

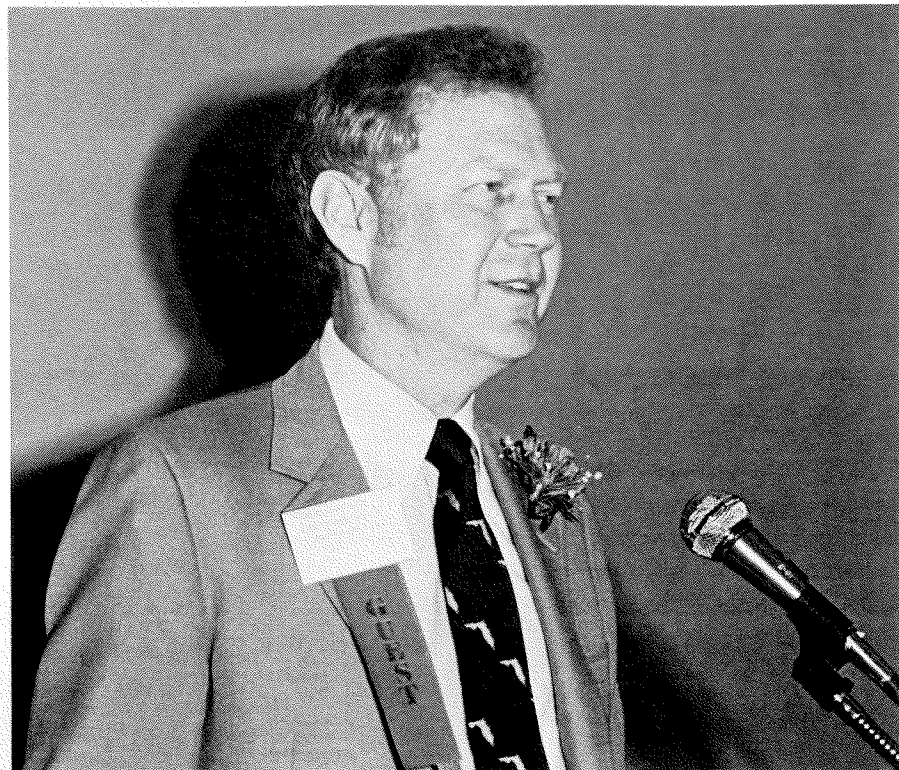
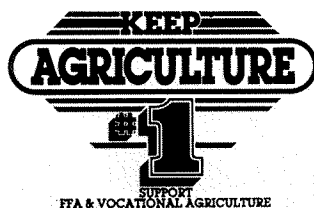
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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



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Land Judging Teams get into their work. (See page 22.)

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56TH ANNUAL CONVENTION HOSTED IN ORLANDO

Delegates representing more than 15,000 state Future Farmers of America members gathered in Orlando June 17 through 21 for the 1984 State FFA Convention and Leadership Conference. The convention brought 1,400 members and their teachers, sponsors, and guests together with agriculture and industry professionals and state government officials for five days of hard work and recognition. John Denmark, the state FFA Advisor, says that more than 800 outstanding members and chapters received awards in various categories of achievement.

Several guest speakers addressed members during the Conference. The Honorable Bill Gunter, Florida's State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner, and a former National FFA President, was the keynote speaker at the Tuesday evening annual Award Winners' Banquet. Other speakers included Dan Clark, the "All American in Plaster," who spoke on Sunday evening, the Honorable Ralph Turlington, Florida's Education Commissioner, who addressed the Monday afternoon session, and Michael Broom, a humorous and inspirational lecturer who entertained delegates on Tuesday evening. During the Tuesday afternoon session FFAers had a chance to hear Chuck Duggar, National FFA Vice President from Florida.

The convention provided an opportunity for more than fifty businesses and industries to give incentive awards to deserving students and chapters. Three hundred FFA members received State Farmer Degrees, and 23 FFAers



1984-1985 State Officers. Left to right: Clint Bronson, Region III Vice President; James Glisson, Region II Vice President; Lynnette Dallimore, Secretary; Kelly Busch, Region IV Vice President; Ron Mears, Region I Vice President; Steve Kaufman, President.

were recommended for the American Farmer Degree, the highest level of achievement the National Organization can bestow.

New State Officers Elected

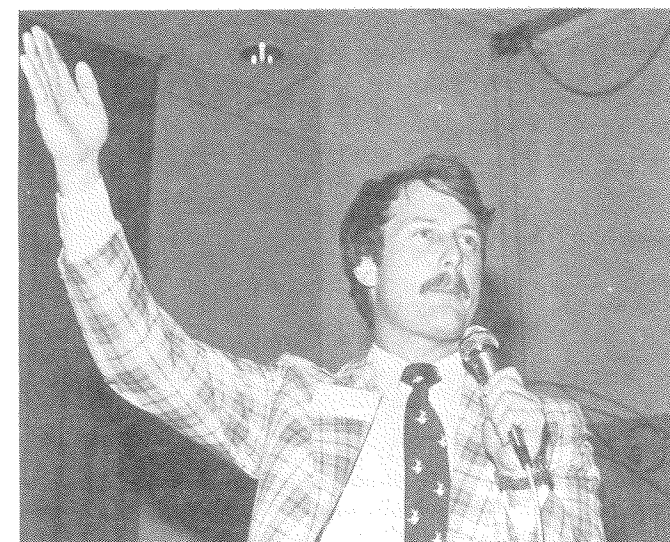
One of the Convention highlights is the election of new state officers. During the week, delegates elected Steve Kaufman from the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter to be the 1984-85 State President. Lynnette Dallimore from St. Cloud Senior in St. Cloud is the new State Secretary. New Vice Presidents are: Region I—Ron Mears, Blountstown; Region II—James Glisson, II, Forest; Region III—Clint Bronson, Groveland

Senior; Region IV—Kelly Busch, Chamberlain.

Outstanding Officer

Steve Kaufman, President of District VIII and newly-elected State FFA President, was named the Outstanding District Officer for 1984. Steve, 18, is a member of the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter.

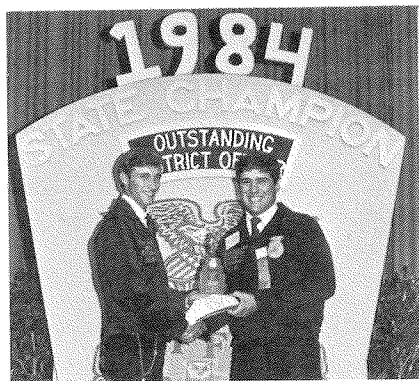
Some of Steve's activities included attending the State Leadership Workshop, presiding over the District VIII Leadership School, publishing the monthly District Newsletter, and presiding over a Spring Leadership Seminar. He was chosen over 17 other District officers.



Michael Broome



Dan Clark, "All American in Plaster"



Outstanding District Officer Steve Kaufman receives his award from 1983-1984 State President Buster Smith.

Agriculture Scholarships

Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant to Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner, presented scholarships to five outstanding individuals. Each scholarship, worth \$200, was awarded to a member based on his or her leadership qualities, service to community, and development of his or her SOEP.

Winners were:

- Region I: Douglas Ward, Central
- Region II: Julie Brown, Lake Butler
- Region III: Clifton Fussell, Auburndale Sr.
- Region IV: Steve Kaufman, Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Region V: Carolyn Roberts, Miami

Computers in Agriculture

Steve Kaufman, a member of the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter, was named as the Computers in Agriculture Award winner. As District VIII President, Steve utilized a computer to type and print six newsletters that were sent to each chapter in the district. He



John Denmark, State FFA Advisor, presents the Computers in Agriculture Award to Steve Kaufman while advisor Tom Weber looks on.



Department of Agriculture Scholarship winners receive their awards from Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Conner. Left to right: Douglas Ward, Julie Brown, Clifton Fussell, Steve Kaufman, Carolyn Roberts.

also used a computer to learn about depreciation, farm record keeping, and calf weaning weights.

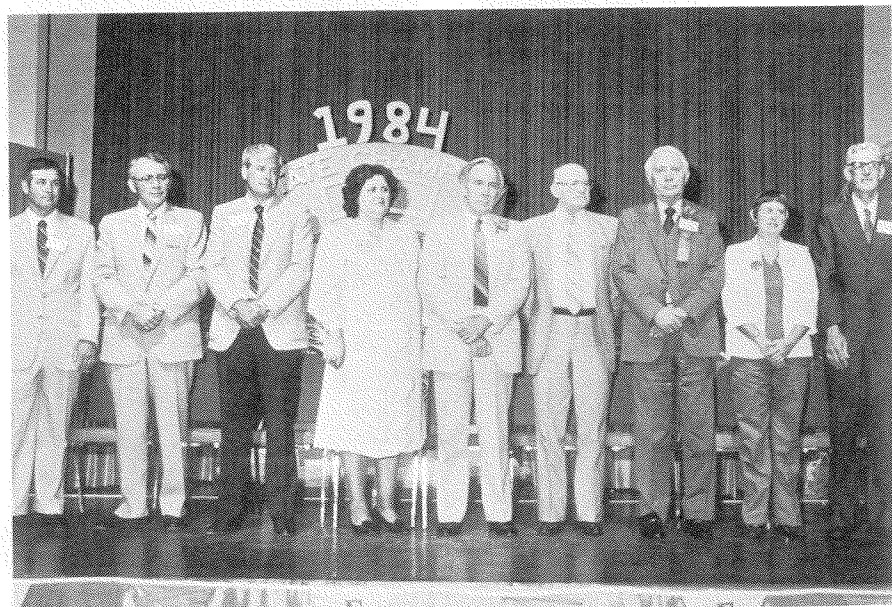
Other finalists were Ronald Brame, Jr. from Newberry Jr., Keith McCord from Sarasota Vo-Ag, and Todd Underhill from Sarasota Vo-Ag.

Honorary State Farmers

During their annual Convention, Florida FFAers present Honorary State Farmer Degrees to adults who have shown special interest in supporting FFA and who have devoted much time and effort to various FFA ac-

tivities. It is the highest award that FFA can present to an adult. Farmers, school superintendents, principals, board of education members, chapter advisors, agriculture education staff members, businessmen, and others who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and FFA are eligible for this award.

MRS. GAYLE DIETRICH has been a part of Florida FFA for more than 14 years. After graduating from the University of Florida in 1970 with a degree in Animal Science, she taught agriculture and was an FFA advisor for three years in Orange County.



Honorary State Farmer Degree Recipients, left to right: Mr. Tim Starling, Dr. John Woeste, Senator George Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Pam Parker, Mr. Harlan McCauslin, Mr. Tom Cochrane, Mr. Barton Ahlstrom, Mrs. Gayle Dietrich, and Mr. B. Willard Redditt.

Though she retired from active teaching, she continued to work with FFA judging teams and is a member of a very active alumni association. Mrs. Dietrich has served as a contest judge and chaperone, and each year she becomes a member of the convention staff, volunteering and performing an invaluable service to the State FFA Convention.

SENATOR GEORGE KIRKPATRICK, a native of Gainesville, has served with distinction in the Florida Senate since 1980. Representing the Sixth District, Senator Kirkpatrick has been cited by numerous organizations as one of the more outstanding and effective members of the Legislature. This year, Senator Kirkpatrick served as Chairman of the powerful and important Senate Agriculture Committee. During last year's session, he was successful in sponsoring legislation that provided tax-exempt status for the Florida FFA Association and Florida FFA Foundation.

