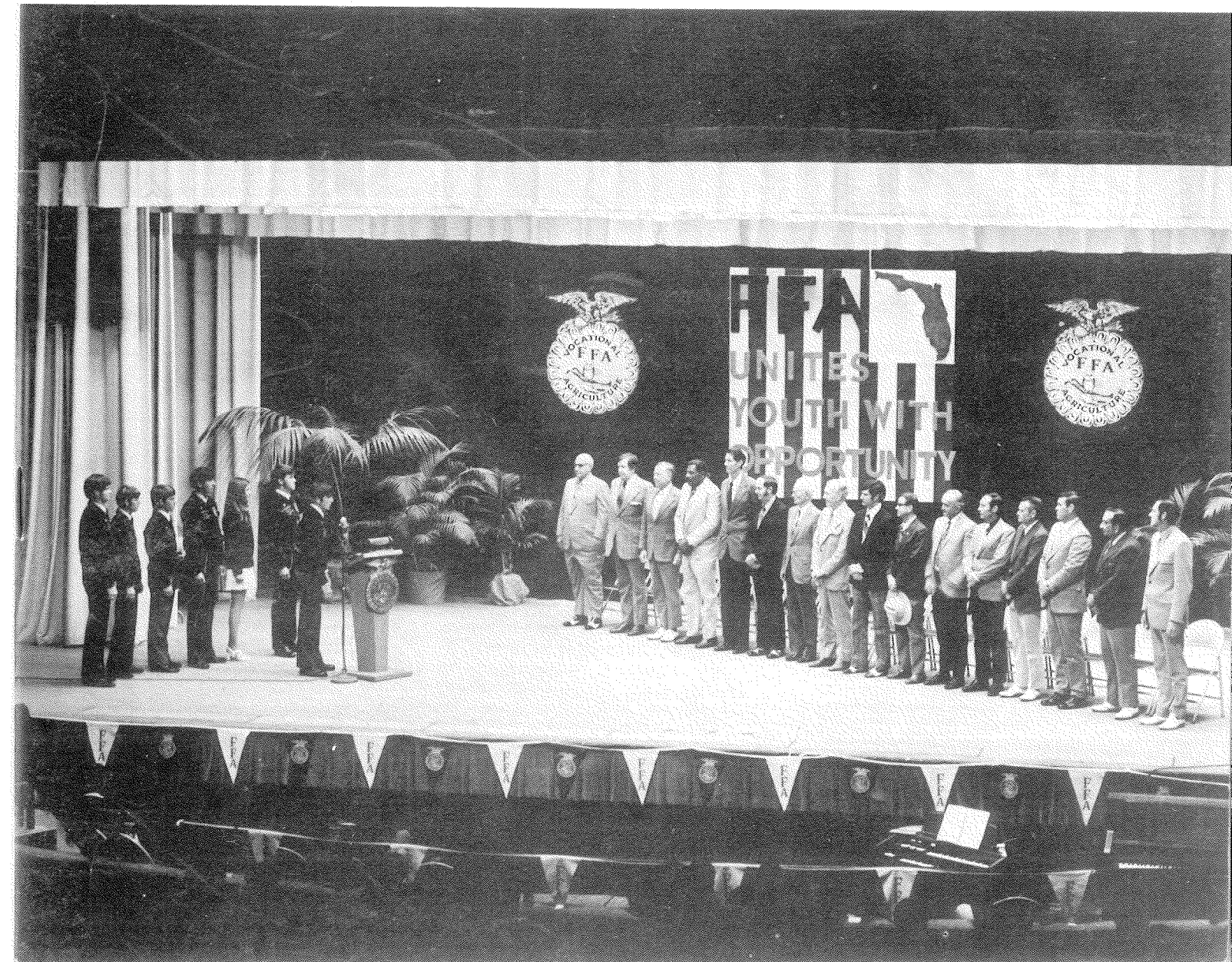
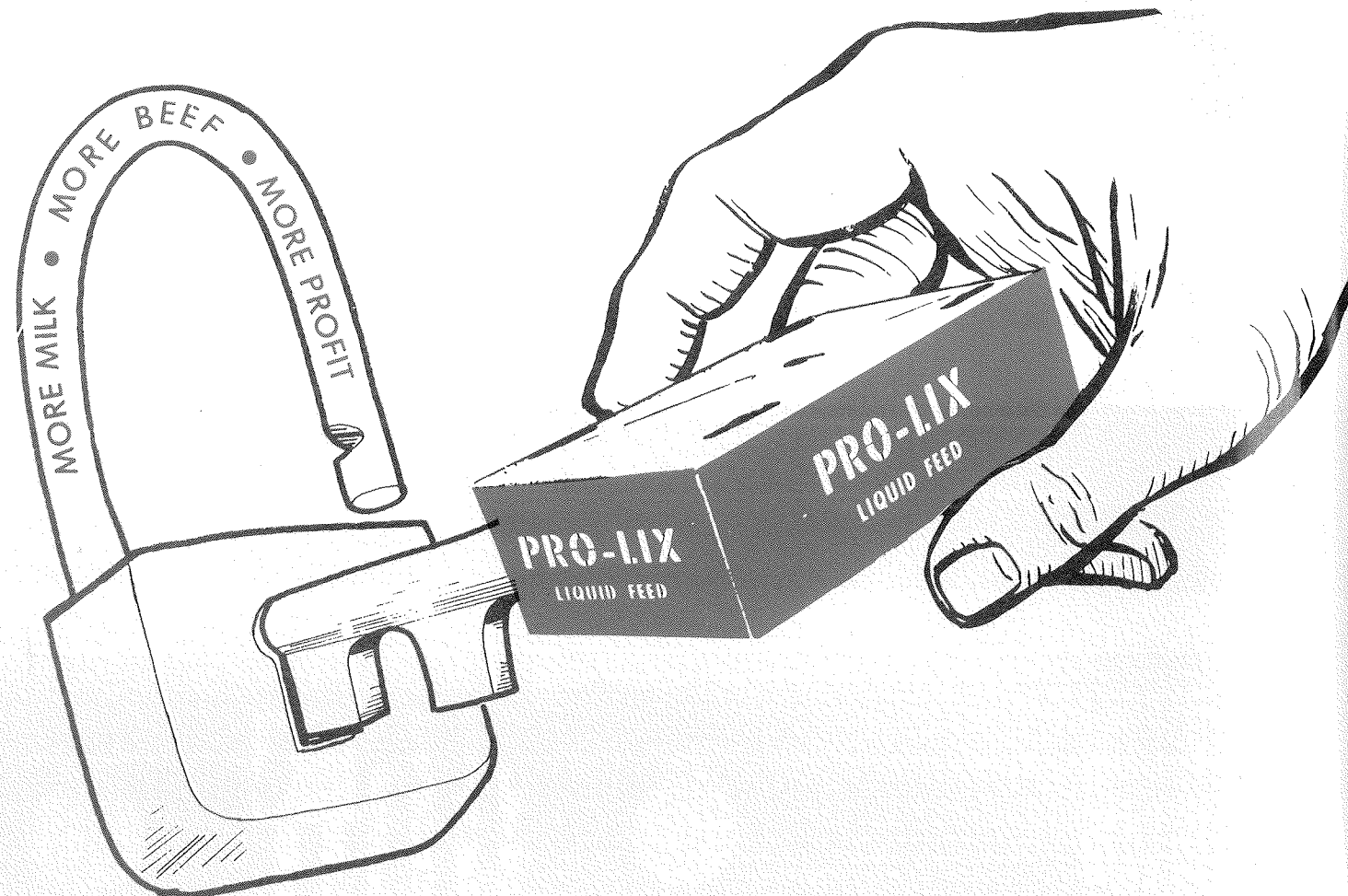


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12 Floridians American Farmers

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 16-19.

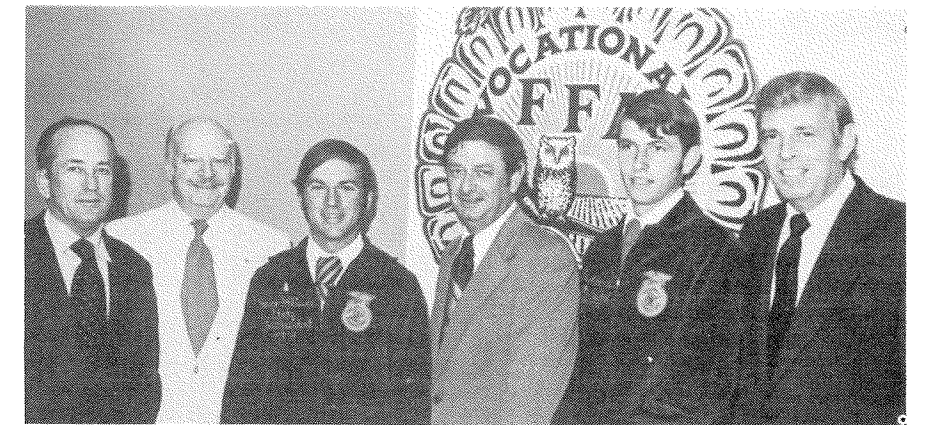
The American Farmers are: Jimmy Alvarez, Starke; John Barnett, Fort Meade; Steve Basford, Grand Ridge; Gordon Baxley, Ponce de Leon; Wassie Fish, Baker County; Marvin Fussell, South Sumter; Wesley Sache, Chiefland; Bufort Thrift, Baker County; Lisa Tomkow, Dade City; Joe Ward, Chiefland; Burns Warfield, Tampa-Chaberslain; Lloyd Worthington, Chiefland.

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 12 candidates. Approval by these Boards usually means that the candidates will be confirmed by the delegates.

The 12 FFA members were among 564 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 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 a least three years and have a record of



Florida FFA President Ted Edwards and Vice President Frank Attkisson met high political figures during the State President's conference at Washington. Top picture shows, from left: Rep. William Lehman, Ft. Lauderdale; Rep. Bob Sikes, Crestview; Frank; Rep. Don Fuqua, Altha; Ted; and Rep. L. A. [Skip] Bafalis, West Palm Beach. Lower photo shows Ted with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, and Wallace E. Wilson of General Motors.

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.

The Convention Issue Cover

Conferring the Honorary State Farmer Degree on those who provided extra leadership and support to the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, was one of the highlights of this year's state convention.

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



The Young Owls Club sponsored the annual fish fry on the beach, a 45th Convention highlight.

Guitar and banjo accompaniment to country, folk and spiritual songs by Joy and Dana Burt was a convention-closing special.



