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Left to right—Terry Isaacs, President, Groveland Chapter; Rick Jackson, Vice President, South Sumter Chapter; Woody Hildebrandt, Secretary, Greensboro Chapter; Eddy Kirkland, Vice President, Bartow Chapter; Ricky DeMaria, Vice President, Miami-McArthur Chapter; Randy Hanna, Vice President, Greensboro Chapter; Mike Carruth, Vice President, Hamilton County Chapter.

48th Was A Future For America

At the 48th Annual State Convention, there was a great feeling of pride and unity as the chapter members from all over the state gathered at the Sheraton-Towers in Orlando. The 1500 FFAers were welcomed to Orlando by Superintendent of Orange County Schools, Dr. L. Linton Deck.

Among the many prominent guests attending were Doug Loudenslager, National FFA Vice President, Bobby Lord, Country and Western Entertainer, 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, and parliamentary

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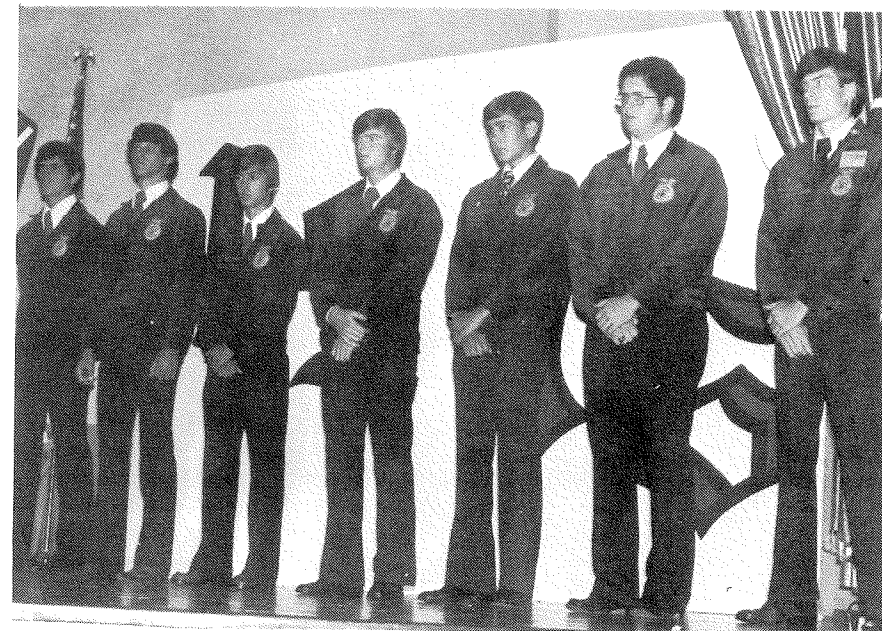
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procedure contests, vegetable judging, demonstration contests, presentation of awards, scholarships and honorary degrees. Newly elected officers were: President, Terry Isaacs, Groveland; Secretary, Woody Hildebrandt, Greensboro; Vice-President, Mike Carruth, Hamilton County; Vice-President, Randy Hanna, Greensboro; Vice-President, Rick Jackson, South Sumter; Vice-President, Eddy Kirkland, Bartow; Vice-President, Ricky DeMaria, Miami-McArthur.

BOAC Awards

The Mulberry Senior FFA Chapter is the State winner in the Building Our American Community Programs. The major BOAC activity of the Mulberry Chapter was "Developing Bicentennial Park" at the Community Civic Center.

The over all emphasis of the chapter BOAC program was "Qualifying Mulberry as a Bicentennial Community". The BOAC Committee completed the Mini-Park, landscaped Bicentennial Park, contributed \$8,000 toward an \$80,000 project, worked over 1,350 hours, and many minor programs. These include Marine Corps Tree Planting, land survey and clearing, care and maintenance, walkways and steps, park signs, nature trails and Memory Lane.

Mulberry, Santa Fe, Okeechobee and Zephyrhills applications were considered as the state's gold emblem chapters in the BOAC program.

Those receiving the silver emblem award plaques are: Bartow Sr., Newberry Sr., Allentown, Haines City, Groveland Sr., Vernon, South Sumter Sr., Orlando-Colonial, Blountstown, Orlando-Evans.

Those receiving bronze award plaques are: Greensboro, Tallahassee-Godby, Tampa Bay Vo-Tech, and Moore Haven.

New Chapters Chartered

Joe Kirkland, State Advisor, presented charters to the new chapters. These chapters had to establish their own program of activities, develop a constitution and bylaws and submit a membership roster by Oct. 31, to qualify.

The New chapters are: Manatee Vo-Tech Chapter; McLane Thoroughbred Chapter; Taylor Junior Chapter; Spruce Creek Chapter; West Orange Chapter; Charlotte County Junior Chapter; Golfview Chapter; Holly Hills Chapter; Sixteenth Street Chapter; Milton Junior Chapter; Mainland Junior Chapter; St. Augustine Vo-Tech Chapter; Woodham Junior Chapter; Liberty Junior Chapter and the Brooksville FFA Chapter.

The Convention Issue Cover

Williston FFA Chapter takes first place in the State Parliamentary Procedure contest. Advisors are Kelly Tyler and Robert Philpot. Mr. T.K. McClain represented Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, the cooperating sponsor.



The Recipient of the Building Our American Communities Governor's Citation is the Mulberry Chapter. State Vice President Kelton Stephenson is shown with several representatives of the chapter and advisors are Eugene Doss and Sylvester Andrews.

Chapter Cooperative Awards

One of the fastest growing chapter contests is the Chapter Cooperative Contest. The purpose of this contest is to promote and recognize training experience in cooperative activities of the chapter and to reward them as such.

The top chapters in each Region received \$50 and a plaque, \$35 for second place, \$25 for third place, and the fourth place winner in each region received \$10.

Phil Conant, a representative of the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, presented the awards. The Region I winner is the Popular



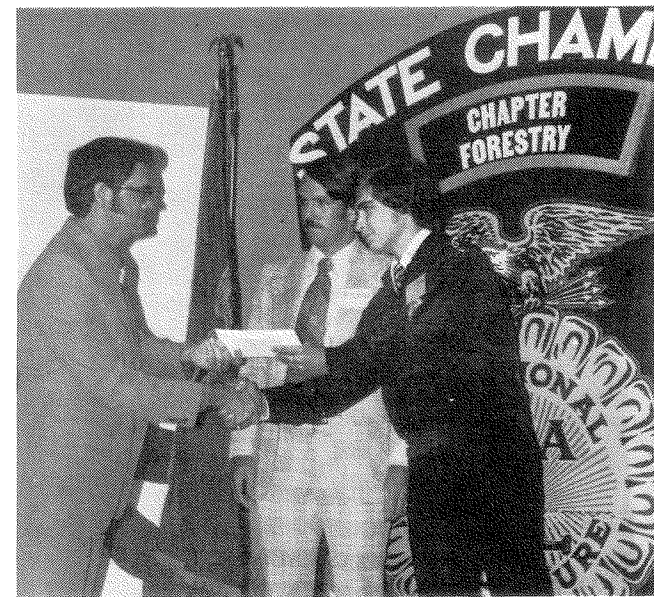
Representatives of the Santa Fe Senior Chapter are shown receiving the State Cooperative Contest Award from Mr. Phil Conant, Vice President, and Chairman of the Youth Committee of the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives. The Chapter advisor is W. C. Geiger.

Springs Chapter; the winner from Region II is the Interlachen Chapter; South Sumter Senior is the Region III winner; the Region IV recipient is the Bartow Senior Chapter and Okeechobee is the Region V winner.

A \$700 check and a gold plaque was presented to the Santa Fe Senior Chapter for being named the 1976



Bryan Mobley of the Baker County Chapter was named the Seaboard Coastline Forestry Award Winner. Bryan received a trophy and \$325 from Mr. Alan Fowler, the Assistant General Industrial Forester for the Seaboard Coastline Railroad from Richmond, Virginia. His chapter advisor is Jack Williams.



The State winner in the Chapter Forestry Contest is the Gainesville Agribusiness FFA Chapter. State Advisor Joe Kirkland presents the award on behalf of the St. Regis Paper Company, to a chapter representative and advisor John Folks.

State Winner. This money was used to help defray their expenses to the American Institute of Cooperatives meeting at Blacksburg, Va. in August. The chapter advisors are Larry Reese, W. C. Geiger, Bill Farrell, and Earl Evans.

