

Florida Future Farmer

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State Convention & Leadership Conference Set

The Sheraton Twin Towers in Orlando will once again be the site of the State FFA Convention and Leadership Conference. The 51st annual meeting will be held June 11-13.

In order for our State FFA Convention to function properly and run smoothly, it is necessary that we maintain the following policies. It is very important that each adviser and FFA member do their part in helping to abide by these policies.

1. Headquarters Hotel: The 1979 Convention Headquarters Hotel is the Sheraton Towers, located at the intersection of the Florida Turnpike and I-4 in Orlando. At a meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee, the State FFA Advisory Board, as well as the entire State Staff, it was decided it will be required of all FFA members and advisers who register and seat delegates at the State FFA Convention to be housed in the Sheraton Towers, with the exception of those who commute. In order for us to have access to the excellent convention facilities in the hotel, we must be housed there. There are excellent eating facilities within a short distance of the Sheraton, as well as in the hotel and Court of Flags Complex.

Housing Rates: The Sheraton Towers has quoted the following rates for the FFA Convention:

\$20.00 per room, per day—single occupancy
\$26.00 per room, per day—double occupancy—\$13.00 per person

\$30.00 per room, per day—triple occupancy—\$10.00 per person
\$34.00 per room, per day—quad occupancy—\$8.50 per person

These rates are subject to Florida's 4% sales tax and a 2% resort tax. All FFA members and advisers who register for the Convention must use the official registration form and mail it in advance to the Sheraton Towers. *May 23 is the absolute deadline for advance registration.*

3. Curfew: In order for our FFA members to be alert and attentive at the Convention sessions, a curfew of 11:30 p.m. will be in effect. This means that everyone must be in their rooms and quiet by 11:30 p.m.

4. Opening and Closing Sessions: The 51st Annual Convention will open on Monday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. and close on Wednesday after the afternoon session.

5. Attendance: Reports on attendance at the convention sessions will be taken. A report of each chapter's attendance in the delegate seating area will be made to each school principal and superintendent.

Attendance at the 1979 State Convention will be limited to: two official delegates, two alternates, courtesy corp members, state officer candidates, contest participants and award winners with the following exception. *Only one representative for each team which placed second thru*

fifth in all judging contests listed in the convention program is eligible to attend. All first place team members of judging contests listed in the convention program should be present to receive their awards. All chapter awards can be picked up by the official chapter delegates or their alternates.

6. Rules of Order: Proper behavior and order are imperative at the FFA Convention. It will be required of all advisers to be housed adjacent to the members that they are in charge of. It will also be the adviser's responsibility to make sure that the curfew is adhered to and that members who attend the convention, attend each and every session. Careful selection of those FFA members who attend the convention is essential to a successful one. All FFA members who attend the convention must be adequately chaperoned. *The 1979 Executive Committee has defined adequate chaperonage as one adult for every six students.*

7. Delegate Dress Code: It will be mandatory that all delegates be in proper dress; that is: dark slacks (not jeans), dark shoes, FFA jacket, and tie. All students attending the convention are encouraged to wear an FFA jacket.

8. Registration Fee: The registration fee for the 1979 State Convention is \$4.00. Checks should be made payable to the Florida FFA Association.



The 1978 National Convention in Kansas City lured 338 FFA members and advisers from Florida. Highlight of the convention included the Star Agribusinessman of America and two National Proficiency Award Winners from Florida.

Southern Region Vice President Will Attend Convention

Dean Norton, 19, of Knoxville, Tennessee, is the Vice President of the Southern Region of the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America. In that capacity he will serve over one-half million FFA members across the nation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norton, and a member of the Doyle FFA Chapter. He will represent the National Organization at the State Convention in Orlando.



Norton

Dean's supervised agriculture experience program involved both agribusiness and agriculture production under FFA Advisors William S. Coe and Mike Blankenship. He began his program by working in the high school greenhouse where he learned skills in plant propagation, soil mixtures, mar-

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The 1978-79 National FFA Officers elected November 10 at the 51st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO, are: (seated, left to right): Mark Sanborn, National FFA President of East Orwell, OH; and Kelly Grant, National FFA Secretary, of Bolivar, Missouri. (Standing, left to right) are: B. Dean Norton, Southern Region Vice President, of Knoxville, TN; Jeff Rudd, Eastern Region Vice President, of Yanceyville, NC; Kevin Drane, Central Region Vice President of Nineveh, IN; and Elvin L. Caraway, Western Region Vice President of Spur, TX.

Florida's Mark Williams Named The Star Agribusinessman of America

To receive the Star Agribusinessman of America Award is to receive one of the two highest honors nationally recognizing achievement in the FFA. At the 1978 National Convention in Kansas City, Mark Williams of the Orlando-Colonial Chapter was honored as the Star Agribusinessman of America and received a \$1,000 cash award in the ceremonies.

The selection of the Star Agribusinessman of America is based on his/her achievement in agriculture and leadership in FFA activities. In order to be considered for this honor, at the convention one must receive the organization's highest degree of membership, the American Farmer Degree. Mark received his American Farmer Degree, along with 18 other FFA members from Florida.

As one of a family of ten, Mark Williams learned about responsibility at an early age. He learned his lesson well as is clearly demonstrated in the successful Mark's Landscape and Maintenance Business that he now owns and operates.

The 21-year-old entrepreneur's interest in landscaping and horticulture grew out of a work placement program with a local landscape maintenance firm. After the first year in vocational agriculture, Williams began to devote full time to landscape maintenance activities. Working for a local nursery he learned more about plants and designing landscape plans. Soon he had built his confidence to the point where he was taking jobs him-



Florida's Mark Williams is shown receiving the American Farmer Degree from national president Ken Johnson during ceremonies in Kansas City.

self in the off hours. As a result of referrals he received from people he worked for in off hours and weekends, Williams' personal business began to grow. At first Mark primarily worked it by himself, but soon realized it was necessary to hire employees in order to produce the work necessary to expand the business. At present, Mark is hiring 16-20 persons during the peak times of the year. Today Williams' business is about 60% landscaping including residential, commercial, and industrial properties and 40% landscape maintenance in which the firm maintains both residential and commercial sites.

Like most businessmen, Mark finds the demands on his time are numerous. As the business continues to expand he has found himself limited to the amount of time he can spend in the field. Now there must be more time spent on managing, selling, and developing innovative ideas to increase production and quality for further expansion. Williams seeks out and employs reliable people in order to maximize production and accelerate

growth of his business. Using sound management practices and employing qualified people to work for him, Williams says he has made it possible for him to increase his business by nearly 300% in the past year.

Williams' activities have not been confined to the landscape business alone. In school, Mark was chairman of the Homecoming Float Committee and worked closely with the Garden Club, Career Club, and the Landscape Club. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In the FFA, Mark served as chapter treasurer and worked on a number of committees. He was on the Horticulture Judging Team which competed in the National FFA Horticulture Contest in Kansas City. In 1976 Williams was the Southern Region Winner of the National FFA Ornamental Horticulture Proficiency Award.

At the present time Mark is attending college part time, working toward a degree in Landscape Architecture. He continues to support the work of the FFA, serving as vice chairman of the local FFA Alumni Affiliate.

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National FFA Hall of Achievement Organized

Plans for a new Future Farmers of America (FFA) National Hall of Achievement to honor FFA and agriculture were announced recently by the FFA. A \$600,000 fund-raising effort has been initiated through the National FFA Foundation to implement the plan.