45th Was Better Than Ever!

Future Farmers, chapter advisors, and guests, numbering more than 1,200 attended the 45th annual State Convention and Leadership Conference in Daytona Beach, June 12-15, 1973. Many interested citizens from Daytona Beach and the surrounding area attended the convention sessions.

Among the many prominent guests attending were Bob Hinton, Sydney, National FFA Vice President, and Buford Wilson, 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 are: Ted Edwards, President, Okeechobee; Jimmy Edwards, Secretary, Groveland; Kevin Griffin, First Vice-President, Miami; Gregory Evers, Second Vice-President, Jay; Billy Williams, Third Vice-President, Baker County; Walter Graham, Fourth Vice-President, South Sumter; and Frank Attkisson, Fifth Vice-President, Winter Haven.

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



1973-74 State Officers posed for this picture while in Okeechobee during their annual Goodwill Tour. Left to right, they are: Jimmy Edwards, secretary, Groveland; Walter Graham, Sentinel, Webster; Greg Evers, Treasurer, Baker; Ted Edwards, President, Okeechobee; Kevin Griffin, Vice President, North Miami; Frank Attkisson, Chaplain, Winter Haven; Billy Williams, Reporter, Sanderson. At right is Exchangee Tony Batten of England, representing the Young Farmers Club.

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 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 Luncheon

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

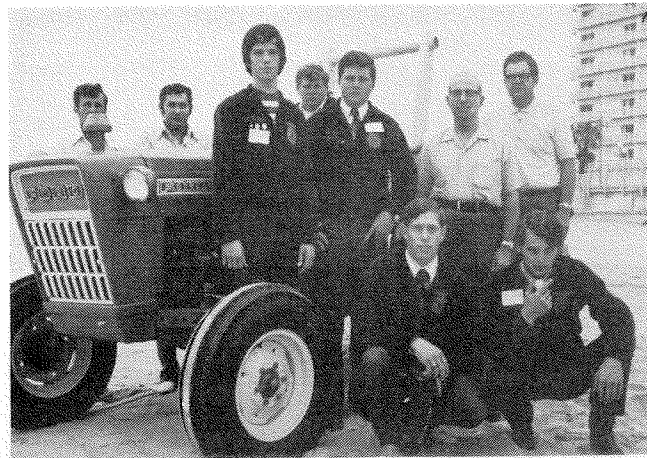
Florida.

A breakfast for area tractor driving winners and their advisors was sponsored by Ford Tractor Dealers of

Florida. Activities of the morning included registration and housing and the tractor driving contest. C. J. Rogers was in charge of the tractor

State FFA and NFA officers from 1945-50 were presented the Golden Gavel certificate on Thursday evening, from left: Aubrey Caruthers, Floyd Philmon, Hal Davis, Herman Hudson, James Sims, Doyle Conner, Oscar Lastinger.





Tractor Operations and Maintenance Contest participants take time out from their contest on the beach to be photographed.



Ford Tractor Companies of Florida sponsored the Tractor Operation and Maintenance contest. Gary Huffman, Dade City, is the state winner.

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driving contest. The tractor was furnished by Bill Hester, Volusia Tractor Company, DeLand.

Mr. Joe D. Mills, Director of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education, delivered a challenging address during the Delegates and Advisors Luncheon sponsored by Production Credit Associations of Florida and Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida, and held at the Daytona Plaza.

Vespers Program

The state officers presented a very challenging and inspirational vespers program to begin the week long activities.

T. L. Barrineau, State Advisor, presented charters to new FFA chapters. They were: Auburndale Junior, Okeechobee Junior, J. G. Smith, Miami, Harry E. Wood, Floyd Northup, John L. Butts,

Samuel C. Means, J. N. McArthur, D. A. Storms, George Washington Junior, Lake Butler Junior, Oak Ridge, Ormond Beach Junior, DeSoto Middle, E. F. McLane, Deltona Junior, Liberty County Hort., Southwest Junior, Roosevelt Junior, Seabreeze Junior and Williston Junior.

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. Rudy Wetherington gave the State President's message.

A motion was approved to adopt the minutes of the 44th annual State Convention as printed in the 1972 Summer Issue of the Florida Future Farmer.

Greg Wilbanks, age 17, of Groveland was named the 1973 State Winner in Crop Production. Greg received a \$100 cash award from Mr.

Travis Cork, Area Manager for Dixie Lime and Stone Company, Clermont, Florida.

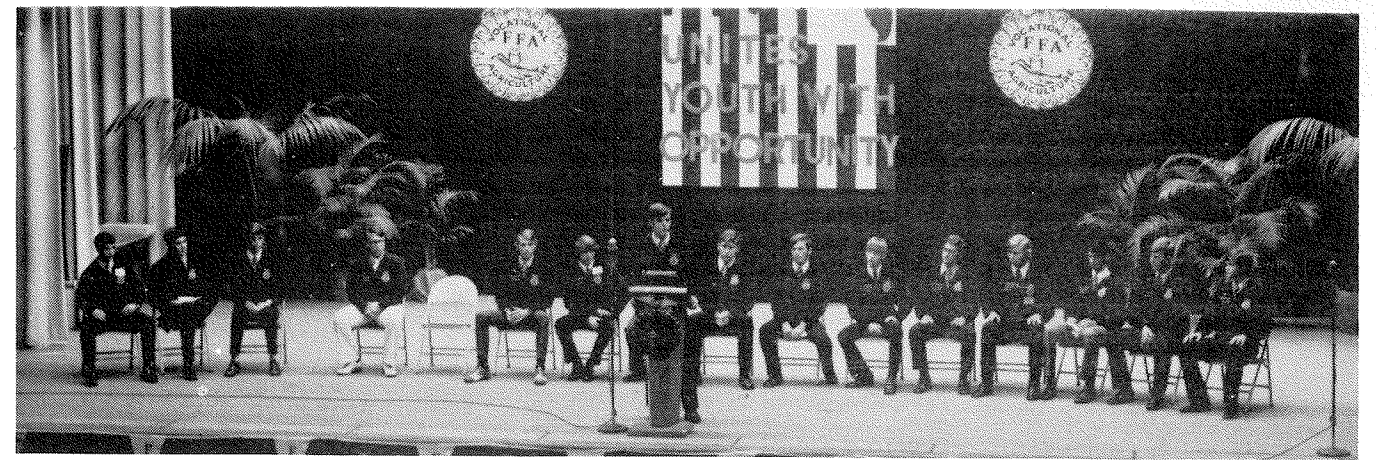
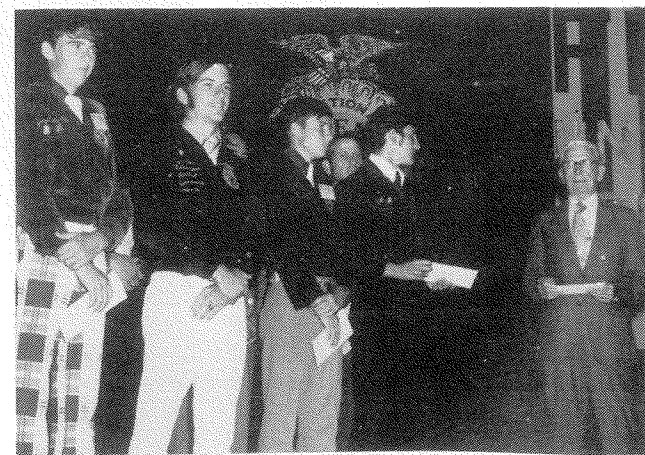
In addition to the State Winner, Dixie Lime and Stone Company presented cash awards of \$25 to each of the area winners. Area I — Luke Ward of the Vernon Chapter, Dozier Hendry, Advisor; Area II — Larry Crawford of the Lake Butler Chapter, Jim Brown, Advisor; Area III — John Fussell of the South Sumter Chapter, John Stephens, Advisor; Area IV — Berton Twiss of the Fort Meade Chapter, Gary Lee, Advisor; Area V — John Goss of the Spady Chapter, Isaac Mitchell, Advisor.

Second place area awards of \$5 each were also presented by Dixie Lime and Stone Company to: Area I — Greg Evers, Jay Chapter; Area II — Steven Dicks, Columbia Chapter; Area III — Delbert Redditt, Colonial Chapter; Area IV — Robert Douglass, Zephyrhills Chapter.

Mr. Travis Cord of Dixie Lime and Stone Company Ocala, presents the winning Crop Production Award to Greg Wilbanks, Groveland.



Mr. T. L. Barrineau presented the Soil, Water and Air Management Awards on behalf of the Soil Conservation Service.



A feature of every Future Farmer Convention are the speeches made by candidates for office. This picture shows the formal phase, but the election of officers involves much campaigning of all kinds and the result may be in doubt until the final hours before an election.

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. Frank Pope for the Farmers Home Administration of Florida. Each of the following chapters received Area BOAC Award Plaques.

Bartow Senior, Bradford Senior, Carrabelle, Greensboro, Fort Meade, Lakeview, Groveland, Bartow Junior, Interlachen, Santa Fe Senior, South Sumter Senior,

Okeechobee Junior, Vernon, Zephyrhills Senior, Bradford Junior, Newberry, Englewood, Ponce de Leon, and Vanguard Junior.

In addition to Santa Fe Senior being selected as Florida's top BOAC winner, the Interlachen Chapter was also awarded a Gold Emblem and both of these chapters will represent Florida in the National BOAC Awards Program.

Selected to receive the State Silver Emblem BOAC Awards were the chapters at Carabelle, Fort Meade and Groveland. 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 1973 winner from among many fine community projects.

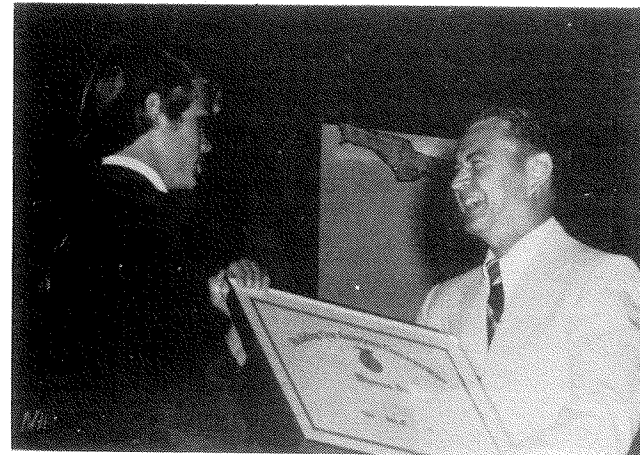
Gary Revels, of the South Sumter Senior FFA Chapter was selected the 1973 State Winner in the area of Fish and Wildlife Management.

