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## conner to lead fund drive



Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner of Tallahassee has agreed to serve as Chairman of the FFA Leadership Training Center fund-raising drive. In accepting the challenge, Conner said his goal is to raise \$4.4 million.

Conner, a former State and National FFA President said he hopes to raise the money in the near future. "We will be calling on businesses and industries all across the state. The sooner we raise the money, the sooner Future Farmers will be able to enjoy the facilities in Polk County."

### DEED SIGNED FOR TRAINING CENTER

The deed has been signed, the plans have been finalized and the drive is on to raise \$4.4 million to build a State FFA Leadership Training Center in Lakeland.

"The FFA has touched the life of almost everyone in the State," said Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner who is serving as Chairman of the fund raising drive. This Leadership Training Center will enable the Future Farmers of America to grow and will provide an excellent training ground for Florida's future leaders."

The land for the site, 200 acres near

Lakeland, was given to the FFA by International Minerals and Chemical Corporation of Mulberry.

"The gift from International Minerals and Chemical Corporation enabled us to locate the Center in the heart of Florida, near most of the FFA members in the State," said Conner.

"The cost of the Center will be approximately \$3.5 million," said Conner, a former State and National FFA President. The remainder of the money will be placed in a special endowment fund which will provide for operation of the Center on a continual basis.

"We have already started the drive and will be calling on business and industry all across the State to help in this effort. In addition, we expect FFA Chapters in the State to raise at least \$500,000 of the total."

State FFA President Chuck Duggar enthusiastically accepted Conner's challenge.

"FFA members across the State will be organizing fund raising activities soon," said Duggar. We realize the significance of a Leadership Training Center and are prepared to do our part to make this a reality.

Conner said the primary purpose of the Center will be to provide educational and recreational facilities for FFA members and teachers of vocational agriculture.

When completed, the Center will serve as a statewide educational facility for Florida's 15,000 FFA members and teachers of vocational agriculture. The facility will accommodate up to 350 students at one time for a variety of meetings, conferences, workshops, leadership schools and contests.

Conner said more information regarding the Center can be obtained by contacting the Florida FFA Foundation, 2916 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

### PROCEDURES FOR FUND RAISING

There are many different strategies used in fund raising, however, careful thought and consideration should be the forerunner for each and every event. Careful planning and implementation are extremely important to a successful activity.

- Get permission from school principal and/or superintendent

- Conduct a special Chapter meeting to discuss ideas appropriate to your community
- Set up a special committee to study ways and means
- Obtain help and advice from adult leaders in the community
- Schedule event far enough in advance to properly prepare for the occasion
- Utilize sample news release provided for newspaper coverage.
- Utilize sample spot announcement for radio coverage
- Determine whether the funds should be channeled through school account or mailed directly to the Florida FFA Foundation
- For tax deductible purposes, the donor may want to mail a contribution directly to Florida FFA Foundation
- When contributions or proceeds are mailed to the Florida FFA Foundation, it is up to the Chapter to enclose

- proper identification in order to receive credit
- Chapters are encouraged to conduct fund raising activities that pertain to agriculture and/or agribusiness
- Above all, Chapters are encouraged to use discretion at all times and conduct activities in a professional manner that will give FFA maximum visibility and credibility

## FUND RAISING IDEAS FOR THE LOCAL CHAPTER

The following ideas were generated by FFA members as a result of committee meetings held during the State FFA Leadership Conference. An attempt was made to list as many different types of fund raising activities as a convenience to each Chapter. Chapters are encouraged to select appropriate fund

raising activities for their respective communities.

LAND LAB VEGETABLE SALE  
SCHOOL PLANT SALE  
FENCE BUILDING  
BAKE SALE  
BARN PAINTING  
AUCTION-NEW & USED EQUIPMENT  
TREE PLANTING  
SOD LAYING  
SHOP PROJECT SALE  
MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE  
\$/NUMBER/YEAR  
SALVAGE HARVEST FROM  
FARMERS-CITRUS,  
VEGETABLES,  
WATERMELONS,  
STRAWBERRIES, ETC.  
SPONSOR RODEO  
SPONSOR HORSE SHOW  
BAR-B-QUE  
DONATION OF LIVESTOCK  
CHARITY CARNIVALS  
HIRE-AN-AGGIE  
RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY  
ALUMNI AND OTHER  
GROUPS  
SALE PRODUCTS AT FAIR  
BOOTH  
PARKING LOT FEES  
BENEFIT SPORTING EVENT  
OPERATE CONCESSION  
STANDS  
CHRISTMAS TREE SALES  
CLEAN-UP PROJECTS  
TRUCK OR TRACTOR PULL  
CITRUS TREE AUCTION  
MUD RUN  
DUNKING MACHINE  
DONKEY BASKETBALL GAME  
CONDUCT  
MARATHONS-WALK, RUN,  
BIKING, ETC.  
TURKEY SHOOT  
OPERATE BOOTH AT  
FARMER'S MARKET  
SELL TOKENS FROM LTC  
SITE, WOODCHIPS, SOIL  
SELL TIMBER FROM SCHOOL  
FORESTRY PLOT  
CUT AND SELL FIREWOOD

## Aggies Invade Florida

In June, 1981 Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner agreed to serve as Chairman of the drive to raise funds for a FFA Leadership Training Center (LTC). Commissioner Conner quickly challenged FFA members to raise at least \$500,000 of the total goal of \$4.4 million. Conner said, "It is the chapters and members that will establish the tone of the program, set the pace, so to speak, by the effort they put into

helping themselves as we ask others for help."

The task for FFA members in the fund raising drive is simple, yet necessary. A new program is appropriately named Hire-An-Aggie. Formulated at a brainstorming session by FFA members and endorsed by Commissioner Conner, the Hire-An-Aggie Program is rapidly growing into a statewide venture that is serving two major purposes - providing much needed labor for activities in the community and providing funds for construction of the LTC.

FFA members may participate in the Hire-An-Aggie Program by obtaining a brochure from their Chapter Advisor and reading it carefully. Once they feel confident with the workings of the program, members are encouraged to go into their community and work a day for the LTC. The salary that the members earn will be forwarded directly to the Foundation by the employer and placed in the LTC Building Fund.

This new program should help demonstrate to the members of local communities that the future of American agriculture is in good hands.

## The Incentive For Chapter Involvement

FFA members, chapters and Advisors will receive the following prizes and recognition at the 1982 State FFA Convention and Leadership Conference in Orlando. The deadline for receiving recognition will be May 15, 1982.

### CATEGORY #1 (Most Money Per Chapter)

First Place Chapter - \$750  
Check Plus Trophy  
Advisor - \$250 Check  
Second Place Chapter - \$500  
Check Plus Trophy  
Advisor - \$150 Check  
Third Place Chapter - \$250  
Check Plus Trophy  
Advisor - \$50 Check

### CATEGORY # 2 (Hire-An-Aggie) Brochure Available

First Place Individual - \$1,000 Check Plus Trophy  
Second Place Individual - \$750 Check Plus Trophy  
Third Place Individual - \$500 Check Plus Trophy

### CATEGORY # 3 (First To Raise Quota of \$2,000)

### First 10 Chapters - A free room at the 1982 State FFA Convention

### CATEGORY # 4 (Leading Country Awards)

First Place - Total Dollars - The naming of student cabin plus Trophy  
First Place - Average Per Student - Trophy.

### CATEGORY # 5 (Most Ingenious Idea)

First Place - Trophy

## Help Is Here

In an effort to assist Florida FFA chapters in meeting the \$500,000 challenge of Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner, the Florida FFA Foundation has designed and distributed a Guidebook for Chapter fund raising. The booklet is designed to provide as much information as possible

concerning the statewide fund raising efforts for the Leadership Training Center (LTC).

Each chapter in Florida is responsible for raising \$2,000 toward the total goal of \$4.4 million. Commissioner Conner states, "If each chapter meets its quota, we will have raised \$562,000, certainly a significant sum that we can point to with pride when talking with corporate donors."

The Guidebook is a concise yet detailed plan of attack for chapter fund raising drives. A quick look at the booklet will reveal a note from Commissioner Conner, a message from State FFA President Chuck Duggar, and information about the LTC as well as incentive for chapter involvement.

The Foundation feels that it is quite necessary for the chapters to reach their goal. FFA is the best youth organization in American today, and it needs continued support to strengthen its position as number one in the future.

Be sure to check with local Chapter Advisors for the "Guidebook for Chapter Fund Raising."

## SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

FFA Chapter Holds \_\_\_\_\_ (Event)  
Members of the \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Chapter are holding a \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapter Name) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Event) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date and Time) \_\_\_\_\_ (Location) to help raise money to construct a State FFA Leadership Training Center

Chapter FFA President \_\_\_\_\_ said the FFA Chapters in the State have been challenged by Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner to raise at least \$500,000 to help construct the Center. The total cost of the facility is \$4.4 million.

International Mineral and Chemical Corporation recently donated 200 acres of land near Lakeland for the Center. Commissioner Conner is serving as Chairman of the fund-raising drive.

"We're extremely happy that the \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapter Name)

is doing their part to help raise funds for the Center," said Conner. "The support for the FFA in \_\_\_\_\_ (County Name) County has always been tremendous

and I am sure the community will support the Chapter in the project."

"All of our Chapter members are excited about seeing this Center built," said .

It will serve as an excellent training and recreation facility for FFA members in the State.

## Sample 15-Second Radio Spot Announcement

Should be typed on 3x5 Index card

Air Dates\*

The \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Chapter is holding a \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapter)

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Event) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date & Time)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets for \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

the event cost \_\_\_\_\_ and can be purchased at \_\_\_\_\_ (Price) \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

Chapter FFA President \_\_\_\_\_ said proceeds from the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ will be used to help \_\_\_\_\_ (Event)

construct a state FFA Leadership Training Center in Lakeland.

Optional-The preceding was a public service announcement from

\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Chapter. \_\_\_\_\_ (Radio Station) \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapter)

\*The Air Dates indicate the day you want the station to begin to use the spot and the day you want them to stop.



# 53RD. annual convention honorary state farmers

Farmers, school superintendents, chapter advisors, and businessmen were among those selected at the State Convention to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree, the highest honor that the FFA can bestow upon an adult.

The degree is awarded by a majority vote of the members present at the State Convention. It is given in recognition of outstanding service to the advancement of vocational agriculture programs.

The success of the FFA is both dependent upon and guaranteed by the generous efforts of individuals such as those who were declared to be Honorary State Farmers during the State Convention held in Orlando.

Barton Ahlstrom is the Executive Vice President of the Florida Poultry Federation. He also serves on the Agricultural Education State Advisory Committee and is a valued member of the Florida FFA Foundation. Mr. Ahlstrom has sponsored poultry production and judging events for the FFA for many years. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Barton Ahlstrom is truly a friend of agriculture and of the FFA.

John Boy is the president of U.S. Sugar Corporation. He served as a founding member of the Florida FFA Foundation and has used his checkbook to show his support for Florida FFA. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer John Boy works closely with the FFA chapters in South Florida and maintains a keen interest in advancing agriculture and the FFA.

Ernie Caldwell is past chairman and current member of the Polk County Board of Commissioners. He is a former vocational agriculture student from Haines City and an FFA member. Mr. Caldwell initiated plans with International Minerals and Chemical Corporations that resulted in a gift of 200 acres to the Florida FFA Foundation for a Leadership Training Center. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Ernie Caldwell is a tireless supporter of Florida FFA.

Dr. William Becker is Director of Instructional Materials, Agricultural and Extension Education Department, University of Florida. Dr. Becker has been extremely cooperative and helpful in obtaining and developing educational materials for the entire Florida FFA

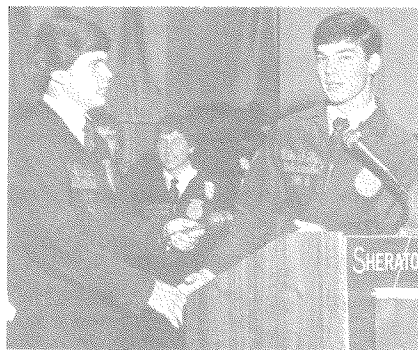


Thirteen individuals representing industry, education and private interests were awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree during the state con-

vention held in Orlando. The honorary degree is the highest distinction that a non-FFA member can receive.

program. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer William Becker is always visible lending a hand at FFA contests and judging events.

Ray Cooney is President of Scotty's Inc. of Winter Haven. He is a current member of the FFA Foundation Board and has sponsored the Farm and Home Improvement Award for several years. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Ray Cooney has been a strong supporter of Florida FFA for many years.



Outgoing State FFA President Mike Phillips of Williston gives the 1981-82 challenge to incoming State FFA President Chuck Duggar of Marianna following confirmation of his election.

Theodore (Ted) Gallo is Vice President and Agricultural Representative of the Southeast National Bank of Bradenton and is a current member of the Florida FFA Foundation. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Ted Gallo has been involved with agriculture for many years and is a proven friend of Florida FFA programs.

William Price is President of the First Bank of Immokalee and past president of the Florida Bankers Association.



Vice President Ron Mahan presents the Distinguished Service Citation to a representative of T.G. Lee Foods of Orlando. "Mr. T.G." has been an active and enthusiastic supporter of FFA for more than half a century.

Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Bill Price sent 700 personal letters to bankers across the state encouraging their support for the FFA Foundation.

Alma Moeller is Secretary for the Florida FFA Association. Previously she trained horses and promoted horse shows throughout the state and nation. At one time she owned and operated a riding school. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Alma Moeller has become a vital part of the FFA Association.

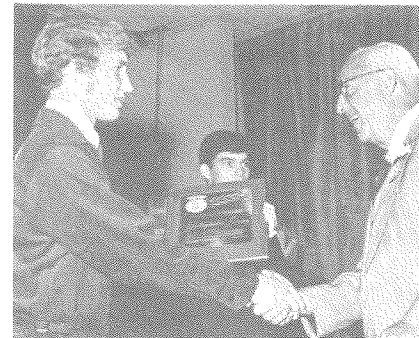
Gloria Thompson is Secretary to Dr. Carl Beeman, Department Chairman, Agricultural and Extension Education Department, University of Florida. She is also the wife of an agriculture teacher. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Gloria Thompson has been instrumental in helping the Florida FFA Association in many ways during the past several years.

Ted Spangenberg is employed by Gulf Power Company. He has been active in co-sponsoring the Electrification Proficiency and Essay contests for the FFA. Gulf Power Company, along with the other major power companies of Florida, has been directly involved with FFA activities for decades. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Ted Spangenberg has been a dedicated supporter of the programs for years.

J. Ben Rowe Jr. has given statewide support to FFA endeavors through his affiliation with the **Farmer and Rancher Newsletter**. He has become personally involved in FFA educational activities. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer J. Ben Rowe Jr. is the Executive Director of Pork Producers' Association and owns and publishes Florida's only independent agricultural newsletter.

Bill Schlitzkus serves as Resident Forest Supervisor for Owens-Illinois in Hawthorne. Mr. Schlitzkus has, for several years, donated his time and energy to assist at the Region II Forestry Field Day. On behalf of his employer he has sponsored awards and plaques for FFA members participating in the Forestry Field Days. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Bill Schlitzkus has been a great help and aid to the Florida FFA for several years.

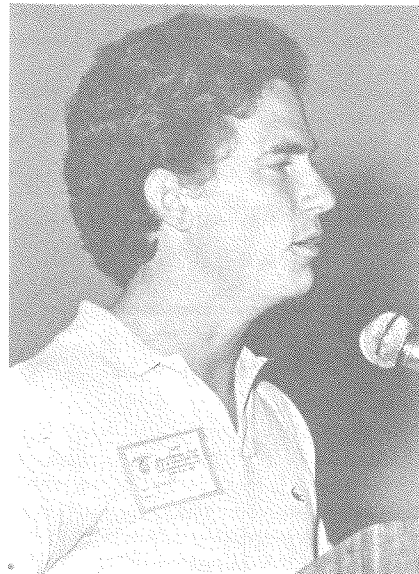
Mark Gibbs is Assistant Chief for the Forest Education Bureau of the Florida Division of Forestry. He has served as camp director for our annual Forestry Camp; been an active participant in the St. Regis/FFA Chapter Forestry Tour and the FFA/SCL Proficiency Forestry Award. Newly-elected Honorary State Farmer Mark Gibbs is in the process of finishing a book to be called **Fundamentals of Forestry**.