MS. PAMELA PARKER has rendered outstanding service to the Florida Association Future Farmers of America for the past eight years. During this period, she has been employed as a secretary for the Region IV Vocational Office in Tampa. Ms. Parker serves as a secretary for four vocational disciplines. However, her interest in, enthusiasm for, and knowledge of the FFA go far beyond that required for her position. Ms. Parker has spent hours beyond those for which she is paid, preparing materials for FFA contests and activities. Her knowledge of the FFA allows her to assist students and instructors when the Agriculture Consultant is out of the office.

DR. JOHN WOESTE, a native of Kentucky, is the Dean for Extension at the University of Florida. Through his efforts and support, Florida FFA members have enjoyed the services of Extension personnel in every county in the state. This includes shows, fairs, contest, and judging schools, as well as educational materials. Without this kind of backing, several of our FFA events would not be possible. Many of Dr. Woeste's efforts on our behalf are accomplished through support of the Teacher Education Department of the University of Florida. Every FFA member who has participated in a state contest knows and appreciates the work of the Agricultural Teacher Education staff and faculty.

MR. TIM STARLING is no stranger to the work of FFA. As a native of Baker County and a graduate of Baker County High School in 1963, Mr. Starling capped his high school career by being elected and serving as Vice President of the Florida FFA Association.

After completing college, he returned to Baker County to teach physical education and coach football. Mr. Starling served as a member of the FFA Foundation Board of Directors and is now the elected Superintendent of the Baker County Schools.

MR. B. WILLARD REDDITT is the owner and operator of Redditt Custom Meats. A true FFA family, all four of Mr. Redditt's sons were active members of FFA. Two of them achieved the distinction of being selected as Southern Region Star Agribusinessmen and American Farmers. Mr. Redditt has employed a number of FFA members in his business over the years, and has worked closely with Orlando area chapters. He has purchased FFA show steers and hogs in seven different county fairs.

MR. THOMAS A. COCHRANE, a native of Hardee County, served FFA with distinction from soon after World War II until his retirement last year. After serving as an officer in World War II, he completed his B.S. degree in Agricultural Education at the University of Florida and began teaching. For many years, Mr. Cochrane's vo-ag program at Fort Meade High School was recognized as one of the best of the state. Although this is a worthy accomplishment, his greatest contribution is the number of students he encouraged to become established in agriculture. Mr. Cochrane was elected as a city commissioner of Fort Meade, and served as mayor. He was active in several civic

organizations and served as president of the Florida Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association. Prior to his retirement to farming and running a citrus grove, Mr. Cochrane was the Vocational Agriculture Supervisor in Polk County.

Without the help and support of administrators with the Division of Vocational Education, vocational agriculture and FFA could not exist as they do today. As Regional Program Administrator since 1976 in the Orlando office, MR. HARLEN L. MCCAUSLIN, SR. has encouraged FFA to use his office and equipment while we conduct our convention in Orlando. Mr. McCauslin is a native of Millersburg, Ohio, and was a technical training officer in the U.S. Air Force until 1962.

For Distinguished Service

The Florida FFA Association presented Distinguished Service Citations to six organizations which have exhibited great interest in supporting FFA and have devoted much time and effort to FFA activities. FFA's success depends on the tremendous support of agencies such as these.

For 55 years, the DIVISION OF FORESTRY has been closely associated with vocational agriculture and FFA. July marked the 50th anniversary of the FFA Forestry Training Camp, with more than 9,000 young men and women participating through the years. In addition, the Division of



Distinguished Service Award recipients, left to right: John Bethea, Division of Forestry; Ken Jorgenson, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association; Bill Grant, Belk Lindsey Stores; Fred Collins, Flint River Mills; Herschel Parrish, Central Florida Fair; Bob Lee, U.S. Sugar. (For more photos, see page 32.)

Forestry conducts the District and State Forestry contests and provides forestry curriculum materials for vo-ag students. Division of Forestry field personnel are available to render assistance to FFA, both in the classroom and the school chapter forest. Mr. John Bethea, Director of the Division of Forestry, accepted the award.

Mr. Herschel Parrish, manager of the CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR, accepted the next award. The Fair has been a tradition with Florida FFA members for many years. During Fair Week in Orlando, FFA blue and gold jackets are a familiar sight at the fairgrounds as members are actively showing livestock, competing in contests, or displaying their chapter's exhibits. For the past several years, the Central Florida Fair has been the site of the State Ornamental Horticulture Contest and the State Tractor Driving Contest. At the conclusion of the contests, the Fair sponsors an awards banquet for all FAA members and advisors, as guests of the Fair.

BELK LINDSEY STORES, headquartered in Tampa, has been a long-time supporter of FFA since the days of Harry Wood, former State Director of Agricultural Education. Belk Lindsey Stores' involvement with FFA was established through Jim Gorman, who served as President of the Florida Retail Federation for twenty-five years. Mr. Gorman introduced Colin Lindsey to our program in 1955 in conjunction with the annual State Officers Goodwill Tour. Belk Lindsey Stores has been sponsoring the Chapter Contest Awards since that friendship began, some twenty-nine years ago. Mr. Bill Grant accepted the award for Belk Lindsey.

Mr. Bob Lee accepted the Distinguished Service Citation on behalf of the UNITED STATES SUGAR CORPORATION. Located in Clewiston, it is the largest producer of sugar cane in the nation. The corporation consists of 125,000 acres, plus it has extensive land holdings in both Florida and Mississippi which are devoted to some of the finest purebred Brahman cattle in the country. The United States Sugar Corporation has been a long-time supporter of FFA, and is a firm believer in our leadership training programs. The Corporation is a major contributor to the Florida FFA Foundation Development Fund, and recently made a \$25,000 contribution to the Leadership Training Center Project.

The FLORIDA FRUIT AND VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION, headquartered in Orlando, has been an avid

supporter of FFA for many years. The Association's President, Mr. Ken Jorgenson, was on hand to accept the award. The Association is an annual sponsor of the regional and state awards in the Florida Fruit and/or Vegetable Proficiency Awards. Last year the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association also contributed \$25,000 to the Leadership Training Center Construction Fund and pledged an additional \$50,000.

FLINT RIVER MILLS, INCORPORATED, headquartered in Bainbridge, Georgia, is a major manufacturer and supplier of poultry and livestock feeds in north Florida. Flint River Mills has been a special project sponsor of the FRM Chapter Livestock Awards for the past ten years. We are indeed proud to have FRM as one of our most valued supporters of the Florida FFA program. Mr. Fred Collins accepted the Distinguished Service Citation on behalf of Flint River Mills.

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, BOAC awards are given to chapters which contribute to the betterment of their local communities.

The Bunnell FFA Chapter is the 1984 state winner of the BOAC award. Bunnell received the Governor's Citation at the State Convention.

Bunnell Chapter's BOAC project was to restore and preserve educational and recreational capabilities in Flagler County to ensure a safer environment for children and parents. Members constructed two five-acre recreation sites, restored the Wickline Center, and planted vegetation on ocean dunes along almost seven miles of city-owned beachfront property.

Chapters receiving BOAC bronze emblems were: Forest, Lake Weir, Leto, Sarasota Sr., and South Sumter Sr. Silver emblem winners were: Apopka Jr., De Land Jr., Englewood, Gainesville Agribusiness, Lafayette Sr., New Smyrna Beach Jr., Sarasota Vo-Ag, and Trenton. Lecanto Chapter won a gold emblem.

Four other gold emblem chapter applications have been sent to the National FFA Center for ranking. They are:

Avon Park
Blountstown
Bunnell
Santa Fe Senior



Bunnell Chapter advisor Jim Galvin and a chapter representative receive congratulations from Chuck Duggar on their BOAC Award.

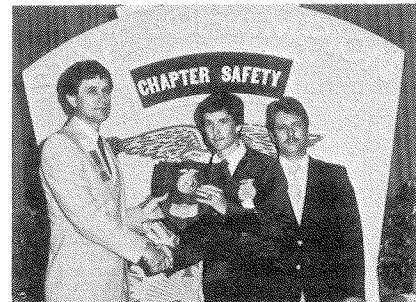
Safety

The Blountstown FFA Chapter received the state Chapter Safety Award. During the year, the chapter safety committee developed a survey questionnaire that was circulated throughout the community. Committee members then established priorities in areas of shop, fire, harvest, pesticide, and firearm safety, and first aid. In all, 57 members became actively involved in safety practices at home, on the farm, and in the community.

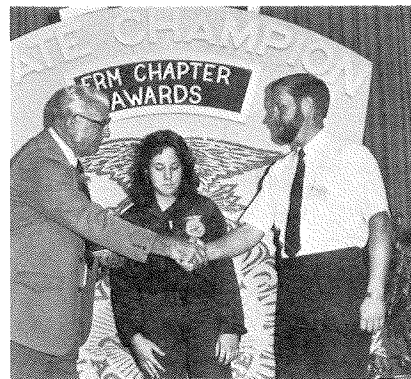
One important and successful project included the development of a comprehensive agriculture safety slide program. The program was presented to various civic and community organizations. Other projects included painting a shop to meet color code standards and developing a community awareness program that included newspaper releases and radio and television programs.

The Florida Farm Bureau provided a gold plaque to the Blountstown Chapter for their outstanding application. Bronze plaque award winners were:

Second Place: Sarasota Vo-Ag
Third Place: Bunnell
Fourth Place: Santa Fe Sr.
Fifth Place: Okeechobee Brahman



Blountstown member Ron Mears and advisor Robert Wiltse accept the Chapter Safety Award from Gary Bartley, Executive Director of the Florida FFA Foundation.



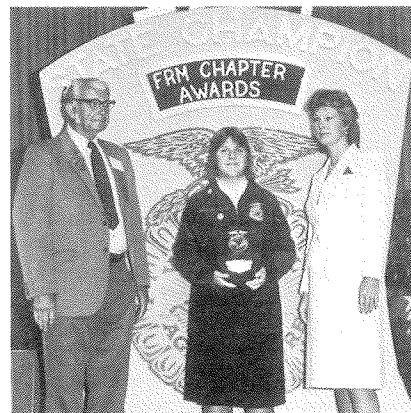
Tate Senior Chapter advisor Steve Wood and a chapter representative accept the FRM Chapter Award from Frank Argenbright with Flint River Mills.

FRM Livestock

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 programs in livestock production. Each chapter also must have a sponsoring Flint River Mills dealer before applying for this award.

In Region I, first place Tate Sr. Chapter received \$100 and a plaque, and outstanding individual Peter Gindl, Jr. and advisor T.W. Taylor each received \$150. FRM also awards the sponsor \$150, which went to Mr. Clyde Creighton of the Cantonment Feed and Seed Store. The second place plaque went to the Lafayette Sr. Chapter, with outstanding individual Darren Hingson receiving \$150. Blountstown Chapter took third place.

The Chiefland Jr. Chapter took first



Frank Argenbright, a representative of Flint River Mills, presents the FRM Chapter Award to Mrs. Eli Beasley and a member of the Chiefland Junior Chapter.

place honors in Region II, receiving \$100 and a gold plaque. Randy Layfield, manager of Jenkins FRM Feed Store, outstanding individual Robyn Hemond, and advisor Dan Faircloth each received \$150. The second place plaque went to the Trenton Chapter, with outstanding individual Darise Martin winning \$150. Williston Sr. Chapter won a bronze plaque for their third place finish.

