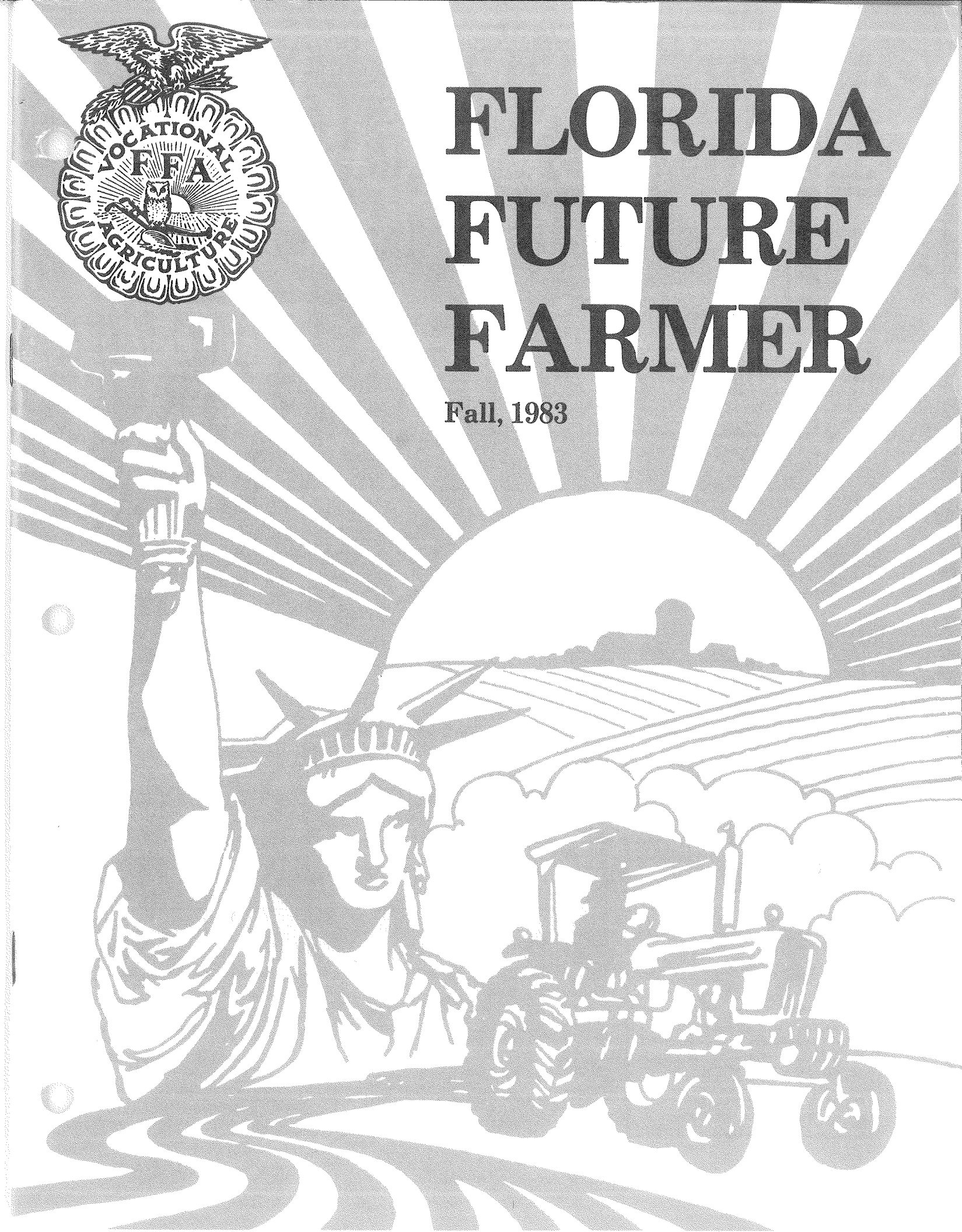


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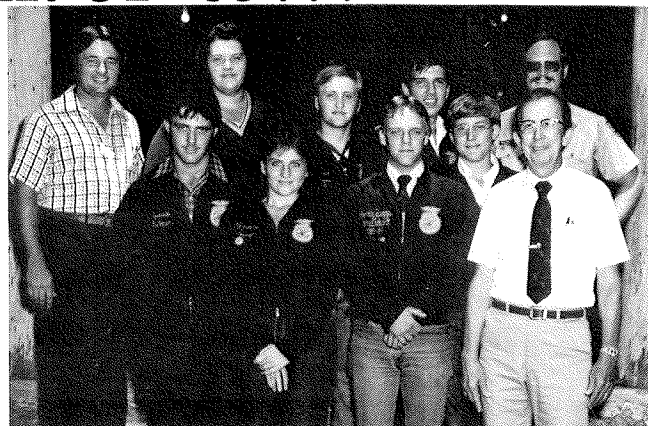
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THE SUMMER OF '83...



1983 Forestry Training Camp Outstanding and Honor Campers, July 10-15 (front row, l to r) Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, campers Sherry Gillis, Ryan McCabe, Michael Barry, Scott Smith, and Florida Division of Forestry Assistant Director Harold K. Mikell; (second row, l to r) Camp Senior Advisor Greg Alvarez, campers Richard Crisler, Frank Lowe, Kenneth Roberts, Camp Director R. Bruce Turnbull.



1983 Forestry Training Camp Outstanding and Honor Campers, July 17-22: (front row, l to r) Campers Jesse Ritter, Virde King, Larry Beggs, Florida Division of Forestry Director John M. Bethea; (second row, l to r) Camp Senior Advisor Greg Alvarez, campers Steve Dennard, William Pitman, Arthur Rogers, George Lee, Camp Director R. Bruce Turnbull.



The past year brought grief to the Florida FFA Association and to the parents and family of Mark Ballard. He was the Florida FFA Association Vice President during 1979-80.

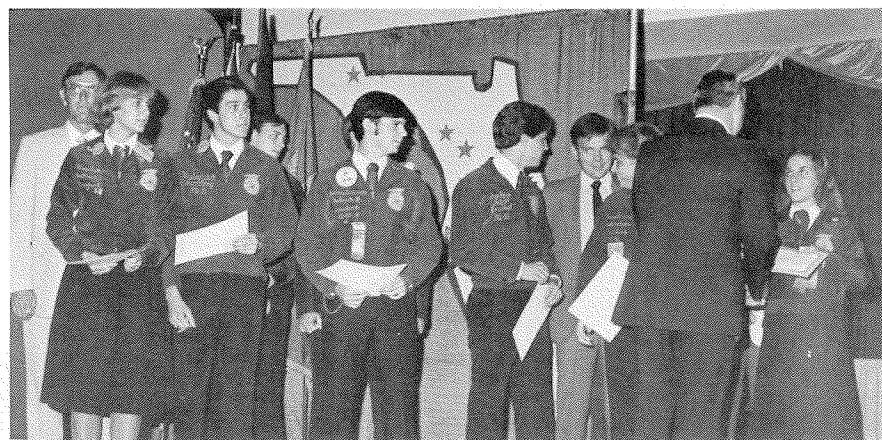
Mark, a 1979 graduate of Pasco Comprehensive High School, served the Florida Association well and his untimely death was a shock to all who knew him.

James Trimm, Steve Durrance, Bruce Christmas, Doug Register, Cecil Brown and Scott Bridges joined the Association at the 55th convention in the presentation of a \$250.00 memorial scholarship to the Florida FFA Foundation in his behalf.

The memorial at the Foundation is open to those who wish to contribute.

Florida FFA Foundation
2916 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Mark Ballard



Richard Kelly (back to camera), Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Doyle Conner, awards Department of Agriculture Scholarships to 1983 winners: (l to r) Region I, Meg Potter, Chipley; Region II, Wesley Asbell, Bronson; Region III, Danny Garner, Groveland; Region IV, Steve Raney and Marc Price, Chamberlain; Region V, Laura Lindquist, Miami.



The 1983 State FFA Convention Courtesy Corps, thirty-five specially selected FFA members, was a major asset in the very smooth running of the 55th Convention. Lecanto advisor Kelly Tyler, corps coordinator, presents pins to the group as Lake Wales advisor Milton Bryan and Chamberlain advisor Donna Moeller, who assisted, look on.

ORLANDO HOSTS 55th STATE CONVENTION

More than 1,650 FFA members and their teachers, sponsors, and guests converged on Orlando June 19-22 for their 55th Annual State Convention and Leadership Conference. The convention brought agriculture and industry leaders together with state government officials.

Delegates representing 15,800 young men and women involved in every phase of agriculture gathered to conduct business, recognize outstanding individuals and chapters, and attend leadership seminars. Larry Reese, Program Consultant for the Florida FFA Association, says that Florida is unique in that membership here has had the highest rate of increase of any state in the nation over the past two years. Our ranking has moved from the 17th largest membership in the nation to the 10th. Nationally, an increasing membership is not the trend — most states are facing declining enrollment.

Highlighted speakers included Bill Gunter, State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner and former National FFA President, and Randy Hedge, former National FFA Vice



Convention speaker the Honorable Bill Gunter, State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner and former National FFA President.

President from Arkansas. The current National FFA Vice President, Bryan Stamps of Edwards, Mississippi, was on hand to distribute awards for the National FFA Foundation. On Tuesday evening, Bob Harrington, "Chaplain of Bourbon Street," addressed members and their guests with an inspirational and motivational speech.

The convention provided an opportunity for more than fifty businesses and industries to give incentive awards to deserving students and chapters. Three hundred twenty FFA members received State Farmer Degrees, and 21 FFAers were recommended for the American Farmer Degree, the highest level of achievement the National Organization can bestow.

In addition, FFAers honored five leaders in education and industry with the Degree of Honorary State Farmer for their outstanding service to FFA and Florida's agriculture industry. Four business and agriculture organizations received Distinguished Service Citations for rendering outstanding service to FFA members statewide.

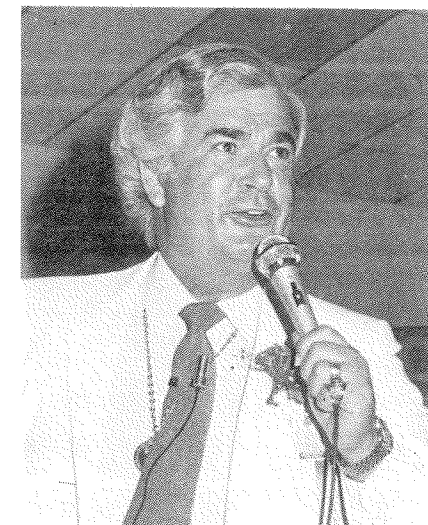
FFA's Honored Five

Florida FFAers recognized five outstanding individuals by presenting them with the Honorary State Farmer Degree. This is the highest award FFA can present to an adult.

Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, businessmen, and others who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and FFA and who have rendered outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at the annual State Convention. Those receiving the degree have each shown a great interest in supporting FFA, and each has devoted much time and effort to various FFA activities. The success of FFA relates directly to the tremendous leadership and support of individuals such as these.

DR. PATSY AGEE is the Chief of the Vocational Program and Staff Development Bureau, Department of Education. In this position, she is responsible for administering all Vocational Student Organizations including FFA. A former Regional Consultant and Regional Program Administrator, Dr. Agee has supported and worked with Florida FFA for many years, particularly by serving as a judge in the State Parliamentary Procedure finals.

MR. JIMMY HIGGINS is the President and part owner of Artcraft Printers, which is one of the oldest printing companies in Tallahassee. Artcraft Printers has been printing the State FFA Convention Program for more than 30 years. Mr. Higgins



Bob Harrington, the Chaplain of Bourbon Street, was a featured highlight at the Convention.

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joined the firm in 1962 when he began working with FFA Executive Secretaries A.R. Cox, Richard Kelly, Joe Kirkland, Bud Riviere, Gary Bartley, and now Larry Reese. Mr. Higgins has exemplified his sincere interest in FFA by working with extremely tight schedules and deadlines in printing the Convention Program.

MRS. MYRA JEFFRES is a teacher of vocational agriculture at Jinks Jr. High School in Panama City — a position she has held for 10 years. During those years Mrs. Jeffres has donated her special talents to develop many of the FFA materials used by Florida advisors and members to tell the FFA story.

MR. JOHN HORNE is the Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Florida Rural Electric Cooperative Association located in Tallahassee. Before moving to Florida three years ago, he was an Administrative Assistant to the Alabama Rural Electric Cooperatives Association where he received the Honorary State Farmer Degree from the Alabama FFA Association. Mr. Horne has shown his tremendous support to FFA by using his influence to convince the Florida Rural Electric Cooperatives Association to furnish office space for the Florida FFA Foundation and to sponsor the State Public Speaking Contest Awards.

MR. ROBERT CALDWELL is a native Floridian, born in Hawthorne and raised in Polk County. Mr. Caldwell graduated from Mulberry High School and Florida Southern College prior to entering the Navy during World War II as an aviation



Honorary State Farmer Degree recipients, 1 to r: Dr. Patsy Agee, State Department of Education, Jimmy Higgins, Artcraft Printers of Tallahassee; Myra Jeffries, Jinks High School in Panama City; John Horne, Florida Electric Cooperatives Association; Robert Caldwell, State Department of Education.

cadet. He is currently the Region I Program Administrator for Vocational Education and has been a strong supporter of the Florida Future Farmers of America for many years.

For Distinguished Service...

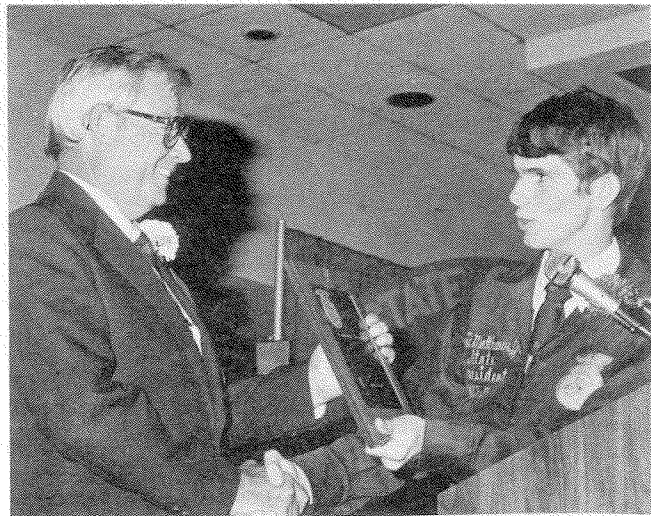
The Florida FFA Association presented Distinguished Service Citations to the organizations which aided and supported the State Association during the past year. Through the outstanding service of companies such as these, the Florida Future Farmers of America

Association is able to conduct its activities.

Robert Gibson from Golden Gem Growers accepted the Distinguished Service Award for the FLORIDA COUNCIL OF FARMER COOPERATIVES. Comprised of sixty-five member cooperatives for marketing, farm supply, farm credit, citrus, and rural electric cooperatives, the Council is one of the oldest supporters of FFA in Florida. According to our records, the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives has sponsored the Chapter Cooperative Contest Awards for nearly 40 years.



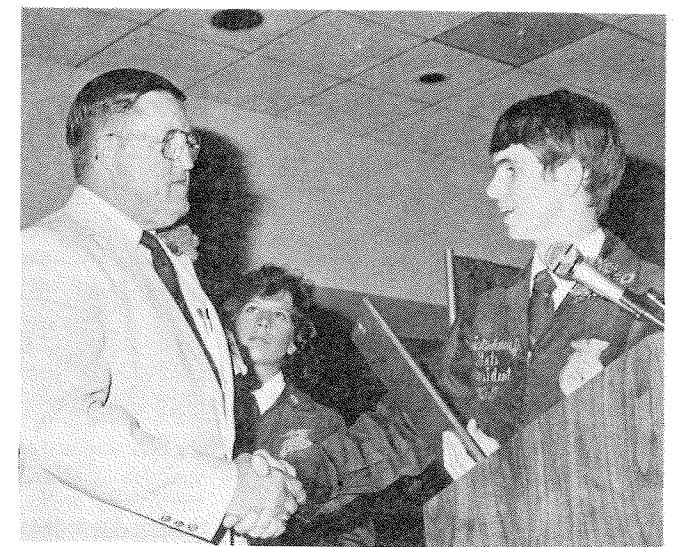
The Distinguished Service Citation Award is presented to Mr. Ray Cooney, President of Scotty's, Incorporated.



Robert Gibson, Golden Gem Growers, receives the Distinguished Service Citation on behalf of the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.



Barton Ahlstrom, Executive Director of the Florida Poultry Federation, accepts the Distinguished Service Citation.



Florida FFA Foundation President Glenn Wade accepts the Distinguished Service Citation for the Foundation.

SCOTTY'S, INCORPORATED, a retail homebuilder supplier consisting of 100 stores throughout Florida, is committed to Florida's agricultural youth. For many years, Scotty's has sponsored the Home and Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Awards on the state and regional levels. Scotty's has also supported FFA with a contribution to the proposed FFA Leadership Training Center. Mr. Ray Cooney, President of Scotty's, accepted the Distinguished Service Citation.

