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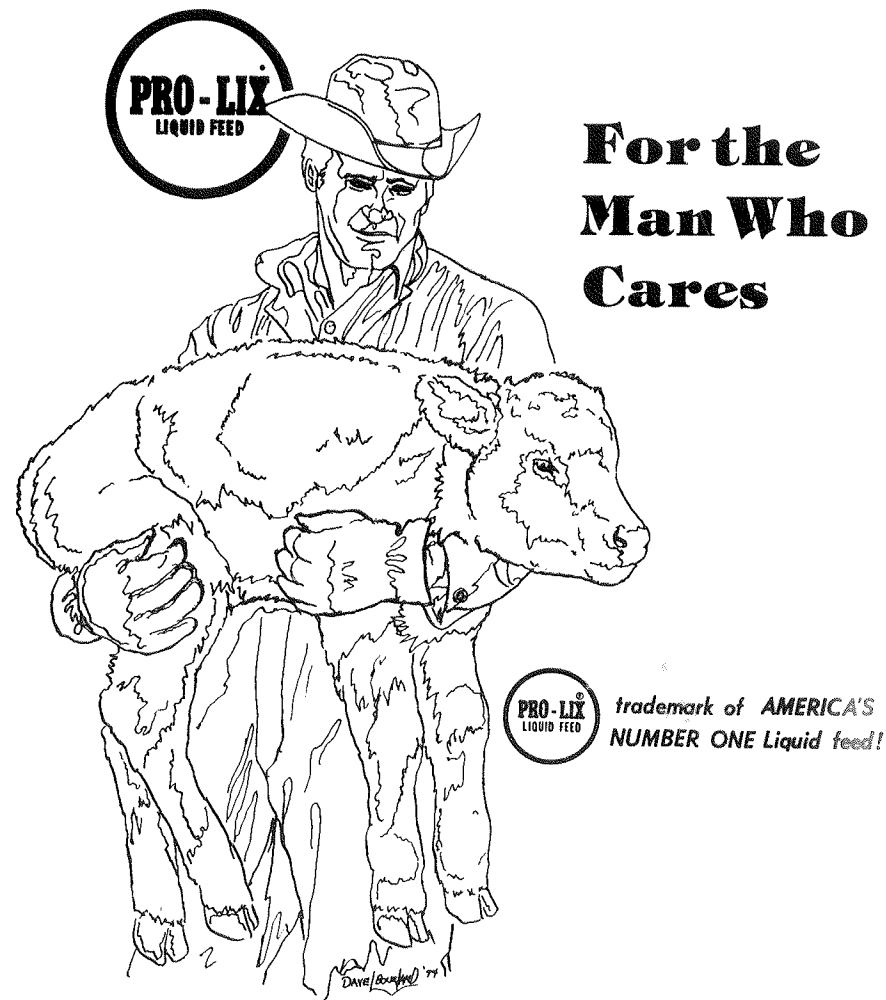
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47th WAS TRULY A CHANCE FOR GROWTH

It was a new day, new year and definitely a new convention site for the 47th Annual State Convention and Leadership Conference in Orlando, June 9-12. Future Farmers, chapter advisors and guests numbering over 1400 attended the special awards program. Sheraton-Towers was the headquarters for the exciting event with entirely new facilities, new faces and new ideas. John Marshall, direc-

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tor of sales and marketing for the Sheraton Towers, brought greetings from the management and assured us of complete satisfaction and cooperation.

Among the many prominent guests attending were Alpha Trivette, national president, Steve Moss, Georgia Association and Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Events of special interest were the election of officers, meal functions sponsored by Florida firms, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, vegetable judging, demonstration contests, presentation of awards, scholarships and honorary degrees. New officers elected were: President, Chris Hardee, Chiefland; Secretary, Rick Stratton, Sarasota; Vice President, Butch McMullian, Malone; Vice President, Sammy Knight, Brandford; Vice President, Sam McConnell, South Sumter; Vice President, Kelton Stephenson, Tampa Bay Tech; and Vice President, Richard Beck, Moore Haven.

BOAC Awards

The Mulberry Chapter was selected to receive the top Gold Award for the State of Florida. The Mulberry Chapter and the Zephyrhills Chapter will represent Florida in the National Awards Program.

The Mulberry Chapter's BOAC Project this year was centered around "Landscaping the Mulberry Civic Center". Many hours of work and time

went into planning and developing this program into total community involvement. Irrigation lines, trees, plants and rocks were installed and maintained in order for them to be named the recipient of the Governor's Citation.

These chapters, along with other Florida chapters encouraged better understanding 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 winners was Mr. James R. Dudley, for the Farmers Home Administration of Florida. Each of the following chapters received Area BOAC Plaques: Interlachen Sr., South Sumter Sr., Mulberry, Ft. Meade, Orlando-Colonial, Auburndale, J. G. Smith, Mulberry, Deerfield Beach,

The Convention Issue Cover

What better way to express the leadership abilities of the Florida Future Farmers than with the State Winning Parliamentary Procedure Team. The South Sumter Chapter along with their Advisor, John Stephens will cherish the glory. Sam Love (left), Vice-President of the Florida Farm Bureau, presented the banner and trophy.





Jeff Kuharske, left, Groveland Chapter, was named the 1975 Soil, Water and Air Management Winner. He is shown with Freddie Garner, advisor and John Barnes, area conservationist with Soil Conservation Service, which sponsored the award.

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Allentown, Westridge, Deerfield Beach, Greensboro, Greco, Moore Haven, Okeechobee, Vanguard Sr., Suwanee, Haines City, Vernon, Gainesville-Agribusiness, Ponce de Leon, Santa Fe Sr., Zephyrhills, Bartow Sr., West Nassau, Brandon, Bayshore, Palatka Sr.

In addition to Mulberry and

Zephyrhills Chapters receiving the State Gold Rating there were Deerfield Beach, Orlando-Colonial, Greensboro and the Santa Fe Chapters.

Moore Haven, South Sumter and the Interlachen Chapters received the Silver Emblem awards.

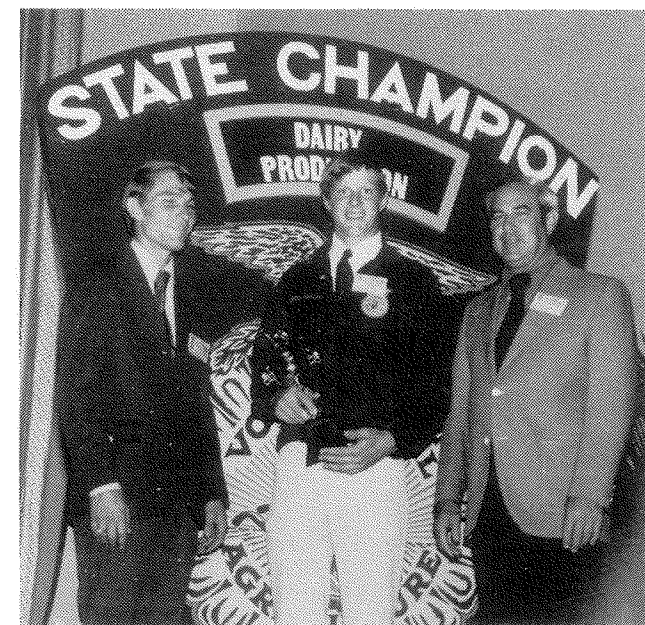
The chapters receiving the Bronze Emblem Award were: Okeechobee, Vernon, Allentown, Haines City, J. G.