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 Blountstown Chapter received the Energy Challenge Award for Florida for 1984, and received a gold plaque from the Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group.

A Chapter energy Committee targeted several projects, including a media blitz utilizing T.V., radio, and newspaper releases stressing the need for energy conservation. Members initiated programs such as developing an energy conservation questionnaire, distributing energy conservation brochures, and conducting an energy conservation poster contest, a newspaper recycling drive, and an automobile mileage conservation demonstration. Members also met with Calhoun County's Energy Management Department to discuss long-range plans, and developed an energy oath pledge asking individuals to conserve energy.

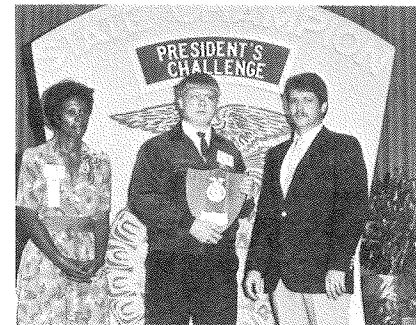
Other winners receiving plaques from the Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group were:

Second Place: Spruce Creek
Third Place: Central
Fourth Place: Groveland

Cooperative Contest

FFA members learn early that cooperative activities extend beyond the classroom walls. 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.

The Dade City Senior Chapter won first place statewide with a program that included visits to seven different local cooperatives, which gave 151 members an opportunity to study the cooperative way of doing business.



Blountstown Chapter advisor Robert Wiltse and member Michael Lee receive the FFA Energy Challenge Award from Pearl Ings, representing the Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group.

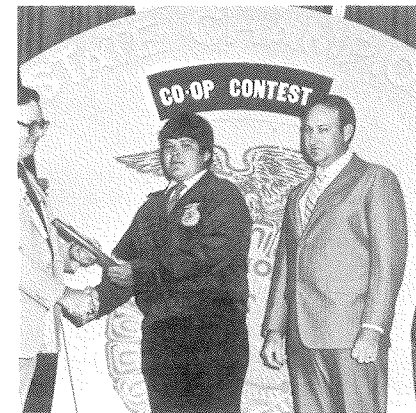
Chapter members also viewed movies and filmstrips. In addition, several resource people from various cooperatives in the community gave programs for the chapter. Bobby Bennett, President of the Florida Council of Farmers' Cooperatives presented a plaque to the chapter, as well as a check for \$700.00 to help defray their expenses to the American Institute of Cooperatives Annual Meeting.

Other chapters receiving plaques were:

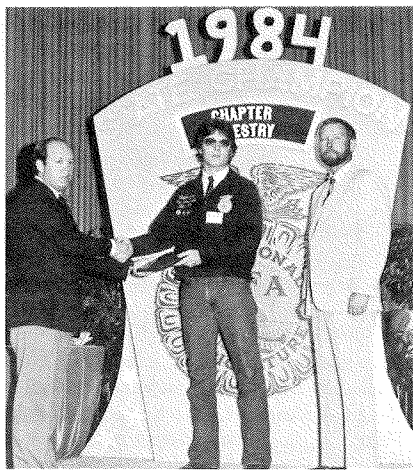
Region I: Walnut Hill—Silver
Region II: Santa Fe Sr.—Silver
Gainesville
Agribusiness—Bronze
Region III: South Sumter Sr.—Silver
Okeechobee Brahman—Bronze
Region IV: Sarasota Vo-Ag—Silver
Avon Park—Bronze

Forestry

The Tate Sr. Chapter was commended for its utilization of three forestry plots to train students to mark and estimate timber prior to commercial harvest. Members also studied



Bobby Bennett, the President of the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, presents the Co-op Contest Award to Dade advisor Ed Dillard and a chapter representative.



Mike Pogue, representing St. Regis, presents the Chapter Forestry Award to Tate Senior advisor Steve Wood and a chapter representative.

methods of commercial timber harvesting, the importance of forest restoration, and fire protection and timber management.

Sponsored by the St. Regis Paper Company for more than 25 years, the Contest is designed to encourage FFAers to become interested and knowledgeable about careers in forest industries. St. Regis awarded Tate Senior a plaque and a check for \$250.

Other winners receiving awards were:

Second Place: Milton Sr.—certificate and \$150

Third Place: Gainesville Agribusiness—certificate and \$100

Fourth Place: Madison County—certificate and \$75

Fifth Place: New Smyrna Beach Jr.—certificate and \$50
Best Scrapbook: Milton Sr.—certificate and \$25

Chapter Contest

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 per cent 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 16 chapters which represent the top ten per cent of Florida's superior chapters:

Auburndale Senior

Avon Park

Blountstown

Chiefland Senior

Chipley

Colonial

Lafayette Senior

Leto

Newberry Senior

Okeechobee Brahman

Santa Fe Senior

Sarasota Vo-Ag

South Sumter Snior

Tate Senior

Trenton

Williston Senior



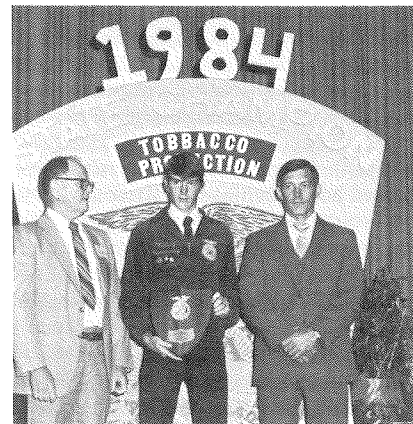
Bill Grant presents the Chapter Contest Awards on behalf of Belk Lindsey Stores.

INDIVIDUAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Tobacco

Kelley Quincey, a member of the Chiefland Senior Chapter, won the Tobacco Production Proficiency Award. Kelley, 18, is the son of Frank and Clara Quincey.

For Kelley, winning this award in the result of four years training in vocational agriculture and his 5% interest in growing 17 acres of tobacco on his father's 1200 acre farm in Levy County. Kelley also has an interest in 150 acres of grain sorghum, 97 acres of soybeans, 65 acres of watermelons and cantaloupes, 20 acres of peanuts, and 10 acres of hay, as well as his show steer and seven head of swine.



Tobacco Production winner Kelley Quincey stands between Tom Stoutamire, representing R.J. Reynolds, and advisor Eli Beasley.

Kelley has served as chairman of his chapter's Scholarship and Supervised Experience Committees, and was a member of the Livestock Judging Team for three years. He was the Regional winner in Crop Production Proficiency last year.

He received a plaque and a \$100 check from the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Other winners receiving plaques from R.J. Reynolds were:

Second: Owen Carson McCall, Jr., Lafayette Sr.

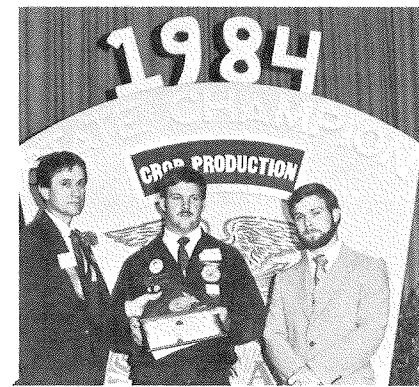
Third: Paul Haas, Branford

Fourth: Bruce Sullivan, Lafayette Sr.

Fifth: Clifford Reed, Lafayette Sr.

Crop Production

For Carson McCall, Jr., the Crop Production Award is his second state Proficiency Award; last year he was the



As advisor Chris Vann stands by, Carson McCall, Jr. receives his Crop Production Award from Gary Bartley, Executive Director of the Florida FFA Foundation.

Fish and Wildlife Proficiency Award winner. The 17 year old, a member of th Lafayette Chapter, is one of the fourth generation of farmers in his family. Carson, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Owen C. McCall, Sr., was named for the top award on the basis of his practical application of skills and training he gained while he was a student at Lafayette County High School.

Carson has helped make the family operation, which includes corn, watermelons, tobacco, hay, peas, rye, and wheat, a real success. Equipment maintenance, proper pesticide and fertilizer use, and good record keeping are key factors in his operation.

He has served as Chapter Chaplain, and has been a delegate to both State and National Conventions. In addition, Carson has lettered in football, basketball, and track.

In recognition of his achievement, Carson received a plaque from DoLime Minerals Company, which is the state sponsor. National sponsor Massey Ferguson provided a check for \$100.

Other Regional winners receiving plaques from DoLime Minerals Company were:



Advisor Robert Wiltse stands by as Ron Mears receives his Agricultural Mechanics Award from Gary Boothe, President of the Southern Association.

- Region II: Mark Langford, Trenton
- Region III: Arthur Rogers, Colonial
- Region IV: Michael Flowers, Charlotte Sr.
- Region V: Mike Snowden, South Dade

Poultry Production

Angela Gamble plans to use her experience in poultry production as a stepping stone to a career in veterinary medicine. The 16 year old member of the Suwannee Chapter has had three years of on-the-job training on her family's poultry operation, which produces more than 450,000 birds annually. She has a 12% interest in the family's contract broiler operation with Strain Poultry, Inc.

Angela, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gamble, received a plaque from the Florida Poultry Federation, which is the state sponsor. In addition, she was awarded a \$100 check from the National FFA Foundation.

Angela has been very active in the Suwannee Chapter, serving as Vice President and as a member of the Farm, Poultry, Land, and Forestry Judging Teams. She is also active in church, school and community activities.

Regional winners were also presented with plaques which were sponsored by the Florida Poultry Federation. The winners were:

Region II: Lee Davidson, Trenton

Region III: Brad Hyatt, Groveland Sr.

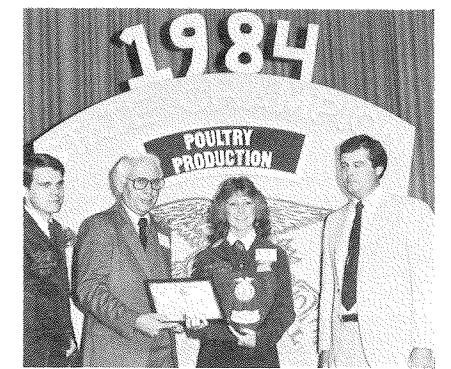
Region IV: Timothy McKerlie, Southeast Manatee Sr.

Agricultural Mechanics

For Ron Mears, his Agricultural Mechanics award is another step toward his goal of becoming a welder-mechanic. The 17 year old student at Blountstown High School has studied welding and mechanics for three years in the classroom and the shop. He has learned to weld and cut with both arc and oxyacetylene welders, and to repair and maintain shop and farm equipment.

Ron, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mears, received a plaque from the Southern Association, which is the state sponsor. In addition, he received a \$100 check from the national sponsor, International Harvester.

Ron has been a member of Agricultural Mechanics and Farm Management Judging Teams, as well as the Parliamentary Procedure Team. He also has served as Chapter and



Angela Gamble receives her Poultry Production Award from Barton Ahlstrom with the Florida Poultry Federation. Chuck Duggar and advisor Walter Boatright look on.

District Secretary.

The Southern Association also sponsored plaques for other Regional winners. They were:

Region II: David Lenhard, Crystal River Sr.

Region III: Steve Northop, South Sumter Sr.

