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Commissioner Ralph Turlington greets Chris Hardee, President of Florida Association, Future Farmers of America as a part of the Vocational Student Organization's Conference in Tallahassee.

FFA Officers Meet Cabinet Members

Vocational student organizations develop enthusiasm, plus. That plus includes leadership, confidence, determination, and intelligence.

The leadership of over 400,000 vocational students in Florida gathered for the Fourth Annual Vocational Student Officer's Conference. The conference was held at the Tallahassee Hilton Hotel. Approximately 100 state officers representing the Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida (CECF), Future Homemakers of America (FHA HERO), Future Farmers of America (FFA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA/Phi Beta Lambda), Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) participated in the busy three-day meeting.

The conference opened with registration and an evening cookout beside the Hilton pool. Members of each club came dressed in their brightly colored club jackets to enjoy a fine fare and to mix with officers from other clubs and special guests. During the evening, student leaders posed for photographs and chatted with local and state government leaders, including Com-

missioner of Education Ralph Turlington, State Comptroller Gerald Lewis, Director of the Division of Vocational Education Joe D. Mills, and other Division staff members.

Throughout the conference, student leaders met with their individual clubs in planning sessions and participated in "round table" discussions with members of other clubs. The round table discussions provided an opportunity for leaders of different clubs to exchange ideas about their individual club's Bicentennial activities, fund raising projects, and methods of getting club members more involved in club activities. Many of the club chapters are planning Bicentennial activities for their schools and communities.

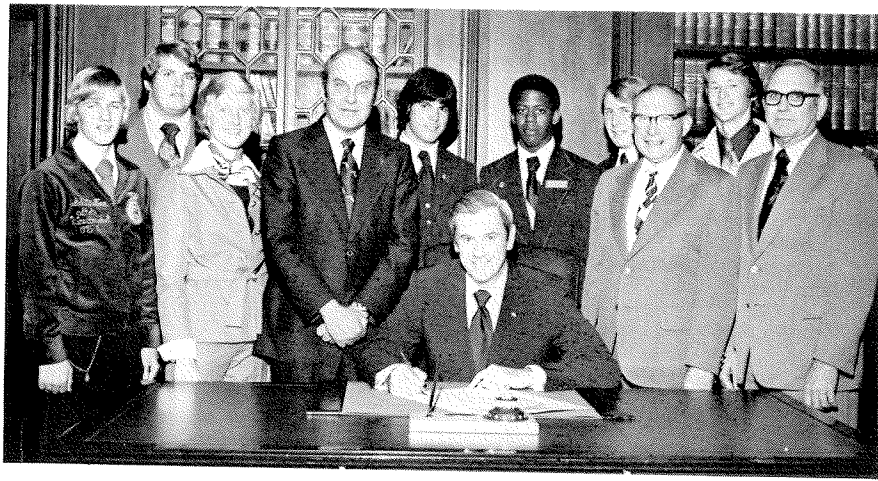
On the second day of the conference, each club made a presentation to introduce its organization to attending guests. These guests included Representative Mary Singleton, Vice Chairperson, House Education Committee; Senator Philip Lewis, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee; Joe D. Mills, Director, Division of Vocational Education; and C. M. Lawrence, Assistant Director, Division of Vocational Education.

Representative Singleton and Senator Lewis each spoke briefly about some of the issues facing the Senate and House Committees with regard to vocational education funding for the coming year. Mills and Lawrence outlined some of the efforts the Division is making to deal with the tight budget. Both Mills and Lawrence praised the effectiveness of vocational student organizations in motivating students. They also challenged student leaders to help maintain this success.

Following these brief remarks, the meeting was opened to questions from students. Recurring throughout the interaction between the students and adult leaders was the student concern, "What can we do" to improve vocational education programs.

Senator Lewis suggested that vocational student organizations make an effort to contact their local legislators and "let them know who you are." He also urged students to promote Vocational Education Week in their schools and communities. Mills charged students to work within their schools.

Other presentations during the
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Officers of the Vocational Student Organizations watch as Governor Reubin Askew signs a proclamation designating Feb. 8-14, 1976 as Vocational Education Week. Butch McMullian, Vice President, far left, represents Florida Association, FFA.