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

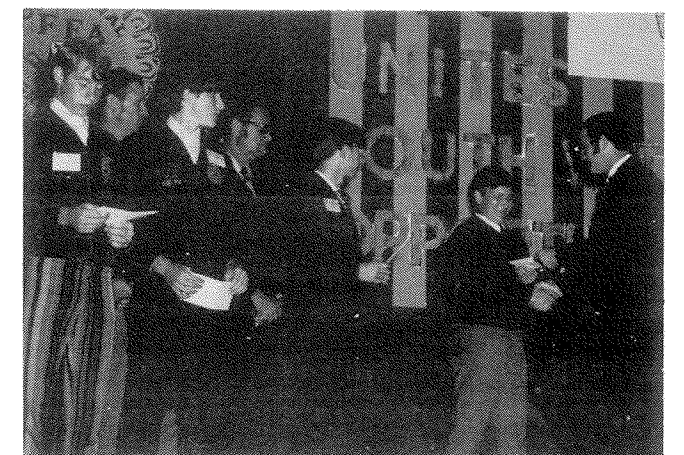
In recognition for these accomplishments, Gary received a \$100 cash award from the National Future Farmer Foundation, Inc. This award was presented by Mr. Jim Floyd of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Other winners from various areas of Florida who received awards from the Game and Fresh Water Fish

Mr. Frank Pope, Farmers Home Administration, presents the state winning BOAC award to Bill Hamm of the Santa Fe Chapter.



National V. P. Bob Hinton represents the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission as he presents the state award to Gary Revels of South Sumter.





State Agricultural Electrification award was given by Mr. Bob Lewis of Tampa Electric Co., to David White of Groveland.



State Champion Harmonica Player Kenny Roberts is presented his pennant and \$15 cash award. Kenny is from Santa Fe Chapter.

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Commission were: Area I — Randy Weimorts of the Ponce de Leon Chapter, Leroy Gillis, Advisor; Area II — Michael Williams of the Hamilton County Chapter, Ronald Hobbs, Advisor; Area III — Hugh Lee of the Groveland Chapter, Freddie Garner, Advisor; Area IV — John Wheeler of the Bartow Senior Chapter, Bob O'Berry, Advisor.

Honorary State Farmers

Lisa Tomkow, 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 Cattlemen's Association, were presented by Dan Buchanan, Representative, Florida Cattlemen's Association.

Vicki Griffin, Zephyrhills received a \$100 check for the most outstanding job with her Feeder-Steer projects. This cash award will assist with expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, next October. Her advisers are: Marcus Shackleford, Jake Redmon and Tom Hayford.

Vicki's project includes two Charolais cross steers as a part of her supervised occupational experience program.

She has been active in the Zephyrhills Senior FFA Chapter, serving as vice president and a member of the poultry, meats and land judging teams. Her supervised occupational experience program includes in addition to two show steers, two dairy heifers, seven beef cows and swine.

Congratulations to each of you winners.

The other five winners who

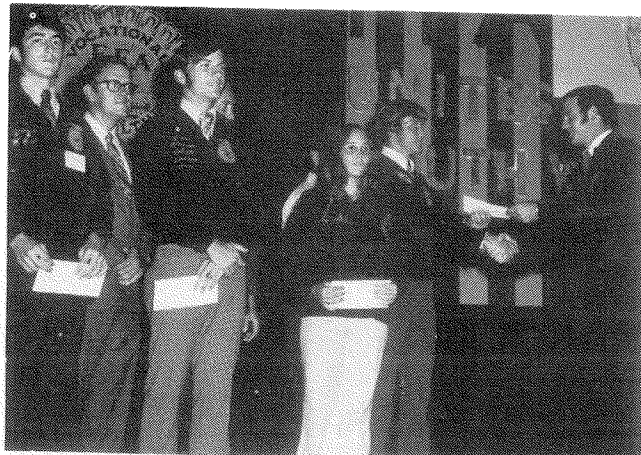
received \$15 each to assist with State FFA Convention expenses were: Pamela Griffin, Zephyrhills; David White, Groveland; Donny Langston, Fort Meade; Tommy Crawford, Lake Butler; and Marcia Freeman, Okeechobee.

Carl Story of the Colonial 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 Fred Dietrich.

Five other area winners received \$15 each to assist with their expenses at the State FFA Convention. They were: Robert Newsome, East Bay; John Gordon, Fort Meade; Michael Coulter, Fort Meade; Bill Freeman, Okeechobee; and Donald Quincey, Chiefland.

Carl has been active in the Orlando Colonial FFA Chapter for the past three years, serving as vice president, member of the

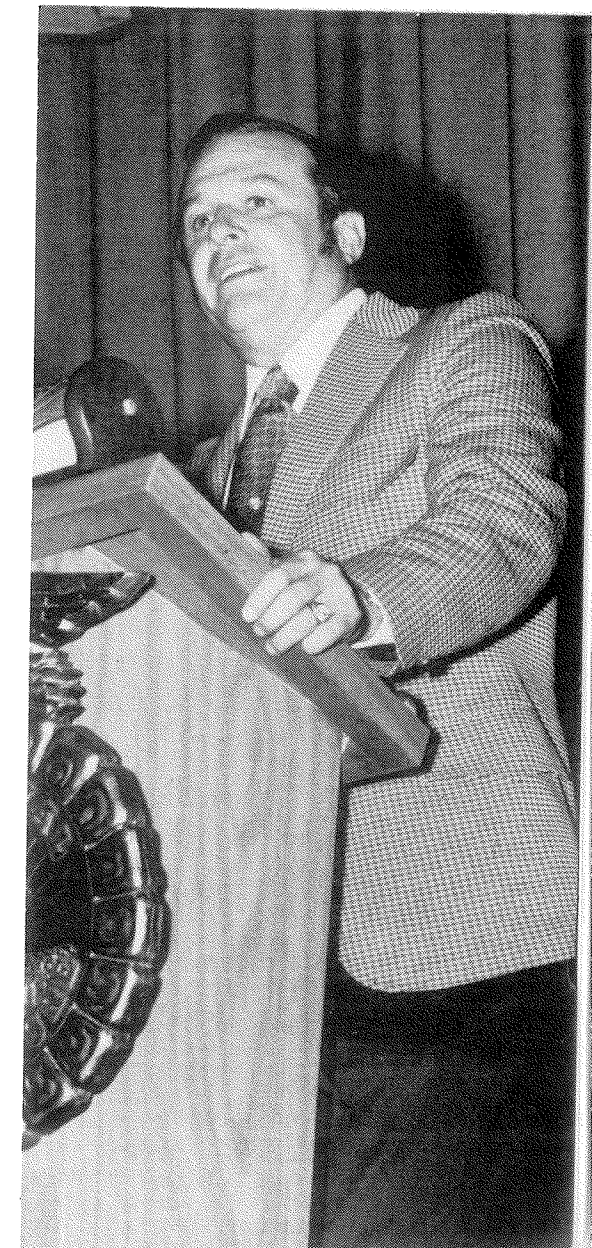
Mr. Floyd Philmon, Lykes-Pasco Packing Co., Dade City, gives State Champion Public Speaker award to Mike Walker, Zephyrhills.



James Giles served as Master of Ceremonies at the Officer Candidate Luncheon held early in the state convention.



Commissioner of Agriculture Conner inspires members, right, and Mr. Joe D. Mills challenged them to stay involved in vocational agriculture.



parliamentary procedure and livestock judging teams.

His supervised occupational experience program has centered around beef breeding and consists of five bulls and thirty-nine cows.

He has exhibited animals annually at the Florida State Fair, Greater Jacksonville Fair and Central Florida Fair. His animals have received numerous ribbons and trophies.

Vicki Griffin of the Zephyrhills Chapter was presented the livestock production award of \$100 sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

Mr. T. L. Barrineau, State advisor, presented \$30 checks to the five area winners on behalf of the Florida Association: Area I — Howard Finley, Paxton Chapter; Area II — Cleveland Selph, Hamilton County Chapter; Area III — Paul Wall, South Sumter Chapter; Area IV — Pam Griffin, Zephyrhills Chapter; Area V — Jack Lundy, Moore Haven Chapter.

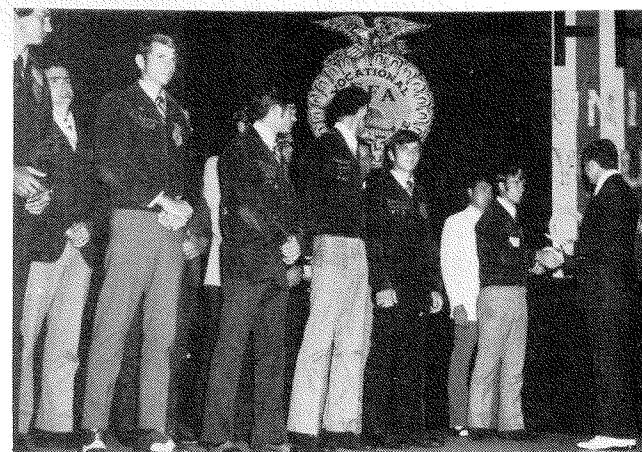
State Officer Nominations

During the Tuesday afternoon session, which was presided over by Lisa Tomkow, State Secretary, the state winning demonstration was presented by Laurie Hesser and Patty Crofton of the Santa Fe 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 Santa Fe Senior



Mr. Jim Emerson, Florida Investor-Owned Power Companies, gives State Demonstration award to Patty Crofton, Larrie Hesser, Santa Fe.



Winning Safety Award is given by Mr. Earl Blomeley of Standard Oil Co., to Kenny Roberts of Santa Fe, shown with other winners.

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and team members were Patty Crofton, Patty Harris, Laurie Hesser and Jeff Means. Jim Emerson, Director of Agricultural Affairs, Florida Power Corporation presented the awards.

Second place honors went to the Palatka Senior team, coached by Jim Ward and Lawrence Oliver.

The day long contest included identification of seeds, Irish potato defects, insects, nutrient deficiencies, vegetable 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 Palatka Junior Chapter team, coached by Jim Ward and Lawrence Oliver.

The seven other high teams receiving ribbons were:

4th, Dade City; 5th, New Port Richey; 6th, Dade City Junior; 7th,

New Port Richey Junior; 8th, D. A. Storms Junior; 9th, Tomlin Junior; and 10th, Westwood Junior.