Smith and the Newberry Chapter.

New Chapters Chartered

W. R. Jeffries, state advisor, presented charters to the new chapters. These chapters had to establish their own program of activities and submit a membership roster and qualify for the new charter by successfully completing the minimum standards set by the Association.

John Larson, Okeechobee Chapter is the 1975 Dairy Production Winner: Richard Rab and Jim Knight are the advisors. The award is sponsored by Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and Production Credit Associations of Florida.

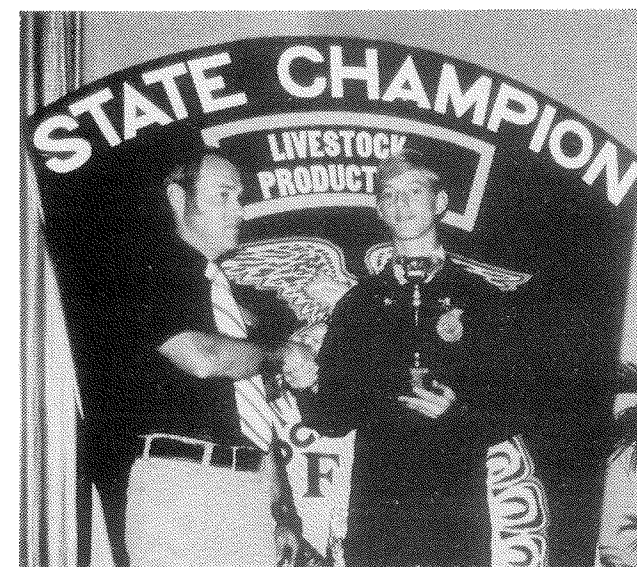


Forestry Management Award State Winner for 1975 is Charles Baldree, left, Bradford Chapter, with advisors, Paul Hutchins, and Greg Alvarez.



Rick Stratton, Sarasota Chapter, was named the 1975 Ornamental Horticulture State Winner. He is shown with Advisor Milton Galvex. The award was sponsored by Hofmann Landscape.

The 1975 Livestock Production Winner, Johnny Welch, Lake Butler, is shown with Jim Brown, advisor, on the presentation of the award—sponsored by Florida Beef Council.



The Orlando-Colonial Chapter was judged the 1975 State Winning Ornamental Horticulture Team. Shown from left are: Beth Brown, Mark Williams, Bill Hair, Stanley Howard, and Bill Sasser, advisor.

The 1975 State Champion in Ag. Mechanics is Jeff Kuharske, Groveland pictured with Larry Arrington, advisor. This award was sponsored by Florida Tractor Corporation.



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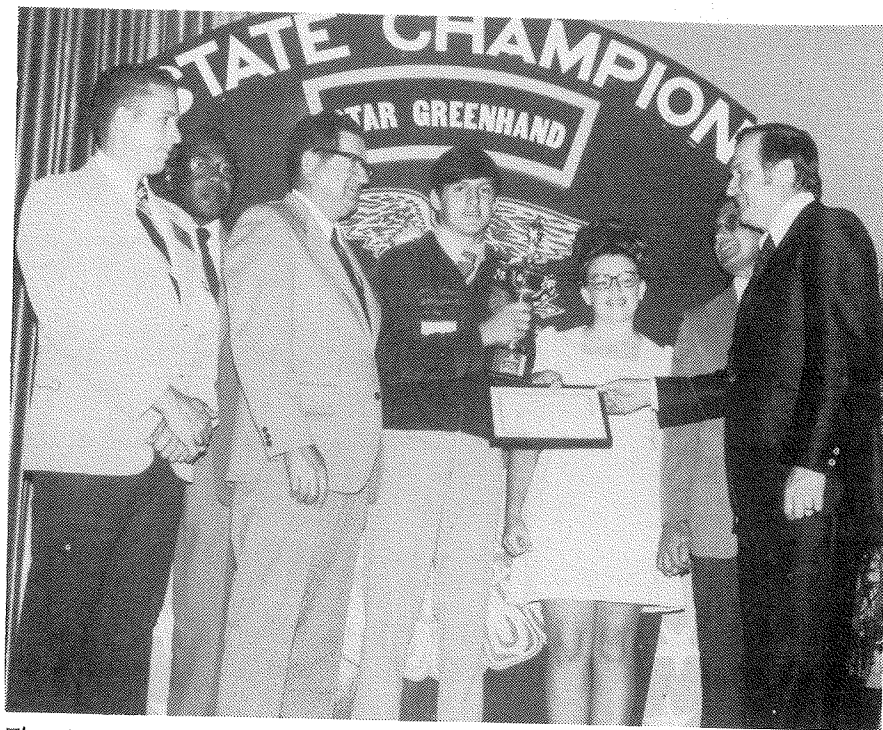
The new chapters are: Apopka Jr., John Cloran, Advisor; Bayshore, Henry Hewitt, Advisor; Judson Jr., Robert Breckenridge and Bill Da Charme, Advisors; Hudson Sr., Willis Tate and V.M. Caldwell, Advisors; Lincoln Park, Victor Rowe, Advisor; Lake Wales Jr., Gilroy Brubaker and John Waldrop, Advisors; Newberry Jr., Gary Brown, Advisor; New Port Richey, Jr., John Shaffer, Advisor; Lakeland Jr., Richard Heath, Advisor; Interlachen Jr., Wayne Sapp and Harry Lydick, Advisors; Riverdale, Wythe Morris, Advisor; Seminole-Pinellas, Don Bitting, Advisor; Tarpon Springs, Fred Bray, Advisor.

Chapter Cooperative Contest

The Chapter Cooperative Contest is one of the fastest growing of the chapter contests. In this contest chapter members learn how to buy feed, seed, fertilizer and other supplies through a local or state cooperative. In placement and selection for this award credit is also given to the chapter for participation with other organizations.

The Area winning chapters received \$50 and a silver plaque, \$35 for second place, \$25 for third place and \$10 for the fourth place winner. The chapter Co-op awards are sponsored by the Florida Council of Farm Cooperatives.

Bobby Bennett, a representative of the Council, was on hand to make the



The 1975 State Star Greenhand is Jimmy Wade, South Sumter Chapter. Howard Renner and John Stephens are advisors. Honorable Doyle Connor presented the award, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture.