Seaboard Forestry Awards

Since forestry is a vital part of our state and national economy, the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company has selected outstanding individuals with experience in forestry.

Alan Fowler, the Assistant General Industrial Forester for the Seaboard Coastline Railroad from Richmond, Virginia, sponsors the following awards. In Fifth Place, Damon Caruthers of the Mulberry Chapter; In Fourth Place, David Ray of the Baker County Chapter; Charles Sanders, Palatka Chapter placed Third; In Second Place, Morgan Henry of the Bunnell Chapter and the 1976 State Winner is Bryan Mobley of the Baker County Chapter. His advisor is Mr. Jack Williams. Bryan received a trophy and \$325 to cover his expenses on the Seaboard Coastline Forestry Tour and the National Convention. His advisor also receives \$125.00.

Chapter Forestry Awards

The St. Regis Paper Company plays an important part in the activities of the Florida Association, FFA as they are the sponsors of our Chapter Forestry Contest.

In Fifth Place, the Mayo Chapter, Advisor Thomas Hart; in Fourth Place, The Lake Butler Chapter, Advisors James Brown and Clark Woods; In Third Place, The Pensacola Tate Chapter, Advisors O. R. Farish, T. W. Taylor, Tom Hughes and Steve Wood; In Second Place, the Palatka Chapter, Advisor Jim Ward. The best chapter scrapbook in forestry went to the Baker Chapter, Advisor Gordon Walther.

The State Winning Chapter is the Gainesville Agribusiness Chapter. Their advisors are John Folks and Bud Riviere. All the winning chapters received their checks at the Annual VTAE Conference in August.

Star Greenhand Awards

The 1975-76 State Star Greenhand is Harrell H. Phillips, Jr.

Harrell is a 16 year old junior at Williston High School. His first year program included a swine operation of 90 head owned in partnership with a cousin, a show steer, and 2 acres of vegetables. His current program



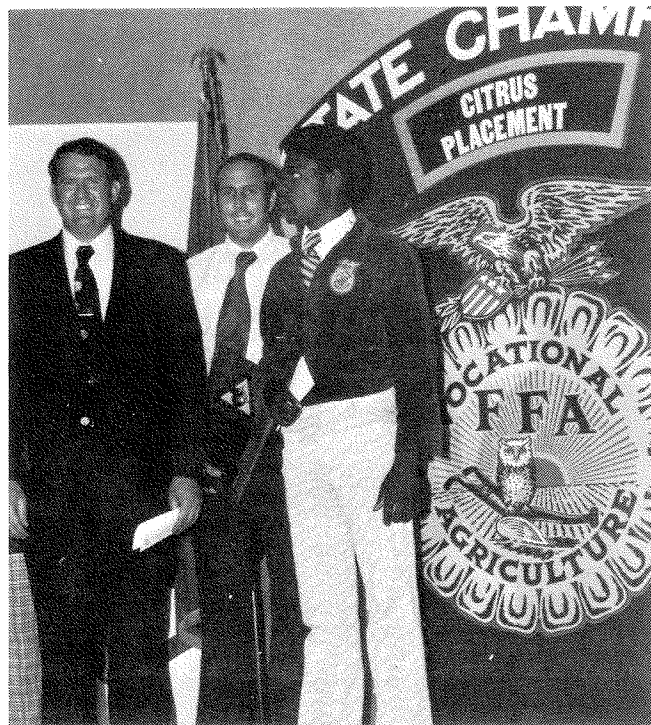
Harrell Phillips, the 1976 State Star Greenhand, is shown pictured with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Phillips, receiving his award from Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture. His advisors are Kelly Tyler and Robert Philpot.



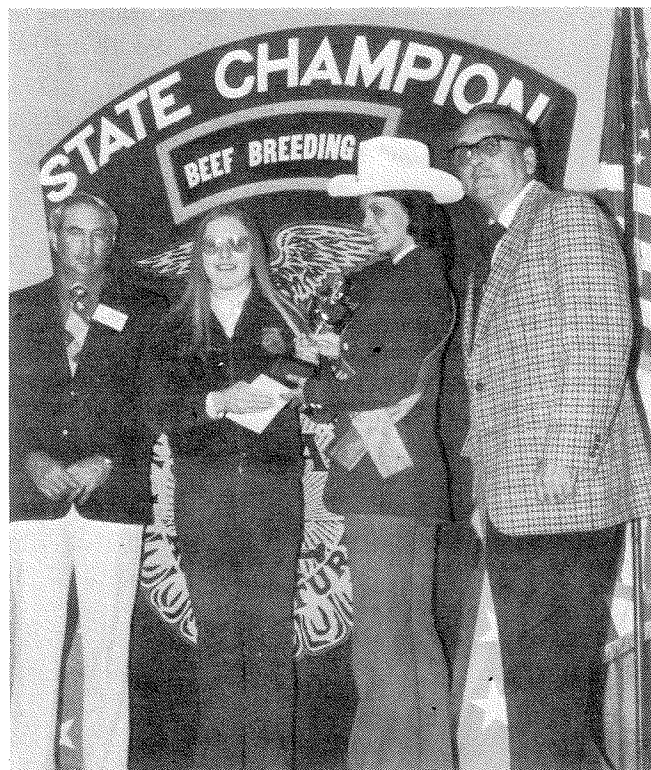
Mr. Floyd Philmon, representing Lykes Pasco Packing Company, presents the 1976 State Public Speaking Award to Mike Carruth, Hamilton County Senior Chapter, while his advisor, Ronald Hobbs, looks on.



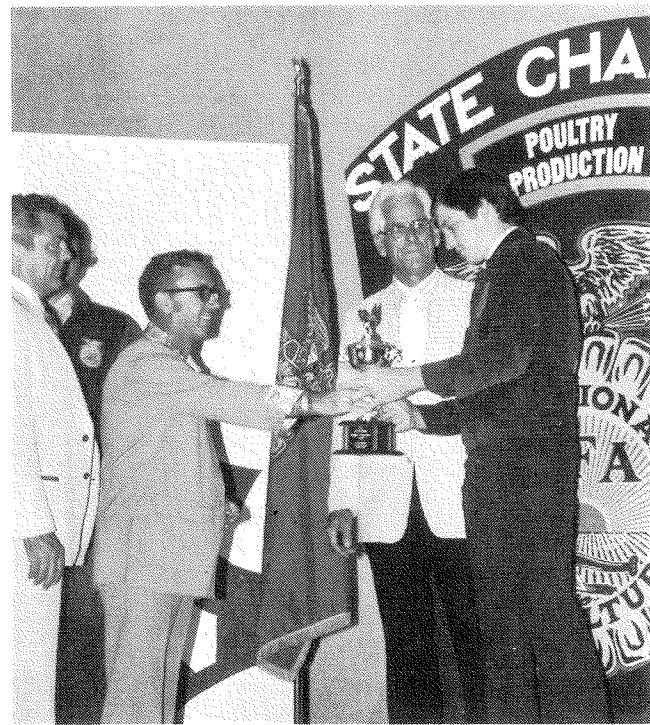
The State Winner in Citrus Production is Wayne Simmons of the Plant City Senior Chapter. Shown receiving the award with him is his advisor Ray Clark.



Mr. Marcus Shackelford, representing Florida Citrus Mutual presents the State Winning Citrus Placement Award to Otis Stanley and the Haines City Senior Chapter. His advisor is Mr. Jack Halabrin.



Marcia Freeman, Okeechobee Chapter, was named the 1976 State Winner in Beef Breeding. Mr. Jim Mummey, Executive Vice President of the Florida Cattleman's Association and Miss Becky Bateman, Sweetheart for the Florida Cattleman's Association presented the awards. The advisor of the Okeechobee Chapter is Mr. Jim Knight.



Mr. B. N. Fuller, representing Wayne Feeds of Auburn, Alabama and Mr. Wayne Bass of the Florida Poultry Federation presents the State Poultry Production Award to Charles Nelson of the Santa Fe Senior Chapter. His chapter advisor is Mr. W. C. Geiger. A check for \$100, on behalf of the National FFA Foundation, was also presented to Charles.



