiefland; Mike Pridgen, Area I, Paxton; Phillip Kuharske, Area III, Groveland; James Cromer, Area V, Miami; and Rudy Wetherington, Area IV, Turkey Creek. Kuharske was later named Star State Farmer.

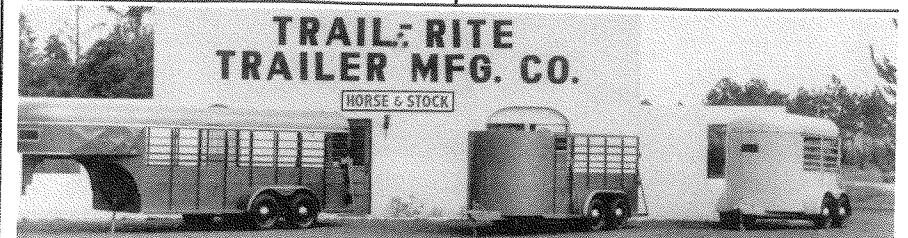


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## Convention

Chris Burhans of the Winter Haven Chapter was named Star State Agribusinessman by the Florida Association, F.F.A. The Star State Agribusinessman is a new award paralleling the Star State Farmer and is given for outstanding achievement in the occupational experience program in off-farm agricultural occupations.

Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris L. Burhans of Winter Haven. His adviser is John Denmark. Mr. Burhans and Mr. Denmark received Honorary State Farm Degrees and Chris' mother received a certificate of merit.

He received a certificate and a \$200 cash award from the National FFA Foundation. The presentation was made by Robert C. Lee, Administrative Assistant to the President of the U.S. Sugar Corporation. He was representing the Agribusiness Institute of Florida.

Chris has been an active member of the Winter Haven Chapter for four years and began on a placement for experience in his first year working in his father's ornamental nursery with 800 plants. The business expanded each year and Chris became full time partner. He also has been actively involved in developing a landscaping business and last year designed and installed the landscape for 26 homes. He and his father now have approximately 10,000 plants in the nursery. They also own a garden supply store for which Chris has complete management responsibility.

He has been vice president of the Winter Haven Chapter, served on various major committees, participated in leadership schools, served on the Parliamentary Procedure team, Meats Judging, Horticulture, and Vegetable Judging teams. He has also been active in the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. He has been on the baseball team and served as Sunday School Class Officer.

Chris plans to attend Polk Community College and transfer to the University of Florida and major in Ornamental Horticulture.

### New Officers Installed

The final session of the 44th Annual Convention Friday morning was presided over by President Jimmy Alvarez.

The State Officers presented a challenging message expressing gratitude to those who have helped



Dr. Carl W. Proehl received a special award from State President Jimmy Alvarez.

Future Farmers develop and realize their goals and challenging Future Farmers themselves to always set their goals high and look toward the future.

Phillip Kuharske, Groveland, was named 1972 Star State Farmer. Phillip is a member of the Groveland chapter where his advisor is Freddie Garmer. Sammy Peebles presented a check for \$200 and a certificate to Phillip from the National FFA Foundation. Sammy, representing WTVT, Tampa, presented Phillip with a Star State Farmer Trophy sponsored by WTVT, Channel 13 Television of Tampa.

Area Star Farmers Were: Area I, Michael Eugene Pridgen, Paxton Chapter; Wesley Sache, Chiefland Chapter, Area II; Area IV, Rudy Wetherington, Turkey Creek; and Area V, James Cromer, North Miami Chapter. Each received \$75 from the Production Credit Associations of Florida and Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and an Area Star Farmer Pin from T. L. Barrineau, State Advisor.

Mr. Barrineau also presented District Star Farmer pins and \$25 checks to the following: District II, John Hart, Lafayette Chapter; District IV, Dale Clemons, Bradford Chapter; District VI, Phil Redditt, Orlando-Colonial Chapter; and District VIII, Tim Best of the Auburn-dale Chapter.

President Jimmy Alvarez gave his report as retiring president.