Governor Askew Proclaims Feb. 8-14 Vocational Education Week

WHEREAS, the cultural and economic welfare of the citizens of the State of Florida, as well as the economic future of its business community, depends upon the vocational, technical and adult education opportunities offered in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of the State of Florida through legislative action have recognized the importance of vocational, technical and adult education, and

WHEREAS, the American Vocational Association by representative assembly and the Florida Vocational Association have designated the second week in February as Vocational Education Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Reubin O'D. Askew, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of Feb. 8-14, 1976, as Vocational Education Week in the State of Florida and urge the citizens to take part in the vocational, technical and adult education opportunities offered in Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 27 day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

Reubin O'D. Askew

GOVERNOR

FFA Coming Events Check Your Calendar!

April 30 Regional Contest

May 1 Deadline For:

Chapter Safety
Chapter Cooperative
Chapter Accomplishment Report
BOAC Applications

May 7 Agricultural Mechanics Contest Finals

June 14-17 State FFA Convention

July 11-16 State FFA Forestry Camp, Regions 1 & 2

July 18-23 ... State FFA Forestry Camp, Regions 3, 4, & 5

Meet Your National Officers

Bobby Tucker National FFA President Mineola, Texas

Bobby Tucker, 21, of Mineola, TX, was named National President of the Future Farmers of America at the organization's 48th National FFA Convention.

In the Texas FFA Association, Bobby moved through the ranks from district president in 1971 to area president in 1972, and state president in 1973.

Tucker was a member of the Greenhand parliamentary procedure team and farm radio team, and participated on the state level in both contests. Tucker won the state public speaking contest in Texas and went on to place third in the National contest.

While in high school Tucker served as president of the speech club and the student council. He was also an officer in the Spanish Club and the National Honor Society.

As a vocational agriculture student under instructors Lester Cole and Glen Dossett, Tucker enrolled in the vocational agriculture program during his sophomore year with one calf as his supervised experience project. While increasing the number of feeder calves, he also enrolled in the cooperative part-time training program working in the parts department of a local tractor and implement dealer. He continued to work in this position through his first year of college.

At the time of his election Bobby was a sophomore at Texas A & M University majoring in Agricultural Education. He plans to take a year's leave of absence from college to perform his FFA duties.

Mike Jackson National FFA Secretary Tipton, Indiana

Mike Jackson, a 20 year old crop and livestock farmer from Tipton, IN, began his involvement in the chapter creed contest and enrollment in a supervised experience program.

Because of his interest in production, Mike expanded his program to include corn, tomatoes, soybeans, and swine. Along with his farming program, Mike has continued his par-



The six National FFA Officers elected to serve the 485,000 member National FFA Organization in 1975-76 are (left to right): Doug Loudenslager, 21, of Morral, Ohio, Eastern Region Vice President; Ron Wilson, 20, of Manhattan, Kansas, Central Region Vice President; Mike Jackson, 21, of Tipton, Indiana, National Secretary; Bobby Tucker, 21, of Mineola, Texas, National President; Elton Bouldin, 20, of Boaz, Alabama, Southern Region Vice President, and Leo Anderson, 21, of Albin, Wyoming, Western Region Vice President.

ticipation in other FFA areas and was selected the 1972 Indiana state public speaking winner.

Mike has been an active FFA member, serving the FFA in the offices of chapter and district president in 1972-73 and secretary of the Indiana FFA Association in 1973-74. After election as a state officer, he enrolled at Purdue University majoring in agriculture economics and pre-law.

Besides his FFA work, Jackson was involved in many other school functions. While in high school, he participated in Hoosier Boys State as Attorney General, received the DeKalb Award, and was selected outstanding

1975-76 State Officers

President Chris Hardee, Chiefland
Secretary Rick Stratton, Sarasota
Vice President Butch McMullian, Malone
Vice President Sammy Kight, Branford
Vice President Sam McConnell, South Sumter
Vice President Kelton Stephenson, Tampa Bay Tech
Vice President Richard Beck, Moore Haven
Program Consultant Gary Bartley, Tallahassee
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senior agriculture student. At Purdue, Jackson was a member of Purdue Student Government, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary, and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He was a deacon in his church and participated in many community activities. Jackson's career objectives are to attend law school, to be involved in civic activities, and to eventually return to the family farm owned by his parents.

Jackson will take a year's leave of absence from college to perform his FFA duties this year.

Elton Bouldin Vice President— Southern Region Boaz, Alabama

Elton Bouldin is a 19 year old diversified livestock farmer.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bouldin, Elton has been active in the FFA and agribusiness education for five years. He started his farming program with the purchase of one duroc gilt and has gradually expanded to include six sows and a small beef and crop operation. Elton also has part interest in the family broiler business which includes four broiler houses with a capacity of 44,000.

More recently Elton's main agriculture interest has been in the field of Agricultural Journalism. Prior to his election Elton was employed as

farm editor at The Sand Mountain Reporter, a local newspaper.

