

Florida Future Farmer

Summer 1974

Daytona Beach Again Site of Convention

The 46th Annual State Convention and Leadership Conference will be held in Daytona Beach, June 10-14. The Daytona Plaza will be the Convention Headquarters. All chapters are urged to stay at the Plaza. Adequate rooms are available to accommodate all participants in the Convention. Peabody Auditorium is within walking distance of the Plaza.

The rooms rates at the Plaza are as follows:

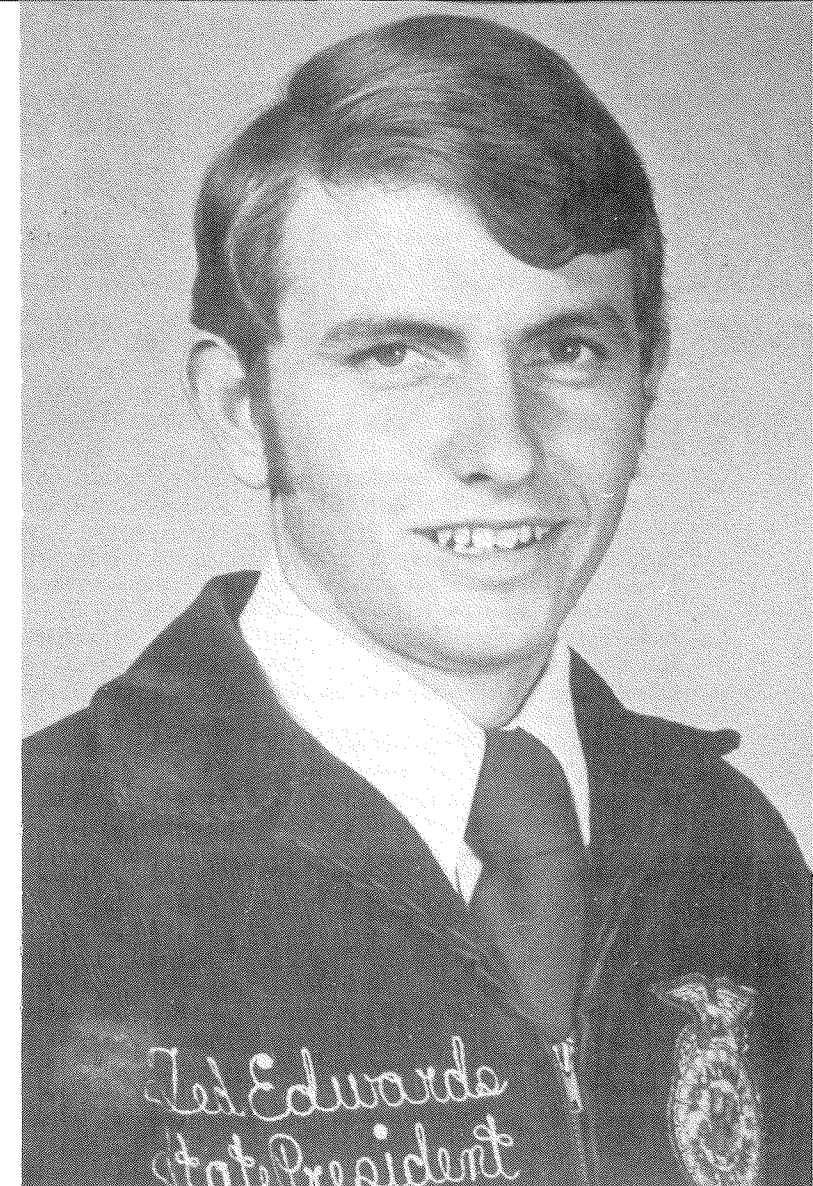
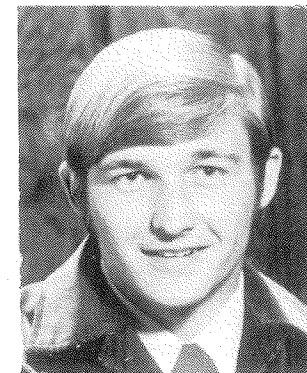
Older section—\$14.00 Single Occupancy; \$16.00 Double Occupancy (double bed); \$18.00 Double Occupancy (twin beds); \$6.00 Triple (Per Person); \$5.00 per person quadruple occupancy.

New Plaza—\$18.00 Single; \$20.00 Double (double bed); \$22.00 Double (twin beds); \$7.00 per person, triple occupancy; \$6.25 per person, quadruple company.

Chapter advisors should make reservations as early as possible. The address of the Plaza is as follows: The Plaza, 600 N. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida, 32020. Telephone 904/255-4471.

National Veep Will Speak at Daytona Beach Convention

Jimmy Alvarez, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region, from Starke, will return to Florida June 10-14 to attend and participate in the State FFA Convention. Jimmy has traveled around the country and abroad since his election as a national officer of the Future Farmers of America in October. He has been tremendously busy since leaving Kansas City but not too busy to come back home and visit local chapters at every possible opportunity. Jimmy indicated that his extensive travels are giving him an opportunity to "see what the average American is really like."



Ted Edwards, State FFA President, will preside over State Convention.

Nominations Are Opened by State Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of the state officers, will interview candidates Monday afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m., June 10, 1974 at the Plaza Hotel. Report to the Vice President in your Area and let him know if you will be running for office, and which one.

The Executive Committee has opened offices for 1974-75 in the following order:

District IX can run for President, Secretary and Second Vice President,

District VIII can run for President, Secretary and Second Vice President,

District VII can run for President, Secretary and Third Vice President,

District VI can run for President, Secretary and Third Vice President,

District V can run for President, Secretary and Fourth Vice President,

District IV can run for President, Secretary and Fourth Vice President,

District III can run for President, Secretary and Fifth Vice President,

District II can run for President, Secretary and Fifth Vice President,

District I can run for President, Secretary, and First

Vice President.

Unsuccessful candidates for president or secretary can then run for Vice President in their Area. You should know the material in the FFA Manual, your Chapter Program of Activities, and about your Occupational Experience Program and participation in FFA activities. The nominations for President and Secretary (only) will be made during the Tuesday afternoon session. First ballots will be following the Wednesday morning session, June 12. If there is a runoff it will be Wednesday afternoon at the end of the session. The nominations for Vice President will be made during the Thursday morning session. The first ballot for Vice President will be after the Thursday morning session. The runoff ballot will be during the afternoon session.

When the President and Secretary are elected, they will be expected to work backstage with the officers; when the Vice Presidents are elected, they will begin to work backstage.

Before the Friday morning session, the old and new officers with their advisors should meet on stage for pictures. Jackets, coats and ties should be worn. The officers will then practice the installation ceremony. The newly-elected officers will be photographed individually and measured for jackets.

Old and new officers will be backstage Friday morning. After the installation and closing ceremony, the old officers will be seated with delegates. The new officers probably will have special assignments.