Barton Ahlstrom received the Distinguished Service Citation for the FLORIDA POULTRY FEDERATION, of which he is the Executive Director. The Federation, located in Tampa, has been a long-time supporter of the Florida FFA Program. The Federation is an annual Special Project Sponsor for the State Poultry Judging Contest Awards and the Poultry Production Proficiency Awards.

The FLORIDA FFA FOUNDATION was chartered in 1976 as a private, non-profit corporation to further the education and development of FFA members. Through the untiring efforts of Executive Director Gary Bartley, the Foundation currently provides awards for more than 72 different contests and events. Without the support of the Federation, Florida FFA could not provide the program incentives that we now enjoy. The major challenge facing the Foundation at this time is the development of the long awaited dream — the Florida Leadership Training Center. Glenn Wade, the President of the Foundation, accepted the award.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Building Our American Communities

The Building Our American Communities Program, also called BOAC, offers chapters a way to become involved in community development. Sponsored nationally by R.J. Reynolds Industries, the BOAC Chapter Contest is open to all active chapters in the nation.

The 1983 state BOAC winner, and recipient of the Governor's Citation, was the Allentown FFA Chapter. Members felt that the most urgent need was the renovation of a community club house that serves women's clubs, 4-H, the volunteer fire department, and some church groups. Community leaders agreed with chapter members that the most needed project was the club house. Members successfully completed work on the club house by painting and cleaning the building, installing light fixtures and doorknobs, and washing and waxing the floors. They involved other user groups in all stages of the process.

Chapters receiving BOAC bronze emblems were: Bartow Sr., Blountstown, Deland Jr., St. Cloud Sr., South Sumter Sr., and Trenton. Silver emblem winners were: Englewood, Forest, Fort Meade, Lake Weir Sr., Newberry Sr., New Smyrna Beach Jr., Sarasota Jr., and Sneads.

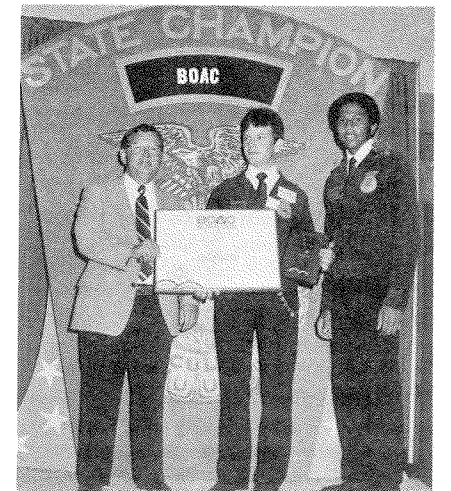
Four Gold Emblem chapter applications have been sent to the National FFA Center for national ranking. They are:

Allentown
McCarthy Horticulture

Santa Fe Senior
Sarasota Vo-Ag
Cooperative Contest

FFA members learn early that cooperative activities extend beyond the walls of the classroom. Members are encouraged to work with others in sharing, planning, and carrying out all objectives of the FFA Chapter. Committees are set up to help multiply the efforts of a chapter by arranging to cooperate with groups and organizations to carry out projects.

Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA Chapter was selected as the State Winner on the basis of its outstanding Chapter Cooperative Program, which included visits to six different local cooperatives, giving 104 members an opportunity to study the cooperative



Allentown Chapter BOAC Chairman Doug Ward and Chapter Advisor Bill Lundin accept the Governor's Citation from National Vice President Bryan Stamps.



Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter advisor Tom Weber and the Chapter Co-op Chairperson accept the State Chapter Co-op Award from Bob Gibson, representing the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

way of doing business. In addition, members reviewed movies, film strips, and other materials, and several resource people representing various cooperatives in the community presented programs to the chapter. Chapter members were encouraged to use cooperatives in purchasing and marketing their agricultural products. The Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter received a plaque and \$700 to help defray their expenses to the American Institute of Cooperatives Annual Meeting. The award was sponsored by the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Other winners recognized by the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives were:

Region I: Tate Senior, plaque & \$50
Ponce de Leon Senior, certificate & \$35

Region II: Santa Fe Senior, plaque & \$50
Gainesville Agribusiness, certificate & \$35
Newberry Senior, certificate & \$25
Trenton, certificate & \$15
Williston Senior, certificate
Baker County, certificate
Spruce Creek, certificate

Region III: South Sumter Senior, plaque: \$50
Bartow Senior, certificate & \$35

Colonial, certificate & \$25
Okeechobee Senior, certificate & \$15
Groveland Junior, certificate
Groveland Senior, certificate
South Sumter Junior, certificate

Region IV: Dade City Senior, plaque & \$50
Avon Park, certificate & \$35
Bayshore, certificate & \$25
Leto, certificate
Plant City, certificate

Safety Awards

The Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter also was named the State Winner of the Chapter Safety Award. Sarasota Vo-Ag was commended for its involvement in fire prevention practices, allowing 104 members to become actively involved in safety practices at home, on the farm, and in the community. They received a gold plaque from the Florida Farm Bureau Safety Department for their accomplishments.

As a result of numerous rural fires in the community, which caused devastating losses to local farmers, ranchers and agribusinessmen, the chapter safety committee selected fire prevention as the major theme for last year's chapter safety program. The chapter identified components of the program and compiled a list of resource personnel to aid the committee in planning and implementing the program. The committee involved all chapter



Allentown Chapter advisor Bill Lundin and Chapter President Doug Ward receive the FFA Energy Challenge award from Pearl Ings, representing the Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group.



Keith Young and Chapter advisor Jeffri Durrance accept the Chapter Safety Award for the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter from Florida Farm Bureau representative Charles Johnson.

members, other FFA chapters in the county, elementary age children, and many civic and service organizations. Major program areas included home fire safety, use of fire extinguishers, identifications of fire hazards in the home, shop, farm, and field, and first aid for fire victims. The Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter has truly done an outstanding job of making its community a safer place to live and work.

The Farm Bureau Safety Department also sponsored plaques for other winners. They were:

Second Place: Blountstown
Third Place: Tate Senior
Fourth Place: Williston Senior
Fifth Place: Baker County Senior

Energy Challenge

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter issued a challenge to FFA chapters across the nation to lead America in energy conservation. He promised to recognize annually the one FFA chapter in the nation that does the most in response to this challenge.

The Allentown Chapter met the 1983 Energy Challenge in Florida. The Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group awarded Allentown a plaque for being named State Winner of this category.

Members realized that, despite growing concern, many people are still unaware of the need to conserve energy. The Chapter wanted to "take the lead" in the conservation effort by aiming chapter projects toward public awareness and information.

A Chapter Energy Committee planned and initiated several target projects. These projects included a media blitz utilizing TV, radio, and

newspapers to stress the need for energy conservation. Members initiated such projects as the scheduling of Energy Awareness Week, featuring information on conserving electrical energy, alternate sources of energy, and car pooling, an automobile mileage conservation demonstration, aluminum recycling projects, home installation of devices such as ceiling fans, proper ventilation, and wise use of landscaping. A followup survey indicated that many Allentown residents were able to save 10% of their energy costs by using these conservation practices.

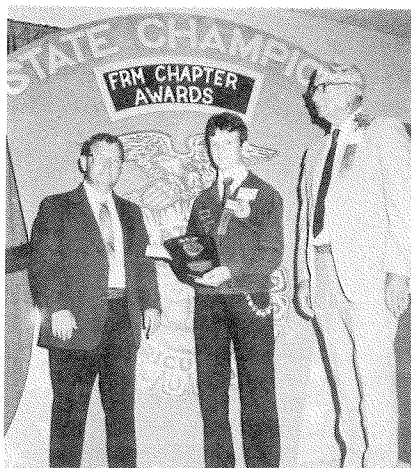
Other winners receiving plaques from the Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group were:

Second Place: Newberry Senior
Third Place: Spruce Creek

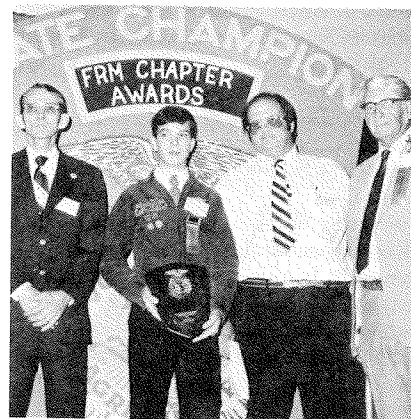
FRM Livestock Awards

The FRM Chapter Livestock Awards, open only to actively chartered chapters in Regions I and II, are designed for chapter members as a group to present a comprehensive report of all livestock project work done by all the members. Each chapter must submit four individual members' record books explaining their supervised occupational experience program in livestock production. Each chapter also must have a sponsoring Flint River Mills dealer before applying for this award.

In Region I, the Allentown Chapter received a gold plaque and \$100 for first place sponsor James Lee, manager of C&L Farm Supply, received \$150, outstanding individual William Ward received \$150, and advisor Bill Lundin received \$150. The second



Allentown Chapter advisor Bill Lundin and Chapter representative Doug Ward accept the Region I Livestock Award from Frank Argenbright, of Flint River Mills.



Region II Chapter Livestock Award winner Williston Senior's advisor Robert Philpot and Vice President Jody Phillips accept their award from Frank Argenbright for Flint River Mills. Their FRM dealer representative is on left.

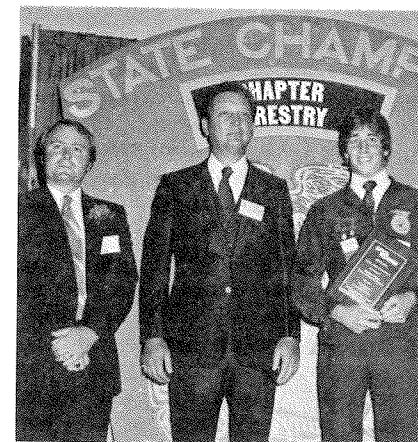
place plaque went to the Tate Senior Chapter with outstanding member Jerome Helton receiving \$150. The third place plaque went to the Sneads Chapter.

In Region II, the Williston Senior Chapter took first place honors for \$100 and a gold plaque. Sponsor Wade Townsend, Manager of Alachua County Feed and Seed Company received \$150, outstanding individual Jody Phillips \$150 and advisors Robert Philpot and Kelly Tyler \$75 each. The second place plaque went to the Baker County Senior Chapter, with outstanding individual Trena Williams receiving \$150. The Trenton

Chapter won the third place plaque.

Forestry

Each year, the St. Regis-sponsored Chapter Forestry Contest tour conducts on-site visitation of several Chapter forests. The tour this year was conducted by Bruce Turnbull of the Division of Forestry, Bill Cannon, forester with St. Regis, and John Denmark, state FFA Advisor. The committee used several criteria to determine the quality of activities of the various chapters, and later made a determination of the winners. During the visitations, the two expert foresters were able to give suggestions and answer questions



St. Regis Paper Company representative presents Madison Chapter advisor Ernest Stokes and chapter representative Tony Read with the Chapter Forestry Award.

HOT OFF THE PRESS! SOUTHERN REGION WINNERS

Placing & Proficiency	Name	Chapter
1st — Agriculture Mechanics	Michael Swilley	Tate Senior
1st — Agricultural Sales/Service	Rita Pate	Chipley
1st — Fish & Wildlife Management	Carson McCall, Jr.	Lafayette Senior
1st — Turf & Landscape Management	Brian Fulkman	Englewood
1st — Placement in Agricultural Production	Ken Irwin	Tate Senior
2nd — Floriculture	Trisha Hewitt	Gainesville Agribusiness
2nd — Outdoor Recreation	Shane Brooks	Colonial
2nd — Poultry Production	Wesley Wainwright	Suwannee
Tri-State Winner		
1st — Prepared Public Speaking	Meg Potter	Chipley
1st — Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Steve Raney	Chamberlain

about each school's forest program.

The Madison County High Chapter won this year's Chapter Forestry Contest. Students observed site preparation using a single drum chopper, and the lifting of pine seedlings at a St. Regis Nursery. They also served as tractor drivers and dropped pine seedlings during planting. As the state winning Chapter, Madison received a certificate and a check for \$250 from St. Regis. Other winning chapters and their awards were:

- Second: Tate (Certificate and \$150)
 Third: Lake Butler (Certificate and \$100)
 Fourth: Milton (Certificate and \$75)
 Fifth: New Smyrna (Certificate and \$50)
 Scrapbook: Tate (Certificate and \$25)

Chapter Contest Awards

Belk Lindsey Department Stores recognized outstanding chapters from across the state for their superior achievement in conducting a program of activities that provided valuable educational experiences for the entire chapter membership. Each year Florida submits the top ten percent of its superior chapters for national ranking. Each chapter whose application is submitted to the National Office will receive either a gold, silver, or bronze rating, and will be awarded an appropriate plaque at the National Convention.

Belk Lindsey awarded plaques to the following 17 chapters which represent the top ten percent of Florida's superior chapters:



Bryan Stamps congratulates advisor Bradley Crews as Clint Bronson receives his Forest Management Proficiency Award.

Baker County Senior
 Bartow Senior
 Blountstown
 Bronson
 Chiefland Senior
 Colonial
 Dade City Senior
 Leto
 Newberry Senior
 Okeechobee Brahman
 Santa Fe Junior
 Santa Fe Senior
 Sarasota Vo-Ag
 South Sumter Senior
 Tate Senior
 Trenton
 Williston Senior

INDIVIDUAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Forest Management

The Forest Management Proficiency Award Program was developed to help FFA members increase the productivity and economic value of a forest. Clint Bronson, the 1983 winner of this award has certainly fulfilled that objective. In describing the scope of his Occupational Experience Program, he writes, "Planting the 25,000 pine seedlings was a great experience for me. Five years previous the land was mined wasteland. This planting greatly increased the land value."

Clint, the 16-year-old son of Donald and Earlene Bronson, is a student in the Groveland High School Vocational Agriculture Program. He was named for the award on the basis of his practical application of skills and training gained while in school. As the state winner, Clint received a plaque from the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, the national sponsor.

For Clint, winning the Proficiency Award in Forest Management is the result of four years of training in vocational agriculture. He has learned the proper use of equipment, planting techniques, insect and disease control, and disposal of competitive scrub brush. Clint plans to put these skills to good use as a rancher and farmer.

Clint was Junior Chapter President, a member of his Chapter Forestry Team, National Honor Society, and his church youth group.

The Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College also presented other winners with plaques. They were:

- Second: Todd Cunningham, Tate Senior
 Third: Sandra Blackwelder, South Sumter Senior
 Fourth: Virginia Smith, Dannelon Senior
 Fifth: Chris Stone, Grand Ridge

Feeder Steer

Rhonda Ramsdell was no stranger to honors before she became this year's Feeder Steer Award Winner. Rhonda, the 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Dale Ramsdell of Orlando, has had the Reserve Grand Champion of the Central Florida Fair, and also has been named the top showman at the Central Florida Fair Youth Steer Show and Sale. A student at Colonial High School in Orange County, she was chosen on the basis of her outstanding accomplishments as a steer showman. In addition to her experience in the show ring, Rhonda has gained knowledge about and expertise in feeding, grooming, training and fitting a show steer for the ring. In her award application, Rhonda included health records, daily feeding schedule, and a complete record of animal weight and feed conversion. The Florida Cattlemen's Association provided trophies for Rhonda and the other winners. They were:

- Second: Gina Molasso, Colonial
 Third: Danny Garner, Groveland Senior
 Fourth: Mike Garner, Groveland Junior
 Fifth: Michele Summerlin, Fort Pierce Westwood



The Florida Cattlemen's Association sponsored the Feeder Steer Award, which Rhonda L. Ramsdell won. Advisor Fred Dietrich stands by.



Matt Harrell accepts the Agricultural Electrification Proficiency Award from Bryan Stamps while advisor Earl Evans looks on.

Agricultural Electrification

Matt Harrell's career goal is to be an electrician. The Santa Fe High School student is getting off to a good start by winning the 1983 Florida FFA Agricultural Proficiency Award. Matt, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Harrell, won the award on the basis of his practice of skills and training he gained while in school. As the state winner, Matt received a plaque from the Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Company, and Tampa Electric Company, the state sponsors, and a \$100 check from the Food and Energy Council and Winpower Corporation, the national co-sponsors.

For Matt, winning the Proficiency Award is the culmination of several years of on-the-job training as an electrical apprentice with his father, who is an electrical contractor. Safety was one of the most important areas of training he received. In his application, Matt explains many of the safety practices he has learned and why they are important. Matt has learned to install switches, receptacles, fixtures, junction boxes and panels for residential housing. In addition, Matt is very knowledgeable about the National Electrical Code as it relates to color codes, correct wire sizes, and reading blueprints. Matt plans to put these skills to good use as he prepares for a career as an electrician.

Matt served as President of his Junior Chapter and Vice President of his Senior Chapter. He also was a member of the Dairy Judging Team and has attended both State and National Conventions.