In the FFA, Bouldin was president of his chapter in 1972-73. He served under chapter advisor James R. Hamilton at Crossville High School. Elton served the Alabama FFA Association as president in 1973-74. He participated in the public speaking contests on the county, district, and state levels.

Bouldin was the state Fish and Wildlife Management proficiency award winner in 1975 and was named Youth Conservationist of the Year by the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

A member of the Beta Club for three years, Bouldin also served as president of his senior class and the Future Teachers of America Club at Crossville. During his senior year he was named to three all tournament basketball teams.

In addition to his FFA and agricultural interests, Bouldin enjoys all types of sports and working with people.

Ronald J. Wilson Vice President— Central Region Manhattan, Kansas

Ronald Wilson, a 20-year-old crop and livestock producer from Manhattan, KS is involved in a beef, pork, and crop production operation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. John Wilson. His vocational agriculture instructor and FFA Advisor is Stanley R. Bartel. Wheat and grain sorghum are the main crops on their 640 acre farm. During high school, Ron built up a cow herd and a farrow-to-finish hog operation.

In 1973-74, Wilson served as president of the Kansas FFA Association. Before that, he was chapter reporter and president and was district vice-president. He won the state Agricultural Newswriting contest and placed second in state Public Speaking competition. Ron was also active in judging contests on the district, state, and national levels.

He was recognized in Who's Who of American High Schools, was an honor student, was assistant editor of his school newspaper, and served as 4-H Club president.

Now a junior in Agricultural Education at Kansas State University, Wilson is active in campus activities. He is an Ag Ambassador and a member of the Student Senate and Ag Student Council. Ron is also an active

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State Judging Contests Held At University of Florida

Approximately 1500 FFA members and advisors attended the State Judging Contests at the University of Florida March 6. The winning teams in Poultry, Dairy and Livestock will represent Florida in National Competition in November in Kansas City.

The top ten teams in Meats Judging were called back on April 23 to compete for state honors. The second place Team in the Dairy division will represent Florida in the Dairy Products Contest on the National level.

Results of these contests were mailed to all chapters and are listed below in order of ranking.

State Dairy Judging Chapters

- 1353—Hardee Senior
- 1338—South Sumter Senior
- 1319—Plant City Senior
- 1306—Okeechobee Senior
- 1279—Bronson
- 1277—Santa Fe Senior
- 1273—Newberry Junior
- 1260—Orlando-Colonial
- 1256—Coconut Creek
- 1254—Baker County
- 1251—Citrus
- 1250—Pahokee
- 1250—Lakeland Senior
- 1246—Southeast High Senior
- 1245—Chiefland Senior
- 1243—Tallahassee-Godby
- 1243—Bradford Senior
- 1241—Newberry Senior
- 1240—Hardee Junior
- 1237—Dade City Senior
- 1235—Wildwood Senior
- 1228—New Smyrna Beach Senior
- 1228—Chiefland Junior
- 1228—Zephyrhills Senior
- 1219—South Sumter Junior
- 1217—Interlachen
- 1217—Wildwood Junior
- 1216—Trenton
- 1214—Land O'Lakes
- 1213—Miami-Wood
- 1213—Groveland Senior
- 1211—Santa Fe Junior
- 1207—Auburndale Senior
- 1206—Malone
- 1205—Northrup
- 1200—Plant City Junior
- 1199—Pompano
- 1198—Cottondale
- 1197—Williston Junior
- 1193—Miami-McArthur
- 1191—Graceville
- 1191—Munson
- 1173—Bartow Sr.
- 1169—Dade City Jr.
- 1160—Lafayette
- 1145—New Smyrna Beach Junior
- 1144—J. G. Smith
- 1140—Evans
- 1137—Tomlin Junior
- 1134—Miami-Butts
- 1126—Allentown
- 1122—Bartow Junior
- 1122—DeLand Senior

- 1114—Union Park Junior
- 1112—Tampa Bay Tech
- 1111—Zephyrhills Junior
- 1105—Buchanan
- 1102—Hawthorne
- 1099—Bonifay
- 1099—Williston Senior
- 1089—Jay
- 1088—Callahan
- 1085—South Dade
- 1083—Chumuckla
- 1077—Kathleen Junior
- 1076—Moore Haven
- 1075—Chipley
- 1073—Groveland Junior
- 1072—Okeechobee Junior
- 1066—Lake Butler Junior
- 1065—Bell
- 1062—Bethlehem
- 1045—Ft. Meade
- 1043—Madison-Gary
- 1042—Brandon
- 1038—Altha
- 1022—Crystal Lake Junior
- 1010—Ponce de Leon
- 1008—Auburndale Junior
- 1004—Leesburg
- 1001—Ft. Pierce Central
- 991—West Nassau
- 985—Palatka Junior
- 983—Mulberry
- 976—Branford
- 952—Van Buren Junior
- 946—Palatka Senior
- 857—Sebring
- 849—Webb Junior
- 813—Southwest Junior
- 350—Lake Butler Senior

