

CF Industries Pledges \$60,000 Support of LTC

CF Industries, one of North Florida's leading manufacturers of chemical fertilizers, has pledged \$60,000 toward the construction of the Florida Future Farmers of America's Leadership Training Center to be built in Polk County.

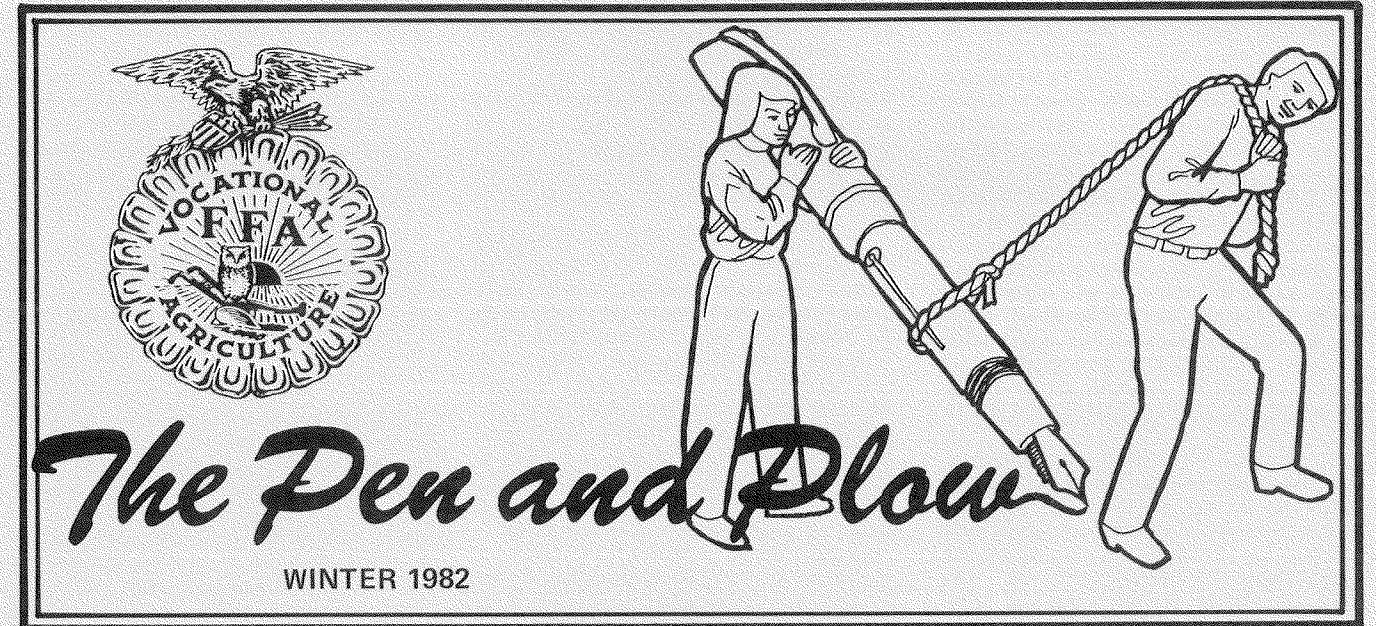
CF President Barney Baxter announced CF's contribution at a December 7 press conference in Bartow. "This contribution

represents CF's commitment to a strong and productive Florida Agriculture and to Florida's young people," Baxter said.

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, Chairman of the Fund Raising Drive for the Leadership Training Center, said, "This gift by CF Industries serves as our finest opportunity to attract our future leaders to this basic industry of agriculture."



Barney Baxter, President of CF Industries, presents the first installment of a \$60,000 pledge to Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner. State FFA Secretary Terry Porter looks on as the gift toward the construction of the FFA Leadership Training Center is made.



Agriculture Day Prompts Nationwide Celebration

People in all 50 states heard about the importance of our food and fiber system on Thursday, March 18, according to Larry Reese, State FFA Program Consultant.

"Agriculture Day is a nationwide program of education and celebration of agriculture's contribution to the American way of life," said Reese. "Millions of Americans in cities, suburbs and towns across the country participated."

The theme of this year's observance was, "Agriculture: It's Your Heartbeat, America." The theme is symbolized by a print-out of an electrocardiogram on a map of the United States with a farm image superimposed over the map.