The Santa Fe Senior Chapter will represent Florida at the National Junior Horticulture Convention in December 1973. Florida's investor owned power companies will pay their expenses.

Winning the 17th annual State Demonstration Contest was the Santa Fe Chapter. The demonstration was given by Patty Crofton and Laurie Hesser. Their advisors are W. C. Geiger, Earl Evans, Larry Reese and Bud Riviere.

Florida's Investor Owned Power Companies will sponsor a trip to the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention in December for Patty and Laurie. Other winners in the contest were as follows: Production: Andy Baldree, Bradford Chapter; Use: Candy Boyett, Dade City Junior Chapter; and Artistic Arrangement: Becky Hutchins,

Bradford Junior Chapter.

Lisa Tomkow, State Secretary, announced the Nominating Committee's selection for State President Walter Graham, South Sumter Chapter.

The Nominating Committee's choice for State Secretary was Jimmy Edwards.

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 widespread 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. Earl Blomeley, Public Relations Counsel, made the presentations.

State Champion String Band, pictured above, was representative of the South Sumter Senior Future Farmer Chapter.



Product Credit Association of Fla., and the Federal Land Banks of Fla., Mr. Ed Dukes, gave State Dairy Production Award to Bobby Koon, Mayo.



Mr. Early Priest, president, FVATA, presents their award to State President Rudy Wetherington for his work during the past 12 months.



The Santa Fe Senior Chapter, Future Farmers of America, Alachua, Florida was named the top Florida chapter in safety for 1973. This chapter received a \$100 cash award from Standard Oil Company of Jacksonville, Florida. As a result of their outstanding accomplishments, their advisers, Mr. Larry Reese, Mr. W. C. Geiger, Mr. Earl Evans and Mr. Bub Riviere have been selected by Florida to prepare their report for National Judging and possible National Recognition in October at Kansas City, Missouri.

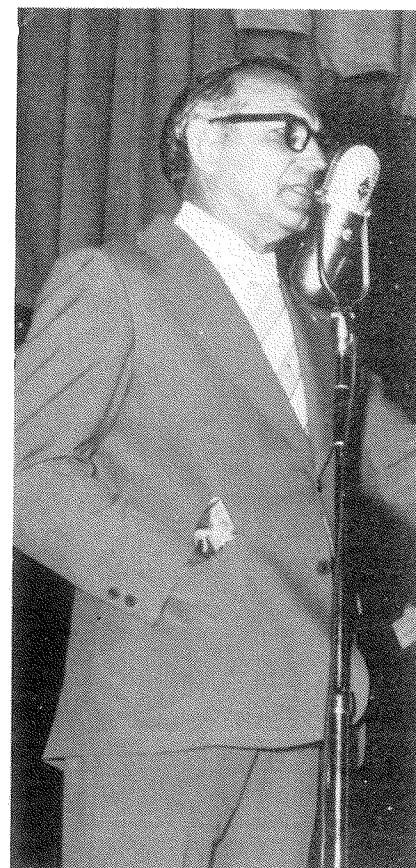
National Safety Programs will be recognized during the Future Farmers of America National Convention at this annual event. Other awards of \$50, \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10 were presented to the Chapters at South Sumter Senior, Bartow Senior, Zephyrhills, Okeechobee and Groveland, respectively.

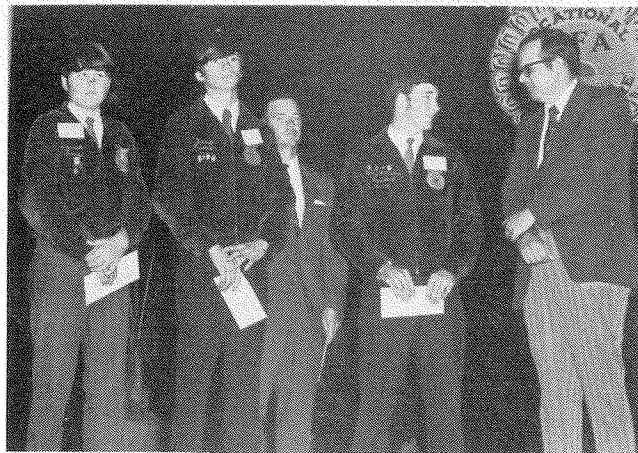
Bobby Koon, a member of the Lafayette Chapter FFA, has been named Florida's 1973 Star State Dairy Farmer. Bobby received \$100 from the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and Production Credit Associations of Florida. This award was presented at the afternoon session of this, the 45th Annual State FFA Convention.

Bobby, age 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Koon of Mayo, Florida. Bobby's vocational agriculture teacher is Mr. J. M. Everett.

Bobby has assumed much of the responsibility associated with the operation and management of the family's dairy farm. The dairy herd consists of 200 head of milking cows and 25 head of dairy replacement heifers. They also have 20 acres of improved pasture where they keep 10

Sen. Lawton Chiles, right, was an honored guest. Mr. C. M. Lawrence, below, brings greetings as Bureau Chief of VTAE.





Mr. Alan Fowler, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, chats with Billy Williams, winner of SCL's Forestry Contest.



State Chapter Forestry Contest winner, Baker Chapter, receives award from Mr. John Miller, Sta. Regis Paper Co., with other winners.

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head of steers. The dairy has gone from a simple stall barn to a twenty-five stall and Bou-matic milkers were installed.

Bobby has been a member of the land and dairy judging teams. He has been a delegate to the State Convention.

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

Other area winners receiving cash awards of \$25 each are: Area II — Tommy Staier, Baker County, Adviser, Jack Williams; Area III — Lonnie Hiatt, Colonial Chapter, Advisers, Fred Dietrich and Bill Sasser; Area IV — Vicki Griffin, Zephyrhills, Advisers, Marcus Shackelford, Jacob Redmon and Tom Hayford; and Area V — Susan

Pafford, Miami, Adviser, Quentin Duff.

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, Bob Hinton and Bufort Wilson, President, Tennessee Association.

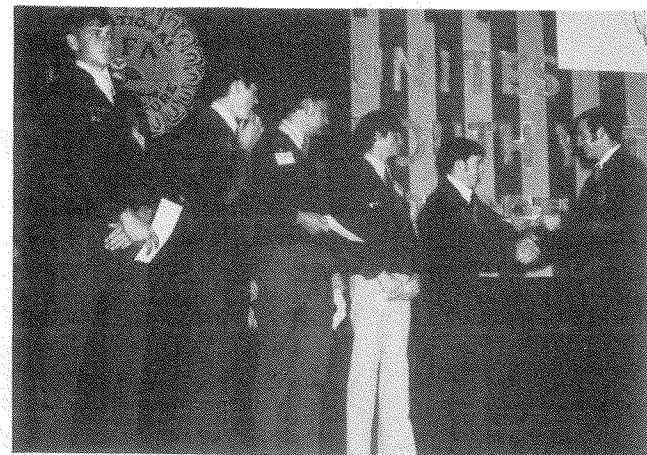
Seaboard Forestry Awards

Billy Williams, a member of the Baker County FFA Chapter at Macclenny, Florida, has been selected as the 1973 Seaboard Coast Line Forestry Contest winner. Alan L. Fowler, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, presented the award to Billy. He

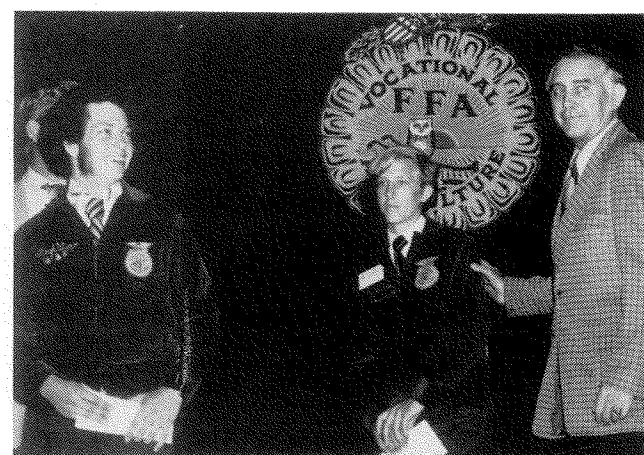
received \$325.00 to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Billy will also tour Cincinnati, Ohio, while enroute to Kansas City. He will meet many company officials and will visit several industrial complexes while in Cincinnati. Billy received this award for his outstanding accomplishments in Forestry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Williams of Sanderson, Florida. Accompanying Billy to Cincinnati and Kansas City will be his FFA advisor and brother, Mr. Jack Williams. One teacher is selected from the Southeast each year to make the tour with the six state winners. Selection of the teachers is made on a rotational basis. Mr. Williams will receive \$125 plus an additional \$150 to make the tour with Billy.

Billy's forestry activities included the planting of 26,000 seedlings, 75 acres of hardwood control, pruning

Congratulating Billy Williams, Forest management Award winner, is National V. P. Bob Hinton, representing Agrico Chemical Co.



Mr. Bart Ahlstrom of the Florida Poultry Federation, presented the Poultry Production Awards, with Joe Hendricks state winner.



Mr. Bruce Hutchcraft, WTVT, Tampa, presents State Star Farmer trophy to Walter Graham, Webster, as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham, watch.



Rep. Bill Gunter, right, praised FFA for leadership development. Dr. Dan O. Spinks, UF Dean of Resident Instruction, also spoke.



one acre, prescribed burning on 340 acres, prepared 2 1/2 miles of firebreaks, harvested three acres, controlled insects and diseases on 30 acres and has 600 faces used in gum production. Billy has sold 34.46 barrels of gum since his forestry projects began. He has also collected 105 bushels of pine cones for sale to the U. S. Forest Service for research purposes.

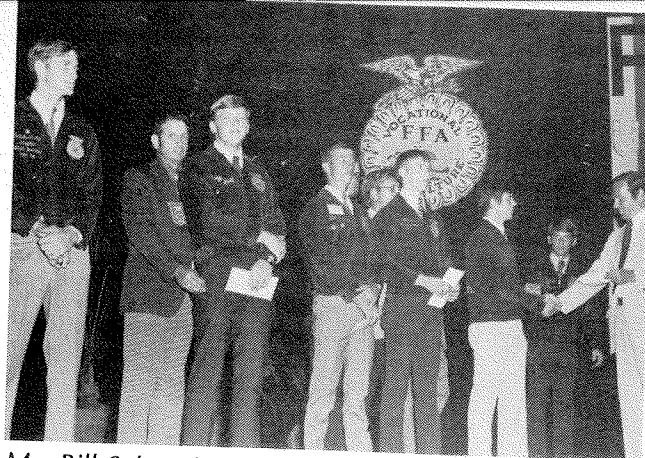
Billy has attended the FFA Forestry Training Camp and has participated in Forestry Field Day activities for three years. He has been active in livestock judging, meats judging, parliamentary procedure, land judging and presently serves as chapter president. He is a member of the ATFA (American Turpentine Farmers Association), National Honor Society, Beta Club and National Polled Hereford Association.