High Individuals

- 467—Jerry Hurd—Godby-Tallahassee
- 461—Allen Sperry—Hardee Senior
- 459—Pam Merritt—UOH Sumter Senior
- 456—Billie Piater—Auburndale Senior
- 456—Richard Dabbins—Bronson
- 456—Debra St. Romain—Land O'Lakes
- 455—Gene Brummett—Hardee Senior
- 449—Gary Hinton—Plant City Senior
- 447—Mike Benson—South Sumter Senior
- 447—Scott Himer—Newberry Junior

State Poultry Judging Chapters

- 998 Dade City Senior
- 958.5 Lake Weir Senior
- 944.5 Land O'Lakes
- 926.5 Santa Fe Senior
- 922 South Sumter Junior
- 920.5 Williston Senior
- 917 Dade City Junior
- 913.5 Bradford Senior
- 913.5 East Bay Senior
- 907 Interlachen Senior
- 907 Miami McArthur
- 891 Santa Fe Junior
- 891 Auburndale Junior
- 888 Auburndale Senior
- 886 South Sumter Senior
- 885 Citrus
- 880.5 Brandon Senior
- 875.5 Williston Junior
- 872.5 Chipley
- 870 Zephyrhills Junior
- 865 Miami Northup
- 858 Okeechobee Brahman Junior
- 855 Graceville
- 852.5 Zephyrhills Senior
- 849 South Dade
- 841.5 Hudson Senior
- 838.5 Newberry Senior
- 820 Bradford Junior
- 819 Plant City Senior
- 816 Greensboro
- 811 Baker County
- 809 Leesburg
- 808.5
- 806 Riverdale
- 803.5 Cottondale
- 803 Bartow Senior
- 796 Plant City Junior
- 790.5 DeLand Senior
- 778.5 Madison Gary
- 776.5 Ponce de Leon
- 775.5 Groveland Senior
- 762.5 Palatka Junior
- 747 Bethlehem
- 740.5 Miami Wood
- 731.5 Bonifay
- 708.5 Groveland Junior
- 476.5 Fort Meade

High Individuals

- 335 Susan Weaver, Dade City Senior
- 330.5 Larry Berthle, Dade City Senior

- 328 Owen Stevens, Land O'Lakes
- 325 Dorcus Reeves, Lake Weir Senior
- 322.5 Dorothy Pless, Dade City Senior
- 321.5 Jack Kuhn, Lake Weir Senior
- 318.5 Mark Ballard, Dade City Junior
- 318 Nancy Blackadar, Plant City Senior
- 317 David Davis, Williston Senior
- 314.5 Sonya Tenly, Bradford Senior

State Meats Elimination Contest

- 1680—Hardee Senior
- 1570—Hardee Junior
- 1528—South Sumter Senior
- 1511—Groveland Senior
- 1494—Orlando-Colonial
- 1481—South Sumter Junior
- 1438—Baker County
- 1392—Plant City Senior
- 1385—Palatka Junior
- 1379—Vanguard Senior
- 1357—Palatka Senior
- 1342—Interlachen
- 1340—Tate Senior
- 1330—Williston Senior
- 1311—Santa Fe Senior
- 1299—Newberry Senior
- 1292—Means-Miami
- 1256—Crystal River
- 1221—Santa Fe Junior
- 1217—Bradford Senior
- 1206—Zephyrhills Senior
- 1168—Ponce De Leon
- 1154—McLane Junior
- 1149—Lake Butler Senior
- 1121—Wakulla County
- 1121—Fort Meade
- 1113—Avon Park
- 1108—Pahokee
- 1101—Williston Junior
- 1099—Plant City Junior
- 1096—Lafayette
- 1078—Groveland Junior
- 1077—Madison-Gary
- 1066—Bonifay
- 1062—Bell
- 1059—Sebring
- 1043—Bethlehem
- 1021—Cottondale
- 1020—Bartow Senior
- 996—Riverdale
- 976—Graceville
- 957—Leesburg
- 792—Lakeland Senior
- 625—Plant City-J. G. Smith

