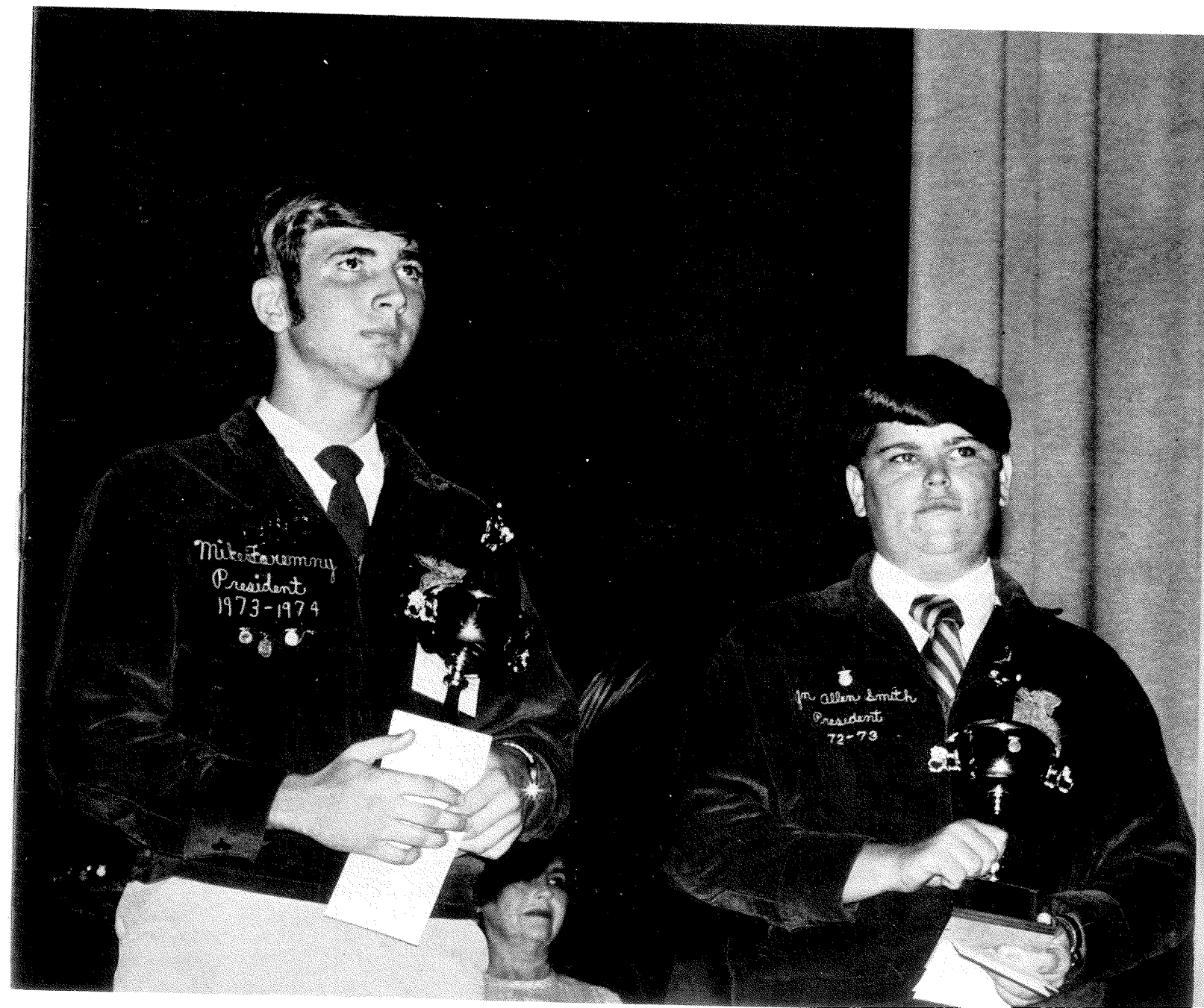


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One of the last items of business was the passing of the gavel from outgoing President Edwards to President-Elect Wilbanks as convention came to a close.



46th Was Bigger, Better Than Ever

Future Farmers, chapter advisors, and guests, numbering more than 1,500 attended the 46th annual State Convention and Leadership Conference in Daytona Beach, June 10-14, 1974. Many interested citizens from Daytona Beach and the surrounding area attended the convention sessions.

Among the many prominent guests attending were Jimmy Alvarez, Starke, National FFA Vice President, and Randy Yarbrow, 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: President, Greg Wilbanks, Groveland; Secretary, Danny Schiffer, Orlando; Vice President, Edwin Mozley, Malone; Vice President, Bill Hamm, High Springs; Vice President, Gary Revels, Webster; Vice President, Wayne Hunter, Lithia; and Vice President, Jack Lundy, Moore Haven.

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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. Jim Bullion, from the Chamber of Commerce, expressed appreciation for the consideration of the Future Farmers in selecting Daytona Beach as a convention site for 23 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 pro-

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

Senator Bruce A. Smathers, Jacksonville 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.

W. R. Jeffries, State Advisor, presented charters to new FFA chapters. They were: Marshall, Land O'Lakes, Northeast, East Lake, Van Buren, Dunellon-Middle.

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,

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Secretary Danny Schiffer, Orlando
Vice President Edwin Mozley, Malone
Vice President Bill Hamm, High Springs
Vice President Gary Revels, Webster
Vice President Wayne Hunter, Lithia
Vice President Jack Lundy, Moore Haven

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The Convention Issue Cover

Highlight of the 46th Annual Convention came on Friday when the Star State Agribusinessman and Star State Farmer were named. Pictured on the cover, left, is Mike Foremny, Star State Agribusinessman of New Port Richey, with John Allen Smith, Star State Farmer of Greensboro.



Judges and contestants in the tractor operations and maintenance contest held on beach behind Plaza Hotel are pictured above with equipment placed on firm Coquina.



The vocational agriculture department area consultants were especially honored in a surprise recognition by state officers during the Tuesday afternoon session.

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members, advisors and guests to Daytona Beach. Ted Edwards gave the State President's message.

A motion was approved to adopt the minutes of the 45th annual State Convention as printed in the 1973 Summer Issue of the Florida Future Farmer.

Foy Fish, age 17, of Baker County was named the 1973 State Winner in Crop Production. Foy received a \$100 cash award from Mr. A. M. Marsh of Dixie Lime and Stone Company.

In addition to the State Winner, Dixie Lime and Stone Company presented cash awards of \$25 to each of the area winners. Area I — John Smith of the Greensboro Chapter; Area II — Howard Register of the Columbia Chapter; Area III —

Jimmy Odom of the Groveland Chapter; Area IV — Frank Keller of the Fort Meade Chapter.

Second place area awards of \$5 each were also presented by Dixie Lime and Stone Company to: Area I — Luke Ward, Vernon Chapter; Area II — Billy Erixton, Hamilton County Chapter; Area III — John Fussell, South Sumter Chapter; Area IV — Ernie Lewis, Plant City Chapter.

BOAC Awards

Selected to receive the top Gold Award for Florida was the South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter of Bushnell, 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.