"This was an opportunity for us to remind non-agricultural Americans of the strength of agriculture's heartbeat and of its needs," said Reese. "While only about four percent of America is involved in farming, 100 percent of America is involved in consuming the food that results."

Reese pointed out some interesting facts that dramatize agriculture's role in the U.S. economy.

- Agriculture - the entire food and fiber system - with assets of \$1.1 trillion, equal to 88 percent of the assets of all manufacturing corporations in the United States, is America's number-one industry.

- Agriculture is America's number-one employer. More than 23 million people are employed in the food and fiber system. That's almost 20 percent of the entire workforce.

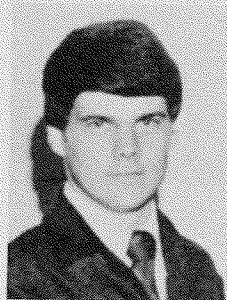
- Agriculture is America's best inflation fighter with each farmer producing enough to feed and clothe more than 78 non-farmers. That is more than twice the production rate of the 1960's. That is better than the productivity rate of any other American industry.

- Agriculture is America's top exporter, about \$44 million in 1981, helping to pay for oil, automobiles and valuable raw materials that we export.



This Little Piggy
Went to Market. . .

. . . and netted \$301.25 for the Dade City Junior FFA Chapter during the State Fair in Tampa. The Bank of Pasco County bought the porker for \$1.25 a pound. See other State Fair results on page 3.



A GREAT CHALLENGE
Chuck Dugger
President

Future Farmers, today we are faced with a truly great challenge. We live in a time of uncertainty and we look to the future to decide the course of our life. Our challenge is to make the most of our lives by using the opportunities available to us. To be successful we must decide what we want to accomplish, we must set goals. I know you have heard much about goals and how to set them, but how many of us take it seriously?

A proper goal should be set low enough to be reached so we don't become discouraged. But it should be high enough to be a challenge and its attainment a source of satisfaction. It is important that we not put limits and restrictions on ourselves, for we must not convince ourselves we will not succeed. Usually, with that attitude, we don't succeed. It is important to wholeheartedly believe in our ability and what we are doing.

It is also vitally important to be persistent and never give up. I guess we all have heard the old saying that quitters never win and winners never quit. Do we follow this? If we do we will discover we can accomplish many things we never thought possible. In I Chronicles 28:20 the Bible exhorts us to, "be strong and courageous and get to work. Do not be frightened by the size of the task for the Lord, my God, is with you; He will not forsake you. He will see to it that everything is finished correctly." If we consider and believe this, how can we possibly fail?

WHERE TO BE...AND WHEN

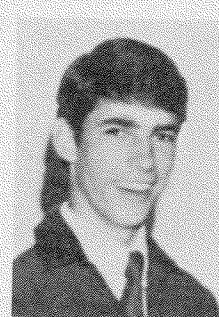
Gainesville	March 13 March 15-19	State Livestock, Poultry, Dairy and Meats Judging "Star Farmer and Agribusinessman" Tour (Top ten State Farmer Degree Applications)
Lake County	March 26 April 1 April 15	State Land Judging State Citrus Production and Placement Proficiency Applications Electrification Essays: 7th-9th grades only Forestry Camp Applications Due All Chapter Contests, BOAC - Accomplishment Report, Co-Op - Forestry (St. Regis), Safety, Feeder Steer Applications Due National Band and Chorus Applications Due State Convention Courtesy Corps Applications Due
Gainesville	April 30	State Vegetable, Ag Mechanics Finals, Ag Management Finals, Ornamental Horticulture Demonstrations and Meats Judging Finals
Orlando	June 7-10	State FFA Convention

The FFA gives young people a chance to succeed. No other organization trains youth in leadership as well as the Future Farmers of America, but it is up to you as an individual, to set your goals to take advantage of this training. Each year the Florida FFA organizes state, regional and district leadership schools to develop the leadership potential of Florida FFA'ers, but as National Advisor Byron Rawls once pointed out, "The chapter level is where the rubber meets the road." When you set a goal to be a chapter officer or committee chairperson you are setting the ground work that is the strength of our organization. What if all FFA members, after being defeated for an office, quit or gave up?

Contests and awards are also areas where Future Farmers can achieve their goals. Florida, with more than 100 contests and award areas, has one of, if not the finest programs in the United States. Florida Future Farmers have many chances to succeed by setting their goals and never giving up.