The new Hall of Achievement will be located in Alexandria, Virginia, inside the existing National FFA Center near Mt. Vernon which houses FFA operations, including FFA Program Administration, The National FUTURE FARMER magazine, FFA Supply Service, and Alumni.

"Now it is time to honor the achievement of this fine organization and the great industry it has served so well," said Roland M. Hendrickson, President of the Agricultural Division of Pfizer, Inc., as he announced the fund drive for the new endeavor at a meeting of the Agricultural Education Division of the American Vocational Association (AVA). After the presentation, the attending group voted unanimous cooperation and support for the project. Hendrickson, national chairman of the fund drive for the FFA Foundation, explained that the pur-

Norton Expected At Convention

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keting, shipping, and greenhouse management. Later as Assistant Manager of The Plant Place of Knoxville, Dean was propagating and marketing consultant. Dean also works on the family farm which consists of 80 acres of corn, 150 acres of hay and 50 head of hogs.

Dean has been an active member of the FFA for five years, serving as Doyle Chapter President for three years, and as Reporter of the Tennessee FFA Association for one. While in high school he was a member of the marching band and the swim team. In May of last year Dean became a licensed minister and is an active member of New Hopewell Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Majoring in Agriculture Education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Dean is an active member of the Society of Agriculture Education Students. During his freshman year at UT, he won the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest for Ag Ed students and the Outstanding Freshman Award in Agriculture Education. Dean has taken a leave of absence from college this year to fulfill the duties of his office.

pose was actually fourfold:

- Protecting and preserving FFA's history,
- Presenting the story of today's FFA through permanent exhibits and displays,
- Recognizing the support and leadership of FFA's many friends, and
- Serving all FFA members and related groups as an active learning and resource center for FFA programs and activities.

"It will be a source of information and pride, as well as a record of accomplishment by FFA chapters and individuals," said H. N. Hunsicker, National FFA Advisor. "An important aspect of the Hall is that it will be mainly concerned with 'people achievements.'"

"Milestones of Progress," "A Challenge to Excellence," and "Pride and Prestige"—are several of the titles of display areas planned for the Hall, which will use bold graphics and modern museum presentational methods to highlight the story of agriculture and the FFA.

A major part of the National FFA Center lower level will be utilized for the Hall of Achievement, which will be viewed by thousands of FFA members

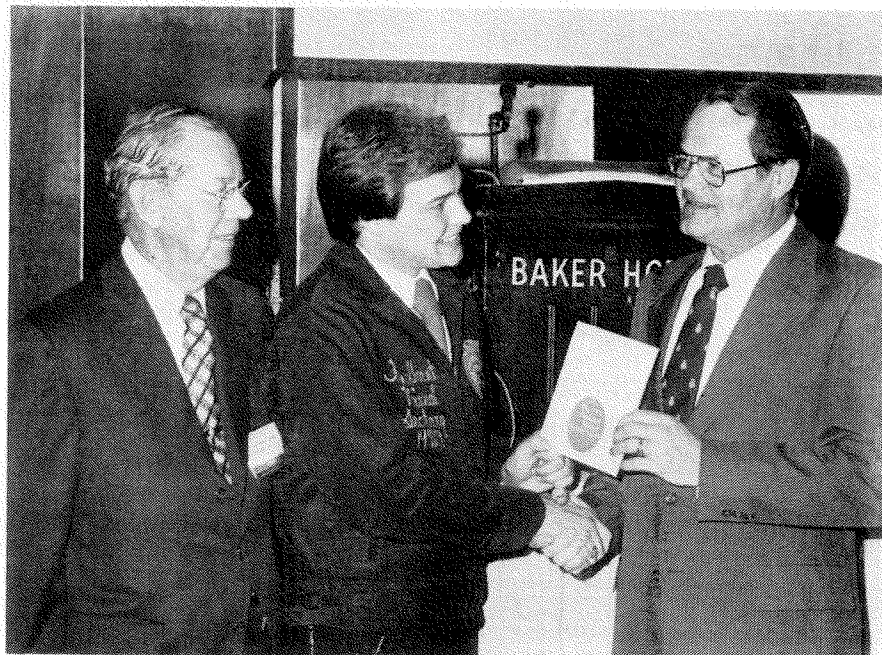
and guests each year.

Funds to reach the \$600,000 goal are being solicited from business, industry, foundations, FFA members, as well as FFA chapters and state associations. Meanwhile, an effort is also being made to locate early FFA mementos or paraphernalia that could be displayed in the Hall of Achievement.

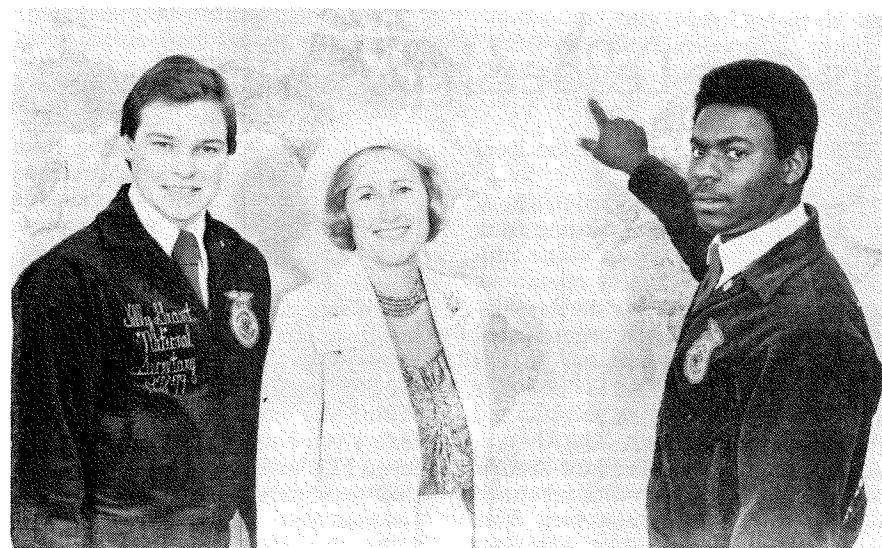
One-half of the \$600,000 will be used to develop the final plans for the FFA Hall of Achievement, install it and purchase necessary equipment. Remaining funds will be invested in an endowment that will provide perpetual revenues for staffing, maintenance and operation of the Hall on a year-around basis.

A working, active library and resource center is also a part of the plan and will be open for use by students—both high school and college—as well as helpful during future seminars and workshops for youth and adults concerned with education and agriculture. Publications, audio-visuals, and equipment for their use will be a part of the library.

More information about the new FFA Hall of Achievement and how to contribute is available from Donald N. McDowell, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Box 5117, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.



National FFA Advisor H. N. Hunsicker looks on as Kelly Grant, National FFA Secretary, accepts a new brochure on the FFA National Hall of Achievement from R. M. Hendrickson, President of the Agricultural Division of Pfizer, Inc., and national chairman of the \$600,000 fund drive.



Otis Stanley of the Haines City FFA Chapter, at the right, points out an area visited on his recent European Tour to Mrs. Charlotte Schield, Consultant to Briggs & Stratton Corporation, while Kelly Grant, National FFA Secretary looks on.

FFA Scope Is International: European Trip Completed

Twenty-one outstanding FFA members recently completed fifteen days of agriculture related visits in five European countries. England, France, Belgium, Luxemburg, and Holland were the countries visited during the venture, which was a part of FFA's incentive awards program encouraging proficiency in a variety of agriculture abilities.