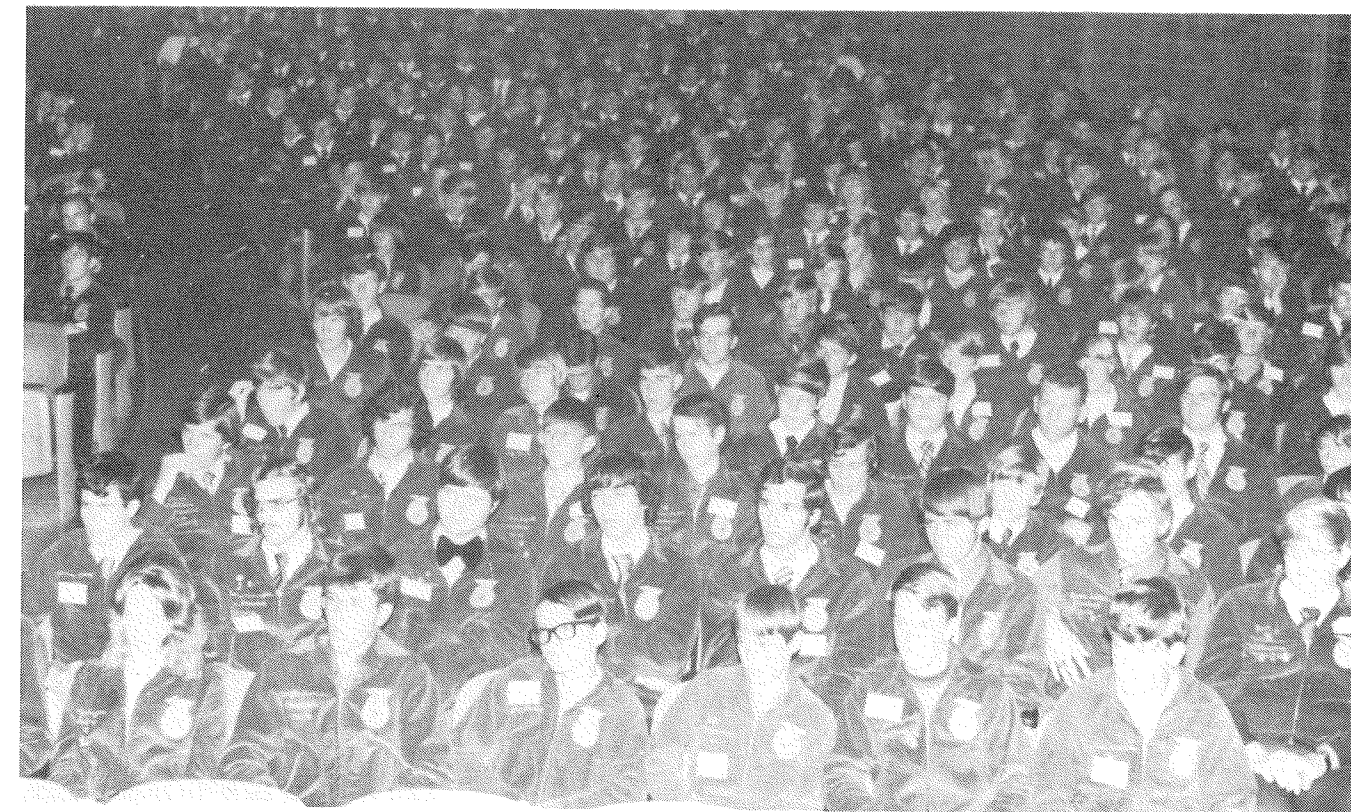
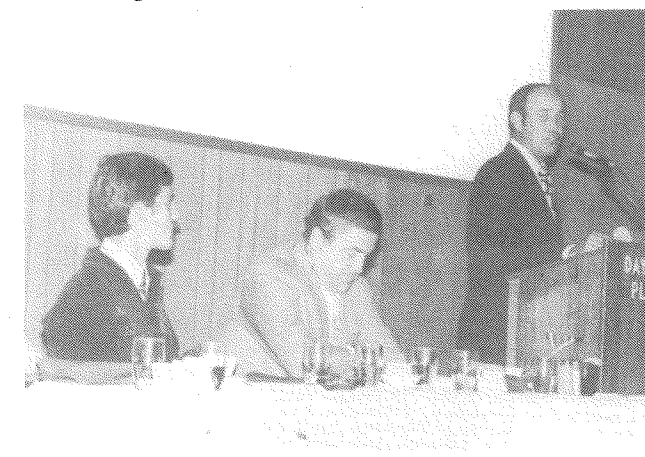
Presenting awards to all of the Florida award winners was Mr. Albert C. Stevens for the Farmers Home Administration of Florida. Each of the following chapters received Area BOAC Award Plaques: Interlachen, South Sumter, Santa Fe Sr., Bradford Sr., Zephyrhills, Bartow, Greensboro, Newberry, Ft. Meade, Moore Haven, Orlando-Colonial, Auburndale, Carrabelle, Greco, Hamilton Co. Sr., Englewood, and Okeechobee Jr., Vanguard Sr., Citrus, and Union Park.

In addition to South Sumter Senior being selected as Florida's top BOAC winner, the Interlachen Chapter, Bradford Sr., Bartow Sr., Santa Fe Sr., and Zephyrhills

Farm Equipment Sales Administrator, Mr. Gene Garrick, Florida Tractor Co., Jacksonville, presents Agricultural Mechanics Contest Winner Butch Hale, Santa Fe Chapter, with \$100 check.



Mr. John Carli presided over the State Farmers and Advisors Luncheon held on Wednesday under sponsorship of Chase and Company, Sanford, who have long record of FFA interest.



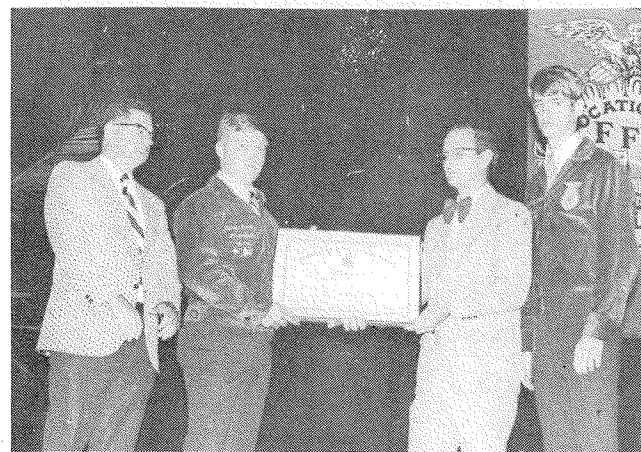
New recipients of the State Farmer degree fill much of Daytona's mammoth auditorium.

Mr. Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, former FFA president, urged members to keep interested in agriculture.



Florida's Commissioner of Education Ralph D. Turlington of Gainesville addressed members during the Daytona Beach convention.





Mr. Albert C. Stevens, Farmers Home Administration, give Governor's Citation for first place in the BOAC contest to Gary Revels for the winning South Sumter Chapter.



Capt. Jerry Girvin, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, gives State Winner Harold Joslin, Sarasota, his award for winning the Fish and Wildlife Management contest.

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Chapters were also awarded a Gold Emblem and South Sumter and Santa Fe Chapters will represent Florida in the National BOAC Awards Program.

Selected to receive the State Silver Emblem BOAC Awards were the chapters at, Fort Meade, Greensboro, Newberry, Moore Haven and Orlando-Colonial. Florida's top chapter in the "Building our American Communities" program, will also receive the Governor's Citation.

South Sumter Senior Chapter took advantage of its strong Land Laboratory, Shop and 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 South Sumter Chapter in community improvement resulted in their being selected as Florida's 1974 winner from among many fine community projects.

Harold Joslin, of the Sarasota Sr. FFA Chapter was selected the 1974 State Winner in the area of Fish and Wildlife Management.

Planting of wildlife cover and feed crops, planning firelines, cleaning streams and control of farm pond stocking are among many of his activities.

In recognition for these accomplishments, Harold received a \$100 cash award from the National Future Farmer Foundation, Inc. This award was presented by Capt. Jerry Girvin 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 — Steve Matthews, Allentown; Area II — Andy Baldree, Starke; Area III — Hugh Lee, Groveland; Area IV — John Wheeler, Bartow.

Honorary State Farmers

Jimmy Edwards, state secretary, read the names of those recommended by the State Executive Committee to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree. The list was approved. Those receiving the degree were: Mr. J. T. Langley, Mr. Doug Epperson, Mr. Bob Campbell, Mr. Billy Hester, Mr. Les Kalch, Mr. Joe Kirkland, Mr. Ralph Blount, Mr. Homer Addair, Mr. Walter Kautz, Mr. Fred Shaw, Mr. Rex Bishop and Mr. V. T. Sewell.

The State FFA Feeder Steer and Beef Breeding Awards, sponsored by



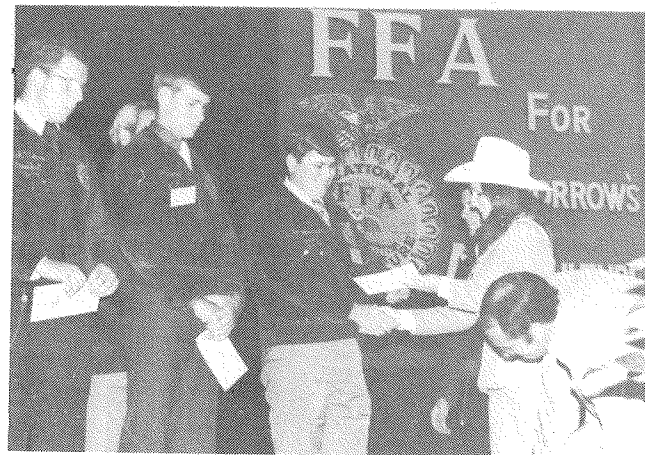
An inspiring Vesper Service was presented by state officers during the opening session.

Honorary State Farmer Degrees were presented to these 12 men at the Wednesday afternoon session.



FFA Dates To Remember!

Oct. 15-18—National FFA Convention, Kansas City
Oct. 25—State Forestry Field Day Contest, Perry
Feb. 28-Mar. 1—State Judging Contests, Gainesville
Mar. 8—FFA Day, Central Florida Fair, Orlando



Debbie Wiygul, Cattlemen's Sweetheart, and Mr. Al Bellotto of Florida Beef Council congratulate John Smith, Greensboro, state winner in the Livestock Production contest.



Mr. Earl Blomeley, Standard Oil Co., congratulates Chuck Combs, Zephyrhills Chapter, for the chapter's success in winning top honors in the Safety Contest.