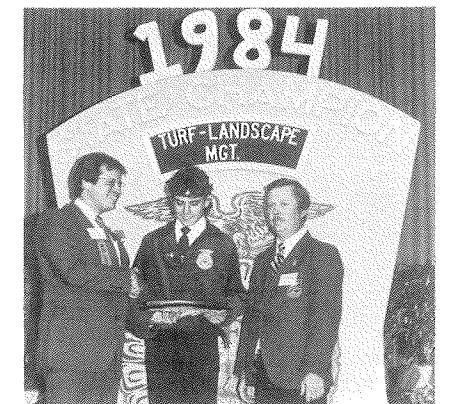
Region IV: Frederick Spring, Sarasota Vo-Ag

Region V: Gene Wahl, Miami

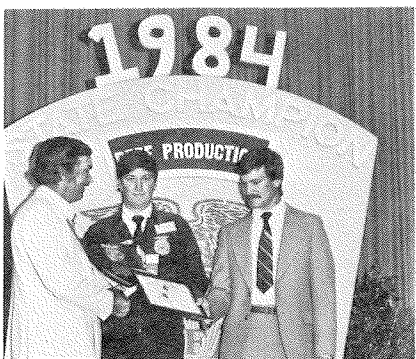
Turf/Landscape Management

Andy Kevin Hornick, a member of the Avon Park Chapter, was awarded the Turf and Landscape Management Proficiency Award. Andy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hornick, received a plaque from the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, which is the state sponsor. He also received a check for \$100 from O.M. Scott and Sons Company, the national sponsor.

Andy's experience included landscaping and maintenance of more than 100 campsites at his family-owned campground, and working at an ornamental nursery. This past year he started his own business. In addition, he was Treasurer of the Avon Park



Allen Bernard, Executive Vice President of Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, presents the Turf and Landscape Management Award to Andy Hornick, as his advisor John McCracken accompanies him.



Leroy Baldwin with the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association presents the Beef Production Award to Kord Robertson and advisor Kevin Brown.

Chapter, and a member of the Parliamentary Procedure and Livestock Judging Teams.

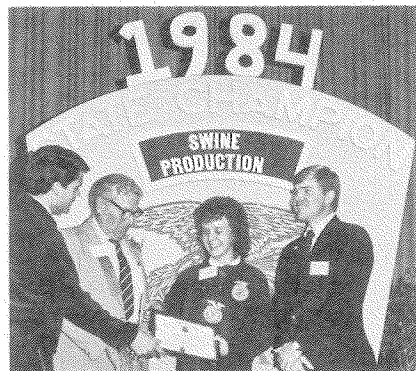
Regional winners receiving plaques sponsored by the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association were:

- Region I: Tommy Davis, Altha
- Region II: David Futch, Bunnell
- Region III: Audra Partin, Colonial
- Region V: Scott Gentileco, Miami

Beef Production

Kord Robertson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Robertson, was honored as the state Beef Production Proficiency Award winner. As the state winner Kord, a member of the Hardee Senior Chapter, received a plaque from the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association, which is the state sponsor. Sperry New Holland and Nasco International, the national cosponsors, provided a \$100 check.

For Kord, winning this award is the culmination of four years of hard work on the farm and in the classroom. His ownership of a beef cattle operation in connection with his family's farm,



Swine Production winner Audrey Sayers receives her award from Chuck Duggar and J.B. Strickland, Assistant Director of Commodity Activities for the Florida Farm Bureau. Advisor Frankie Hall looks on.

along with a variety of skills such as herd management, feeding practices, and pasture improvement were key factors in his win.

Kord has been active at all levels in FFA. He has served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Hardee Chapter. He has also been a member of Hardee's Parliamentary Procedure and Livestock Judging Teams, and been a delegate to the State Convention. In addition, he was the President of his 4-H Club.

Other Regional winners receiving plaques were:

- Region I: Peter Gindl, Tate Sr.
- Region II: Linda Randall, Deland Sr.
- Region III: Clint Bronson, Groveland Sr.
- Region V: Tracy Lewis, Miami

Swine Production

Audrey Sayers, a 17 year old member of the Taylor Senior Chapter won the Swine Production Proficiency Award. Audrey, the daughter of Mrs. Donna Sayers, received the award on the basis of skills and training she received at T. DeWitt Taylor Junior Senior High School. As the state winner, she received a plaque from the Florida Pork Improvement Group, the state sponsor, and a check for \$100 from Pfizer, Incorporated, the national sponsor.

Audrey learned a great deal about proper disease management and buying feed in cooperation with other producers. In an effort to increase the efficiency of her overall operation, she made improvements in sanitation, feed mixing, and vaccination procedures. Audrey plans to put these skills to good use while preparing for a career in veterinary medicine. In addition, she has been a member of the state winning Meats Judging Team and has served as Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of her chapter.

Regional winners also received plaques sponsored by the Florida Pork Improvement Group. The winners were:

- Region I: Charles Adkinson, Walton Sr.
- Region III: Sam Tindel, Colonial
- Region IV: Diane Graves, Leto
- Region V: John Barnes, Miami

Fruit/Vegetable Production

Scott Barry Christmas, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Christmas, won the state Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Proficiency Award. Scott, 16, is a member of the Chipley Chapter.

For Scott, winning this award is the culmination of three years of enrollment in vocational agriculture and four years of growing watermelons and



Scott Christmas receives the Fruit and/or Vegetable Award from Bernie Hamel with the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association. Advisor Ray Pigott stands by.

vegetables. Some important aspects of his training included the proper application of herbicides, marketing techniques, and farm equipment maintenance. He has been on the chapter Poultry Judging Team, and is a member of the Chipley High School varsity football team.

Scott and the other Regional winners received plaques from the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, which is the state sponsor. National sponsor Briggs and Stratton Corporation provided Scott with a check for \$100. Other Regional winners were:

- Region II: Michelle Minton, Chiefland Sr.
- Region III: Tony Brown, Groveland Sr.
- Region IV: Carol Knox, Leto

Home/Farmstead Improvement

Mack Staples, a 17 year old member of the Groveland Senior Chapter was named the 1984 Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award winner. Mack, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Staples, received the award on the basis of his practical application of the skills and training he gained in school. He received a plaque from Scotty's Incorporated, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the UpJohn Company, Agricultural Division, the national sponsor.

For Mack, winning this award is the end result of five years of vocational agricultural training. Some of the more important aspects of his training were developing skills in repairing household appliances, woodworking, electrical wiring, and installing air conditioning and heating systems. He plans to put what he has learned to good use while pursuing a career as an air conditioning, heating, and appliance repairman.

Mack was a member of his chapter's Parliamentary Procedure and Land,



Advisor Bradley Crews looks on as Mack Staples receives his Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Award. Jim Howe, the Vice President for Personnel of Scotty's, Incorporated and Chuck Duggar present the award.

Citrus, and Forestry Judging Teams. He is also a member of the Key Club and the National Honor Society.

Regional winners who received plaques sponsored by Scotty's Incorporated were:

- Region I: Phillip Byrd, Ponce de Leon Sr.
- Region II: Steven Farrington, Santa Fe Sr.
- Region IV: Craig Loving, Chamberlain
- Region V: Lee Timothy Bell, South Dade

Soil/Water Management

FFA members believe in the future of farming, and Joe Padgett is no exception. Through four years of vocational agriculture training, the 19 year old member of the Sarasota Chapter has learned to plan for the future by preserving and enriching the soil. Important aspects of his training included the use and maintenance of irrigation systems, soil testing and evaluation, pasture rotation, and dike planning and construction. Joe will use these skills in the future on his own farming enterprise.

Joe, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack

Padgett, is this year's Soil and Water Management Proficiency Award winner. He received a plaque from the Florida Association of Conservation Districts, which is the state sponsor. In addition, the Ford Motor Company, which is the national sponsor, provided a check for \$100.

Joe was very active in his chapter, serving as Vice President and Parliamentarian. He received the state Beef Production Proficiency Award in 1983, and is now a student at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia.

The Florida Association of Conservation Districts provided plaques for the Regional winners, who were:

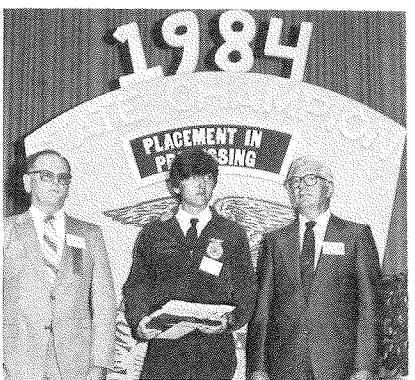
- Region I: Sherry Gillis, Ponce de Leon Sr.
- Region II: Kelly Quincey, Chiefland Sr.
- Region III: Scott Berry, South Sumter Sr.

Agricultural Processing

The state Agricultural Processing Proficiency winner was Michael Allen Gibson, a 17 year old member of the Southeast Senior Chapter. As the state winner, Mike received a plaque from



W.D. Griffin, President of the Florida Association of Conservation Districts, presents the Soil and Water Management Award to Joe Padgett, who is accompanied by advisor Tom Weber.



Michael Gibson holds his Placement in Agricultural Processing Award as he stands between advisor Leon Wilson and Tom Stoutamire, who represented Penders Peanuts.

State Sponsor Penders Peanuts, a division of Dothan Oil Mills. In addition, he received a check for \$100 from Cargill, the national sponsor.

Mike, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Manning of Bradenton, won this award on the basis of his practical application of skills and training in meat grading and inspecting. He has worked for three years as a meat cutter's assistant at Manatee Quality Meats in Bradenton. He is an honor student, has served as Chapter Vice President, and has been a member of Dairy and Land Judging Teams.

Penders Peanuts also provided plaques for the other Regional winners:

- Region I: Jimmy Brewer, Milton Sr.
- Region II: Robert Orlando, Williston Sr.
- Region III: Joe Pryden, Okeechobee Brahman

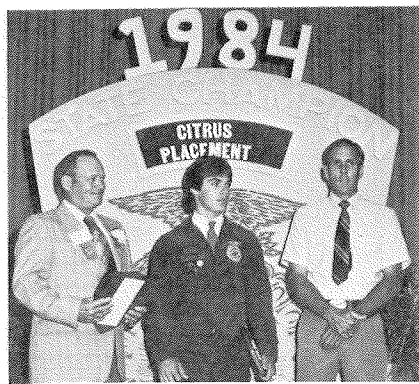
Citrus Placement

For Bill Norris, winning the Citrus Placement Proficiency Award is one more step toward becoming a groves operations director. He plans to take advantage of what he learned in winning this award by attending the University of Florida and majoring in Citrus Production.

Bill's experiences include working at Garretts Citrus Nursery for the past three years. There and in school he learned to bud and wrap young trees, and select rootstocks and identify their adaptations. He can also identify and manage citrus insects and diseases, and fertilizer deficiencies and toxicities. He can identify all the major varieties of citrus, their season of harvest, and quality and specific problems of each variety.

Bill, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Norris, served as a member of the Haines City Chapter's Citrus Judging

HOT OFF THE PRESS! SOUTHERN REGION WINNERS		
Proficiency	Name	Chapter
Agricultural Mechanics	Ron Mears	Blountstown
Agricultural Sales/Service	Tony Barrington	Lafayette
Beef Production	Kord Robertson	Hardee Senior
Floriculture	Tammie Hardwick	George Stone
		Vo-Tech
Fruit/Vegetable Production	Scott Christmas	Chipley
Horse	Donna Lee	Newberry
Turf & Landscape Management	Andy Hornick	Avon Park



Advisor Jack Halabrin stands by as Edward Russell with the Albritton Fruit Company presents the Citrus Placement Award to Bill Norris.