Each member won his/her right to go on the all-expense paid trip through excellence in one of the twenty-two proficiency areas. Florida had two such lucky members: Otis Stanley, Haines City FFA Chapter, Fruit and/or Vegetable Production National Winner; and Mike Tillman, Grand Ridge FFA Chapter, Sales and/or Service National Winner. Mike was unable to attend the European tour. Otis, however, has provided us with an interesting report.

The purpose of the venture was to develop more cross-cultural communication in agriculture, to explore the career opportunities in the international area of agriculture, and to become aware of how our country is being perceived from outside the U. S. in addition to learning to understand the agricultural situation of other countries. The travel seminar, like the monetary awards for the proficiency winners, is sponsored by concerns of business and industry through the National FFA Foundation.

Otis began his travel seminar in

Paris, where he and the other winners visited the Paris International Agricultural and Machinery Exhibition, the largest show of its kind in the world, attracting nearly 1 million visitors yearly. Animals, machinery and food products are exhibited at the show, which draws visitors from 80 countries around the world. After two days there, the group traveled to England by Hovercraft where they visited London, Cambridge, the English Young Farmer's Centre and a tractor manufacturing plant and farm machinery dealership.

A night boat trip took them to Holland and sightseeing in Amsterdam. After early morning visits to greenhouses, nurseries, and flower shops, the group drove to Brussels for a briefing on the European Common Market. Then they returned to the United States following a brief tour of the Belgian countryside.

Upon Otis' return, he and the others had dinner with the industry sponsors of the seminar, enabling them all to meet those responsible for the trip and other incentive awards that benefit the FFA program. An afternoon was also spent with radio and television interviews.

Anticipating local and state interest in their ventures, the winners took hundreds of photographs during the tour, assembling them into a slide show with an accompanying script.

13,000 FFA'ers Listed in Who's Who

In 1978, over 13,000 FFA students were featured in *Who's Who*. That number of students from one organization is extremely impressive. Teachers, advisers, counselors, principals and others are invited to submit names of students to *Who's Who* for consideration.

If selected, students are eligible for scholarships; grants-in-aid; College Referral Service; the benefits of having their names in the *Who's Who* complimentary copies in 3,000 colleges and universities as well as 7,300 public and private libraries and several hundred youth organizations; and eligible to participate in the annual Survey of High Achievers, the results of which are distributed to leading educators, high school newspapers, the President of the United States, U. S. Senators, Governors and the press.



**Who's Who
Among American
High School Students**
Honoring Tomorrow's Leaders Today

Leadership training is, and always has been an important part of the Future Farmers of America. Whether it is parliamentary procedure, committee work, judging events, working with projects and serving the local chapter, district, state or national organization, leadership is emphasized. It is a tribute to the skills and competencies taught by the Agribusiness teacher and to the students themselves, as well as to the precepts of FFA that, year after year, young men and women from FFA are chosen by an organization which "honors tomorrow's leaders today"—*Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

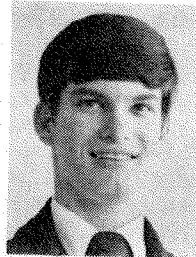
Who's Who is the largest publication/program committed to recognizing the positive achievements of positive, oriented students.

We should all be proud of the FFA'ers who have been selected to be listed in this prestigious publication. We have known that FFA is an organization to be proud of, because of the high caliber of men and women who are involved in it. The fact that other nationally-recognized people and publications recognize us too is a nice tribute to all of us.

State Officers Give Leadership Advice

FFA—A Golden Opportunity

by Hal Phillips



Today, a student asked me "What is that chain you are wearing?"

"This is my State Farmer charm," I replied.

"What is that," he asked?

I explained to him that it was the third degree that the FFA offers to its members, and that it is given by the State Association.

Then he asked, "What is the FFA?"

I went on to explain to him about the Future Farmers of America.

After answering his questions, and as I was going about my business, the question "What is the FFA," kept coming to mind. I asked myself the question I have asked many times—"Just what IS the FFA?"

I can best explain my answer to this question in three words:

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

A golden opportunity to what, you might ask. Well, opportunities in the FFA are endless, for those who are willing to put forth a little effort, accept responsibilities and attempt its challenges.

For four and one half years the FFA has been a big part of my life, and the experiences I have had as an FFA member have been matched by no other single factor. This year, while serving as your state president, you have shown me what the Future Farmers of America is really all about. My travel has taken me from Pensacola to Jacksonville, from Jacksonville to Miami, from Ft. Myers to Tallahassee, and many, many places in between. My travel has allowed me to meet you, and you have shown me what the FFA really offers to those who are willing to seek it.

What is the FFA?

The FFA is participation in a judging contest, whether it is livestock or citrus, meats or vegetables or any one of a number of other contests available to Future Farmers. It's the long hours of preparation in the classroom, in the shop or on the land lab. It's practice trips to the fair, a nearby

packing plant, or a visit by the local PCA.

The FFA is a completion of proficiency applications ranging from agricultural mechanics to swine production and from nursery operations to outdoor recreation. It's the development of a supervised occupational experience program relating to our own interests. FFA is chapter activities from safety to BOAC, and from Food for America to The Alumni. It's friendships, and a chance to work together as a group with common ideas. Leadership development from activities such as public speaking, parliamentary procedure and chapter offices are part of the FFA. It's learning by doing, as well as competition, enthusiasm and excitement.

This is just a little of what the FFA is, but each of us must decide for ourselves which road we will take. We then start from the bottom, working toward that ultimate goal which we all like to label "success." It is very probable that on the way to that success will be many failures. Success won't always be easily reached. Many times we will be knocked down and it will seem so much easier to quit, rather than continue. Fellow Future Farmers, don't be shaken by these minor difficulties. Try, try again, until you reach that success.

The opportunity is there for you as well as for me, for farmers and agribusinessmen, for males and females. You can advance from greenhand to American Farmer, or from chapter member to state and national officer. More importantly, you can advance from FFA member to governor, President, farmer or businessman.

The key to it all is the willingness to put forth effort, accept responsibility and attempt the challenges. Then, through faith, your door will be open to the FFA's Golden Opportunities.



Take Time

by Teresa Welch

Time—such a simple word, yet it holds so much of our future in it. For

some, time is a thief, stealing from them the goals they only dreamed about. For others, time is a valuable tool, helping them to achieve those goals while others dream. The difference is the way that they used time.

Fellow members, you could just dream of the goals you would like to accomplish to reach your success in the FFA and in life, and without some action, you can dream your life away. Before you know it, you will no longer be an FFA member. This is not to say that you should not have dreams, because you will never accomplish higher than your dreams are set. What I'm saying to you is "take time." Take time to make those dreams come true. Make the most of every second in a minute, every minute in an hour and every hour in a day.

As I look back over this year as your state officer, it has been such a short time. But in that short time, I have watched you "take time" to set your goals and reach those dreams. In this short time I have had the opportunity to make new friends and strengthen old ones, to create memories together, and watch you taste success. Often I wonder, as this year has almost come to an end, did I always "take time?"

Did I take time to always be the best that I could? In the words of Jim Croce:

*"If I could save time in a bottle,
The first thing that I'd like to do
Is to save every day,
'Till eternity passes away
Just to spend them with you."*

Yes, I too would like to save this time that I have had with you this year.