Mr. Alan Fowler, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, make winners' awards in SCL's Forestry Contest. State winner in the competition was from Baker County Chapter — Greg Lyons.



Bob Lewis of Tampa Electric Co. and J. T. Langley of Florida Power and Light Co. give Horticulture Demonstration contest awards to Debbie Douglas and Tommy Miller.

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the Florida Cattlemen's Association, were presented by Mr. Jim Luttrell, Executive Vice President, Florida Cattlemen's Association, along with Debbie Wiygul, Cattlemen's Sweetheart.

Greg Wilbanks, Groveland 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 advisors are Freddie Garner and Bob Campbell.

The other five winners who received \$15 each to assist with State FFA Convention expenses were: Joey Tootle, Groveland; Pamela Griffin, Bethlehem; Wayne Simmons, Plant City; Carl Story, Orlando Colonial; and Cindy Griffin, Bethlehem.

Bobby Selby 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 advisor is Fred Dietrich.

Five other area winners received \$15 each to assist with their expenses at the State FFA Convention. They were: Cindy Holley, Haines City; Donald Quincy, Chiefland; Marcia Freeman, Okeechobee; Larry Sturgis, Ft. Meade; and Walter Ringdahl, Ft. Meade.

John Allen Smith of the Greensboro Chapter was presented the livestock production award of \$100 sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

Mr. Al Bellotto, Chairman of the Florida Beef Council, presented \$30 checks to the five area winners: Area

I — Pam Griffin, Bethlehem; Area II — Angus Rimes, Lake Butler; Area III — Greg Wilbanks, Groveland; Area IV — Fred Waters, Bartow, and Area V, Bill Freeman, Okeechobee.

State Officer Nominations

During the Tuesday afternoon session, which was presided over by Jimmy Edwards, State Secretary, the state winning demonstration was presented by Tommy Miller and Debbie Douglas of the Bradford Sr. Chapter.

The 17th 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 Senior and team members were Mary Hoare, Kay Horick, Wendell Waters, and Dale Harrell. Herman Witt, representing Florida's Investor Owned Power Companies presented the awards.

Second place honors went to the Dade City Sr. team.

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

Third place in the state contest went to the Tomlin Junior Chapter team.

The seven other high teams receiving ribbons were: 4th, Santa Fe Sr.; 5th, Orlando Colonial; 6th, Dade City Jr.; 7th, Palatka Jr.; 8th, New Port Richey; 9th, East Bay Sr.; and

10th, Storms Jr.

Winning the 17th annual State Demonstration Contest was the Bradford Sr. Chapter. The demonstration was given by Debbie Douglas and Tommy Miller. Their advisors are Paul Hutchins and Greg Alvarez.

Florida's Investor Owned Power Companies sponsor the contest. Other winners in the contest were as follows: Production — Bradford Sr., 2nd, Bradford Jr.; Marketing — Bradford Sr.; 2nd, Groveland; Use — Bradford Jr.; 2nd, Bradford Sr.; Artistic Arrangement — Sarasota; 2nd, Bradford Sr.; Landscape Design — Sarasota; 2nd, Santa Fe Sr.

Jimmy Edwards, State Secretary, announced the Nominating Committee's selection for State President was Kenny Roberts, Santa Fe, and Charles Tuggle, Ft. Meade.

The Nominating Committee's choice for State Secretary was Bill Hamm.

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.

The Zephyrhills Senior Chapter, Future Farmers of America, Zephyrhills, Florida was named the top Florida chapter in safety for 1974.

This chapter received a \$100 cash award from Standard Oil Company of Jacksonville, Florida. As a result of their outstanding accomplishments, their advisors, Mr. Jake Redmon, Mr. Ben Sellars and Mr. Milton Bryan 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, Santa Fe Sr., Interlachen, Okeechobee and Ft. Meade, respectively.

Paul Jost, a member of the Hawthorne Chapter FFA, has been named Florida's 1974 Star State Dairy Farmer. Paul 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 46th Annual State FFA Convention.

Paul, age 17, is the son of Mrs. Mildred Jost of Hawthorne, Florida. Paul's vocational agriculture teacher is Mr. Pat Baker.

Paul has assumed much of the responsibility associated with the operation and management of the family's dairy farm.

The Top Area Winner was Lonnie Hiatt of the Orlando-Colonial 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 Miller, Bradford; Area III — Kathy Manookian, Colonial Chapter; Area IV — Susan Blackadar, Plant City Sr., and Area V — Dean Cassels, Okeechobee.

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 Jimmy Alvarez, and Randy Yarbrow, president, Tennessee Association.

Seaboard Forestry Awards

Grey Lyons, a member of the Baker County FFA Chapter at Macclenny, Florida, has been selected as the 1974 Seaboard Coast Line Forestry Contest winner. Alan L. Fowler, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, presented the award to Greg. He received \$325.00 to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Greg will also tour Atlanta, Ga., while en route to Kansas City. He will meet many company officials and will visit several industrial complexes while in Cincinnati. Greg received this award for his outstanding accomplishments in Forestry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyons of Glen St. Mary, Florida.

Accompanying Greg to Atlanta and Kansas City will be his FFA advisor Mr. Jack Williams and

Mr. Butch Taft. 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 Greg.

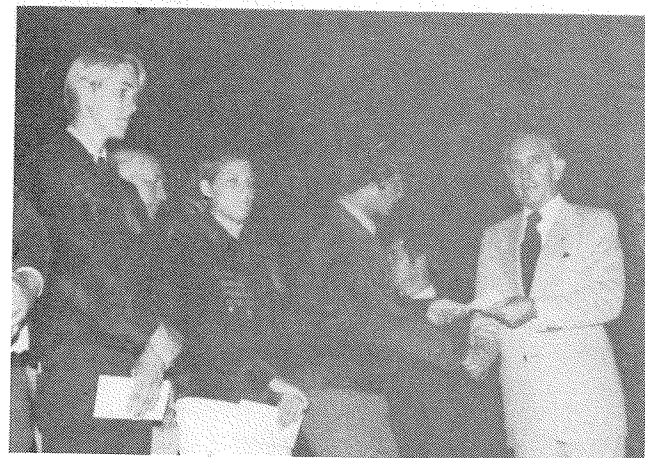
Greg's forestry activities included the planting of 60,000 seedlings, pruning one acre, prescribed burning on 400 acres, prepared 2½ miles of fire-breaks, harvested six cords of fuel wood, controlled insects and diseases on 30 acres and has 2000 faces used in gum production. Greg has sold 77 barrels of gum since his forestry projects began. He has also collected 16 bushels of pine cones for sale to the U.S. Forest Service for research purposes.

Greg 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 secretary. He is a member of the ATFA (American Turpentine Farmers Association), National Honor Society, and Beta Club.

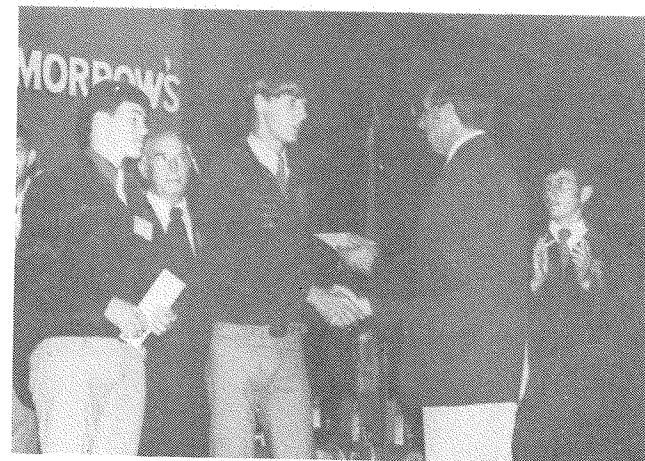
Second through fourth place awards were presented to FFA members by Mr. Alan Fowler, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Coast Line, Richmond, Virginia. He presented awards to: Charles Baldree, Starke, \$50; William Barney, Palatka, \$30; and Floyd Robbins, Palatka, \$20.

Poultry Production Awards

Mike Gaskins of Lawtey, was named state winner of the FFA Proficiency



Mr. Bart Ahlstrom, executive director of the Florida Poultry Federation, Tampa, presents the Poultry Production awards, with Mike Gaskins of Lawtey recognized as the state winner.



Mr. Bob Croft presented Ornamental Horticulture Contest awards for Hoffman Nurseries, Inc., Miami, with Douglas Green recognized particularly as the state winner.

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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.

Mike's project program has centered around broiler production. He has been active in his chapter, serving as Junior Chapter President and has been a delegate to the Annual FFA Forestry Camp.

Four FFA members, Area Winners, received \$25 each from the Florida Poultry Federation. They were: Area I — Nathan Findley, Jay; Area II — Barry Whitehead, Bradford; Area III — Danny Schiffer, Orlando-Colonial; Area IV — Miriam Hapner, Sarasota.