International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation's Collin A. Campbell accepts the Distinguished Service Citation from Vice President Ron Mahan. Campbell also received a special plaque on behalf of International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation. IMC donated 200 acres of land near Lakeland for the Leadership Training Center site.



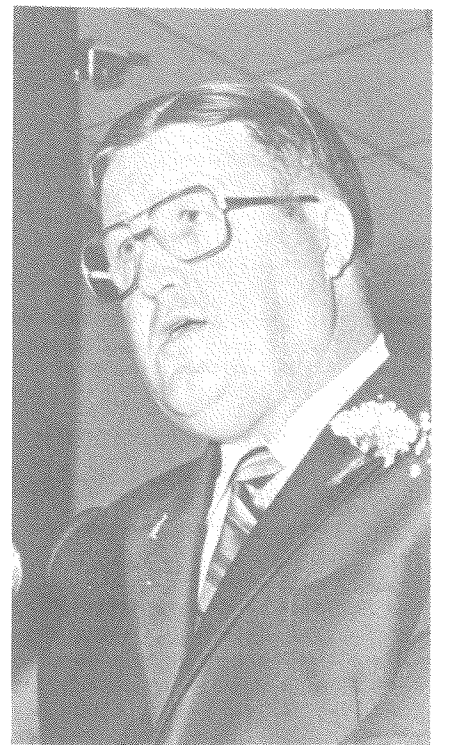
Florida Citrus Mutual's Mike Carlton accepts the Distinguished Service Citation presented during the 1981 convention in Orlando. Florida Citrus Mutual has been a loyal supporter of FFA for several years.



Kevin Burns, state secretary-treasurer of the Florida Alumni Association, encourages members to become involved in local events of the 265 chapters of the Florida FFA. "A terrific opportunity for cooperation and great educational benefit is available through this effort," Burns stated.



Florida's Lieutenant Governor, Wayne Mixson, presented the opening address and response to the official welcome given by state president Mike Phillips. Mixson has welcomed the state FFA officers into his office on numerous occasions. On October 13 he entertained the new state officers at his ranch home in Marianna.



Mr. Glen Wade, Vocational Director for the Citrus County School Board, encourages members to become involved in the fund raising for the Leadership Training Center to be built near Lakeland.





Dr. Carl Beeman, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, presents \$200 scholarships to Joann Brady, Jill Davis and Terry Stanley for their selection as the University of Florida's Outstanding

Agricultural Education Students. The scholarships are intended to help defray the expenses of their internships, the last step before becoming agriculture teachers in the public school system.



Jeanne Robertson, former Miss North Carolina, was introduced to the assembled delegates by State President Mike Phillips. Robertson delivered a

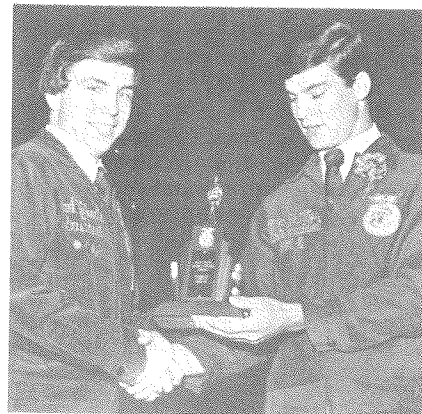
humorous and insightful speech to the receptive audience.

## chapter awards

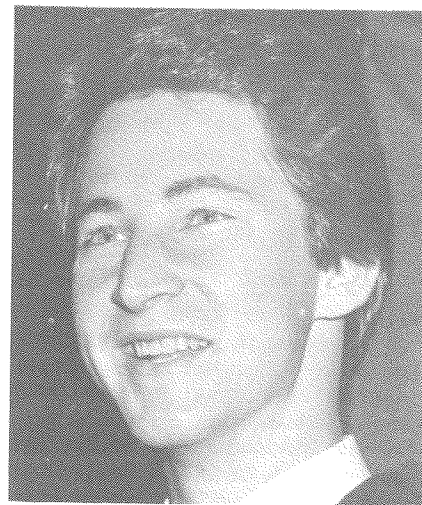
### FRM CHAPTER LIVESTOCK AWARDS

The FRM Chapter Livestock Awards, open only to actively chartered FFA chapters in Regions I and II, is designed for chapters to present the livestock work done by all members as a group. Each chapter must have a sponsoring Flint River Mills dealer before qualifying for this competition.

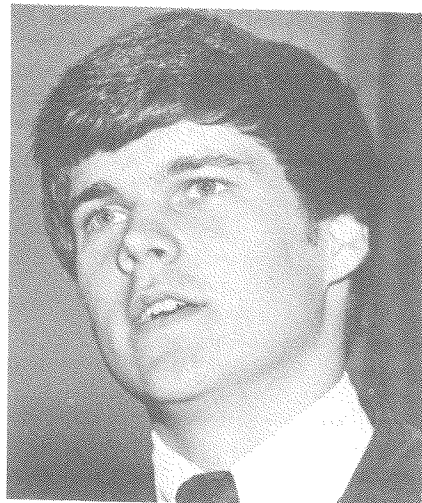
In Region I, the Allentown FFA Chapter took first place, \$100, and a gold plaque. C & L Farm Supply, their sponsor, received \$150. Outstanding Individual William Ward received \$150, and advisor Bill Lundin received \$150. Placing second in Region I the Tate Sr. FFA Chapter, received a silver plaque and Peter Gindl, the outstanding individual, received \$150. Third place and a bronze plaque went to the Grand Ridge FFA Chapter.



Earl Ziebarth of the Pierson FFA accepts Outstanding District Officer honors from State President Mike Phillips. Ziebarth went on to be elected Regional Vice President during the 53rd State Convention.



National President Mark Herndon delivered a stirring State of the FFA address during the 53rd State Convention. His humor and philosophy were well received by the assembled delegates.



Chuck Dugger fields some tough questions during his bid for the President's slot. Shortly after this performance the 400 voting chapter delegates offered him the post. He accepted.

In Region II, the Bronson FFA Chapter took first place, \$100 and a gold plaque. Al Mack Farm Supply, Region II Sponsor, received \$150. Outstanding Individual Judy Beauchamp received \$150, and advisor James Deas received \$150. Second place honors went to the Williston Sr. FFA Chapter with Outstanding Individual Vivian Smith receiving \$150. Third place and a bronze plaque went to the Bradford FFA Chapter.

### CHAPTER CO-OP

The Santa Fe Senior FFA Chapter was recently named winner of the State Chapter Cooperative Contest Award at the State Convention in Orlando. The Santa Fe Chapter received a gold plaque and \$700 from the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the state sponsor, to attend the American Institute of Cooperatives in August.

The Santa Fe FFA Cooperative consists of four junior cooperatives in the area of nursery, beekeeping, livestock, and feed. Together these combine to form the strongest cooperative in Florida this year. The most meaningful accomplishment of the Santa Fe Chapter was the completion of the front landscaping of the High Springs Regional Library and the beginning of the rear landscaping. This project involved the cooperation of the City Commission, 4-H Club, Friends of the Library Club, Rotary, local Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and the high school industrial arts club. Through the Library Project the Santa Fe Cooperative hopes to build a sense of pride in their community and a long-lasting friendship between those who have cooperated in the project.



The Seabreeze Junior FFA Chapter is one of the most active junior chapters in Florida, the chapter is a former national title holder in the BOAC Competition. Chapter members designed and created a moveable exhibit from which they sell

Other winners were recognized at the State Convention and received plaques and cash awards from the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives. They were:

#### REGION I

Tate Sr. FFA Chapter, plaque and \$50  
Walnut Hill FFA Chapter, certificate and \$35  
Allentown FFA Chapter, certificate  
Lively Agribusiness FFA Chapter, certificate

#### REGION II

Gainesville Agribusiness FFA Chapter, plaque and \$50  
Newberry Sr. FFA Chapter, certificate

#### REGION III

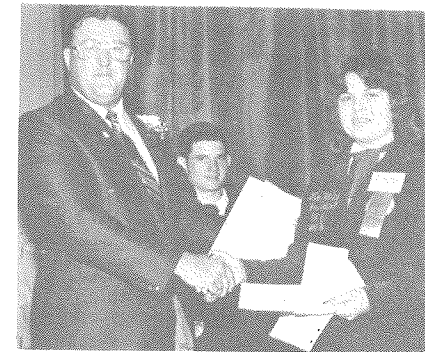
South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter, plaque and \$50  
Wildwood Sr. FFA Chapter, certificate and \$35  
Colonial FFA Chapter, certificate and \$25  
Spruce Creek FFA Chapter, certificate and \$10  
Groveland Sr. FFA Chapter, certificate

#### REGION IV

Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA Chapter, plaque and \$50  
Bayshore FFA Chapter, certificate and \$35  
Plant City FFA Chapter, certificate  
Leto FFA Chapter, certificate

#### REGION V

Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter, plaque and \$50



Mr. Glen Wade receives a check for \$1700 from Kim Welch of the Hardee FFA on behalf of the Peace Ridge FFA Chapter. The money represents the proceeds from a great fund raising idea, a rodeo. The sum brought the Florida FFA just that much closer to its \$4.4 million goal needed to complete the Leadership Training Center.

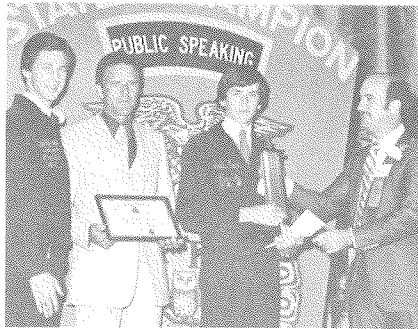


Dr. William Farrington of the Agriculture and Extension Education Department presents a new award to the best chapter Secretary and the best chapter Treasurer. The winners of this new award are shown with their banners. Brad Guilford, from the Blountstown FFA had the winning Treasurer's Book and Becky Richardson from the Clermont FFA produced the best Secretary's Book.



Mr. Phil Conant of the Florida Council of Farm Cooperatives presents a \$750 check to a representative of the Santa Fe FFA chapter for their winning effort in the Cooperation Contest. Only 32 chapters competed this year for this handsome prize.





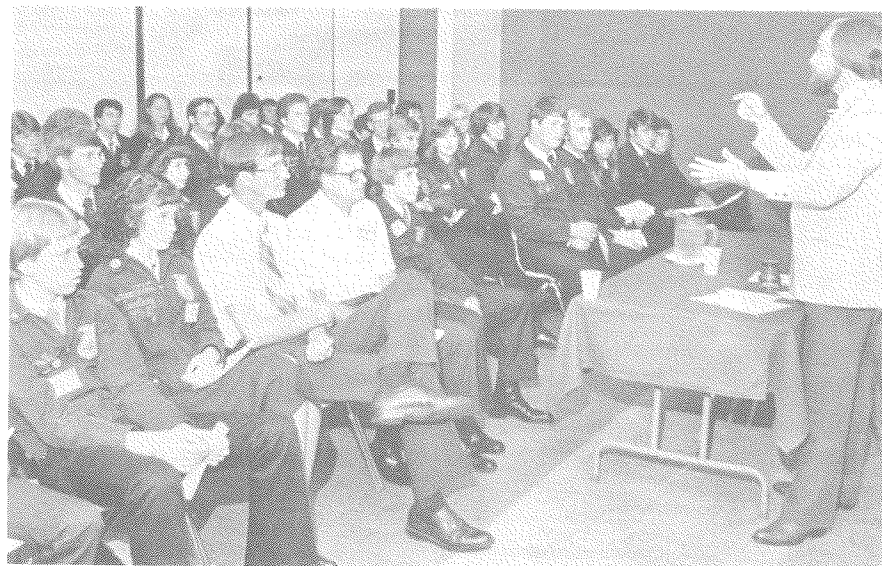
Dale Cox of the Malone FFA accepts a trophy and a cash award from Sam McConnell for his winning Public Speaking effort. Dale's Advisor, Eugene Ditty, and National FFA President Mark Herndon join in the presentation. Dale went on to win the Tri-State Public Speaking competition and will represent Florida at the National Convention.



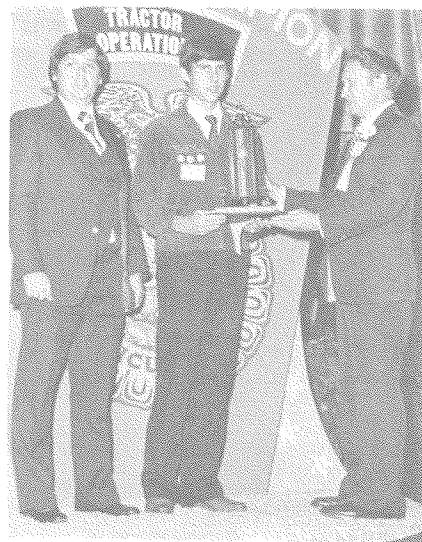
Judy Beauchamp, Bronson FFA, accepts congratulations from Frank Argenbright for placing in the Chapter Livestock Contest. Five other chapter representatives and their advisors form the winner's line. Mr. Argenbright represented Flint River Mills, the sponsor of the competition.



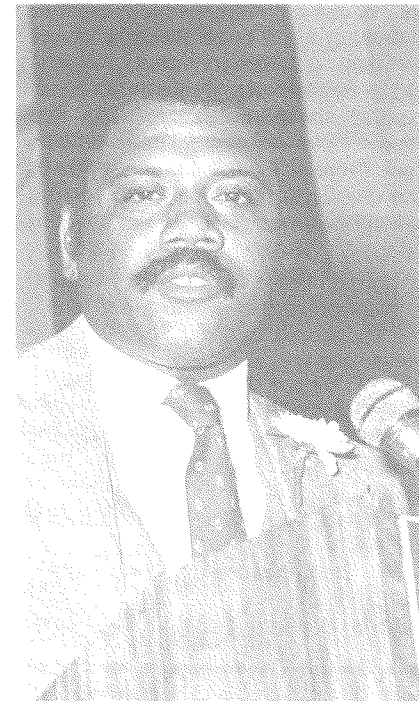
FLORIDA'S 15 FINEST...the top 10 per cent of all superior chapters in Florida receive plaques for their efforts during the 1980-81 school year. These chapters will receive gold, silver and bronze recognition during the National Convention in Kansas City. Region IV Agribusiness Consultant Larry O'Donnel makes the presentations.