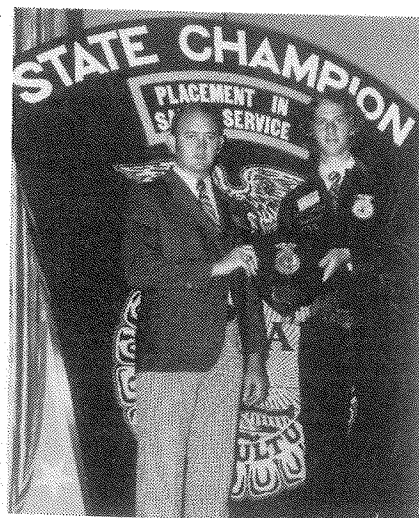
presentations. Area I winner was the Greensboro Chapter; Area II winners are Santa Fe 1st, Hamilton County 2nd, Interlachen 3rd, Bradford 4th; Area III winners are Groveland 1st, South Sumter Jr. 2nd, Orlando-Colonial 3rd; Area IV winners are Bartow Sr. 1st, Bartow Jr. 2nd, Manatee

High 3rd, Bradenton 4th; Area V winners are Moore Haven 1st and the Okeechobee Chapter placed 2nd.

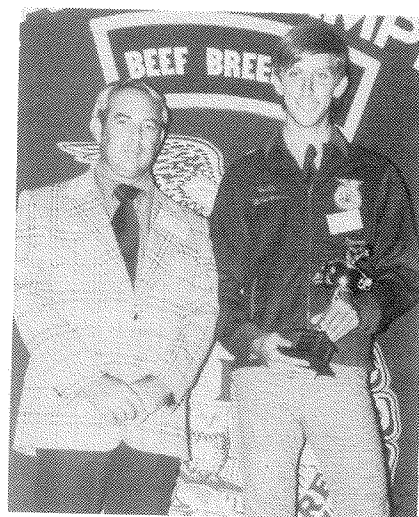
The State Winning Chapter in the Cooperative Contest is the South Sumter Chapter. Advisors are John Stephens, Howard Renner and Carl Williams. The chapter was presented a



Alpha Trivette, National FFA President, addresses those at the State Convention in Orlando.



The 1975 Placement in Sales and Service State Winner is Kenley Redditt, Orlando-Colonial Chapter. Fred Dietrich is advisor. Production Credit Associations of Florida and Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida sponsored the award.



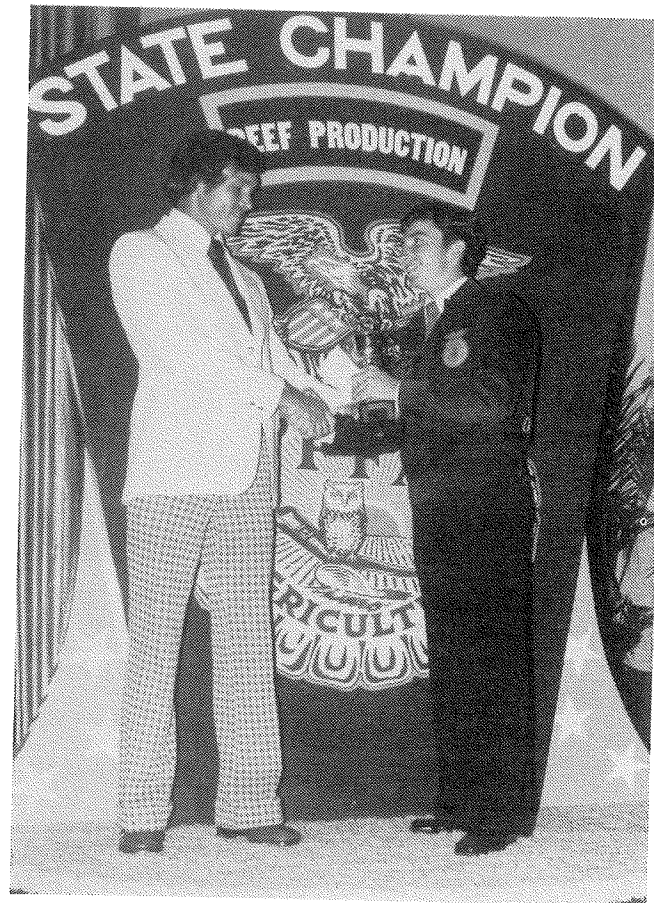
The 1975 Beef Breeding Award State Winner was Bill Freeman, Okeechobee Chapter; Jim Knight is the Advisor. The award is sponsored by Florida Cattlemen's Association.

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Bud Riviere, former Executive Secretary, Florida Association, FFA, presents a portrait to Greg Wilbanks, State President. Award sponsored by Progressive Farmer.

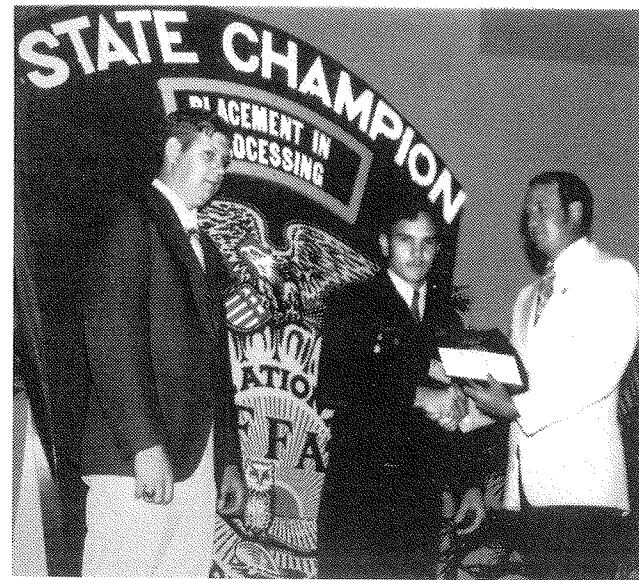
The 1975 Citrus Production Winner was Jeff Kuharske, Groveland FFA Chapter. He is shown with Freddie Garner, advisor; and a representative of Florida Citrus Mutual who presented the award.



Chris Hardee, Chiefland Chapter is the 1975 Beef Production State Winner; Eli Beasley is advisor. The award was sponsored by Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association.

The 1975 State Winning Agricultural Mechanics Team from Winter Haven: Robert Bryant, advisor, Bobby Anderson, Kelly Morgan, Bruce Thornhill, James Thornhill, advisor. The award was sponsored by International Harvester Dealers of Florida.





Russell Driggers, Hamilton County Chapter, accepts the award as the 1975 Placement in Processing Winner. Making the presentation were Ronald Hobbs, advisor, and W. R. Jeffries, state advisor. The award is sponsored by the Production Credit Association of Florida and Federal Land Bank Association of Florida.