The third session was called to

order by Ted Edwards, who then introduced Walter Graham, first vice president, to preside.

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 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 1974 Scholarships to Danny Schiffer of the Orlando-Colonial FFA Chapter and to Charles Tuggle of the Ft. Meade FFA Chapter.

Top Chapter Awards

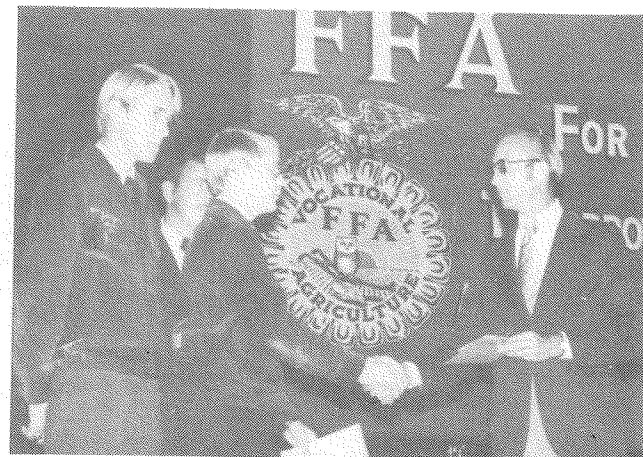
Belk Lindsey Stores, Daytona Beach, presented a check for \$40 and a gold plaque to the Santa Fe Senior FFA Chapter of Alachua and High Springs for being the top chapter in Florida for 1974. A silver plaque and a check for \$25 was presented to the Zephyrhills Senior FFA Chapter for second place; Bartow Senior Chapter received a bronze plaque and \$15 check for third place; and the Interlachen 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.

Mr. C. William Seaborn, vice president, Florida Bank & Trust Co., Daytona Beach, presented Florida Bankers Scholarships to Danny Schiffer, Orlando, and Charles Tuggle, Fort Meade.



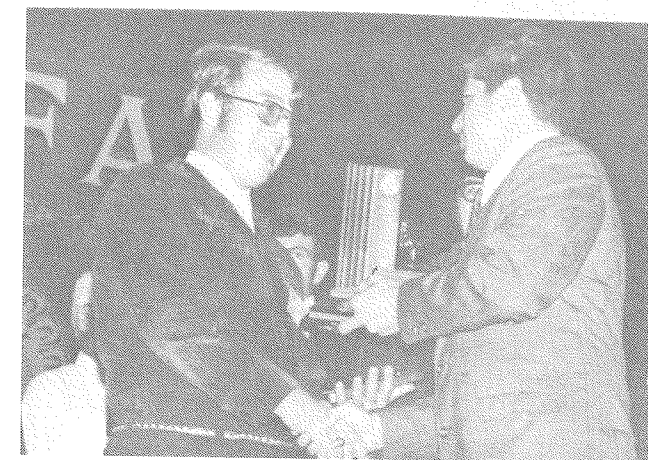
State Chapter contest awards were presented by Mr. Ron Jeffries for Belk-Lindsey Stores, Inc. Santa Fe Chapter was Number 1, with Chuck Simmons accepting award.



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Orlando Colonial was recognized for winning the dairy judging contest which was sponsored by the industry's trade association within Florida, Dairy Farmers, Inc., headquartered in Orlando.



Mr. Jake Redmon gave poultry judging awards on behalf of Zephyr Egg Co. during the Daytona Beach convention. Winner in the contest was the Dade City FFA Chapter.

The National Awards to be presented at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri during the month of October 1974.

Also presented were awards of \$25, \$15 and \$10 to the top three chapters in each district.

Agriculture Mechanics Awards

Butch Hale, age 18, of the Santa Fe Sr. FFA Chapter was named Florida's 1974 State Winner in Agriculture Mechanics.

Butch received a \$100 cash award from Mr. Gene Garrick, Farm Equipment Sales Administrator, Florida Tractor Corporation.

Young Hale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hale, of High Springs. Butch's FFA advisors are Mr. W. C. Geiger, Mr. Larry Reese, Mr. Earl Evans and Mr. Bill Farrell.

His agricultural experience program has included planning and constructing cattle facilities, repairing and maintaining farm machinery and equipment, while developing his skills through his job placement program at Hipp Ford Tractor Company in Gainesville where Butch works as a mechanic.

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 — Glenn Weber of the Vernon Chapter; Area II — Donnie Townsend of the Suwannee Chapter; Area III — Gary Merritt of the Groveland Chapter; Area IV — Charles Combs of the Bartow Senior Chapter; Area V — Richard Beck of the Moore Haven Chapter.

Horticulture Awards Presented

Mr. Bob Croft, representing Hoffman Landscape Nurseries, Inc. of Miami presented a \$100 check from the FFA Foundation to Douglas Green of the Sarasota Chapter. Area awards of \$25, \$15 and \$10 were given by Hoffman to: Area I — Douglas Hogg, Pensacola-Tate; Area II — Joseph Dick, Englewood; Andy Anderson, Newberry; Jack Perryman, Chief-land; Area III — William Hair, Colonial; Richard Young, Colonial; Curtis Folsom, Leesburg; Area IV — Richard Stratton, Sarasota; Larry Frassrand, Dade City, Robert Romines, Manatee Southeast.

Judging Teams Recognized

State judging Teams were recognized

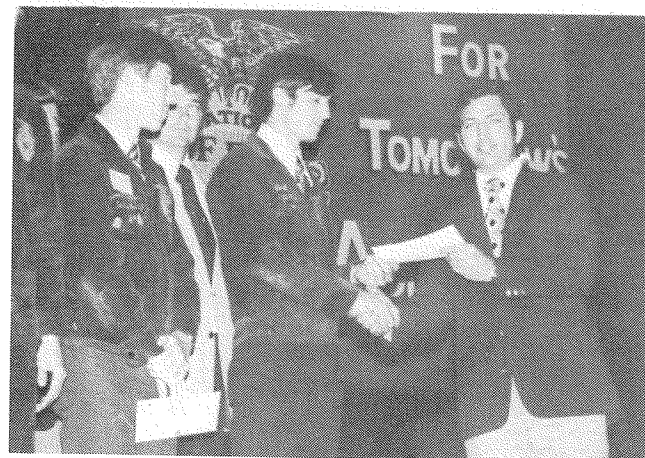
Dade City Chapter won the state meat judging contest. Awards in this competition are given by Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., Jacksonville, to the chapters who place the highest.



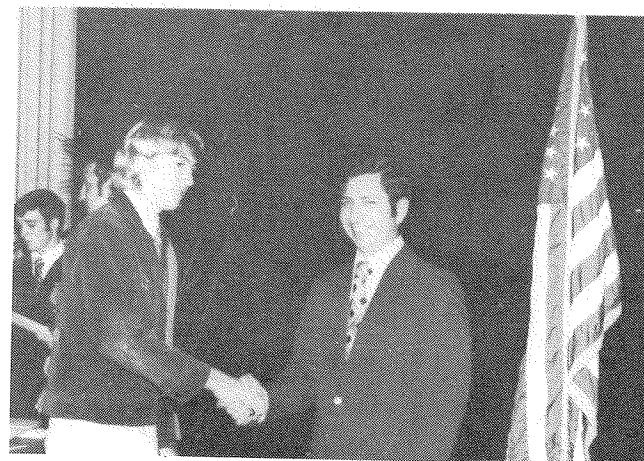
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Mr. Jim Bearden of Louisiana Seed Co. made the awards in the Funk's 304 Bushel Challenge contest — one of the dozens of competitions which Florida Future Farmers can enter.





Mr. Charles Thomas presented checks in the Placement in Sales and/or Service for the Federal Land Banks and Production Credit Associations in Florida who are contest sponsors.



Keys for the new State Farmers were sponsored by the Federal Land Banks and the Production Credit Associations of Florida, with Mr. Charles Thomas representing them.

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for their accomplishments. Palatka Senior was recognized as winner of the state land judging contest. Orlando-Colonial was the dairy judging winner. Moore Haven 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. The Interlachen chapter won the State Agriculture Mechanics Contest.

Mr. Jim Bearden, District Manager, Louisiana Seed Company presented awards to the winners of the Funk's 304 Bushel challenge contest. Inga Selph of the Hamilton Co. Chapter was the state winner.

W. T. Lofton, head teacher educator, Agricultural Education, University of Florida, presented the J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarship

to agriculture students planning to teach vocational agriculture.

Dr. J. D. Brown, School of Agriculture and Home Economics, Florida A & M University, presented the H. E. Wood Scholarship.

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

State Farmer Ceremony

Wednesday morning a breakfast was held for 1974 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 Edwards introduced Frank Attkisson, Vice president, to preside over the session.

Mr. Charles Thomas and Mr. Billy DeVoe, representing 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.