President Rudy Wetherington presented outgoing president Jimmy Alvarez a gavel on which the names of his fellow officers for 1971-72 were engraved.

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

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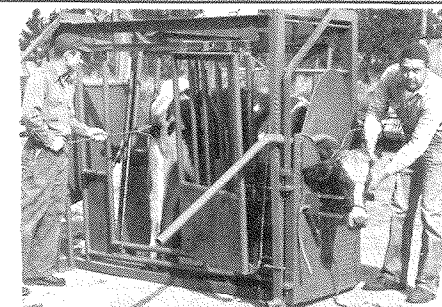
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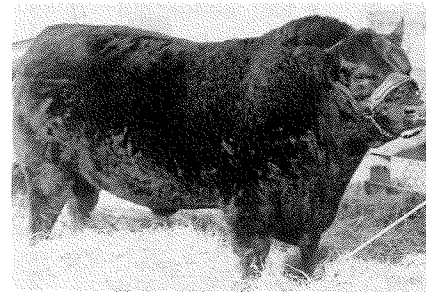


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Phillip Kuharske, Groveland, Star State Farmer, is shown above with his parents, his adviser, Mr. Freddie Garner and Sammy Peebles, National Vice President, Southern Region.

## Star Farmer Owns Livestock

Phillip Kuharske of the Groveland FFA Chapter was named Star State Farmer, June 16, by the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, during the 44th Annual State FFA Convention in Daytona Beach.

Phillip received a \$200 cash award from the National FFA Foundation along with a Certificate of Achievement. He received a trophy from WTVT, Channel 13, Tampa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kuharske of Groveland. Phillip recently graduated from Groveland High School where his advisor was Freddie Garner.

Phillip has been in the agriculture program and FFA for five years beginning with one beef animal and two head of hogs. His agricultural experience program has increased in quantity and quality during the past five years. He owns 20 percent of the stock and is vice president of a family-owned corporation consisting of 320 acres of pasture and 200 head of Beefmaster and crossbred cattle.

He has gained additional experience by working for his father in grove care-taking and has worked extensively in the area of agricultural mechanics with equipment maintenance and repair. Many improvements and supplemental practices such as constructing livestock facilities and equipment, repairing and building fences, improving and planting permanent pastures and

conserving wildlife and water resources have enabled Phil to gain valuable experiences. An outstanding feature of his total program has been keeping of accurate and complete records on all operations of the corporation. His outstanding show steers have been well known at the Lake County Fair.

Phillip's labor income from his supervised occupational experience program was \$11,958.73. This is quite an accomplishment.

He was also named the state winner in Agricultural Mechanics for activities in such areas as planning and helping construct cattle facilities, repairs and maintenance of grove equipment, maintaining a farm home shop and many other mechanic skills.

Phil has served as sentinel of the Groveland FFA Chapter and chaired several major program of activities committees. He has also participated in citrus and livestock judging and has been involved in numerous cooperative buying and selling projects. He is also active in the Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau, football and track and church activities.

Phil's future plans include full time ranching. He plans to continue to expand his beef production operation and be the best rancher in the State of Florida.