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check for \$700 and a Gold Plaque by Bennett to help defray their expenses while attending the American Institute of Cooperatives meeting in August.

Seaboard Forestry Awards

Since forestry is a vital part of our state and national economy, the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company has taken steps to recognize out-

standing individuals with experience in forestry.

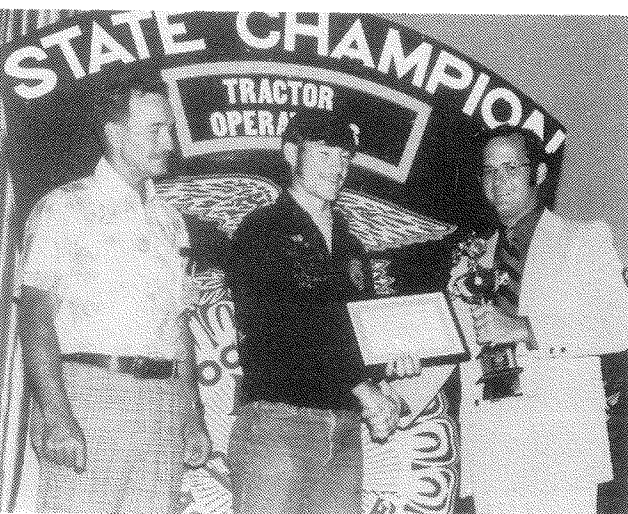
Alan Fowler, Assistant General Industrial Forester from Richmond, Virginia, was present to recognize the following individuals. In fourth place was Charles Sanders, Palatka Chapter, receiving \$20 and a plaque, Jim Ward is the advisor; third place was David Baldree, Bradford Senior Chapter, receiving \$30 and a plaque, Paul Hutchins and Greg Alvarez are his advisors; in second place was Bryan Mobley, Baker County

Chapter, receiving \$50 and a plaque, Jack Williams and Charles Taft are his advisors.

The 1975 State Winner in Forest Management is Charles Baldree of the Bradford Senior Chapter of Starke, Florida. His advisors are Paul Hutchins and Greg Alvarez.

Charles is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Baldree and manages 225 acres of forest land along with 750 acres used in gum farming. During Charles' four years in FFA he has planted 28,000 seedlings and catfaced 1000 trees.

Eddie Bryant, Lakeview Chapter is the Tractor Operation and Maintenance State Winner. Jerome Caris, is the advisor looking on, while a representative of the Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida presented the award.



The 1975 Outdoor Recreation State Winner is Windy Whittaker, Orlando-Colonial Chapter, with Fred Dietrich, advisor. The award is sponsored by National FFA Foundation: Virgil Davis, President of Cen-Com Associates making presentations.



Chris Hardee, candidate for state office, delivers his campaign speech while other candidates wait for their chance to talk to the delegates.



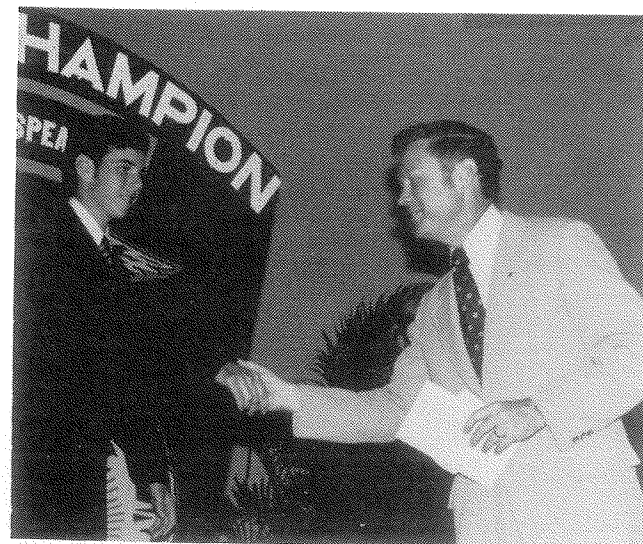
The 1975 Citrus Placement Winner was Jeff Thomas, Brandon Chapter and while N. L. Storms, advisor looked on, a representative of Florida Citrus Mutual presented the award.



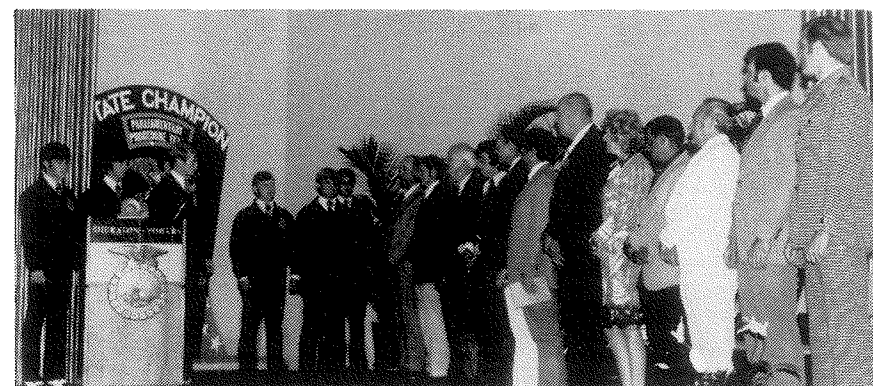
The 1975 Tractor Operations and Maintenance contestants and judges. The award is sponsored by the Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida.



The 1975 Agricultural Electrification Winners are shown. Ronald Pike, Groveland Chapter is winner of the Electrification Proficiency Award, advisor, Fredie Garner. Mike Carruth, Hamilton County Chapter is the winner of the Electrification Demonstration Contest, Ronald Hobbs, advisor. These awards are sponsored by Tampa Electric Company and Gulf Power Company.



Bill Gunter, chairman of the judges, presents the 1975 state public speaking award, sponsored by Lykes Pasco Packing House, Dade City, to Rick Stratton, Sarasota Chapter.



The 1975 Honorary State Farmer Degree recipients on stage at Sheraton-Towers in Orlando.



Ray Cooney, president of Scotty's Home Builders makes the presentation of the 1975 Home Improvement Award to Jeffery Parrish, Vernon Chapter.



The Bradford Chapter team members accept the banner and trophy for their excellence as 1975 Quartet Contest State Winner. Greg Alvarez is advisor. The Florida Farm Bureau sponsors the award.

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Charles has been a member of the forestry team, a delegate to Forestry Camp and served as chapter president. Charles receives a \$325 check to attend the National Convention. The advisor will also receive a \$125 check.

Forestry Contest Winners

During the year many chapters were practicing their forestry skills so as to be able to compete in the State

Forestry Field Day at Perry. This year's state forestry field day winners came from the Cottondale Chapter. The team members are: Coy Hess, Larry Mayo, Gordon Dietrich, Mike Scarlock, Terry Mayo, Frankie Kent, Mark Lott and Larry Morris. Their advisor is Larry Hayes. The Forestry Field Day activities are sponsored by the Florida Forestry Association.