This year Future Farmers in Florida have the chance to take part in a program to build a Leadership Training Center that will greatly strengthen FFA and Vocational Agriculture in Florida. Future Farmers can get involved and set their goals for success in two ways. Firstly, by organizing chapter fund-raisers which involve their communities and civic leaders. Through these programs we hope to raise money as well as inform the public about today's FFA. Secondly, Future Farmers can get involved on an individual basis in the "Hire-An-Aggie" program. You, as an FFA'er, can make your individual contribution by donating part or all of your wages when you work after school or on weekends. We will achieve our goal of \$500 thousand this year, but only if you help. If you don't, we won't!

This year is ours! We can make of it what we will. Remember, set your goals high and, above all, never give up.



FOR WITHOUT LABOR...
Duane Welch
Region IV
Vice President

Vocational Agriculture, the Future Farmers of America, opportunities, work; these all belong in the same sentence. Vocational Agriculture presents opportunities as varied and plentiful as you can imagine. It requires work to make the best use of opportunities, and the Future Farmers of America help to develop competent, aggressive leaders who are willing to work to make the best of tomorrow's opportunities in agriculture.

Members of the FFA must accept the challenge to work now to make the best of those opportunities. The Future Farmers of America are "Growing For America," and this work!

You have enjoyed the benefits of FFA for some time now and certainly you realize that it was work that made you succeed, or the lack of work that caused you to fail. If it was that chapter office you wanted, winning that sub-district contest, or chairing that committee, you did not succeed without work. When you worked and did succeed the result often brought more work. Is all this outpouring of our time and energy necessary? Only if you wish to succeed.

Sometimes it is easier to say you've had enough and give up, but the end result, the successful completion of a well planned task, comes only to those who continue to work. Our accomplishments can be unlimited if we are unselfish with our time and energy, if we continue to work and tackle the job at hand.

As we finish one task we must look with excitement to the challenges that lie ahead. Our attitude toward this work is crucial if success is to follow. I used to have a negative attitude about many situations. It is easy to get into this frame of mind. When you do your ability to accept the tasks at hand is limited, and progress or success is virtually impossible. Your attitude must be positive, your enthusiasm sincere, if your goal is to be met.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with a strong and active faith. Let us exert an influence in our homes and communities, remembering that without labor neither knowledge nor wisdom can accomplish anything." Let's get to work and DO it!

Dairy, Horticulture, Livestock and Poultry Prelims Held at State Fair

The State Fair in Tampa was the site of the preliminary contests in four areas of competition.

The Livestock prelims were held on February 6 with the following results: Mark Clark took the individual high honors with a score of 281 out of a possible 300.

On the team scene Hardee Sr. took the title with 774 out of a possible 900. Kathleen Jr. was right behind to take second with a respectable 771. Third place went to Taylor Sr. with a tally of 765. Auburndale, eleven points out of first, took fourth with 763 and Citrus Jr. beat out Plant City for fifth place with 751.

The Poultry Judging, along with Dairy and Horticulture, was held on February 13. J. Depuy took first place in the individual competition. Representing Auburndale Sr., Depuy amassed an impressive 194 out of a possible 200 points to take the honors.

In team competition it was Auburndale Sr. again. Not quite up to Depuy's 97 percent accuracy rate the team turned in a 560 out of a possible 600 points to secure a first-place sweep for Auburndale. Plant City, whose T. Greene was only one point behind Depuy in the individual competition, came in second in the team competition only two

points behind the winners. Sounds like some pretty stiff competition in the Poultry judging, the feathers must have really been flying. Third place went to Sarasota Vo-Ag with 538 points. Lake Weir Sr. tallied a total of 536 for fourth place, three points ahead of fifth-place Leto.

In the Moo News it was Sandy Hill from Santa Fe Sr., with a total of 281 out of a possible 300, who took the honors in the Dairy event.

In the team competition Zephyrhills Sr. added up 780 out of a possible 900 points to take first place. South Sumter Sr. was close with 777. Chiefland Sr. came in third with 773. South Sumter Jr. edged out Zephyrhills Jr. by one point to take fourth with 761. Zephyrhills Jr. took an easy fifth, five points ahead of Santa Fe Sr.