Unfortunately, we can't save time. So let's be busy making the most of the time we have. Let's fill all the time we have with only the good things, like honesty, sincerity and humility. Take time to be enthused! Life is too short just to be ho hum.

One very important factor that we as State Officers have found the need to take time for, is God. Through the trials and tribulations we experience, we learn that He is always there to work our problems out. He understands. Also, He is there to share in our joy, success and good times. Take time for Him.

People are people, no matter who they are. Each one of you is a special, unique individual with your own talents and abilities. I believe in your abilities. I have faith in you as FFA

members that you can reach each goal and dream that I have watched you set.

Just remember to "take time!"



Everyone Likes A Winner

by Bubba Melvin

"Everybody likes a winner!"

I disagreed with that statement the first time I heard it. I immediately thought of the star athlete in school who wore his letter jacket, even during the summer time. However, everyone does like a winner, because they like to be associated with him and ride on his coat tail of glory.

Through the FFA we can each be winners. The greenhand stands to speak at his first chapter meeting and feels incompetent. Yet, as the year progresses, he develops that assurance in himself to become a fluent speaker.

The junior who works with his steer each day; who insures the cleanliness of the stall; who evaluates the feed composition and consumption to get the maximum gain does all of these things because he doesn't want to place second, again—he wants to WIN!

The FFA has a proven track record of producing winners, locally, state and national. Each of these leaders will testify, as did President Carter, that many of his leadership skills were developed through the FFA. More importantly are those thousands of former FFA members who have gone into the industry of agriculture, for they are winners in their own right. They may not be famous, but they have made U.S. agriculture the envy of the world each time we sit down to a meal.

The FFA recognizes winners by giving trophies, plaques and ribbons in a large variety of contests. But the FFA makes winners by giving you and thousands like you the chance to improve yourselves by testing your skills and growing in your abilities.

As long as the desire to become a winner exists, the FFA will continue to progress. As an officer, I have tried to inspire FFA members in order that they may see that they too can become winners, if they are only willing to sincerely dedicate themselves to the work required. Being a winner is by no

means an easy task, but it is well worth the effort. After all,

"Everyone likes a winner."



"You Are The FFA!"

by Scott Taylor

A famous football coach always told his players that he didn't want fellows who were willing to "lay down and die" for the school; he was interested in those who would "fight to live" for it. There's a philosophy and a lesson in attitude with that point of view that deserves more than a passing thought. There are a lot of people who say they would lay down and die for our country, but they aren't the ones who made our country the nation it is today. It was the ones who fought to live that made our country great.

The FFA is much like our country, in the respect that it was, and is, made up of people who fought to make it what it is today. Many times we overlook the many things that have been made available to us. For instance, freedom is taken for granted by almost everyone. We fail to stop and consider many times at what cost and sacrifice that freedom was secured, and to realize that it must be safeguarded continually.

In much the same manner, we fail to consider the time and effort that has been put into the FFA. Our organization wasn't a success over night. It took time, a lot of hard work, and determination. But most important, it took people with strong ideas and an abundance of faith. They had to believe.

Believing was perhaps the hardest part. Why? Because, these people didn't know how the FFA would turn out. They had to believe the outcome would be good. But before they could believe in the FFA, they had to believe in themselves. They were the FFA. If they didn't believe in themselves, how could they possibly believe in the organization? Now, as well as then, you have to believe in yourselves. You are the FFA! You decide where it's going, whether it stands or if it falls. One of the things that will help in making your decision is your attitude. You have to have the right attitude and outlook to know what you're doing.

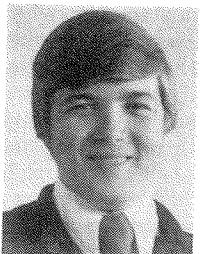
What are you doing? This same question was asked of three workmen who were busily chipping away at rough blocks of stone to be used in the construction of a magnificent building. The question was simple, but the answers were quite different. The first one merely answered, "I'm cutting stone;" the second said, "I'm making a days wages;" but the third man, with a smile of assurance reflecting pride in his job replied, "I am building a cathedral."

We can read so much into the answers to that question. So much is apparent about them in outlook on life, ambition, and the desire to work and serve others. Only one of the three had the ideal picture clearly in mind; only one had real purpose and was visualizing the ultimate goal; only one realized his part in something of value and beauty beyond the block of stone on which he was then at work.

Which one of these men are you like? Do you have the total picture in mind? Can you visualize your ultimate goal and do everything to achieve it? Do you realize the important role you play in making the FFA a success for members of the future?

Perhaps you all should make a self-analysis. Determine if your attitude is "up to par." If not, you should start working to get it there. Don't overlook the things the FFA has to offer. You'll only have one chance to take advantage of them. Believe in yourself and have faith in the FFA, that you and it will be successful. And always, know what you're doing; visualize your ultimate goal; always have an ideal picture in mind; and realize the important role you play in making the FFA a success.

Why are these things so important and so emphasized? Because, "You are the FFA!"



Success, A Man Made Thing

by Doug Tanner

A few years ago while hunting on a ranch in South Florida we approached what seemed to be a regular canal bank. This long stretch of earth piled several feet high aroused my curiosity and urged me to investigate. As I

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Work For Success

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reached the top I stared in awe across a large and beautiful lake. After staring in amazement for several minutes, I turned and asked my father how they had placed all the dirt around the lake, his answer; it came from the digging of the lake. This large body of water was man made. Not probable, but realistically possible.

As we ride through the big cities, and see all the structures towering hundreds of feet high and listen to the radio and watch television as man makes his way into outer space, one can't help but praise man for his number of fine accomplishments, and applaud him for his intelligence. But aside from these types of man made objects, I have found a man made thing much more intriguing, requiring more effort and intelligence to achieve. This is individual success.

My year as a state officer has allowed me to see all forms of success. Anything ranging from seeing someone achieve the degree of Greenhand to becoming the National Star Agribusinessman. I have seen members work towards goals, and always win.

No, not everyone walked away with that trophy or ribbon, but each walked away from that contest with success.

I know it seems hard to understand how someone getting last place can be considered successful. For last place is a status symbol for failure. But in the FFA this is not true at all. You see, in the FFA we stress leadership, cooperation, sportmanship and many other qualities of a successful person. And in these contests each person walked away with the experience, knowledge and yes, even friendship acquired by participating. The FFA provides a way for everyone to gain something. I have not found anyone, anywhere who has walked away empty who approached it with the right attitude. On the other hand, if you don't want it you will not achieve success, for it is obtained by those wanting and working for it.

When I first became a part of the FFA seven years ago, I didn't think I would or could ever win. As I continued through the FFA I thought to myself, well, keep going and you'll prove yourself right. Until I realized that success wasn't just winning all the contests, but rather achieving your goals and honoring all opportunities.

I guess a little too much stress was put upon being a state winner. Sure it's nice and a great honor to be a state winner but not everyone can. That is

why the FFA is designed like it is; so everyone can win.

During my years in the FFA I have never won a contest or award above the District level, yet I feel I am just as successful as the National Star Agribusinessman, because I have accomplished a great deal. Yes, because I participated. Each of you have that potential to be successful, all it takes is for you to put your talents to work, through the FFA.

Man has made many things to be proud of. Buildings so spectacular it's hard for us to believe it's man made. Rockets shooting into outer space and allowing man to step onto a planet millions of miles away. Or even the intelligent lighting and heating of our homes around the world by electricity. These are truly things to be proud of. But one thing that will stand longer after these other things are gone and forgotten is that man made thing called success.