Regional winners also received

plaques from the state sponsors. The regional winners were:

- Region I: Matthew Jim Settle, Jay
 Region III: Rusty Pike, Groveland Senior
 Region IV: Bruce Shrock, Sarasota Vo-Ag

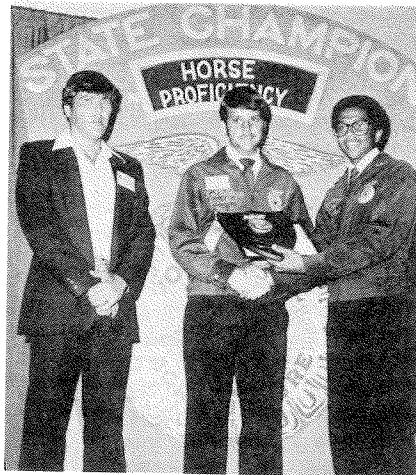
Beef Production

One of the goals of the Beef Production Proficiency Program is to encourage FFAers to use good management practices for the production and management of beef cattle. This year's proficiency award winner, Brian Fussell, initiated several practices that improved the efficiency of his operation.

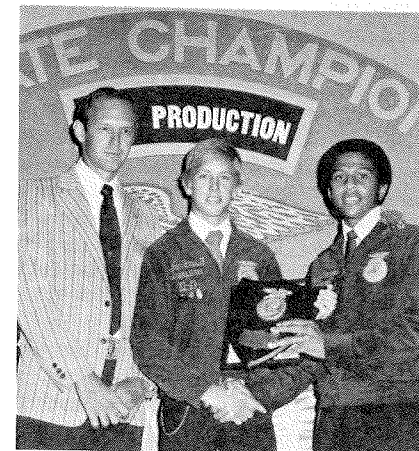
Brian, 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton L. Fussell of Auburndale. He received a plaque from the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association, who sponsored this event in Florida. Sperry New Holland and Nasco International, the national co-sponsors, also provided Brian with a check for \$100.

For Brian, winning this award is the culmination of two years of hard work on the farm, and intensive learning in the vocational agriculture classroom. His 48% interest in 179 brood cows and three registered bulls, along with a variety of management skills including herd management, feeding practices, and pasture improvement were key factors in his receiving this award.

Brian has been active at all levels of leadership in FFA. He served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Auburndale FFA Chapter, was a member of the Chapter's Parliamen-



Kurt Malphurs accepts his Horse Proficiency Award plaque with advisor Billy Farrell, given on behalf of the Florida Quarter Horse Association.



Brian Fussell receives his plaque for the Proficiency Award in Beef Production, as advisor Jim Thornhill looks on, sponsored by the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association.

tary Procedure Team, and a delegate to the State FFA Convention. He also has been active in his church and local 4-H Club, and is a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

The Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association also sponsored plaques for other winners who were recognized at the State Convention. They were:

- Region I: Peter Gindl, Tate Senior
 Region II: Jody Phillips, Williston Senior
 Region IV: Ron Croft, Sebring Senior
 Region V: Cathi Jones, Miami

Horse Proficiency

Kurt Malphurs says horses are definitely his favorite livestock animal. His experience with horses made him this year's winner of the Horse Proficiency Award.

Kurt, a 17-year-old student at Santa Fe High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Malphurs. He says some of the more significant things he has learned have been the greenbreaking of horses, a number of veterinary practices, good record keeping and proper grooming and health care. He helped his father build a four-stall barn, including a tack room and hay storage area, as well as a roping arena. Kurt plans to put everything he has learned to good use as he studies to become a veterinarian.

As the state Horse Award Winner, Kurt received a plaque from the Florida Quarter Horse Association, which is the state sponsor for this event. He also received a check for \$100 from the American Quarter Horse Association, the national

sponsor.

Kurt is a member of the Florida Quarter Horse Association and the National High School Rodeo Association. He has served as President of his Junior Chapter and Treasurer of his Senior Chapter. He has also been on several chapter judging teams.

The Florida Quarter Horse Association also provided plaques for the regional winners. They were:

- Region I: Susan Mosley, Lafayette Senior
- Region III: Danny Sesker, Colonial
- Region IV: Joy Bates, Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Region V: J.D. Smith, Pahokee

Crop Production

Peter Gindl, a 17-year-old member of the Pensacola-Tate Senior Chapter, is the 1983 winner of the Crop Production Award. He won the award because of his practical application of training and skills he learned in school. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gindl, Sr., Peter received a plaque from DoLime Minerals Company, the state sponsor. Massey Ferguson, the national sponsor, provided him with a check for \$100.

As a third generation farmer, Peter has helped make the family farm a success with his 40% interest in 100 acres of corn, 300 acres of soybeans, 90 acres of wheat, and 50 acres of oats. He says that equipment maintenance, proper pesticide use, good record keeping, and correct fertilizer use are the most important factors in his farming operation.

Peter has been both Vice President and President of the Tate Senior



Peter R. Gindl, Jr., accepts the Crop Production Proficiency Award from Bryan Stamps. One of Peter's advisors, Tommy Taylor, looks on.



Advisor Jarrell Martin watches as Brian Faulkman receives his Turf and Landscape Proficiency Award from Bryan Stamps.

Chapter. He has served as a delegate at both State and National Conventions, and has been on several chapter judging teams. In addition, he has helped in several projects to aid senior citizens and provide recreational facilities for his home town by helping build a baseball field and park.

Regional winners also received plaques from DoLime Minerals Company. They were:

- Region I: Carson McCall, Lafayette Senior
- Region II: Kelly Quinley, Chiefland Senior
- Region III: Arthur Rogers, Colonial
- Region IV: Adam Colding, East Bay Senior
- Region V: John Planner, Boca Raton

Turf and Landscape Management

This year's Turf and Landscape Management winner's goal is to be a landscape architect. Brian Fulkman, a 17-year-old member of the Englewood Senior Chapter is well on his way to that goal already. He runs his own professional lawn maintenance service, BRF Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance. He started his business three years ago by mowing and caring for the yards of two other Jacksonville residents. His clients now number 23.

Brian, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fulkman, says his rapid success is due to his careful selection of plants, and their placement around natural and artificial structures to create an environment that fits the needs and desires of each customer. He spends a great deal of time attending nursery and turf-grass

seminars to help prepare him for his career. He plans to begin college in Landscape Design this fall.

A. Duda and Sons, the state sponsor, awarded Brian a plaque, and O.M. Scott and Sons Company, the national sponsor, presented him with a check for \$100. Other winners recognized by A. Duda and Sons received plaques for regional awards. These winners were:

- Region I: Larry Amuso, Lively Agribusiness Center
- Region III: Robert Gullede, Colonial
- Region IV: Todd Cooper, Leto
- Region V: Matt Brodie, Miami

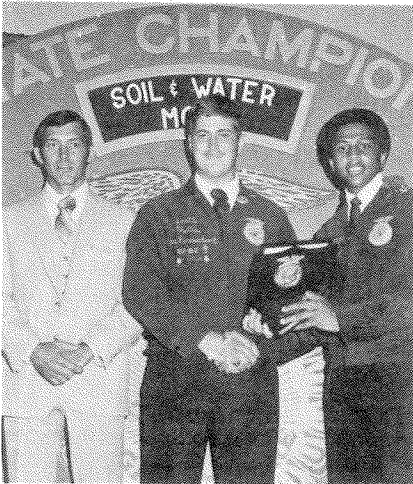
Soil and Water Management

Scott Mills has already won state level proficiency awards in both Swine Production and Agricultural Mechanics. This year he added another state award to his collection, that of Soil and Water Management.

The 17-year-old student at Chiefland Senior High School says he believes in the future of farming. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Mills.

Through four years of vocational agriculture training, Scott has learned to plan for the future by preserving and enriching the soil. He has planned and constructed terraces and wind and fire breaks, learned to use and maintain irrigation systems, and to test and evaluate the soil. He plans to use these skills in the future on his own farm.

Scott has been a very active FFA member. He has served at his Chapter's Vice President and as a delegate at the State Convention. He is also Vice President of his high school class.



Bryan Stamps awards a plaque to Soil and Water Management Proficiency winner Scott Mills while advisor Eli Beasley watches.

As the state winner, Scott received a plaque from the Florida Association of Conservation Districts, which sponsors this event at the state level. The national sponsor, the Ford Motor Company, provided Scott with a check for \$100. Other regional winners also received plaques from the Florida Association of Conservation Districts. Regional winners were:

- Region I: William Ward, Allentown
- Region III: Scott Berry, South Sumter Senior
- Region IV: Joe Padgett, Sarasota Vo-Ag

Outdoor Recreation

The Outdoor Recreation winner has had his work experience on an unusual farm — an alligator farm. Shane Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Brooks, has worked for the past four years at the Gator Jungle Park near Orlando. In addition, he has a 25% interest in the park, with his parents and brother.

Shane says that proper care and management is the key to operating a successful attraction business. Some of the wildlife housed in the 20-acre park includes raccoons, deer and panthers. In addition, the park has more than 3,100 alligators. Shane plans to put his experience in wildlife management and outdoor recreation to good use by continuing to expand the business after he graduates.

Last year's State Winner in Fish and Wildlife Management, Shane has served as a member of the Citrus, Dairy, and Agribusiness Management Judging Teams in his chapter. Bear Archery, the state sponsor, presented Shane with a plaque



Advisor Tom Tankson watches as Shane Brooks receives his Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Award from Bryan Stamps.



The Specialty Fruit Company sponsored the Agricultural Sales/Service Proficiency Award, won by Rita Pate. Advisor Ray Pigott stands by as Bryan Stamps presents the award.

recognizing his win, and he also received a \$100 check from Daisy, the national sponsor.

Regional winners were also presented with plaques provided by Bear Archery. The regional winners were:

- Region I: Brian Dean, Tate Senior
- Region II: Jody Phillips, Williston Senior
- Region IV: Andy Hornick, Avon Park

Agricultural Processing

Fred Silcox, this year's Agriculture Processing Award winner, has had five years of on-the-job training in his father's local meat-processing plant. The 17-year-old Milton High School student, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Silcox, has worked in every area of the plant, from the kill floor where animals are slaughtered, to areas where carcasses are handled and hams and sausage are cured and smoked. Fred plans to attend college for a degree in Business Management, and then open his own meat-processing plant.

Fred has been active in the Milton FFA Chapter. He has served as both Vice President and President, and has also been Chaplain.

As the State Winner, Fred received a plaque from Penders, a Division of Dothan Oil Mills, which is the state sponsor. Cargill, Incorporated, the national sponsor, presented him with a check for \$100. Penders Peanuts also recognized regional winners with plaques. They were:

- Region II: Charles Danley, Santa Fe Senior
- Region III: Patrick Butler, South Sumter Senior
- Region IV: David Linares, Leto

Agricultural Sales and Service

The Florida Agriculture Sales/Service Proficiency Award is just one in a series of honors for Rita Pate, 17. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Pate, she was a member of the Chipley Chapter Dairy Judging Team that placed third in the nation, and received the 1982 National Southern Region Award in Floriculture Proficiency. She has also served as her Chapter's Secretary.

Rita has worked for five years in her family's florist business. She has learned a wide variety of skills including the proper marketing, promotional, and advertising techniques necessary to increase business, and the artistic arrangement of plants and flowers for customers. She plans to put these skills to good use while studying for a degree in floriculture.

The Florida Specialty Fruit Company, the state sponsor of this award, provided plaques for Rita and other regional winners. In addition, she received a \$100 check from Allis Chalmers, the national sponsor. Regional winners were:

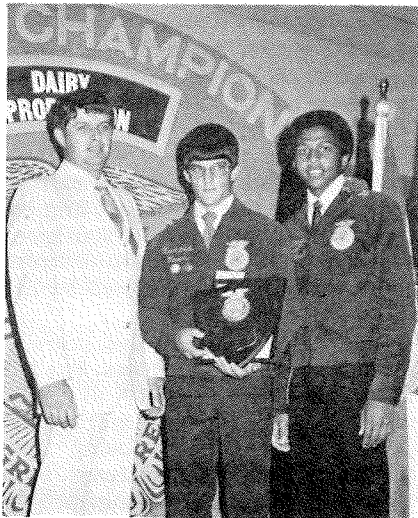
- Region II: Aaron Mills, Williston Senior
- Region III: Neil Hesson, Sanford-Seminole
- Region IV: Joe Padgett, Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Region V: Frank Vernaldi, Miami

Dairy Production

Donald Koon's advisor says he believes Donald will be one of the better dairymen in his county. Born into a dairy family, Donald won the 1983 Florida Dairy Production Award for his experiences since he



Fred Silcox, winner of the Ag Processing Proficiency Award, receives his plaque from Bryan Stamps, as advisor Gralyn Atkinson looks on.



Donald Koon accepts the Dairy Production Proficiency Award while advisor Ricky Lyons looks on.

was old enough to work. The 17-year-old student at Lafayette High School plans to continue the family tradition by starting his own dairy production operation after he graduates. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koon.

Donald currently has 11 head of dairy cows producing an average of 15,000 pounds of milk per year. Implementing an efficient dairy heifer replacement program has helped him to increase the overall production of his herd. In addition to his dairy cows, Donald is also actively involved in hay production. He has been a member of his Chapter's Dairy Judging and Farm Judging Teams.

The state sponsor of the Dairy Production Proficiency Award, Dairy Farmers, Incorporated, presented Donald and the regional winners with plaques. In addition, Donald received a check for \$100 from the DeLaval Separation Company and Avco New Idea Farm Equipment, the national co-sponsors. Regional winners were:

- Region II: Barbra McCashin, Chiefland Senior
- Region III: Eleanor Bateman, South Sumter Senior
- Region IV: Edward Stevens, Hardee County Senior
- Region V: Laura Lindquist, Miami

Agricultural Mechanics

Michael Swilley, a 17-year-old student at Pensacola-Tate High School, is the 1983 Florida Agricultural Mechanics Award winner. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swilley, Michael aspires to be an industrial machinist.

Michael says some of the important aspects of his training have been

welding and cutting with both oxyacetylene and arc welders, installing electrical wiring, calibrating sprayers, and working safely in a shop. He also has become proficient in machine maintenance and fabrication.

A member of NASCAR, Michael is also interested in automotive mechanics. He was a member of the Agricultural Mechanics and Land Judging Teams in his chapter.

The Southern Association, an organization serving tractor, hardware, lumber, and building materials dealers, is the state sponsor of this event. Michael received a plaque from the Association, and a check for \$100 from the International Harvester Company, the national sponsor. Regional winners receiving plaques from the Southern Associations were:

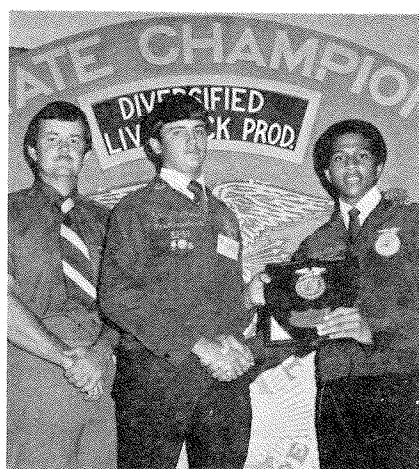
- Region II: Robert McCashin, Chiefland Senior
- Region III: Steve Northrup, South Sumter Senior
- Region IV: Birl Matthews, Jr., Lake Placid Senior
- Region V: Curtis Clark, Miami

Diversified Livestock Production

Jerome Helton says a diversified farm is worth the effort it takes. The Florida Diversified Livestock Production Award winner presently has 100 head of swine and 12 head of beef cattle. The son of Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Helton, Jr., Jerome has become proficient in the marketing of his livestock through contract selling. His training has helped him become more effective in disease prevention, proper cleaning and sterilization methods, and artificial insemination. Jerome hopes to one day have his



Advisor John Kelley looks on as Bryan Stamps presents the Ag Mechanics Proficiency Award to Michael Swilley on behalf of the Southern Association.



Advisor Tommy Taylor looks on as Bryan Stamps presents the Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award to Jerome H. Helton.

own swine and cattle operation.

Jerome served as President of the Pensacola-Tate Junior Chapter and Sentinel of the Senior Chapter. He also was a member of the Chapter Livestock Judging and Parliamentary Procedure Teams.