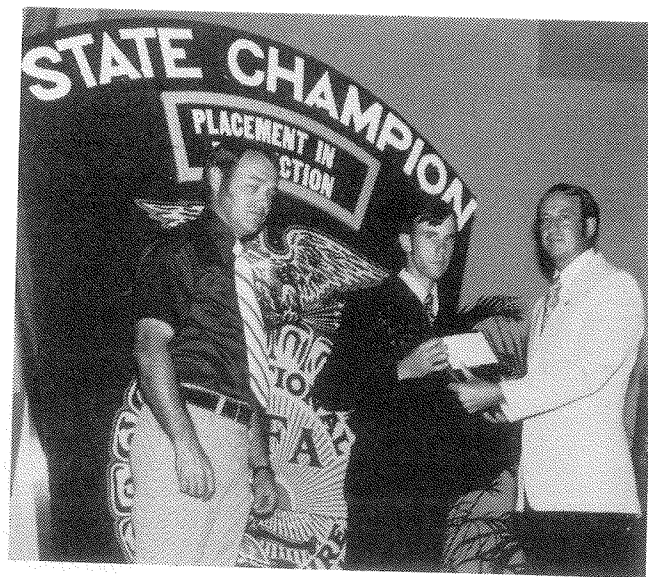
Star Greenhand Awards

The Star Greenhand Award is for those members who in their first year

have excelled in both the Occupational Experience Program and their leadership aspect part of the program.

Each of the Area Star Greenhands will receive \$75 from the Department of Agriculture to help defray their expenses to the National Convention in November. The winners are as follows: Area I, Michael Jordon, Malone Chapter; Area II, Bill Erixton, Hamilton County Chapter; Area III, Gary McGregor, Groveland Chapter; Area IV, Allen Newsome, East Bay Senior Chapter; Area V, Michael

The 1975 Placement in Agricultural Production State Winner was Tommy Crawford, Lake Butler Chapter; Jim Brown, advisor and W. R. Jeffries, state advisor, look on. The award is sponsored by Production Credit Associations of Florida and Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida.



Team Members from the Ft. Meade Chapter receive the 1975 State String Band pennant and trophy. The award is sponsored by the Florida Farm Bureau.



The 1975 Building Our American Communities State winner is the Mulberry Chapter. Sylvester Andrews, advisor, and a member of the chapter accept the award.

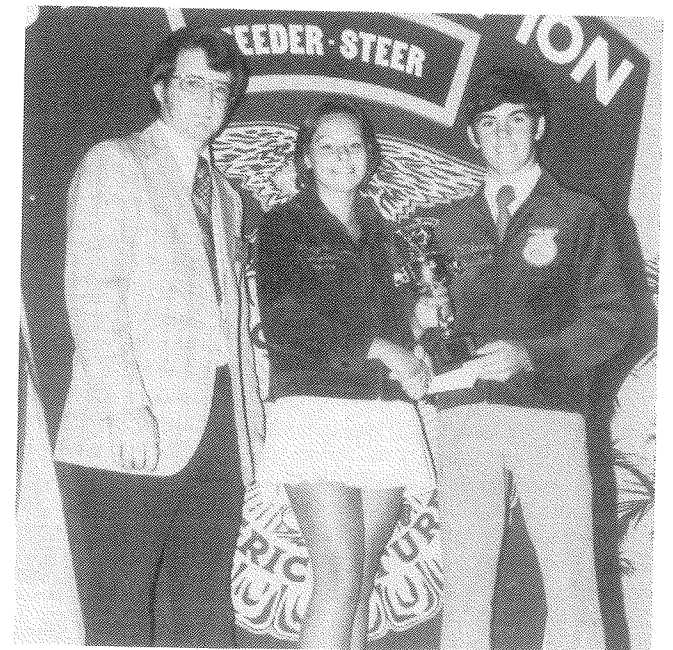


Rick Stratton receives a check from Miss Sunflavor for the Area IV leadership award as Richard Kelly, representative of the Department of Agriculture looks on.

The South Sumter Chapter receives the state winning banner in Parliamentary Procedure. John Stephens is advisor. The award is sponsored by Florida Farm Bureau, Mr. Sam Love, vice-president.



Cindy Griffin from the Bethlehem Chapter is the state Feeder-Steer Winner. James Rich is advisor. The Florida Cattlemen's Association sponsored the award.

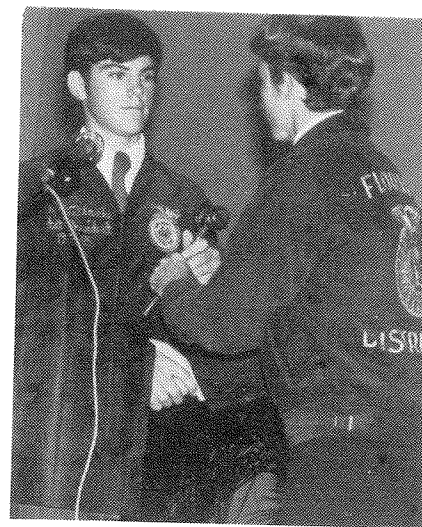




The 1975 Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Team State Winner is the Plant City Senior Chapter. Robert Evans and Jimmy Ross accept the trophies on behalf of their team. Ray Clark is their advisor.



Bob Lewis of Tampa Electric Company makes the presentation of the 1975 Agricultural Electrification Demonstration Contest award to Mike Carruth, Hamilton County Chapter. Ronald Hobbs is advisor.



Past President Greg Wilbanks, Groveland Chapter, presents gavel to new President, Chris Hardee, Chiefland Chapter.

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Norman, Okeechobee Chapter.

The 1975 Star State Greenhand is Jimmy Wade from the South Sumter Chapter. His advisors are John Stephens, Carl Williams and Howard Renner. Jimmy and Stephens will receive \$100 each to attend the National Convention. Jimmy's occupational experience program consisted of a small home garden, two acres of corn and peas, twenty head of brood and fifteen head of beef cattle. Jimmy has also been very active in his community and local FFA chapter activities.

Citrus Awards

Citrus is one of Florida's finest and most important crops. The citrus growers in this state produce over 75 percent of the world's citrus. Robert Gibson, director of the Growers Division, Florida Citrus Mutual, was present to recognize these outstanding individuals with their citrus projects.

Tersa Burroughs from the Orlando-Colonial Chapter was the Area III winner and Wayne Simmons from the Plant City Senior Chapter was the winner in Area IV. The State Winner in Citrus Production was Jeff Kuharske from the Groveland Chapter. His advisors are Freddie Garner and Paul Haskins.