The Zephyrhills Senior FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in the FFA Safety Program. FFA Regional Consultant F. D. McCormick presents the award to a chapter representative and advisor Karl Boger.

includes 100 swine, 2 show steers, one heifer, and 8 calves. Harrell serves the Williston FFA as their chapter sentinel. He attended the Regional Leadership School, was Star Camper at Forestry Camp and attended both State and National Conventions. He was also a member of the livestock judging team, meats judging team, forestry and parliamentary procedure teams. He maintains a sparkling A grade average while serving as a class officer, a student council member and a member of the Beta Club.

The 1975-76 State Star Greenhand plans to attend college and return to the farm or possibly attain a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Harrell will receive a check for \$150 from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Checks of \$100 each will also be presented to the Regional Star Greenhands; Region I is Buren Eddins, Malone; Region II is Jefferson Miller, Bronson; Region III is Lisa Stephens, South Sumter; Region IV is Monty Davis, Mulberry; and Tom Collier from the Moore Haven Chapter is the Region V winner.

Citrus Awards

One of Florida's most important industries is citrus. The citrus growers of this state produce over 75 percent of the world's citrus. Robert Gibson, Director of Grove Division, Florida Citrus Mutual, was present to recognize several outstanding individuals for their citrus projects.

Gary Turner from the Groveland Senior Chapter was the Region III winner and Timmy Sisson from the Haines City Senior Chapter was the winner in Region IV. The State Winner in Citrus Placement was Otis Stanley from the Haines City Senior Chapter. His advisors are Jack Halabrin and Charles Williams.

In the division of Citrus Production, Martin Reynolds from the Lakeland Senior Chapter was the Region IV Winner. George Toole from the Groveland Senior Chapter was the Region III winner. The State Winner is Wayne Simmons of the Plant City Senior Chapter. His advisors are Ray Clark, Loris Simmons, Oscar Lastinger and James Ingram.

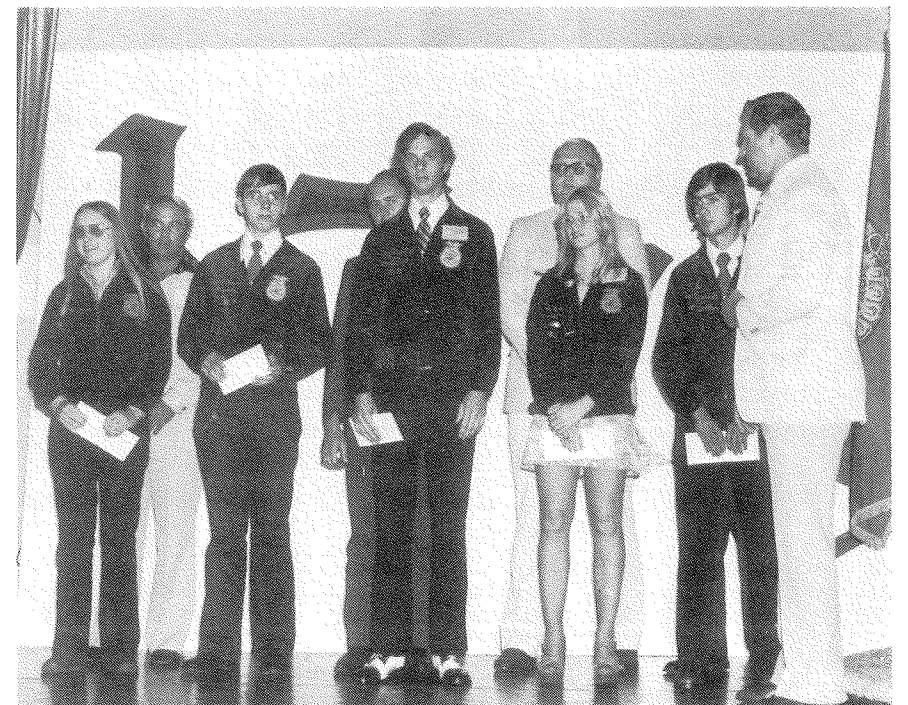
Public Speaking

The five finalists in the public speaking contest all gave interesting and impressive speeches. All showed the true public speaking ability that they had developed through the FFA.

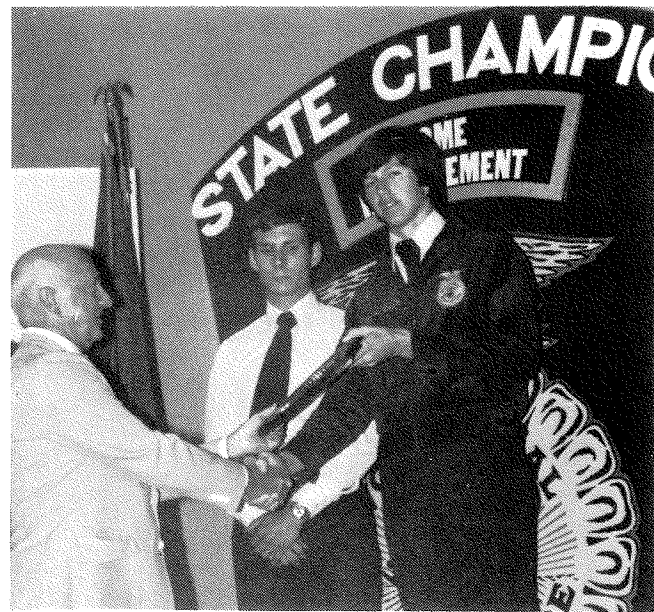
However, an elimination had to follow, and the results were: Fifth place, Eddy Kirkland, Bartow Senior; Fourth place, Ricky DeMaria, Miami-



Mr. Richard Kelly presented \$200.00 checks to five outstanding members who excelled in Leadership Activities. They are, from left to right: Maria Freeman, Ned Waters, Rick Jackson, Mike Carruth, and Larry Kelly. These scholarships are sponsored annually by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.



Mr. Richard Kelly presents the Doyle Conner Scholarships to five outstanding young members who have excelled in Livestock activities.



Charles Back from the Zephyrhills Chapter was presented the State Award in Home Improvement. Mr. Ray Cooney, President of Scotty's Inc. presented the award. Mr. Karl Boger is the advisor. A \$100 check was also presented on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.

McArthur; Third place, Stuart Christmas, Chipley; Second place, Terry Isaacs, Groveland Senior; the State Winner is Mike Carruth of Hamilton County. His advisor is Mr. Ronald Hobbs. Mike will represent the Florida Association at Tri-State Contest in Puerto Rico in September.

Chapter Safety Contest

With the tremendous number of accidents 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 many accidents around the home, on the farm and in our communities are being prevented.

The 1976 winners in the FFA Safety Program are as follows: In 5th

place, the Gainesville Agribusiness FFA Chapter, advisors are Bud Riviere and John Folks; 4th place, the Bartow Senior Chapter, advisors are Jim Selph, Milton Bryan, Harold Hagins and R. B. O'Berry; 3rd place, the Santa Fe Senior Chapter, advisors are Bill Farrell, Earl Evans, Larry Reese and W. C. Geiger; 2nd place, the South Sumter Senior FFA Chapter, advisors are Carl Williams, Howard Renner and John L. Stephens. All of



The State Winning Team in the Agriculture Mechanics Contest is the Sanford-Seminole FFA Chapter. The Chapter Advisor is Stewart Baker. Presenting the award for International Harvester Dealers of Florida is Mr. E. A. Travis.

the above chapters received a plaque for their achievements.

The State Winner in the Chapter Safety Contest is the Zephyrhills FFA Chapter. The chapter implemented a year round safety program outlined by the National Safety Council entitled "Monthly Emphasis for Year Round Safety Activities." Each month the chapter stressed some area of safety to the community and chapter members.

Beef Breeding Award

Marcia Freeman from the Okeechobee Chapter is the State Winner of Beef Breeding. Marcia's project consisted of 100% ownership in 44 head of Charolais and Limousin Cattle, plus 11 calves and 3 steers.

The management program consists of artificial breeding and even an embryo transplant of which is rather unique in the cattle industry. Marcia has showed cattle in many shows and received grand and reserve grand champions. Marcia plans to attend college and major in animal science.