Second through fourth place awards were presented to FFA members by Mr. Alan Fowler, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Coast Line, Richmond, Virginia. He presented awards to: Greg Lyons, Macclenny, \$50; Doug Dowling, Macclenny, \$30; and Andy Baldree, Bradford Senior, \$20.

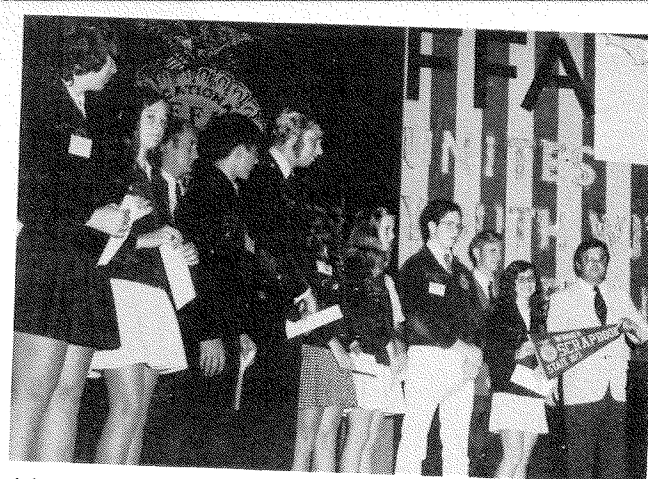
Poultry Production Awards

Joe Hendricks of Lake Butler, was named state winner of the FFA Proficiency Award in Poultry Production. He received a \$100 cash award from the National FFA Foundation. The presentation was made by Bart Ahlstrom, Executive Director, of the Florida Poultry Federation.

Joe's project program has centered around egg production. He has been



Mr. Bill Schmidt of Florida Tractor Corp. gives State Agriculture Mechanics award to Walter Graham, South Sumter, pictured with area winners.



Mr. Jesse Burt, Community Relations Director, VTAE, presented State Winning Scrapbook Awards, Winter Haven Chapter being state winner.

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in the agriculture program for three years and owns 3,900 laying hens. He has been active in the Lake Butler chapter and in local community activities. His advisor is Mr. James W. Brown.

Three FFA members — Area Winners — received \$25 each from the Florida Poultry Federation. They were: Area II — Richard Williams, Jasper; Area III — David White, Groveland; Area IV — Lloyd Wynn, Bartow.

The third session was called to order by Rudy Wetherington, who then introduced Tom Umiker, first vice president, to preside.

Agriculture Mechanics Awards

Walter Graham, age 19, of the South Sumter FFA Chapter was named Florida's 1973 State Winner in Agricultural Mechanics.

Groveland Chapter is presented the pennant and \$25 cash award for having the best FFA quartet in the state.



Walter received a \$100 cash award from Mr. William Schmidt, Vice President of the Florida Tractor Corporation.

Young Graham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Graham of Bushnell. Walter's FFA advisers are Mr. John Stephens and Mr. Carl Williams.

His agricultural experience program has included planning and constructing cattle facilities, repairing and maintaining farm machinery and equipment, building roads and fences and constructing a hay barn.

He has been very active in leadership development, serving as vice president, treasurer and chaplain of his chapter and as a member of many judging teams. He has served as student body president at South Sumter High School and in numerous other school and community activities.

Walter plans to attend college and

study veterinary medicine.

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 — Greg Evers of the Jay Chapter; Area II — Harold Hale of the Santa Fe Chapter; Area III — Gary Merritt of the Groveland Chapter; Area IV — William Hosmer of the Bartow Senior Chapter; Area V — Gary Avery of the Spady Chapter.

Florida Bankers Scholarships

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

Top Chapter Awards were presented by Mr. Mike McElrath, Belk Lindsey Stores, to Santa Fe, Bartow, Zephyrhills, South Sumter, 1-4 in order.



Russel Eisenburg, Star State Agribusinessman, displays his trophy during State Convention as his Chapter Adviser stands beside him.



upon FFA leadership as evidenced by participation in cooperative activities, committee work, leadership within their local chapters, and their supervised agriculture experience programs.

Mr. C. William Seaborn, Vice President, Florida Bank and Trust Company, Daytona Beach, representing the Florida Bankers Association, presented the 1972 Scholarships to Woodrow W. Story of the Orlando-Colonial FFA Chapter and to Delbert Redditt, also of the Orlando-Colonial FFA Chapter.

Top Chapter Awards

Mr. Mike McElrath, 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 1973. 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.

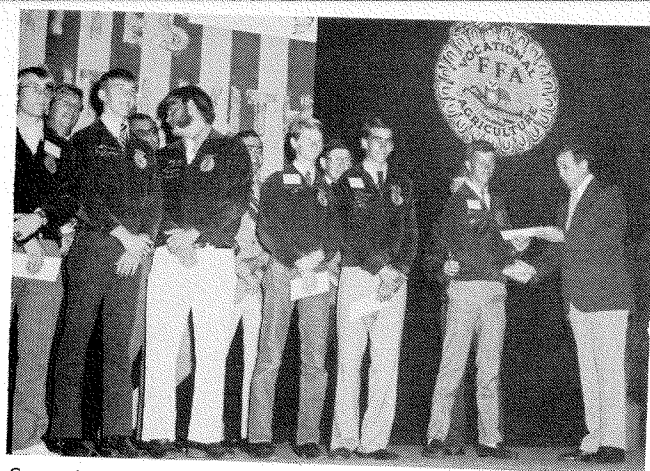
Florida will be allowed to submit 10% of its superior ranking chapters for National Award Evaluations. The National awards to be presented at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri during the month of October 1973.

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

District I Ponce de Leon Chapter, \$25; Walnut Hill Chapter, \$15; Poplar Springs, \$10. District II —

Ernie Lee of WTVT, Channel 13, Tampa, emceed music contests.

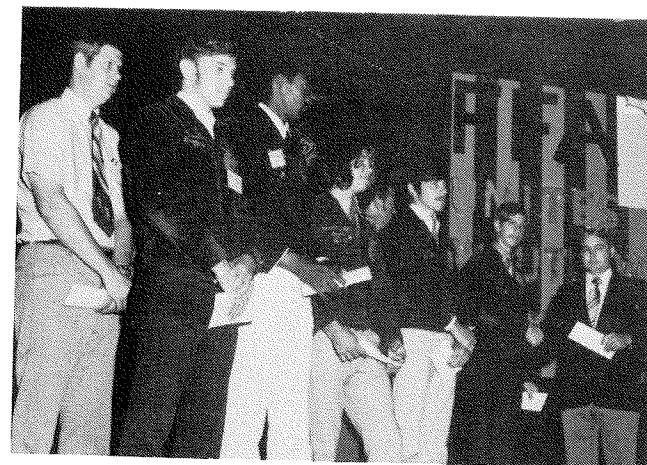




State Winning Ornamental Horticulture Award went to Gary Avery, Spady Chapter, with Mr. Bob Croft presenting for Hoffman Landscape Nurseries, Miami.



Mr. Ron Jeffries congratulates Gary Revels as his awards South Sumter Senior Chapter the State Chapter Cooperative Award.



Placement in Processing State Award was given to Kenley Redditt by Mr. Charles Shackelford for Florida's Production Credit Ass'ns and Federal Land Banks.



Mr. Carroll Lamb entertained, inspired and informed FFA'ers at the Delegates-Advisers Luncheon, one of the convention high-points.



National Officer Bob Hinton gave an inspiring challenge.

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Greensboro, \$25; Marianna, \$15; Malone, \$10. District III — Santa Fe Senior, \$25; Santa Fe Junior, \$15; Chiefland Senior, \$10. District IV — Bradford Senior, \$25; Palatka Senior, \$15; Interlachen, \$10. District V — South Sumter Senior, \$25; Groveland Senior, \$15; South Sumter Junior, \$10. District VI — Orlando-Colonial, \$25; Evans, \$15; Union Park, \$10. District VII — Zephyrhills Senior, \$25; Manatee, \$15; East Bay, \$10. District VIII — Bartow Senior, \$25; Fort Meade, \$15; Auburndale Senior, \$10. District IX — Moore Haven, \$25; Pahokee, \$15; Spady, \$10.

Ornamental Horticulture Awards

Gary Avery of the Spady FFA Chapter was named the 1973 Ornamental Horticulture winner for Florida. He received his award of \$100 from Robert Croft, representing Hofmann Nurseries of Miami, Florida.

Gary's advisers are I. F. Mitchell, William Robb and Dennis Alexander.

Other individuals who received awards at this evening session of the 45th Annual FFA Convention were from five areas of Florida. Presentation of \$25 cash awards from the Hofmann Landscape Nurseries, Inc., of Miami went to: Area I — David Edenfield of the Leon FFA Chapter; Area II — David Clay Barber of the Baker County Chapter; Area III — Thomas Taylor of the Orlando-Colonial Chapter; Area IV — James Morgan of the Polk Vo-Tech FFA Chapter; Area V — Charles Roup of the Okeechobee Chapter.

Judging Teams Recognized

State judging Teams were recognized for their accomplishments. South Sumter Senior was recognized as winner of the state land judging contest. Allentown was the dairy judging winner. Santa Fe Senior received recognition as the livestock judging winner. The Dade City Chapter won top recognition in poultry and meats judging state contest. The Dade City 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.

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: Gary R. Brown, James A. Downing and William W. Ducharme.

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

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

State Farmer Ceremony

Wednesday morning a breakfast was held for 1973 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 Wetherington introduced Norman Flowers, second vice

president, to preside over the session.

Mr. Charles Shackelford, a representative for the Production Credit Associations of Florida and Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida presented the Agricultural Production, Agricultural Processing and Sales and/or Service Placement Awards.