In the Citrus Placement Division

we have Paul Irby from the Haines City Senior Chapter winning in Area IV. The State Winner is Jeff Thomas from the Brandon Chapter. Advisors are Nat Storms, Wylie Hinton and Richard Samuels. Jeff received his citrus placement work at Holmberg Nurseries where he grafted and budded citrus stock.

Public Speaking Contest

This year's Public Speaking Contest was a real challenge for each of the contestants. Each of the final contestants gave a very impressive speech and each deserved to be a winner.

However, an elimination had to follow and the results were: in fifth place was Charles Stephens from the Malone Chapter; in fourth place was Tom Tillis from the Pahokee Chapter; third was Janet Bicker from the Citrus Chapter; second place honors went to Chris Hardee, Chiefland Chapter and the winner of the 1975 Public Speaking Contest was Rick Stratton of the Sarasota Chapter. Rick's advisors are Hilton Galvez and Bill Crowley. Rick will represent the Florida Association in the Tri-State Public Speaking Contest in Alabama. Lykes Pasco Packing Company is the sponsor of the public speaking contest.

Chapter Safety Contest

With the tremendous number of acci-

dents that occur around us each day, we can see why the FFA places major emphasis in the fields of safety and accident prevention.

Every year farm accidents take their toll of lives across the country. Therefore, the Chapter Safety Program was developed and through the help of the Standard Oil Company in Florida, many accidents around the home, on the farm and in our communities are being prevented.

Earl Blomeley, Public Relations Consultant, for the Florida Division of Standard Oil was on hand to make the following presentations.

In sixth place was the Hamilton County Chapter, advisor, Ronald Hobbs; fifth place was the Interlachen Chapter, advisors Wayne Sapp and Harry Lydick; fourth place, Santa Fe Senior Chapter, advisors, W. C. Geiger, Larry Reese, Earl Evans and Bill Farrell; third place, South Sumter Sr. Chapter, advisors are John Stephens, Carl Williams and Howard Renner; second place the Okeechobee Chapter, advisors, Jim Knight, Wayne Clark and Richard Rab. All of these chapters received a plaque for their achievements.

The Zephyrhills Senior Chapter is the 1975 State Winner in the Chapter Safety Contest. They received a \$100 cash award. Chapter advisors are Jacob Redmon and Karl Boger. The Zephyrhills Safety Program centered around a variety of well planned ac-

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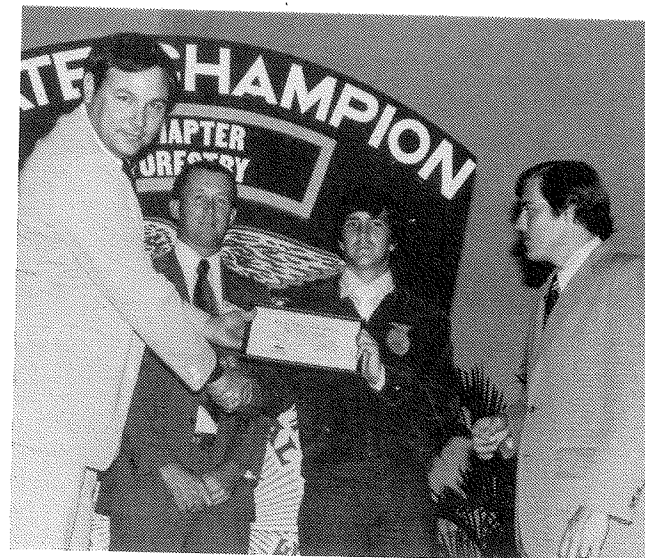
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The 1975 Poultry Production State Winner is Ronald Mann, far right, from the Baker County Chapter. Advisor is Jack Williams and Sammy Fish a chapter delegate.



A representative of the Palatka Sr. Chapter is the state winner of the Chapter Forestry with Jim Ward, Advisor and a representative from his chapter to receive certificate. Representatives of the St. Regis Paper Company were on hand to make the presentations.

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tivities designed to reach every segment of their local community. Farm and machinery safety, farm shop and fire prevention received special attention. Chemical and electrical safety were also emphasized to round out the total safety program.

Feeder Steer and Beef Breeding Awards

The Florida Cattleman's Association is noted for its outstanding work in upgrading the cattle industry in our state. Jim Luttrell, Executive Vice President of the Florida Cattlemen's Association, and Diane Mikell, Cattleman's Sweetheart were present to give recognition to the following students.

In the Feeder Steer category and in sixth place is Tim Walker, Fort Meade Chapter, Ben Speight is the Advisor; fifth place goes to Walter Graves, Fort Meade Chapter and the fourth place also goes to the Fort Meade Chapter, Advisors are Ben Speight and Gary Lee; third place went to Linnis Feagle, Santa Fe Senior, Advisor is Larry Reese; second place went to Gregory Mills, Zephyrhills Chapter, Advisor is Jacob Redmon. The 1975 State Winner of the Feeder Steer Award is Cindy Griffith from the Bethlehem Chapter, the Advisor is James Rich.

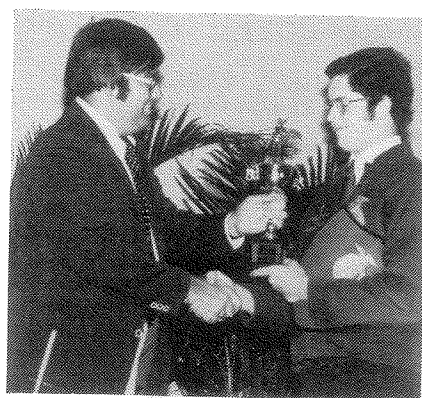
In the Beef Breeding category the winners are as follows: sixth place goes to Lee Hancock, Ft. Meade Chapter, Advisors are Gary Lee and Ben Speight; in fifth place is Chris Sheffield, Mulberry Chapter, Gene Doss

and Sylvester Andrews are the advisors: fourth place goes to David Adams, third place winner is Chet Stergis and in second place is Walter Ringdahl, all are from the Ft. Meade Chapter.

The 1975 State Winner in Beef Breeding is from the Okeechobee Chapter. He is Bill Freeman and his advisors are Jim Knight, Richard Rab and Wayne Clark.

Leadership Awards

Richard Kelly, executive assistant, Department of Agriculture and Con-



Randy Hanna, the 1975 Star State Agribusinessman, Greensboro Chapter, receives award from Bruce Hutchcraft, WTVT-TV, Tampa. Florida Star State Agribusinessman awards are sponsored by Agribusiness Institute of Florida.

sumer Services, and former FFA Executive Secretary, presented the Leadership Awards, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, to five young men.