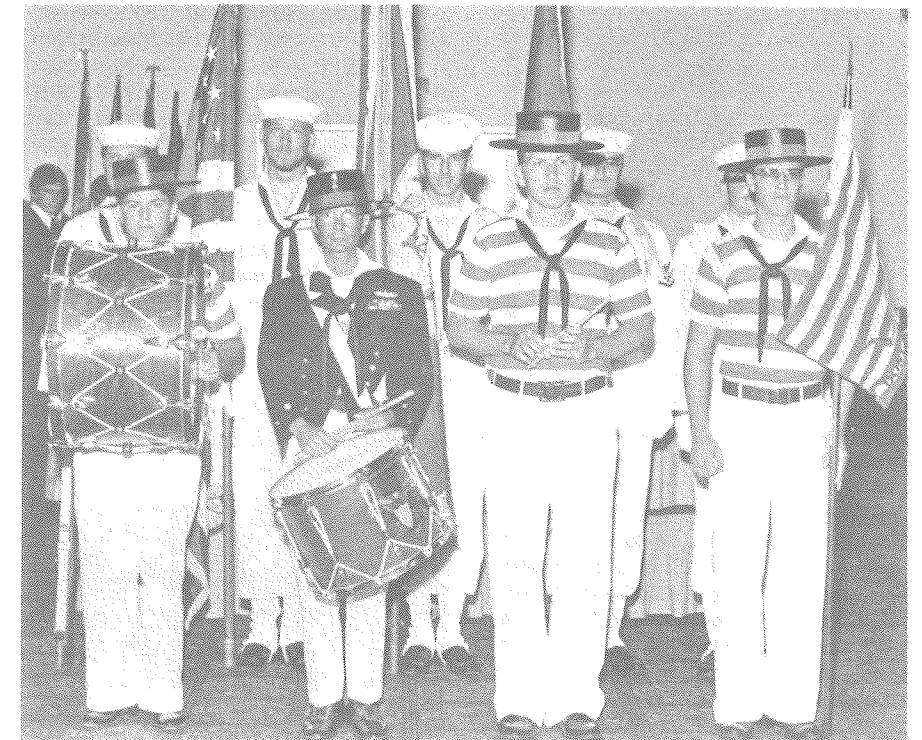
Jimmy Alvarez, Bradford County Property Appraiser and former National FFA Vice President, aided in conducting one of the leadership workshops. "If you missed one of the five sessions that were held for members and advisors, then you missed an important portion of the convention," Alvarez stated.



Walt Weeks receives the State Champion Tractor Operation and Maintenance trophy from Dr. William Farrington representing the Ford Tractor dealers of Florida. Walt's advisor, Kelly Tyler, of the Williston FFA joins him for the presentation.



Fred McClure, a Texas lawyer and former National FFA Secretary, delivered a warm and inspiring keynote address to the 1200 delegates assembled for the 53rd Annual State Convention.



The United States Naval Training Center Color Guard presented the Colors and the National Anthem to mark the opening of the 53rd Annual State Convention.

## proficiency awards

### CROP PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY

Reggie Crutchfield, a 17-year old student in the Grand Ridge High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Crop Production Proficiency Award. Reggie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Crutchfield, was named for the award on the basis of his practical application of skills and training gained while in school. As the State Winner, Reggie received a plaque from DoLime Minerals Co., the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Massey Ferguson, the national sponsor.

For Reggie, winning the Proficiency Award in Crop Production is the culmination of three years of on-the-job training with his father. Some of the more important aspects of his training have been interpreting soil test reports, maintaining farm equipment, using sub-soiler to increase root growth, indentifying insects, using improved varieties to increase yield, maintaining records, and developing a crop rotation plan. Reggie plans to put these skills to good use as a crop farmer.



Reggie Crutchfield from the Grand Ridge FFA receives the Crop Production Proficiency Award while Advisor, Glen Alexander looks on. Gary Bartley made the presentation.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by DoLime Minerals Co.

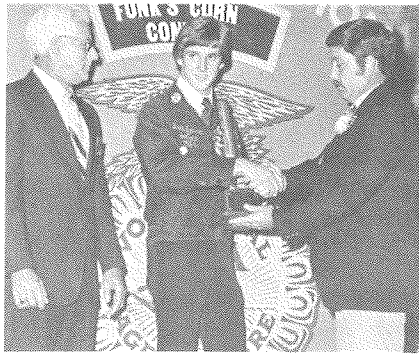
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Lamar Jenkins, Suwannee FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Jimmy Rogers, Colonial FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Richard Worrell, Plant City FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Charles Burroughs, Pahokee FFA Chapter

### FUNKS 304 BUSHEL CHALLENGE AWARDS 1981

The 304 Bushel Challenge is a corn growing contest sponsored specifically for FFA members by the producers of Funk's G-Hybrid Seed corn.

"This contest has proven to be one of the most successful youth projects we have ever sponsored. FFA chapter members and advisors have enthusiastically participated in this program. As a result, better methods of corn production have been





David Spencer and his advisor, W.C. Geiger, receive top honors in the Funk's Corn Contest. Bob Logan, representing the Tomisson Seed Company, presents the award. Spencer is from the Santa Fe Senior FFA.

demonstrated to farmers in local communities and future farmers have learned that high yields of corn can be produced on a profitable basis," said Bob Logan, representing the Louisiana Seed Company, National Sponsors of the competition.

This years winners are:

Reggie Crutchfield  
Grand Ridge FFA Chapter

Jeff Holton  
Tate Senior FFA Chapter

David Spencer  
Santa Fe Senior FFA Chapter

## STATE CITRUS PLACEMENT AND CITRUS PRODUCTION

The 1981 State Citrus Placement and State Citrus Production Winners were recognized at the State FFA Convention in Orlando. The awards are sponsored by Florida Citrus Mutual.



State Citrus Production winner Jodi Graham, of Hardee Senior FFA, and Advisor Ron Crawford, receive congratulations for their efforts from Florida Citrus Mutual's Mike Carlton.

The State Citrus Production winner was Jodi Graham of the Hardee Senior FFA Chapter, Wauchula. Accomplishment in citrus production activities and leadership activities within Jodi's local chapter brought the state honor. Wayne Tanner, Colonial FFA Chapter, Orlando, was the Region III Production Winner.

J.B. Albritton, Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter won the State Citrus Placement Award for job placement activities. Michael Rollins, Dade City Senior, won Region IV honors in placement.



J. B. Albritton is presented first place in Citrus Placement as Advisor Jeffri Durrance looks on.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION PROFICIENCY

William Ward, a 14-year old student in the Milton High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Award. William is the son of Mr. James Ward. As the state winner, William received a plaque from Bear Archery, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from White Farm Equipment, the national sponsor.

For William, winning the Proficiency Award in Outdoor Recreation is the culmination of only one and one half years of vocational agriculture training.



William Ward, Allentown FFA, and Advisor Bill Lunden receive the State Award for Outdoor Recreation from Bear Archery's Bill McIntosh.

Some of the more important aspects of his training have been stocking ponds with fish, gun safety, first aid procedures, conserving nature as much as possible, using outdoor tools, and swimmer safety measures. William plans to put these skills and competencies to good use while preparing for his future in an agribusiness related field.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Bear Archery. The winners were:

### REGION II

Amanda Armstrong, Gainesville Agribusiness FFA Chapter

### REGION III

Vicki Webb, South Sumter FFA Chapter

### REGION IV

Melody Clark, Hardee Jr. FFA Chapter

### REGION V

Keith von Soosten, LaBelle FFA Chapter

## SWINE PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY

Randy Spivey, an 18-year old student in the Zephyrhills High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Swine Production Proficiency Award. Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spivey. As the state winner, Randy received a plaque from the Florida Pork Improvement Group, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Pfizer Inc., the national sponsor.

For Randy, winning the Proficiency Award in Swine Production is the culmination of five years of enrollment in vocational agriculture and practical experiences gained in the hog business. Randy's hog operation has grown from one show hog in 1978 to 40 brood sows.



Hardee FFA's Randy Spivey and his advisor Ted Williams receive the Swine Production Proficiency Award from a representative of the Florida Pork Improvement Group.

Some of the more important aspects of Randy's training include proper nutrition, proper sanitation practices, how to give injections of medications, and how to install modern farrowing facilities. Randy plans a career in the hog farming business.

Randy was a member of the Poultry Judging Team for three years and also a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team. He was also very active in high school athletics and was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Pork Improvement Group. The winners were:

### REGION I

Jeff Helton, Tate Sr. FFA Chapter

### REGION II

James Putnal, Lafayette Sr.

FFA Chapter

### REGION III

Clint Bronson, Groveland Jr.

FFA Chapter

### REGION V

Nancy Lopez, Miami

FFA Chapter

## FOREST MANAGEMENT PROFICIENCY

William C. Hart, 18-year old student in the Lafayette High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Forest Management Proficiency Award. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hart. As the state winner, William received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, the national sponsor.



W.C. Hart from Lafayette FFA is joined by his advisor Leland McCray as he receives top honors in Forest Management from Jack Williams, Region II Agribusiness Consultant. Williams represents the state sponsor, the Florida FFA Foundation. National FFA president Mark Herndon presented a \$100 check from the National FFA Foundation to Hart.

For William, winning the Proficiency Award in Forest Management is the culmination of three years of training in vocational agriculture. Some of the more important aspects of his training have been learning proper use of equipment, soil conditions, planting techniques, cruising timber, and plowing of firelanes, disposal of competitive hardwoods and diseased trees, control burning and the use of the Velpar Grid-ball bush killer. William plans to pursue college degree in forestry.

William was a member of the forestry judging and land judging teams. He was also a member of the varsity football team, Beta Club, Student Council, and 4-H.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by the Florida FFA Foundation. The winners were:

### 2ND PLACE

Kent Smith, Dunnellon FFA

### 3ND PLACE

Dale Cox, Malone FFA

### 4TH PLACE

Wesley Mobley, Baker Co. FFA

### 5TH PLACE

William Graham, Hardee Jr. FFA

## SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Jeanne Odom, a 17-year old student in the Groveland High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Soil and Water Management Proficiency Award. Jeanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Odom. As the state winner,



Jeanne Odom of the Groveland FFA accepts the state winner's trophy for her efforts in the Soil, Water and Air Management Proficiency area. Advisor Bradley Crews watches as Herman Bowers, representing Soil and Water Conservation Service, also presents Jeanne with a \$100 check.

Jeanne received a plaque from the Florida Association of Conservation Districts, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the Ford Motor Company Fund, the national sponsor.

For Jeanne, winning the Proficiency Award in Soil and Water Management is the culmination of five years of enrollment in vocational agriculture and many years of hard work on her father's farm. Some of the more important aspects of her training include crop rotation, strip cropping, the use of cover crops, liming and fertilizing crops and pastureland, and the construction of dams and waterways. Jeanne plans to put these skills and competencies to good use while preparing for a career as a ranch owner and someday becoming an owner of a western-style store.

Jeanne served as a member of the Vegetable and Poultry Judging Teams as well as a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team. She was also a member of various other school organizations such as FHA, FBLA, Pep Club, and the Student Council.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by the Florida Association of Conservation Districts. The winners were:

### REGION I

Reggie Crutchfield, Grand Ridge

FFA Chapter

### REGION II

William Hart, Lafayette Senior

FFA Chapter

### REGION IV

Penny Baker, Bartow Sr.

FFA Chapter

### REGION V

Donnie Hair, Okeechobee FFA Chapter

## DAIRY PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY

Brian Solger, a 17-year old student in the Chipley High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Dairy Production Proficiency Award. Brian, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Solger, was named for the award on the basis of his outstanding demonstration in practical application of skills and training he has gained in school. As the State Winner, Brian received a plaque from Dairy Farmers Inc., the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the Delaval Separator Company and Avco New Idea Farm Equipment, the national sponsors.

For Brian, winning the Proficiency Award in Dairy Production is the culmination of three years of work in vocational agriculture, along with his supervised occupational experience program at home. Brian has 16 head of dairy cows, producing an average of 18,950 pounds of milk. He credits his success to hard work, good management, DHIA testing, and the experience he has gained while enrolled in vocational agriculture classes. Brian plans to attend college and relies on agriculture as a firm base for the future.

Brian was a member of Dairy Judging team that placed in the top five. He was also a member of 4-H, the Methodist church, and his high school baseball team.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Dairy Farmers, Inc. The winners were:

REGION II  
Deborah Green, Bradford FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Marshall Hite, Lake Weir Sr. FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Jeff Carter, East Bay Sr. FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Bradley Goodbread, Okeechobee Sr. FFA Chapter



Chipley FFA's Brian Solger takes top honors in the Dairy Production Proficiency Award. Advisor Ray Pigot joins in as Ron Hamel presents Brian with the trophy and a \$100 check.

## PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY

Emory Wilson, a 17-year old student in the Hardee County High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award. Emory is the son of Mr. Paul Wilson. As the State Winner, Emory received a plaque from the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the national sponsor.

For Emory, winning the Proficiency Award in Agricultural Production is the culmination of three years of on-the-job training through vocational agriculture. Some of the more important aspects of his training were: care and management of sick cows and calves, selecting pasture grass, preparing land for planting, harvesting hay, delivering calves, and milking procedures for dairy cattle. Management procedures were also gained for branding, worming, castration, feeding, and weaning. Emory plans to put these skills and competencies he has gained to good use as he gears himself toward the ranching enterprise, following college.

Emory was a member of the Livestock and Dairy Judging Teams. He was also a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team, a 4-H member, Farm Bureau member, and worked with his church youth group.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques. The winners were:

REGION I  
Ken Irwin, Tate FFA Chapter  
REGION II  
Jimmy Willis, Williston FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Warren Graham, South Sumter FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Richard Schmidt, Indian River FFA Chapter.



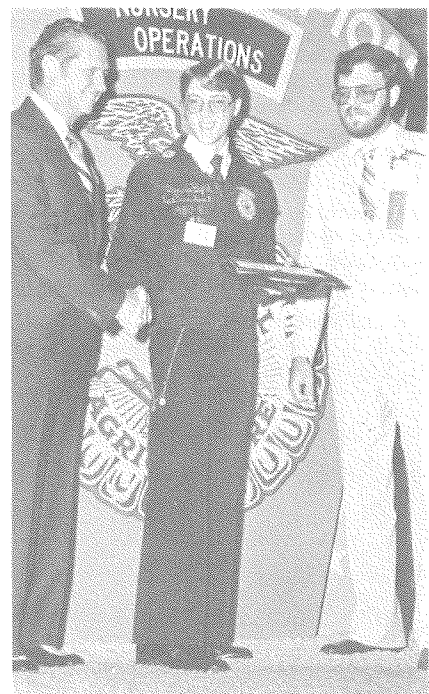
Emory Wilson represents the Hardee FFA as he accepts the winner's trophy and a \$100 check from B.C. Cook. Emory took first place in Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency.

## NURSERY OPERATIONS PROFICIENCY

Dennis Byrd, a 17-year old student in the Taylor High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Nursery Operations Proficiency Award. Dennis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Coes Byrd, was named for the award on the basis of his practical application of skills and training gained while in school. As the State Winner, Dennis received a plaque from the Florida Growers Supply, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Weyerhaeuser Co. Foundation, the national sponsor.

For Dennis, winning the Proficiency Award in Nursery Operations is the culmination of four years of on-the-job training in the fern business. One of the more important aspects of his training with Leather Leaf Ferns has been ways in which nutrient deficiencies can be conquered by proper setting of ferns and irrigation systems. Dennis has expanded his fernery from 24'x 50' to 60'x 50'.

Dennis was a recipient of the Citrus Production Award in 1980. He was also a member of the Ornamental Horticulture Team and Parliamentary Procedure Team, as well as Chapter Vice-President. Dennis received the "I Dare You" award for leadership last year.



Dennis Byrd, of the Taylor-Pierson FFA, receives the plaque and a \$100 check for his prize winning efforts in Nursery Operations. Peter Fries makes the award as Advisor Paul Cade looks on.

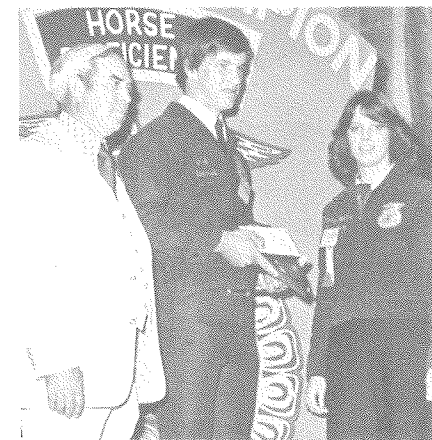
Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Growers Supply. The winners were:

REGION I  
Melissa Gibbs, Tate FFA Chapter  
REGION II  
Gary Cooper, Englewood FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Jeff Rountree, Plant City FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Robert Foreman, Miami FFA Chapter

## HORSE PROFICIENCY

David Daniel, a 16-year old student in the Okeechobee High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Horse Proficiency Award. David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Daniel, was named for the award on the basis of his practical application of skills and training gained while in school. As the state winner, David received a plaque from the Florida Quarter Horse Association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the American Morgan Horse Foundation, the national sponsor.