Perry Brown, of Wildwood Sr. took the title in the Horticulture contest with 948 of a possible 1000 points.

Plant City, appropriately, took first place in the team competition with 2752 of a possible 3000 points. A distant second went to Colonial with 2669. Third place went to J.G. Smith with 2640. In a close race for fourth Auburndale Sr. topped Dade City Sr. by five. Dade City Sr. took fifth with a total of 2625.

FLORIDA STATE



Paul White (l), Kevin Surratt, and Kevin Wehling (r) took first place in the team Dairy competition. The three represent Zephyrhills Senior FFA.

A STATE FFA



Sandy Hill, Santa Fe Senior FFA, took the individual honors in the Dairy Competition.

Citrus Judging Results

Forty-two teams took part in the State Citrus Judging finals held February 17 during the Citrus Showcase in Winter Haven. Competition included identification of fruit, trees, pests, diseases and deficiencies.

The top three teams and top three individuals were recognized and presented their awards at the Government Day Luncheon. Commissioner Conner was host at the luncheon.

The competition between Haines City and Plant City was very close. Plant City Sr. took first place in the team competition with 360 points. Haines City Sr. was right behind them with 358. Groveland Sr. came in third, just five points behind the winners, with 355 points.

On the Individual side of the scoreboard Tom Hines, from the Dade City Chapter, took first with 129 points. Kenny Dowdy, of Haines City tied for third with Plant City's Brad Sporkman, they both had a score of 122.

WHEN YOU LOOK GOOD



FFA LOOKS GREAT



FFA, GROWING
FOR AMERICA
Terry Porter
State Secretary

This nation was founded by farmers. George Washington considered himself a farmer/soldier. Thomas Jefferson called himself a farmer/statesman. With only a few notable exceptions, such as Benjamin Franklin, the population of the colonies and then the United States lived and worked on farms.

In those times farmers and their families consumed most of what they produced. A small percentage was left over to be traded or sold in order to procure items or services that the farmers could not produce themselves.

Since those early times America's population has doubled and redoubled many times over. The number of farmers has not increased nearly so much. In fact, since WW I the population has continued to increase while the number of farmers has actually decreased.

Agriculturalists, as farmers are often called by those who write about them, noted this trend and developed a youth organization designed to teach young persons about agriculture, citizenship and leadership. Properly named, the Future Farmers of America was founded in 1928.

Because of the decrease in the number of farmers the burden on the individual farmer has increased. Each farmer today produces enough to feed more than 65 non-farmers. When our nation was formed farmers accounted for nearly 90 percent of the population. Today farmers represent slightly less than four percent of the nation's population. Despite this the American farmer feeds America and produces millions

of tons of food to be sold or given to less capable countries.

The new FFA theme, Growing For America, is quite fitting. We are not only growing crops and livestock to feed America, we ourselves are growing to provide leaders for America.

Since the founding of this nation, and especially since the founding of FFA, fewer and fewer farmers have been asked to produce bigger and bigger harvests.

Much of the growth in production is directly attributable to the growth and sophistication of farm equipment. Today's farmer has larger and more efficient equipment available to him than his predecessors had.

The membership of FFA has played and important role in developing and manufacturing this equipment. Much emphasis is put on efficiency in production and technological advances. Today's vocational agricultural students and FFA members learn ways to get better performance out of equipment and how to manufacture and repair it. These students are the hope for a brighter future in farming, and in America.

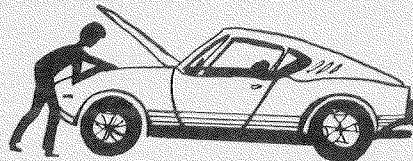
The FFA also plays the important role of leadership in our country's government. Many local, county, state and national leaders are FFA products themselves. Vice President George Bush calls the FFA, "the most respected youth organization in the world." It is because of the FFA's concern about leadership and citizenship that these accomplishments have been made. Because of this deep concern the FFA will continue to produce competent and effective leaders of our nation in the years to come.

Judging from these examples, the FFA will increase its role in the success of our country. More farmers will be needed to produce the food our nation and the world will need. Those farmers will be depending upon industry and agribusiness to manufacture newer and better machinery to help meet the ever increasing demand for food.

When America looks for new leaders it will be the FFA that offers the best hunting grounds. In order to meet America's needs for newer and better leaders the FFA must continue to expand and grow ... Growing For America.