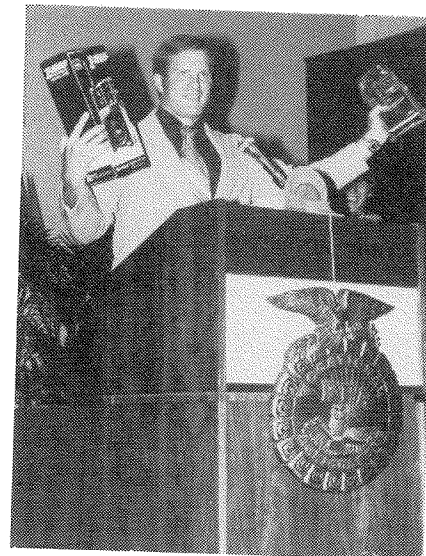
These young men were selected from the State Farmers which excelled in leadership. Steve Matthews, Allentown Chapter, Area I; Chris Hardee, Chiefland Chapter, Area II; Sam McConnell, South Sumter, Area III; Rick Stratton, Sarasota Chapter, Area IV; and Richard Beck, Moore Haven Chapter, Area V.

The 1975 Doyle Conner Scholarships of \$200 each were presented by Kelly. The recipient of Area I was Randy Hanna of the Greensboro Chapter; Area II winner was Laurie Hesser of the Santa Fe Chapter; winner of the Area III scholarship was Sam McConnell of the South Sumter Chapter; Area IV winner was Lonnie Allen of the East Bay Chapter; Bill Freeman of the Okeechobee Chapter was the winner from Area V.

Chapter Forestry Awards

The St. Regis Paper Company plays an important part in the activities of the Florida Association, for they are the sponsors of our Chapter Forestry Awards. We had 13 chapter forestry participants in the contest this year.

Representatives of the St. Regis Paper Co. in Pensacola were present to recognize the winners. In fifth place was the Madison Chapter, advisors are David Smith and Edward Scott; fourth place was the Baker Chapter, the advisor is Gordon Walther; third place



Mr. Bud Riviere accepts gifts from the 74-75 State Officers as token of appreciation for an outstanding year.

went to Suwannee Chapter, advisors Bill Morgan and Mike Peden; second place went to Gainesville Agribusiness, the advisor is Eric Holt. The best chapter scrapbook also went to the Gainesville Agribusiness Chapter.

The state winning chapter is Palatka Senior, their advisor is Jim Ward. All the winning chapters received their checks at the Annual VTAE Conference in August.

Honorary State Farmer Degree Recipients

Danny Schiffer, state secretary, read the names of those recommended by



The Santa Fe Chapter takes high honors for having the best scrapbook. Amy Williams accepts the winning banner from Rudy Wetherington, former state president.

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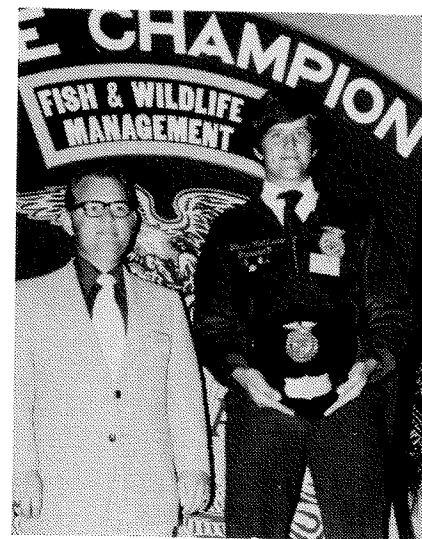
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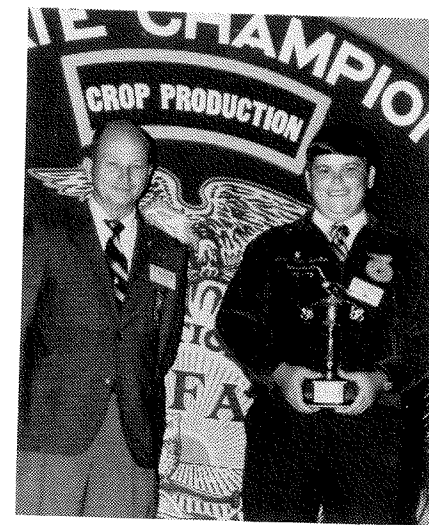
The Malone FFA Chapter was the State Winner, of Funk's 304 Bushel Challenge Contest. Accepting the award is Darryl Ditty of the Malone Chapter. Louisiana Seed Company sponsored the award.



The 1975 Dairy Judging Team State winner is the Santa Fe Chapter. Amy Williams, Santa Fe Chapter accepts the trophy on behalf of the team. Larry Reese is the advisor.



Fish and Wildlife Management State Winner Steve Matthews, from Allentown Chapter is pictured along with Advisor Bill Lundin.



State Crop Production Winner John Allen Smith, Greensboro, with Advisor Neil Deese. The award was sponsored by Dixie Lime and Stone Company.

Proficiency Awards	Name of Winner	Chapter	Advisors	Sponsors *
Agricultural Electrification	Ronald Pike	Groveland	Freddie Garner Paul Haskins	Tampa Electric Co. & Gulf Power Company
Forestry Management	Charles Baldree	Bradford	Paul Hutchins Greg Alvarez	Florida Association, FFA
Agricultural Processing	Russell Driggers	Hamilton	Ronald Hobbs	Fed. Land Bk. Assoc. of Fla. & Prod. Credit Assoc. of Florida
Crop Production	John A. Smith	Greensboro	Neil Deese	Dixie Lime and Stone Company
Swine Production	Randall Hanna	Greensboro	Neil Deese	Florida Swine Producers Assoc.
Beef Production	Chris Hardee	Chiefland	Eli Beasley Dan Faircloth	Fla. Beef Cattle Improvement Assoc.
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Poultry Production	Ronald Mann	Baker	Jack Williams Charles Taft	Florida Poultry Federation, Inc.
Livestock Production	Angus Rimes	Lake Butler	Jim Brown Clark Woods	Florida Beef Council
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Fish and Wildlife Management	Steven Matthews	Allentown	Bill Lundin	Fla. Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission
Agricultural Production	Tommy Crawford	Lake Butler	Jim Brown Clark Woods	Fed. Land Bk. Assoc. of Fla. & Prod. Credit Assoc. of Florida

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the State Executive Committee to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degrees. The list was approved.

Those receiving the degrees were: Harry Carlton, Sen. Curtis Peterson, Dennis Emerson, Jacques Waller, Doyle Jones, Miss Helen Jones, Bob Lay, Larry Harrington, Bob Sharkey, Albert Winburn, Dr. Harold Van Horn, Dr. Daniel Webb and Marion Riviere.

These people were selected for their outstanding contributions to the FFA.

Larry Crosby, Ocoee Senior Chapter, receives the honors as 1975 Harmonica Contest winner. The award is sponsored by the Florida Farm Bureau.



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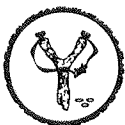
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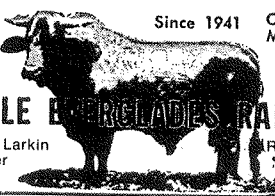
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Judging Teams Recognized

The state judging teams were recognized for their many hours of skill and concentration.