Gary Revels, was named Florida's 1974 State Winner in Agriculture Production Placement Program. Gary is a member of the South Sumter FFA Chapter. His advisors are Mr. John Stevens, Mr. Carl Williams, and Mr. Ronnie Morrow. Gary was presented a \$100 cash award.

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

Second place and \$60 went to Albert Sloan of the Groveland FFA Chapter.

In third place and receiving a \$40 cash award was J. T. Cheshire of the Auburndale Chapter.

Tommy Crawford of the Lake Butler FFA Chapter received \$20 for

his 5th place application.

Dennis Swilley of the Santa Fe FFA Chapter was selected the state winner in Placement in Sales and/or Service. His chapter advisors are: Mr. W. C. Geiger, Mr. Larry Reese, Mr. Bill Farrell and Mr. Earl Evans. Dennis's placement was with Hipp Ford Tractor Company of Gainesville.

The second place winner was James Duggar of the Hawthorne FFA Chapter. He received a \$60 cash award.

Third place award of \$40 went to Kenley Redditt of the Orlando-Colonial FFA Chapter. Fourth place winner is Chifford Narramore of the Auburndale FFA Chapter, receiving a \$30 cash award. Fifth place and \$20 went to Andy Morris of the Ft. Pierce FFA Chapter.

Allen Lee of the Groveland FFA Chapter was named Florida's 1974 State Winner in its Placement Processing Awards Program. Allen was presented with a \$100 cash award.

Mr. Freddie Garner and Mr. Bob Campbell are Allen's Chapter Advisors and Agriculture Instructors.

Winning 2nd place was Randy Hanna of the Greensboro FFA Chapter, receiving a \$60 Award. 3rd place went to Larry Equivelley of the Groveland FFA Chapter, receiving a \$40 Award. Winner of 4th place and \$30 was Steve Collins of the Colonial FFA Chapter. 5th place and \$20 went to Mike Lucius of the Bartow FFA Chapter.

Citrus Awards

Mr. R. E. Norris, Florida Citrus Mutual, Lakeland, was on hand to present awards in citrus production and placement for experience in the citrus industry, which are sponsored by Florida Citrus Mutual.

From the Fort Meade chapter, Charles Tuggle received a check for \$100 for the most outstanding work with his citrus placement projects. Gary Lee, his advisor, received a plaque.

Receiving \$25 each as area winner in citrus placement was: David L. Moon also of the Ft. Meade Chapter.

Gary Huffman 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 advisor, Floyd Philmon, received a plaque.

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

The State Farmer Degree was bestowed upon 236 Future Farmers.

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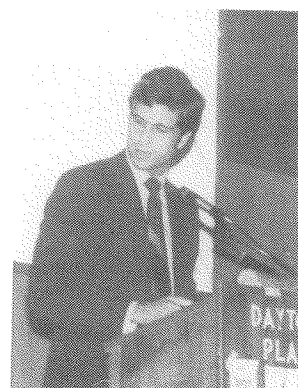
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Congressman Litton of Missouri received the Honorary State Farmer degree.



Congressman Bill Gunter, former Florida FFA president gave inspiring message.



State Senator Bruce Smathers of Jacksonville addressed Delegate-Advisor lunch.

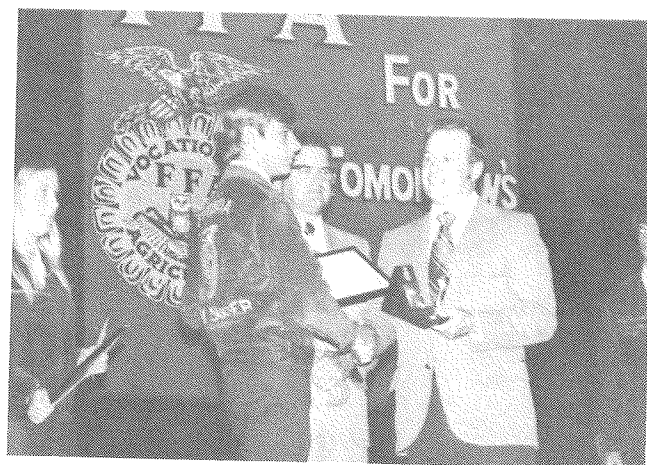


Congressman Don Fuqua, another past Florida president, spoke as past state officer.

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Mr. Walter Kautz, president of Florida Farm Bureau Federation, poses with the winning Parliamentary Procedure team from Santa Fe Senior Chapter. Farm Bureau is contest sponsor.



Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner was picked to present the Star Greenhand award to Derek Hall of South Sumter Chapter, shown with his chapter advisor, John Stevens.

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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. Edwin Mozley, Malone Chapter, Area I; Kenny Roberts, Santa Fe Chapter, Area II; Danny Schiffer, Colonial Chapter, Area III; Fred Waters, Bartow Chapter, Area IV; and Jack

Lundy, Moore Haven Chapter, Area V.

The 1974 Doyle Conner Scholarships of \$200 each were presented by Mr. Kelly. The recipient from Area I was Pamela Griffin of the Bethlehem Chapter. Her advisor is Mike Rich. Tommy Crawford, Lake Butler, Area II winner, is from the Lake Butler Chapter. Jim Brown is his advisor. The Area III winner, from the Colonial Chapter is Carl Story. Carl's advisor is Fred Dietrich. From the Bartow Chapter, Fred Waters is the winner from Area IV. His advisor is Bob O'Berry. Jack Lundy, Area V winner, is from the Moore Haven Chapter and his advisor is Ron Smoak.

The State president and State secretary candidates, 1974-75 were given two minutes each to present their qualifications prior to the balloting for president and secretary.

President Edwards called on George Busby, Area III Consultant, who explained the method of voting. The delegates voted immediately after the meeting adjourned.

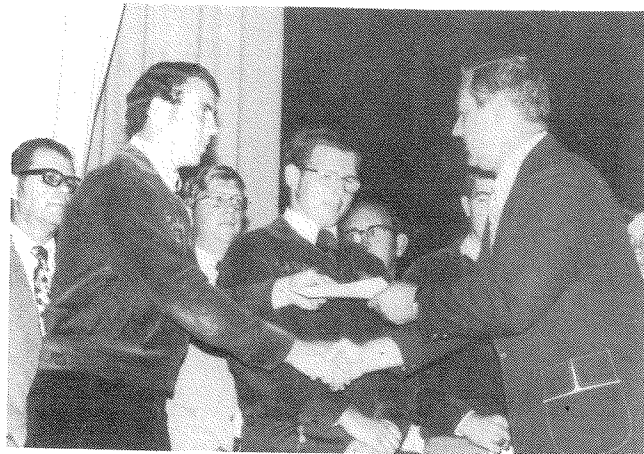
State Farmers of 1974 and their advisors were guests of Chase and Company of Sanford at a luncheon at the Plaza. John Carli, Director of Sales, Chase and Company, served as emcee.

The fifth session of the convention was called to order by President Edwards who introduced Billy Williams, vice president, to preside.

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

The Santa Fe 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

Mr. Richard Kelly, representing the Florida Department of Agriculture, presented the Doyle Conner Scholarships to, from left, Jack Lundy, Fred Waters, Carl Story, Tommy Crawford, and Pam Griffin.



David Bigsby, Fort Meade Chapter, was winner in the Tractor Operation and Maintenance contest, receiving award sponsored by the Ford Tractor dealers of the state.



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Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, along with Mr. Walter Kautz, President of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, 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:

Mr. J. T. Langley, Florida Power and Light Company

Mr. Doug Epperson, Florida Division of Forestry, Dept. ACS

Mr. Bob Campbell, Teacher, Groveland High School

Mr. Billy Hester, Owner Volusia Tractor Company

Mr. Les Kalch, Extension Poultryman, IFAS, University of Florida

Mr. Joe Kirkland, Assistant Administrator, Department of Education, VTAE

Mr. Ralph Blount, Principal Santa Fe High School, Alachua

Mr. Homer Addair, Supt. of Schools, Polk County

Mr. Walter Kautz, Pres. Fla. Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Fred Shaw, Teacher, Bronson High School

Mr. Rex Bishop, Teacher, Miami Ag. School

Vice President Billy Williams asked all American Farmers to introduce themselves and their guests. Several 1973 American Farmer Degree recipients and 1974 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, Wilburn Hildebrandt of the Greensboro Chapter; from the Chiefland Chapter is Keith Bullock, Area II; Kathy Manookian, Area III winner is from the Colonial Chapter; Area IV winner is Richard Stratton of the Sarasota Chapter; and Marcia Freeman from the Okee-