While serving as a state officer I've met many FFA members across the United States. I often hear the phrase, "I can't do that."

*Remember!!
Official dress will be
required at the State
Convention for delegate
State Farmers and
award winners.*



FFA Tune-Up

Can you list the Official Dress Requirements for both male and female FFA members? What Chapter program of activities committee(s) are you on?

How many pins/awards may be worn on an FFA jacket? What are they?

Can you name the seven State Offices? Can you name the current office-holders?

What has your Chapter done toward the "1/2 million dollar challenge" this year? (Did you know that - counting the "1/2 million dollar challenge - we have raised more than \$1 million in pledges, in-kind contributions and cash?)

Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, is working in the Sarasota Chapter's "Hire-an-Aggie" program? What are you doing to help?

1982 Results of FFA Contests

	REGION I	REGION II	REGION III	REGION IV	REGION V
TRACTOR OPERATIONS	Ferlon Baggett (Altha)	David Spencer (Santa Fe Sr.)	Richard Pitts (South Sumter)	Jerrold Williams (J. G. Smith)	John Willis (Indian River)
PUBLIC SPEAKING	Meg Potter (Chipley)	Vivian Smith (Williston Sr.)	Eric Matthews (Citrus)	Patrice Himrod (Hardee Sr.)	Sean McCall (Moore Haven)
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM	Ricky Owens Scott Hendricks Stan Blackman Jake Gibbs Bart Hendricks Jeffrey Ashcraft (Jay)	Jimmy Cason Dina Maples Vernon McCoy Barbara Rickli Damon Sandlin Vivian Smith (Williston Sr.)	Danny Garner Sandy Gray Leisa Watson Brenda Brown Kenneth Odum Clint Bronson (Groveland)	Michelle Marion Cricket Culbertson Larry Holden Lizanne Garcia Lolita Allen Shannon McLelland (Leto)	Bill Drake Harold Keen Kevin Stephens Andrea Rives Chris Loper Bruce Sutton (Clewiston)



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Vera Dunlap
Region I
Vice President

This past June I was elected to serve on the 1981-82 State Officer Team. The first thought that entered my mind while we were waiting for our first talk with FFA Program Consultant Larry Reese was, "What have I gotten myself into?" As we listened to Mr. Reese's summary of the convention and the responsibilities we had taken on I wondered about my ability to live up to the expectations of the members who had elected me.

Now, six months of the year are gone and we have developed leadership schools and held meetings from Florida to Missouri. I realize that each member has made his or her own contribution. I have also found that we have been able to "wing it" only because each of us has pulled his or her share of the load.

Future Farmers, we each have a special job to do and an important contribution to offer. Chapter officers are the ones chosen to lead the chapter. Chapter members are responsible for the success of the chapter activities through their involvement. And the enthusiasm of the greenhands is a constant inspiration to us all.

But what about the member who doesn't get involved, the officer who is not leading, or the greenhand who is no longer eager and enthusiastic? How does this affect our organization?

Although the analogy of a group of people and a chain has been used many times it still serves as a perfect example of how the FFA works. The strength of both the FFA and the chain is found in the individual members.

There is a difference, however. Unlike the links of a chain we have the ability to strengthen ourselves and each other through the activities and contests offered by the FFA. Because we are FFA members we have a responsibility to work on our weaknesses and to do our share of the work in our chapters and local communities. We are all part of the chain of society and the FFA prepares us to take important positions near the "center of the chain." Agriculture is the backbone of America. The strength of the farmer and the agriculturalist is vitally important. Each of us has an obligation to hold the chain together and to keep it "Growing for America."

As we begin the last six months of the FFA year in Florida, try to think of some of the ways you can strengthen Florida's 16,000-link chain. Each of us has responsibilities, not only to ourselves and our chapters, but to our state and nation as well. One way

you can help strengthen the chain is by becoming involved in chapter activities designed to raise the money to meet our half-million-dollar challenge for the Leadership Training Center.

Remember, the strength of a chain is in its weakest link, and the success of the FFA is in the strength of its members.



THINK POSITIVELY

Marcia Asbell
Region II
Vice President

While serving as a state officer I have met many FFA members from Florida and across the United States. As I visit with them; encouraging them to become involved in the various contests and awards programs, I often hear the phrase, "I can't do that."