Luke Ward, was named Florida's 1973 State Winner in Agriculture Production Placement Program. Luke is a member of the Vernon FFA Chapter. His advisor is Mr. Dozier B. Hendry. Luke 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 Jake Bielling of the Lake Butler FFA Chapter.

In third place and receiving a \$40 cash award was Joseph Fannin of the Ocoee Senior Chapter.

James Daughtrey of the Zephyrhills FFA Chapter received \$20 for his 5th place application.

Luke Ward, the State Winner, has developed competencies in several areas through placement work at the Keller Soybean and Wheat Farm near Vernon, Florida. While working there, Luke has gained experience in the operation of a wide variety of agricultural machinery such as Grain Dryers, Soybean Combine, Tractors and Herbicide Spraying equipment.

Kenley Redditt of the Union Park Junior FFA Chapter was selected the state winner in Placement in Processing. His chapter advisors are Mr. Gary Bartley and Mr. Jerry Butler. Kenley's placement was with the Redditt's Custom Meats of

Orlando.

The second place winner was David Rutledge of the Groveland FFA Chapter. He received a \$60 cash award.

Third place award of \$40 went to Bruce Millender of the Carabelle FFA Chapter. Fourth place winner is James Chrishon of the Walton Senior FFA Chapter. James received a \$30 cash award. Fifth Place and \$20 went to Russell Driggers of the Hamilton County Junior FFA Chapter.

David Still of the Bartow Senior FFA Chapter was named Florida's 1973 State Winner in its Placement in Sales and Service Awards Program. David was presented with a \$100 cash award.

Mr. Bob O'Berry is David's Chapter Advisor and Agriculture Instructor. David has expressed keen interest in economics through his working with the public in a retail feed store. He plans to enter junior college this fall. David has served as president of both the Bartow Junior and the Bartow Senior FFA Chapters and has participated in many judging contests.

Winning 2nd place was David Edenfield of the Leon FFA Chapter, receiving a \$60 Award. 3rd place went to Jody Crain of the Interlachen FFA Chapter, receiving a \$40 Award. Winner of 4th place and \$30 was Jimmy Edwards of the Groveland FFA Chapter. 5th place and \$20 went to Delvey Dicks of the Columbia FFA Chapter.

Citrus Awards

Jim Luttrell, Director of Grower and Contract Division, Florida Citrus Mutual in Lakeland, was on hand to



Mr. Jim Luttrell of Florida Citrus Mutual presented Citrus Placement Awards. Wayne Pless is State Winner in Citrus Production.



Mr. Richard Kelly, Florida Department of Agriculture, gave Leadership Awards to Greg Evers, Bill Wolfram, David White, David Still, Kevin Griffin.



Tennessee's Bufort Wilson spoke as youth club reps were recognized.

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present awards in citrus production and placement for experience in the citrus industry, which are sponsored by Florida Citrus Mutual.

From the Fort Meade chapter, Berton Twiss received a check for \$100 for the most outstanding work with his citrus placement projects. Tom Cochran, his advisor, received a plaque.

Receiving \$25 each as area winner in citrus placement was: Bill Barber, Haines City Senior Chapter.

Wayne Pless from the Dade City Senior Chapter was presented a \$100 check from Florida Citrus Mutual for the best work in the citrus production program. His adviser, Floyd Philmon, received a plaque.

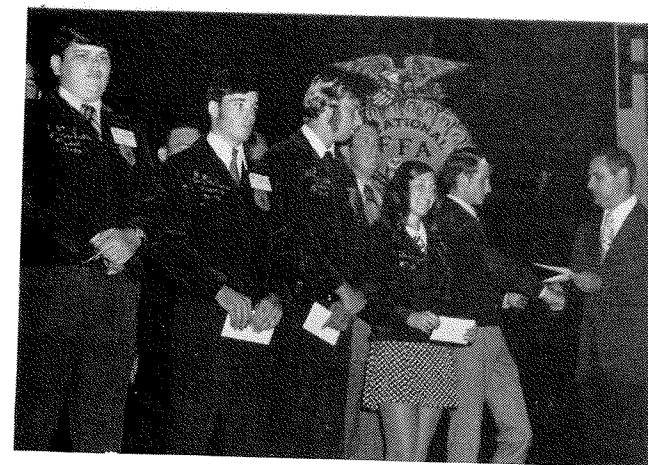
Area winners in citrus production, receiving a \$25 check were: David White, Groveland Chapter, Area - III; Otto Polk, Frostproof Chapter, Area - IV.

Dr. Dan Spinks, Assistant Dean for Resident Instruction at the College of Agriculture at the University of Florida addressed the delegation on the important role that young people must assume in today's society.

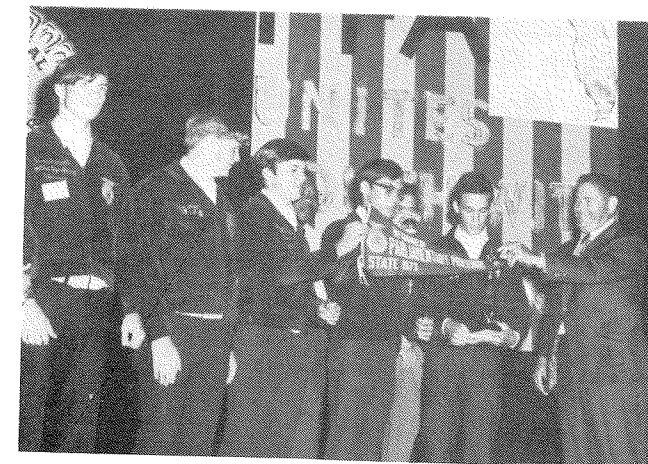
The State Farmer Degree was bestowed upon 217 Future Farmers. The Production Credit Associations of Florida and the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida presented a State Farmer Key to each member receiving the degree.

Leadership Awards

Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and former FFA Executive Secretary, presented the Leadership Awards, sponsored by



Doyle Conner Scholarships were given by Mr. Richard Kelly to Ted Edwards, Vicki Griffin, Delbert Redditt, Billy Williams, John Smith.



Mr. Sam Love, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, presents State Winning Parliamentary Procedure Trophy and Banner to South Sumter Senior Chapter.

the Department of Agriculture, to five young men. These young men were selected from the State Farmers which excelled in leadership. Greg Evers, Jay Chapter, Area I; Bill Wolfram, Palatka Chapter, Area II; David White, Groveland Chapter, Area III; David Still, Bartow Chapter, Area IV; and Kevin Griffin, Miami Chapter, Area V.

The 1973 Doyle Conner Scholarships of \$200 each were presented by Mr. Kelly. The recipient from Area I was John Smith of the Greensboro Chapter. His Advisor is James Deas. Billy Williams, Macclenny, Area II winner, is from the Baker County Chapter. Jack Williams is his advisor. The Area III winner, from the Colonial Chapter is Delbert Redditt. Delbert's advisor is Fred Dietrich. From the Zephyrhills Chapter, Vicki Griffin is the winner from Area IV. Her advisor is Marcus Shackelford. Ted Edwards, Area V winner, is from the Okeechobee Chapter and his advisor is Jim Knight.

The State president and State secretary candidates, 1973-74 were given two minutes each to present their qualifications prior to the balloting for president and secretary. President Wetherington called on George Busby, Area III Supervisor, who explained the method of voting. The delegates voted immediately after the meeting adjourned.

State Farmers of 1973 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 Wetherington who introduced Fredde Hewett, fourth 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 Zephyrhills Chapter, receiving \$50.

Honorary State Farmer Degrees were awarded to the following people: Dr. Kenneth R. Tefertiller, Vice President, Agricultural Affairs, University of Florida; Mr. D. G. Thigpen, Jr., General Manager, Sumter Electric Company; Mr. John B. Mattingly, Attorney at Law; Mr. Vincent W. Gould, Owner and Operator, Gould Insurance Agency, Inc.; Mr. L. C. Ringhaver, President, Ring Power Corporation; Mr. Bill Lavinghouse, "Florida Agri-World Program" Channel 9 TV WFTV; Mr. Bobby Shaw, Assistant Safety Director, Florida Farm Bureau; Mr. Joe D. Mills, Director, Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education, Florida Department of Education; Dr. Carl Beeman, Teacher Educator, University of Florida; Mr. Richard Gavin, Area Consultant, Agribusiness and Natural Resources Education; Mr. George Brown, Agriculture Teacher, Rickards High

School; Mr. Bob Eastman, General Manager, Florida Citrus Showcase; Mr. H. Fred Dietrich, Jr., Orlando; Mr. Omar Ergle, Director, Vocational, Technical and Adult Education, Pasco County; Mr. A. H. Hines, President, Florida Power Corporation.

Vice President, Fredde Hewett asked all American Farmers to introduce themselves and their guests. Several 1972 American Farmer Degree recipients and 1973 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.

From Area I, Randy Hanna of the Greensboro Chapter; from the Bradford Chapter is Charles Baldree, Area II; Eulee Shaw, Area III winner is from the South Sumter Chapter; Area IV winner is Raymond Bryan of the Bartow Chapter; and Bill Freeman from the Okeechobee Chapter is the Area V winner. The Star State Greenhand is Chris Hardee from the Chiefland Chapter. His advisors are Eli Beasley

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Charles V. Hardee were present for
the awards presentation.

Tractor Operation Awards

The annual Tractor Operation and
Maintenance awards were presented
by the Ford Tractor Companies. The
Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida
sponsor the awards. Gary Huffman,
Dade City Senior Chapter, was
awarded the first place prizes of \$60
cash, pennant and trophy. Second
through fifth place winners receiving
\$50, \$40, \$30 and \$20, respectively,
each were: Craig Williams, Tate
Chapter; Samuel Kelly, Wildwood
Chapter; Ben Baker, Englewood
Chapter; Pat McCall, Moore Haven
Chapter.

Forest Management Awards

Billy Williams, a member of the
Baker County FFA Chapter at
Macclenny was presented the
Florida Forest Management Award
from the National FFA Foundation,
Inc. Mr. Virgil Davis, forester, Agrico
Chemical Company, Mulberry,
presented the award. Billy received
his instruction in forestry from his
Vocational Agriculture Instructor,
Jack Williams.

Second through fifth place Forest
Management Awards were presented
to FFA members by Virgil Davis,
Agrico Chemical Company,
Mulberry. Davis presented awards to
Greg Lyons, Macclenny, for \$40;

Doug Dowling, Macclenny, \$30;
Andy Baldree, Bradford Senior
Chapter, \$20; and Stephen Peacock,
South Sumter Chapter, \$10.