State Livestock Judging Chapters

- 1271—Dade City Senior
- 1248—Orlando-Colonial
- 1195—Trenton
- 1190—Williston Senior
- 1187—Tomlin Junior

- 1178—Dade City Junior
- 1175—Williston Junior
- 1175—Forest
- 1169—DeLand Senior
- 1162—Citrus
- 1158—Groveland Senior
- 1137—J. G. Smith
- 1134—Santa Fe Senior
- 1133—South Sumter Senior
- 1120—Santa Fe Junior
- 1117—Lake Butler Junior
- 1107—Newberry Junior
- 1093—Vanguard Senior
- 1093—Hardee Senior
- 1092—South Sumter Junior
- 1087—Chiefland Senior
- 1075—Fort Meade
- 1071—Hawthorne
- 1067—Wildwood Senior
- 1061—Wildwood Junior
- 1054—Okeechobee Junior
- 1043—Tampa Bay Tech.
- 1020—Newberry Senior
- 1007—Okeechobee Senior
- 1005—Auburndale Junior
- 999—Plant City Senior
- 998—New Smyrna Beach Junior
- 994—Taylor Senior
- 986—Cottondale
- 985—Groveland Junior
- 984—Taylor Junior
- 982—Bronson
- 981—Vanguard Junior
- 977—Sarasota Junior
- 973—Plant City Junior
- 972—Tate Senior
- 965—Altha Senior
- 964—Miami-McArthur
- 961—Bartow Junior
- 961—Allentown
- 960—Sarasota Senior
- 957—Palatka Junior
- 955—Grandridge Senior
- 951—Lake Weir
- 949—Hardee Junior
- 944—Chiefland Junior
- 941—Jay
- 931—Lafayette Senior
- 927—Lakeland Senior
- 921—Lake Butler Senior
- 920—Ponce de Leon
- 918—Bethlehem
- 918—Bartow Senior
- 908—Malone
- 904—Sneads
- 904—Riverdale
- 891—Spruce Creek
- 891—Bradford Junior
- 886—Baker County
- 883—Marianna
- 880—Branford
- 879—Gainesville-Agribusiness
- 873—Graceville Senior
- 864—Union Park Junior
- 857—Orlando-Evans
- 849—Munson Senior
- 836—Charlotte County Senior
- 831—Daytona Beach
- 825—Chumuckla
- 820—Leesburg

- 815—Crystal Lake Junior
- 808—Hamilton County Senior
- 787—Dunnellon Senior
- 786—Madison-Gary
- 782—Bonifay
- 782—Land O'Lakes
- 777—Interlachen
- 765—North Marion Senior
- 757—Hamilton County Junior
- 757—Chipley
- 749—Westwood Senior
- 741—Chamberlain
- 739—Crystal River
- 737—Callahan
- 737—Sanford-Seminole
- 733—Immokalee
- 733—Pahokee
- 727—Coconut Creek
- 721—Ft. Pierce Central
- 713—West Nassau
- 709—South Dade
- 706—North Marion Senior
- 704—Bell
- 703—Southwest Senior
- 703—Auburndale Junior
- 698—Lake Wales Senior
- 680—Avon Park
- 662—Buchanan
- 657—Bradford Senior
- 654—Sebring
- 611—Brandon Senior
- 606—Van Buren Junior
- 604—Crooms
- 589—DeSoto Middle
- 544—Webb Junior
- 539—Spady Sr.
- 471—Mulberry
- 414—East Bay Sr.

High Individuals

- 460—Kenley Redditt, Orlando-Colonial
- 454—Mike Phillips, Williston Junior
- 448—David Sadler, Dade City Senior
- 430—Norm Fugate, Williston Senior
- 421—Greg Watson, Groveland Senior
- 416—David Russell, Dade City Senior
- 414—Jim Lindsey, Trenton
- 414—Jeff Bender, DeLand Senior
- 411—Larry Rooks, Citrus
- 410—Pam Gutknecht, Forest

Orlando Site for State Convention

The 48th Annual State FFA Convention and Leadership Conference will be held at the Sheraton Towers Hotel in Orlando, June 14-17. All FFA members are expected to be housed at the Towers in order to justify the excellent convention facilities. Details will appear in next issue.

State Horticulture Contest

The 1976 State Horticulture Contest was held in Orlando in conjunction with the Central Florida Fair. A total of 58 teams competed by applying their knowledge gained through classroom and laboratory instruction. Students applied their knowledge by identifying horticulture specimens, insects and diseases common to ornamental plants, flowers and turf grasses and by determining the quality of plants.