Team, which placed second in the state this year. For his win, Bill received a plaque and a \$100 check from Albritton Fruit Company, the state sponsor.

Other winners receiving plaques on behalf of Albritton Fruit Company were:

- Second: Robert Knoll, Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Third: Nat Jameson, East Bay Sr.
- Fourth: James Woods, Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Fifth: Tim Dodge, Sarasota Vo-Ag

Floriculture

Tammie Ann Hardwick wants to start her own florist-greenhouse business. Her 1984 Floriculture Proficiency Award is certainly a step in the right direction. As the state winner, she received a plaque from the Florida Fern Growers Association, and a \$100 check from the National FFA Foundation.

Tammie, 18, is a member of the George Stone Vo-Tech Chapter, and



Chuck Duggar and Terry Porter Walden, representing the Florida Quarter Horse Association, give the Horse award to Donna Lee, while advisor Andrew Blackwell stands by.

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hardwick. She has experience as a technician at a wholesale horticulture operation in Pensacola, and has had three years of training in vocational agriculture. She has also been Chapter Treasurer and a member of the Horticulture Judging Team.

The Florida Fern Growers Association also provided plaques for these Regional winners:

- Region II: Robbie Morin, Forest
- Region III: Audra Partin, Colonial
- Region IV: Mark Wanamaker, Leto
- Region V: Sandy Kilbury, Miami

Horse

For Donna Lynn Lee of the Newberry Senior Chapter, the key words are Quarter Horse. She owns six of them, and is an active member of the Florida High School Rodeo Association. She loves animals so much she has decided she wants a career as a Veterinary Technician.

Donna, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lee of Newberry, received a plaque from the Florida Quarter Horse Association, which is the state sponsor. National sponsor the American Quarter Horse Association provided a check for \$100.

While working with her horses, Donna has learned to break and train horses. She has also learned a number of veterinary practices, and aspects of record keeping, proper grooming, and health care.

Donna has been Secretary of the Newberry Senior Chapter, and a member of several judging teams. She is also a member of the Beta Club, Distinguished American Students and the Academic All-American Scholars.

The Florida Quarter Horse Association also sponsored plaques for the Regional winners. They were:

- Region I: Forest Gibbs, Tate Sr.
- Region III: Carolyn Marie Reig, Colonial
- Region IV: Joy Bates, Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Region V: Carolyn Roberts, Miami

Outdoor Recreation

Randy Amos is another FFAer who works hard in his family's business. For the past several years, he has worked hard at Camp Keystone, a summer youth camp in Odessa. His duties included the maintenance and upkeep of the rifle range, horseback riding trails, athletic fields and hunting areas, and the landscaping around the vacation cabins. Randy plans to study at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and eventually



Tammie Ann Hardwick receives her Floriculture Award from Chuck Duggar as advisor Susan Forte looks on.

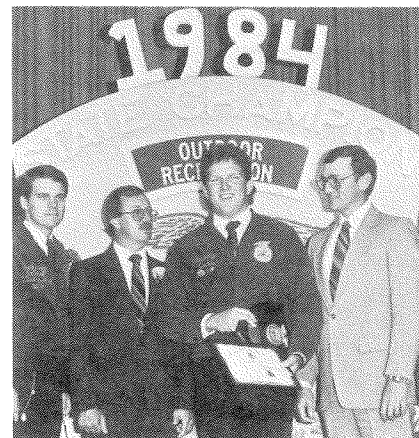
become the owner and manager of Camp Keystone. In addition, he has been a member of Leto Senior's Citrus, Forestry, and Land Judging Teams.

Randy is the son of Connie Amos. As the state Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Award winner, he received a plaque from Bear Archery, the state sponsor. Daisy, the national sponsor, provided a check for \$100. Regional winners receiving plaques from Bear Archery were:

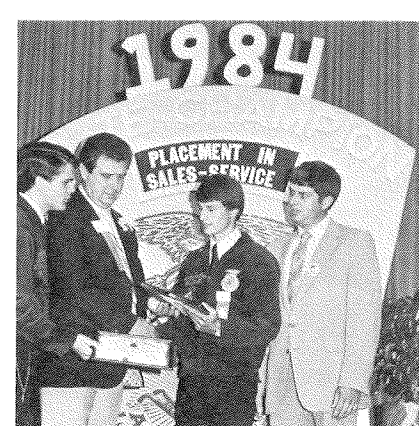
- Region I: Brian Dean, Tate Sr.
- Region II: Marc Antoni, Trenton
- Region II: Wayne Brooks, Colonial
- Region IV: Andy Hornick, Avon Park

Agricultural Sales/Service

Tony Barrington, an 18 year old member of the Lafayette Chapter, took top honors in the Agricultural Sales and/or Service category. For the past three years Tony has been a shareholder in his family's business, which produces 110 acres of dry edible peas for use by processors and canneries. The company also markets more than 1,000 acres of peas to overseas



Randy Amos is proud of his Outdoor Recreation Award presented by Dr. Max McGhee, representing Bear Archery, and Chuck Duggar. Advisor Danny Bartlett accompanies him.



Tony Barrington receives his Agricultural Sales and/or Service Award from Chuck Duggar and Bob Sullivan, the President of Florida Specialty Fruit Company. Advisor Ricky Lyons looks on.

buyers.

Tony, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. James E. Barrington, has served as both Chapter and District President. He has also attended American Legion Boys State, and was a member of the Beta Club. The Florida Specialty Fruit Company sponsored the plaque he received for his win, and Allis Chalmers, the national sponsor, provided him with a check for \$100.

Other Regional winners also received plaques provided by the Florida Specialty Fruit Company, which is the state sponsor. Winners were:

- Region II: David Futch, Bunnell
- Region III: Brett Hyatt, Groveland Sr.
- Region IV: Jamie Gejewski, East Bay Sr.

Nursery Operations

Timothy Dunson plans to follow a family tradition when he someday opens his own nursery. The 15 year old member of the Tate Junior Chapter has been instrumental in helping build a family nursery operation. His efforts netted him the 1984 Nursery Operations Proficiency Award.



Gina Molasso holds her Feeder Steer Award as advisor Fred Dietrich and Joe Walter with the Florida Beef Council stand by.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunson, Timothy received a plaque from V-J Growers of Apopka, the state sponsor. V-J Growers also provided plaques for other Regional winners. In addition, Timothy received a \$100 check from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, the national sponsor.

In his application for this award, Timothy told of assisting in the acquisition and construction of modern nursery equipment, including a greenhouse and a growing house. He also has developed significant marketing and technical nursery skills.

Regional winners were:

- Region III: Keith Geiger, Englewood
- Region III: Melanie Shaefer, Colonial
- Region IV: Brian Lambert, Hardee County Sr.
- Region V: Frank Delatoree, Miami

Feeder Steer

The Feeder Steer Award is only recognized at the state level. It is sponsored by the Florida Cattlemen's Association, which provided a plaque and a check for \$100 for the state winner.

Gina Molasso, a member of the Colonial Chapter, won this year's award on the basis of her outstanding accomplishments in feeding, grooming, and showing her steer. She is 17, and is the daughter of Bill and Criss Molasso of Orlando.

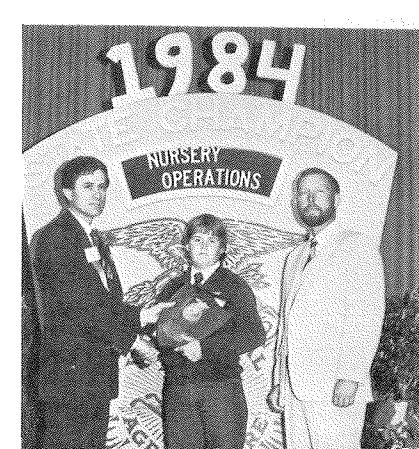
After five years of vocational agriculture training, Gina has had two Grand Champions in the Central Florida Fair. This year she was named overall champion exhibitor and won first place record book. In addition to her show ring experiences, Gina has learned to groom, train, and fit a show steer. In her application, she included health records, daily feeding schedules, and a complete record of animal weight and feed conversion.

Other winners receiving trophies on behalf of the Florida Cattlemen's Association were:

- Second: Rusty Mullins, Desoto Sr.
- Third: Mike Garner, Groveland Sr.
- Fourth: Alton Thornton, Fort Pierce-Westwood
- Fifth: Patricia Strawbridge, Groveland Jr.

Placement in Ag Production

Stephen D. Miller, a 17 year old member of the Tate Senior Chapter, received the Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award. The son



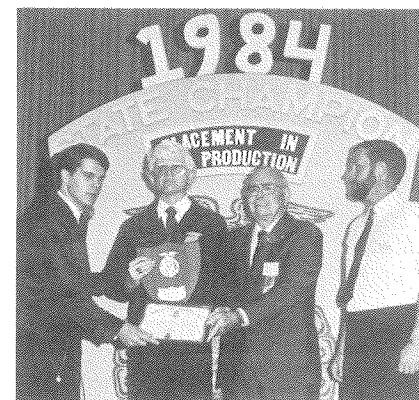
Gary Bartley, Executive Director of the Florida FFA Foundation, presents the Nursery Operations Award to Timothy Dunson, accompanied by advisor Steve Wood.

of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Miller, Stephen received a plaque from B.C. Cook and Sons Enterprises, Incorporated, the state sponsor. He also received a check for \$100 from the Hesston Corporation and Shell Chemical Company, the national cosponsors.

Stephen acquired his training from working for Sunshine Hill Nursery, which specializes in growing pecan trees. Through his placement program, he has used proper pruning, planting, and grafting methods on 25,000 trees annually. In addition, he has served as Reporter of the Tate Senior Chapter, and was a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team.

Regional winners receiving plaques sponsored by B.C. Cook and Sons Enterprises, Incorporated were:

- Region I: Tony Barrington, Lafayette Sr.
- Region II: Ben Fant, Williston Sr.
- Region III: Larry Beggs, Colonial
- Region IV: Tracy McClellan, Leto
- Region V: W.N. Bowers, Miami



Chuck Duggar and Bud Cook, owner of B.C. Cook and Sons, presents the Placement in Agricultural Production Award to Steve Miller. Advisor Steve Wood looks on.



Dr. Stanley R. Anderson, President of ABAC, presents the Forest Management Award to Sandra Blackwelder. Advisor Howard Renner looks on.

Forest Management

Sandra Blackwelder has learned a lot about forest management right in

her own back yard as she has helped operate and maintain the family sawmill. She has helped manage 80 acres of land used for lumbering purposes, and has been involved in thinning, pruning, and burning. She has also learned to cruise timber and scale logs.

As the state winner of the 1984 Forest Management Proficiency Award, the 16 year old member of the South Sumter Senior Chapter received a plaque from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, the state sponsor. National sponsor the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation also provided Sandra with a check for \$100.

Sandra has served as Reporter and Chaplain of her chapter, was a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team, and was a semifinalist in the state Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest.