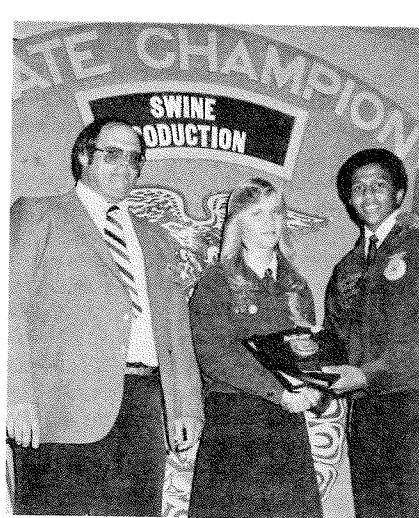
As the state winner, Jerome received a plaque from the Florida Beef Council, this award's state sponsor, and a \$100 check from A.O. Smith Harvester and Wayne Feeds, the national co-sponsors. Regional winners receiving plaques were:

- Region II: Barbra McCashin, Chiefland Senior
- Region III: Danny Garner, Groveland Senior
- Region IV: Wayne Naylor, Land O' Lakes
- Region V: Cathi Jones, Miami

Swine Production

Tammy Stoel's career goal is to be a veterinarian. The 16-year-old member of the Williston Senior FFA Chapter is off to a good start with the practical experience she has gained on her family's farm while developing her swine herd. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stoel, Tammy has made improvements in the sanitation of her herd, learned proper mixing of feed, and improved vaccination procedures. Some of the important aspects of her training included proper marketing techniques, and learning to buy feed in cooperation with other producers. She was a member of both the Chapter Livestock Judging and Parliamentary Procedure Teams, and served as Chapter Secretary.

Tammy received a plaque from the Florida Pork Improvement Group,



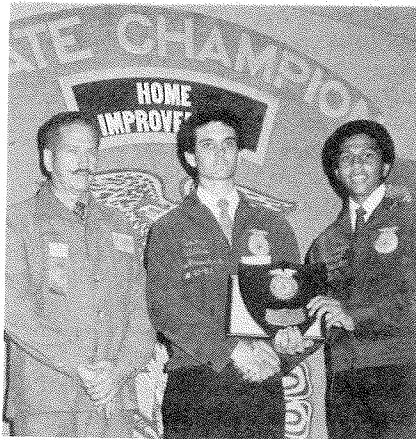
Advisor Robert Philpot looks on while Tammy Stoel accepts the Swine Production Proficiency Award from Bryan Stamps.

the state sponsor of this award. She also received a check for \$100 from Pfizer, Incorporated, the national sponsor. The Florida Pork Improvement Group sponsored plaques for the regional winners as well, who were:

- Region I: Jerome Helton, Tate Senior
- Region III: Mark Garner, Groveland Senior
- Region IV: James Basey, Leto
- Region V: Don Clark, Miami

Home and Farmstead Improvement

Tony Willis is this year's winner of the Florida Home/Farmstead Improvement Award. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willis, Jr., Tony has helped clear parts of a five-acre lot for a garden and to put up a house. He has learned to prepare a building site, use power tools properly, cut and fit PVC pipe, and maintain and repair



Scotty's Incorporated sponsored the Home/Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award, won by Tony Willis. Advisor Howard Renner looks on.

equipment. He plans to pursue a career in residential building.

Tony was Vice President of his Junior Chapter, and a member of the Senior Chapter's Agricultural Mechanics and Parliamentary Procedure Teams. He also belonged to South Sumpter Senior High's Key and Pep Clubs.

Scotty's Incorporated, the state sponsor, awarded Tony a plaque, and he also received a check for \$100 from the national sponsor, the Agricultural Division of UpJohn Company. Regional winners who received plaques from Scotty's Incorporated were:

- Region I: Donna Holland, Allentown
- Region II: Scott Crosby, Englewood
- Region IV: Bonnie Savage, Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Region V: Robert Valentine, Miami

Poultry Production

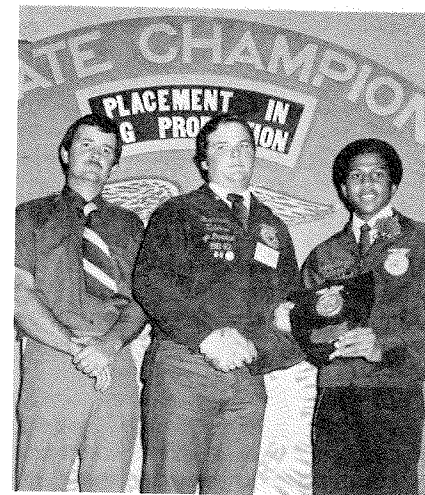
Wesley Wainwright found country living a jolt when he moved from Daytona Beach to Live Oak six years ago. He did adjust, though, and in the past four years has helped his family raise more than 400,000 chickens a year.

Wesley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wainwright, has learned to ration feed, control diseased birds, and maintain accurate records. His 15% interest in the operation has provided him with many valuable experiences that will help prepare him to become a full time farmer or a Vo-Ag teacher.

Wesley has been very active in his local chapter, serving as Chapter President, and as a member of the Farm, Dairy, and Livestock Judging Teams. In addition, he is active in his church, and attended Florida American Legion Boys State. His immediate plans include attending the University of Florida with a major in Agriculture and Extension Education.

The 17-year-old member of the Suwannee Chapter received a plaque from the Florida Poultry Federation, and a \$100 check from the National FFA Foundation. The Florida Poultry Federation, which is the state sponsor for this award, also recognized several regional winners with plaques. They were:

- Region II: Doug Raulerson, Baker County
- Region III: Shari Parker, Colonial
- Region IV: John Sumner, Tampa Bay Vo-Tech
- Region V: John Ford, Miami



Advisor Tommy Taylor watches as Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award winner Ken Irwin receives his plaque.

Placement In Agricultural Production

Ken Irwin, this year's Placement in Agricultural Production Award winner, has worked on a 1,400-acre farm for the past 6 years. The 18-year-old graduate of Pensacola-Tate High School has experience with row crops that include soybeans and sweet potatoes, as well as with beef cattle. The son of Mr. and Mrs. David Irwin, Ken has learned how to mix rations, vaccinate cattle, and maintain and repair farm equipment.

Ken has served as Vice President of his Chapter, and as a delegate to the National FFA Convention. He also was a member of the Livestock Judging and Parliamentary Procedure Teams.

B.C. Cook and Sons Enterprises, the state sponsor of the Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency



Wesley Wainwright accepts his Poultry Production Proficiency Award while advisor Walter Boatwright looks on.

Award, presented Ken with a plaque. The national co-sponsors, Hesston Corporation and Shell Chemical Companies, provided him with a check for \$100. The state sponsor also awarded plaques to four regional winners. They were:

- Region II: Lisa Limper, Lake Weir Senior
 Region III: Larry Beggs, Colonial
 Region IV: Richard Underhill, Sarasota Vo-Ag
 Region V: Ellen Kauf, Miami

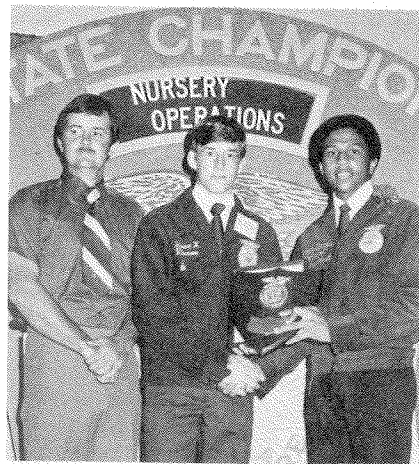
Nursery Operation

Brian Keith Dunson, a 17-year-old student at Tate High School, has built a profitable nursery operation from a very modest beginning in less than four years. Keith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunson, started with fewer than 2,500 plants, and had more than 15,000 in 1982. Keith helped acquire and build modern nursery equipment, including a greenhouse and a growing house. In addition, he has developed significant marketing and financial operation skills.

A straight-A student, and member of the Beta Club, Keith has completed three years of vocational agriculture, and served on various FFA committees. As the Florida Nursery Operations Proficiency Award winner, Keith received a plaque from the Florida Growers Supply, the state sponsor of this program. The national sponsor, Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, presented him with a check for \$100.

Florida Growers Supply also presented plaques to four regional winners. They were:

- Region II: Florence Florio, New Smyrna Beach Senior
 Region III: John Marsula, Colonial



Bryan Stamps awards a plaque to Nursery Operations Proficiency Award winner Brian Keith Dunson as advisor Tommy Taylor watches.



Bryan Stamps awards a plaque to Floriculture Proficiency winner Trisha Hewitt while advisor Janet Daniel watches.

- Region IV: Brian Lambert, Hardee County Senior
 Region V: Steve Bohn, Boca Raton

Fruit/Vegetable Production

Jodi Graham says it always gives her a good feeling when she sees a finished product ready for market. At the rate she's going, she should have lots of good feelings in the coming years.

The 17-year-old Hardee County High School student and her father are learning together to grow Jalapeno peppers for market. This year's Fruit/Vegetable Production Proficiency Award winner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Graham.

Jodi has spent the past four years growing citrus trees. She has learned how to properly apply herbicides, and how to set up a nursery of young trees for easy care. She plans to take up a career in citrus production.

Jodi has been active in her FFA Chapter. She has served as Chapter Reporter, and twice as a member of the Chapter Citrus Judging Team. She was a cheerleader at her high school, and was on the flag corps.

The state program sponsor, the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, awarded Jodi a plaque, and the Briggs and Stratton Corporation, the national sponsor, presented her with a \$100 check. The state sponsor also provided plaques for the regional winners, who were:

- Region I: Keith Hamilton, Grand Ridge
 Region II: Karl Williams, Lake Butler Senior
 Region III: Gary Rogers, Jr., South Sumter Senior
 Region V: Scott Dixon, Pahokee

Floriculture

Trisha Ann Hewitt says she is the first member of her family to become interested in agriculture. The 18-year-old student at the Gainesville Agribusiness and Adult Education Center is the 1983 Florida Floriculture Proficiency Award winner. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hewitt, she has had three years of training in the Center's horticulture program and more "hands on" experience at a local plant shop. She has learned to pass on correct information on plant care to buyers to ensure customer satisfaction and repeat business. Trisha plans to attend a community college and to open her own plant rental business.

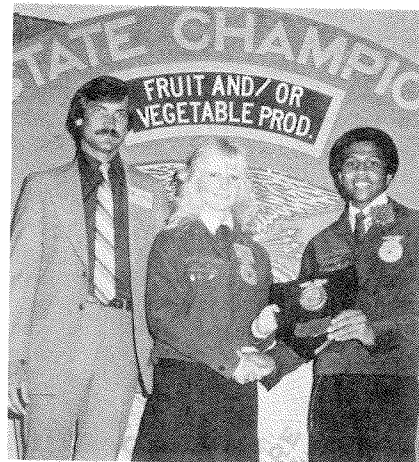
Trish has served as both Chapter President and Secretary. She was a delegate to the State Convention, and a member of the Chapter's Floriculture Judging Team.

The Florida Fern Growers Association, the state sponsor, awarded Trisha and the regional winners plaques. In addition, Trisha received a check for \$100 from the National FFA Foundation. Regional winners were:

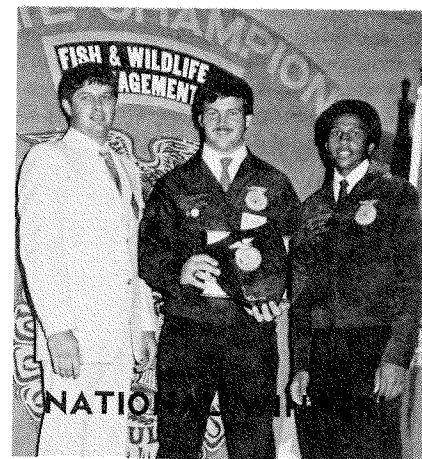
- Region I: Suzanne Dzurik, George Stone Vo-Tech
 Region II: John Marsula, Colonial
 Region IV: Timothy Garman, Lake Placid Senior
 Region V: Margaret Fitzpatrick, Boca Raton

Fish And Wildlife Management

One parcel of Carson McCall, Jr.'s family farm is managed strictly for wildlife. He has harrowed fire lanes and roads, and planted peas, rye, and oats for the animals there. In addition, the 17-year-old son of Mr.



As advisor Kevin Brown attends, Fruit/Vegetable Production Proficiency Award winner Jodi Graham receives her plaque.



Carson McCall, Jr. receives his plaque for the Fish and Wildlife Management Proficiency Award with advisor Ricky Lyons.

and Mrs. Owen C. McCall, Sr. constructed nesting boxes, game feeders, and flood gates, and burned areas to provide improved habitat for wildlife. The Lafayette High School student is also actively involved in predator control in Lafayette County.

As the Florida Fish and Wildlife Management Proficiency Award winner for 1983, Carson received a plaque from Bear Archery, the state sponsor of this program. In addition, he received a check for \$100 from the national sponsor, Phillip Morris, Incorporated.

Regional winners also were awarded plaques by Bear Archery. Winners were:

- Region II: Clifford Kinnebrew, Spruce Creek

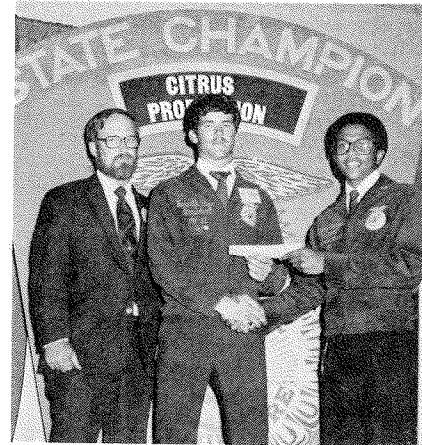


1983-84 State President Buster Smith receives the FVA Student Award from Jim Dunaway, President of the Florida Vocational Ag Teachers Association, on behalf of the Florida Vocational Association.

- Region III: Clint Bronson, Groveland Senior
 Region IV: Tammy Guest, Sarasota Vo-Ag
 Region V: Tom Morrison, Miami

Other Individual Winners...

Kenneth Odom, a member of the Groveland Senior Chapter, was the state Citrus Production winner. Through his Supervised Occupational Experience Program, he has developed skills in growing nursery trees from seed to bare rootstock ready for sale to grove owners, a process which takes about ten months. His program also includes a tree transplant service and a seasonal citrus vining business. Kenneth has learned a lot about bookkeeping and advertising through his



Kenneth Odom receives the State Citrus Production Award from Bryan Stamps as advisor Bradley Crews looks on.



Bryan Stamps presents the 1983 State Citrus Placement Award to Keith Young as Tom Weber, one of his advisors, stands by.

citrus production program. The Region III production winner was William Eric Mills of the Auburndale Senior Chapter and the winner from Region IV was Patrick E. Dowling from the Dade City Senior Chapter.

The state Citrus Placement winner was Keith Young from the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter. Placement in grove work has taught Keith production practices, marketing skills, and business procedures. He has learned to operate and service many types of machinery and implements safely and efficiently, and to appreciate the value of continued proper maintenance. The Region IV placement winner was Edgar Allen Castle of the Dade City Senior Chapter.



National FFA Vice President Bryan Stamps presents Steve Crumbly from Auburndale Senior with the Outstanding District Officer Award.

MORE CHAPTER AWARDS

Secretary's Book

Each Chapter Secretary is required to keep a record of all meetings and correspond with other secretaries "wherever corn is grown, and Future Farmers meet." The Chapter Secretary's Book Contest is designed to encourage chapter secretaries to keep accurate records of the chapters' official business conducted during the previous year.

Chapters brought their Secretaries' Books to the State Convention, and submitted them to a panel of judges. The books were judged on the Danish System. This means that each entry received a ribbon, either blue, red or white, and the overall winner received a pennant. Awards were sponsored by the Florida FFA Foundation.

White ribbon winners:

Colonial Pasco Federation
Williston Junior Hudson Senior

Red ribbon winners:

Sarasota Vo-Ag Sarasota Senior
Trenton Buchanan Junior

Hardee County Junior

Blue ribbon winners:

Bunnell Clermont
Bartow Senior Lake Weir

The Bunnell Chapter submitted the outstanding Secretary's Book.

Treasurer's Book

Chapters may also submit their Treasurer's Books for judging. All chapters are eligible for both this contest and the previous one.

Each Treasurer must keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements of chapter funds. Points are awarded in areas of records, investments, loans granted,

and neatness.

Chapters were required to submit the books at the beginning of the State Convention, along with the Secretaries' Books. Treasurers' Books also are judged on the Danish System, with the State winner receiving a pennant. The Florida FFA Foundation sponsored the awards.