For David, winning the Proficiency Award in Horse Proficiency is the culmination of three years of vocational agriculture training. Some of the more important aspects of his training have been safety practices, trimming hooves properly, breaking colts, building safe fences, conditioning and training a competitive roping horse, and recognizing health needs of horses. David plans to put these skills to good use as he enters the ranch rodeo enterprise.



Okeechobee FFA's David Daniel is joined by Advisor Jesse Knight as he accepts the winner's plaque and a check for \$100 from Terry Porter. David took the top spot in the Horse Proficiency Award.

David was a member of the Crooker Riding Club, 4-H, and Florida High School Rodeo. He was also Chapter Sentinel and Treasurer as well as Regional Star Greenhand.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Quarter Horse Association. The winners were:

REGION I  
Janice Gibbs, Tate FFA Chapter  
REGION II  
Jackie Howell, Santa Fe FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Frank Ruff, Colonial FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Tamme Miller, Hardee FFA Chapter

## DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY

Robert Everett, a 16-year old student in the Malone High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award. Robert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Everett, was named for the award on the basis of his practical application of skills and training gained while in school. As the state winner, Robert received a plaque from the Florida Beef Council, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from A.O. Smith Harvestore/Wayne Feeds, the national sponsors.

For Robert, winning the Proficiency Award in Diversified Livestock Production is the culmination of three years of on-the-job training with his father. Some of the more important aspects of Robert's training have been to follow the fluctuations in the livestock market, developing feed rations,



Robbie Everett receives a \$100 check and a trophy from Polly Golden as Advisor Gene Ditty assists. Robbie's winning effort was in the Diversified Livestock Production area.

selection of quality breeding stock, and the proper grooming and fitting of show steers and hogs. He also upgraded the health of his animals by improving sanitation conditions. Robert plans to put these skills to good use while preparing to become an agriculture mechanic.

Robert was a member of the Livestock Judging Team and Chapter Parliamentarian. He was also the Champion Showman in the Jackson County Fair and a member of his high school band.

The FFA Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award is one of 21 award programs that recognize achievements of FFA members pursuing careers in specific areas of agriculture. As the state winner, Robert will now compete with other state winners in the Southern Region. If he is successful, his application will then be judged at the National Convention in Missouri.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Beef Council. The winners were:

REGION II  
Lamar Jenkins, Suwanee FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Danny Garner, Groveland FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Judy Kahelin, Plant City FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Jim Knight, Okeechobee FFA Chapter

## FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY

Judy Beauchamp, a 17-year-old student in the Bronson High School Vocational Agriculture Program was the 1981 State Winner of the Florida FFA Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Proficiency Award. Judy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Beauchamp, was named for the award on the basis of her practical application of skills and training gained while in school. As the State Winner, Judy received a plaque from the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the Briggs & Stratton Corporation, the national sponsor.

For Judy, winning the Proficiency Award in Fruit and Vegetable Production is the culmination of five years of enrollment in vocational agriculture and four successive years of growing cantaloupes. Some of the more important aspects of her training were



learning how to take soil samples, identifying and controlling diseases and pests, safe operation of farm equipment, keeping up-to-date and accurate records and becoming aware of the best possible marketing channels. Judy plans to put these skills she has gained to good use while preparing for a career in agriculture.

Judy has been a member of the Poultry, Horticulture, Land, and Vegetable Judging Teams. She was also an active member of 4-H, and served on various school committees and is listed in **Who's Who Among American High School Students**.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association. The winners were:

REGION I  
Jonathon Christmas, Chipley FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Dale Parker, Orlando-Colonial FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Marty Sewell, Brandon FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Richard Collette, Indian River FFA Chapter



Judy Beauchamp accepts the Fruit and Vegetable Production award from Bernie Hamel as Advisor Buddy Deas looks on.

**AG MECHANICS  
PROFICIENCY**

Thomas Joyner, a 17-year old student in the Williston High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Agricultural Mechanics Proficiency Award. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.O. Joyner. As the state winner, Thomas received a plaque from Florida Tractor Corporation, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from International Harvester Company, the national sponsor.

For Thomas, winning the Proficiency Award in Agricultural Mechanics is the culmination of four years of on-the-job training with his father. Some of the more important aspects of his training have been overhauling small engines, safety usages of angle grinders and cutting torches, using hydraulic pressure, and handtool proficiency. He has also learned the proper use of an oxyacetylene welder. Thomas plans to put these skills and competencies to good use while pursuing the vocation of a welder/mechanic.

Thomas was a member of the Meats Judging, Land Judging, Forestry and Parliamentary Procedure Teams. He was also a member of the Agricultural Mechanics Team, National Honor Society, Archer Baptist Church, and Beta Club.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Tractor Corporation. The winners were:

REGION I  
Guy Easterling, Vernon FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
James Bradley, Taylor FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
John Hebb, Bartow FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Robert Kennedy, Immokalee FFA Chapter



Thomas Joyner represents the Williston FFA as he accepts the winner's trophy in the Agricultural Mechanics Proficiency area. National FFA president, Mark Herdon, and Advisor Robert Philpot join in the award as Gene Garrick makes the presentation.

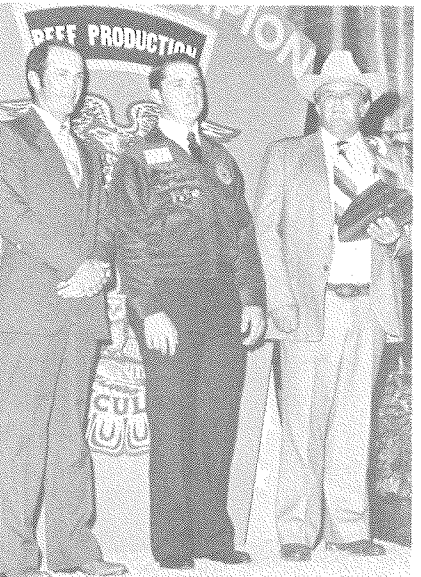
**BEEF PRODUCTION  
PROFICIENCY**

Gearing up for a career as a ranch manager and becoming a producer of top quality beef is the goal of Joe Padgett, a 16-year old member of the Sarasota County Vo-Ag FFA Chapter, who was recently named winner of the Beef Production Proficiency Award in Florida. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Padgett of Sarasota. As the state winner, Joe received a plaque from the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Sperry New Holland and Nasco International, the national sponsors.

For Joe, winning the Proficiency Award in Beef Production is the culmination of four years of hard work in the vocational agriculture program at home with his beef enterprise. Joe's 33 per cent ownership in his family's herd of Charolais, his small personal herd of registered steers, along with his management practices earned him the state award. Joe's studies in vocational agriculture and his practical application at home and on the job have left him with a remarkable knowledge of cattle marketing, record keeping, vaccination and feeding management practices.

Joe has been active at all levels of leadership in the FFA, having served as a representative on county and state fair committees, the Courtesy Corps, and the FFA Livestock Judging Team.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention



Leslie Padgett, of the Riverview FFA, accepts the plaque and \$100 check for his winning performance in the Beef Production area. Ralph Sexton makes the presentation.

and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association. They were:

REGION I  
Scott Hendricks, Jay FFA Chapter  
REGION II  
David Kramer, West Nassau County FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Kent Smith, Dunnellon FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Terry Harn, Immokalee FFA Chapter

**AGRICULTURAL  
ELECTRIFICATION  
PROFICIENCY**

Robert Allen Pike, a 17-year old student in the Groveland High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Agricultural Electrification Proficiency Award. Robert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pike, was named for the award on the basis of his outstanding demonstration in practical application of skills and training he has gained in school. As the state winner, Robert received a plaque from Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Company, and Tampa Electric Company, the state sponsors, and a \$100 check from the Food and Energy Council, the national sponsor.

For Robert, winning the Proficiency Award in Agricultural Electrification is the culmination of four and one half years of on-the-job training with his father. One of the more important aspects of the training he has received is safety. In his application, Robert explains many of the safety practices he



Robbie Pike takes first place honors in the Agricultural Electrification contest. John Folks and Bob Lewis represent Florida's Investor Owned Power Companies in presenting the winner's plaque and a \$100 check to the Groveland FFA member. Advisor Bradley Crews and National FFA president Mark Herndon look on.

**EVENTS**

Dec. 4	Sub-District Contests	
Jan. 9	State Judging School	Gainesville, Fla.
Jan. 15	District Contests	
Jan. 29	Regional Contests	
Feb. 13-19	National FFA Week	
Feb. 17	State Citrus Contest	Winter Haven, Fla.
Feb. 25	State Horticultural Contest	Orlando, Fla.
March 6	State Judging Contest	
April 30	State Horticulture Demonstration and Vegetable Judging Contest	Gainesville, Fla.
June 7-10	State FFA Convention	Orlando, Fla.
July 11-23	Forestry Camp	O'Leno State Park

1981-82 Application Due Dates	
DUE DATE	NAMES OF APPLICATIONS
October 30	Chapter Program of Activities Chapter Membership Roster
December 15	State FFA Degree App.
January 15	American FFA Degree Applications Chapter Star Greenhand Applications
February 2	ALL Foundation Proficiency Applications Agricultural Electrification Agricultural Mechanics Agricultural Processing Agricultural Sales/Service Beef Production Crop Production Dairy Production Diversified Livestock Production Fish and Wildlife Management Floriculture Forest Management Fruit and/ or Veg. Production Home and Farmstead Improvement Horse Proficiency
April 1	Citrus Placement Applications Citrus Production Applications FRM Livestock Award Applications Agricultural Electrification Essay
April 15	Feeder Steer Applications Chapter Accomplishment Report Chapter Safety Awards Application Building Our Amer. Communities Report National Band Applications-1982 National Chorus Applications-1982 Forestry Camp Applications Chapter Co-Op Report
April 16	LAST DAY FOR SUBMITTING MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may be shocked to find the figures shown here! In 21 proficiency award areas the very low numbers show participation state wide. Remember you may win \$100 and a trophy as Florida's winner in each of these categories. The opportunity to go to the National FFA Convention and \$250 will be yours for Southern Region honors (8 states and Puerto Rico), and another \$250 could come your way if you are selected as the national winner! Florida has produced 15 Regional winners and two National winners in three years from such small numbers as these. . . It's simple but extremely challenging and rewarding. See your advisor!

1979-80 MEMBERSHIP

CHARTERED CHAPTERS .....	268
PAID FFA MEMBERS .....	14,386

MEMBERSHIP BY REGION

REGION I .....	2,128
REGION II .....	2,579
REGION III .....	3,485
REGION IV .....	5,824
REGION V .....	968
TOTAL .....	14,984

1980-81 MEMBERSHIP

CHARTERED CHAPTERS .....	265
PAID FFA MEMBERS .....	14,984

1980 STATE FARMERS

REGION I .....	55
REGION II .....	75
REGION III .....	81
REGION IV .....	83
REGION V .....	22
TOTAL .....	316

FFA CHAPTERS IN RELATION TO AGRIBUSINESS AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS

REGION I .....	47/68 OR 69% PARTICIPATION
REGION II .....	45/64 OR 71 % PARTICIPATION
REGION III .....	64/81 OR 79% PARTICIPATION
REGION IV .....	82/117 OR 70 % PARTICIPATION
REGION V .....	27/53 OR 51 % PARTICIPATION

1980-81 PROFICIENCY AWARD PARTICIPATION BY REGION

CATEGORY	I	II	III	IV	V	TOTAL	CHANGE 1979-80
Ag Electrification	1	1	2	2	1	7	-6
Ag Mechanics	4	6	6	1	4	21	-6
Ag Processing	2	1	2	2	1	8	-6
Ag Sales & Service	4	3	3	3	3	16	-5
Beef Production	5	7	4	8	3	17	-6
Crop Production	8	5	2	2	1	18	-15
Dairy Production	3	4	3	2	1	13	-3
Diversified Livestock	3	8	4	7	3	25	+7
Fish and Wildlife	2	5	2	2	1	12	+2
Floriculture	2	2	2	1	3	10	---
Fruit and Vegetable	3	4	3	2	2	14	---
Home/Farm Improvement	6	10	6	5	3	30	-15
Horse Proficiency	6	7	7	6	3	29	-9
Nursery Operations	2	3	4	4	2	15	-4
Outdoor Recreation	1	1	2	2	1	7	+1
Placement/Ag Production	2	3	2	4	2	13	-3
Poultry Production	3	3	1	4	1	12	-12
Soil and Water	2	2	2	2	1	9	-3
Swine Production	7	10	2	6	1	26	-2
Turf and Landscape	4	1	1	3	1	10	-7
Forest Management	2	3	2	1	--	8	+1
Total Proficiencies	72	89	62	69	38	330	
Participating FFA Chapters	14/47	18/45	13/64	14/82	9/27	68/265	-81

has learned and why these things are important. Robert has learned panel box installation and breaker connection, circuit running, switch wiring, circuit testing and many other things while helping his father, who is an electrician. Robert plans to put these skills and competencies he has gained to good use while preparing for the vocation of an electrician.

Robert was a member of the State Vegetable Judging Team which placed eighth in the state. He was also a member of the Forestry and Citrus Judging Teams. Robert will graduate from his high school with honors.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Company, and Tampa Electric Company. The winners were:

- REGION I  
Jeffrey Ashcraft, Jay FFA Chapter  
REGION II  
Mark A. Crews, Bradford FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Brainard Harris, Plant City FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
James P. Canova, Immokalee FFA Chapter

FLORICULTURE  
PROFICIENCY

Michael Thornton, a 17-year old student from the Gainesville Agribusiness Center was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Floriculture Proficiency Award. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hylton. As the state winner, Michael received a plaque from the Florida Leather Leaf and Plumosus Growers, the state sponsor, and a \$100



Mike Thornton of the Gainesville Agribusiness Center accepts the top honors for his performance in the Floriculture Proficiency area. Advisor Janet Daniel watches as Jim Lawrence makes the award.

check from the national FFA Foundation.

For Michael, winning the Proficiency Award in Floriculture is the culmination of 4 years of on-the-job training with Shumaker's Nursery. Some of the more important aspects of his training have been the identification, cultivation, propagation of exotic plants, and gaining marketing skills in the nursery operation. He has also learned floral design, corsage construction, and had work experience at a florist. Michael plans to put these skills and competencies he has gained to good use while studying ornamental horticulture in college.

Michael was a member of the Horticulture Judging Team, BOAC Committee and Safety Committee. He was also a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team and Chapter Parliamentarian. In the community, Michael served his church and was an active part of the Camellia Society.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Leather Leaf and Plumosus Growers. The winners were:

- REGION I  
Rita Pate, Chipley FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Richard Hosford, Colonial FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Timothy Garman, Lake Placid FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Terri Skelton, Miami FFA Chapter

HOME OR FARMSTEAD  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROFICIENCY

Melissa Gibbs, a 17-year old student in the Tate High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Home or Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award. Melissa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibbs. As the state winner, Melissa received a plaque from Scotty's Inc., the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Upjohn Co., the national sponsor.

For Melissa, winning the Proficiency Award in Home or Farmstead Improvement is the culmination of 4 years of training. Some of the more important aspects of this training were taking soil samples, using fertilizer and weed control methods on the homestead, preparing seed beds for laying of sod, planting shrubbery, and wiring electrical

items to fit safety codes. Melissa plans to put these skills and competencies to good use while pursuing a career in ornamental horticulture.