John Croft, of the Lake Butler
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. John 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
held.

The event was sponsored by the
Young Owls.

Musical Program

Emcee for the annual Musical
Program on Wednesday night was
Ernie Lee, Television Personality
and Country-Western singer with
WTVT in Tampa. He entertained
those present, explained and
conducted the musical contests. N.
L. Storms was producer for the event.

During the session, the
nominating committee presented
their recommendations for the vice
president for 1973-74 and the floor
was opened for nominations for each
of the offices.

Bob Hinton, National Vice-
President, from Sydney, Florida and
honor guest at the convention,
presented an enthusiastic address.

Mr. T. L. Barrineau, State
Advisor, presented the Soil, Water
and Air Management Awards for
John Barnes, Area Conservationist,
Soil Conservation Service, Mari-
anna.

Also recognized were five area

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

Area I winner was Greg Evers of
the Jay Chapter. Area II winner is
Jay Asbell of the Chiefland FFA
Chapter at Chiefland. Area IV
winner was Frank Attkisson of the
Winter Haven FFA Chapter. Area V
winner is Jeff Watford of the
Okeechobee FFA Chapter.

Allen Lee of the Groveland
Chapter was named the State
winner. Allen received a \$100 cash
award from the Future Farmers of
America Foundation for his
outstanding achievement.

The Chapter Scrapbook Awards
were presented by Mr. Jesse Burt,
Community Relations Director,
Division of Vocational, Technical
and Adult 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,
and \$10 for second, in each Area,
were presented: Area I, Greensboro;
Area II, Santa Fe Senior and
Interlachen. Area III, Colonial and
Union Park; Area IV, Dade City
Junior and Zephyrhills. Area V,
Okeechobee.

President Wetherington was
presented with the annual FVA
Award for his accomplishments
during the past year. Mr. Early
Priest, President of FVATA, made
the presentations.

Mr. Bob Lewis, Engineer, Land
Conservation of Tampa Electric
Company presented the Foundation
Award of \$100 to David White,
Groveland Chapter, as state winner
in Agricultural Electrification. His
advisors are Mr. Freddie Garner and
Robert Campbell.

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

Second place is Jody Grain of the
Interlachen Chapter. Third place is
Earl Gibson of the Moore Haven
Chapter. Fourth place goes to Jerry
Waldrop from South Sumter.

Kenny Roberts of the Santa Fe
Senior Chapter was named State
champion Harmonica Player and
was awarded a pennant and \$15.
Kenny's advisors are Mr. W. C.
Geiger, Mr. Larry Reese, Mr. Earl
Evans and Mr. Bud Riviere. The
second place winner, Don McCaskill
of the Walton Senior Chapter
received \$8. Rickey Portal of the
Hardee County Chapter, placed
third, received \$7. Randall Holbrook
of the Moore Haven Chapter placed
fourth and received \$6.

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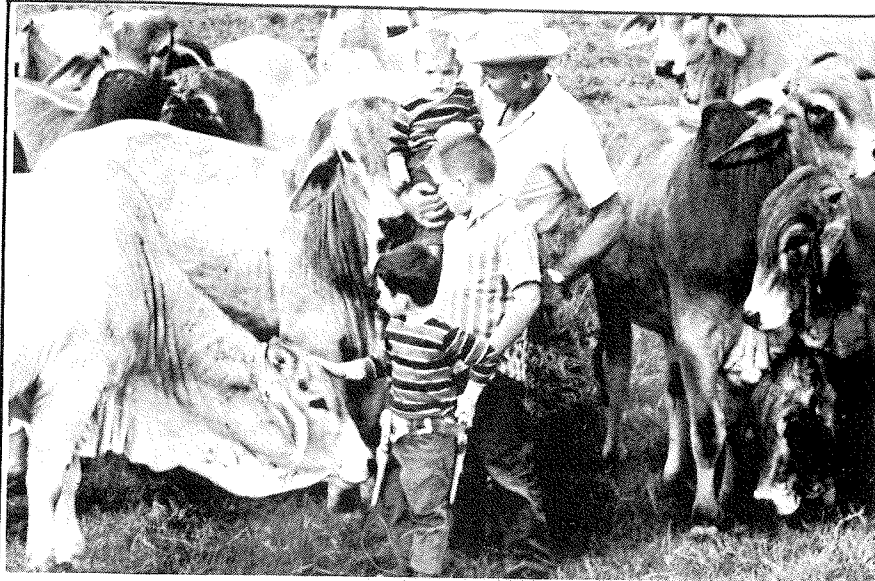
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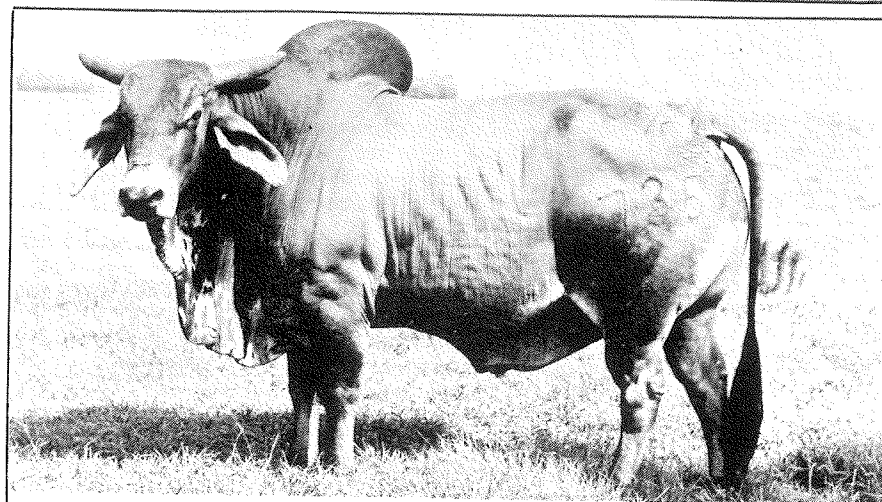


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They received \$25 cash and a pennant. Mr. Freddie Garner is the vocational agriculture teacher and FFA Chapter advisor at Groveland. The Moore Haven Chapter placed second and received \$20; third was the Milton Quartet, receiving \$15; Santa Fe was fourth, receiving \$10.

The South Sumter 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.

The Santa Fe String Band placed second and received \$20; the Haines City Chapter String Band placed third, receiving \$15; fourth place, receiving \$10 was the Carrabelle Chapter String Band; and placing fifth and receiving \$10 was the North Tech 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 Tony Copping, fifth vice president. Mr. John Miller, Public Relations Director, of the 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.

The 1971-72 State Chapter Forestry winner was Baker. Bradford Senior was named second place winner; Tate, third place; fourth place was Baldwin; and fifth place was Suwannee. All chapters received certificates.

Chapter Cooperative Winners

The seventh session on Thursday afternoon was presided over by third vice president, David Smallwood.

Chapter Cooperative Awards were presented by Mr. Ron Jeffries, Assistant State Administrator.

The South Sumter Senior Chapter was presented the Award for having the top cooperative activities program.

South Sumter's many chapter

cooperative activities have been designed to utilize cooperatives to further the agricultural economy of an area.

Other winners receiving awards were: (1st Place, \$50; 2nd Place \$35; 3rd Place, \$25; and 4th Place, \$10).

Area I — 1st Place, Ponce de Leon; 2nd Place, Poplar Springs Chapter.

Area II — 1st Place, Santa Fe Senior; 2nd Place, Bradford Senior; and 3rd Place, Bradford Junior.

Area III — 1st Place, South Sumter Junior; 2nd Place, Groveland Senior; and 3rd Place, Colonial Chapter.

Area IV — 1st Place, Bartow; 2nd Place, Zephyrhills; 3rd Place, Manatee Chapter; and 4th Place, Fort Meade Chapter.

Area V — 1st Place, Okeechobee; 2nd Place, Moore Haven; and 3rd Place, Clewiston Chapter.

Bob Hinton, National Vice President, gave a report on FFA Operation Update, the FFA Alumni Association and International Activities.

Committee reports were presented by representatives from the various 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.

Third Vice President David Smallwood presented an attractive plaque to Kevin Griffin of the Miami Chapter as the Outstanding District Officer for 1971-73. Kevin 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, Lisa Tomkow, from the Dade City Senior Chapter.

The State Final Public Speaking Contest added to the enjoyment of the evening session. Mike Walker of the Zephyrhills Chapter received a check for \$100 and a pennant. Mike will represent Florida in the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest in

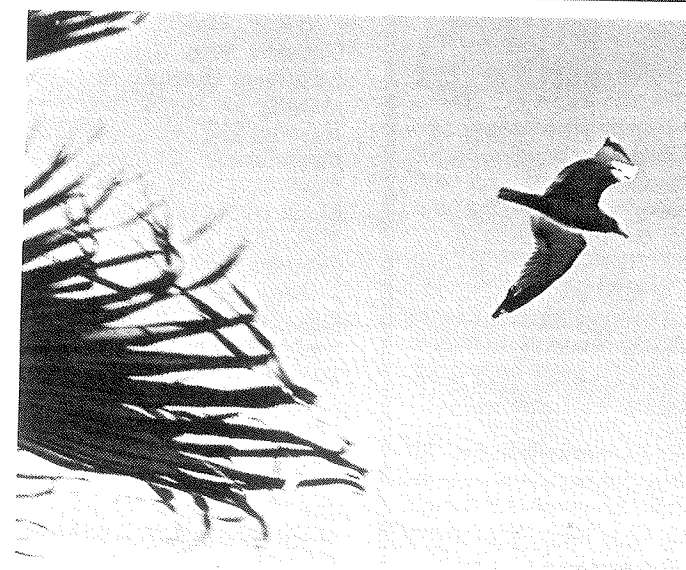
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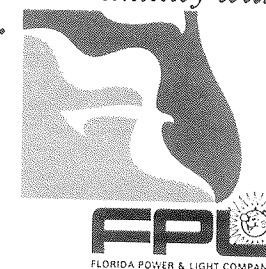
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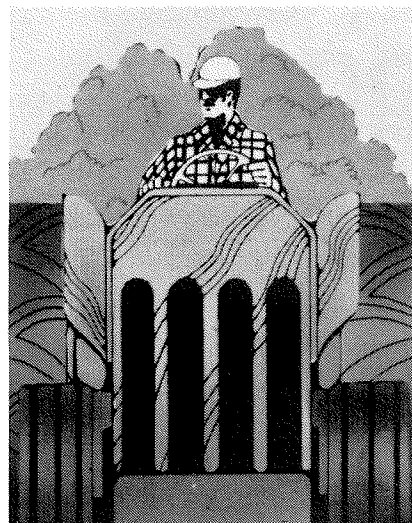
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Danny Schiffer of the Colonial Chapter placed second in the contest and received \$25.