The newly elected officers will meet on Friday afternoon at the

Plaza until around 4:30 p.m. Advisors of the new officers are welcome to attend the officers meeting.

The President should not plan to attend college next year. Should the Secretary and Vice Presidents attend, they should take a light (minimum hour) load.

A luncheon will be held on Monday, June 10, for all officer candidates at the Daytona Plaza. Several former state officers will meet with you and discuss the activities for the coming week. They will probably have some hints and suggestions which will be helpful to you and your campaign. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

In planning your campaign for state office, please consider the following items:

1. Reason should be used in the amount of money spent for your campaign. Too much money used is a waste and may work against you in the campaign.

2. Your personal contact with the delegates is your best campaign. They want to know you as an individual and need an opportunity to study your qualifications. Remember a firm handshake, a friendly smile, and looking the individual in the eyes are most important assets for you.

3. Campaign material may not be placed up until 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Posters and cards should not be taped to walls or painted surfaces. They should not be stapled or tacked to any wood surface including trees. If your posters cause any property damage you are responsible for the repair cost. Please keep these items in

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Deadline for Washington Summer Conferences is June 1

FFA officers and advisers should send in their application now if they plan to participate in the Washington Summer Conference program. You have until June 1, but applications are accepted in order of receipt so get your application in early to get the time you want.

The function of the Washington Conferences is to further develop leader confidence and skills. Officers will gain a first hand appreciation of our nation's great heritage through special visits and programs at historical sites and memorials in the Nation's Capitol. Emphasis will also be placed on obtaining new ideas for chapter action. Participants will visit

the FFA Supply Service, The National FUTURE FARMER magazine, and other operations at the National FFA Center.

Conference dates are June 10-15, June 17-22, June 24-29, and July 8-13 and 15-20. Cost for each conference representative, advisor or wife will be approximately \$110.00 for all expenses while in the Washington area. Travel to and from Washington is the responsibility of the chapter, state or individual. To apply, select the conference date you want and send a \$20.00 deposit for each participant and their names to: National FFA Center, P.O. Box 15160, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.



Walter Graham and Frank Attkisson look over exhibits at the Central Florida Fair.



Florida Power Corporation representatives have lunch with state officers in St. Petersburg.

Color Pictures are Needed for National Future Farmer

Do you have color transparencies of FFA activities that are suitable for magazine cover or calendar use? "The National Future Farmer" uses six a year and the Official FFA Calendar uses 12. Must be "professional quality." Prefer 4 x 5's or 2 1/4 x 2 1/4. Occasionally use 35mm if exceptionally good quality. "Doing" scenes are preferred with FFA members wearing jackets, T-shirts, work jackets, or some type of FFA identification. Other tips. The 1975 FFA calendar will show how the FFA chapter and vocational agriculture department serve the community and its agriculture. In 1976 the FFA calendar will feature patriotism in FFA — all with flag.

Keep in mind that many factors are considered in selection in addition to quality and subject. Pay nominal rate. Send to "The National Future Farmer," Box 15130, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

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President.....Ted Edwards, Okeechobee
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THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, FFA, Sponsored by State Department of Education — Ralph D. Turlington, Commissioner of Education; Joe D. Mills, Director of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education, Tallahassee, Florida.



State President Ted Edwards confers the degree of Honorary State Farmer on group at SCL Forest Industry Field Day. Also shown is Robert W. Long, assistant Secretary of Agriculture, giving the address of the day. Long received the honorary degree along with Charles E. Anderson of New York, William E. Galbraith of Washington, Prime F. O. Osborn III, Jacksonville, and Governor Reubin Askew, Tallahassee. During the field day SCL hosted many demonstrations and the Timberjack Company showed off their tree harvester.

Forestry Field Day Is FFA Event

"Meeting Tomorrow's Needs" is the theme of the Family Lines System's annual environmental field program which was held on April 18, at the St. Johns River Barge Port near Palatka.

The Family Lines System includes Seaboard Coast Line, Louisville and Nashville, Georgia, Clinchfield and the West Point Route railroads.

Now in its thirtieth year, this meeting, sponsored by the Family Line is in cooperation with several other industries and government and state agencies, accentuated forestry, wood utilization, and agribusiness.

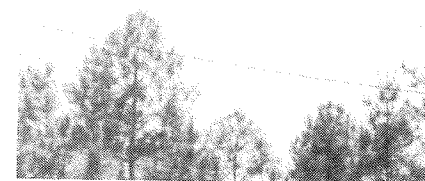
Guests from all over the world and from all facets of business were in Palatka for the special program. "These programs bring together some of the world's top experts in the fields of forestry and agribusiness. This meeting will give them a chance to exchange ideas on how we can better meet the needs of tomorrow as they relate to forestry and agribusiness," said SCL's vice president of forestry and special projects, Robert N. Hoskins.

Introductory remarks were made by Prime F. Osborn, president and chief administrative and operating officer of the Family Lines System. The welcoming address was delivered by Governor Reubin Askew. W. Thomas Rice, chairman and chief executive officer, introduced the program's key-note speaker, Robert W. Long, assistant secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, delivered the keynote address.

A special train ran from Jacksonville to Palatka and returned. The "forestry special" was for invited

guests, but the program in Palatka is open to the public.

As part of the program, eight different stations were set up to focus attention on various aspects and advancements in the forestry and agribusiness areas. Such things as use



Aerial application of fertilizer is demonstrated at the SCL program in Palatka.



President Ted Edwards brought a greeting from the Florida Association at the SCL field day.

of pesticides to increase crop production, game and fish management, increasing forestry utilization, site preparations for tomorrow's forests, and meeting the demands for better air, better water, and less noise were subjects of the individual demonstration areas. These demonstrations were conducted by several companies and government agencies, including Hudson Pulp and Paper Corp.; Ciba-Geigy Corp.; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Glidden-Durkee; St. Regis Paper Company; Container Corporation of America; Foreign Agriculture Service; Koppers Company; Buckeye Cellulose; ITT Raynoier, Inc.; Eaton Corp.; Bartlett Tree Expert Company; Bar-Fly, Inc.; CENEX; Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission; and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The demonstrations were followed by the principal address which will be delivered by ITT Raynier president, Charles E. Anderson. The Congressional host for the program is Congressman William V. Chappell, Jr., who will deliver the summary address.

Included in the program will be a special presentation by Ted Edwards, state president of the Florida Association of Future Farmers of America. The Family Lines sponsors several FFA programs in states served by the railroad.

A special demonstration showing the use of helicopters for forestry management was conducted, and equipment demonstrations by Eaton, Inc., of Woodstock, Ontario, were included in the program to show the new types of equipment being used in modern forestry operations.