It's All Up To You!

by Cheryl Quincey



Well, the year is almost over and history is about to be made. Serving this year as your Region II Vice President has been great, and I would like to thank each of you sincerely for giving me the opportunity.

The FFA is a great organization, and the reason is that members like you got involved in the many activities it had to offer. As I've traveled the state this year, I have seen Future Farmers in there, "giving it all they had," to be winners. The unique thing about FFA members is the friendship they have for each other. One minute you'll see them in there fighting tooth and nail against each other to win a certain contest, and then the next thing you know, the same members will be laughing and joking with each other. The competitive spirit and friendship is very important to make any organization a winner, and FFA members definitely have the qualities needed to make the FFA the greatest organization around.

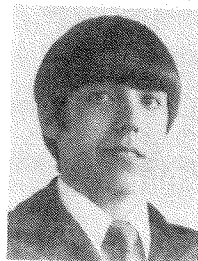
As Future Farmers, we have a great task ahead. The future of American agriculture rests on the shoulders of today's FFA members. We will be the ones to feed the world in the future.

Agricultural occupations are the most important in the world. The clothes we wear, the food we eat, and even the paper we write on has a farmer or agriculturist somewhere in the background.

So when you look at the future of agriculture and the FFA, you see that it truly is up to you. You, as an FFA member, need to take advantage of the opportunities available to you. Involvement and participation are the two main keys to becoming a good member. When you joined the FFA and paid your dues, you more or less bought a ticket. The destination you hope to reach is all up to you. If you get involved and set goals for yourself, your destination can be success. However, if you take that ticket, put it in your pocket and forget about it, you will never reach any goal or any destination in life.

In order to be a good FFA member you must be a leader. Leadership development is an important part of the FFA program. As a leader, you must learn several very important things. You must learn to realize that a leader needs to make friends, keep friends and avoid making enemies. A leader must interest, inspire and convince; must be able to work, and to win against opposition; and must have a word of praise for those who do their job well. If you can remember these things and put them into practice, you will be well on your way to becoming a good leader.

Yes, fellow farmers, the FFA has had a golden past, and we are looking forward to an even brighter future. Let's work together to help that future dawn bright. Get involved and strive to do your best in every activity you participate in. Remember, life is too short for you to be a spectator. So get involved—don't wait for someone else to lead the way. Start today to lead the way for a brighter future in the FFA, agriculture, and our country. For after all—it is all up to YOU!



Why Are We Here?

by Donnie Robertson

In the opening ceremony of every FFA meeting, after the roll of officers has been taken, the president asks the members: "Future Farmers, why are

we here?" And then, after the third tap of the gavel the members stand and respond: "To practice brotherhood, honor rural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess."

Think about that phrase for just a moment. Have you ever taken that phrase and broken it down into its real meaning? Those twenty words sum up the whole reason for our being in the FFA. That phrase which we have recited time after time, in meeting after meeting, answers the question: "Why are we here?"

First, "To practice brotherhood . . ." Brotherhood is defined as an association of men united in a common interest, work, or creed. Brotherhood is cooperation, and cooperation is one of the primary aims of the FFA. Most of us think of this as acting jointly with others; working together for a common goal. Cooperation offers benefits and profits for all members who pull together. We must admit that it is really wonderful when we see what can be accomplished by a group of individuals working together on a worthwhile project.

I think a good way to describe cooperation is in these next few lines:

**You Have A Dollar
I Have A Dollar
We Swap
Now You Have My Dollar
And I Have Yours
We Are No Better Off
You Have An Idea
I Have An Idea
We Swap
Now Each Has Two Ideas
Both Are Richer
What You Gave You Have
What You Got I Did Not Lose
This Is Cooperation.**

So FFA members, work together and swap ideas. Such ventures offer the finest of opportunities for cooperative thinking and group effort. They also contribute to a better home and community life. And finally, cooperation provides a chance for real teamwork.

Next, as we break our phrase down further, we have: "Honor rural opportunities and responsibilities . . ." Country life is more than living on a ranch or farm. It involves love for the outdoors. Rural opportunities in the FFA are numerous: ranging from forestry to fish and game specialist. Reach out for these opportunities FFA members. They are there for you. Think of this as a coke bottle, *No deposit, No return.* If you do not put

anything into it, you will not get anything out of it.

Now the last, but certainly not the least part of the phrase: "And develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess." The first purpose for which the FFA was founded was to develop leadership. Leadership is that combination of qualities which inspires confidence, draws others toward a common goal and causes them to follow. A leader is a person who gets things accomplished by prompting all to forge toward their

common goal. To succeed, you must believe in yourself. The FFA gives you a chance to develop your personal leadership ability, don't turn away.

Those twenty words: "To practice brotherhood, honor rural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess," certainly do answer the question. So, now that we know why we are here, may we go forth and accomplish our goal!



Teresa Welch and Bubba Melvin were selected by the Florida Farm Bureau to take part on a Bahamas cruise in January.

Florida Farm Bureau Awards Bahamas Cruise To Pair

Two State FFA Officers were fortunate enough to earn a cruise to the Bahamas! How? Well, for the second year the Florida Farm Bureau made available the opportunity for the State FFA Officers to work with the Farm Bureau Safety Department as Safety Educational Specialists. The program, which was started last year, allows state officers to visit the agriculture departments within their region and present programs dealing with various aspects of farm and home safety and of course, at the same time, strengthening the FFA Chapter Safety Program.

This year, six state officers decided to participate in the program. The officers first attended a week-long orientation meeting in Apopka during June. At this meeting the program was explained and the officers received training to become safety specialists. Next, the officers attended the Florida Farm Bureau Safety Seminar at which they got a chance to practice the safety presentations. Then, as soon as schools began to open, the officers went to work presenting safety programs throughout Florida.

In January, Farm Bureau selected the two officers who had presented the most safety programs up-to-date: Teresa Welch, Region IV Vice President; and Bubba Melvin, Region I Vice President. In reward for their outstanding efforts, Teresa and Bubba were allowed to join other prominent Farm Bureau employees on a four-day pleasure cruise to Nassau, in the Bahamas.

Upon returning from the cruise, they attended the American Farm Bureau Convention in Miami. Teresa and Bubba were also invited to attend the American Farm Bureau Safety Director's Conference in Winter Haven. There they explained the safety program to the Directors from other states. We hope that other Farm Bureaus all over the nation will follow Florida's example in utilizing and supporting the FFA program in their state.

The Farm Bureau program has worked very well this year and all the state officers are to be commended. We look forward to an even better and expanded program next year.