Melissa was a member of the Meats Judging Team and a State Farmer. She was also Chapter President, a basketball player, a member of Farm Bureau and listed in **Who's Who Among American High School Students**.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Scotty's Inc. The winners were:

- REGION II  
Ron Mahan, Santa Fe FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Terri Ostrander, Dunnellon FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Becky McHan, Hardee FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Richard Swindle, Clewiston FFA Chapter



Melissa Gibbs receives one of the most actively sought awards, Home or Farmstead Improvement, as Advisor Tommy Taylor watches. Thomas Rosskelly presented the award to the Tate FFA member.

AG PROCESSING  
PROFICIENCY

William Strawbridge, a 17-year old student in the Groveland High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Ag Processing Proficiency Award. William, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Strawbridge, was named for the award on the basis of his practical application of skills and training gained while in school. As the state winner, William received a plaque from Pender Peanut Corp., the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Cargill Inc., the national sponsor.

For William, winning the Proficiency Award in Ag Processing is the culmination of three years of on-the-job



training with B and W Citrus Concentrate Co. Some of the more important aspects of his training have been dropping barrels of concentrate in a pattern ration of brix and acid, operating forklifts, quality testing in insure USOA specifications, running the sacking machine, and loading railcars and trucks. William plans to put these skills and competencies to good use while preparing for a management career in citrus and cattle.

William was a member of the Livestock Judging, Tractor Driving, and Forestry Teams. He was also a member of the varsity football team, Key Club and the Tuscanooga Baptist Church.



William Strawbridge receives the winner's plaque and congratulations from Larry Reese, FFA Program Consultant, for his prize-winning effort in Placement in Processing. Advisor Bradley Crews takes part in the ceremony during which FFA National president Mark Herndon presents a \$100 check to Williams.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Pender Peanut Corp. The winners were:

**REGION I**  
Henry Stone, Chipley FFA Chapter  
**REGION II**  
Andy Robinson, Williston FFA Chapter  
**REGION IV**  
John McGinnis, Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA Chapter  
**REGION V**  
William Dupree, Immokalee FFA Chapter

## AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICE PROFICIENCY

Daniel Johnson, a 17-year old student in the Santa Fe High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Agricultural

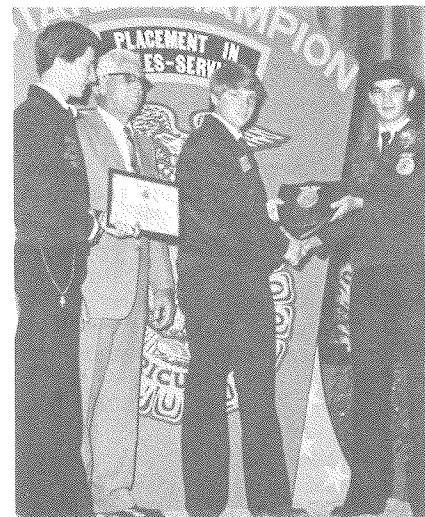
Sales and/or Service Proficiency Award at the recent 53rd Annual Convention in Orlando. Daniel, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson. As the state winner, Daniel received a plaque from Phillips Livestock Hauling, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Allis Chalmers, the national sponsor.

For Daniel, winning the Proficiency Award in Agricultural Sales and/or Service is the culmination of three years of on-the-job training with Johnson and Farris, Inc. Some of the more important aspects of the farm store business that Daniel has learned are: concise book-keeping, displaying and stocking shelves, and varying qualities of brand name seeds. Daniel plans to put these skills and competencies to good use while preparing to own his own farm supply store.

Daniel was a member of the Poultry Judging and Parliamentary Procedure Teams. He played JV football in high school and is a member of the MYF church group.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Phillips Livestock Hauling. The winners were:

**REGION I**  
Sandy Burkhead, Jay FFA Chapter  
**REGION III**  
Frank Ruff, Colonial FFA Chapter  
**REGION IV**  
John McGinnis, Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA Chapter  
**REGION V**  
William Ellett, Miami FFA Chapter

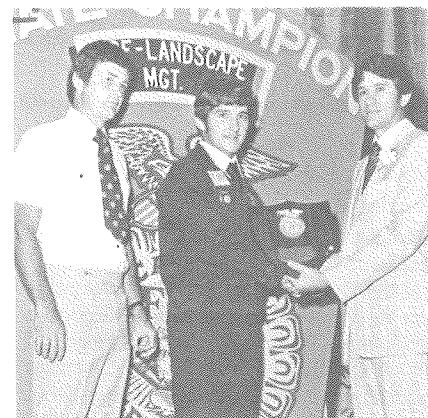


Dan Johnson accepts the first place trophy in Sales and Service from State FFA president Mike Phillips. National FFA president Mark Herndon hands over a \$100 from the National FFA Foundation. Advisor W.C. Geiger of the Santa Fe Senior FFA watches.

## TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROFICIENCY

David Irwin, a 19-year old student in the Tate High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Turf and Landscape Management Proficiency Award. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Irwin. As the state winner, David received a plaque from the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from D.M. Scott and Sons Co., the national sponsor.

For David, winning the Proficiency Award is Turf and Landscape Management is the culmination of 2½ years of on-the-job training with West Florida Landscaping. Some of the more important aspects of his training were taking soil samples for PH values, transplanting seedlings from bed to container, balling and burlaping plants, control of water run-off and erosion, and installing an automatic sprinkler system. David plans to put the skills he has gained to good use while continuing with his forestry degree at college.



David Irwin and Advisor Tommy Taylor of the Pensacola-Tate FFA accept top honors in the Turf and Landscape Management Proficiency area from Gary Bartley who represented Conner Sod Contractors.

David was a member of the Livestock and Agriculture Mechanics Team. He was also a member of the Forestry Team, a baseball and football player, and listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques. The winners were:

**REGION II**  
Richard McDowell, Englewood FFA Chapter  
**REGION III**  
Todd Williams, Colonial FFA Chapter

**REGION IV**  
Richard Underhill, Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA Chapter  
**REGION V**  
Edward Davis, Okeechobee FFA Chapter

## FISH AND WILDLIFE MGT. PROFICIENCY

Junior Miller, a 17-year old student in the Chiefland High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Fish and Wildlife Management Proficiency Award. Junior is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Miller. As the state winner, Junior received a plaque from Bear Archery, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Phillip Morris Inc., the national sponsor.

For Junior, winning the Proficiency Award in Fish and Wildlife Management is the culmination of three years of training in vocational agriculture. Some of the more important aspects of his training have been planting rye for game, building feed boxes, piling brush, raising bees, plowing firelanes, controlling quail flock, stocking ponds, and speaking to soil and water groups. Junior plans to put these skills and competencies to good use while preparing for a career in agribusiness.

Junior was a member of the Livestock Judging and Forestry Teams. He was also a swine showman, played football, and held membership in the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

Regional winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Bear Archery. The winners were:

**REGION I**  
Doug Ward, Allentown FFA Chapter



Junior Miller and Chiefland FFA Advisor Eli Beasley accept the Fish and Wildlife Management Proficiency Award from Bill McIntosh representing Bear Archery.

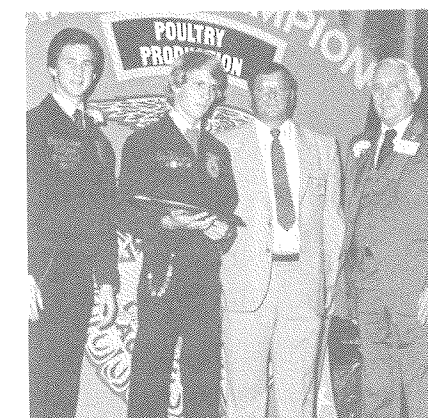
**REGION III**  
Colene Flowers, Groveland FFA Chapter  
**REGION IV**  
David Randall, Bartow FFA Chapter  
**REGION V**  
Bill Hunter, Indian River FFA Chapter

## POULTRY PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY

David Bryan, a 17-year old student in the Bartow High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Poultry Production Proficiency Award. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bryan. As the state winner, David received a plaque from Florida Poultry Federation, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the National FFA Foundation.

For David, winning the Proficiency Award in Poultry Production is the culmination of four years of on-the-job training with his father. One of the more important aspects of his training was learning that there is no substitute for experience. In the poultry business, feeding must be exact, and records correct at all times. The Bryans provide Cypress Foods Inc. with approximately 27,000 eggs per day from 31,500 hens. Poultry production is time consuming and requires seven days a week, rain or shine. David plans to put these valuable skills and competencies to good use while studying to become an agriculture teacher.

David has competed in forestry, safety, and livestock judging. He was also a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team. In the community David serves as a senior guide in his church youth group and belongs to the Florida



David Bryan accepts the Poultry Production prize from Florida Poultry Federation representative Barton Ahlstrom. Bartow FFA Advisor David Hess watches as National FFA president Mark Herndon presents a \$100 check from the National FFA Foundation.

Cattlemen's Association and Florida Farm Bureau.

Regional Winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by Florida Poultry Federation. The winners were:

**REGION I**  
Nancy Gindl, Tate FFA Chapter  
**REGION II**  
Sherry Walker, Lafayette FFA Chapter  
**REGION III**  
Michael Jordan, Colonial FFA Chapter  
**REGION V**  
Jeffrey Knox, Miami FFA Chapter

## FEEDER STEER AWARD

Lita Nell Purcell, a 17-year old student in the South Sumter High School vocational agriculture program was the 1981 state winner of the Florida FFA Feeder Steer Award. Lita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Purcell, was named for the award on the basis of her practical application of skills and training she has gained in school. As the State Winner, Lita received a plaque from the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

For Lita, winning the State Award in the Feeder Steer Contest is the culmination of four years of agricultural training with the FFA. One of the more important aspects of Lita's success was her satisfaction over having raised a steer for show. Dandy, Lita's steer, sold for \$1.75 per pound and weighed 1315 pounds. The steer was a Hereford/Charolais cross purchased from Odis Coward of Bushnell.

Lita was a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team, Vegetable Judging Team, attended Forestry Camp, Leadership School, and won the District Public Speaking Con-



Lita Purcell and Advisor Larry Shuyler accept the first-place plaque for Feeder-Steer Proficiency from Polly Golden.



test. She was also a member of Student Council, a varsity cheer-leader, Junior Class President and recognized in **Who's Who Among American High School Students.**

Other winners were also recognized during the State Convention and were presented with plaques which were sponsored by the Florida Cattleman's Association. The winners were:

2ND PLACE  
Denise Mullins, Desoto FFA  
3RD PLACE  
Debbie Goodwin, S. Sumter FFA  
4TH PLACE  
Renee Smith, Dunnellon FFA  
5TH PLACE  
Danny Garver, Groveland FFA

## FLORIDA'S NATIONAL COMPETITORS

Florida Future Farmers of America will send five regional winners to Kansas City.

Robert Pike of Groveland High School will compete for national honors in Agricultural Electrification

William Strawbridge, also from Groveland, will vie for the top spot in Agricultural Processing.

Dennis Byrd is Taylor High School's hope for national honors in the Nursery Operations category.

Randy Spivey of Zephyrhills High School is lured by the sweet smell of success as he goes after the nod in the Swine Production competition.

David Irwin is well grounded in his area of interest, Turf and Landscape Management.

When the dust settles we wouldn't be surprised to see all of these Future Farmers return from Kansas City with First Place Honors. Good luck to all of you!

## essay & star awards

### ELECTRIFICATION ESSAY-1981

The goal of nine FFA junior chapter members was to write an "electrifying" essay for the 1981 FFA Electrification Essay Contest. At the recent State FFA Convention, June 7-10, in Orlando, the participants were rewarded for their efforts with plaques on behalf of the three state co-sponsors: Florida Power Corporation, Tampa Electric Company, and Gulf Power Company.

Susan Crippen, the state winner, wrote an impressive piece on energy conservation for the future. Susan is a member of the Buchanan Junior FFA Chapter and her essay shapes a vision of the future that could profoundly affect our nation's future.

Each of the nine finalists was asked three impromptu questions relating to their essays. This, along with their essays, was evaluated and resulted in the final rankings. The following FFA members, ranking second to ninth in Florida, did a commendable job:

SECOND PLACE  
Sheila Sarra, Trenton FFA Chapter  
THIRD PLACE  
Greg Riley, Grand Ridge FFA Chapter  
FOURTH PLACE  
Robert Williams, Blountstown FFA Chapter  
FIFTH PLACE  
Johnathan Saunders, Gainesville Agribusiness FFA Chapter  
SIXTH PLACE  
Mike Macomber, South Sumter FFA Chapter



Susie Crippen of the Buchanan Junior FFA Chapter receives state winning honors in the Agricultural Electrification Essay contest. She was one of ten finalists interviewed at the 53rd State Convention. Advisor Howard Satin assists Ted Spangenberg of Gulf Power Company in presenting the award.

SEVENTH PLACE  
Regina Sheehan, Bunnell FFA Chapter  
EIGHTH PLACE  
Janet Robards, Lake Weir FFA Chapter  
NINTH PLACE  
Nate Johnson, Easy Bay FFA Chapter

### STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN

Tommy Joyner, an 18-year old member of the Williston FFA Chapter, has been named the FFA State Star Agribusinessman. Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joyner, received a plaque and check for \$75 from Gold Kist Incorporated, the state sponsor and a \$200 check from the National FFA Foundation.



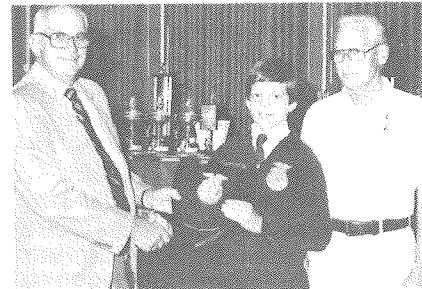
Gary Mack of Williston and his Advisor Kelly Tyler received the first place plaque for Florida's Most Outstanding Landscape Demonstration from Mr. Jack Siebenthaler.



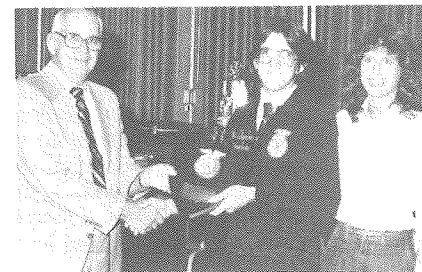
Rachel Hatcher and Susan Kennedy are joined by their advisor as Mr. Jack Siebenthaler presents the first place plaque for their winning demonstration on the use of Ornamental Horticulture.



Tom Bowen and advisor Susan Forte, from the George Stone Vo-Tech Center, accept first place honors from Mr. Jack Siebenthaler for their Production demonstration.



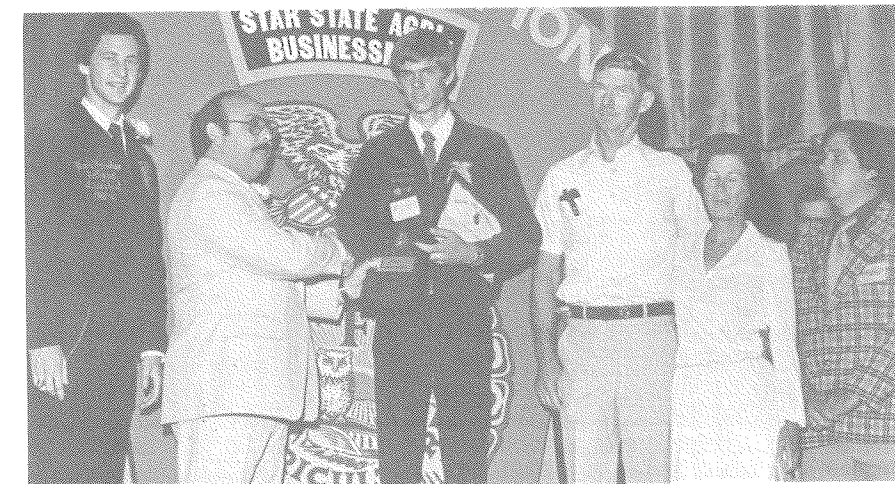
Bradford County's Tommy Crosby and Advisor Paul Hutchins accept first place honors from Mr. Jack Siebenthaler for the best Marketing demonstration in the state.