Ted Edwards Enjoys Opportunity to Travel 55,000 Miles as President

Conventions, Leadership Conferences, Banquets, the Goodwill Tour, Forestry Camp, Chapter visits, and judging contests are all activities and events that your state officers have participated in this year. As State President, I have had an opportunity to travel over 55,000 miles around the state of Florida and the United States representing our Florida association, FFA. I would like to share with you my year as State President thus far.

In July there was the Annual Forestry Camps at Camp O'Leno near High Springs. The camp lasted for two weeks and provided FFA members with a background in forestry as well as a chance to enjoy the outdoors.

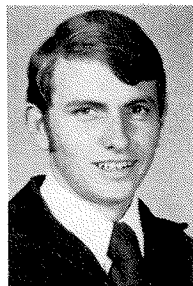
Each year the National FFA Organization holds a State Presidents Conference in Washington, D. C. Frank Attkisson and I attended the Conference, hosted by the National Officers, the last week of July and learned more about FFA and our responsibilities as state officers. While in Washington we visited numerous historical sites including the Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, George Washington's Home, and the White House. We also visited the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Virginia; sat in on the Watergate Committee Hearing; and met such dignitaries as Julie Nixon Eisenhower, Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, and many congressmen and senators.

After holding an executive Committee Meeting the first of August, your state officer team traveled to Covington, Georgia for the Southern Regional Leadership Conference. During the conference we became even more familiar with the FFA, participated in discussion groups with officers from other states in the southern region, practiced banquet speeches, and even learned how to pack a suit case.

After returning from the Leadership Conference, I attended the Vocational Educators Conference in

Miami where I recited the FFA creed before the entire assembly with the other youth club presidents.

Also in August we had the State Leadership School which is hosted by the state officers for all of the district and subdistrict officers. The school is for two days in Gainesville, and this year had a record attendance. The purpose of the school is to further fa-



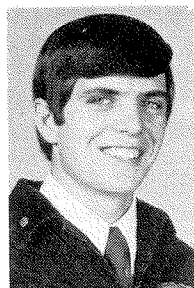
Ted Edwards

Vice President Graham Describes 'Fantastic Year' in Area III Report

Hello, fellow members! I sincerely hope that each and every one of you are having a great year. It has really been a fantastic year for me so far as a member of our state officer team. I want you to know that it's been an honor for me to represent you. That is why I am happy to have the opportunity, at this time, to share with you some of the many activities and highlights of my year this far as a state officer. The first two or three weeks after the state convention, we didn't do too much except buy new cars, write letters, ditties, and speeches, and of course check our mail boxes every day to see if our "Association Jackets" had arrived.

In July Jimmy, Billy, and I attended the first week of Forestry Camp at Camp O'Leno and the next week the three of us again were at camp along with Ted. This was our first opportunity as state officers to meet and visit with FFA members and we really did enjoy it. The very next week, while Ted and Frank were in Washington, Jimmy and I represented the FFA at the state 4-H Congress in Gainesville. We learned a lot about the 4-H organization, met many members and just had a great time. (Oh yes! Believe it or not... "The Preacherman," Jimmy Edwards, actually danced for the first time!)

August was really a busy month. The first week in August we attended the Southern Leadership Conference in Covington, Georgia. The officers from five states were in attendance along with members of the National



Graham

miliarize the officers with the FFA and to prepare them for their jobs as officers.

One of the most important activities of your state officers this year was the Goodwill Tour. The Goodwill Tour is a trip through the state in which the state officers publicize the FFA and visit with friends and supporters of our organization. It started in Jacksonville and took us through Palatka, Sanford, Orlando, Apopka, Ft. Pierce and a week and a half later

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Staff and National Officers. At this conference we learned more about the FFA and being a state officer by sharing our abilities and ideas with each other and by putting into practice what we learned from the officials who were running the conference.

Two weeks later (August 12-15), I had the honor of serving as youth counselor for the boys at the Florida Farm Bureau State Safety Seminar. The seminar was held at Camp Montgomery in Keystone Heights and there were many FFA members among the young people who participated in this valuable and worthwhile school. When I left the seminar, I met the other officers in Gainesville, where we planned and held the State Leadership School for District and Sub-District officers. The day after the Leadership School we traveled to Jacksonville, where we began our two week long state officer Goodwill tour. During these two weeks we found out and learned many things. We found out what it was really like to be a state officer. We learned that being an officer required much more dedication and work than what many of us had realized, we learned how to work as a team, and we found out that we were a team. And it was on this long trip, that we became to know each other as a family of brothers. We also learned that throughout this state there are so many people who have a great amount of respect for the FFA and many of whom help support our organization because of their confidence in our programs and the results that are shown within our members.

In September, after the Goodwill Tour, we had the responsibility of beginning to work more on our own rather than as a group. Nearly every school in the state was in session by

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Billy Williams Says Having State Office Is a Dream in Report from Area II

It was almost like a dream, me, Billy Williams becoming a State FFA Officer last year at our state convention. At that time I didn't really know what the office I had been elected to was all about and I didn't realize many of the duties that would be expected of me. I knew one thing however, that I wanted to be a state officer based mainly upon the appearance, performance, and general attitude of past state officers and I decided to accept whatever duties came with the office if I could only be lucky enough to be elected. I thank you, the FFA members throughout the state of Florida, for giving me the opportunity to serve you this past year and I hope that I have in no way let any of you down.

After the state convention I came home and thought about what I would have to do in the coming year. On July 13, I had my first opportunity to meet some of the FFA members from the southern part of the state at Forestry Camp held at Camp O'Leno. I was also able to attend camp O'Leno on July 20 as the FFA members gathered from the northern part of the state. The last day in July, we as a state officer team met for the first time in Lake City since being elected. Here we planned for the Regional Leadership Conference which would be held August 1-3 in Covington, Georgia. About a week later we met in Gainesville to plan for the State Leadership school. On August 20th our Goodwill Tour started.

On this tour we met with many different business and clubs. We told these people what kind of organization we were, what we were doing and in the end tried to leave a better relation with the FFA and the general public. The tour started in Jacksonville where we visited with Florida Tractor Corporation, Florida Machine and Foundry and Channel 12 TV station. From Jacksonville we went to Palatka where we visited with Florida Power and Light Company, Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Pulp and Paper co., Lions Club, Simmons Dairy and Kiwanis Club. Our next stop was in Sanford



Williams

where we visited the Stauffer Chemical Company and Chase Company. We then visited Orlando where we had the opportunity to be the guest of Walt Disney World and also we visited the Sun Bank of Orlando. We then traveled to Ft. Pierce where we visited with Bud Adams cattle ranch, Berggren Equipment co. and were the guest of the Rotary Club. Our tour ended up in Okeechobee where we visited with Daniels Ranch, McArthur Dairies and again visited with the Lions and Rotary Club of Okeechobee. The Goodwill Tour was a tremendous learning experience for me, it was something that I will never forget.

In the month of September the area Leadership schools began and on September 15 I attended Area I, District 1 Leadership School, and on September 22, Area I District 2 Leadership School and on September 29, Area 4 District 7 Leadership School, and ended with Area II Leadership School on October 6.