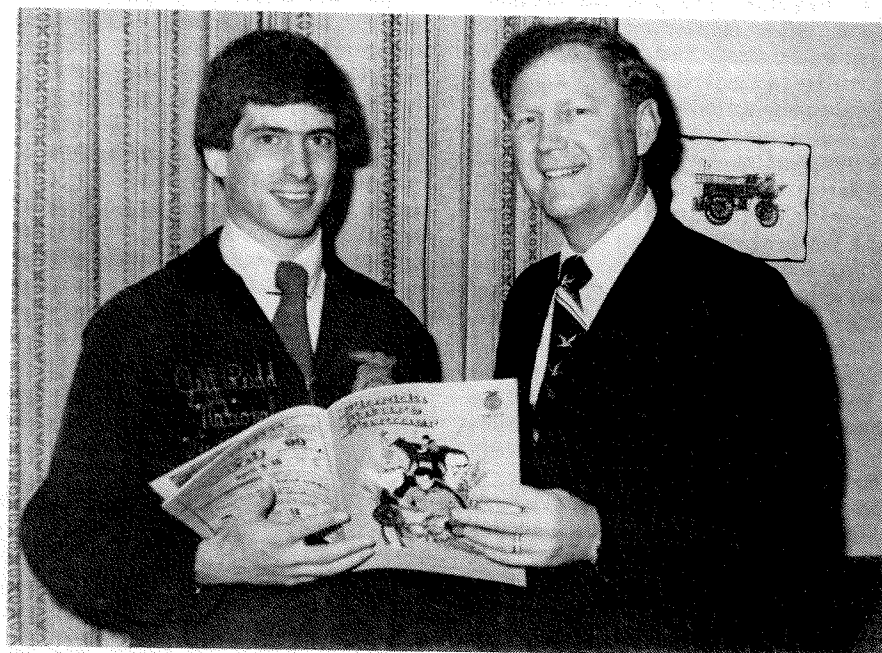
National Vice President Tours State

Jeff Rudd National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region, recently toured the state.

A native of Yanceyville, North Carolina, Jeff arrived in Florida on Sunday, January 7, to begin quite an active week. Having recently completed a stint as a tobacco surveyor for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Jeff showed us a touch of expertise. He is also a beef producer, sharing with his brother in the ownership, management, and labor of a forty cow herd of Angus, Hereford and Simmental.

A finalist in the national public speaking contest, he is now a sophomore at North Carolina State University majoring in Agricultural Education. But Jeff has put aside his educational pursuits in order to serve YOU as a national officer.

While in Florida, Jeff shared leadership skills, travels, and personal experiences with other FFA members. His week began with visits to the executives in Vocational Education in Tallahassee: Dr. Leon Sims, Assistant Director of Vocational Education; Mr. Joe Mills, Director of Vocational Education; and Ralph Turlington, Commissioner of Education. Jeff also visited Honorable Bill Gunter, State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner (former National FFA President). Upon receiving a condensed course in Florida's vocational program, Jeff began chapter visits in central Florida. The Hillsborough County Federation, East Bay Sr., Horace Mann Jr., Plant City, Auburndale, Mulberry, Bartow, Ft. Meade, Frostproof, and Williston all received visits from the National Vice President.



Jeff Rudd, left, national vice president of Future Farmers of America, recently met with Florida Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Gunter in Tallahassee. Jeff was in Florida as part of a national FFA officers' experience program, during which he also traveled to South Carolina. Jeff and Commissioner Gunter, a former state and national FFA officer, look over a copy of Florida Future Farmer magazine.

dent. Jeff also did a radio program on WPLA; attended the Zolfo Calf Roping; toured Stuarts Brahman Ranch and the Phosphate Industry; the District IV contests in parliamentary procedure, public speaking, and tractor driving.

Sure sounds like enough to tire anyone out, but not Jeff! After completing chapter visits and industrial tours, he proceeded to the University

of Florida, meeting with Dr. C. B. Browning, Dean of Agriculture. Then, after attending the annual meeting of the Florida Santa Gertrudis Association in Ocala, Jeff completed his week in Florida by visiting Florida's past National FFA Vice President, Chris Hardee. We were very fortunate to have Jeff with us. Just think, he is only one example of the distance that FFA can take you in this world.

The Trees Stand Tall At Forestry Festival

More than a thousand volunteers worked throughout the year with one aim in mind: to make it clear that "Trees Stand Tall in Florida's Future"! And they were successful. The purpose of Forestry Field Days and the State Forestry Contest is to give FFA members an opportunity to use the forestry skills they have acquired in agribusiness, and to stimulate interest in forestry. These activities are sponsored jointly by FFA, the Division of Forestry, the Florida Forestry Association, and selected forestry and agriculture-related industries.

Competition is held in the following events: (1) estimating pulpwood volume from standing trees; (2) estimating sawtimber volume from standing trees; (3) ocular estimate of tree diameters and heights; (4) land measurement; (5) log rolling; and (6) log sawing.

In order for a chapter to be eligible to participate in the State Forestry Contest, they must first win the Forestry Field Day in their respective region. The top chapters in the state are listed below. Groveland, 1st place; Jay, 2nd place; Chiefland, 3rd place; Tampa-King, 4th place; Blountstown, 5th place and Ft. Pierce, 6th place.

Post Secondary Organizes!

In March, a small group of interested agricultural students gathered at Cypress Gardens to formulate the State Post Secondary Agricultural Student Organization. Eight different post-secondary institutions were represented at this first state convention and officers were elected:

State President Cindy Anderson, St. Pete Vo-Tech Institute
State Vice-President . W. E. Gable, Chipola Jr. College
State Secretary Gail Rosenke, Pinellas Vo-Tech Institute
State Treasurer .. Maria Davis, Lively Vo-Tech Center
State Reporter Sam Barganier, Polk Vo-Tech Center
State Public Relation Person Rebecca Hippler, Indian River Community College

The first National Convention was held April 3, 4, 5, in Kansas City, Missouri. Delegates launched the new organization by developing and adopting the constitution and by-laws, electing national officers, and planning activities for the future. Florida was well represented with a total of 14 students and advisors with the President & Secretary serving as official delegates.

The National Convention was planned by a committee of post-secondary educators, state supervisors, teacher trainers and students. All of those on the committee were involved with the feasibility study in April of 1978.

Florida was represented by a student on this committee, John Thompson of St. Petersburg. John is a second-year student at Pinellas Vocational-Technical Institute in Clearwater, and belongs to their local post-secondary organization which they titled Agri-Business Clubs of America.

Why FFA Tells the Story

Approximately 90 fourth-graders got a first-hand look at farm animals and learned how farmers make their living. For three afternoons, the youngsters at Riverview Elementary School learned about agriculture from the East Bay FFA Chapter. The presentations were part of the national "Food for America" program.

On two afternoons, films were presented and questions answered. The children were astounded when they learned that the farmer only makes an average of 7 cents on a gallon of milk and that their favorite hamburger comes only after a cow has been slaughtered. Chapter members demonstrated how to churn butter and gave the children samples. Then, on the last afternoon, FFA members brought in their various farm animals for the children to pet and see what they had been studying.

A great deal of knowledge was shared between the teacher, child and FFA member. All benefited and enjoyed the time that they invested into their project. The "Food for America" program certainly proved to be an excellent program for FFA members to share with others.

Ecology Is Well Known To Farmers (and FFA)

Appreciating and understanding the balance of nature is nothing new to FFA students. Long before the rest of the country began using words like environment and ecology, farmers knew that working the land had to go hand in hand with conservation. If you're interested in learning more about the natural world around you, we can help.

This summer, the Florida Division of Forestry is sponsoring an Environmental Education Summer Program, in two of Florida's largest state forests. These co-educational one-week camps combine both fun and excitement as well as a unique educational experience for students who have completed the sixth through the eleventh grades. An advanced second week session of extended hiking and camping is available at no cost to selected students. The sessions begin June 17 and run into August.

For further information, contact your local county forester or: Environmental Forester, Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32304. For quick information call (904) 488-7000.

Attention: State Officer Candidates

State Convention time is drawing near, and that means campaign time is here. This is a reminder of the rules and regulations concerning applications for office and campaign limitations.