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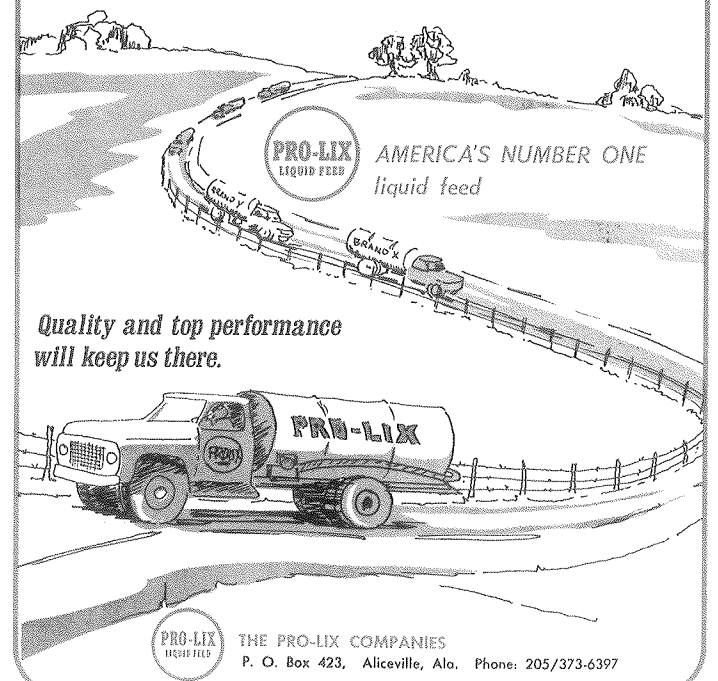
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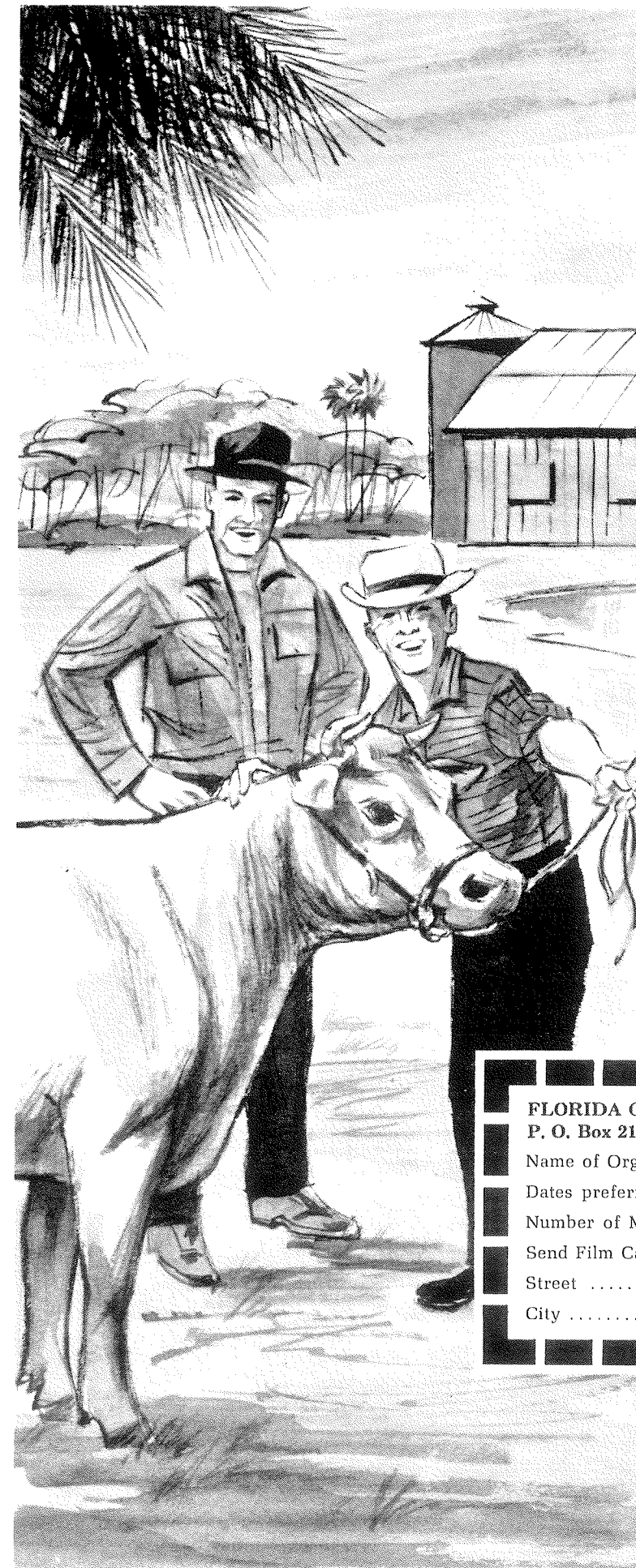
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