Fellow Future Farmers, in order to accomplish anything you've got to have a positive attitude about yourself and your abilities.

While attending the 54th National FFA Convention I listened, along with hundreds of others, as Dr. Norman Vincent Peale spoke about positive thinking. Dr. Peale is nearly as famous as Dale Carnegie for his motivational speeches and books.

Dr. Peale told us a story that illustrates the power of positive thinking.

"Shortly after school had recessed for the summer a young boy indicated to his father a desire to have a summer job. The man asked his son how he was going to obtain summer employment. The young fellow replied enthusiastically, 'I'll start by looking in the want ads.'"

"Sure enough, in the early edition of the local paper he found an ad for a job that sounded tailor made for him. Interviews for the job were to begin at 8 o'clock the following morning.

"Filled with excitement he reached the prospective place of employment at 7:45 the next morning. Much to his dismay there were quite a few others ahead of him in the line. In fact, there were 20, making him the 21st person in the line.

"Did this discourage the lad? Well maybe, but not enough to cause him to give up. As he stood racking his brain trying to think of something to do a brilliant idea came to him.

"He took out a piece of paper, jotted down a few lines, and moved to the receptionist at the head of the line. Handing over the note he explained that it was an urgent message for the boss. Although she was a

little hesitant at first, she opened the note, read it and began to chuckle. She immediately took the note to her employer.

"As he read the note he was amused, yet quite impressed at the young man's positive thoughts and self-confidence. The note read, 'Don't do anything until you see me, I'm the 21st kid in line'."

So, you're probably asking, "Did the kid get the job?" Of course he did. That young lad had all it takes to compete in any contest. Positive thoughts which encompass self-confidence and determination are the keys to positive results.

Positive thoughts can accomplish almost anything. Just ask Rocky Blier or Tommy John. They both suffered injuries that doctors told them would prevent them from ever playing professional sports. Rocky played for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tommy John is a hurler for the New York Yankees.

Think positively, you'll be surprised at the results you get.

Be Sure to get Your Applications in by April 15 for State Convention Courtesy Corps.

CHAPTER FLAP

Scott Lloyd, Chapter Reporter for the Auburndale Senior FFA Chapter, sends this news of the chapter's activities.

National FFA Week was celebrated by the Auburndale Junior and Senior FFA Chapters with a Farm Fair held February 23. Members of both chapters displayed their projects to the rest of the student body at Auburndale Senior High School. Local elementary school students were also invited to attend the fair.

In addition to the individual projects; steer, swine, horse, poultry and wildlife exhibits were offered.

The nursery and greenhouse were open for tours and plants were sold to raise money for the Leadership Training Center.

In honor of the more than 150 elementary students who attended, the FFA's established a petting zoo complete with rabbits, geese, small goats and dogs.

The fair was considered a great success by all concerned.

(Editor's Note: Scott's report was dated February 29, 1982. If anybody sees Scott please tell him it's March now.)



PAC-MAN:
FFA STYLE
Earl Ziebarth
Region III
Vice President

I'm sure that each of you is familiar with the video game, "Pac-Man." Many of you, probably, have competed against the little "Pac-Men." Stop and think for a moment. Could you relate your FFA experiences to those of a "Pac-Man" game?

When you first begin your "Pac-Man" game you control a stick which moves a yellow circle about on the video display. Let's call the little yellow circle, "Charlie." The object of the game is for you, with the control stick, to cause Charlie to capture, or eat, all the white dots on the video display, all the while avoiding the four different colored monsters that pursue him, or her. It seems like an impossible task at first. You may think that capturing all the dots is as hard as being a State winner in the FFA contest and awards program. It isn't. You and Charlie have one distinct advantage, the four flashing energizers on the board. When Charlie captures one of them the monsters turn blue and are subject to capture themselves.

Your first start in the FFA as a greenhand is much like the "Pac-Man" board. You are exposed to enormous amounts of information that you are expected to absorb, much like Charlie is confronted with all the dots that must be captured.

The FFA has so much to offer, take advantage of it. First, decide what you like and do it, this year is already half over.