White ribbon winners:

Santa Fe Senior East Bay Senior
Tarpon Springs Tampa Bay Vo-
Bartow Senior Tech

Red ribbon winners:

Colonial Trenton
Hudson Senior Hardee County
Junior

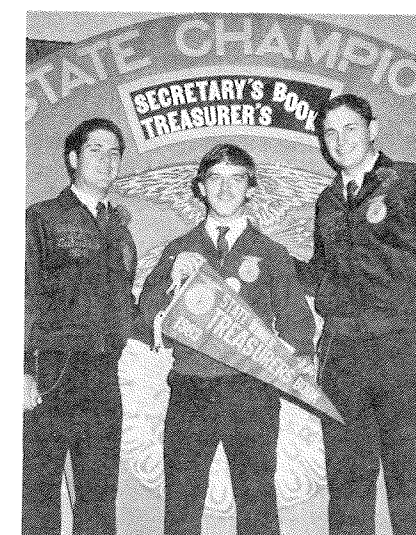
Blue ribbon winners:

Bunnell Sarasota Vo-Ag
Buchanan Junior

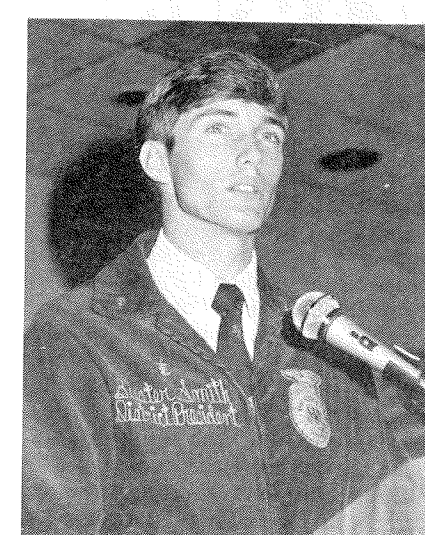
The Bunnell Chapter received the pennant for the best Treasurer's Book.



State Officers Bill Douberly and Richie Williams present the Secretary's Book Award to a representative of the Bunnell Chapter.



A Chapter representative from Bunnell accepts the Treasurer's Book Award from State Officers Bill Douberly and Richie Williams.



Buster Smith, 1983-84 State President, addressed Florida FFA members at the State Convention.

1983 Proficiency Award Winners

Award	Name of Winner	Chapter
Agricultural Electrification Florida Power Corp/Tampa Electric Co/Gulf Power Co Food & Energy Council/Winpower Corp	Matt Harrell	Santa Fe Senior
Agricultural Mechanics Southern Association International Harvester Co	Michael Swilley	Tate Senior
Agricultural Processing Penders Peanuts Cargill, Inc.	Fred Silcox	Milton
Agricultural Sales/Service Florida Specialty Fruit Co. Allis Chalmers	Rita Pate	Chipley
Beef Production Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association Sperry New Holland/Nasco International	Brian Fussell	Auburndale
Citrus Production Florida Citrus Mutual	Kenneth Odom	Groveland Senior
Citrus Placement Florida Citrus Mutual	Keith Young	Sarasota Vo-Ag
Crop Production DoLime Minerals Co. Massey Ferguson	Peter Gindl	Tate Senior
Dairy Production Dairy Farmers, Inc. DeLeval Co/Auco New Idea Farm Equipment	Donald Koon	Lafayette
Diversified Livestock Production Florida Beef Council A.O. Smith Harvestore/Wayne Feeds	Jerome Helton	Tate Senior
Feeder Steer Florida Cattlemen's Association	Rhonda Ramsdell	Colonial
Fish and Wildlife Management Bear Archery Phillip Morris, Inc.	Carson McCall	Lafayette

Floriculture Florida Fern Growers Association National FFA Foundation	Trisha Hewitt	Gainesville Agribusiness
Forest Management Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Weyerhaeuser Co Foundation	Clint Bronson	Groveland Senior
Fruit/Vegetable Production Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association Briggs & Stratton Corp	Jodi Graham	Hardee
Home/Farmstead Improvement Scotty's Inc Agriculture Division, Upjohn Co	Tony Willis	South Sumter Senior
Horse Proficiency Florida Quarter Horse Association American Quarter Horse Association	Kurt Malphurs	Santa Fe Senior
Nursery Operations Florida Growers Supply Weyerhaeuser Co Foundation	Brian Dunson	Tate Senior
Outdoor Recreation Bear Archery Daisy	Shane Brooks	Colonial
Placement in Agricultural Production B.C. Cook & Sons Hesston Corp/Shell Chemical Co	Ken Irwin	Tate Senior
Poultry Production Florida Poultry Federation National FFA Foundation	Wesley Wainwright	Suwannee
Soil and Water Management Florida Association of Conservation Districts Ford Motor Co	Scott Mills	Chiefland
Swine Production Florida Pork Improvement Group Pfizer, Inc.	Tammy Stoel	Williston
Turf and Landscape Management A. Duda & Sons O.M. Scott & Sons Co	Brian Fulkman	Englewood Senior

State sponsors in boldface.
National sponsors in italics.

NEW SITE FOR FFA CENTER

Gary Bartley, Executive Director of the Florida FFA Foundation, recently announced at a Blue Ribbon Committee Meeting in Orlando that a new site has been chosen for the proposed \$5 million FFA Leadership Training Center. The new site is located in east Polk County, near Haines City, off Highway 542 on Lake Pierce. "The main reason for the change," states Bartley, "was because of the one mile of lake frontage on the new 126 acre tract."

Colin Campbell, Vice President of International Minerals and Chemical Corporation, the donor of the original 200-acre site near Lakeland, states that he is quite satisfied with the new location as long as the proceeds from the sale of the original site go towards the development of the Center. The Foundation's Board of Directors not only agreed to Campbell's request, but also stated that the new site will retain the identity of IMC as the donor.

Doyle Conner, chairman of the Fund Raising drive, states that the fund drive is well underway with \$295,000 in cash raised to date; and when we consider pledges and in-kind contributions, we have raised in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million. Conner further states that the depressed economy hasn't helped matters, but feels confident that industry contributions and commitments will increase significantly now that we are coming out of the recession.

Some of the more significant early contributions to the Leadership Training Center Development Fund and Construction Fund to date include: International Minerals & Chemical Corporation donated 200 acres of land for the site; CF Industries, \$60,000 over a three-year period; Publix Supermarkets, \$30,000; U.S. Sugar Corporation, \$25,000; Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, \$20,000 part matching grant for feasibility study; Winn-Dixie, \$10,000; Conn Memorial Foundation \$10,000; Scotty's, Inc. \$7,500; Lakeland Cash Feed Company, \$5,000; Florida Feed Association, \$5,000; Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, \$5,000; Conner Roast & Toast, \$5,000 and over \$120,000 from local FFA Chapters. Many other industries, businesses and groups have made significant pledges and in-kind contributions.

Glenn Wade, President of the Florida FFA Foundation, states that he is very pleased with the fund raising efforts made by local FFA members and chapters. Having raised \$120,000 to date is a rather healthy sum to be generated by these students. Wade also commented that FFA chapters still have a significant balance to raise in order to fulfill the chapter challenge made by Commissioner Doyle Conner.

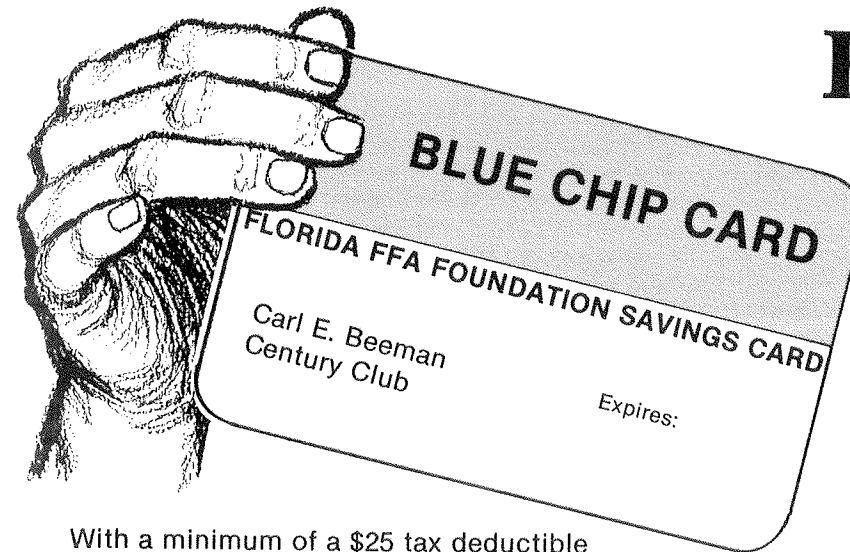
The primary purpose of the Leadership Training Center will be to improve and innovate agribusiness education and to “open doors” of opportunity for youth and young adults in their formative years. The FFA Program stresses leadership development, citizenship and vital agricultural skills that are necessary for the preparation of a career in the agriculture/agribusiness industry.

The Center, when completed, will accommodate up to 350 students and teachers at one time. The plans call for a variety of structures that include a lodge, dining hall, classrooms, cabins, amphitheatre, picnic pavilion, campsites and recreational areas.

"An important feature of this Center," states Bartley, "is that it will serve as a multi-use facility that will be operated year-round for a variety of leadership schools, seminars, conferences, contests, workshops and meetings." The Center will also be available to other youth groups as well as industry groups when not in use by the FFA.

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to the Leadership Training Center project should contact Gary Bartley, Executive Director, Florida FFA Foundation, 2916 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, phone (904) 878-8659.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation is a non-profit youth organization for the purpose of giving financial support to the educational activities of members and chapters. It accepts financial support to assist with program development, special projects, leadership materials, scholarships and the development of a statewide FFA Leadership Training Center.



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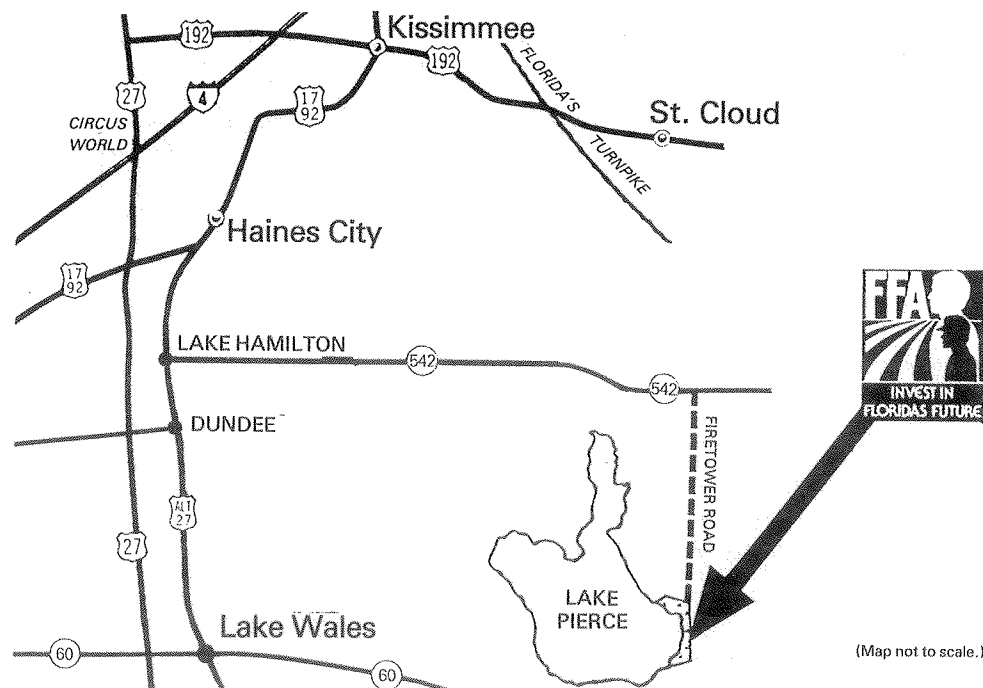
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IN OTHER NEWS

A "Roast and Toast" of Florida Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner enriched the Future Farmers of America Leadership Training Center Fund by \$5,000. The May 26 Roast, sponsored by the Capital Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association, was held at the Florida State University in Tallahassee.

"It was a huge success," exclaimed Leah James, FPRA Capital Chapter President. "We were thrilled to see so many state officials and FFA supporters at the Roast."

About 300 people attended the Roast, including Lt. Governor Wayne Mixson and former Governor Claude Kirk.



State President Buster Smith (center) holds a check for \$5,000 presented to the Leadership Training Center Fund by Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner (left) and Leah James, FPRA Capital Chapter President.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER INCENTIVE AWARDS

Florida FFA Chapters have been busy the past twelve months raising funds to build the Training Center. As Chairman of the fund drive, Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner has challenged each chapter to raise \$2,000 as their part of the \$5 million goal.

For the second consecutive year, Hardee County Junior Chapter wasted no time starting their annual effort. By the time the June 10th deadline arrived, the chapter had raised \$2,307.00 for a two-year cumulative total of \$8,956.50. Chapter Advisor Dianna Durrance credited the success of the chapter's drive to 100% member involvement. Hardee County Junior members have spent the last year participating in several areas of fund raising including working cattle, general ranch work, laying sod, sprigging grass, and seeking general contributions from the community. The chapter received the first place trophy and the satisfaction of contributing to the future of the agriculture industry in Florida.

The Lakeland Chapter won the second place trophy, and Haines City took the third place trophy. Each chapter turned in \$2,000, and the tie was broken with the earliest date the money was received.

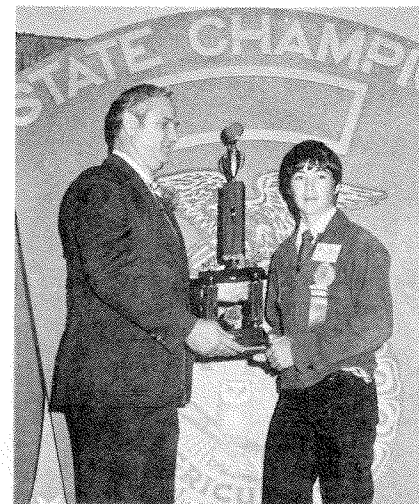
FFA members also raised money on an individual basis through the

"Hire-an-Aggie" program. Members donated their wages to the Foundation for the Training Center Fund. Hardee County Junior Chapter was at the top in this area too, with member Rhonda Rollins contributing \$400.00. For her efforts, Rhonda won a trophy and a \$300.00 check. Jay Daughtry, also of the Hardee County Junior Chapter, placed second with \$267.50 and Donna Branch of the Lake Gibson Junior Chapter was third with \$200.00. Other winners were:

- Fourth: Richard Pitts, South Sumter Junior
- Fifth: Mark Pitts, South Sumter Junior
- Sixth: Jesse C. Ritter, Lake Gibson Senior
- Seventh: Jenny Lyn Delp, Orange Park Senior
- Eighth: Robert Bosanko, Tampa Bay Vo-Tech
- Ninth: John Ming, North Marion Middle
- Tenth: Butch Taylor, Malone



Rhonda Rollins receives her first place trophy and a check for \$300 in the Hire-an-Aggie program from Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant to Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner.



Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Doyle Conner, presents Jay Daughtry with the second place trophy in the Hire-an-Aggie program.



Janet Roth, representative from International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation, presents the first-place award to the winning Ag Management team from Williston High School: (l to r) Damon Sandlin, Rick Stanley, Brad Bullock, Susan Gilreath.



Troy Burrell, representing the Florida Santa Gertrudis Association, presents the Orlando Colonial Livestock Judging Team with the State award: (l to r) Advisor Fred Dietrich, Debbie Gentner, Larry Beggs, Gina Malasso, Ira Barrow.

TEAM CONTESTS

Agribusiness Management

Competition was tough on April 22, 1983. Members from around the state gathered at McCarty Hall on the University of Florida campus to determine the state winning team in Agribusiness Management. This contest provides students a chance to apply the knowledge and skills learned in the production agriculture curriculum to the solution of typical farm management problems. As a result, students become more effective farm managers and agribusinessmen. Contestants took a fifty-question written exam with several sections on problem-solving analysis.

Teams earned the right to compete in the State Finals by eliminating more than fifty-seven teams in a preliminary contest held in December. Williston Senior took first place in the state contest, receiving a trophy from International Minerals and Chemicals Corporations of Lakeland, Florida. In addition, the Williston team will compete in the National Agribusiness Management

Contest. High individual was Damon Sandlin, also from Williston. IMC also recognized other winners in the State Contest. They were:

- Second Place: Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Third Place: Vernon
- Fourth Place: Crescent City Senior
- Fifth Place: Bradford Senior

Agricultural Mechanics

At the same time the Agribusiness Management Teams were competing in McCarty Hall, Agricultural Mechanics Teams went head-to-head in Frazier Rogers Hall, also on the University of Florida campus. The final competition included a written examination as well as a practical agricultural skills test. Held annually, this contest was especially designed to test skills and knowledge of students in several areas of agricultural mechanics. It complements classroom instruction by giving students an opportunity to apply knowledge in a competitive situation.

Glade and Grove Supply of Homestead, Florida, provided a trophy to Blountstown, the first-place team, and to Ron Mears, the high individual, who is from Blountstown. In addition, the Blountstown

team will have the opportunity to compete at the national level.

Glade and Grove Supply also recognized other winners in the competition. They were:

- Second Place: Williston Senior
- Third Place: Plant City
- Fourth Place: Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Fifth Place: Tate Senior

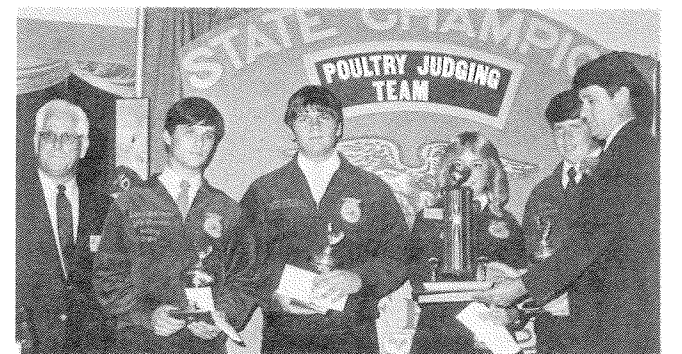
Livestock Judging

The Livestock Judging Contest is designed to complement classroom instruction by giving students an opportunity to apply their knowledge in a competitive situation. This event tests students' skills and knowledge in the area of livestock production, and provides practical experience in identifying the characteristics that are desirable in selecting quality beef and swine.