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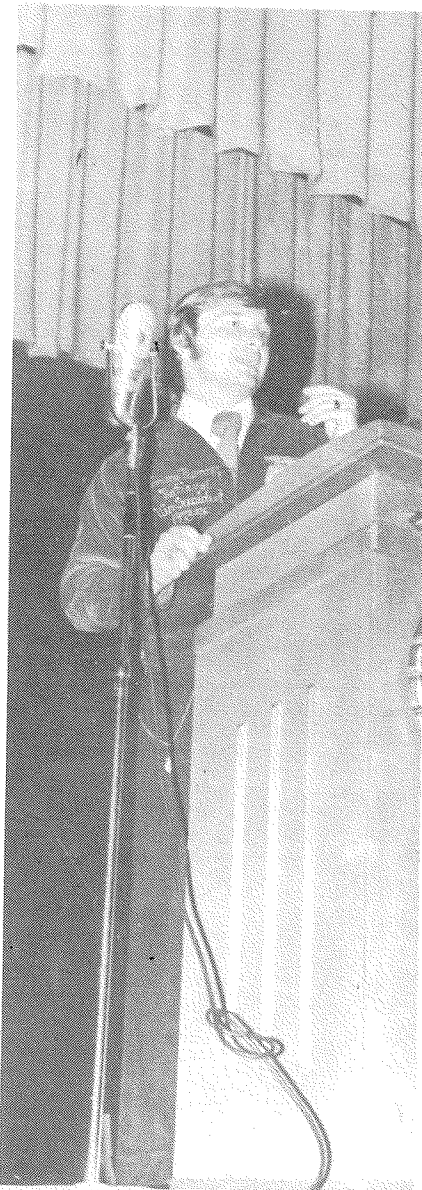
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Mr. C. M. Lawrence stood in for Mr. John Barnes, area conservationist from Marianna, in presenting Soil and Water Conservation awards. State winner is Greg Wilbanks of Groveland.



Our own Jimmy Alvarez, National FFA Vice President, delivered several inspiring talks to the members attending the 45th Annual Convention in Daytona Beach.

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chobee Chapter is the Area V winner. The Star State Greenhand is Derek Hall from the South Sumter Chapter. His advisors are John Stevens, Carl Williams, and Ronnie Morrow.

Derek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hall were present for the awards presentation.

Tractor Operation Awards

The annual Tractor Operation and Maintenance awards were presented by Mr. Billy Hester. The Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida sponsor the awards. David Bigsby, Ft. Meade 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: Pete Hilliard, Moore Haven; Craig Arnold, Ft. Walton; Sam Kelly, Wildwood; and John Hiers, Chief-land.

Forest Management Awards

Greg Lyons, a member of the Baker County FFA Chapter at Macclenny was presented the Florida Forest Management Award from the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Mr. Warren Allen, Manager of Administration, Agrico Chemical Company, Mulberry, presented the award. Greg 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 Mr. Allen of Agrico Chemical Company, Mulberry. Allen presented awards to Charles Baldree, Bradford, for \$40; William Burney, Palatka, for \$30; Floyd Robbins, Palatka, \$20; and David Baldree, Palatka Chapter, \$10.



Dr. E. T. York, new chancellor of the Florida University system, received an outstanding service plaque for his years of dedicated interest in the Future Farmers.

Outdoor Recreation Awards

Steven Matthews, of Allentown 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. Steven received a check for \$60 from Mr. Virgil Davis, President of Agrico Chemical Company, who sponsors the award. Second place went to Robert Douglas of the Zephyrhills Chapter, \$40; 3rd place went to Wendy Whitaker, Orlando-Colonial, \$40; and 4th place Michael Johnson, Carrabelle, \$20.

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

Musical Program

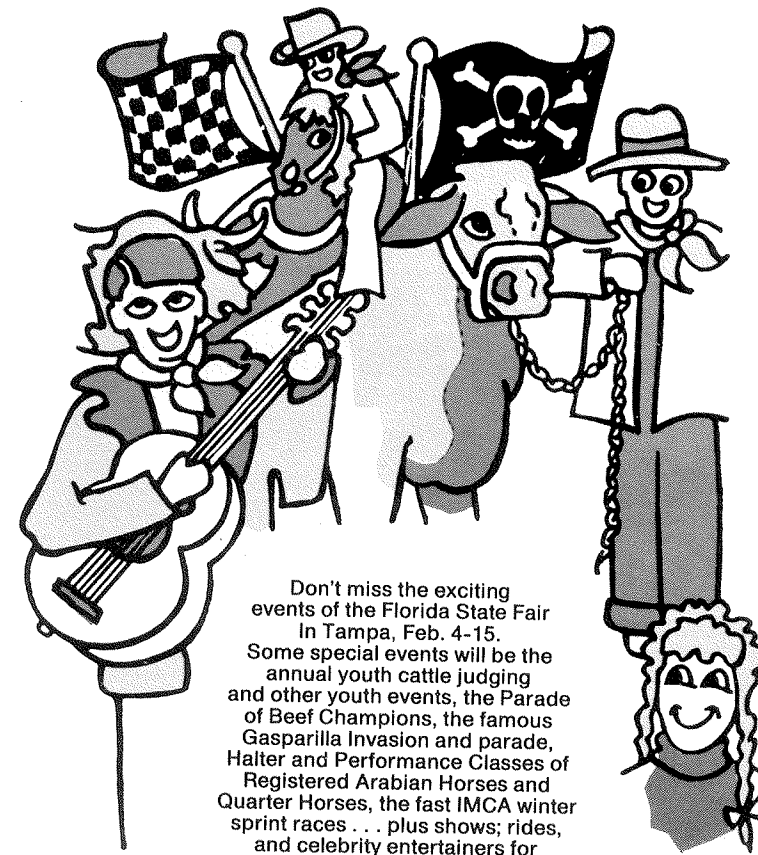
Emcee for the annual Musical Program on Wednesday night was Chuck McIntosh, Pastor of the Dover Baptist Church, Dover, Florida. Chuck is a former past state FFA officer. He entertained those present, explained and conducted the musical contests. N. L. Storms was producer for the event.

During the session, the nominating committee presented their recommendations for the vice president for 1974-75 and the floor was opened for nominations for each of the offices.

Jimmy Alvarez, National Vice-President, from Starke, Florida and honor guest at the convention, presented an enthusiastic address.

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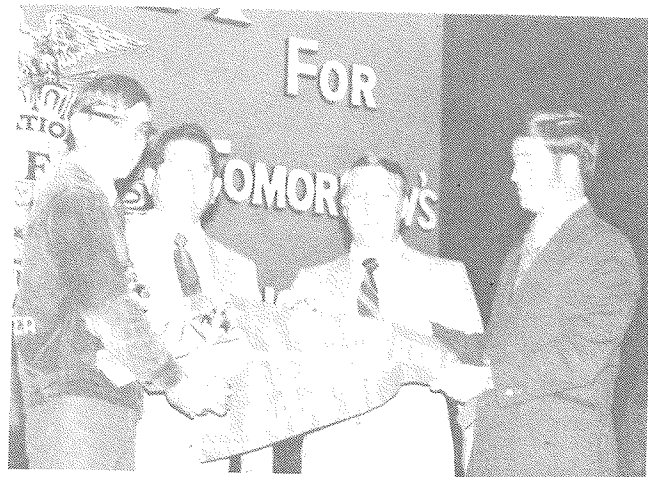
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Mr. R. V. Hill, president of Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, presented its Outstanding Youth award to State President Ted Edwards during the convention.



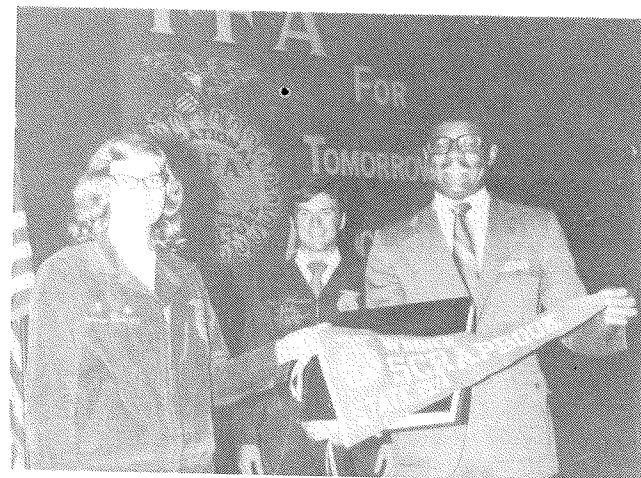
Mr. Herman Witt and Mr. Jim Emerson representing Florida Investor-Owned power companies, give winning Ag Electrification award to Jerry Waldrop, South Sumter Chapter.



Mr. Carl Dennis of St. Regis Paper Co. made presentations to award-winners in the Chapter Forestry contest during the state convention at Daytona Beach.



Ricky Portal from Hardee County Chapter was winner of this year's Harmonica Championship, which was one of the features at the 1974 State FFA Convention, Daytona Beach.



Dean Rupert Seals of Florida A. & M. University, presented the first place scrapbook award to Laurie Hesser of Santa Fe Chapter, which also did well in several other fields.



The Brandon quartet sang its way into first place, ahead of the winning quartets from four other FFA areas. They are pictured above with their championship banner.