On October 13 I had the opportunity to travel to Cincinnati to represent Florida as the State FFA-SCL Forestry Winner. There I was joined by five other forestry winners from different states. While in Cincinnati we spoke at a businessmen's club and told them about our forestry Program. We also presented different men in that area with a ham in hopes we could further gain more friends for the FFA. From Cincinnati I traveled to Kansas City for our National FFA Convention. I got back home on October 21 and then started my chapter visitations on the 22nd. Visiting chapters was a new experience for me and I must admit it took some getting use to. The first week of chapter visitation Ted was in Jacksonville for the Greater Jacksonville Fair and we got together and visited 8 chapters. On Friday of that week we were in Perry for the State FFA Forestry finals and the State Forestry Banquet. On Saturday, October 27 we were back in Jacksonville for the judging contest at the Jacksonville Fair. In the month of November I visited with a chapter each day and ended up my chapter visitation on December 7. In all I visited with 41 chapters in my area, which included all of them.

I want to say this to the chapters I visited, "I really appreciate the time and trouble you went to while I was at your chapter in order to show me

good time and tell me what your chapter was doing. I want to thank the advisors in Area II because I believe every last one of them bought me lunch while I was at their school, something I didn't expect." On December 6 I was able to attend the Hamilton FFA Banquet, the first one of the year. One week later, on December 13, I was at the Santa Fe FFA Banquet. The Livestock and Dairy judging schools were held on January 12 in Gainesville. I was able to attend. On February 6, we met in Sampa for the State Fair and also to visit with Tampa Electric Company and Florida Power Corporation. On February 27 the North Florida Fair had their beef show held in Madison.

On April 1, we met in Tallahassee to plan for our state convention. We were there until Friday when we left for Gainesville to be at the State Judging Contest on Saturday. On April 18 I was in Palatka for the Seaboard Coastline Forestry Day. More new methods were demonstrated in the different areas of Forestry. This about brings me up to date on the activities in which I have been involved in so far. I hope to be seeing many of you at Daytona Beach this June and if I accidentally walk by and forget to speak, just yell and ask me if I thought I was too good to speak, because after all I was elected to serve you.

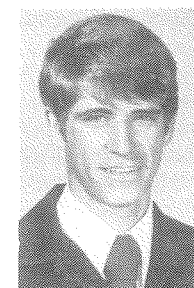
Billy Williams

New Friends are Rewarding Feature For State Secretary

This year has been a most valuable and rewarding year for me not only because of my travels but also for the many friends I've gained across our state and nation. I have been made aware of the confidence the older generation have in, us, the youth of America.

My year of travels started by attending the FFA Forestry Camp in Camp O'Leno at High Springs. Following the camp, I had the privilege of representing our Association at the State 4-H Congress in Gainesville.

Then I traveled with the state officers and the state staff to



Jimmy Edwards

the Southern Region Leadership Conference in Covington, Georgia. This gave me a big boost into my year as a state officer by learning how to be a successful and hard working state officer.

We found our way back to Florida and stopped in Gainesville for the State Leadership Conference. The work we did there has shown up in your district officers this year.

After the Leadership Conference we went on the Annual State Officers Goodwill Tour. I was surprised at all the companies and people who support the Florida Association. I guess that has been the highlight of my year thus far. Getting to know the other officers, and the exchange student Tony Balten was one of the main goals of the tour.

When we ended the Goodwill Tour we finally were able to go back to our places of abode.

After I rested up, I attended the four Area Leadership Schools, Area II, Area III, District 7 and District 8 of Area IV.

Walter and I started visiting the schools in Area III after the Leadership Schools were over. I visited 35 chapters in Area III, one in Area V and 12 in Area IV.

In between chapter visits I attended many FFA activities; It would be impossible to name them all. Highlights: Citrus FFA Horse Show, Tampa Fair—Mini Goodwill Tour, FHA District Meeting — Palatka, State Youth Conference — Tallahassee, National FFA Convention — Kansas City, Missouri, Basketball game against Polk County Officers, Governors Luncheon, Winter Haven, Citrus Showcase.

Fair time came around and I was at the Central Florida Fair for FFA day and the banquet that night. I attended four other Fairs: Citrus County Fair, Sumter County Fair, Lake County Fair, and the Manatee County Fair.

Banquet and Contest time are also here and already I've attended four chapter Banquets and the Sub-District Contest of Sub-District 5 in Zephyrhills.

These highlights are what have made my year as a state officer a happy and prosperous year. I've signed up 32 men in the FFA Alumni Association and hope to sign many more up. For enlisting these men I'll receive an award at our next National Convention.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at the State Convention in June.

Jimmy Edwards



State officers meet with Tampa Electric Company officials for breakfast in Tampa.

Griffin Tells of Activity Serving as State's Area V Veep

I attended the state Fair in Tampa, and visited with sponsors of the FFA including Tampa Electric Company and Florida Power Corporation on a mini-goodwill tour. During the latter part of February and the first week of March, I was among 3000,000 visitors to the Dade County Youth Fair and Livestock exhibition. The FFA was well represented by members from throughout the Area. March 15, 1974 was the date of the Annual Chapter Banquet in the "Sweetest Town in America," Clewiston, and I had an opportunity to attend along with Ted and Frank. Ted and I again enjoyed a delicious meal and an excellent program at the Moore Haven Chapter Banquet on March 23.

Sub-District Contests were just around the corner and scheduled for April 19. Our thanks to Mr. John G. Petrie, Manager of Growers Ford Tractor Co. for their sponsorship of the Subdistrict Tractor Driving Contest. Receiving the trophy from Deerfield Beach FFA Chapter was Gary Johnson.

Sponsoring the District Contest in Belle Glade on May the 3rd is Mr. David A. Ballou, Manager Broward, Palm Beach Tractor Co. Sponsoring the Area Ornamental Horticulture Contest will be the Greater Miami Landscape and Nurserymen's Association. The Pahokee FFA Chapter will hold their annual chapter banquet on May 17th. I'm looking forward to speaking to members there.

My best wishes go to each of you for a most successful year. I hope to see all of you in Daytona.

Kevin Griffin



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Attkisson Reports Chapter Activity As Area IV Veep

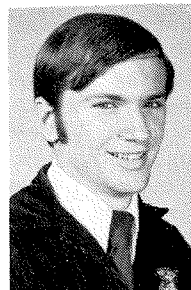
As I come to the close of my 10th month of serving as your vice president from Area IV, I can say it has been an exciting and rewarding experience.

I hope this column and the rest of our columns can bring to your realization that serving as a state officer does take a little of our time but our pay check is seeing members of the Florida FFA take the incentive and get the ambition to run not only their chapter but also themselves in a respectable manner. By seeing this in each chapter, I have attended or any FFA function I have had the opportunity to go go to, I can reassure myself that none of my functions as an officer have been in vain.