Feeder Steer Award Winner

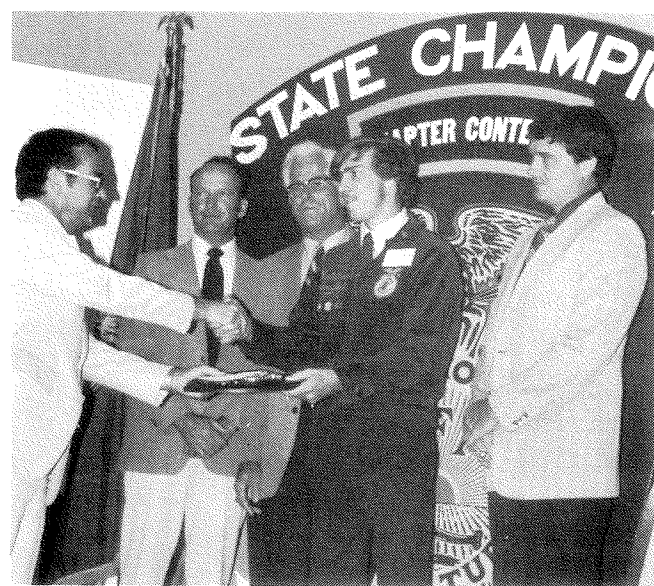
The Feeder Steer Award Winner for 1975-76 is Lisa Stephens. Lisa's project consisted of two Charolais/Angus cross steers. Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stephens. Lisa served as president of the junior chapter, participated in public and parliamentary procedure contests. Her plans are to attend college and enter some field of agriculture.



Representing the Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Company is Mr. T. K. McLane who presented the State Winning Parliamentary Procedure Award to the Williston Senior Chapter. Chapter advisors are Kelly Tyler and Robert Philpot.



Mr. Bobby Lord, emcee for the musical contests, presents Scott Rowell of the Dade City Junior Chapter with the State Champion Pennant. The award is sponsored by Florida Farm Bureau Federation.



The Santa Fe Senior FFA Chapter placed first in the Chapter Contest. Receiving the award is Keven Means, Chapter President, and advisors, Larry Reese, W. C. Geiger, and Earl Evans. Presenting the award for Belk-Lindsey Stores is Mr. John Land.



The West Orange FFA Chapter String Band captured first place in the State Contest. Larry Crosby, Steven Norris, Jay Peacock, and advisor Jerome Caras accept the award from Mr. Bobby Lord.



David Harley and Jimmy Gaskins of the Bradford Junior Chapter were named the top team in the Marketing Division of the Ornamental Horticulture Demonstration Contest.



Dr. Max McGee of the University of Florida presented the State Winning Scrapbook Award to the Okeechobee Sr. FFA Chapter. Marcia Freeman and advisor Wayne Clark accept the award.

Leadership Awards

Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, presented the Leadership Awards to five young members.

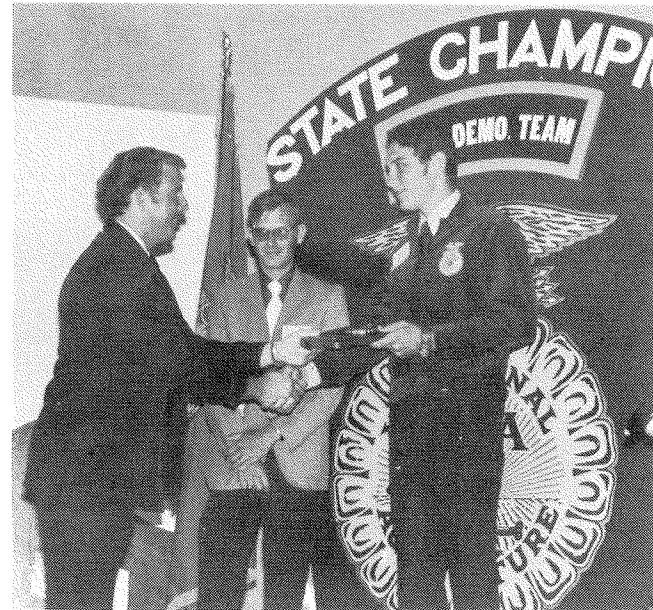
The following were selected from the State Farmers which excelled in leadership: Larry Kelly, Allentown Chapter, Region I; Mike Carruth,

Hamilton County Chapter, Region II; Rickey Jackson, South Sumter Chapter, Region III; Ned Waters, Bartow Senior Chapter, Region IV; and Marcia Freeman, Okeechobee Chapter, Region V.

Conner Scholarship

The 1976 Doyle Conner Scholarships of \$200 each were also present-

ed by Mr. Kelley. The Region I recipient was Woody Hildebrandt of the Greensboro Chapter; Alice Chaffin of the Newberry Chapter is the Region II winner; from the Orlando-Colonial Chapter, Kenley Redditt claimed the Region III Award; Keith Williams from the Kathleen Chapter is the Region IV winner; and The Region V winner is Marcia Freeman of the Okeechobee Chapter.



In the Production Division of the Ornamental Horticulture Demonstration Contest, Brian Stallings was proclaimed the State Winner.

Honorary State Farmer Degree

Rick Stratton, State Secretary, read the names of those recommended by the State Executive Committee to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degrees. The list was approved.

Those receiving the degrees were: Bill Schlitzkus, C. A. Bellum, Thomas J. MacCubbin, Elmer E. Badger, O. T. Stoutamire, Henry Barrow, W. R. Hancock, Jr., L. O. Baldwin, Mason M. Rowe, Mr. Charles Gray and Noma Norman.

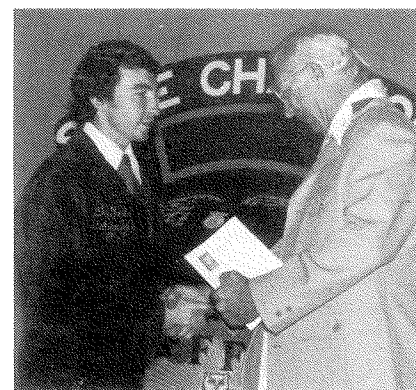
FRM Awards

For many years Flint River Mills of Bainbridge, Georgia, has sponsored many Leadership Awards for members from Region I. This past year they sponsored a chapter Livestock Improvement Award for chapters from Regions I and II. The purpose of these awards are to recognize chapters and members who have developed outstanding Livestock programs.

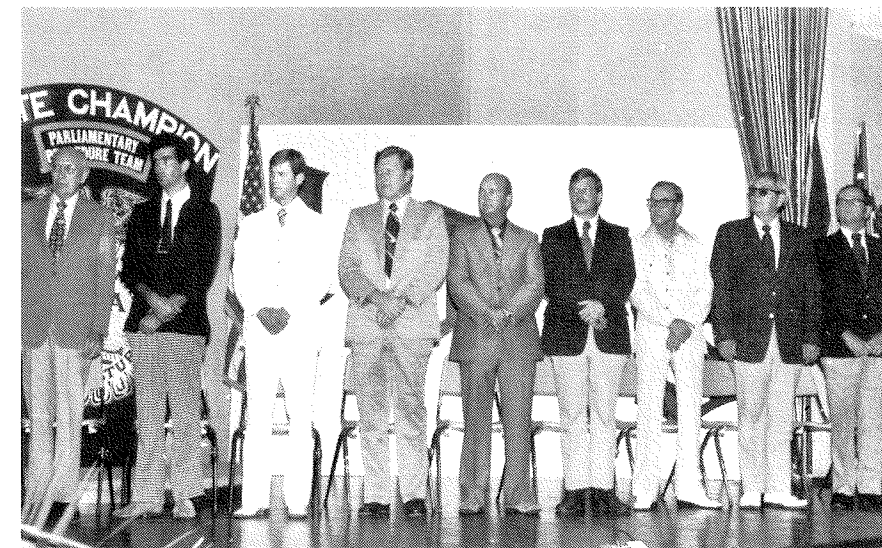
The Regional chapter winners received checks for \$100.00 and a plaque. The chapter—a check for \$150. The top individual livestock student—a check for \$150.00. And a check for \$150.00 to the sponsoring FRM dealer.

The Region I winner is the Greensboro Chapter. The chapter advisor is Mr. Neil Deese and the top individual is Randy Hanna. Mr. Paul Monk of Quincy Feed Mills is the sponsoring FRM dealer. Taking second and third places, respectively, are the Malone and Allentown Chapters.

Region II's winner is the Bronson FFA Chapter. The chapter advisor is Mr. James Deas and Cheryl Quincy is the outstanding individual. Mr. W. C. McIntosh of Al-Mack Farm Supply, Inc., is manager of the sponsoring FRM store. Santa Fe and Lake Butler claimed second and third places in Region II.