Michael Thorton is presented the first place plaque for the state-wide best Artistic Arrangement. Mr. Jack Siebenthaler presents the award as Advisor Janet Readdy Daniel looks on.

Through his father's mechanic and welding business, Tommy has exhibited the attributes of a fine agribusinessman. The manufacture and distribution, as well as repair of farm equipment, and their processing, storage and distribution to others in the farming business has earned him the 1981 Star State Agribusinessman Award. He plans to attend college and major in business administration, then return home to become a partner in his father's business.

Tommy has been involved in many different kinds of FFA activities, each



Florida's State Star Agribusinessman Tommy Joyner receives the winning plaque and a check from Jim Loftis. Joyner's parents and his advisor, Kelly Tyler are also present for the presentation.

contributing to his development as a leader and citizen. Parliamentary Procedure offered the proper methods for conducting business meetings. Participating in agricultural mechanics contests gave him invaluable skills which will be beneficial in business. Holding the office of Treasurer gave leadership and recordkeeping experience, while service on the Food for America Committee offered Tommy a chance to share his knowledge of agriculture. Then as a culmination of his efforts, Tommy was a member of the Meats Judging Team which placed third in the nation.

Regional Star Agribusinessmen were also recognized during the State Convention, each receiving a check for \$75 and a plaque from Gold Kist Incorporated

REGION I  
Chuck Duggar, Marianna FFA Chapter  
REGION III  
Frank Ruff, Colonial FFA Chapter  
REGION IV  
Kevin Norris, Hardee Sr. FFA Chapter  
REGION V  
Darryll Byrd, Okeechobee FFA Chapter

### STAR FARMER

Reggie Crutchfield, an 18-year old member of the Grand Ridge FFA Chapter, received the State Star Farmer Award at the 53rd Annual Convention in Orlando. Reggie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Crutchfield, received a plaque and \$75 from the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Associations of Florida, the state sponsors and \$200 from the National FFA Foundation.

Reggie, a fourth year agriculture



Tom Umiker presents Reggie Crutchfield the State Star Farmer trophy while Reggie's parents and advisor, Glen Alexander look on. Reggie is from the Grand Ridge Chapter.

student, has grown up in the farming business. Guided by his father and grandfather, he has invested his earnings on the family farm in an operation of his own. Reggie has 46 swine, four head of cattle, 50 acres of corn, 45 acres of soybeans, six acres of peanuts, and 23 acres of watermelons. Reggie has competed in Livestock Judging, the FRM Contest and Co-op Contests. He becomes a full partner in the family farming operation upon graduation and plans to attend college, majoring in agronomy.

Regional Star Farmers were also recognized in the State Convention, each receiving a check for \$75 from the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Associations of Florida:

REGION II STAR FARMER  
James Putnal, Lafayette Sr. FFA Chapter  
REGION III STAR FARMER  
Kevin Garner, Groveland Sr. FFA Chapter  
REGION IV STAR FARMER  
Jonathon Brown, Hardee Sr. FFA Chapter  
REGION V STAR FARMER  
Jim Knight III, Okeechobee FFA Chapter

### 1981 STATE STAR GREENHAND

The 1981 State Star Greenhand, Peter R. Gindl Jr. of the Tate FFA Chapter, Pensacola, is a busy fellow and an outstanding FFA member. As a sophomore in vocational agriculture, Peter has already accomplished a great deal in his FFA program. He owns a show steer, owns 50% of 30 head of beef cattle, farms in partnership with his father 300 acres of soybeans, 100 acres





Peter R. Gindl, Jr., representing the Tate Senior FFA, accepts the State Star Greenhand award and a check for \$125 from Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, Doyle Conner. Gindl's advisor, T.W. Taylor, received a cash award to attend the National Convention.

of corn, 100 acres of wheat and 50 acres of oats. Peter has served as president of the Tate Junior Chapter and is currently sentinel of the senior chapter. He has judged livestock and farm management

at the state level and is very active in school and community activities.

Peter plans to continue a career of farming after graduation from college. Yes, Peter Gindl, Jr. is truly a Future Farmer of America. This future feeder of millions will receive \$150 and a trophy. His advisor will receive \$150 also. The Star Greenhand Awards are sponsored by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. These regional winners of the Star Greenhand Award received \$125 and a certificate.

REGION II STAR GREENHAND  
Scott Mills, Chiefland FFA  
REGION III STAR GREENHAND  
Danny Garner, Groveland FFA  
REGION IV STAR GREENHAND  
John C. Class, Jr., Tarpon  
Springs, FFA  
REGION V STAR GREENHAND  
Michele Summerlin, Fort Pierce-  
Westwood FFA

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AWARDS

Six Plant City FFA members form the 1981 state winning Parliamentary Procedure Team. At the State FFA Convention in Orlando, the top five teams in Florida gathered for the semi-finals. Then, during the evening session on June 9th, the Plant City and Williston teams vied for the honor of being named state winner. Placing third, fourth, and fifth respectively were the Groveland, Marianna, and Clewiston teams. Each team received a trophy from the Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, the state sponsor. The Plant City Team received individual team member plaques in addition to their state trophy and pennant, also on behalf of Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

Members of the 1981 State Parliamentary Procedure Team are: Wendy Driskell, Brainard Harris, Sabrina Hasting, Jim Morgan, Terry Porter, and Scott Vaughan.

The Parliamentary Procedure Contest held annually by the FFA is quite a prestigious affair. Teams competing in the event are composed of six members who are able to demonstrate any three of the twelve abilities found in Stewart's **Helps in Mastering Parliamentary Procedure**. The Contest guide is **Robert's Rules of Order**. Each team is given five minutes per ability and must conduct a regular meeting in which the ability is presented and handled. Mistakes could not be corrected except by a point of order after their occurrence.



Plant City FFA members Wendy Driskell, Brainard Harris, Sabrina Hasting, Jim Morgan, Terry Porter and Scott Vaughan accept the winning honors for their Parliamentary Procedure performance. Ad-

visors Ray Clark and John Davidson look on as Florida Farm Bureau Federation's Walter Graham makes the presentation.

There were three judges for this FFA contest and the finalists competed on stage during a general session of the State FFA Convention.

## 1981 BOAC AWARDS

The Bunnell FFA Chapter is the 1981 state winner of the Building Our American Communities Awards Program. Bunnell received state recognition and the Governor's citation at the 1981 state convention. BOAC Awards are given to chapters who contribute to the betterment of their local communities.

The BOAC project of the Bunnell Chapter is designed to stop sand erosion that threatened Flagler Beach and could have destroyed a nearby highway. The 90 members of the chapter are planting tough, salt-resistant grasses along the 18 miles of beach. The chapter started the three-year plan to save the dunes last summer.

Bunnell FFA members worked hard for their Gold Emblem Chapter Award, as did the Santa Fe Senior, Sarasota Junior and Lake Weir Senior chapters, who also competed.

Other BOAC winners on the state level and recipients of silver plaques are Gainesville Agribusiness, Malone, Newberry Senior, South Sumter Senior, Tate Senior, and Trenton. The following chapters receive bronze plaques: Allentown, Auburndale Junior, Englewood, Hardee Junior and Seabreeze Junior. Area plaques are awarded to: Williston Senior, Groveland Senior, North Marion Middle, South Sumter Junior, Spruce Creek, St. Cloud, Wildwood Junior and Senior, Apopka Junior, Auburndale Senior, Bartow Senior, Bayshore, Lake Wales Senior, Leto Senior, Plant City Senior and Sarasota Vo-Ag.



The Bunnell FFA takes the Southern Region 1981 BOAC honors. Advisor Jim Galvin and chapter representative Syd Crosby accept the Governor's Citation from National FFA president Mark Herndon and State President Mike Phillips.



Everything according to Robert's Rules of Order, the Plant City FFA conducts a mock meeting as Florida Department of Education Section Director

Warren Harrell presents various parliamentary procedures for the team to follow.



Taylor Senior FFA members Jana Bell, Karen Prevatt, Melissa Johnson and Kevin Vaughn accept the Livestock Judging Award from Fred Dietrich of the Florida Santa Gertrudis Association. Advisor

Frankie Hall and the team also received \$500 toward their expenses to attend the National Convention in Kansas City.

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Florida Future Farmers gathered to judge eight classes of animals and thereby compete in the 1981 FFA Livestock Judging Contest. The contest consisted of the following classes: breeding cattle, market cattle, market swine, and breeding swine. Each class of animals was judged according to a placing card and a set of reasons was given orally by each team member before the top five teams were selected. They, along with the high scoring individual, and members of the state winning team received trophies and plaques on behalf of the Florida Santa Gertrudis Association.

STATE WINNER  
Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter  
2ND PLACE  
Dade City Sr. FFA Chapter  
3RD PLACE  
Tate Sr. FFA Chapter  
4TH PLACE  
Auburndale Jr. FFA Chapter  
5TH PLACE  
Pinellas Vo-Ag FFA Chapter  
HIGH INDIVIDUAL  
Terry Porter, Plant City FFA Chapter

The Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter also received \$500 to travel to the National Livestock Judging Contest, held at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.





Gerald Gatlin, Eric Potts, Scott Lloyd and Mike Mills didn't chicken out during the Poultry Judging event. They stayed in there to capture top honors for themselves and the Auburndale Senior FFA. Florida Poultry Federation's Barton Ahlstrom presents the trophies as Advisor Jim Thornhill stands by. The Florida Department of Agriculture presented the team with a \$500 check to help toward their expenses at the National Convention in Kansas City.



Chipley FFA's Dairy Judging Team takes top honors for their efforts. Team members Brian Solger, Rita Pate, Doyle Bremer and Chris Solger are joined by Advisor Ray Pigott during the presentation of the award. The Florida Department of Agriculture awarded the team \$500 toward their expenses at the National Convention in Kansas City.



Lena Crabtree, Vivian Smith, Jimmy Cason and Steve King capture first place in the Agribusiness Management competition. Williston Senior FFA Advisor Robert Philpot joins the team as the presentation is made. The team will travel to Kansas City to compete for national honors during the National Convention.

## POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

Florida Future Farmers gathered to judge seven classes of poultry and thereby compete in the 1981 FFA Poultry Judging Contest. The contest consisted of two production classes of hens, one class of production pullets, one class of fryers, and three classes of eggs. Contestants gave one set of reasons orally and were allowed to handle the live birds, but not the fryers or eggs. These top five teams, high-scoring individuals and members of the state winning team received trophies and plaques from the Florida Poultry Federation:

- STATE WINNER  
Auburndale Sr. FFA Chapter  
2ND PLACE  
Auburndale Jr. FFA Chapter  
3RD PLACE  
Chipley FFA Chapter  
4TH PLACE  
Santa Fe Jr. FFA Chapter  
5TH PLACE  
Williston Sr. FFA Chapter  
HIGH INDIVIDUAL  
Gerald Gatlin, Auburndale Sr. FFA Chapter

The Auburndale Senior FFA Chapter also received \$500 to travel to the National Poultry Judging Contest in Kansas City this November.

## DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

Florida Future Farmers gathered to judge several classes of dairy and thereby compete in the 1981 FFA Dairy Judging Contest. The contest consisted of classes of cows and heifers of major dairy breeds such as Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey. Contestants gave at least one set of reasons orally, designated by the contest superintendent. These top five teams, high-scoring individual and members of the state winning team all received trophies and plaques on behalf of T.G. Lee Foods, the state sponsor.

- STATE WINNER  
Chipley FFA Chapter  
2ND PLACE  
Chiefland Sr. FFA Chapter  
3RD PLACE  
Graceville FFA Chapter  
4TH PLACE  
Marianna FFA Chapter

- 5TH PLACE  
South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter  
HIGH INDIVIDUAL  
Todd Shelley, Plant City FFA Chapter

The Chipley FFA Chapter also received \$500 to travel to the National Dairy Judging Contest to be held at the National Convention in Kansas City.



Bronson FFA members Wesley Asbell, Jeff Mudd, David Youngbluth and Kimberly Shealy are joined by Advisor Buddy Deas as they receive their first-place trophies in the Vegetable Judging competition held in Gainesville May 1.



Thomas Joyner, Walt Weeks, Jamie Vause and Aaron Mills receive top honors in Agricultural Mechanics Judging. Kelly Tyler stands in for the Williston Senior FFA Advisors Robert Philpot and Ferris Rogers. Gary Bartley made the presentation on behalf of Glen Wade of Lawrence Realty, the sponsors.

## chapter flap

In the most recent newsletter members were invited to send news about their chapters to Deborah Scott, in care of Dr. Carl Beeman, 305 Rolfs Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611

There has been a small but interesting response to that invitation. Members were also encouraged to suggest a name for the magazine and the newsletters. Larry Reese promised to pay the annual dues of the FFA'er who submitted the best suggestion.

Scott Lloyd of the Auburndale Senior FFA came up with the winning suggestion for both publications. The magazine will be called **The Rising Sun**, and the newsletters will be called **The Pen and Plow**.

Patrice Himrod submitted the name that has been chosen for this feature, Chapter Flap. Patrice is a member of Hardee Senior FFA.

Deborah Scott was offered a position that brings her closer to her career goals and was compelled to leave the FFA family. She has been replaced by Philip Breeze. You can continue to send your chapter news to him at the same address.

The Buchanan Junior High FFA chapter, in conjunction with Royal Bowling Lanes in Tampa, held a bowling party for its members to kick off the school year. More than 300 members and guests enjoyed themselves at the event.

Gary Lee, Coordinator of Vocational Education for the Highlands County Schools sends this news about the Avon Park, Lake Placid Middle, Lake Placid, Sebring Middle and Sebring FFA chapters.

Mr. Joe Stiles and Mr. M.C. Tidwell have succeeded in acquiring the land needed by the Sebring FFA for their Livestock and Crop Production programs. Advisor Steve Skipper responded by making them both Honorary Chapter Farmers.

Local rancher Wes Davis has donated a steer to the Sebring Senior chapter and Robin Walker has been selected to raise the steer. Robin will pay the chapter the value of the steer at the time it was donated when she sells it at the local fair in February. Any profit remaining after the cost of feed, medications, etc. will be her reward for a job well done.



**Tim Garmen**, Lake Placid Senior's 1980-81 president, became Highlands County's first Regional Proficiency Award winner in modern history last June when he was named Region IV Floriculture winner.

**Roger Scarborough**, of Lake Placid Senior, has been selected to receive the four-year Lipscomb G. Lykes Memorial Scholarship. Roger will pursue an Agriculture degree at the University of Florida. During his single year as an FFA member Roger led the Lake Placid Citrus Identification Team to its first top-ten finish in the State Contest, exhibited the Grand Champion hog in the 1981 Highlands County Swine Show and won Sub-District Public Speaking honors.

**Jim Griffin**, South Sumter High School FFA, sends these notes about chapter happenings at South Sumter.

South Sumter was among the first schools to open its doors this fall, they got started on Aug. 18th. Despite the hot weather the end of the first week saw ten 650-foot rows of Silver Queen sweet corn planted, two 5-acre fields of peas in the ground, a new feed shelter built and several hundred landscape plant cuttings planted in the nursery.

In addition to individually owned steers and chapter-owned steers the Sumter FFA will be raising a Beefalo calf that was donated to the chapter.

**Freddie Garner**, Acting Director of Vocational Education in Lake County, sends this information about the FFA in Lake County.

For the second year in a row Groveland High School students were led academically by an FFA member. **Kevin Garner** was Valedictorian of the 1981 graduating class. Kevin was preceded by **Danny Olson** who topped the 1980 class.

With class leaders such as these showing the way the FFA chapter at Groveland High School is sure to prosper.