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Mr. C. M. Lawrence, Bureau Chief, VTAE, presented the Soil, Water and Air Management Awards for John Barnes, Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Marianna.

Also recognized were five area winners from throughout Florida, who were presented with \$25 awards.

Area I winner was Glen Weber of the Vernon Chapter. Area II winner is Jay Asbell of the Chiefland FFA Chapter at Chiefland. Area III winner is Gary Revels of the South Sumter Chapter. Area IV winner was Dale Hamann of the Zephyrhills FFA Chapter. Area V winner is Kathy Thomas of the Okeechobee FFA Chapter.

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

The Chapter Scrapbook Awards were presented by Dr. Rubert Seals, Dean, School of Agriculture and Home Economics, Florida A & M University. These awards are sponsored by the Florida Association, FFA. The Santa Fe Sr. 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, Greenboro 1st, and Jay 2nd; Area II, Interlachen 1st, and Hawthorne 2nd; Area III, Union Park 1st, and North Marion 2nd; Area IV, Zephyrhills 1st, and Frostproof 2nd; and Area V, Moore Haven 1st, and Okeechobee 2nd.

President Edwards was presented with the annual FVA Award for his accomplishments during the past year. Mr. R. V. Hill, President of FVATA, made the presentation.

Mr. Herman Witt, of Gulf Power Company, Pensacola, presented the Foundation Award of \$100 to Jerry Waldrop, South Sumter Chapter, as state winner in Agricultural Electrification. His advisors are John Stevens, Carl Williams and Ronnie Morrow.

The first place application winner was Joe Tarrents of Groveland, Fred Garner and Bob Campbell are his advisors. Joe also received \$100 from the FFA Foundation from Mr. Witt.

4th Overall, Joe Tarrents, Groveland; 3rd, Larry Lentz, Brandon; 2nd, Richard Pike, Groveland.

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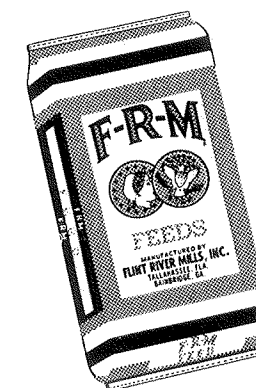
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Proud acceptance of first place pennant from judges was made by Trenton Chapter's String Band, which had strong competition from other string bands accepted for the contest.

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Paper Company, presented awards for the best Chapter Forestry Projects to chapters representing over 60 chapter Forests in Florida. Winners in the 1973-74 Chapter Forestry Awards were: 5th, Lafayette, \$50; 4th, Bradford, \$75; 3rd, Tate, \$100; 2nd, Baker, \$150; 1st, Suwannee-Live Oak, \$250. Suwannee was also selected as having the best Forestry Scrapbook.

Ricky Portal of the Hardee Co. Chapter was named State champion Harmonica Player and was awarded a pennant and \$15. The second place winner, Larry Crosby of the Ocoee Jr. Chapter received \$8. Randy Holbrook of the Moore Haven Chapter, placed third, received \$7. Jim Cosson of the Walton Jr. Chapter placed fourth and received \$6. David Burnett of the Macclenny Chapter placed 5th and received \$5.

Winning the State Quartet Contest was the Brandon Sr. Chapter. They received \$25 cash and

a pennant. Mr. N. L. Storms is the vocational agriculture teacher and FFA Chapter advisor at Brandon. The Chipley Chapter placed second and received \$20; third was the Santa Fe Sr. Quartet, receiving \$15; Moore Haven and Ocoee Jr. was 5th for \$5.

The Trenton 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 Haines City String Band placed second and received \$20; the Ocoee Jr. Chapter String Band placed third, receiving \$15; fourth place, receiving \$10 was the Milton Chapter 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. Mr. Herman Will, Gulf Power Company presided over the breakfast.

Chapter Cooperative Winners

The seventh session on Thursday afternoon was presided over by vice president, Kevin Griffin.

Chapter Cooperative Awards were presented by Mr. Ron Jeffries, Assistant State Administrator, on behalf of the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

The Santa Fe Senior Chapter was presented the Award for having the top cooperative activities program.

Santa Fe'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, Poplar Springs; Area

Outstanding District Officer award went to Sam McConnell and he was presented the award by State President Ted Edwards as a feature of the state convention at Daytona Beach.



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II, 1st, Hamilton County; Area III, 1st, South Sumter Senior; 2nd, Groveland Sr.; and 3rd, South Sumter Jr. Area IV, 1st, Manatee; 2nd, Bartow. Area V, 1st, Moore Haven.

Jimmy Alvarez, 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.

Vice President Kevin Griffin presented an attractive plaque to Sam McConnell of the South Sumter Chapter as the Outstanding District Officer for 1973-74.

The members of the Courtesy Corps were honored for their outstanding contribution toward making the convention a success, by being presented with a pin by Mr. Ron Jeffries, State Advisor.

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.

Public Speaking

The Thursday evening, eighth session, was presided over by State Secretary, Jimmy Edwards, from Groveland.

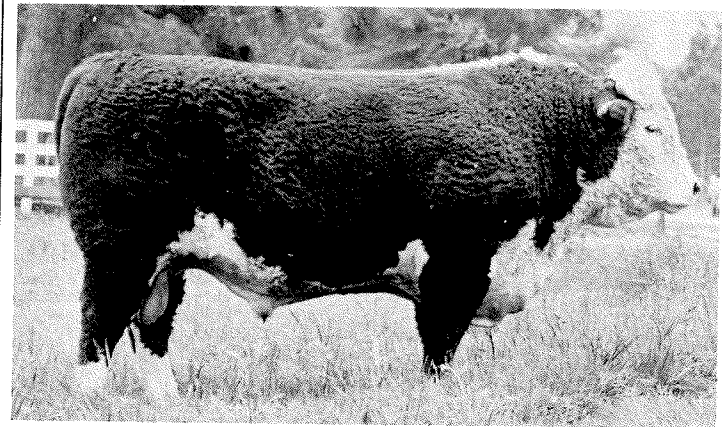
The State Final Public Speaking Contest added to the enjoyment of the evening session. Paul Hutchins, Jr., of the Bradford Chapter received a check for \$100 and a pennant. Paul represented Florida in the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest in August.

Sue Pafford of the Miami Chapter placed second in the contest and received \$25.

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Dr. Carl Beeman, University of Florida, acted as chairman of the judges.

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Home Improvement Awards

Kenny Roberts of the Santa Fe FFA Chapter at Alachua has been named the 1974 State Winner for Home Improvement. He received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation. The presentation was made by a representative of Scotty's Home Builders Supply at Winter Haven, Mr. Harold W. Taylor.

Area award winners of the Home Improvement Award received \$25 cash prizes also. These winners are: Area I, Stan Smith of the Greensboro Chapter; Area II, Laurie Hesser of the Santa Fe Chapter; Area III, John Purcell of the South Sumter Chapter; Area IV, William Brown of the Bartow Chapter; Area V, Gail Smith of the Moore Haven Chapter.

Five 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: George Sprinkle, Marvin R. Whitten, Copeland Greswold, Howell Warring, and William Timmons.

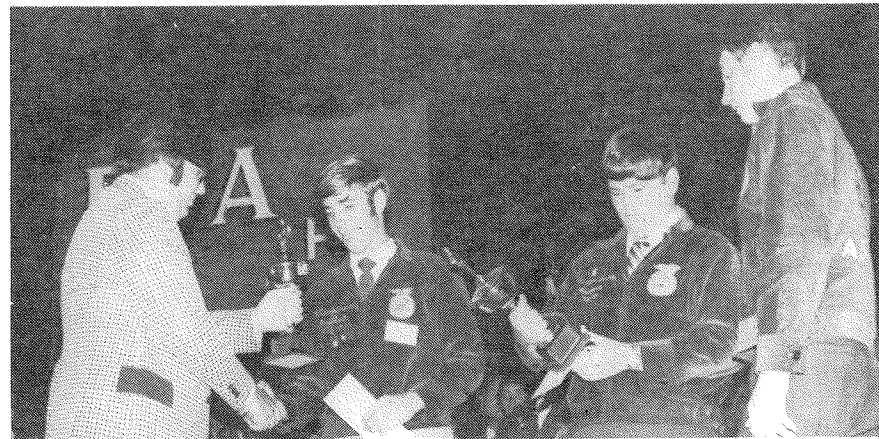
Star Agribusinessman Named

Mike Foremny of New Port Richey, was named Star State Agribusinessman at the Convention. 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 New Port Richey Chapter.

Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Foremny of New Port Richey. His advisors are Shep Young and Duke Chadwell.

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

Michael's supervised occupational placement program has consisted of employment with Shipman Hardware and Nursery, Inc. where he is in charge of the nursery operations.



Mr. Bruce Hutchcraft of WTVT television in Tampa, is shown after presentation of trophy to John Smith, Florida's 1974 Star Farmer, as he congratulates the Star Agribusinessman Mike Foremny.