State President, Chris Hardee, presents the Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Henry Lunsford, former principal at Gainesville Agribusiness Chapter.



Mr. C. A. Bellum, Mr. Thomas MacCubbin, Mr. Chops Hancock, Mr. Charles Gray, Mr. Elmer Badger, Mr. Henry Barrow, Mr. Bill Schlitzkus, Mr. Noma Norman, Mr. Mason M. Rowe, Mr. O. T. Stoutamire, and Mr. L. O. Baldwin were elected to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree at the 48th Annual State Convention.

State Star Farmer

Star State Farmer for 1975-76 is Michael Bielling of the Lake Butler FFA Chapter. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bielling. Michael lives and works on the 575 acre farm near Providence, Florida. The major portion of his farming consists of a hog operation, consisting of approximately 90 brood sows.

Michael also produces tobacco and soybeans. Michael's future plans are centered around the expansion of his supervised experience program and the development of a partnership agreement between him and his father and brother for the management of the total farming operation.

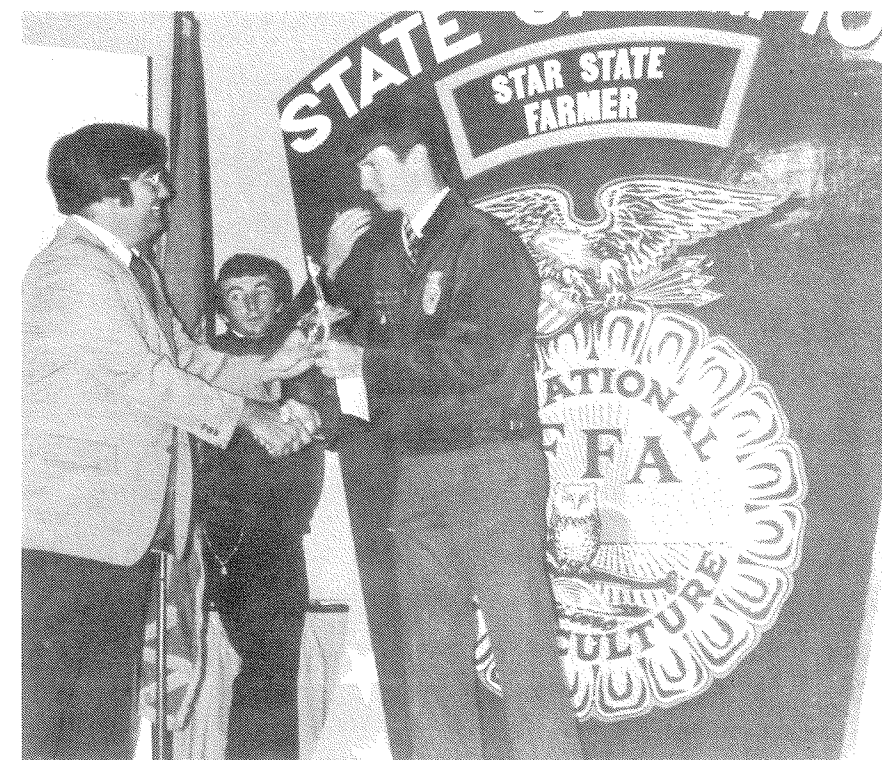
Michael received a check for \$200 from the National FFA Foundation



Mr. Jim Mummey, President of Florida Cattleman's Association and Miss Becky Bateman, Cattleman's Sweetheart, present the State Livestock Production Award to Kelly Durrance of the Hardee County Chapter. His advisors are Ronald Durrance and Ronnie Crawford. Kelly also received a \$100 check on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.



Commissioner of Agriculture, Doyle Conner presents the State Beef Production Award to Hugh Hunter of the Hamilton County Chapter on behalf of the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association. His chapter advisor is Ronald Hobbs. The National FFA Foundation presented an additional \$100 to Hugh.



Mr. Bruce Hutchcraft of WTVT, Channel 13, in Tampa presents the Star State Farmer Trophy to Michael Bielling of the Lake Butler Chapter.



The 1975-76 Regional Star Farmers from left to right: Region V—Marcia Freeman; Region IV—Ned Waters; Region III—Derek Hall; Region II—Michael Bielling; Region I—Darryl Ditty.

and a trophy from Bruce Hutchcraft of WTVT of Tampa.

Four Regional Star Farmers received \$75 each on behalf of the Production Credit Associations of Florida and the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida. Region I is Darryl Ditty, Malone Chapter; Region III is Derek Hall, South Sumter;

Region IV is Ned Waters, Bartow Senior and Marcia Freeman is the Region V winner.

State Star Agribusinessman

The 1975-76 State Star Agribusinessman is Eddy Kirkland of the Bartow Senior FFA Chapter. Eddy is the son



Honorable Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, and former State and National FFA President spoke at the First Session of the 48th Annual State Convention.

of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkland of Bartow.

Eddy has been an employee of the Publix Produce Warehouse in Lakeland for a year and a half, and has had many varied experiences. As an employee he has operated forklifts, loaded and unloaded trucks, sorted and packaged all types of produce. Eddy has also had agribusiness experience through previous employment as a meat market manager.

Through the experience gained at



The Dade City Senior Chapter placed first in the State Citrus Judging Contest. Chapter Advisor, Ed Dillard and team members receive the award from State Advisor, Joe Kirkland, representing Florida Citrus Mutual.



Mr. Bobby Lord, of Tampa, Florida, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the musical contests at the 1975-76 State Convention.



Lisa Stephens, of the South Sumter Senior Chapter, was named the State Winner in the Feeder Steer Program sponsored by the Florida Cattlemen's Association.



Mr. Joe Kirkland, State Advisor, presents the Tampa Bay Tech FFA Chapter with the State Ornamental Horticulture Judging Team Award. Shown are team members, Steve Griffith, Cindy Romans, James Evans, Steve Pardue, and Advisor John Davidson.



The 1976 State winner in Soil and Water Management is Jeff Means of the Santa Fe Senior Chapter. Advisor Larry Reese looks on as Ron Jeffries, former State FFA Advisor, presents the award on behalf of the Soil Conservation Service. Jeff also received \$100 on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.



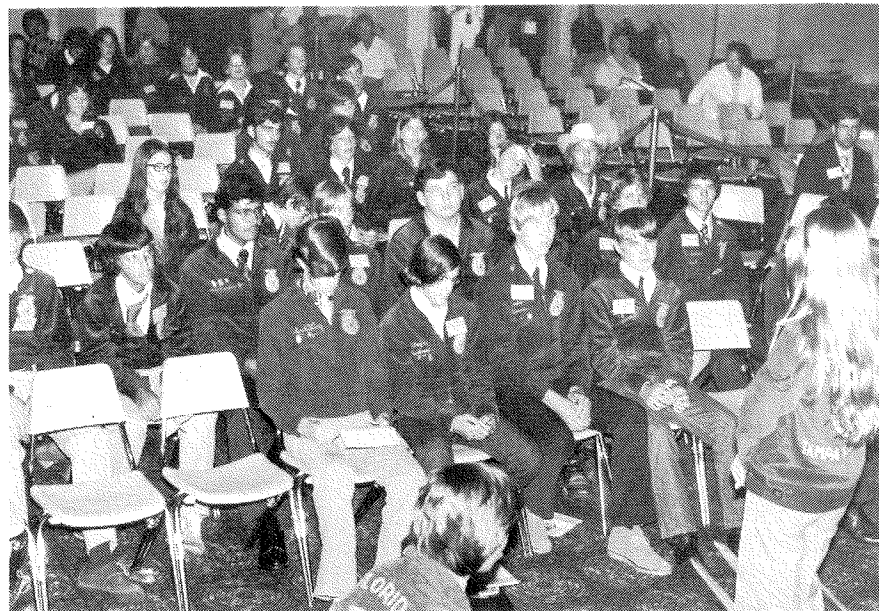
Mr. John Folks, Florida Power Corporation, and Mr. Robert Lewis, Tampa Elect Coop., present Billy Ray of the South Sumter Senior Chapter with the State Electrification Award.



Scott Jones, Wayne Adams, Gary Roberts, and Greg Seymour are members of the Taylor Senior FFA Chapter Quartet which placed first at the State Contest. Master of Ceremonies Bobby Lord presents the award to the team members.