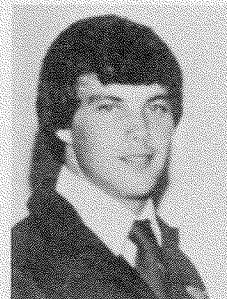
As you play "Pac-Man" you must make split-second decisions; when to escape through the tunnels, when to capture an energizer and turn on the monsters, when to double back to avoid the monsters. When you are in FFA you have decisions to make also; on which teams to be, which proficiency awards to strive for, on which committee you'll serve and, eventually, which office to run for. On judging teams you will find that you have to reason quickly in order to make the correct decision within the time allowed. In "Pac-Man" and in FFA you must be able to make the right decision before the opportunity is lost.

Often, as Charlie is trying to avoid the monsters, he finds it necessary to use an energizer to overcome the monsters. In the FFA, when you find yourself in a tight corner with the "monsters" closing in on you, you can use an energizer too. In the FFA the monsters are ignorance and inexperience, the energizers are the advisors whose knowledge and experience will help you to overcome the monsters.

If you are successful and clear away all the dots on the board without letting Charlie get captured you move on to a more difficult board. You will find that the FFA is the same way. As soon as you have mastered one level you move to the next. When you win the local contest you move up to the sub-district and the district contests. Don't let that scare you. These are logical consequences of success. With plenty of practice and the benefit of past experiences the contests become easier. I have played "Pac-Man" over and over, and it seems to get easier each time. In the FFA you'll find the more you learn the easier it gets. Learn from all your experiences.

Many times as you play "Pac-Man" you'll make a wrong turn or get trapped. You will be captured by the colorful monsters. This happened to each of us in the FFA. We have all run into obstacles and thought we were defeated. Losing an officer election, not making a judging team, or not winning an award are some examples of situations that seem like defeat. Don't give up, you are not defeated, just "knocked down." The Road to Success isn't easy, but you have to get up once more than you get knocked down.

I hope that for the remainder of your FFA career, and for the rest of your life that you learn as much as you possibly can, do as much as you can, get up each time you get knocked down and, as Winston Churchill said, "NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!"



THE
EQUALIZER
Jim Knight
Region V
Vice President

In the old West there was an equalizer, they called it a "six-shooter." It enabled small men to chop larger men down to size. In today's world the six-shooter is outdated but there is another kind of equalizer. It is DESIRE. Desire is the ingredient that changes the lukewarm water of mediocrity to the raging steam of outstanding success. At 211 degrees water is not hot enough to make a cup of tea. Add one more degree and that hot water becomes steam with enough power to move a locomotive across the nation or propel a ship from one side of the Atlantic to the other. Desire is the ingredient that enables a person with average ability to compete successfully with

those who have far more. Desire is the little difference that makes the GREAT difference in life, that little extra that turns water into steam.

This little extra, desire, will send you to the top of the ladder. Ty Cobb had desire. Grantland Rice tells of "... a day when Cobb played with each leg a mass of raw flesh. He had a temperature of 103 and the doctors ordered him to bed for several days. But his team was playing that day and as far as Ty Cobb was concerned that meant that he was playing that day. And play he did! He got three hits, stole three bases and won the game ... before he collapsed on the bench."

When I think about desire I cannot forget the feelings I had as a greenhand when I first observed the State Convention. There were feelings of great awe and admiration as I sat in the back of the convention hall observing the achievements of outstanding FFA members. It was at that convention that I decided I wanted to become more involved in this great opportunity called FFA.

From that moment I started setting goals and developing ambitions. In the climb to reach our goals we all face setbacks and momentary failure. It is in the face of these setbacks that an individual's desire makes itself known. If we cannot bounce back from a low placing in a class, a defeat in a bid for an office, or a poor performance in delivering a speech; then why should we try in the first place? Mistakes are great teachers. Yet if we don't reach for that six-shooter called "desire" and try again, we are not using what we have learned.

I know it seems hard to understand how someone getting last place can be considered successful. Most people look upon last place as a sign of failure. In the FFA this is not the case. You see, in the FFA we stress leadership, cooperation and sportsmanship; the qualities of a successful person. And in these leadership programs and contests each person walks away with the experience, knowledge and friendship acquired through participation. The FFA provides a way for everyone to gain. I have not found anyone who approached competition with the correct attitude who has walked away empty-handed.

On the other hand, if you don't want success you will not be bothered by it, for it comes only to those who reach down within themselves for that six-shooter called "desire."

State Convention
in Orlando
June 7 - 10,
See Your Advisor
for More Information !!