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.

Alvin Wade of the Ponce de Leon Chapter, Patty Crofton of the Santa Fe Chapter and Susan Pafford of the Miami Chapter, each received \$10 for participating in the State Public Speaking Contest.

Danny Schiffer of the Orlando-Colonial FFA Chapter at Bushnell has been named the 1973 State Winner for Home Improvement. He received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation. The presentation was made by a representative of the State Department of Education, Mr. C. M. Lawrence. His advisors are Mr. Fred Dietrich and Mr. Bill Sasser.

Area award winners of the Home Improvement Award received \$25 cash prizes also. These winners are: Area I, Tony Smith of the Godby Chapter; Area II, Laurie Hesser of the Santa Fe Chapter; Area III, James Edwards of the Groveland Chapter; Area IV, Mike Walker of the Zephyrhills Chapter; Area V, Katie Thomas of the Okeechobee Chapter.

Seven 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: Mrs. James C. Sims, Vice President of Coastal States Life Insurance Company; Mr. Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Florida; Mr. Oscar Lastinger, Jr., Agribusiness teacher

at Plant City High School; Mr. Aubrey Caruthers, farmer and cattleman; Mr. Floyd Philmon, teacher of Agribusiness at Dade City; Mr. Hal A. Davis, Attorney-at-Law, Quincy; and Mr. Herman Hudson, Agribusiness teacher at Sebring High School.

Star Agribusinessman Named

Russell Eisenberg of North Miami, Florida was named Star State Agribusinessman by the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America at the forty-fifth Annual Convention here this morning. 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. He is a member of the Miami Chapter.

Russell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eisenberg of North Miami. His advisers are Quentin Duff, Rex Bishop and Perry Sistrunk.

He received a certificate and a \$200 cash award from the National FFA Foundation. The presentation was made by a representative of the Agribusiness Institute of Florida.

Russell has organized a most profitable landscaping and lawn maintenance business. He owns his equipment and does most of the repair jobs. He is a licensed landscaper in the Miami area.

He has completed three years of Vocational Agriculture with most emphasis in Ornamental Horticulture, raising ornamental plants and working in the landscaping and lawn care business. Russell has been active in his chapter as a member of several judging teams. He is a member of several horticulture organizations.

Russell has formed a corporation recently and hires a Certified Public

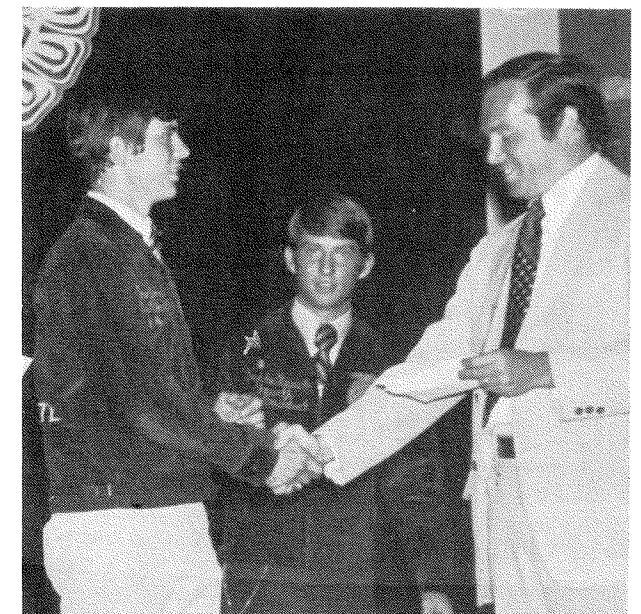
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- Area II — Harold Hale, High Springs, Santa Fe Chapter.
- Area III — Gary Merritt, Groveland.
- Area IV — William Hosmer, Bartow.
- Area V — Gary Avery, Delray Beach.



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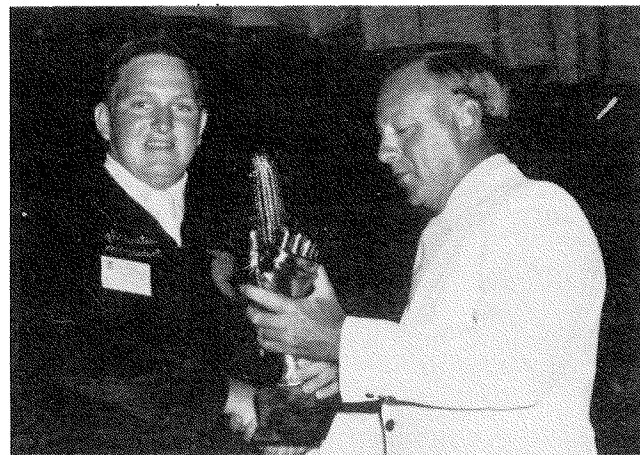
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Accountant to keep the books for his business. He plans to attend college and work towards his degree in Landscape Architecture while keeping his landscaping business growing.

The award was presented by Mr. Ray Dorman, Representative of the Florida Agri-Business Institute.

Four area Star Agribusinessman Awards of \$75 each went to area winners: David W. Edenfield, Leon Chapter; Bill L. Wolfram, Palatka Chapter; Greg Corson, Sanford-Seminole Chapter and David Still, Bartow Chapter.

Star State Farmer Named

Walter Graham of the South Sumter Chapter was named Star State Farmer by the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America at their Forty-fifth Annual Convention here this morning. Star State Farmer is the highest honor given by the state association.

Walter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Graham of Webster, Florida.

He received an achievement certificate and a \$200 cash award from the National FFA Foundation. Bruce Hutchcraft, Farm Reporter for Television Station WTVT, in Tampa presented Walter with a trophy for his attainment of this high honor.

The selection of the recipient of this award was based on leadership activities and his supervised occupational experience program, which included beef cattle, truck general, swine production and placement for experience.

He has completed three years of agriculture. His supervised occupational experience program included Beef Cattle, Truck General, Swine and placement for experience. Improvement projects and supple-

mental practice consisted of developing a farm shop, constructing farm building, constructing and repairing fence, machinery maintenance and repair, general home and farm improvement.

He has been active in the local chapter, serving as Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. He participated in parliamentary procedure, livestock judging and vegetable judging contest.

His chapter advisors are John Stephens, Carey Lee and Carl S. Williams.

Four Area Star Farmer Awards of \$75 each went to Area Winners: Howard Finley, Paxton, Area I; Kirk Griffin, Chiefland, Area II; Vicki Griffin, Zephyrhills Senior, Area IV and Gary W. Avery, Spady Chapter, Area V.

District Star Farmer Awards of \$25 each were presented to District winners: District 2, Steven Barineau, Godby; District 4, Billy Williams, Macclenny; District 6, Will Dietrich, Orlando-Colonial and District 8, Gregory Gordon, Fort Meade.

Area and District awards were presented by a representative of the Production Credit Associations of Florida and the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida who are long time supporters of the FFA program in Florida.

New Officers Installed

The final session of the 45th Annual Convention Friday morning was presided over by President Rudy Wetherington.

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.

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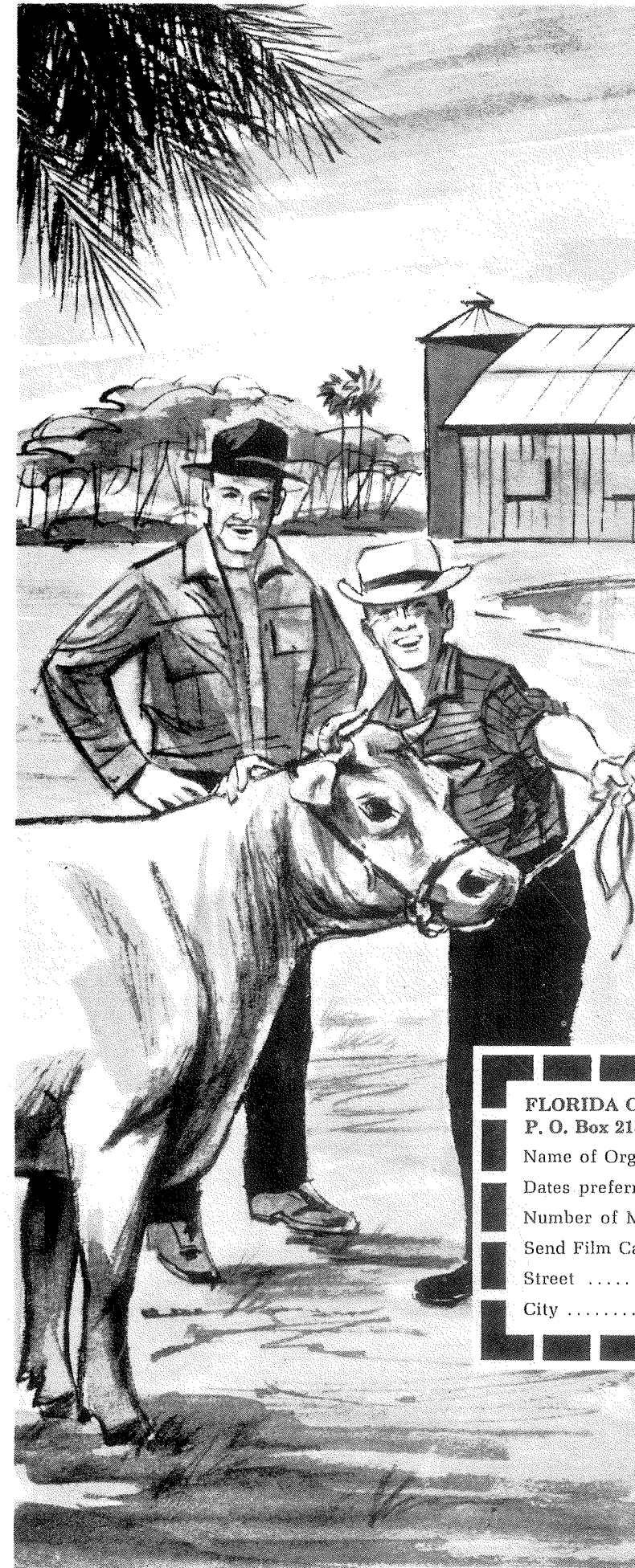
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