The North Marion Chapter was recognized as the winner of the State Land Judging Contest. Orlando-Colonial was the Ornamental Horticulture winner. Dade City received recognition as the Livestock Judging Team winner.

The Winter Haven Chapter took the honors in the Agricultural Mechanics Contest. The Dairy Judging Contest was won by the Santa Fe Chapter with the Dairy Products Contest going to the Plant City Chapter.

Palatka Sr. Chapter received recognition as winners of the Vegetable Judging and Grading Contest.

The Meats Judging Contest was won by the Hardee County Chapter and Dade City Sr. Chapter won the Poultry Judging Contest. Many of the above chapters will represent the Florida Association in National Competition at the National Convention in Kansas City in November.

Star State Farmer

Steve Matthews of the Allentown Chapter is the 1975 Star State Farmer. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hankins Matthews. Bill Lundin is the advisor of the Allentown Chapter. Steve received a \$200 check from the National FFA Foundation and a trophy from Bruce Hutchcraft of WTVT in Tampa.

Four Area Star Farmers received \$75 each; Area II, Chris Hardee, Chiefland Chapter; Area III, Jeff Kuharske, Groveland; Area IV, Raymond Bryan, Bartow; and Area V, Bill Freeman, Okeechobee Chapter.

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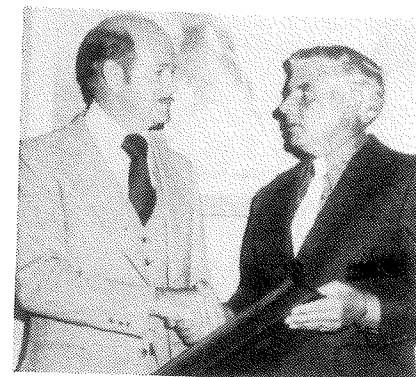


The candidates received their State Farmer Degrees from Ron Jeffries, state advisor.

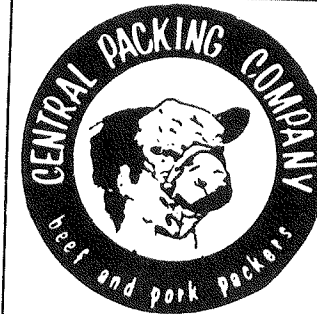
Chapter is the 1975 Star State Agribusinessman. Randy received a check for \$200 from the National FFA Foundation and a trophy from Bob Lee, President of the Agribusiness Institute of Florida. Randy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hanna. His advisor is Neil Deese.

Four Area Star Agribusinessman Awards of \$75 each went to area winners: Area II, Charles Floyd, Gainesville Agribusiness; Area III, Sam McConnell, South Sumter Chapter; Area IV, Jeff Thomas, Brandon Chapter; and Area V, Scott King, Okeechobee Chapter.

D. N. Raulerson (right) receives "30th Anniversary" plaque from F. D. McCormick, Area II Consultant. Raulerson was the 1945 state winner of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Forestry Contest. Robert N. Hoskins, assistant vice president and Alan L. Fowler, assistant general industrial forester of SCL have been long time friends and supporters of the forestry program in Florida.



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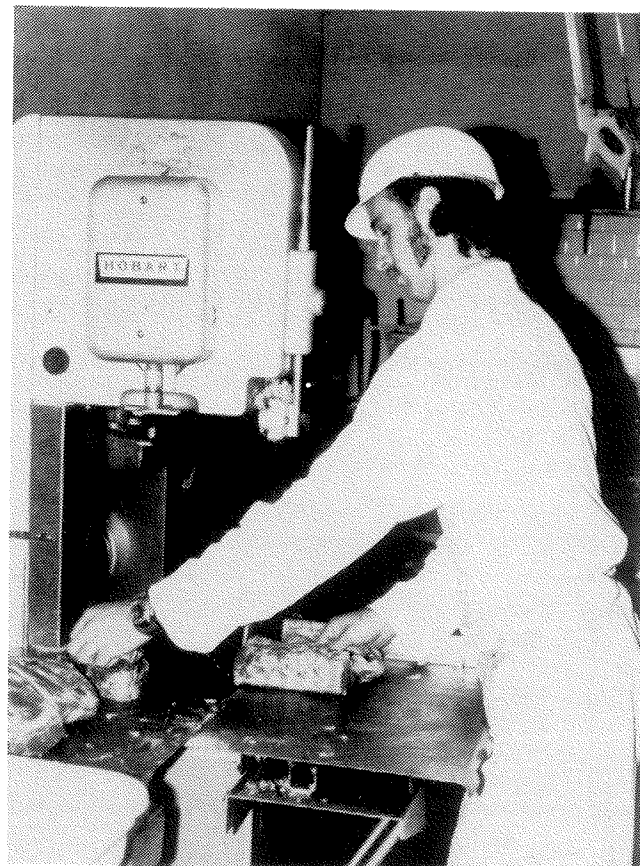
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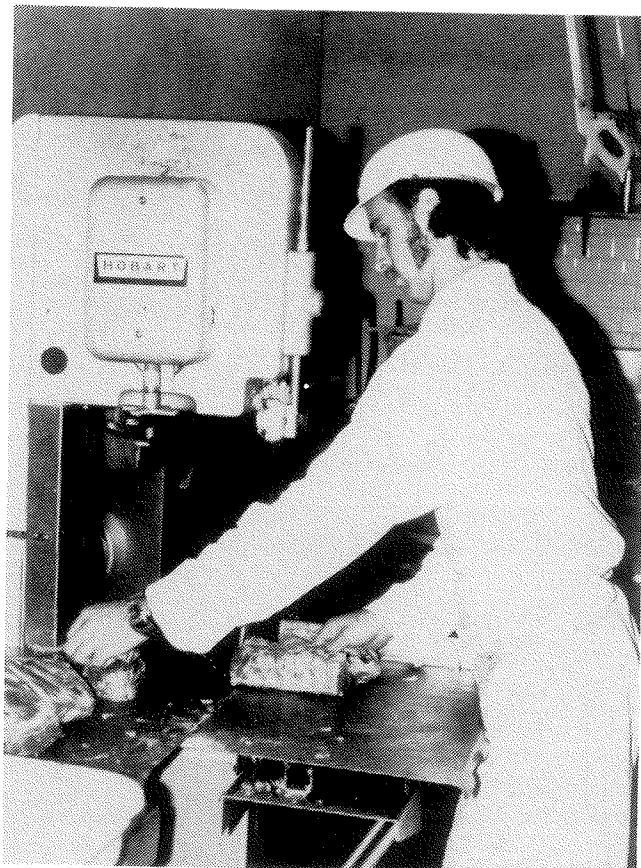


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