He has been active in FFA Activities, serving as President and Sentinel of his local chapter. He has participated in public speaking, horticulture judging and was named Star Chapter Farmer.

Michael plans to continue working at the Garden Center and to develop an ornamental nursery of his own.

Four area Star Agribusinessman Awards of \$75 each went to area winners: Area I, Carlton Cook, Vernon; Area II, Dennis Swiley, Santa Fe; Area III, Jackey Jackson, South Sumter; and Area V, Andy Morris, Ft. Pierce.

Star State Farmer Named

John Allen Smith of the Greensboro Chapter was named Star State Farmer by the Annual Convention. Star State Farmer is the highest honor given by the state association.

John is the son of Mrs. Pauline F. Smith of Greensboro, 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 John 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, shade tobacco, swine production, corn, and market steers.

He has completed five years of Agricultural training. His occupational experience program has included shade tobacco, market steers and swine, a beef breeding herd and corn.

He has been active in the local chapter, serving as President and

Treasurer and as chairman of major committees. He participated in public speaking, parliamentary procedure and in judging contests at many fairs and shows.

John Allen plans to attend Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Florida to major in either animal science or agronomy, then return home to farm. His advisor is James Deas.

Four Area Star Farmer Awards of \$75 each went to Area Winners: Donald Quincy, Chiefland, Area II; Greg Wilbanks, Groveland Area III; Otto Polk, Frostproof Chapter, Area IV; and Jack Lundy, Moore Haven, Area V.

District Star Farmer Awards of \$25 each were presented to District Winners: District 1, Pam Griffin, Bethlehem; District 4, Tommy Crawford, Lake Butler; District 6, Carl Story, Orlando-Colonial; and District 7, James Mindedahl, Plant City Sr.

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 46th Annual Convention Friday morning was presided over by President Ted Edwards.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Butch Hale State Winner Agricultural Mechanics

Florida Tractor Corporation is proud to congratulate Butch Hale, Santa Fe FFA Chapter, for his achievements in agricultural mechanics. His outstanding accomplishments earned him the honor of State Winner of the award sponsored by Florida Tractor.

We also congratulate the following Area winners for their work with agricultural mechanics.

- Area I—Glenn Weber, Vernon Chapter.
- Area II—Donnie Townsend, Suwannee Chapter.
- Area III—Gary Merritt, Groveland Chapter.
- Area IV—Charles Combs, Bartow Sr. Chapter.
- Area V—Richard Beck, Moore Haven Chapter.



Butch Hale of Santa Fe Chapter, received \$100 award from Gene Garrick, Florida Tractor's Farm Equipment Sales Administrator.



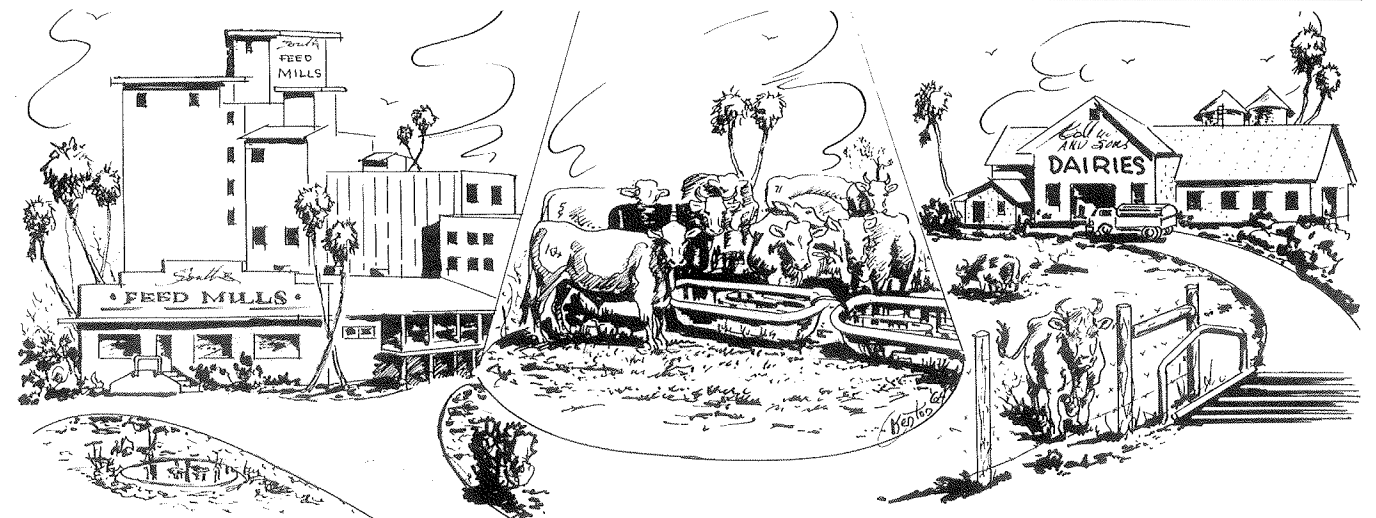
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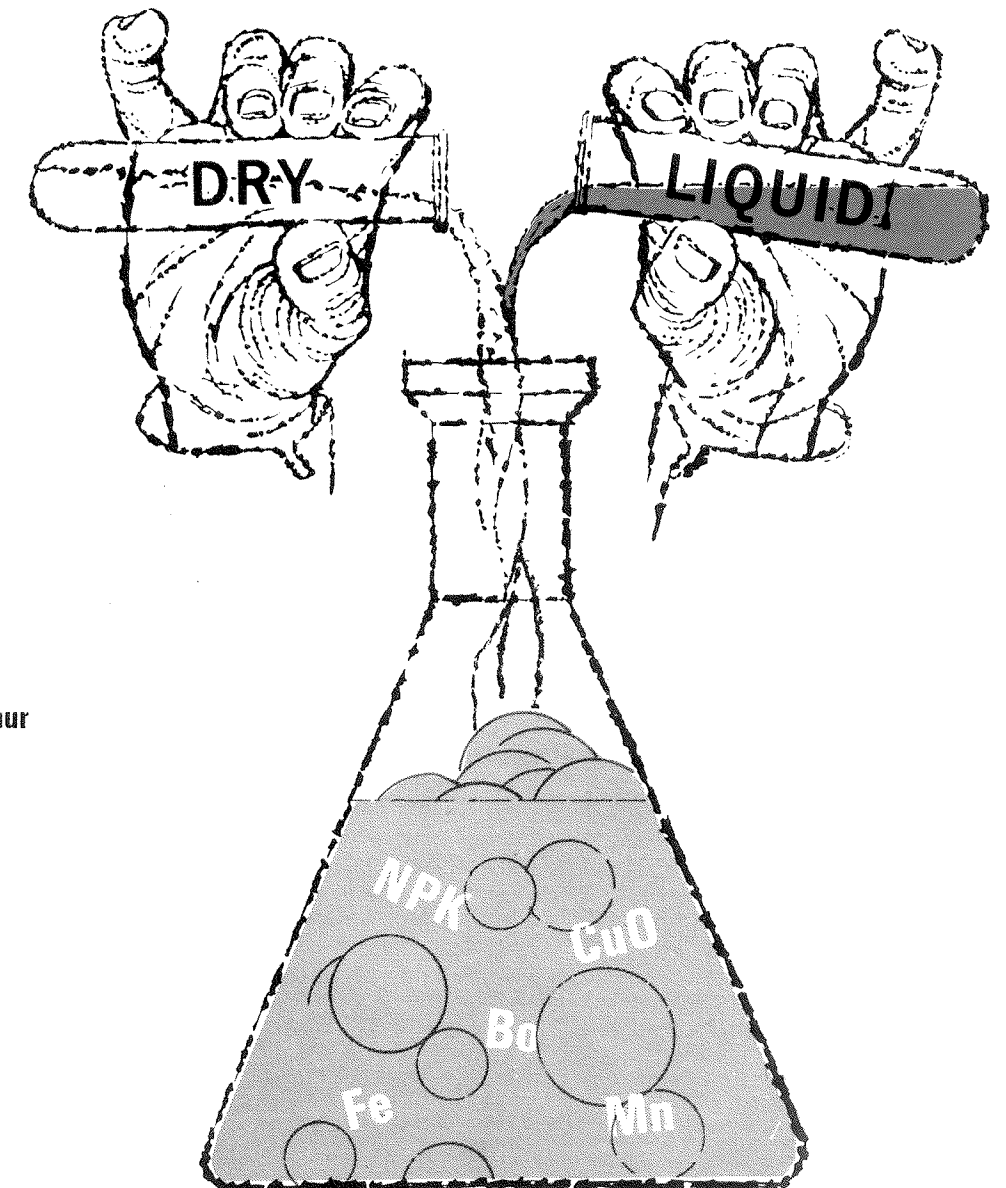
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