Campaign posters must not exceed 11" x 14" and be placed 5-8 feet apart in the designated areas which will be announced at the Officer Candidate Luncheon on Sunday, June 10. Any materials displayed before the Luncheon will be taken down. No banners of any sort will be allowed, nor any type of self-standing display. Candidates who violate these rules and regulations will be disqualified.

In regard to applications, they must be sent to the state office before May 25, 1979. Good luck to all 1979 State Officer Candidates!

1979 RESULTS OF F.F.A. REGIONAL CONTESTS

	REGION I	REGION II	REGION III	REGION IV	REGION V
PUBLIC SPEAKING	Bobby Green (Milton Sr.)	David Funk (Bronson)	Suzi Sojack (Dunellon Sr.)	David White (Bartow Sr.)	Mark Williams (Miami)
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE	Kevin Hatfield James Wooten Glenn Smith John Faulk Randy Peek Barry Pugh (Allentown)	Todd Troyer Cindy Fallon Tommy Rabatie Scott Everett Michelle Walker Mark Corrodino (Trenton)	Amy Smith Lita Pincell Robin Johnson Tim Williams Tamon Ryland Dale Holden (South Sumter Sr.)	Meg Sargent Sandy Smalley Kevin Ballard Mark Ballard Mark Bartle Robert Alston (Dade City Sr.)	Scott Bridges Terry Fallon Tim Fallon Mark Williams Steve Stophia Danny Plourde (Miami)
TRACTOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	James Nissley (Blountstown)	Alvin Langford (Trenton)	Brad Jones (Spruce Creek)	Sam Astin (Turkey Creek Jr.)	John Drake (Clewiston)

Variety of Contests Held Throughout State

Identification Contest A Showcase Of Citrus

On February 14, the Citrus Identification Contest was held in conjunction with the Florida Citrus Showcase in Winter Haven. It dealt with the identification of citrus rootstocks, leaves, fruit varieties, insects and scales, diseases and nutritional disorders.

The event, which draws students from all over the citrus belt, was sponsored by the Florida Citrus Showcase in cooperation with: the Florida FFA Association, University of Florida Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, and the Agricultural Education Section, State Department of Education.

The top five chapters were:

CITRUS CONTEST

Groveland Sr.	451
Dade City Sr.	442
Haines City Sr.	440
Bartow Sr.	420
East Bay Sr.	417

HIGH INDIVIDUAL

Danny Olson, Groveland Sr., with 155 points

Preliminary Contests Are Held

Participation increased this year in both the Agribusiness Management and Agricultural Mechanics Contest with 51 and 84 teams competing respectively.

Contestants in the Agribusiness Management Contest compete in two areas: a written test and a problem solving analysis. The written test is composed of 50 multiple choice questions to test each team member's understanding of economic principles in farm management. The problem solving analysis portion is designed to determine each team members' ability to apply principles of farm management to the decision-making process by actual problem analysis, and justification of decisions made.

The Agricultural Mechanics Contest is divided into three sections: skill activities, a written exam, and problem solving. Skill Activities involve the contestant competing in specific hands-on performance operations such as gas welding, small engine repair, masonry, and electrical wiring. The

written exam covers all subject matter areas. And a problem solving section involves gathering and searching for information in order to arrive at a logical solution.

The elimination contest was held in conjunction with the sub-district and district contests. The top ten teams in each contest are listed below.

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONTEST

- 562 Marianna
- 546 Citrus Sr.
- 534 Groveland Sr.
- 508 Bronson
- 482 Lafayette
- 456 Santa Fe Sr.
- 454 New Smyrna Beach Sr.
- 448 Dade City Sr.
- 436 Williston Sr.
- 432 Newberry Sr.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS CONTEST

- 151 Okeechobee
- 148 Marianna
- 135 Zephyrhills
- 124 Bronson
- 122 Trenton
- 121 Walton
- 120 DeSoto
- 117 Dade City
- 117 Newberry
- 117 Williston

Polk County Hosts Land Judging Contest

The State FFA Land Judging Contest was held March 30, at Stuart's Ranch near Bartow. The contest was set up by John Herbert, Extension Conservationist of the Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Land Judging involves two parts: land characteristics, and conservation practices. The land characteristics which are examined are: surface texture, organic matter, rooting zones, permeability, slope, erosion, drainage, land capability classification, and soil order. The conservation practices include: vegetative, mechanical, and fertilizer and soil amendments.

DeSoto Sr. FFA Chapter was the state winner, receiving a \$750 check to help defray expenses to the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 2-3, 1979. Sponsors for the 1979 Land Judging were: WTVT, Channel 13, Tampa; DoLime Minerals, Bartow; Florida

Federal Land Banks and Production Credit Associations; and the Florida Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

1st	DeSoto Co. Sr.	626
2nd	Haines City Sr.	608
3rd	Citrus Sr.	586
4th	Groveland Sr.	576
5th	Bronson	558

The High Individual was Mindy Dow, DeSoto 231.

U of F Site of State Judging Contests

State Livestock, Poultry, and Dairy Contests as well as the State Meats Contest Preliminaries were held at the University of Florida, March 3. The winning teams in Poultry, Dairy, and Livestock and Meats will represent Florida in National competition in November.

The Livestock Classes judged in the contest were: one class of live market hogs; one class of live market cattle; four classes of bulls and/or heifers; one class of market hogs; one class of breeding hogs; and two sets of oral reasons were given, one for hogs and one for cattle.

STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING

1.	Dade City Sr.	1387
2.	Citrus Sr.	1309
3.	Dade City Jr.	1305
4.	Plant City Sr.	1301
5.	Bartow Sr.	1292

HIGH INDIVIDUAL

Nicky Dronoff, Dade City Sr. 487

The Poultry classes judged in the contest were: three production classes; and one of ready-to-cook fryers; one class of internal eggs; one class of external eggs; and one class of broken-out eggs.

STATE POULTRY JUDGING

1.	Dade City Sr.	1169
2.	Williston Sr.	1159.5
	Dade City Jr.	1159.5
4.	Bronson	1157.5
5.	Lake Weir Sr.	1148.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL

Karen Mack, Williston Sr. 401

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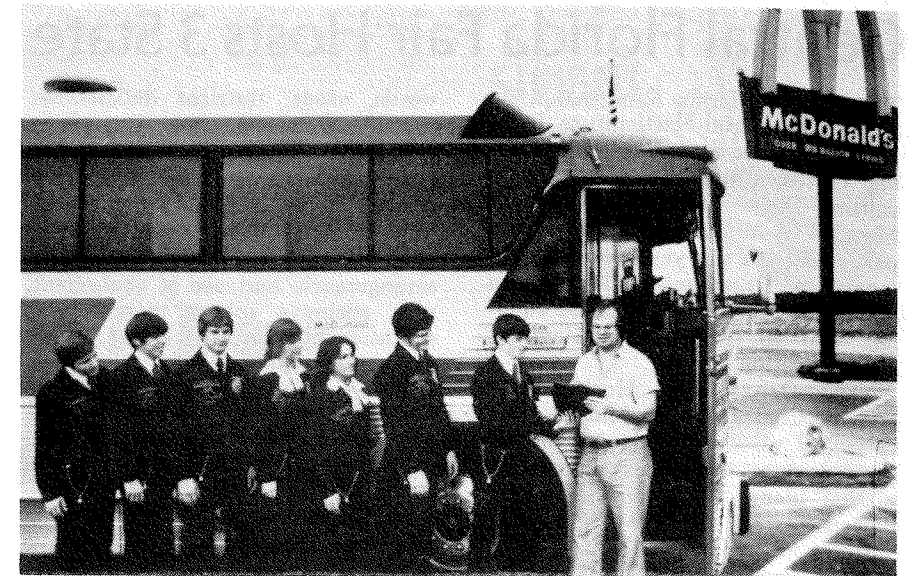
First Class Tour Taken In The "Big Mac" Coach

"All those machines just for a can of coffee?!"