A banquet sponsored by the Central Florida Fair Board was held that evening in the municipal auditorium for all judging teams. The Horticulture Contest was sponsored by University of Florida Extension Service, State Department of Education and the Central Florida Fair Board.

The results of the State Horticulture Contest are as follows:

1. 3110—Tampa Bay Tech
2. 3059—Polk Vo Tech
3. 2921—Orlando-Colonial
4. 2844—Seminole-Largo
5. 2723—Paxon Senior
6. 2624—Interlachen
7. 2606—Hudson Senior
8. 2576—Brandon Senior (tie)
2576—Largo (tie)
10. 2543—Sanford Seminole
11. 2531—Hardee Senior
12. 2520—Deerfield Beach
13. 2497—Dade City Senior
14. 2491—South Sumter Senior
15. 2477—Miami-Northrup
16. 2468—Miami-McArthur
17. 2429—Walton Senior
18. 2403—Palatka
19. 2397—Miami-Wood
20. 2391—Grand Ridge
21. 2362—Zephyrhills Senior
22. 2348—Okeechobee
23. 2299—Englewood
24. 2289—Pinellas-Seminole
25. 2274—Bartow Senior
26. 2234—Auburndale Senior
27. 2127—Haines City Senior
28. 2088—Haines City Junior
29. 2012—New Smyrna Senior
30. 1967—Auburndale Junior
31. 1922—Fort Meade
32. 1911—Moore Haven
33. 1898—Baker County
34. 1873—Daytona Beach
35. 1833—South Sumter Junior
36. 1809—Orlando Evans
37. 1760—Coconut Creek
38. 1688—Citrus
39. 1600—D. A. Storms
40. 1569—Groveland Sr.
41. 1521—Wakulla County
42. 1507—Tomlin Sr.
43. 1455—Spruce Creek
44. 1439—West Nassau
45. 1437—E. F. McLane
46. 1434—Westwood Sr.
47. 1404—Leesburg
48. 1393—New Smyrna Sr.
49. 1390—Lake Wales Sr.
50. 1350—Bartow Sr.
51. 1320—Lakeland Sr.
52. 1307—West Orange
53. 1292—Umatilla
54. 1133—Clermont Sr.

55. 1127—Leon
56. 1100—East Lake
57. 1022—Groveland Sr.
58. 622—Sanford Crooms

High Individuals

1. 1073—Cindy Anderson—Seminole-Largo
2. 1071—Ron DeLoach—Polk Voc-Tech
3. 1064—Steve Griffith—Tampa Bay Tech
4. 1042—Gary Smith—Polk Voc-Tech
5. 1040—James Evans—Tampa Bay Tech
6. 1022—Kurt Thompson—Paxon Senior
7. 1010—Harold Lambert—Hardee Senior
8. 1007—Charles Vilushis—Northrup-Miami
9. 1006—Cindy Romans—Tampa Bay Tech
- 1006—Steve Pardue—Tampa Bay Tech

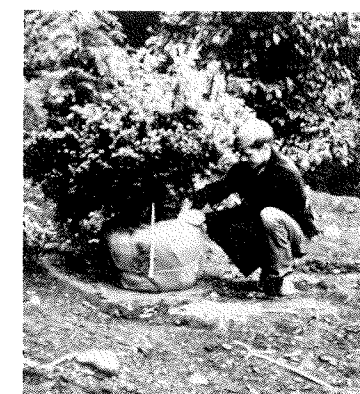
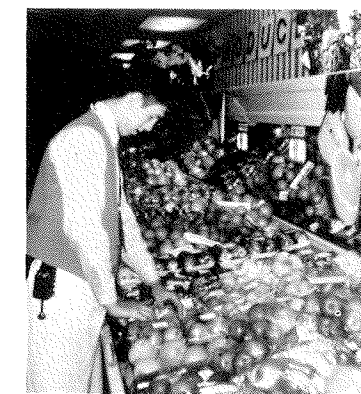
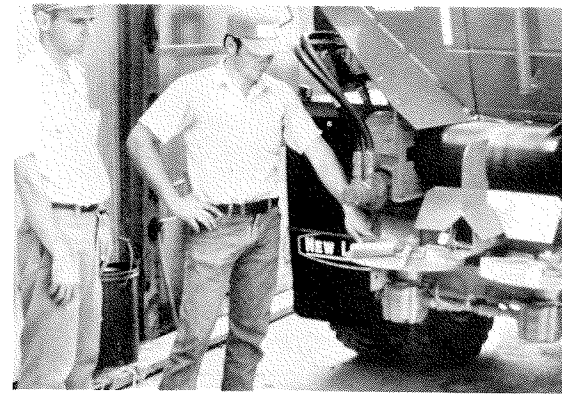
State Citrus Contest

The 1976 State Citrus Identification Contest was sponsored by Florida Citrus Showcase, in cooperation with Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, and Agricultural Education Section, State Department of Education.