Indeed it has been exciting for me. It started by attending Florida Citrus Mutual's 25th anniversary dinner at the Citrus Showcase in Winter Haven. Later in July I had the pleasure of attending the 2nd Annual State President's Conference in Washington, D.C. along with Ted. It was at this conference I found how little I really knew about the different FFA programs. After seeing the National FFA Center and listening to many different talks from various staff members, I now can see what makes this organization so great. I also had the privilege of meeting with many dignitaries such as congressmen and senators. I also had the honor of meeting Julie Eisenhower at a reception held for the state officers in the rose garden of the White House. In case you were watching the Watergate trials in July, while John Erlichman testified, you might have noticed Ted and me in the audience.

The month of September started about a change. Instead of traveling as a group with the other officers, I was by myself on chapter visits and FFA cookouts. District 7 was probably the largest leadership school we had, with over 250 chapter officers and members present. Wayne Hunter and Ernie Lewis did an excellent job in organizing the school.

The next leadership school was



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two weeks later at South Florida Jr. College. This was one of the most enjoyable Leadership schools I had been to in quite a while.

October was one month I was sort of busy with the 45th National FFA Convention in Kansas City and the 2nd Annual Vocational Officer's Conference in Tallahassee. It was also a time when many FFA chapters had their greenhand ceremonies and these were very impressive. I wish I could have gone to all of them, but there are only so many days each month.

November and December got a little cool as I turned off my air conditioner and turned on a little heat while I visited more chapters. In District 7 some visiting was done with Wayne Hunter.

Speaking of leadership schools, Miriam Hapner of Sarasota held the First Annual Sarasota County Federation Leadership School. This was done very well. I only wish there were more leadership schools to not only instill positive leadership ideas in FFA members but also in a lot of the advisors!

The month of January brought more visits to different schools. Although I can't name all of the chapters, I must say that no two visits were alike and each offered a different enjoyment.

Before I knew it February was on us and the fairs were here. First the State Fair in Tampa, where I am proud to say Sam Robinson, a fellow Polk Countain from Kathleen, had the grand champion steer. The State Fair was something I had been looking forward to as this was the first time in four months the officers as a team had been together.

Of course February brought FFA Week. In Area IV WTVT in Tampa ran four minute spots on member's projects, while the Dade City Chapter put on an all out campaign not only in the school but in the community as well - even without gas! state officers in Tallahassee to plan our 46th State Convention. We had a week of hard work and many ideas were presented to make our convention the best yet.

As I close this column I can only say I wish there were 13,000 other state officers each year to do the things we have done. There will be seven new officers elected this year and every year. You have that opportunity. I'm sure you wouldn't want to pass it up. I'm looking forward to the closing weeks in office. If I can ever be of service, please let me know. Hope to see you soon!

Frank Attkisson

Veep Graham

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then so some of us began visiting different chapters that month. September was also spent planning, preparing, and holding the various district and area leadership schools for chapter officers throughout the state. I attended the District VII school in Brandon along with Frank and Jimmy, the Area III School in Tavares with Jimmy and Frank, the Area V School in Okeechobee with Ted and Kevin, and the Area II School in Lake City with Billy, Jimmy, and Ted.

In October, the "Team" was back together as we traveled to Kansas City, along with about 250 other Florida Delegates, to attend the 46th Annual National FFA Convention. I enjoyed the convention and gained much inspiration from it just as I am sure all of you who attended did. It was really great! The week after we returned from Kansas City, the seven of us met in Tallahassee where we joined the state officers of five other youth organizations at the 2nd Annual State Vocational Youth Conference. The other participants included the state officers of the FHA, FBLA, VICA, DECA, and CECF.

The first Saturday in November, I attended a district FHA Meeting in Lakeland. At this meeting I had the opportunity to speak before the 901 Future Home Makers who were in attendance. That's right — 901 FHA'ers! They really had a great meeting and I had a good time representing the FFA!

The next week Ted and I were at the Volusia County Fair in DeLand. We have attended many county fairs this year, but the reason that I picked this one to write about is because I have a sad report to make regarding your state president. The night of the steer sale, a cow-milking contest was also held. There were three teams competing. Three members of the County School Board made up one team, three members of the County Commissioners composed the 2nd, and Ted Edwards, Aida Tatum the Fair Queen, and some other FFA officers made up the third. Ted's team didn't win ... Ted's team didn't even come in 2nd! As a matter of fact, they didn't even have enough milk to come in third, but the officials gave it to them anyway. I sure wish I knew who the third member of that team was.

Later on in November, I

represented the state officers at the Annual Moor-Man's Scholarship Banquet at the University of Florida.

In December several chapters throughout the state began having their annual banquets. Most of December was consumed by the Holiday Season, so it was really a short month.

I started 1974 off by continuing to visit chapters in January. During that month I had the opportunity to attend the Florida State Orange Convention in Cocoa Beach. It was my good fortune to represent the Florida Association FFA at this event and to be the guest speaker at the youth day banquet which concluded their convention.

In February, we were all in Tampa for the state fair and also a short, two-day, mini goodwill tour. Two weeks later Jimmy, Frank, and I attended the State Citrus Identification Contest in Winter Haven, on the 20th, and later that week attended the Annual Governor's Luncheon, also at the Citrus Festival.

March 1 was FFA day at the Central Florida Fair in Orlando. The next week Ted and I also attended 4-H day at the fair. Later that same week, the state officers basketball team went down to Ft. Meade to meet the challenge of the District VIII and Polk County Federation Officers. We tore 'em up — 48 to 21!

On March 29, Ted, Jimmy, and I attended the State Land Judging Contest in Ocala.

During the first week in April, we all met in Tallahassee to begin planning for our State Convention and to get everything ready for the State Judging Contests that were held in Gainesville on the 6th of April. Just recently the State FHA Convention was held in Clearwater.

So fellow members there you have it, as it has gone up to now. I just want to say that it has really been a rewarding year for me to serve as your state vicepresident from Area III. I am looking forward to the remainder of our FFA year and to serving you at the convention, in Daytona Beach, where you elected me nearly one year ago. We are really planning a great convention to climax our term as state officers and we hope that each and every one of you will be in Daytona Beach in June. The convention will give you an opportunity to meet people and have a good time, as well as to learn more about the FFA and how you can become more involved in our great organization. I hope to see you there! Walter Graham

President Edwards

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wound up in Okeechobee. We made television appearances, spoke at civic clubs, and toured Walt Disney World along with many other activities. We not only told others the story of the FFA but learned a great deal about Florida Agriculture ourselves. The Goodwill Tour will easily be one of the highlights of our year.

Each year the state president is employed by the Department of Agriculture. The job has many responsibilities mainly which is to represent the Department at county and regional fairs with a commercial exhibit. I started working for the Department of Agriculture the first week of September.