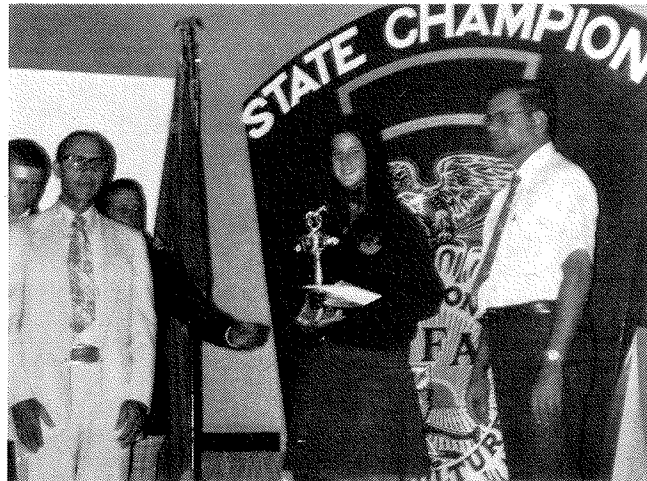
Representing the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and the Production Credit Associations of Florida, Mr. Clyde Johnson presents the State Dairy Production Award to Sally Wilson, a member of the Santa Fe Senior Chapter. Mr. Larry Reese is her advisor. Also presented was a \$100 check on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.



District Business meetings play an important part in any state FFA Convention. District VII members carry out their business for the coming year.



Mr. Chops Hancock, Florida FFA Alumni Board Chairman, presents brief remarks at the 1975-76 State Convention.



The State Winner in Horse Production is Cindy Smith of the Bartow Senior Chapter. Dr. Glenn Morrill presented the awards on behalf of the Florida Quarter Horse Association. Her advisor is R. B. O'Berry. She also received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation.



Mr. Joe Kirkland, State Advisor, representing the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, presents the State Fish and Wildlife Management Award to William Bart Waters of the Santa Fe Chapter. His advisor is Larry Reese. A \$100 check, on behalf of the Nation FFA Foundation, was also presented.



The 1976 Tractor Operations and Maintenance Contestants and Judges. Fort Tractor Dealers of Florida sponsors the contest.



Sonja Tenly of the Bradford Senior Chapter was named the State Winner in the Landscape Design Division of the Ornamental Horticulture Demonstration Contest.



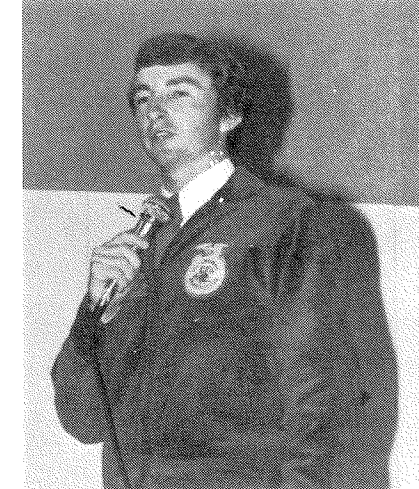
Mr. Carl Garrett of Florida Tractor Corporation in Jacksonville presents Bill Erixton of the Hamilton County Chapter with the State Agricultural Mechanics Award. His advisor is Mr. Ronald Hobbs. A \$100 check was also presented on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.



Tommy Stoutamire of the Liberty County FFA Chapter is the 1976 State Winner in Outdoor Recreation. Advisor, Sam Carroll looks on as Virgil Davis, President of Cen-Com Associates makes the presentation. A \$100 check was also given on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.



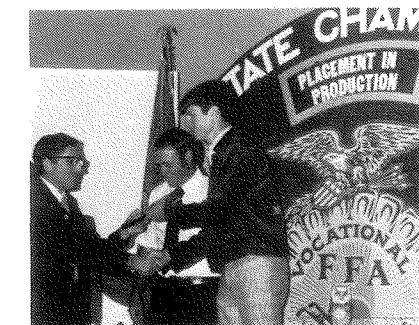
Randy Hanna, Greensboro Chapter, was named the State Winner in Placement in Processing. Making the presentation was Mr. Charles Thomas, representing the Production Credit Associations of Florida and the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida. His advisor is L. N. Deese. A \$100 check was also presented on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.



1975-76 State President, Chris Hardee, Chiefland Chapter gives his final remarks as a State Officer during the Thursday Morning Session.



Tommy Miller, Bradford Sr. Chapter was named the 1976 State Winner in Placement in Sales and/or Service. Mr. Charles Thomas representing the Production Credit Associations of Florida and the Federal Land Bank Association of Florida presented the awards. Mr. Greg Alvarez and Mr. Paul Hutchins are the Bradford Chapter Advisors. He also received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation.



Michael Bielling of the Lake Butler Senior FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in Agricultural Production. Mr. Neil Johnson of Marianna PCA presented the award. Chapter advisor is Jim Brown. Michael also received a \$100 check from the National FFA Foundation.



Doug Loudenslager, National FFA Vice President, delivers his address at the 1975-76 State Convention.



A long time supporter of Florida Agriculture, State Representative Wayne Mixson spoke at the Delegate and Advisors Luncheon at the 1976 State Convention.



Terry Isaacs of the Groveland Senior FFA Chapter was elected State President of the Florida Association, FFA at the 1976 State Convention. His advisor is Mr. Freddie Garner.



Jane Prox of the Interlachen Chapter was named the State Winner in the Use Division of the Ornamental Horticulture Demonstration Contest.



Doug Holmberg representing the Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, presents an outstanding service award to State President Chris Hardee of Chiefland.



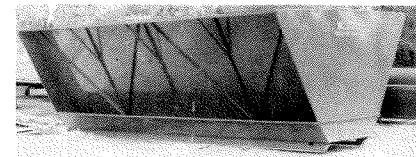
Darryl Ditty, Malone Chapter, was named the State Winner in Crop Production. Advisor Charles Saunders looks on as State Advisor, Joe Kirkland presents the award on behalf of Dixie Lime and Stone Company. He also received a \$100 check on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.

Congratulations To Florida Future Farmers

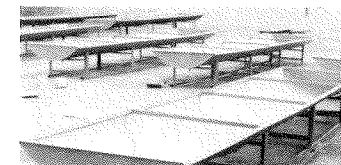
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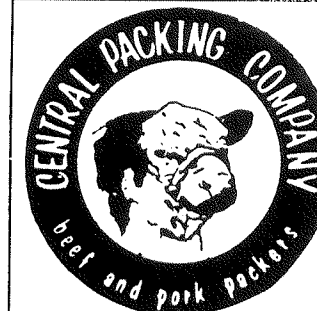
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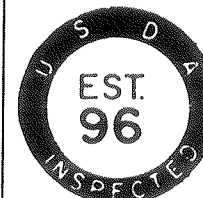
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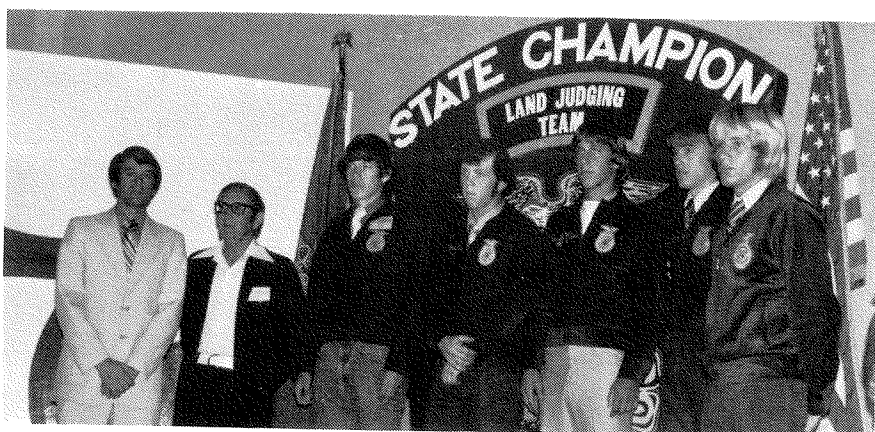
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Mr. Joe Kirkland, State Advisor, far left, presents the Dairy Products Awards on behalf of T. G. Lee Foods of Orlando to the 1976 State Winners from the South Sumter Chapter. Howard Renner is the advisor.