On Saturday, March 12, Livestock Judging Teams from all over Florida competed at the Cecil Webb Livestock Pavilion at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Team members judged classes in breeding cattle, market cattle, market swine, and breeding swine. Each class of animals was judged according to a



State Vice Presidents Bill Douberly (far left) and Cay Cooper (far right) present the first place award to the winning Ag Mechanics team on behalf of Glade and Grove Supply Company: (l to r) Ron Mears, Eddie Clemons, Ryan McDougald, Jonathan Nissley (Blountstown High School).



The State Winning Poultry Judging Team, from Santa Fe High School, receives their award from Gary Bartley, representing the Florida Poultry Federation: (l to r) Sidney Stidham, Will Williams, Terri Stewart, Mike McDaniels. Advisor W. C. Geiger stands by.

computer placing card. Members also gave oral reasons.

Troy Burrell presented awards to the top five teams, the high scoring individual, and members of the State Winning Team on behalf of the Florida Santa Gertrudis Association. The Colonial Chapter Team, which placed first, will represent Florida at the National Livestock Judging Contest, which will be held at the National Convention this November in Kansas City. The high individual was Larry Beggs, also from the Colonial Chapter. Other winning teams were:

Second Place: Dade City Senior
Third Place: Plant City
Fourth Place: Tate Senior
Fifth Place: Auburndale Senior

Poultry Judging

While the Livestock Judging Team competed in the Livestock Pavilion, across campus in the Mehroff Building Poultry Judging Teams vied to see which team will represent Florida in the National Poultry Judging Contest in Kansas City this November.

Team members judged two production classes of hens, one class of pullets, one class of fryers, and three classes of eggs. Students were allowed to handle the live birds, but not the fryers or eggs.

By participating in Poultry Judging Teams, students learn skills that will make them better poultrymen and consumers by giving them practical experience in recognizing, identifying, and understanding characteristics that affect poultry and egg quality. Students also are trained to evaluate dressed poultry and market eggs.

The Florida Poultry Federation provided trophies and plaques for the top five teams, the high scoring individual, and members of the State

Winning Team. Barton Ahlstrom presented the first place award to the Santa Fe Senior Team, which will next compete in Kansas City. The high individual was Diane Paine of the Leto Chapter. Other winning teams were:

Second Place: Auburndale Senior
Third Place: Pinellas Vo-Ag
Fourth Place: Williston Senior
Fifth Place: Leto

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Parliamentary Procedure Teams begin preparing for competition in the Fall. In a series of Fall and Winter eliminations, teams advance to higher levels of participation until only five Regional Winners are left.

Monday morning of Convention Week, the State Preliminaries were held in Orlando. Then, during the evening session on Tuesday, June 21, the Crescent City Senior and Blountstown teams competed for the honor of being State Winner. Each team received a trophy from the Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, the state sponsor. Crescent City Senior, the first-place team, also received a plaque for each team member.

The Parliamentary Procedure Contest held annually by the FFA is quite a prestigious affair. Team members must be 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 dealt with.

Members of the 1983 State Parliamentary Procedure Team are: Jeff Geloneck John Rios
Susan Morris John Marti
Bill Kailer Dennis Williams

The five Regional Winning Teams

were:

Region I: Blountstown
Region II: Crescent City Senior
Region III: Santa Fe Senior
Region IV: Leto
Region V: Pahokee

Meats Judging

The Meats Judging Teams competed on April 8 at the University of Florida Meats Lab to determine the state winners. During the year, 37 teams competed around the state in four placing classes including: beef carcasses, wholesale cuts of pork, the identification of retail cuts, quality grading carcasses and yield grade carcasses. The contestants judged in a cold storage room and were not allowed to handle the meat or use any aids while arriving at their decisions.

The top ten teams in the state participated in the state finals, judging similar classes.

Winn-Dixie sponsored the awards for this event, which were presented to the top five teams, the high individual, and individual members of the top team.

The high individual was Chuck Sneeringer from Gainesville Agribusiness. Williston Senior received the first place award. Other winners were:

Second: Taylor Senior
Third: Tate Senior
Fourth: Dade City Senior
Fifth: Gainesville Agribusiness

Vegetable Judging Contest

The Vegetable Judging Contest was also held on the University of Florida campus on April 22. In the Cecil Webb Livestock Pavilion, each team judged the quality of fresh vegetables just as the average consumer does when shopping at the supermarket. Contestants also parti-



Don Scruggs presents the State Vegetable Judging Team Award to the Bronson Chapter team for South Bay Growers: (l to r) Lori Meeks, Jennifer Hawkins, Ginger Deas, Leanne Meeks.

cipated in the identification phase of the competition, including: vegetable varieties, insects, diseases, weeds, seeds, nutrient deficiencies, and defects.

South Bay Growers of South Bay, Florida, presented awards to the top five teams, the high individual, and individual members of the winning team. The first place team was from the Bronson Chapter, and the high individual, Lori Meeks, was also from Bronson. Other winning teams were:

Second Place: Plant City Senior
Third Place: Crescent City Senior
Fourth Place: J.G. Smith
Fifth Place: Auburndale Senior

Dairy Judging

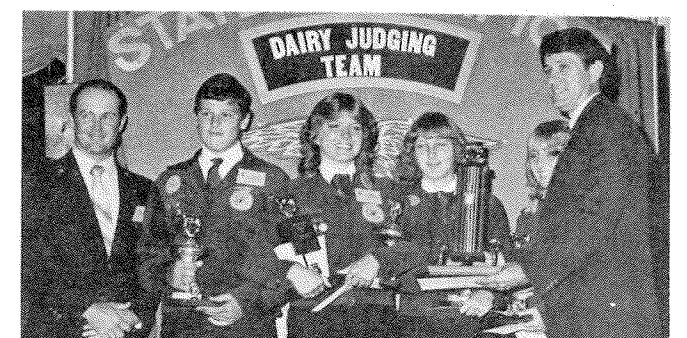
On March 12, 1983, Florida Future Farmers gathered at the University of Florida's Dairy Research Unit in Hague. Team members judged eight classes of cows and heifers of major dairy breeds. Contestants gave two sets of oral reasons on classes designated by the contest superintendent.

The sponsor, T.G. Lee Foods, Incorporated, provided trophies and plaques for the top five teams, the high scoring individual, and the members of the State Winning Team. The Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter, the winning team, will represent Florida in the National Dairy Judging Contest to be held at the National Convention in Kansas City this November. Sheila Voss, also from Sarasota Vo-Ag, was the high individual. Other winning teams were:

Second Place: Chipley
Third Place: Okeechobee Senior
Fourth Place: Santa Fe Senior
Fifth Place: Lafayette Senior

More Team Winners...

In the Forestry Judging Contest



The State Winning Dairy Judging Team from Sarasota Vo-Ag Accepts its award from Gary Bartley, representing T. G. Lee Foods, Inc. while advisor Jeffri Durrance looks on: (l to r) Jim Hill, Sheila Voss, Lisa Beardsley, Kim Webber.

held in October in Perry, the winning teams were:

First: Crescent City Senior
Second: Blountstown
Third: Groveland Senior
Fourth: Dade City Senior
Fifth: Chiefland Senior

Citrus Judging Teams competed in Winter Haven on February. The high individual was Kenny Dowdy from the Haines City Senior Chapter. Winning teams were:

First: Haines City Senior
Second: Groveland Senior
Third: Plant City
Fourth: Auburndale Senior
Fifth: Clermont

The Land Judging Contest was held the last Friday in March in

Monticello. The high individual was Phillip Byrd from the Ponce de Leon Senior Chapter. Winning teams were:

First: Pensacola-Tate Senior
Second: Altha
Third: Dade City Senior
Fourth: Ponce de Leon Senior
Fifth: Chipley

In the Ornamental Horticulture Judging Contest held on March 3rd in Orlando, the high individual was Denise Wise from the Plant City Chapter. Winning teams were:

First: Plant City
Second: Williston Senior
Third: Crescent City Senior
Fourth: Auburndale Senior
Fifth: Dade City Senior

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 14	State Forestry Field Day	Perry, Florida
November 9-12	National FFA Convention	Kansas City, Missouri
November 14-19	"Hire-an-Aggie" Week	
December 2	Sub-District Contests	
December 6	Proficiency Award Awareness Day	
January 7	State Judging School	Gainesville, Florida
January 13	District Contests	
February 15	State Citrus Contest	Winter Haven, Florida
February 18	State Fair FFA Day — Dairy, Ornamental Horticulture & Poultry Judging	Tampa, Florida
February 18-25	National FFA Week — Officer Goodwill Tour - FFA Day at Cypress Gardens	
March 3	State Horticulture and Tractor Operations Contests	Orlando, Florida
March 10	State Livestock, Dairy, Poultry Finals; Meats Preliminaries; Vegetable Judging School	Gainesville, Florida
March 30	State Land Judging Contest	
April 13	Horticulture Demonstrations, Vegetables Judging, Ag Management, & Ag Mechanics Finals	Gainesville, Florida
June 17-21	State FFA Convention	Orlando, Florida



Advisor Carl David Brown looks on while Earl Price, representing the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, presents the state winning Parliamentary Procedure team their award: John Rios, Jeff Geloneck, Dennis Williams, Susan Morris, Bill Kailer, John Marti (Crescent City).



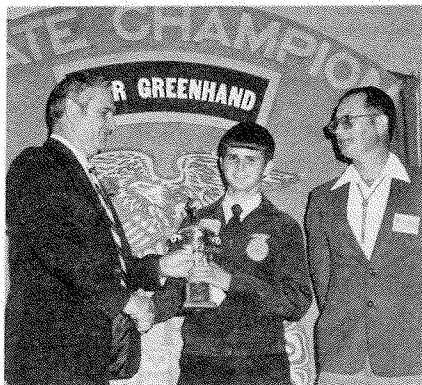
The Williston High School Meats Judging Team accepts their first-place award from Bill Snead, representing Winn Dixie Stores of Florida; (l to r) Scott Smith, Damon Sandlin, Andy Robinson, Valerie Smith.

STAR AWARDS

State Star Greenhand

The State Star Greenhand is chosen from those students who are already excelling in Vocational Agriculture and FFA after only their first year of membership. The 1983 State Star Greenhand is Kenneth William Roberts from the Ponce de Leon Senior Chapter. His Supervised Occupational Experience Program is in the production area of agriculture. Kenneth presently has 100% ownership in six head of beef cattle and is a 20% owner in the family's 6500 laying hens. He served as Ponce de Leon's Chapter Reporter, was a member of various committees in the chapter, and was a member of the Forestry and Agribusiness Management Teams. Agriculture and FFA run deep in Kenneth's family. Both his father and brother served as State presidents and earned their State Farmer Degrees, and Kenneth plans to follow in their footsteps. Judging from his first year's performance, he is well on his way.

One very important influence in an FFA member's career is his or her parents. Another major influence is the FFA advisor. A young future farmer will rely heavily on the advice and support parents and advisors give. Kenneth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Roberts, and his advisor, Leroy Gillis, all received Honorary State Farmer Degrees from Mr. Richard Kelly, the Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture. In addition, Mr. Kelly presented Kenneth with a trophy and a check for \$150. This money is intended to defray expenses to the National FFA Convention in



Kenneth William Roberts from the Ponce de Leon Senior Chapter receives his State Star Greenhand Award from Richard Kelly, representing the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Advisor Leroy Gillis looks on.

November.

Each Regional Star Greenhand received a check for \$125 from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Other regional winners were:

- Region II: Robert McCashin
Chiefland Senior
- Region III: James A. Story,
Groveland Senior
- Region IV: Knetha McCord, Sara-
sota Vo-Ag
- Region V: Matthew Brody,
Miami

Star Farmer

Regional and State Star Farmers have excellent Supervised Occupational Experience Programs in the production area of agriculture, as well as being outstanding FFA members. Mr. Earl Brubaker presented awards to the winners on behalf of the Production Credit Associations of Florida and the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida. Regional winners received \$75 checks. The State Star Farmer received a check for \$200 from the National FFA Foundation.

The Regional and State Star Farmer Awards were developed to recognize, at the state level, outstanding recipients of the State FFA Degree Award who have completed the requirements that relate to their occupational experience program and leadership efforts in Agribusiness and Natural Resources Education. The recipients of these awards must be selected from the current year's State FFA Degree applicants who show that a majority of their income is from their production agriculture experience programs.

This year's Star Farmer is Andy Robinson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson. Andy, 17, is a member of the Williston Senior Chapter. He is a four-year agriculture student who has grown up in the farming business. After his father left farming and became manager and co-owner of Williston Peanuts, Andy took on the responsibility of operating the family farm. He does all the decision making himself. The only other person who has interest in Andy's money is the bank. He knows where every penny of his money goes, and predicts its use in a cost estimate. Then he examines the accuracy of his predictions in a total cost analysis statement after his two crops, corn and soybeans, are harvested and sold. Andy knows how many plants per acre were planted and how many plants per acre were

harvested. He can compute accurately the point of diminishing returns for his fertilizer and insecticide, and is very interested in all new practices in agriculture. He even has the University of Florida conduct research on his crops in exchange for use of their tractor. Andy harvested 203.4 bushels per acre in a recent corn-growing event and on 25 acres averages 195 bushels per acre. Not bad for a state which averaged 62 bushels per acre in 1982 statewide. Andy attributes his exceptional yields to minimum tillage practices, ample irrigation, and high amounts of nitrogen.

Andy has been extremely active in his chapter, school and community. He has served as Chaplain, Treasurer, and President of his local chapter, as well as chairman of four standing committees. He has served as a member of several judging teams, including Meats, Agricultural Mechanics, Land, Livestock, and Parliamentary Procedure. In addition, he has attended State and National Conventions and the Washington Leadership Conference. His straight-A scholastic standing entitled him to become a member of the Beta Club National Honor Society, and to be listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Andy plans to attend the University of Florida and major in business management, then return to the family business.

Mr. Brubaker also honored Andy's parents by presenting them with Honorary State Farmer Degrees. Andy's Chapter Advisor, Mr. Robert Philpot, has already received the Honorary State Farmer Degree, so he received a certificate of merit.

Andy Robinson attributes vocational agriculture and FFA for his current position in farming. He has personally witnessed bankruptcy, and remains steadfast to the principles of free enterprise agriculture. His vocational agriculture teachers, his family and friends, and his independence and self-sufficiency have all aided him in being named the State Star Farmer of 1983.

Other Regional Star Farmers were:

- Region I: Peter Gindl, Tate
Senior
- Region III: Kenneth Odom,
Groveland Senior
- Region IV: Leslie Joe Padgett,
Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Region V: Laura Lindquist,
Miami

Star Agribusinessman

The Regional and State Star



Andy Robinson, the 1983 State Star Farmer, receives his award from the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and Production Credit Associations of Florida. With him are (l to r) advisors Robert Philpot and Kelly Tyler, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson.

Agribusiness Awards recognize, at the state level, the outstanding recipients of the State FFA Degree Award who have completed the requirements that relate to their occupational experience program and leadership efforts in Agribusiness and Natural Resources Education. Award winners are chosen from each year's State FFA Degree applicants who show that most of their income came from non-production agriculture experience programs.

Mr. Jim Loftis presented each Regional winner with a pin and a check for \$75 on behalf of Gold Kist, Incorporated. Syd Crosby, the 1983 State Star Agribusinessman, also received a check for \$200 from the National FFA Foundation. Syd, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Crosby of Flagler Beach. During the past four years, Syd's Supervised Occupational Experience Program consisted of a placement program in the meats, produce, and dairy departments of the family grocery store. He has gained experience in cutting, wrapping, packaging, and marketing beef, pork, and poultry products. Syd has been a chapter officer in Bunnell for four years and served as a district officer for one year. He has also been a member of the Livestock and Forestry Judging Teams and has attended both State and National Conventions.

Syd's reasons for becoming involved in and developing this particular SOEP arose from personal, family reasons. Also, he likes the work. Syd describes his work at the store as challenging. At the counter he handles fresh produce he picked in the field earlier that day. Not many people can cut chicken into 10 edible

portions in less than five seconds. Nor do they understand where on the right-hand shelf in the aisle a housewife looks for most of her food items. Syd does both of these many times daily. "The customer is always right" is not just an old, worn-out cliché for the future agribusinessman from Flagler. It is a way of life. Syd has found himself and is challenged by the future he sees in this family-owned operation. Agricultural law also figures into his future and a life in the political arena intrigues his thoughts from time to time.