Throughout September and the first of October your state officers participated with district officers in hosting the District Leadership Schools. The District Leadership Schools are for chapter officers and have the same goals as the state leadership school. Another enjoyable responsibility of the state president is to attend conventions of industries and associations which support the FFA. During September and October I was privileged to attend the conventions of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association and also the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association.

Approximately 15,000 Future Farmers traveled to Kansas City last October for the 46th National FFA Convention. Committee meetings, speeches, delegate luncheons, election of national officers, controversial business meetings, retiring addresses, and crowning of the Star American Farmer and Agribusinessman were among the many happenings at the convention. Throughout the inspirational week there was a lot of work and little sleep because I was a delegate and one of the committee chairmen. The state officers left the National Convention with many new friends, renewed acquaintances, and confidence and pride in our country and generation, as well as FFA.

In October your state officers also participated in the 2nd annual Vocational Conference of Leaders. The conference was for state officers of all vocational clubs and lasted for two and a half days in Tallahassee. During the conference we exchanged ideas with the various vocational clubs represented and learned more about vocational education. We also met dynamic state leaders including

Governor Reubin Askew, Secretary of State, Dick Stone, and President of the Senate, Malory Horne.

The remainder of the calendar year was very busy. I attended the State Forestry Field Day in Perry as well as the preliminary contest in Area I, The Florida Forestry Festival, and fairs and judging contests at Marianna, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, DeLand, and Cocoa. Throughout the last few months of 1973 I also visited chapters and with the arrival of December began traveling to chapter banquets.

I continued the visitation of chapters in January with a two week tour through Area I with Area I Vice President, Greg Evers. We started chapter visitations in Tallahassee and went as far west as Pensacola and Walnut Hill. We visited approximately fifteen chapters telling them about our State FFA Association, proficiency awards, judging contests, and our jobs as state officers. With the end of the tour I attended a recognition dinner for Bob Hinton, a former national officer and state president from Turkey Creek. The fair season cranked up in 1974 with the West Palm Beach Fair. After the fair and judging contests, it was time for the state fair in Tampa.

During the state fair, the state officer team had another executive committee meeting which lasted a couple of days. At the meeting we practiced banquet speeches, FFA ceremonies, and prepared for the remainder of our tenure. We also had a short Goodwill Tour visiting Tampa Electric Company in Tampa and Florida Power Company in St. Petersburg. We spoke to the power companies about the FFA and expressed our appreciation to them for everything they do for our organization. While at the state fair, I attended the Miss Sunflower Pageant, judging contests, an appreciation dinner for Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Connor, the AGR Luncheon, and met country western singer Mel Tillis.

National FFA week is recognized each year to publicize our organization through many activities synchronized for this one week. On February 19, Governor Reubin Askew honored our organization by signing a proclamation making February 16-23 National FFA Week. Besides bringing the proclamation to the Governor, I also spoke at a Kiwanis Club in Tallahassee, was guest speaker at the Poplar Springs FFA Banquet, and attended the Ft. Pierce Fair.

During the remainder of February and all of March, I attended fairs, judging contests, visited chapters, and spoke at FFA chapter banquets. Also in March I attended the Judging Contests in Orlando at the Central Florida Fair and the State Land Judging Contest in Ocala. Also for the first time in State FFA annals, your state officers formed a basketball team to meet the challenge of the officers of the Polk County Federation. We splendidly outdribbled, out maneuvered, and shot the Polk Countians victory of over twenty points. In a grudge rematch we emerged victorious by even more points. We will accept any challenges.

This year the State Convention planning session was held in Tallahassee by your state officers the first week of April. At the planning session, we wrote speeches, our vespers service, retiring addresses, rewrote scripts for sessions, chose honorary state farmer degree recipients, and prepared for the state judging contest in Gainesville for livestock, meats, poultry, and dairy. We also represented our state association at an Appreciation Day for Legislators hosted by the Department of Agriculture. The state judging contests found state officers running cards, leading groups, tallying scores.

I am now busy helping to prepare for our state convention June 10-14. Banquets are also in full swing and I will be traveling to them until the end of the school year.

This, the third week of April, was very busy with a Seaboard Coastline Appreciation Day, conference of the Florida Federation of Fairs, and the State FFA Convention. The Seaboard Coastline Appreciation Day was in Palatka, and I had the opportunity to ride one of their trains, the "Spirit of 76," from Jacksonville to Palatka. The day was very educational and impressive with dignitaries from all over the United States. At the Appreciation Day I presented honorary degrees of state farmer to five deserving men including our Governor Reubin Askew and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Robert W. Long.

It has been a privilege and honor for me to represent our association the past year. Of all the activities this year, the most enjoyable have been those in which I came in contact with our Florida FFA Members. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our state convention. Until then good luck and keep up the FFA image.

Ted Edwards

All State Judging Finals are Held in Gainesville

This year saw a new wrinkle in our judging contest procedures. All state finals in livestock, dairy, meats, and poultry judging contests were held in Gainesville at the University of Florida. All comments concerning the day-long activity were favorable, facilities were excellent and participation was good. Over 1500 FFA members attended the judging activities and participated in what, according to many teachers, were the best judging contests ever held. A special "thank you" to everyone who was concerned with making the day so successful. The results for team placings as well as top ten individuals in each contest are given.

Land Judging

The Palatka South FFA Chapter won the State Land Judging Contest on March 29. The team, composed of Brad Southwell, Donald Wilkinson, Reggie Tumlin and Dale Harrell were coached by Mr. Jim Ward, advisor of the chapter. These FFA members represented Putnam County with the winning score of 609 points. A total of 32 teams participated in the contest. Their ranking follows:

Marion, 608; Pasco, 594; Alachua, 581; Jackson, 520; Levy, 501; Lafayette, 488; Hillsborough, 469; Sumter, 459; Palm Beach, 436.

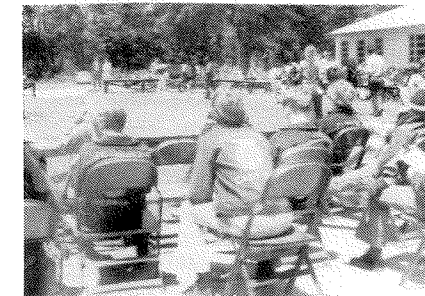
Escambia, 431; Polk, 428; St. Lucie, 427; Gilchrist, 425; Hardee, 419; Baker, 417; Hamilton, 396; Sarasota, 393; Manatee, 390; Jackson, 385.

Suwannee, 284; Hernando, 382*; Bradford, 382*; Duval, 381; Citrus, 365; Lake, 360; Glades, 355; De Soto, 353; Nassau, 329; Calhoun, 327; Okeechobee, 286.