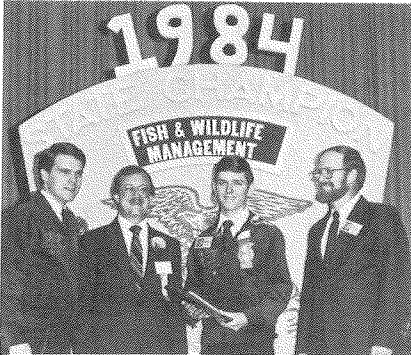
- Other winners receiving plaques sponsored by ABAC were:
- Second: Lawanna Hart, Lafayette Jr.
 - Third: Darren Hingson, Lafayette Jr.
 - Fourth: Harvey Malone, Tate Sr.
 - Fifth: Chris Stone, Grand Ridge

Fish and Wildlife

Clint Bronson, a 17 year old member of the Groveland Senior Chapter, won the 1984 Fish and Wildlife Management Award. Clint, the son of Mr. E. Bronson, received a plaque from state sponsor Bear Archery, and a \$100 check from Phillip Morris, Incorporated, the national sponsor.

Clint has had five years of vocational agricultural training, and many years

of working on his family's farm. He has stocked fish ponds, installed game feeders, controlled burned, and preserved natural windbreaks. He



Clint Bronson holds his Fish and Wildlife Award as he stands between Chuck Duggar, Dr. Max McGhee, who represented Bear Archery, and advisor Bradley Crews.

plans to attend a technical school after graduation, and return to farming and ranching.

Regional winners also received plaques sponsored by Bear Archery. They were:

- Region I: Reggie Striet, Tate Sr.
- Region II: Mark Langford, Trenton
- Region IV: Keith Starling, Avon Park
- Region V: Peter Judge, Miami

Diversified Livestock Production

John Rance Thomas from the Bell Chapter is an integral part of his family's large livestock operation in Gilchrist County. In addition to his 5% interest in the family's 400 head of crossbred cattle and 50 sows, he has 20 head of his own cattle. This year's Diversified Livestock winner, John, 17,

plans to attend the University of Florida to earn a degree in agriculture. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas.



Joe Walter with the Florida Beef Council congratulates John Thomas and his advisor Gray Smith for John's Diversified Livestock Award.

1984 Proficiency Award Winners

Award	Name of Winner	Chapter
Agricultural Electrification Florida Power Corp/Tampa Electric Co/ Gulf Power Co. Klein Tools	Rusty Pike	Groveland Sr.
Agricultural Mechanics Southern Association International Harvester	Ron Mears	Blountstown
Agricultural Processing Penders Peanuts Cargill, Inc	Michael Allen Gibson	Southeast Sr.
Agricultural Sales/Service Florida Specialty Fruit Co. Allis Chalmers	Tony Barrington	Lafayette
Beef Production Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association Sperry Hew Holland/Nasco International	Kord Robertson	Hardee Sr.
Citrus Production Tropicana, Inc.	Timothy Altman	Bartow
Citrus Placement Albritton Fruit Co.	Bill Norris	Haines City Sr.
Crop Production DoLime Minerals Massey Ferguson	Carson McCall	Lafayette
Dairy Production Dairy Farmers, Inc. DeLaval Separation Co/Auco New Idea Farm Equipment	Barbara McCashin	Chiefland Sr.
Diversified Livestock Production Florida Beef Council A.O. Smith Harvestore/Wayne Feeds	John Thomas	Bell
Feeder Steer Florida Cattlemen's Association	Gina Molasso	Colonial
Fish and Wildlife Management Bear Archery Phillip Morris, Inc	Clint Bronson	Groveland Sr.

Floriculture Florida Fern Growers Association National FFA Foundation	Tammie Hardwick	George Stone Vo-Tech
Forest Management Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Weyerhaeuser Co. Foundation	Sandra Blackwelder	South Sumter Sr.
Fruit/Vegetable Production Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association Briggs & Stratton Corp	Scott Christmass	Chipley
Home/Farmstead Improvement Scotty's Inc. Agriculture Division, Upjohn Co	Mack Staples	Groveland Sr.
Horse Florida Quarter Horse Association American Quarter Horse Association	Donna Lee	Newberry
Nursery Operations V-J Growers Supply Weyerhaeuser Co. Foundation	Timothy Dunson	Tate Sr.
Outdoor Recreation Bear Archery Daisy	Randy Amos	Leto Sr.
Placement in Agricultural Production B.C. Cook & Sons Hesston Corp/Shell Chemical Co	Stephen Miller	Tate Sr.
Poultry Production Florida Poultry Federation National FFA Foundation	Angela Gamble	Suwannee
Soil and Water Management Florida Association of Conservation Districts Ford Motor Co	Joe Padgett	Sarasota Vo-Ag
Swine Production Florida Pork Improvement Group Pfizer, Inc	Audrey Sayers	Taylor Sr.
Turf and Landscape Management Florida Nurserymen & Growers Assoc. O.M. Scott & Sons Co	Andy Hornick	Avon Park
Tobacco R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.	Kelley Quincey	Chiefland



Advisor Eli Beasley and Ron Hamel with Dairy Farmers, Inc. watch as Barbara McCashin holds her Dairy Production Award.

John has served as a member of Bell's Livestock, Forestry, and Land Judging Teams, and has been a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team. The Florida Beef Council sponsored the plaque he received for his win, and national cosponsors A.O. Smith Harvestore and Wayne Feeds provided a check for \$100.

Regional winners receiving plaques provided by the Florida Beef Council were:

- Region I: George Fisher, Vernon
Region II: Mike Garner, Groveland Sr.
Region IV: Anisa Farrar, Leto
Region V: Laura Lindquist, Miami

Dairy Production

Barbara Jean McCashin, a 17 year old member of the Chiefland Chapter, was named the 1984 winner of the Dairy Production Proficiency Award.



Dan Lovelace, Vice President of Fruit Procurement, Tropicana, presents the Citrus Production Award to Timothy Altman as advisor David Huss stands by.

For Barbara, winning this award is the culmination of four years of work in vocational agriculture, as well as her SOEP at home. She owns 12 head of dairy cows that produce an average of 19,126 pounds of milk per year. Implementing an efficient dairy heifer replacement program has helped increase her herd's overall productivity. She plans to have a career as a dairy farmer.

Barbara, presently a student at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, served as a member of Chiefland's Dairy and Forestry Judging Teams and was on several chapter committees. As the state Dairy winner, she received a plaque from Dairy Farmers, Incorporated, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from national cosponsors DeLaval Separation Company and Avco New Idea Farm Equipment.

Other Regional winners receiving plaques from Dairy Farmers, Inc. were:

- Region I: Charles Koon, Lafayette Jr.
Region III: Eleanor Bateman, South Sumter Sr.
Region IV: Edward Stevens, Hardee Sr.
Region V: Laura Lindquist, Miami

Citrus Production

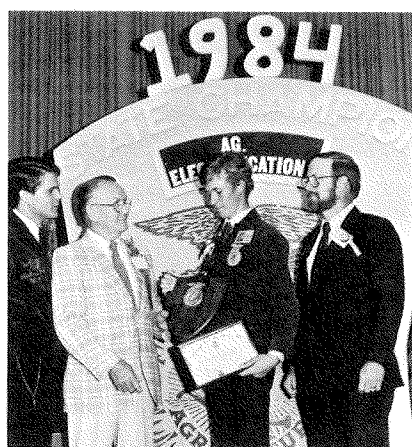
Timothy Altman's experiences in citrus production range from replanting and caring for young trees to marketing fruit. As a result of his wide range of experience, he was awarded the 1984 Citrus Production Proficiency Award.

The 18 year old, a member of the Bartow Senior Chapter, received a great deal of classroom training in citrus management. He has learned to install under-tree, low volume micro-jet irrigation systems, to prune, spray, and fertilize as necessary to produce quality fruit, to hire and supervise the picking crew, and to market the fruit.

Timothy served as a member of his chapter's Forestry Judging Team, and exhibited poultry at the Polk County Youth Fair for three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Altman, he received a plaque and a check for \$100 from Tropicana, Incorporated.

Other winners receiving plaques provided by state sponsor Tropicana, Incorporated, were:

- Second: Robert Livingston, Sebring Sr.
Third: James Shinn, Winter Haven
Fourth: Stephen Strickland, Groveland Sr.
Fifth: Bill Norris, Haines City Sr.



Chuck Duggar and John Folks, retired from the Florida Power Corporation, present the Agricultural Electrification Award to Rusty Pike as advisor Bradley Crews looks on.

Agricultural Electrification

Rusty Pike, a member of the Groveland Senior Chapter, is the 1984 Agricultural Electrification Proficiency winner. Rusty, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Pike, received a plaque from the Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Company, and Tampa Electric Company, the state sponsors. He also received a \$100 check from Klein Tools, the national sponsor.

Rusty, 17, has had five years of on-the-job training as an electrical assistant to his father, who is an electrical contractor. Safety procedures are the most important things he has learned. In his application, Rusty explained many of the safety practices he's learned, and why they are important. He learned to install switches, receptacles, fixtures, junction boxes, and panels for residential and mobile home housing. In addition, Rusty has become knowledgeable about the National Electrical Code. He plans to become an electrical technician.

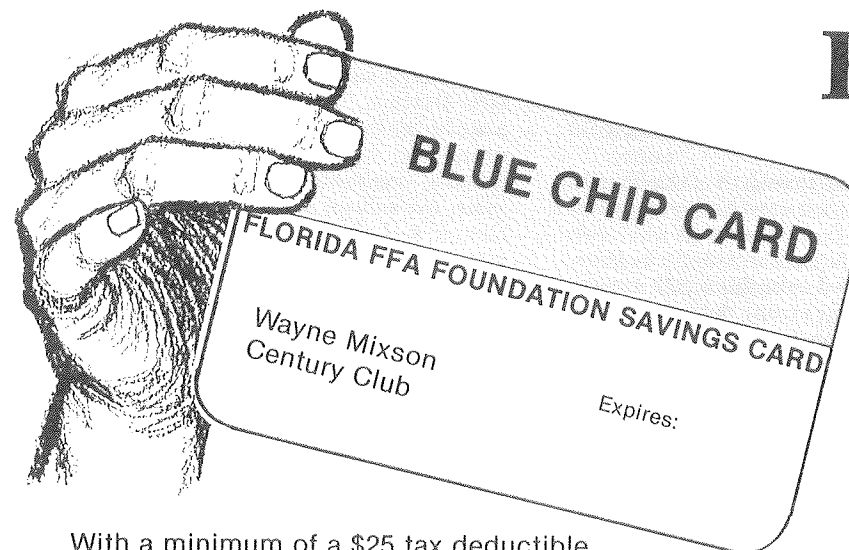
Other Regional winners also received plaques from the three state sponsors. Those winners were:

- Region I: Matthew Jim Settle, Jay
Region II: Richard Branson, Chiefland Sr.
Region IV: Bruce Shrock, Sarasota Vo-Ag

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER NEWS

On August 21, 1984, the Florida Future Farmers of America Leadership Training Center came one step closer to reality with the approval of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) by the Polk County Commission. The PUD included a comprehensive plan consisting of a revised master site plan, project development plans, project impact statements, road access easements, road development plans meeting public road standards, and the development of suitable wastewater treatment and potable water systems.

Colin Campbell, Vice President of the International Minerals & Chemical Corporation, the donor of the site, states that he is quite satisfied with the progress that has been made on the project; however, the real need at this point is for industry dollars to flow in sufficient amounts so that construction may begin.