That was the response of this year's state officers as they toured one of the 27 stops on the 29th Annual Goodwill Tour. On January 22-27, the State Officers embarked on a tour of agribusiness firms, civic clubs, and educational centers around the state. This year's tour, however, had a new twist furnished by the McDonald's Corporation. The group really got to travel first class in the McDonald's luxurious "Big Mac" coach.

The purpose of the tour is twofold; in that it allows the officers a chance to actually observe and understand the elaborate technology and problems associated with the processing segment of agriculture. And on the other hand, the officers have a chance to explain the role of FFA in developing promising young agricultural leaders of tomorrow.

The tour was exhausting, but with-



out a doubt, a highlight of the State Officers' year. We would like to thank the many industries that gave of their time to make this tour possible. If nothing else, we learned that industries are concerned about the people they serve and the products they produce, which increases our faith in the free enterprise system.

The following is a list of daily visits made on the tour:

Monday, January 22

Exchange Bank of Tampa
Zephyr Egg Company, Zephyrhills
Lykes Pasco Packing Company,
Dade City

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Forestry Training Camp—Come Light Our Fire

You've all heard foresters say "Be careful with fire in the woods." Well, students at this year's FFA Forestry Training Camp will be taught how to start a fire in the woods. That's right, one topic in the new curriculum will cover how to correctly use fire as a forest management tool. The lesson will be capped off with students planning, starting, and monitoring their own prescribed burn.

This is but one example of how the training camp schedule has been changed. This year, practical experience will be the theme at camp.

The first several days will be spent exploring the O'Leno State Park woodlands with a professional forester as your guide and instructor. Later the knowledge you gain will be put to use as you make recommendations for your own forest plot located somewhere in the woods near camp. Finding it will be half the fun. You'll be given a compass, map, and a compass heading to follow. The rest will be up to you.

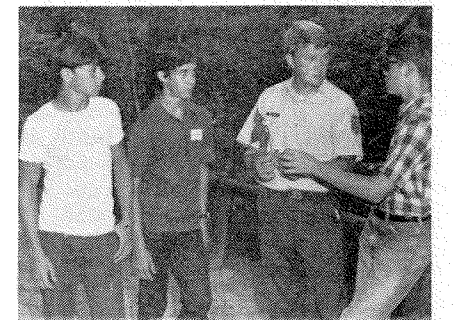
All work and no play? Not on your life! Volleyball, swimming, horse-shoes, softball, fishing and hiking are all possibilities to consider for the afternoon and evening free time. Why... your session may even be the first to ever defeat the staff in the weekly

'student vs staff' volleyball.

The 1979 Forestry Training Camp will run for two weeks, July 8-20. South Florida chapters will attend the first week and north Florida chapters the second. As in the last two summers, this year's camp will be co-ed.

How can you attend? Well, if you have had one year of ag and have not attended the camp before, you're eligible. Then all you have to do is convince your advisor that you are interested in forestry and will do a good job representing your chapter.

The forest doesn't change too much from year to year, but this year's Forestry Training Camp will be brand new. Give it a try. You won't be sorry.



Students learn to classify plants and trees by their common and scientific names as part of the training at the Forestry Camp.

Important Dates to Remember

June 4-Aug. 11	Washington Leadership Conferences (Eight one-week sessions)
June 11-13	State FFA Convention
July 8-13	State FFA Forestry Camp, Regions III, IV & V
July 15-20	State FFA Forestry Camp, Regions I & II
Aug. 16-17	State Leadership School
Oct. 9-11	Sunbelt Agricultural Expo
Nov. 5-9	National FFA Convention

Judging Contests
Held March 3

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The Dairy Classes judged in the contest were: two classes of Jersey cows; four classes of Holstein cows; two classes of Holstein heifers; and two sets of oral reasons were given.

STATE DAIRY JUDGING

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| 1. South Sumter Sr. | 1205 |
| 2. Chipley | 1190 |
| 3. Sarasota | 1187 |
| 4. Hudson Sr. | 1168 |
| 5. Clewiston | 1167 |

HIGH INDIVIDUAL

Dan Lichtenwalter, Clewiston 430

The classes judged in the State Meats Contest were: two beef carcass classes; two beef cut classes; two pork carcass classes; two pork cut classes; ten quality grade beef carcass classes; ten yield grade beef carcass classes; two ID classes; and two question sheets.

STATE MEATS JUDGING

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|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. Williston Sr. | 1748 |
| 2. Pensacola-Tate Sr. | 1747 |
| 3. East Bay Sr. | 1739 |
| 4. Williston Jr. | 1715 |
| 5. Gainesville Agribusiness | 1712 |

HIGH INDIVIDUAL

Carla McCoy, Williston Sr. 602

What Kind Of
Member Are You?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just satisfied that your name is on the list? Do you attend the FFA meetings and mingle with the flock, or do you stay at home and criticize and knock? Do you take an active part to help the work along, or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs? Do you ever go and visit a member that is sick, or do you leave the work for a few and talk about the clique? Think this over FFA member, you know right from wrong. Are you an active member or do you just belong?

Your Week Of Opportunity—
The Washington Conference Program

Now is your chance as an active FFA chapter to participate in a National activity and boost the leadership in your local chapter. The Washington Conference Program will be open to chapters all over the nation for nine (9) one-week sessions, from June 4 through August 11. This is an excellent opportunity for two members from your chapter to visit our nation's capital.

Special emphasis during the conferences will be placed on obtaining new ideas for chapter action including fund raising, public relations, community development and the effective use of state and National FFA activities and services. Participants will visit the National FFA Center, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, historical monuments and their home district congressman on Capitol Hill.

One national FFA officer and a fine conference staff will conduct the conference. This year's conference staff consists of Bobby Tucker and Sam Brownback, past national officers; Dee Sokolosky, immediate past National Vice President; Robb Boyd, former state president of North Dakota FFA; Kim Beck, former state president of Minnesota FFA; and Teresa

Tesnohldek, former state secretary of Idaho FFA.

The conferences will be held in Alexandria, Virginia, near the National FFA Center. The cost of the conference will be \$160.00 per member for all expenses while in the Washington area. To apply, simply return the application form or write to the National FFA Center, P. O. Box 15160, Alexandria, Virginia 22309. The deadline is June 1, so make plans now to attend the 1979 Washington Conference Program.



Florida FFA members Teresa Welch (center) and Margie Cannon (right) display thorough enjoyment at last year's Washington Conference.

Washington Conference Program Application Form

June 4-9	June 25-30	July 23-28	(Indicate 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice)
June 11-16	July 9-14	July 30-Aug. 4	
June 18-23	July 16-21	Aug. 6-11	

We are sending _____ students at \$160.00 and _____ (Advisor and spouse) at \$120.00. A check for _____ made payable to the National FFA Organization is enclosed. Number of individuals, including student(s), Advisor and spouse _____

Name(s) _____

Chapter _____ High School

Street or Rural Route of High School _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Advisor's Signature _____ Advisor's Phone: Home _____ Office _____