In addition to putting in plenty of time on the books Kevin was Regional Star Farmer, State Star Greenhand, Chapter President, District President, finalist for the State Public Speaking award, a member of the State Champion Citrus Team, President of the Student Body, recipient of the Farm Bureau-Winn Dixie Scholarship and a member of the All-Area football team. It is rumored that Kevin does not sleep, "It's too boring, I like to be doing something."

Kevin's predecessor, whose accomplishments were nearly as numerous as Kevin's, is a student at the

University of Florida. Kevin is a Pre-med student at the University of South Florida.

**Kathryn Rowe** sends this news: The Land O'Lakes Senior Chapter of the Future Farmers of America recently held the election of officers for the 1981-82 school year. The President is **Wayne Naylor**; Vice President, **James Jenkins**; Secretary, **Cassandra McGee**. Other officers are: Treasurer, **Flint Seth**; Reporter, **Kathryn Rowe**; Sentinel, **John Lawrence** and Chaplain, **Dennis Jones**. The 1981-82 Advisors are **Mr. Raymond Campbell** and **Mr. Wayne Willingham**.

The year's activities for the chapter have been outlined. They will include: the raising of a chapter steer named "Rebel," raising of a chapter hog named "Bocephus," participating in the Citrus Judging Contest, Dairy Judging Contest, and the Florida State Fair.

Saving the most unusual for last we have a letter from Milton Galvez, Agriculture Instructor at the Sarasota County Vocational-Technical Center, to share. Mr. Galvez spent a portion of the summer in Panama, working with the Future Farmers of Panama. He explains the program:

The program involved the training of Panamanian educators, provisions for teaching resources and creation of a \$110,000.00 credit fund. The credit fund provides loans to Future Farmers of Panama chapters throughout the country to finance productive enterprises. These productive enterprises range from livestock projects involving fattening or breeding of hogs, rabbits or poultry, to crops of rice, corn or vegetables. Bee hives are also popular chapter projects financed through these loans.

The largest loan so far given to a Future Farmers of Panama chapter amounted to \$10,000. The smallest loan amounted to \$450. The rate of interest for the loans is 7 per cent. The money is loaned for periods that vary from 6 months to several years, depending on the nature of the project. As loans are repaid, the money goes back into the credit fund and becomes available for other loans.

In addition, purebred hogs donated by organizations in the U.S. are used in a sort of national pig bank. Chapters receiving the purebred pigs pay back by returning a number of offspring from the first litter produced. These in turn become available to other chapters under the same terms.

Under similar arrangements, various

vocational agriculture programs have obtained goats, rabbits and bee hives. This has resulted in widespread dissemination of superior stock to school farms throughout the country. In time, this superior stock will help improve the livestock of individual farmers.

The international exchange between FFA and its counterpart in Panama has yielded fruitful results. The impact of this exchange on the vocational agriculture program and Future Farmers' Chapter at a school called San Benito was especially remarkable.

The San Benito school is located in a picturesque village on the slope of Mount Baru, a volcano and Panama's highest mountain. The American participants in FFA exchange that visited San Benito, were a poultry science major, and a graduate who had majored in nutrition. They jointly prepared a feasibility study and assisted the school in organizing a turkey production project. The turkey chicks were flown in from Canada and were sold eventually as 14 pounders, dressed and smoked. A Swiss, who operates a nearby packing plant, advised in the smoking process. The 300 turkeys netted a profit of \$1200. Then the school sent its vocational agriculture teacher to the U.S., to work for one month in a turkey farm, in order to gain additional experience in turkey production. A second turkey project is now in progress in San Benito and is moving along as well as the first one.

Other FFA representatives participating in the international exchange helped organize new Future Farmers of Panama chapters. Also, they assisted in the organization of contests dealing with agricultural skills.

The funds contributed by the U.S.A. Agency for International Development were channeled through a private group of Panamanian businessmen, organized into a foundation to assist Panama's rural youth.

A major concern in the development of this aid project has always been to secure efficient use of the money spent and to avoid creating dependency. It's success demonstrates the dynamic and creative virtues of free enterprise.

Four years ago when I first visited Panama to develop this project, I realized that it would take the cooperation of many participants to implement it. It was most gratifying to find out, during this trip to evaluate the results, that these expectations were met.



## Retiring addresses

### Retiring Address

**Mike Phillips**  
State President

What a fantastic year! Yes, Future Farmers it truly was a great year. A year full of new faces, new places, and new opportunities. This year has been the most enjoyable year of my life, yet with the joy came responsibility and many long hours of hard work and dedication. With this work came success. We have had a very successful year, and even more importantly, a satisfying year.

As I look back on my year of opportunity I wonder of many things, perhaps the most important is what made this year so fantastic, successful, and satisfying. People! People have made my year. The unique thing is that they are all so closely-knit to the Future Farmers of America. What amazes me the most is, that everyone who helped make my year so very special, is very special in his own way.

Future Farmers, you have contributed so much to the success of our state officer team. You elected each of us in June and your faith in us seems to have grown with each passing day. Advisors, you have allowed us to contribute in a small way to your chapters. Businessmen and industry representatives, the friendship, guidance and support you have provided has had a tremendous bearing on our year. Moms, and Dads, words alone cannot describe the love and respect we hold for you. We can only say, "thank you so very, very much!"

The 53rd State FFA Convention will soon be history. With its closing comes the end of my term as your president. However, with the ending of this year another one begins. It is not a moment of sadness and anxiety but a time of happiness and excitement. There are bridges yet to be crossed and goals still to be achieved.

FFA members and advisors, as I make my final remarks I can only think of what I can do to instill in your minds, a memory that will contribute positively to your FFA career.

In my travels I have met three types of people: those who make things happen, those to whom things happen, and those who stand around wondering about what happens. We have no choice but to be a member of one of these groups, however, we do have the ability to decide which group it will be. This is an important decision that will greatly affect us the rest of our lives. I suggest to you that we all should try to be in the group which makes things hap-

pen, after all, this is the group of winners, achievers and successful people!

There are several things we must remember when setting our goals and aiming at success. First, set your goals to the maximum and keep these goals in clear focus at all times. Secondly, remember that we go where we point ourselves. It's not enough to be on the right track, we must be headed in the right direction. FFA members have you set your goals? Are you aimed at success? Yes, I realize each of you has tasted success and has achieved a goal. But is it enough to climb halfway to the top and stop? When you achieve a goal set another, even higher, and strive to reach that one.

With success comes satisfaction. We, as state officers, have had a successful year and more importantly, a satisfying one. FFA members, chapter advisors, are you satisfied with your past year? When you evaluate your accomplishments, whether they be individual or chapter, can you honestly say, "I have achieved success! I am completely satisfied?" If your answer is yes, congratulations! If your answer is no, get involved and get involved now! Your career as an FFA member is like an hourglass. It goes by slowly at first, but as the years progress your time as an active member seems to increase the rate at which it passes. Use the time you have as an FFA member as a tool to achieve your highest goals.

FFA members, advisors, you are one of those three types of people in the world.

*To achieve all that is possible  
We must attempt the impossible  
To be as much as we can be  
We must dream of being more.*

This sums up the way we should feel about everything we attempt. I encourage you to keep this in mind when you set your goals and as you aim at success!

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### Retiring Address

Chuck Brannan  
State Secretary

Well, its hard to believe that it's about that time. Time for me to stand before you for the last time and express my thoughts as an FFA officer. Standing here tonight it seems like just yesterday that I stood before you on this very stage and said..."Fellow members, I am asking you here tonight, don't make me hang up my jacket at the close of this convention. Allow me to wear it one more year in service to you! Thank you and please remember Chuck Brannan

for State Secretary." Remember me you did. Suddenly, I found myself, along with six others, doing, going, and growing all year long!

Many times this past year riding down the road on my way to a chapter banquet or on my way to present a safety program I have thought, in a selfish way, that I would like to save time. Save time so that I might have more opportunities to serve and work as an FFA officer. But we all know that time is not a commodity that can be saved until needed. Instead it keeps on passing. It neither slows nor stops for anyone.

It was almost five years ago that I sat in the back of the auditorium in Tampa and watched my first State FFA. Convention unfold before this young greenhand's eyes. In the years that have followed these two events time has seemingly increased the rate at which it passes. However time has never moved as swiftly as it has this past year. Now it is only a matter of time until it will all be over, my year as a state officer and my years as an active member of the FFA. When I think of all I have had the chance to do, it is overwhelming, but when I think of all that I have wanted to do and share, I realize that the very little time I have left is the most valuable and important of my FFA career.

For in these brief few moments I do want to share with you my final thoughts as an officer of this organization

For me this year has been a very busy one with many things to do, and many places to go, so many people to share it all with. I have learned that the important thing is not saving time, as many would have you believe, but using it. For it is in the use of this time that we determine where it will take us in the future.

For some, as I've heard it said before, time is a thief robbing them of the joy and success they dreamed of. The difference, the simple difference, is the way they used their time. Since time is a limited thing for all of us, we must make the most of every day, every hour, and yes, every moment. For one moment is all that is needed to taste success.

Fellow members, if you remember nothing else that I say to you tonight, remember this. Get involved and get involved now! The little time you have left is also the most valuable and important time of your FFA career. Get involved, members, and upon your involvement build your tomorrows today.

As I look to the past I can see my FFA activities as a part of the beginning of my future. When I think of the many

tomorrows that will make up the future for an FFA member of today this is not a sad occasion at all for me. I no longer have any desire to save time but look to the future and say, "bring on the tomorrows!" We can bring on those tomorrows through belief in ourselves, and our abilities, belief in the future of agriculture, the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds.

Before I close tonight I would like to say to each of my fellow officers that the time is close when our dreams will take us in many different directions and many miles apart. We will no longer work, play, and laugh together. But I guess that's only fitting, because you see, it was our dreams, our separate dreams, that gave us the opportunity to come together to begin with. Now far greater goals and challenges await each of us and it will be through all of yesterday's dreams and experiences that we get ready for tomorrow. But I must say that while I prepare for my tomorrows, a small part of each of you will always be with me.

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### Retiring Address

Bobby Green

State Vice President Region I

Almost five years ago I heard the song, "We've Only Just Begun," for the first time. Since then those words have taken on a new meaning, and really inspired my life.

When you elected me Region I State Vice President, just a year ago tonight, it hardly seemed possible that a year could pass by so quickly. I well recall my mixed feelings that night--the pride in the election to a state office, determination to do well, and yes, nervousness about my ability to fulfill the new position. That single event seemed to be the end of a long journey--a journey which began over four years earlier with the election of a new slate of Junior Chapter officers for my hometown FFA chapter. Undecided about whether to run for an office in the chapter, I had a long talk with my agriculture teacher which proved to be very valuable. Listening to many excuses as to why I didn't think I should run, my advisor told me something I will never forget. With deep sincerity he looked me in the eye and said, "Bobby, in order to be successful in life you have to TRUST IN YOUR OWN ABILITIES."

Frequently, when we are faced with problems, instead of trusting in our abilities, we run to someone else and expect them to solve our problems.

It is important that we, as FFA

members--the leaders of tomorrow, not let ourselves stray in this direction. When faced with a difficult situation, we should take advantage of our circumstances and learn by solving our problems ourselves. Unfortunately, human nature seeks to obtain the assistance of those around us, and our opportunity for self-improvement is lost. How many times do you find yourself debating whether to participate in a FFA contest or activity? After considering the idea a while, you decide, "well, I would never make the team--maybe I will try out next year?"

My friends, it is up to us to develop our own abilities, set our own goals, and strengthen our talents by frequent use of activities and contests offered by this organization!

I could stand here tonight and tell you that in every contest you enter in the Future Farmers of America, you are going to go straight to the top. That it will be easy for you young, energetic adults to succeed, or I could tell you the truth. The truth is you won't go straight to the top and you won't succeed easily. There is no easy route to success!

Each and every member who has crossed this stage to accept an award, had one thing in common: they all trusted in their abilities and worked hard to develop those abilities. I would encourage each of you to follow the example set by these members. Granted, at times things are going to get tough, and you might not think you can fill out another application. I have found myself feeling that way many times. I have a favorite poem which never fails to inspire me when I feel that way. This poem is my personal challenge to each of you.

*When the day is dark and gloomy  
And the fog obscures your view,  
And you feel there is no challenge  
Waiting anywhere for you;  
When it's routine you must follow  
Through a dreary weather chart,  
And you feel the hand of duty  
Like a millstone on your heart;  
Face the skies however darkened,  
When you ache to turn away  
Do the job that lies before you  
Keep your courage one more day.  
You can never guess how often  
You affect another's life  
By the fact you are a doer  
Not a quitter in the strife*

As I stand before you tonight, there is an overflowing joy in my heart, because I know that through TRUSTING IN OUR OWN ABILITIES we have made many accomplishments that will truly benefit

the future of the FFA because, after all, Future Farmers of America, we have only just begun!

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### Retiring Address

Ron Mahan

State Vice President Region II

"If we will but follow the leadership of our President, we shall be led out of the darkness of selfishness and into the glorious sunlight of brotherhood and cooperation."

You know, it seems like only yesterday that I came running up on this stage for the first time; . . . with my shirt tail hanging out. Yet since then, these words in the opening ceremony have come to mean so much more to me than they did then.

As I began to think about them, I realized that not only do we need labor, but we also need cooperation in labor. For without cooperation; knowledge, skill and labor will accomplish little. And not only is cooperation a major part of our organization, it is also the key to success in life.

Yet, through all of my years in the FFA I have seen chapters that compete against one another in their own, silent war. Due to ill-founded suspicion and jealousy, these chapters acted as if they were in two separate organizations, having no common ideas or purposes.

If only they would realize all of the good that friendship and cooperation can do for all of us. Friendship between chapters can determine the success of the FFA, through exchange of ideas and the fellowship shared in reaching for a common goal.

In 1976, two young greenhands had just joined a junior chapter. Although they knew little of the FFA, they were both very ambitious and were reaching for the ambitious goals.

In their first year, one held the office of Junior Chapter President, and the other, Junior Chapter Vice-President. Two years later, in the Senior Chapter, they again held the offices of President and Vice-President, only reversed. And finally, in their senior year, they again held the offices of President and Vice-President.

As they served these three terms together, you would think that a tremendous bond of friendship had grown between them, but this wasn't so.

You see, as they moved through their high school years, there was a great amount of competition between them. And in the hustle and bustle of things, they had let that competition get in the

way of their friendship.

They didn't realize it at the time, but this not only hurt them, it hindered their chapter from working as effectively as it could.

Even if . . . , even if . . .  
*Pause*

Right now I have been up here all alone. Well, not really alone. You have all been with me. I felt a growing tension in this room. A tension brought about because you thought I was in trouble and had forgotten what I was going to say. Many of you don't know me that well, but as I stood here and watched the tension build, I sensed that each of you wished in some way that you could help me.

You see, there is a lot of love and friendship in this organization. Don't waste it, fellow Future Farmers. And don't ever let competition get in the way of friendship.

Before I hang up my jacket, I want to thank you, Future Farmers of America, for all those helpful happy years and all that you've done for me.

Mom, Dad, chapter advisors; Mr. Geiger, Mr. Evans and Mr. Farrell; Mr. Reese, Mr. Kirkland and Mr. Jack Williams--for all the support you have given me and for the times when I was unsure of myself and you said "go on, follow your star"--I thank you . . . more than I can say.

You know, the other day someone told me I really had it made. If only they knew how much you have made of me. The love and friendship we've shared this year has been worth far more than anything this world can offer.