Some of the more significant early contributions to the LTC Development and Construction Fund include: International Minerals & Chemical Corporation, C.F. Industries, Publix Supermarkets, U.S. Sugar Corpora-

tion, Edyth Bush Chartitable Foundation, Winn Dixie Stores, Conn Memorial Foundation, Scotty's, Inc., Lakeland Cash Feed Company, Florida Feed Association, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Florida Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, Conner Roast and Toast, and local FFA Chapters. Gary Bartley, Executive Director of the Florida FFA Foundation states that \$410,000 in cash has been raised for the project. Several other industries, businesses and groups have made pledges and in kind contributions.

Glenn Wade, President of the Florida FFA Foundation says he is very pleased with the fund-raising efforts made by local FFA members and chapters. Having raised over \$145,000 already indicates their strong desire to see the Center become a reality.

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, amphitheater, picnic pavilion, campsites and recreational areas.

"An important feature of the Center, says Bartley, "is that it will serve as a multi-use facility to 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.

FFA Chapters Support Fund Drive

FFA Chapters throughout the state have indicated their strong desire to build a Leadership Training Center by raising funds on the local level. Each chapter has been challenged to raise \$2,000 as their part of the fund drive which has yielded \$145,000 to date.

The Florida FFA Foundation proudly recognizes those FFA Chapters who have worked diligently to raise funds for their proposed FFA Leadership Training Center. The following list represents the cumulative total of chapter contributions through September 10, 1984.

Gold Fund Raising Chapters (\$2,000 or more)

Baker County Senior
Bronson
Colonial
Frostproof Senior
Haines City Junior
Haines City Senior
Hardee County Junior
Indian River
Lake Gibson Junior
Lake Gibson Senior
Lakeland Senior
Leesburg Junior
Leesburg Senior

Miami
Okeechobee Senior
Plant City Senior
Santa Fe Senior
Sarasota Junior
Sarasota Vo-Ag
Smith, J.G.
Southeast Manatee Senior
South Sumter Senior
Suwannee
Union Park

Silver Fund Raising Chapters (\$1,000 - \$1,999)

Bartow Senior
Clermont
Deland Junior
Deland Senior
Deltona
East Bay Senior
Fort Meade Senior
Frostproof Junior
Gainesville Agribusiness
Groveland Junior
Groveland Senior
Hardee County Senior
Horace Mann
Kathleen Junior
Lake Weir Senior
Madison
Malone
Marianna

Mount Dora
New Smyrna Beach Senior
North Ft. Myers
Santa Fe Junior
Sarasota Senior
Seminole Vo-Ed Center
South Sumter Junior
Southwestern
Storms, D.A.
Tavares
Taylor Junior
Taylor Senior
Tomlin
Umatilla

Bronze Fund Raising Chapters (\$500-\$999)

Bayshore
Bradford Senior
Branford
Buchanan
Chamberlain
Citrus Senior
Crescent City Senior
Dade City Junior
DeSoto
Kathleen Senior
Kissimmee
Leto
Manatee
Manatee Vo-Tech
Miami-Wood
Newberry Junior

Newberry Senior
Palmetto
St. Cloud Senior
Sebring Senior
Sneads
Southeast Junior
Spruce Creek
Tarpon Springs Senior
Traviss Vo-Tech
Walton Junior
Walton Senior
Wildwood Senior
Winter Haven
Winter Park

Honorable Mention (\$100-\$499)

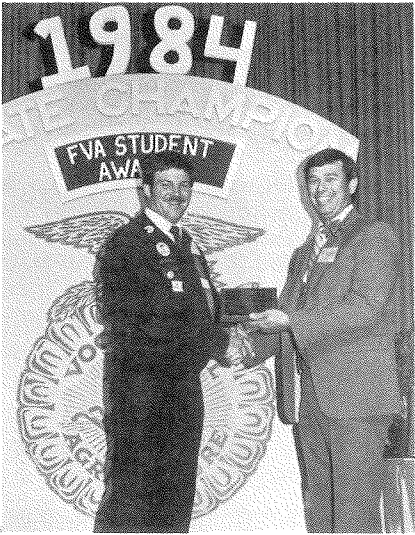
Blountstown
Boca Raton
Bunnell
Carver Middle
Central
Chipley
Charlotte County Senior
Columbia Junior
Columbia Senior
Cottondale
Countryside
Crystal River Junior
Crystal River Senior
Dade City Senior
East Bay Junior
Englewood
Evans
Forest
Grand Ridge
Howard Middle
Hudson
Lafayette Junior
Lafayette Senior
Lake Butler Junior

Lake Butler Senior
Lake Placid Middle
Lake Placid Senior
Lake Wales Senior
Lake Weir Junior
Lyman
Monticello
New Port Richey Junior
New Smyrna Beach Junior
North Marion Middle
North Marion Senior
Orange Park Senior
Saint Augustine Vo-Tech
Seabreeze Junior
South Dade
Tampa Bay Vo-Tech
Tarpon Springs Middle
Trenton
Tri-County Englewood
Zephyrhills Junior

Other Chapter Contributions (Less than \$100)

Alva Middle
Apopka Junior
Auburndale Senior
Avon Park
Baker County Middle
Bartow Junior
Bayonet Point
Beasley Middle
Bell
Bonifay Junior
Bonifay Senior
Brandon
Brooksville Senior
Charlotte County Junior
Chiefland Junior
Chiefland Senior

Citrus Junior
Clewiston
Crescent City Junior
Dunellen Senior
East Lake
Ferry Pass Middle
Ft. Pierce Central
Ft. Pierce Westwood Senior
Greco
Hamilton County Senior
Hawthorne
Holly Hill
Interlachen Senior
Jupiter
King
Lake Weir Middle
Liberty County
Liberty Junior
Lincoln Middle
Lively Agribusiness
Moore Haven
Pahokee
Palatka Junior
Palatka Senior
Paxon
Ponce de Leon Junior
Ransom Middle
Richard L. Sanders Exceptional
Ridgewood Junior
Sanford Seminole
Sebring Middle
Sixteenth Street Middle
South Technical Center
Vanguard Senior
Walnut Hill
Westside Skill Center
Williston Junior
Williston Senior
Zephyrhills Senior



Carson McCall, Jr., receives his FVA Outstanding Student Award from Earl Lennard, the President of the Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

MEAL FUNCTION SPONSORS

Award Winners Banquet	Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida Production Credit Associations of Florida R.J. Reynolds Industries Florida Association FFA Borden, Incorporated
Officer Candidate Luncheon	Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida Production Credit Associations of Florida
Courtesy Corps Breakfast	International Minerals & Chemical Corporation
Chapter Cooperatives Breakfast	Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida Production Credit Associations of Florida
State Farmer Breakfast	Florida Farm Bureau
State Officer/Parent Dinner	Florida Farm Bureau Federation

1984 National Convention Highlights

Saturday, November 3

American Royal Parade—Led by National FFA Officers

Sunday, November 4

First Practice—National FFA Band, Chorus and Talent

Tuesday, November 6

Delegate Registration—Radisson Muehlebach
Early Registration—H. Roe Bartle

Wednesday, November 7

Registration for Individuals and All Contest Teams—
H. Roe Bartle
Educational Tours
FFA Alumni Convention
National Agricultural Career Show—H. Roe Bartle
Business Session—Municipal Auditorium
Courtesy Corps Meeting—Municipal Auditorium Exhibit Hall
Vespers Program—Municipal Auditorium

Thursday, November 8

Livestock Contest—American Royal/Kansas City Stockyards
National Agricultural Career Show—H. Roe Bartle
Registration—H. Roe Bartle
Meats Contest—Safeway Meats Plant
Farm Business Management Contest—Hyatt Regency
Nursery/Landscape Contest Part I—H. Roe Bartle
Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest—Hyatt Regency
Floriculture Contest—Swope Park Municipal Greenhouse
Opening Session—Municipal Auditorium
—Theme Audio-Visual
—National Chapter Safety Awards
—Convention Kick-off Speaker
National Leadership Luncheon for Superior Chapters—
H. Roe Bartle
Dairy Cattle Contest—American Royal Arena
Proficiency Award Luncheon
Star Luncheon
Agricultural Mechanics Contest—Fort Osage Vo-Tech School
Educational Tours
Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—
H. Roe Bartle
Star Judging
Proficiency Judging
Second Session—Municipal Auditorium
—Youth Representatives
—National Chapter Awards
—Distinguished Service Citations
—National Extraneous Public Speaking Contest
—Delegate Business Session

3:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 9

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:45 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 10

National Contests Breakfasts
Registration—Municipal Auditorium
Seventh Session—Municipal Auditorium
—International Activities
—Guest Speaker
—Announcement of Judging Contest Winners
FFA Day at the American Royal
The Best of FFA—"A Musical Extravaganza"—Municipal Auditorium
Closing Session—Municipal Auditorium
—Retiring Address—National President
—Installation of 1984-85 National Officers

Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—
H. Roe Bartle

National FFA Talent Show
Third Session—Municipal Auditorium
—Sponsors Recognition
—Stars Over America Pageant

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Registration—H. Roe Bartle
National Agricultural Career Show—H. Roe Bartle
Poultry Contest—Hyatt Regency
Nursery/Landscape Contest Part II—Swope Park
Fourth Session—Municipal Auditorium
—Honorary American Farmer Degrees
—VIP Awards
—BOAC Awards
—Guest Speaker

Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—
H. Roe Bartle

American Farmer Luncheon—H. Roe Bartle
Educational Tours
Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—
H. Roe Bartle

Fifth Session—Municipal Auditorium
—Guest Speaker
—American Farmer Degrees
—Alumni Recognition

National Officer Advisor and School Recognition
Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—
H. Roe Bartle

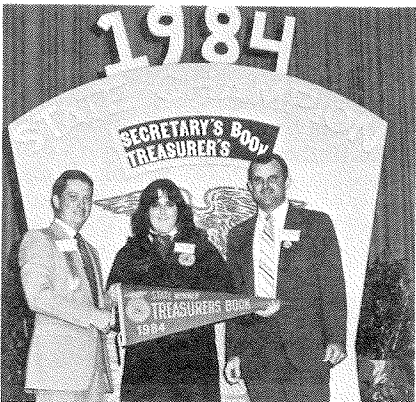
National Leadership Dinner for Chapter and State FFA
Officers—H. Roe Bartle
National FFA Band Concert—Municipal Auditorium
Sixth Session—Municipal Auditorium
—National Prepared Public Speaking Contest
—National Proficiency Awards Pageant

Williston Jr.
Orange Park Sr.
Groveland Sr.
Ponce de Leon Sr.
Crescent City Sr.
Trenton
Newberry Sr.
Tarpon Springs Jr.
Tarpon Springs Sr.
Lafayette Jr.
Santa Fe Sr.

White ribbons:



Bunnell Chapter advisor Jim Galvin and two chapter members accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Book Award from Freddie Hewett of Hewett and Associates.



Treasurer's Book

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.

Overall winner: Bunnell
Blue ribbons: Bunnell
Sarasota Vo-Ag
Buchanan
Ponce de Leon Sr.
Suwannee
Trenton
Newberry Sr.
Lafayette Sr.
Sebring Sr.
Colonial
Williston Jr.
Tarpon Springs Sr.
Orange Park Sr.

Red ribbons:

White ribbons:



Karen Padgett receives the trophy for first place in the individual competition in the "Hire-an-Aggie" program. Presenting the award is Frank Teets the general manager of South Bay Growers.

Fifth Place: Jenny Delp
Orange Park Sr.
Sixth Place: Dwight Keating
Hardee Co. Jr.
Seventh Place: Patty Poynter,
Lake Butler Jr.
Eighth Place: Beth Woodley,
Frostproof Jr.
Ninth Place: Amy Driggers,
Lake Butler Jr.
Tenth Place: Brian Oxford,
Southeast Jr.