The Palatka Senior Chapter had the State Winning Land Judging Team. Chapter advisor, Jim Ward is shown pictured with his team along with State Program Consultant Gary Bartley who presented the awards on behalf of the Florida Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America.



Mr. Joe Kirkland, representing the Florida Dairy Farmers, Inc., presented the State Dairy Judging Contest Award to the Hardee Senior FFA Chapter. Chapter Advisor is Ronnie Crawford.

Publix, Eddy plans to establish his own business as a produce wholesaler. Eddy has attended the National FFA Leadership Conference in Washington and the National FFA Convention serving as a member of the courtesy crops.

Eddy received a check for \$200 from the National FFA Foundation and a trophy from Bob Lee, President of the Agribusiness Institute of Florida.

Four Regional Star Agribusinessmen Awards of \$75 each went to regional winners and they were also sponsored by the Agribusiness Institute; Region I is Larry Kelley, Allentown; Region II is Gerald Swilley, Sante Fe; Region III is Kenley Redditt, Orlando and Roger Butler is the Region V winner.

Judging Teams Recognized

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

The Palatka Senior Chapter was recognized as the winner of the State Land Judging Contest. Tampa Bay Vo-Tech was the Ornamental Horticulture winner and Dade City was recognized as the Livestock Judging team winner.

The Sanford-Seminole Chapter took the honors in the Agricultural Mechanics Contest. The Dairy Judging Contest was won by the Hardee Senior Chapter with the Dairy Products Contest going to the South Sumter Chapter.

The Meats Judging Contest was won by the Hardee Senior Chapter. Dade City Senior Chapter took first



Chapter Advisor Richard Lave looks on as Regional Consultant, John Denmark, presents the State Vegetable Judging Team Award to the members of the Dade City FFA Chapter.

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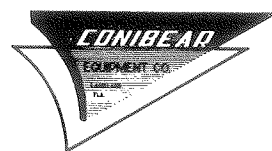
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The Dade City Chapter was named the top team in the Poultry Judging Contest. Chapter advisor Ed Dillard and chapter members receive their award, sponsored by the Florida Poultry Federation, from Mr. Joe Kirkland, State Advisor.

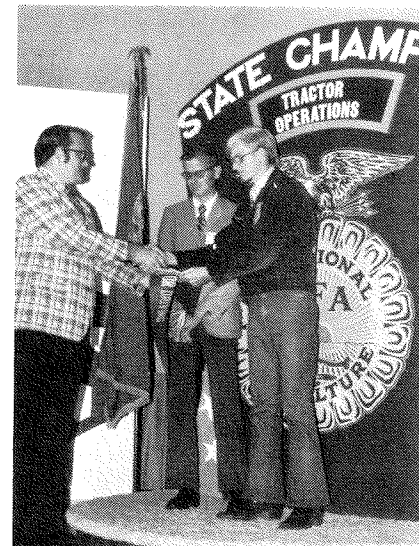
place honors in the Poultry Judging Contest, Vegetable Judging and Grading Contest, and the State Citrus Contest.

Many of the above chapters will represent the Florida Association in National Competition at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November.

There were many FFA members present at the convention. Some won awards, others didn't, but all showed the spirit inherent in the Future Farmer program.



Mr. Charles Gray, President of the Florida Santa Gertrudis Breeders Association, presents the Dade City Senior Chapter the State Champion Livestock Judging Team Award.



The 1975-76 State Winning Tractor Driver is David Tuttle of the Interlachen Chapter. A representative of Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida presents the award while advisor Harry Lydick looks on.



Inga Selph, Hamilton County Chapter, receives the State Swine Production Award from Dr. Jimmy Cheek, Teacher Educator, at the University of Florida, on behalf of the Florida Swine Producers Association. Her advisor is Ronald Hobbs. She also received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation.

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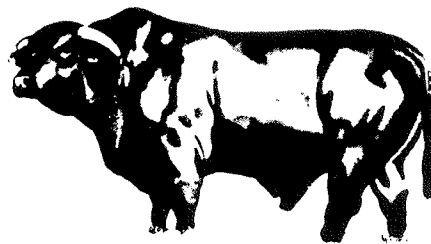
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President Ford Addresses Officers In Washington

Woody Hildebrandt, Secretary of the Florida FFA Association was one of 80 State FFA Officers who met with President Gerald R. Ford.

The meeting was a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the Nation's Capital. The conference, sponsored by General Motors Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., was planned specifically to help new state officers be more effective leaders in our Nation.

Woody Hildebrandt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn W. Hildebrandt of Greensboro.

He was elected secretary of the Florida FFA Association at the State Convention in Orlando June 15.

In brief remarks to FFA leaders assembled on the White House lawn President Ford expressed his belief in the family structure and in the importance of the family farm. "The family farm is important to this nation," said Ford emphasizing that "We must continue to have strong family farms." President Ford pointed out to the officers that legislation now pending in Congress would help assure the future of family farms by reducing the tax burden in passing farms from one generation to the next.

President Ford also told the officers that although the nation is celebrating 200 years of progress, "We haven't finished yet. We must take the vision of our forefathers and complete their dreams," he said.

The meeting with President Ford followed a breakfast on Capitol Hill for Congressmen and Senators from every State. One hundred and sixty Congressmen and Senators attended the breakfast and many more were represented by staff members. The breakfast, now in its ninth year, is an opportunity for state officers to visit informally with their elected representatives and is a chance for congressional leaders to discuss government with young leaders of the future.

In a brief address to the 380 FFA and government leaders, Eliot Estes, President of General Motors Corporation urged that the nation continue to pursue a policy of encouraging technological advancement. "There are opponents of technology who want a national policy of zero technical growth," Estes said. "Certainly, we must weigh the risks and benefits of new technology, but if we are to continue to progress, we cannot afford to

put arbitrary limits on technology. We cannot stand still," Estes told the congressional and FFA leaders, "it is in your hands whether we progress in our nation's third century."

The week in Washington began last Sunday with registration and the opening session outlining the week of conference activities. Sen. Robert Dole (R. Kansas) opened the first session Monday morning with a discussion of current agricultural legislation on the floor of the House and Senate. In a panel discussion on "Issues Facing the Industry of Agriculture," participants heard the views of people involved in Washington agricultural legislation. Participants on the panel included John Datt, Director of the Washington Office of the American Farm Bureau Federation; James T. Conner, Washington Representative of Chemagro Chemical Company, and Dr. Don Paarlberg, Director of Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Following a Tuesday morning of visits to Congressmen and Senators on Capitol Hill, the state presidents gathered at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a special meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz who told the officers that as agriculture students they "represent a great industry."

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Wednesday's activities included discussion of the operation and activities of the FFA Alumni Association and the National FFA Foundation. The FFA Alumni Association with over 12,000 annual and lifetime members has members in every state and state officers are actively involved in promoting the growth and development of Alumni groups in their states.