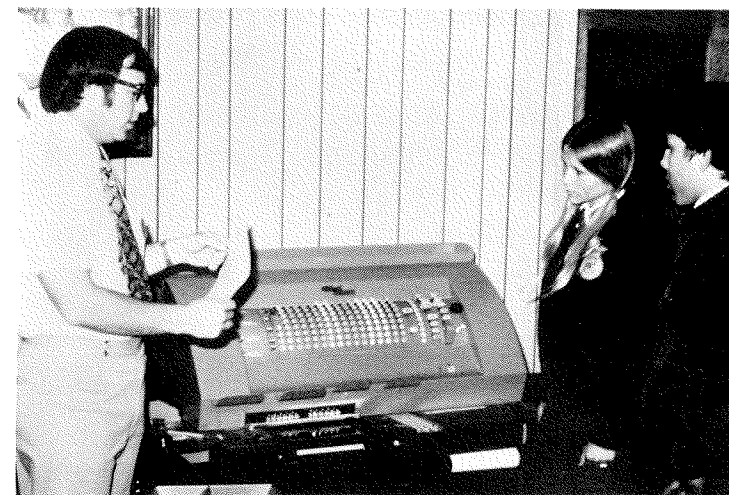
Students representing 41 chapters from the Citrus belt competed in identifying citrus rootstocks, leaves, fruit varieties, insects and diseases and nutritional disorders. The results are listed below in order of ranking.

1. 380—Dade City Senior
2. 370—Haines City Senior
3. 361—Haines City Junior
4. 353—Groveland Senior
5. 339—Polk Voc-Tech (tie)
339—Dade City Junior (tie)
7. 325—South Sumter Senior
8. 323—East Bay Senior
9. 316—Hardee Senior
10. 304—East Bay Junior
11. 302—Zephyrhills Senior
12. 298—Groveland Junior
13. 295—Tampa Bay Tech
14. 284—South Sumter Junior
15. 282—Bartow Senior
16. 270—Auburndale Senior
17. 269—Crystal Lake Junior
18. 265—Fort Meade
19. 260—Union Park Junior
20. 259—Indian River
21. 252—Hardee Junior
22. 249—Winter Haven
23. 245—Brandon Senior
24. 241—Westwood Junior
25. 236—Sebring Senior
26. 218—Fort Pierce
27. 215—Southwest Junior
28. 208—Lakeland Senior
29. 205—Orlando-Colonial
30. 203—Auburndale Junior
31. 202—Lake Placid
32. 199—Frostproof Senior
33. 193—Orlando-Evans
34. 191—Desoto Middle
35. 187—Land O'Lakes
36. 183—Denison
37. 179—Mulberry (tie)
179—Desoto (tie)
39. 151—Lakeland—Junior
40. 107—Bartow Junior

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Vo Ag Career Programs Help Boost Rural Resurgence



Comprehensive programs are being conducted by vocational agricultural teachers across the country to acquaint their students with the varied career opportunities available in agribusiness.

These programs, which are making a significant grassroots contribution to a growing rural resurgence, are reviewed annually in an awards competition sponsored by the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association and Sperry New Holland, farm machinery manufacturer.

Many students participate in a combination of classroom instruction and practical on-the-job working experience in various phases of agribusiness as they explore career opportunities. These working assignments cover a wide range of vocational activities, including these examples in banking, contract fertilizing, food marketing and ornamental horticulture. Many of the programs begin with elementary school children and are directed at students with both farming and urbanized backgrounds.

National Officers

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member of Farm House Fraternity and Alpha Tau Alpha.

Through the College of Agriculture, Wilson has attended the American Youth Leadership Training Camp in Michigan. Last summer he worked for the university as orientation leader for new students. He will take a year's leave of absence from college to perform his FFA duties during the coming year.

Douglas Loudenslager Vice President— Eastern Region Morril, Ohio

Raised on a crop and livestock farm, Doug Loudenslager's farming program includes: 20 registered Hampshire ewes, 30 acres of corn, 40 acres of soybeans, and five market steers. He is currently a junior in Agricultural Education at the Ohio State University. After receiving his degree, Doug plans to teach Vocational Agriculture and help manage the home farm.