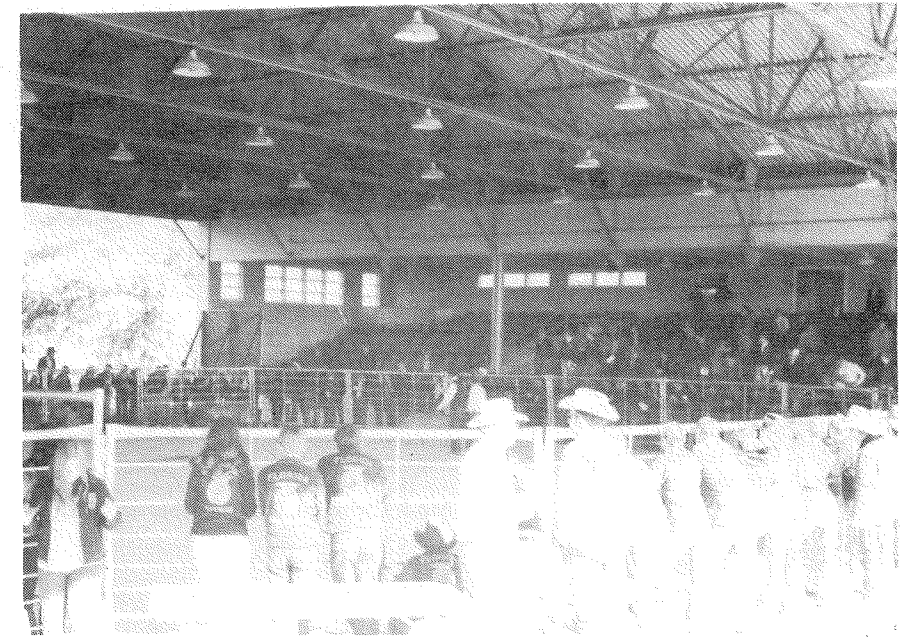
St. Lucie, 268; Highlands, 237.

Livestock

In the state livestock judging contest April 6, 1974, the ten high individuals, with chapter and score, are: Greg Wilbanks, Groveland Senior, 426; Lupe Garcia, Moore Haven, 417; Kendall Hancock, Palatka Junior, 416; Craig Fugate, * Tie



Contestants at the state dairy judging contest in Gainesville.



Livestock judging classes were brought to the arena to make judging easier for the contestants.

Santa Fe Junior, 409; Cherry Boyette, Dade City Junior, 404; Carl Story, Colonial, 401; Larry Barthle, Dade City Senior, 397*; James Newsome, Tomlin Junior, 397*; Jody Crosby, Forest, 395; Jacky Jackson, South Sumter Senior, 394.

Chapter results are as follows: Moore Haven, 1152; Dade City Junior, 1150; Palatka Junior, 1141; Williston Senior, 1139; Auburndale Senior, 1124; Dade City Senior, 1122*; Groveland Senior, 1122*; Colonial, 1120; Forest, 1119; Baker County, 1116*; South Sumter Senior, 1116*.

Plant City Senior, 1109; Tomlin Junior, 1103; Allentown, 1102; Malone, 1082; Santa Fe Senior, 1080; J.G. Smith, 1079; Chiefland Senior, 1075; Hardee County Senior, 1072; Brandon, 1057*.

Okeechobee Junior, 1057*; Zephyrhills Senior, 1056; Cottondale, 1054; Easy Bay Senior, 1053; Okeechobee Senior, 1052*; Santa Fe Junior, 1052*; Citrus, 1048; Chipley, 1046; Callahan Junior, 1044;

Ft. Pierce Senior, 1041; East Bay Junior, 1037; Williston Junior, 1033; D.A. Storms Junior, 1032; Frostproof, 1031; Interlachen, 1030; Lake Butler Senior, 1027; Wildwood Senior, 1026; Deland Senior, 1025; Newberry, 1024*; New Smyrna Beach Junior, 1024*.

Bunnell, 1022; Hardee County Junior, 1015*; Tate Senior, 1015*; Bonifay, 1014*; Immokalee, 1014*; Madison Senior, 1013; Gainesville-Agribusiness, 1011; Bethlehem, 1008; Miami, 1002; Union Park, 1000.

Plant City Junior, 995; Lafayette, 988; Bartow Senior, 985; Trenton, 982; West Nassau, 982; Charlotte County, 981; Bronson, 979; Leesburg, 974; Hawthorne, 973; Lakeland Senior, 970;

Vanguard Senior, 969; Bradford

Senior, 962; Seminole-Largo, 959; Pompano, 958; Munson, 953; Graceville, 950*; Madison-Gary, 950*; Zephyrhills Junior, 947; Baker, 945; Crescent City, 938;

Columbia Senior, 935*; Marianna, 935*; Lake Butler Junior, 934; Branford, 931; Sanford-Seminole, 930; Bartow Junior, 929*; South Sumter Junior, 929*; Horace Mann Junior, 928; Turkey Creek, 926; New Port Richey Junior, 922;

Dowdell, 920*; Pahokee, 920*; Vernon, 911; Coconut Creek, 910; New Port Richey Senior, 907; Ft. Meade, 886; Wildwood Junior, 881; Avon Park, 872*; Van Buren, 872*; Hamilton County Senior, 860;

Deerfield Beach, 850*; Tampa Bay Tech, 850*; Eisenhower Junior, 847; Hamilton County Junior, 842; Kathleen Junior, 841; Quincy Junior, 840; Robinwood Junior, 837; Apopka Junior, 826; Evans, 816; Middleton Junior, 813;

North Marion Senior, 805; Ft. Pierce Junior, 800; Bell, 783; Crystal Lake Junior, 766; Callahan Junior, 757; North Marion, 750; Clermont, 642; Baldwin, 523.

Meats

At the state meats judging contest high individuals were: Teron Jackson, Dade City Senior, 517; Wayne Ballard, Dade City Senior, 515; Sandy Ballard, Dade City Senior, 513; Mike Taylor, East Bay Senior, 505; Bryan Callis, East Bay Senior, 497; Jim Helton, Tate Senior, 481; Darryl Williams, Tomlin Junior, 476; Richey Jackson, South Sumter Senior, 474*; Mark Lambert, Hardee County Junior, 474*; David Foster, Dade City Senior, 473*; Lonnie Allen, East Bay Senior, 473*.

Chapter results are: Dade City Senior, 1545; East Bay Senior, 1475; South Sumter Senior, 1416; Hardee County Senior, 1395; Hardee County Junior, 1389; Tomlin Junior, 1370; Tate Senior, 1359; Bradford Senior, 1248; East Bay Junior, 1221; Interlachen, 1198;

Crescent City, 1187; Baker County, 1176*; Colonial-Orlando, 1176*; Newberry, 1148; Groveland Senior, 1116; Auburndale Senior, 1077; Buchanan, 1069; Santa Fe Junior, 1050; Ft. Pierce Senior, 1043; Graceville, 1038;

Crystal River, 1028; Santa Fe Senior, 1022; South Sumter Junior, 1019; Pahokee, 1016; Ft. Meade, 1003; Sebring, 994; Bethlehem, 962; Bartow Senior, 938; Leesburg, 925; Plant City, 902;

Brandon, 885; Bradford Junior, 881; Deland Senior, 875; Hamilton County Senior, 873; Madison-Gary, 859; Bonifay, 855; Ft. Pierce Junior, 815; Clermont, 776; Columbia Senior, 658.