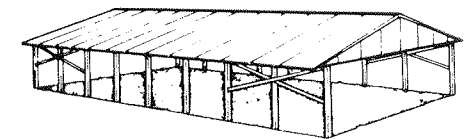
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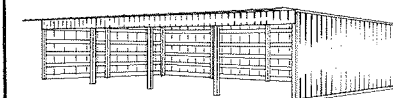
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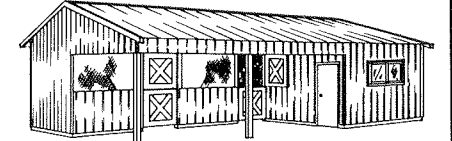
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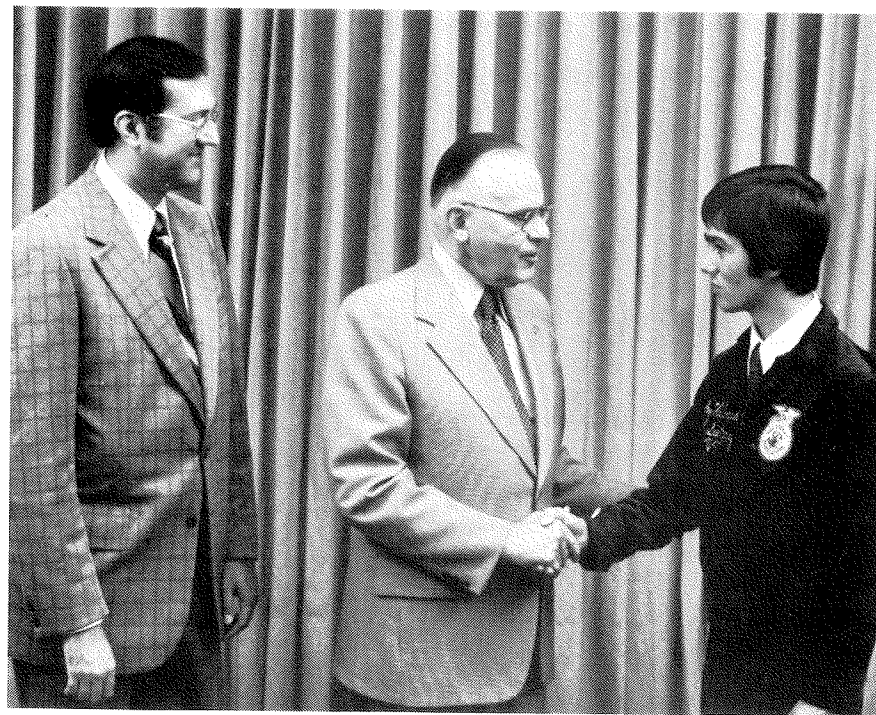
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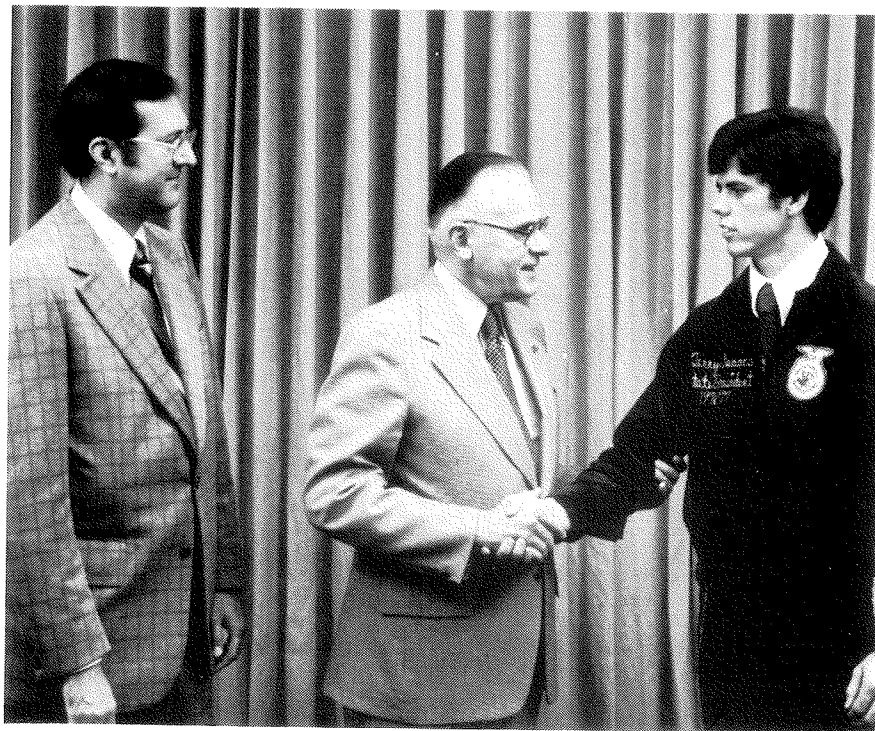
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Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and General Motors youth activities coordinator Ronald O. Woods (left) greet Woody Hildebrandt, secretary of the Florida FFA Association during the recent Future Farmers of America State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by General Motors Corporation. Woody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn W. Hildebrandt of Greensboro.



Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and General Motors youth activities coordinator Ronald O. Woods (left) greet Terry Isaacs, State Pres. of the Florida FFA Association during the recent Future Farmers of America State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by General Motors Corporation. Terry Isaacs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Isaacs of Groveland, Florida.

incentive awards available to FFA members at the local, state, and national levels. According to Don McDowell, Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, the Foundation will provide a record \$776,000 for FFA programs in 1976.

There was great interest in the Wednesday afternoon session on "Election Year Issues," since most of the state officers have only recently reached voting age. Guest speaker John Harms, Editor of the Kiplinger Business Letter told the officers that the outcome of this election will have a lasting effect on them for the rest of their lives. He urged them to become politically active for the party of their choice and gave them some insights into the Washington political scene as well as some predictions on the '76 election.

Few cities in the nation offer better resources for discussions of citizenship and patriotism than Washington, D.C. The Wednesday evening program included a presentation by the six National Officers on "Why Citizen-



Two hundred and eighty-four (284) outstanding FFA members received the coveted State Farmer Degree. Bill Pickenpugh presented the State Farmer pins on behalf of Production Credit Associations of Florida and the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida.



Mr. Gary Fraser of Southern State Nurseries presents the State Ornamental Horticulture Award to Mark Williams of the Orlando-Colonial Chapter. His advisor is Bill Sasser. A \$100 check was also presented on behalf of the National FFA Foundation.

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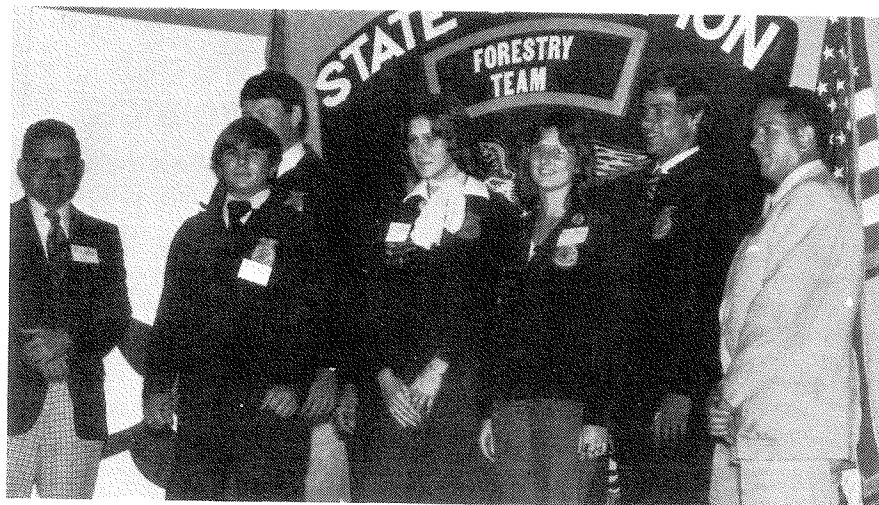
The newly elected Florida FFA Officers attended the 1976 Southern Region FFA Leadership Conference in Fort Valley, Georgia. Pictured from left to right: Gary Bartley, State Program Consultant; Rick Jackson, State Vice President; Elton Bouldin, National FFA Vice President; Eddy Kirkland, State Vice President; Ricky DeMaria, State Vice President; Terry Isaacs, State President; Woody Hildebrandt, State Secretary; Mike Carruth, State Vice President; Mike Jackson, National FFA Secretary; Randy Hanna, State FFA Vice President.

ship" followed by the inspirational "Torchlight Tattoo" program presented by the U.S. Army at the Jefferson Memorial.

Friday, the final day of the action packed week, began with a leadership workshop conducted by the six National Officers. Guest speaker Walt J. Smith of the J. I. Case Company, of Racine, Wisconsin, posed the question "Would you sign the Declaration of Independence." He pointed out that most of the signers were farmers, and others were men of wealth who had a great deal to lose as a result of their actions. At noon the officers boarded the buses for a short journey to the Arlington National Cemetery where they conducted a Wreath Placing

Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. The afternoon was open for visits to many of the historic sites, scenic monuments and museums in Washington, D.C.

The week concluded at a bicentennial banquet hosted by General Motors and featuring an American buffet with foods from across the nation. The evening's program featured a bicentennial sing along and entertainment by "The Young Columbians," an enthusiastic singing group that gives American history "a whole new look and sound." The 18 voice singing group portrayed America's history from Bunker Hill in 1776 to Broadway today.



The South Sumter Senior FFA Chapter was named the top Forestry Team for the Florida Association during the 1975-76 school year. Chapter advisor's are John Stephens and Howard Renner.



Mr. Jim Bearden, District Manager of Louisiana Seed Company, Inc., presented the Funk's 304 Bushell Challenge Contest Award to the Santa Fe Senior Chapter. Virgil Deloach and advisor W. C. Geiger accept the award.

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