Syd's parents were honored with Honorary State Farmer Degrees. Also, Mr. James Galvin, Syd's Chapter Advisor, received the Honorary State Farmer Degree as a token of appreciation for his help and guidance.

Other Regional Star Agribusinessmen were:

- Region I: Rita Pate, Chipley
- Region III: Patrick Butler, South
Sumter Senior
- Region IV: Andy Hornick, Avon
Park
- Region V: Melvin Hester, Miami

American FFA Degree

The American FFA Degree is the highest degree obtainable in FFA and is given on the national level to recognize and encourage establishment in an agricultural occupation. Members receiving this degree are eligible for the Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of America Awards. Each year at the National Convention, this award is bestowed on 3% of America's top FFA members.

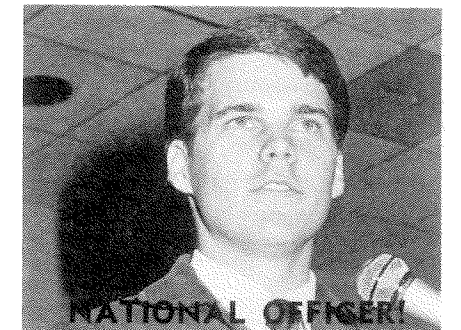
This year 32 applications were submitted to the Florida FFA



Syd Crosby accepts the State Star Agribusiness Award from Jimmy Loftis on behalf of Gold Kist. With them are Syd's advisor, Jim Galvin (left) and Syd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crosby.

Association. The Florida Association recommended that 21 of these applications be approved at the 56th National Convention. These 21 members were:

- Brian Banks — Manatee
- Judy Beauchamp — Bronson
- Samuel Bertha, II — Bunnell
- Eugene Bertine — Dunnellon
- Edward Bliss — Trenton
- Glenda Brown — Sarasota
- Ken Crews — Baker County
- Chuck Duggar — Marianna
- Debbie Goodwin — South Sumter
Senior
- Judy Moore — Plant City
- Jim Knight — Okeechobee Brahman
- Patrick Martin — Haines City
Senior
- Mike McGinnis — Sarasota
- Danny Olson — Clermont
- Terry Porter — Plant City
- Jimmy Rogers — Orlando Colonial
- Herman Sanchez — Trenton
- William Shaw — Lafayette
- Scott Stoutamire — Bristol
- Jed Weeks — Wauchula
- Earl Ziebarth — Pierson Taylor



1981-82 State President Chuck Duggar, one of twenty-one nominees for the American FFA Degree, will represent Florida as the National FFA Officer Candidate for 1983-84.

ESSAY, PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEMONSTRATION AWARDS

Electrification Essay

The Electrification Essay Contest is designed to encourage students to shape a vision of the future that could affect our nation's existence by describing energy saving measures and devices that can be applied around the home and farmstead. At the State Convention, this year's top ten essay participants received trophies from the three state co-sponsors, Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Company, and Tampa Electric Company.

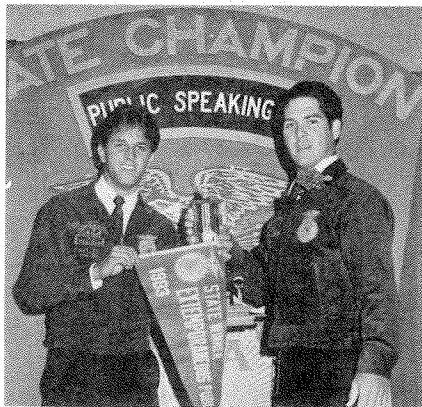
Dawn Baggett, the state winner, wrote an impressive essay on energy conservation for the future. Dawn is a member of the Lake Weir Junior Chapter.

Each of the ten finalists were asked three impromptu questions relating to their essays. The following participants, ranked second through tenth, did a commendable job:

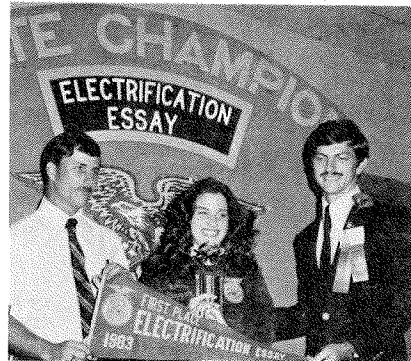
- Second: Brian Price, Buchanan Junior
- Third: Keith Smith, East Bay Junior
- Fourth: Stacy Martin, Zephyrhills Junior
- Fifth: Kelly Edgell, New Smyrna Beach Junior
- Sixth: Tim Meadows, Interlachen Junior
- Seventh: David Chisholm, Baker County Middle
- Eighth: Michael McCashell, Blountstown
- Ninth: Bill Haywood, St. Cloud Junior
- Tenth: Dennis Wiggins, Taylor Junior

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Steve Raney, a member of the Chamberlain Chapter, is the 1983



Bill Douberly, State Vice President, presents the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Award to Steve Raney on behalf of Douberly and Durrance Farms.



Ted Spangenburg, representing Gulf Power Company, Florida Power Corporation, and Tampa Electric Company, presents the Electrification Essay Award as advisor Gary Lindsey stands by.

Florida Extemporaneous Public Speaking Winner. Steve received a trophy and pennant from Douberly and Durrance Farms, the state sponsor of the event. He also received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation. Each of the four finalists received trophies from Douberly and Durrance Farms as well. They were:

- Second: Jonathan Fuqua, Altha
- Third: Darlene Leong, Williston Senior
- Fourth: Lynnette Dallimore, St. Cloud Senior
- Fifth: Steve Martin, South Dade

This contest is designed to develop the ability of members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed in advance. The top two finalists delivered their speeches during the general session at the State Convention and answered questions from a panel of judges.

Prepared Public Speaking

In this event, participants have a chance to prepare their speeches in advance. Students must compete in a series of elimination contests held at the sub-district, district, and regional levels. The top two finalists then deliver their speeches at a general session of the State Convention and answer questions from a panel of judges.

This year, Meg Potter is the state Public Speaking winner. A member of the Chipley Chapter, Meg competed against four other semifinalists on Monday morning of Convention Week.

Each of the five participants received a trophy from the Florida Rural Electric Cooperatives

Association. In addition, the Association awarded Meg a pennant and a \$250 travel award to help defray her expenses to the Tri-State Competition. She also received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation. The other finalists were:

- Second: Mike Matthews, Citrus Senior
- Third: Danny Garner, Groveland Senior
- Fourth: Alison Bieber, Charlotte Senior
- Fifth: Paige Pyatt, South Dade

Horticulture Demonstrations

Members competed in State Horticulture Demonstrations on April 22, at the Reitz Student Union Building on the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. The demonstrations are divided into five categories: marketing, production, use, artistic arrangement, and landscaping. Members participated individually and in teams of two. Teams explained by word and action the "hows and whys" of various production practices, soil improvement methods, marketing methods, marketing procedures, crop utilizations, landscaping using various plants, and the artistic arrangement of horticulture crops.

Agriventure International, Incorporated, an international marketing consortium of horticultural and agricultural products, sponsors this event. Second place finishers receive bronze plaques, and first place finishers receive gold ones.

Winners in the Artistic Arrangement category were:

- First: Vicki Thomas, Bradford Senior
- Second: Dee Dee Whitaker, Palatka Senior



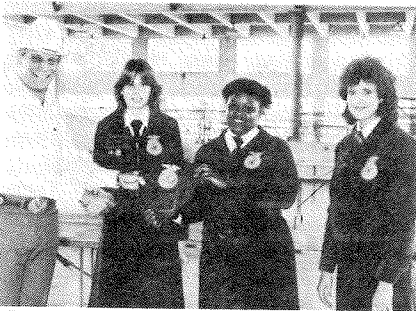
State Public Speaking winner Meg Potter receives her pennant from John Horne, representing the Florida Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, while advisor Ray Pigott looks on.



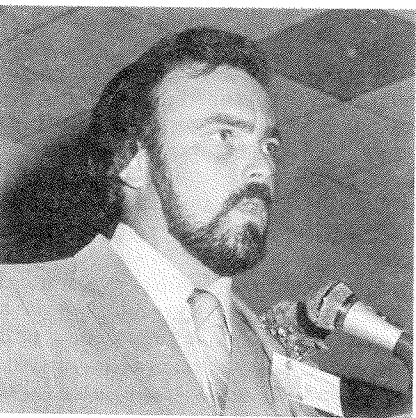
Agriventure International, Inc. representative Jay Marden and State Officer Teresa Lott present the plaque for the Artistic Arrangement Horticulture Demonstration to winner Vicki Thomas.



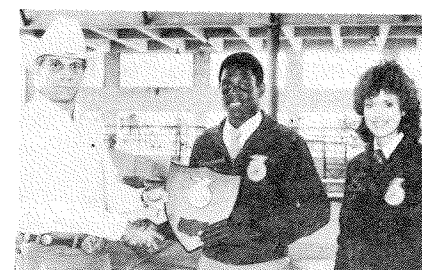
Dave Parrish receives his plaque for the Horticulture Landscaping Demonstration from Jay Marden of Agriventure International, Inc. and State Officer Cay Cooper.



Jay Marden, representing Agriventure International, Inc., awards the plaque for the winning Horticulture Marketing Demonstration to team members Dawn Parton and Janis Williams while State Officer Teresa Lott looks on.



Mark Williams presents an Alumni report to the State Convention.



Raymond White accepts the plaque for Horticulture Production Demonstration from Jay Marden, on behalf of Agriventure International, Inc., as State Officer Teresa Loft stands by.

Landscaping category winners were:

- First: Dave Parrish, McArthur Horticulture
- Second: Tommy Crosby, Bradford Senior

The top two finishers in the Marketing category were:

- First: Dawn Parton and Janice Williams, George Stone Vo-Tech
- Second: Yancey Miller, Bradford Senior



Horticulture Use Demonstration winners Brenda Driggers and Kathy Marson accept their award from State Officer Cay Cooper and Agriventure International, Inc., representative Jay Marden.

Production category winners were:

- First: Raymond White, Bradford Senior
- Second: Tarrance Sheffield, McArthur Horticulture

Winners in the Use category were:

- First: Brenda Driggers and Kathy Marson, McArthur Horticulture
- Second: Jeanne and Julie Brinkman, New Smyrna Beach Junior

1983 TEAM CONTEST AWARD WINNERS

Award	Winning Chapters
Agribusiness Management Contest	Williston Senior
International Minerals and Chemicals Corp.	
Agricultural Mechanics	Blountstown
Glade and Grove Supply	
Citrus Identification	Haines City Senior
Florida Department of Agriculture/Florida Citrus Showcase	
Dairy Judging	Sarasota Vo-Ag
T.G. Lee Foods, Inc.	
Forestry Judging	Crescent City Senior
Florida Forestry Association	
Land Judging	Pensacola-Tate Senior
Production Credit Associations of Florida/Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida/Loncala Phosphate Co/Ironwood Farms of Madison	
Livestock Judging	Colonial
Florida Santa Gertrudis Association	
Meats Judging	Williston Senior
Winn-Dixie	
Ornamental Horticulture Judging	Plant City
Central Florida Fair	
Parliamentary Procedure Contest	Crescent City Senior
Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Company	
Poultry Judging	Santa Fe Senior
Florida Poultry Federation	
Vegetable Identification & Judging	Bronson
South Bay Growers	

You Ought To Be In The Picture

BUSTER SMITH
State President



SETTING: The setting is a very common one. The very familiar blue and gold FFA jackets are on people who are excited about everything

they are doing. The scene is full of enthusiastic, energetic, pumped up and ready to go individuals.

CHARACTERS: Each year the characters are the same — yet they are always different. They are young people whose lives are being molded by the experiences they share. They — and you — are the Future.

"Unique" is the best way to describe the FFA members who are the characters. We produce that special something in our organization that can be matched by no other group.

Within each FFA member lies the potential for success or failure. To succeed requires skill, know-how and determination. Just as important is confidence — the unwavering belief that we can go farther; that we can do more; that we can stretch ourselves beyond our past limits. That's what it takes to go over the top and attain the goals that are important to us.

Just how do we do it? First, we recognize the potential we have. Next, we set high goals and work daily to reach those goals in our lives. It is the responsibility of each character to decide the role he or she will play in the picture of life.

PLOT: It is the combination of these roles that determines the plot.

There is a challenge for the daring, a mystery for the curious, adventure for the venturesome and involvement for the practical. Put it all together and you have a story worth telling — a picture you will not want to miss!

Tune in on the sound of FFA members talking. Picture students studying for a contest and you can see that our year has started and that our ship has set sail! This year in the FFA will be the best ever. Now the time has come for us to unfurl our sails and look toward our new horizons.

As your State President, I see the FFA and Vocational Agriculture faced with many challenges. Just as we are faced with these challenges we must be willing to accept the challenges of tomorrow, today. When we accept those challenges the chance for success is greater, but success doesn't come easy in our competitive society. It takes talent, guts, hard work and perseverance to rise to the top. The FFA is an organization for the members, by the members, and of the members. The organization is only as strong as its members and you must realize the success of the FFA depends upon YOU.

The national theme for this year reflects what I have been saying: "Together We're Keeping America On The Grow!"

During the year many things will have to be done and a lot of work is ahead of us to make this year the best. Many times we will just have to roll up our sleeves and get in there and do it! Accept those challenges!

Good Better Best

Never Let Me Rest

Until my Good is Better

And My Better Best

This is my slogan when times are tough.

Each day is full of challenges just waiting to be turned into opportunities, but it is up to you. Have you ever heard the slogan, "IF IT IS TO BE IT IS UP TO ME?" This statement should be a part of every day you live.

Another thing that I think should be a part of everyday life is our relationship with Christ. We know we will succeed in this picture of life for the Bible states in Phil. 4-13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

You have honored me by electing me as your state president. I look forward to a successful year in the Future Farmers of America. During the year accept those challenges. Work hard, and above all, believe in yourself!

"Be all you can be in 83!"

I Believe

ANDY HURST
Region I Vice President

Do you believe in yourself? Or do you believe only in what others say you are? Are you always dissatisfied with the way you look, the way you



talk or with your actions? Many people overlook the numerous positive qualities they possess and become preoccupied with the negative.

They never realize their worth or potential as individuals. This attitude leads to self-doubt and loss of self-confidence. You can quickly alleviate self-doubt in your life by learning to honestly and totally believe in yourself and your abilities.

A very good friend of mine was the kicker for our high school football team. During a game near the beginning of the season, we scored a touchdown, and in came Terry to attempt the point after. The ball was snapped, the holder smoothly placed the ball on the block, the line held beautifully, and in perfect soccer-style form, Terry booted it straight for the goal. The referee, positioned behind the defensive line, instead of signalling that the point was good, nonchalantly caught the football as it came down short of the goal. It was as though the ball died in mid-air. This sort of thing happened quite often.

The next Monday at school, Terry was unmercifully kidded to no end. But no matter how much he was criticized or kidded, Terry good-naturedly took it in stride. No one could convince him that he was a terrible kicker — not even the coach!

During the rest of the season, Terry set out to become the kicker he knew he could be. He practiced constantly, lifted weights, and carefully analyzed college and pro kickers on television. Terry believed in himself, and by the end of the season he was a very consistent place kicker.

Terry honestly believed deep down that he could do it. So it is in life and in the FFA. We will be what we think we can be. If you believe you can do it, you will. Within each one of us is tremendous potential, and we should not limit ourselves. Believe in yourself and in the high goals that are possible for you to achieve. The Bible says, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

Consider an example to which we as FFAers can easily relate. As a chapter officer about to say your part in the opening ceremony or as a team member preparing to compete in a contest, you are assured and confident that you have the ability to perform that which you are about to attempt. Yet as our National President steps behind the podium before thousands of people, he or she

has exactly this same type of confidence. There is no difference between us and those great and famous people we admire. They have simply learned to believe in their abilities and have realized their potential for greatness.

In your quest for self-belief always measure success by what you have achieved — never by others' standards. Though Terry will probably never kick for a college team, that didn't matter to him. After every successful point after, he did a wild jig and congratulated everyone in sight just as if that other person had scored the touchdown. It was a very personal victory.

Never compare yourself to others, because if their achievements seem more important you may become discouraged. On the other hand, if you are achieving more than they are, you may never reach your full potential.

In FFA, we have a wonderful opportunity for the development of self-belief. Through the many leadership activities and contests, we can readily see our achievement. One success leads to another and soon we become full of confidence and self-belief. Our great organization stresses belief in our abilities, and since we continually associate with so many people with positive self-concepts, we cannot help but be influenced. Some of it surely "rubs off." Ideally we should believe in ourselves and in the ability of others equally.

Always remember, you are neither inferior nor superior to anyone else. You are you, and you are special simply because of that. You are unique. So the next time you have self-doubts about your abilities or your individual worth, start believing in yourself. Once you do, you are on the way to becoming the best Future Farmer and the best individual you can be.