Loudenslager's experiences in the FFA include: Star Chapter Greenhand-1970, Chapter Reporter-1970-1972, Chapter President-1973, State Treasurer-1973-74, and State runner-up in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest-1973.

At the Ohio State University, Loudenslager is a member of Bucket and Dipper, a Junior Men's Honorary; Towers, Agricultural Honorary; Alpha Zeta Fraternity, and the Agricultural Education Society. He is also Associate Editor of the "Ag Student", the magazine of the Ohio State University College of Agriculture.

Leonard J. Anderson, Jr. Vice President— Western Region Albin, Wyoming

Leonard J. Anderson, Jr., a 21 year old beef and crop farmer from Albin, WY, has recently completed a term as secretary of the Wyoming FFA Association. He has also served as chapter secretary and chapter president.

Accomplishments in his seven-year FFA career include Star Greenhand,

Star Chapter Farmer, member of meats and livestock judging teams which participated in the National Contest, and Star State Regional Farmer.

Prior to his election, Anderson was a junior at the University of Wyoming in Pre-Veterinary Science with a major in Animal Science. Anderson hopes to complete his education and obtain a degree in Veterinary Medicine or return to the family farm.

Anderson served as president of the student body his senior year in high school and was actively involved in the production of the school paper. He participated in athletics, chorus, and served as drum major for his high school band. In college he is a member of the Ag Club and was treasurer for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

An enthusiastic, responsible leader, Anderson is concerned and takes an avid interest in people as individuals. His vocational agriculture teacher, Jack Humphrey, guided him in the establishment of a beef herd and various crop enterprises. Later, Mr. Bruce Krug, Mr. Duane Cowdin, and Mr. Bruce Nelson were instrumental in Leo's development as a leader in the FFA.

Florida FFA Alumni Meets Challenge

Hundreds of former FFA members and interested parties have formed local alumni chapters to assist Florida's youth by providing supplemental opportunities in high school agribusiness programs.

The recently formed Florida FFA Alumni Association has shown a steady growth in membership since its formation. The state association is spearheaded by W. R. "Chops" Hancock, citrus grower and former Future Farmer from Leesburg.

The primary purpose of the formation of the State Alumni Association is to consolidate efforts made by the local chapters and to tell the true story of young people and their roles in leadership, education and agriculture.

Assisting Hancock in the planning of activities for the new association is Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, who is a former president of the state and national FFA. The Board of Directors, whom Hancock describes as "a cross-cut of the complete agriculture industry, all over the state" are: Hancock, chairman, Leesburg; Doyle Conner, honorary chairman, Tallahassee; Clyde Thornhill, vice chairman, Groveland; Lisa Tomkow, secretary, Gainesville; Jimmy Alvarez, director, Starke; Rudy Wetherington, director, Dover; Wayne Hanna, director, Greensboro; Neil Doerr, director, Leesburg; Henry Barrow, director, Gainesville; W. O. Whittle, director, Winter Haven and Richard F. Kelly, director, Tallahassee.

Individuals wishing to form a local alumni group should contact their high school agriculture teacher. FFA members should ask their teachers about the "Legion of Merit" citations that are available.

No occupation is so
delightful — as the culture
of the earth
Thomas Jefferson



W. R. Hancock, Chairman of the recently formed Florida FFA Alumni Association, discusses the program of activities and membership drive for the association with honorary chairman Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture. Hancock is a citrus grower and former Future Farmer from Leesburg while Conner is a past state and national president of the FFA organization. During the coming year they will be contacting former students of vocational agriculture, their parents and other interested parties in promoting the new organization throughout Florida.

Cabinet Met—

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Conference included Scott Linder, Vice Chairperson of the Florida Council on Economic Education; Malcolm B. Johnson, Editor of the Tallahassee Democrat.

Mills praised the development of leadership qualities made possible through student organizations, saying, "Student organizations provide a 'living laboratory' to put into practice those important leadership factors so very necessary in today's world of business."

Citrus Contest

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41. 92—Lake Wales Senior

High Individuals

1. 129—Mike Giclla—Dade City Senior
2. 128—Teron Jackson—Dade City Senior
- 128—D. E. Herndon—Haines City Junior
4. 126—Martin Brungard—Haines City Junior
5. 125—David Lewis—Haines City Senior
6. 123—David Sadler—Dade City Senior
- 123—Eric Crittenden—Haines City Junior
- 123—Kent Crittenden—Haines City Senior
- 123—Ron DeLoach—Polk Voc-Tech
10. 122—Kevin Miller—Haines City Senior