Poultry

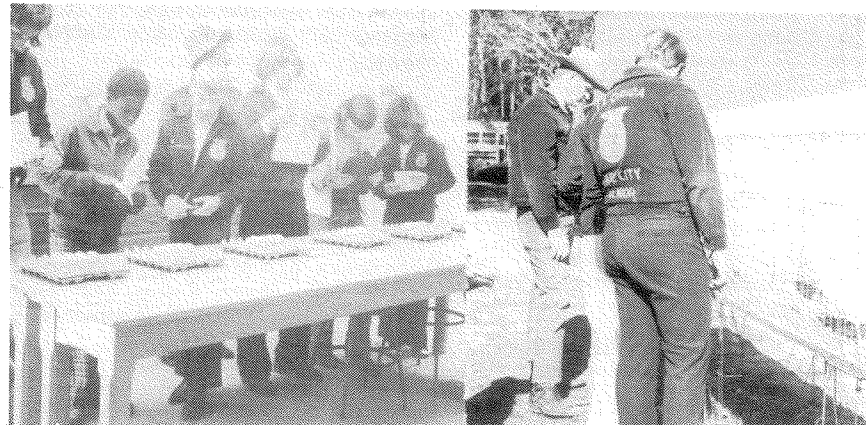
In the state poultry judging contest ten high individuals include: Wayne Pless, Dade City Senior, 469; Pat Durden, Dade City Senior, 465.5; Chuck Combs, Zephyrhills Senior, 459.5; Chuck Clemons, Santa Fe Senior, 458; Glenn Hough, Santa Fe Senior, 456; Mike Altman, Dade City Senior, 451; Garry Huffman, Dade City Senior, 450*; Bruce Engstrom, Santa Fe Senior, 450*; Steve Cobb, Zephyrhills Senior, 446; Gary Revels, South Sumter Senior, 438.

Chapter results are: Dade City Senior, 1385.5; Santa Fe Senior, 1364; Zephyrhills Senior, 1341; South Sumter Senior, 1297.5; Interlachen, 1271; New Port Richey Senior, 1251; Santa Fe Junior, 1247.5; Miami, 1242.5; East Bay Senior, 1209.5; Vanguard Senior, 1206;

Eisenhower Senior, 1201.5; Brandon, 1201; Middleton, 1193; Bethlehem, 1176.5; South Sumter Junior, 1173; East Bay Junior, 1158.5; Chipley, 1144.5; Bradford Senior, 1130; Newberry, 1127; Bradford Junior, 1119.5;

Bartow Senior, 1116.5; Bartow Junior, 1100; Tampa Bay Tech, 1083; New Port Richey Junior, 1081.5; Dowdell, 1076;

* Tie



At the poultry judging in Gainesville contestants (left) judge exterior quality of eggs, as well as the live chickens (right).



Land judging contest was held in Ocala with National Vice President Jimmy Alvarez, (left in picture at left) shown with Dale Harrell, Donald Wilkinson, Reggie Tumlin, Brad Southwell and Jim Ward, advisor for Palatka South. Other pictures show scenes during the judging.

Deerfield Beach Senior, 1070.5; Citrus, 1069.5; Hamilton County Junior, 1061.5; Graceville, 1041.5; New Smyrna Beach Junior, 1040;

Robinswood, 980.5; Madison Gary, 919.5; Clermont, 809.5; Buchanan, 636.5;

Dairy

Ten high individuals were:

Kathy Manookian, Colonial, 422*; Ken Fabian, Miami, 422*; Ernest Mayne, Vanguard Senior, 420; Tommy Free, Auburndale Senior, 419; Nancy Blackadar, Plant City Junior, 413; Britt Bochiardy, New Smyrna Beach Jr., 409*; Robert Kroczyński, Colonial, 409*; Dean Gray, Dade City Senior, 408; Nancy Kettle, New Port Richey, 407; Chuck Parrish, Lake Butler Junior, 406.

Chapter results are tabulated: Colonial, 1236; Coconut Creek, 1175*; Interlachen, 1175*; Vanguard Senior, 1171; Brandon Senior, 1167; New Port Richey, 1163; Dade City Senior, 1162; Hardee County Senior, 1159*; Trenton, 1159*; Pahokee, 1157;

Allentown, 1156; Hardee Junior, 1154; Santa Fe Senior, 1152; Miami, 1150; Zephyrhills Senior, 1148; Moore Haven, 1147; Marianna, 1146*; New Smyrna Beach Junior, 1146*; Malone, 1144; Plant City Senior, 1140;

Auburndale Senior, 1137; New Port Richey Junior, 1134; Chiefland Junior, 1132; Baker County, 1125; Plant City

Junior, 1122; Tate Senior, 1120; South Sumpter Junior, 1119; South Sumpter Senior, 1116; Lake Butler Junior, 1113; Bethlehem, 1112*; Delray-Spady, 1112*;

Citrus, 1110; Layfayette, 1106*; Zephyrhills Junior, 1106*; Dade City Junior, 1103; Okeechobee Junior, 1102; Chiefland Senior, 1100; Bradford Senior, 1098; Bronson, 1097; Crystal Lake Junior, 1096*;

Washington Junior, 1096*; West Nassau, 1094; Bunnell, 1093*; Okeechobee Senior, 1093*; Groveland Senior, 1088; Clermont, 1084; Leesburg, 1082; Ft. Pierce Senior, 1080; Brooksville, 1078*; Madison Senior, 1078*;

Bartow Junior, 1075; Deland Senior, 1073*; Newberry, 1073*; Callahan Junior, 1072*; Evans, 1072*; Seminole-Sanford, 1071; Bell, 1068; Hawthorne, 1064; Paxon Senior, 1058; Graceville, 1050*; Turkey Creek, 1050*;

East Bay Senior, 1042; Pompano, 1039; Deerfield Beach, 1034; Cottondale, 1033*; Kathleen Junior, 1033*; Wildwood Junior, 1032; Seminole-Largo, 1029; Horace Mann Junior, 1028; Vernon, 1005;

Baker, 1004; Crescent City, 1002; Palatka Junior, 999; Branford, 996; Dowdell Junior, 994; Greco Junior, 992; Paxon Senior, 989; Robinswood, 982; Chipley, 977; Tallahassee-Godby, 951;

Quincy Junior, 942; Bonifay, 911; Madison Gary, 868; Eisenhower Junior, 853; Lake Butler Senior, 725; Buchanan, 700; Tomlin Junior, 672.

Nominations Are Opened

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