Why Are We Here?

SYD CROSBY
Region II Vice President

Why are we here? Each time an FFA meeting is convened and the opening ceremony completed, these words are spoken. This question is asked, answered, and very rarely



thought about. There are numerous organizations throughout the world. I have found, however, that FFA is the only organization

that formally asks its membership "Why are we here?"

I will never forget the first time I attended a chapter meeting. The president asked, "Future Farmers, why are we here?" Being in the eighth grade and seeing a room full of people wearing blue and gold jackets all responding "...to practice brotherhood, honor rural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership which a future farmer should possess," made me glow with pride, knowing that I was part of this tremendous organization. As time moved along, I found myself asking, "Well, Syd, why are you here?" I found my answer in my ability to set goals and work toward achieving them.

The dictionary defines a goal as an aim or purpose. It is a plan; something you expect to do.

One way to illustrate the importance of goals is by looking at a scene of the deciding game of a basketball championship. The teams have taken their warm-up shots and are physically ready for the game to begin. The adrenalin is flowing and the players obviously feel the excitement that goes with a championship game.

They return to the locker room and the coaches give them that last big pep talk before the game begins. "This is it, guys. We win or lose it all tonight."

The players respond. They're so charged they almost tear the doors off the hinges as they rush back to the court.

As they get to the court, they stop short. Their enthusiasm gives way to frustration and then anger. The goals have been taken down!

They demand to know how they can play a game without goals. They won't know the score, or how they stack up against the competition, or whether they were on or off the target. In fact, they wouldn't even attempt to play the game.

Those basketball goals are important, aren't they?

What about you? Are you trying to go through the Future Farmers of America and be successful without

goals?

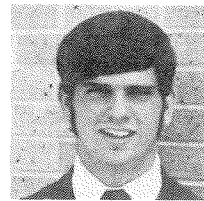
If you are, "what's the score?" Upon his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, Hank Aaron said, "Man's ability is limited only by his lack of opportunity." FFA members, take advantage of the opportunities that come your way, set your goals high, and work toward achieving them.

I'm not going to tell you that you will achieve everything you set out to do, but the time is now to set your goals. Not tomorrow, not next week, or even an hour from now. The time to set your goals is now.

There are many answers to the question, "Why are we here?" Yours may be different from mine, but the root of success lies in one's ability to plan for the future. In essence, it's the ability to set goals and work to achieve them.

Enthusiasm Is...

DANNY GARNER
Region III Vice President



I'm sure all of us think we know what enthusiasm is. We assume it's just another word for excitement or motivation. We have all experienced

enthusiasm at one time or another, whether it was on the football team, basketball team, or the parliamentary procedure team. However, enthusiasm is much more than a little excitement. It promotes growth — growth in the organization and growth in the individual member.

The FFA is made up of many enthusiastic members. It has unlimited opportunities that are awaiting eager young men and women to take hold of them.

A great historian once said, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." My friends, that is a very true statement. Achievement just does not occur without some type of enthusiasm. If you are excited and happy about what you are doing, then you will achieve more and go farther than if you were doing something you did not want to do.

In my opinion, the worst offense a person can commit against another member of an organization is to destroy his or her enthusiasm; or,

perhaps even worse is the person who never allows a member to develop enthusiasm. We must be constantly on guard against those persons and situations that kill or reduce this valuable trait.

The FFA prepares us for various careers in our society. We need to be enthused about this, because the future of this organization lies in the hands of youth. Certainly we need more optimism and less "voice of doom."

Edward Everett Hale once said:
"I am only one,
But still I am one,
I cannot do every thing,
But I can do something,
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the some-
thing I can do."

We, as Future Farmers, must do everything we can because we have so much to learn. The FFA teaches so many things that will help us to be better people in the future. True, we cannot do everything, but there is *something* we can do. We must not refuse to do that *something* because we will not advance to our fullest potential.

As we take on various tasks — whether we enter an FFA judging contest or just talk to another member — we must remember to be motivated and excited. The reason: How we feel is exactly how the person next to us will feel. Enthusiasm spreads! If a person expresses his or her excitement or enthusiasm in front of other people, then it will spread like a wildfire.

Let us be enthusiastic about ourselves, what we are doing, and the FFA!

What Do The Headlines Read?

KIM SIMMONS
Region IV Vice President



"Teen-ager
Sentenced in
Death of Deaf
Mute"

Are young people stereotyped? In today's society, many American families depend on television and radio news reports, magazines, and newspapers to get the latest world news and information. The public seldom hears about the "good" organizations and activities

that young people are involved in in our current scheme of things.

Let me tell you about the largest, most dynamic, most enthusiastic organization on the face of the earth! This organization is known as the Future Farmers of America. It was founded in 1928, and this past year, we celebrated our fifty-fifth anniversary. As of November, 1982, statistics show that 475,858 students are actively involved in the Future Farmers of America at the local, state, and national levels. In Florida alone 15,834 members are currently enrolled in vocational agriculture. The Florida Association is very proud of that fact, because we are among the top ten states in the United States continuing to increase in the number of FFA members.

Many people believe that the FFA is all "cows and plows." Well, folks, it is not. The organization not only teaches young people about agriculture, but it also teaches leadership, citizenship, character development, cooperation, and patriotism. In what other organization can you find young people who respect the "old way" of life, who respect the American flag, and who care about the future of the United States? Many of our nation's leaders were in the FFA. Former President Jimmy Carter and Congressman Don Fuqua are just two examples of the many fine leaders the FFA has produced.

The FFA offers a wide range of activities to young people at the local, state, and national levels. These activities include public speaking, parliamentary procedure, livestock, dairy, ornamental horticulture, citrus, and many more judging contests. These activities allow young people to gain self-confidence, to become financially independent, and to become more aware of the many types of careers that are available in the agriculture industry. The FFA also offers a variety of incentive awards that cannot be beat.

For the most enthusiastic, most dedicated, most inspired, and most sincere members, the FFA offers many trips such as the State Convention, the National Convention, and the Washington Conference Program. In Kansas City, Missouri, every November, more than 23,000 FFA members gather for their annual National Convention. Dressed in the familiar blue and corn gold jackets, the members walk proudly into the awesome convention center where the largest vocational youth organization in the world is

gathered. Many famous people attend the convention, such as country singers Barbara Mandrell and Charlie Pride; motivational speakers Art Linkletter, Zig Zigler, and Paul Harvey; well known comedian Jerry Clower, Secretary of Agriculture John Block; and former United States President Jimmy Carter. The American Royal Rodeo is also under way at this time. With all of the excitement going on this week, somehow the national officer nominating committee manages to select six members to represent the FFA for the upcoming year as national FFA officers.

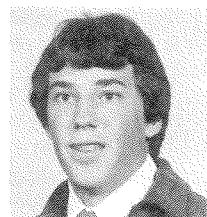
The Washington Conference Program, held each summer in our nation's Capitol, is where FFA members gather for a very inspirational and motivational week. The members not only meet others from the fifty states and learn leadership techniques, they also visit the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, the White House, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the United States Capitol, and the Smithsonian Institution. This past summer, State President Buster Smith and State Secretary Meg Potter attended the Washington Conference Program and met with President Reagan in the "Rose Garden."

As you can see, the Future Farmers of America is a fantastic organization made up of America's finest young people. The future of this nation depends on today's youth. THE SUCCESSFUL FARMER OF TOMORROW IS THE FUTURE FARMER OF TODAY. The FFA is an organization that *cannot* be topped!

Well, folks, I will let you decide. Which is more newsworthy?

Obstacle-Solving Teenage Style

STEVE MARTIN
Region V Vice President



Future Farmers, junior and senior high school years are perhaps the roughest and toughest times. They will make you or break you. This is true perhaps because these are the years you are growing up and seeing how the real world is.

During these years you encounter these things called obstacles—"problems". Don't let them get you down. Remember, "all men are created equal." Face it: everyone in the world has obstacles in their life, and at the same time you must realize most things are only as bad as you make them. Obstacles in life that I hope you definitely avoid are alcohol and drug addiction. Instead of these get high on life!

Remember you were born to succeed in life. I have made two rules to help me out and I use them every day. The first rule involves the "three beliefs". Believe in God. He is always there when you need him. Believe in America. It is the land of the free and the unsurpassed benchmark of opportunity. Believe in yourself. If you cannot believe in yourself, everything in life will be lost.

The second rule is to get involved with the greatest vocational organization in the world. Yes, the Future Farmers of America truly works as a team because we believe that Together Everyone Achieves More!

In place of those obstacles you may encounter, set goals for yourself. Set small ones to begin with then once you accomplish these small goals set new larger ones. Make it a little more challenging each time and you will have a wonderful feeling of accomplishment each time you reach a new goal.

Belonging to the FFA and participating in the various activities available to you can give you more knowledge and friendship than you could ever realize. By talking and listening to fellow FFAers you will learn how to set and accomplish your goals, and see what some other people's obstacles were and how others overcame their obstacles.

Togetherness, achievement, and involvement are some of the things that the FFA is famous for. If you participate to your fullest potential, then before you know it your friends will be looking to you for all the answers.

The opportunity is there. Reach out and take advantage of it!

Give Up? No Way!

MEG POTTER
Secretary

The other day I learned a very important lesson from a seven-year-

Fall, 1983



old. I was helping a friend wax his car, while his nephew, Jason, practiced the long jump off the sidewalk onto the parking lot. Jason had decided that before he would be satisfied, he was going to jump past the third crack in the asphalt. Each time he ran faster, put more into his jump, and came closer to his goal. Each time I got a little more nervous because I knew that if Jason fell, his knees and elbows would never be the same. Although I cautioned him, he didn't pay attention to me. Sure enough, he fell. After he brushed himself off he started to attempt the jump again, but this time he stopped at the end of the sidewalk. He was afraid he would fall again. Immediately after his uncle realized that Jason had not jumped, he began to coax Jason to jump just one more time to prove to his "old uncle" that he could reach his goal of jumping past the third crack in the asphalt.

Jason's uncle said, "You're not going to give up just because you fell one time, are you?"

Jason, with the beautiful wisdom of a child, looked at his uncle and replied, "No way!! Every time I fall down I always get back up and do it again!"



1983-84 State FFA Officers: (back row, l to r) Buster Smith, Pres.; Danny Garner, Region III V.P.; Meg Potter, Sec.; Kim Simmons, Region IV V.P.; Steve Martin, Region V V.P.; (front row) Andy Hurst, Region I V.P.; Marty Coates, National Secretary 1982-83; Bryan Stamps, National Vice President 1982-83; Syd Crosby, Region II V.P.

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Mark Savel
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Jake Gibbs

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John Gregory Brown
Fred Dewayne Silcox

Munson
Tony Adams

Paxton
Gary Dewayne Hunt

Pine Forest
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Randy Blackburn

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Patricia Ellen Frunk
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Frank Easterling
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James Michael Clemmons
Ronald Glen Miller

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Barbara McCashin
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Terri Ann Smith
Sammy Webster

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Michael Matthews
David Rooks

Dunnellon Sr.
Jean Marie Cincotti
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Trisha Hewitt
Chuck Sneeringer
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Hawthorne
Edwina Sandlin

Lake Butler Sr.
Bruce Dukes
Gary Lee
Greg Phillips
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David Holt
Robert Prestridge
Dean Silas

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Calvin Holland, Jr.
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Santa Fe Sr.
Ronald Belyew
April Chastain
Paula Gentry
Matt Harrell
Sandra Harris
Nathan Highsmith

Trenton
Cheryl Griffin
Mark Langford
Herbert Poole
Laura Roberts

Williston Sr.
Brett Brinkman
Adam Clark
Walter Collins, Jr.
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Jerry McQuawn
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James Wesley

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Susan Morris
Willis Lowell, Jr.
William Kailer, III

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Lena Allman
Amy Brooks
Robert Dean
Karen Forsythe
Dusty Gregory
Bobby Simon
Diana Straka

Englewood
Scott Crosby
Brian Fulkman
Raymond McCauley
Timothy Shipman

Interlachen Sr.
Karl Weaver

New Smyrna Beach Sr.
Lealen Dansby
Sheri Dillon
Kimberly Green
Peter Holiskey, Jr.
Troy Huskey
Leslie Ledger
Jerry Symons

Palatka Sr.
Russell Brock
Julie Judd
Terry Mullins

Spruce Creek
Darrel Baum
Dennis Holley
Brenda Tucker

Taylor Sr.
Michael Register

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Jeffrey Allen Griest
Rebecca Lynn Richardson

Colonial
Ira C. Barrow
Brad Boyett
Shane Brooks

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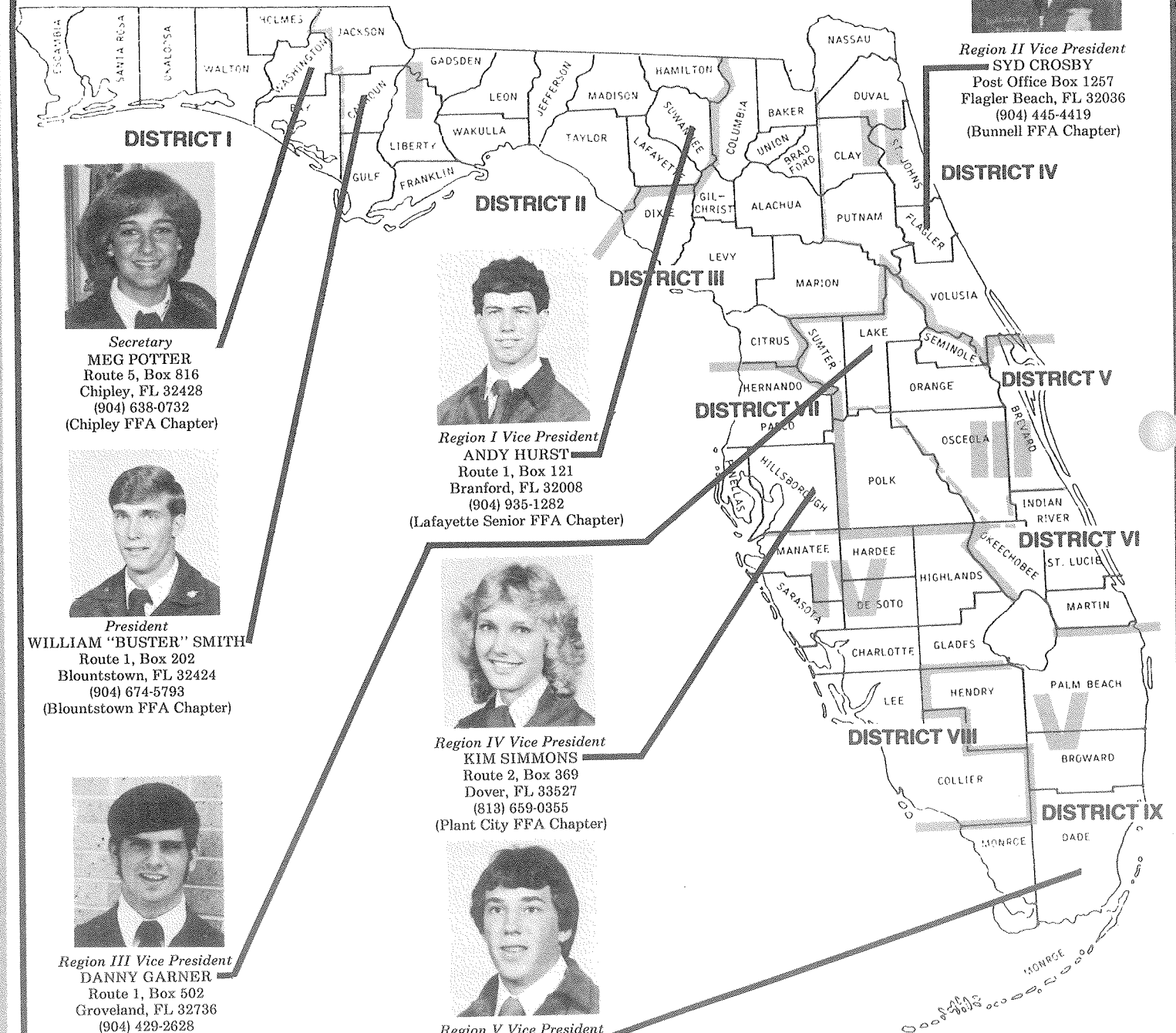
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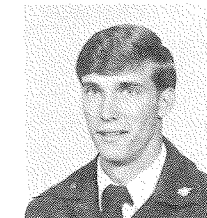
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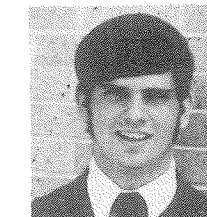
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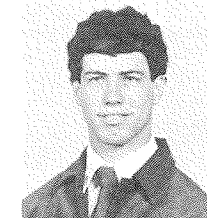
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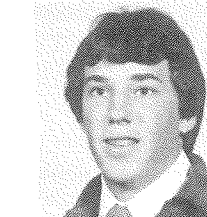
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