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### RETIRING ADDRESS

Patrick Grady

State Vice President - Region III

It seems such a short time ago that I delivered my very first speech back in the sixth grade. And now I am down to my final remarks as an active FFA member. It feels like just yesterday that I enrolled in my first Vocational Agriculture class and found the doors of opportunity open to me. I have been fortunate enough to have had five years of active membership. As I take time to share with you some of the rewarding experiences that FFA has given me, I find myself wondering what so many of us would have done without the Future Farmers of America. What other organization is there that helps to develop leadership, public speaking and so many other abilities so thoroughly? I can look back over my years in the FFA



and I have but one regret. A regret that I did not become involved in every activity I could, for now, my time is up. However, this great organization and the people involved in it have helped me to lay a solid foundation to build upon. In 1st Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verse 10, it states:

*According to the Grace of God which is given unto me as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

Fellow members, your advisors and this organization have laid a solid foundation for you to build upon and the materials you need to build with are within each of you. I challenge you to take advantage of every opportunity, to reach within yourselves and give the extra effort it takes to be a leader, and to reinforce your foundation as you build.

It is up to you to make the decision if you want to be a leader or a follower, no one can make that decision for you. You are where you are because it's where you want to be. Are you satisfied with where you are? Are you fulfilling your dreams? Are you meeting the challenges of today and working towards tomorrow? And lastly, are you setting your goals, achieving them and setting new ones? These are questions only you can answer.

Friends, tomorrow will be my last day as an active FFA member. Many of you have one or more years left to become involved and to reap the benefits of such a great organization. Take advantage of the time you have left!

You've given me the chance of a lifetime this year to serve as a state FFA officer; however, I really can't believe what I must do. It seems so hard to say goodbye to so many of you, my truest friends. This year I've had the chance to visit with many of you and you gave me a simple smile, said hello, or "Pat, that was a job well done" and it would really make my day. I only hope and pray that in some way I have helped at least one of you this year.

**Retiring Address**

**Jed Weeks**

*State Vice President  
Region IV*

As I stand here today for my final remarks as a state officer, I wonder why you joined the FFA. Do you know? Was it because your older brother or sister was a member, or maybe your best friend joined? Or did you just want to be

a part of a youth organization that develops agricultural leaders and prepares you for a career? Was it one of these reasons or maybe all of them? Fellow members, this is the reason I joined the FFA (jacket). This is the first FFA jacket I ever owned, and before I owned this jacket, I was just like Jed Clampett before he discovered his oil. I was poor! You see, I never was very good at sports. I found myself running just as many sprints at practice as the rest of the squad, but at the game I sat on the bench while the rest of the team played. It didn't take me long to realize the only time I was getting any rest was on a game night. So I decided it was time for something different. When I slipped this jacket on, things started happening. No longer was I sitting on the bench. I was a part of the team, the team in blue and gold, and folks, I was proud. That pride will stay with me as long as I live! Through this great organization I've become rich! Rich in the sense that I am now prepared to go into life with a positive attitude that I can succeed in the career I choose. Sure, there will be times when I'm on the bench, but with a lot of work, I'll get back in the game because the FFA has taught me that without labor, all the knowledge and wisdom in the world can't accomplish much. The wealth I've gained through the FFA that I treasure the most is the friends I've made. Each of you have different qualities that have influenced me greatly and I'll never forget those of you I've worked with this year. Through experience and my friends, I feel that I am rich in ways that most millionaires will never know.

Several years ago on an Indian reservation in Oklahoma, oil was discovered. Suddenly, they were all rich overnight. The Indian chief decided to indulge himself in all the things he had always wanted. He bought a big white Cadillac and every day he rode in the Cadillac to town. He looked to the left. He'd look to the right, turn and look behind him and wave to all his friends along the street. He never had an accident. He never dented a fender. He never even got a ticket, because in front, pulling that great white Cadillac, were four white horses! You see, he never learned to drive. Here he was with the power of 350 horses under the hood, but he was content to propel himself with only four horse power! Fellow members, there are many of us like that. I know that many times I've settled for less when, if I'd only used my full potential, I would have been so much better off. The catch is we can't go back and do things over again. Instead, we have

to learn from our mistakes and go into life with the knowledge we gain from them.

I'm not sad that this year is over because it's been great and it's been busy. At times I wondered if I could make it through another drive to a chapter meeting or banquet, but I'll never regret a mile I drove this year because each place I went I enjoyed more and more. In each place I met FFA members who realized their riches and those who didn't.

Kenny Rogers, who just moved into a 7 million dollar home said, "The key to happiness is not having all you want, but wanting all you have."

Fellow members, through your membership in the FFA, you hold the key to riches. You can use it to it's fullest potential or you can settle for less today and be sorry for it tomorrow.

There are four things you should never take for granted. The first is the FFA. It has taught me things that will be helpful for the rest of my life, and I realize that I'm a better person for having participated in the FFA. I hope each of you will take the same opportunities that I did.

The second is your Advisors. You'll never truly know how much you appreciate them until you're out of school. So listen to them and let them advise you through the FFA experience.

The third is your parents. Parents make the greatest impression on FFA members. They are always there when we need them and their love and devotion is taken for granted so many times. So share your FFA experiences with them and you'll be drawn closer together because of it.

The last and most important is Yourself. Don't take yourself for granted! You are only as good as you believe you are. Each of us is full of potential, but it is our obligation to develop our potential into skills that will prepare us for our future; the future of farming!

**Retiring Address**

**Felicia Finley**

*State Vice President Region V*

*Then you brought out the colors,  
What a gentle surprise  
Now I'm able to see,  
All the things life can be,  
Shining soft in your eyes*

Now, as I look into your eyes and reflect back over the past 12 months, what I see is you. Your kind words, smiles and action have motivated and

inspired me. You are the ones that decorated my life and made this year worth-while.

As I heard this song by Kenny Rogers on the radio time and time again, the more I began to realize the similarity between the words of the song and the change that took place in my life

*All my life was a paper*

*Once plain, clear and white*

*Til you moved with your pen*

*Changing moods now and then,*

*Til the balance was right*

There have been so many people throughout my FFA career that have influenced my life and changed it from a paper, once plain, clear and white, to the individual you see before you now, more ready and able to face what lies ahead.

The time has come for me to say thank you to those individuals for their abiding love and their never-ending faith in me.

I owe my parents everything that I am, good or bad. They would do anything for me. I hope they know how much I love them.

My advisors, Mr. Knight and Mr. Clark have been teachers, friends, a helping hand, a motivator and, in many ways, a second father.

The list could go on and on, for so many people have influenced me. I thank you for truly decorating my life.

Albert Schweitzer said, "You will always have happiness if you seek and find how to serve." Two thousand years ago, the greatest authority on serving others the world has ever known gave the best formula for leadership I've yet to find. Christ said, "The greatest among you will be your servants." He knew that God measures man, not by his head, but by his heart; not by his intentions, but by his actions; and not by what he gains, but by what he gives.

In a foreign country, an American journalist watched as a missionary cleaned the infected sores of a wounded soldier. "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." the journalist exclaimed. "Neither would I," the missionary replied.

There is so much good we can do just by trying to make someone else feel good. I'll never forget when I was working at the children's barnyard during our County Fair a year ago. It was mid-morning when they came through, countless numbers of blind children, all holding hands and walking slowly in single file. We took some of the animals from their pens so they could pet and

feel them. The magic of those moments still lives within me as does the warmth I received from their smiles and laughter.

*We can have so much fun  
by helping others along*

*Things that in common we share*

*We want to go on, not  
because of ourselves*

*But because of those who care*

*It's living and doing*

*for someone else*

*That all of life's splendor depends,*

*And the joy of the world*

*when you sum it up,*

*Is found in the love of our friends.*

I have reached the end of a journey which began exactly a year ago tomorrow. It seems as though it was only yesterday. The time has come for me to travel new paths with the love of all of you in my memories. Just as I have come to a turning point in the road of life, the time is here for you to choose which path in life you will take. Knowing that you will choose the right paths to take and, in turn, better yourselves and our organization, gives me the strength to say my final goodbye's and thank you for truly decorating my life.

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Rodney B. Gilmore  
Rodney Jones  
Mathew S. Kriser

**Bonifay**  
Bryan S. Pierce

**Chipley**  
Regina C. Gilmore  
Brian Solger

**Jay**  
Greg Carlton  
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Keith Moore  
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Bill Smith  
Bryon Vaughan  
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**Blountstown**  
Tony Hershel Bennett  
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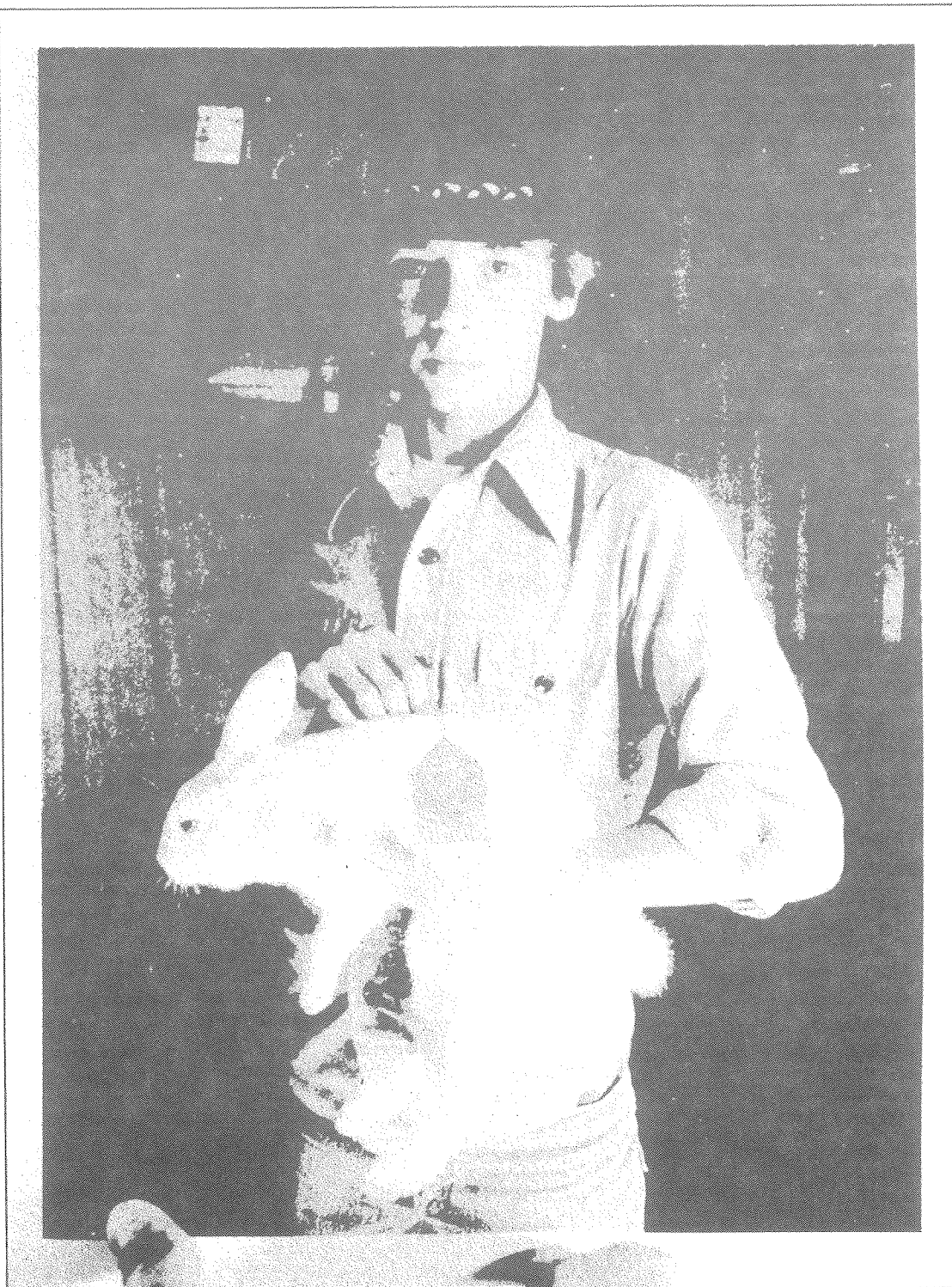
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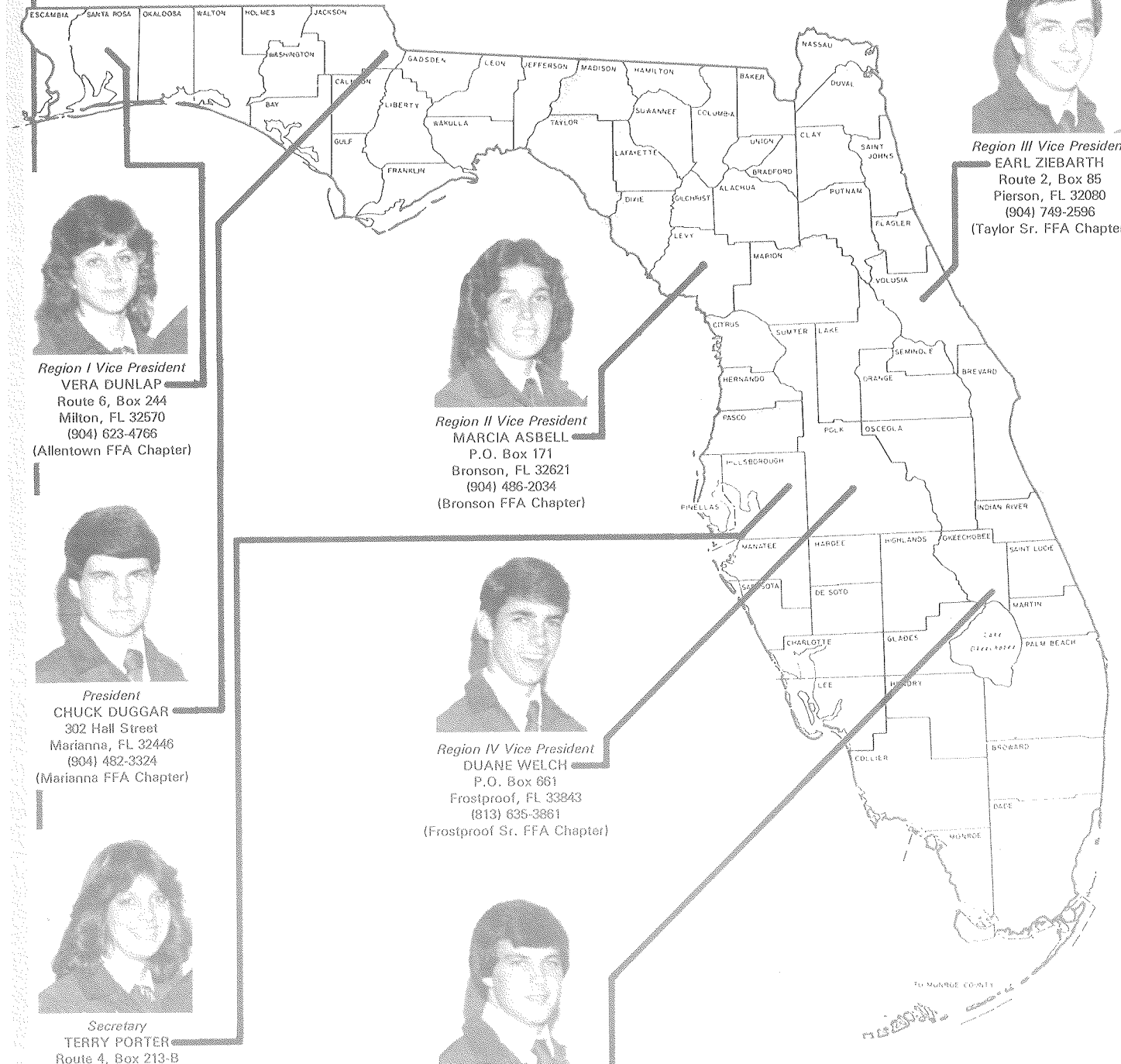
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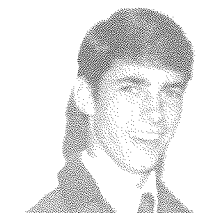
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