MORE CHAPTER AWARDS

Chapter Secretary's and Treasurer's Books Contests are held during the State Convention. The books are submitted at the beginning of the Convention, and are ranked by a panel of judges. Books are judged on the Danish System, which means each entry receives a blue, red, or white rosette ribbon. The overall winner is awarded a pennant. Hewett and Associates of Chiefland sponsored the awards in both categories.

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 year.

Overall winner: Bunnell
Blue ribbons: Bunnell
Sarasota Vo-Ag
Buchanan
Sarasota Sr.
Winter Park

Red ribbons:

LTC INCENTIVE AWARDS

Chapters have been busy this year raising money for the Leadership Training Center. Fund drive chairman Doyle Conner, Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, challenged each chapter to raise \$2,000 as its part of the \$5 million goal.

For the third consecutive year, the Hardee County Junior Chapter wasted no time getting started. From September 1, 1983 to June 8, 1984 Hardee Junior raised \$4,644.27. This gives them a three-year total of \$13,641.77. Members did a variety of odd jobs in the community, including yard work, general ranch work, planting orange trees, and babysitting. The chapter also received contributions from the Steve Durrance Memorial. Hardee Junior received the first-place trophy. Hardee Senior won second place with \$1,008.00 raised, and third place went to Tomlin Junior, which raised a total of \$1,000.00.

Members also participated on an individual basis in the "Hire-An-Aggie" Program. FFAers donated their wages to the Foundation for the Training Center Fund. The Foundation sponsored prizes and trophies for the ten students raising the most money. Winners were:

First Place: Karen Padgett,
Lake Wales Sr.
Second Place: Jesse Ritter,
Lake Gibson Sr.
Third Place: Donna Branch,
Lake Gibson Jr.
Fourth Place: Dustyn Waters,
Hardee Co. Jr.



Frank Teets, the general manager of South Bay Growers, presents the trophy for the first place chapter in the "Hire-an-Aggie" program to Hardee chapter advisor Diana Durrance and a chapter representative.

TEAM CONTESTS

Only one team contest, Parliamentary Procedure, takes place at the State Convention. The others are held at various times and places around the state. Competition is tough in team contests, and members who compete in them are always high achievers. Besides Parliamentary Procedure, only the awards for Dairy, Livestock, and Poultry Judging Teams are presented at the State Convention.

Parliamentary Procedure

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 nine District Winners are left.

Monday of Convention Week, the top nine teams competed in the semi-finals. Then, during the Wednesday afternoon session, the Williston team beat teams from four other chapters to receive the first place trophy. In addition, each member of the Williston team was awarded an individual plaque. All the awards were sponsored by the Florida Farm Bureau Federation.

Members of the 1984 State Parliamentary Procedure Team are: Brad Bullock, Valerie Smith, Darlene Leong, Jody Phillips, Tammy Stoel, Scott Smith.

Other winning teams were:
Second Place: South Sumter Sr.
Third Place: Sebring Sr.
Fourth Place: Palatka Sr.
Fifth Place: LaBelle



Kevin Morgan, Young Farmer and Rancher Coordinator for the Florida Farm Bureau presents trophies to the Parliamentary Procedure Team. Left to right: Morgan, Scott Smith, Darlene Leong, Tammy Stoel, Brad Bullock, Val Smith, Jody Phillips, advisor Robert Philpot.

Dairy Judging

Dairy Judging Teams gathered at Hague, Florida on March 12, 1984. FFAers judged eight classes of cows and heifers of major dairy breeds. Team members were required to give two sets of oral reasons on classes designated by the contest superintendent.

The Chipley Chapter placed first, and will represent Florida in the National Dairy Judging Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November. The top five teams, the high-scoring individual, and members of the State Winning Team all received trophies and plaques on behalf of South Florida Dairy Farmers Association Incorporated, the state sponsor.

Members of the Chipley Team are: Dell Corbin, Steve Whittington, Ken Fredrickson, Eddy Fredrickson.

Other winning teams were:
Second Place: Sarasota Vo-Ag
Third Place: South Sumter Sr.
Fourth Place: Zephyrhills Sr.
Fifth Place: Hardee Sr.
High Individual: Ken Fredrickson, Chipley

Livestock Judging

Also on 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 computer placing card. Members also gave oral reasons.

The Williston Senior Team, which placed first, will represent Florida at

the National Livestock Judging Contest, held during the National Convention. The Florida Santa Gertrudis Association, state sponsor of this contest, provided trophies and plaques for the Williston Senior Team, as well as for the high-scoring individual and the other top four teams.

Williston Senior Team members are: Tammy Stoel, Jody Phillips, Brad Bullock, Val Smith.

Other winners are:
Second Place: Dade City Sr.
Third Place: Sarasota Vo-Ag
Fourth Place: Hardee County Sr.
Fifth Place: Tate Sr.
High Individual: Jody Phillips, Williston Sr.

Poultry Judging

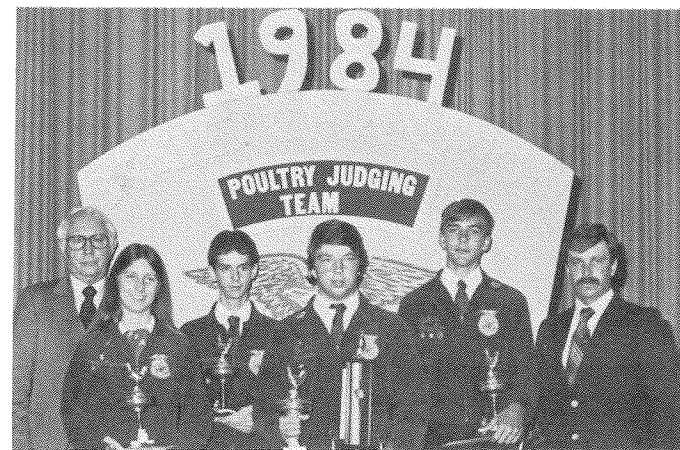
While the Livestock Judging Team competed in the Livestock Pavilion, across campus in the Mehroff Building Poultry Judging Teams vied to see which team will represent Florida in the National Poultry Judging Contest in Kansas City. Team members judged one class of ready-to-cook poultry and three classes of eggs that included candling, exterior, and broken out. The top five teams, the high-scoring individual, and members of the State Winning Team received trophies and plaques on behalf of the Florida Poultry Federation.

Crescent City Senior's team took first place. Team members are: Susan Morris, Bill Kailer, John Marti, Dennis Williams.

Other winners were:
Second Place: Leto
Third Place: Chiefland Sr.



Dairy Judging Team members and their awards, with advisor Ray Pigott and sponsor representative Ron Hamel. Left to right: Ken Fredrickson, Steve Whittington, Dell Corbin, Eddy Fredrickson, Ray Pigott, Ron Hamel.



The winning Poultry Judging Team accepts their trophies from Barton Ahlstrom on behalf of the Florida Poultry Federation. Left to right: Ahlstrom, Susan Morris, Dennis Williams, Bill Kailer, John Marti, advisor David Brown.

Fourth Place: Dade City Sr.
Fifth Place: Auburndale Sr.
High Individual: Jo Ann Hemond, Chiefland Sr.

OTHER TEAM AWARDS

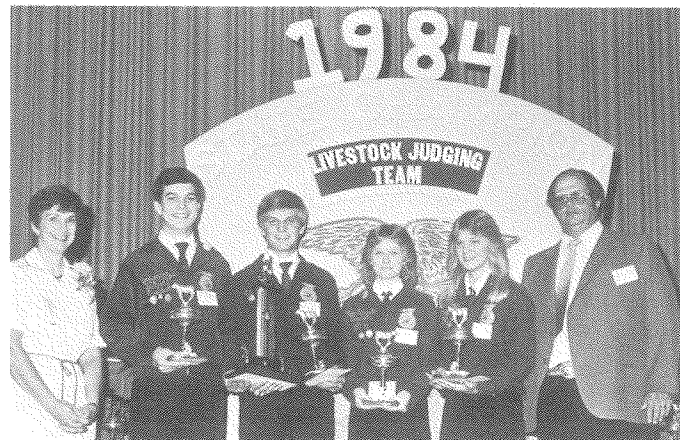
Agricultural Mechanics

Three teams contests, Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Mechanics, and Vegetable Judging, were held on April 13 in Gainesville. Winning teams received their trophies at a special Awards Day Program on the University of Florida campus.

Agribusiness Management

The Agribusiness Management Contest provides members with the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to typical farm management problems. Teams compete by taking a fifty-question written exam that includes several sections of problem solving analysis.

The Florida Financial Services



Sandra Gray, Secretary of the Florida Santa Gertrudis Association, presents trophies to the winning Livestock Judging Team. Team members, left to right, are Jody Phillips, Brad Bullock, Val Smith, and Tammy Stoel; then advisor Robert Philpot.



Winning Agribusiness Management Team members (left to right) Gerald Waller, Dottie Heading, Ron Mears, and Billy Worth and their chapter advisor Robert Wiltse accept trophies from Richard West, the Executive Vice President of Florida Financial Services Association, and Buster Smith.

Association, which is based in Tallahassee, sponsored trophies and plaques for the top five teams, the members of the winning team, and the high individual. The Blountstown Chapter, which won first place, will represent Florida in the National competition in November in Kansas City, Missouri. Team members are: Dottie Heading, Gerald Waller, Billy Worth, Ron Mears.

Other winners were:
Second: Crescent City Sr.
Third: Sarasota Vo-Ag
Fourth: Williston
Fifth: Vernon
High: Gerald Waller,
Individual: Blountstown

Agricultural Mechanics

The Agricultural Mechanics finals include not only a written exam, but also a series of practical skills tests. Glade and Grove Supply of Homestead

and Belle Glade sponsored the trophies and plaques for this event.

The Sarasota Vo-Ag team took top state honors. The team will compete in the national in Kansas City this November. Teams members are:

Jodi Snow
Mark Linthicum
Fred Spring
Mark Johnson
Other winners were:
Second: Plant City Sr.
Third: Blountstown
Fourth: Williston Sr.
Fifth: Ponce de Leon
High: Mark Johnson,
Individual: Sarasota Vo-Ag

Vegetable ID and Judging

South Bay Growers sponsors this event. The contest consists of identifying and grading fresh garden vegetables, and identifying insects, diseases, weeds, seeds, and nutrient deficiencies that affect vegetable crop production.

The winning team was from the



State FFA Program Director John Denmark presents the Agricultural Mechanics Team with their trophies. Left to right: advisor Jeffri Durrance, Denmark, Jodi Snow, Fred Spring, Mark Linthicum, Mark Johnson.



Buster Smith (left) and Don Scruggs, Director of Marketing for South Bay Growers (right) present trophies to the winning Vegetable Judging Team members (left to right) John Marti, Bill Kailer, Dennis Williams, Susan Morris, advisor David Brown.



Larry Reese, State FFA Program Specialist, presents plaques to the Land Judging Team winners. Left to right: Wes Gelonek, Bill Kailer, John Marti, Beth Kailer, advisor David Brown. (For more photos, see page 31.)

Crescent City Senior Chapter. Team members were:
Susan Morris
John Marti
Dennis Williams
Bill Kailer

Other winners were:
Second: Plant City Sr.
Third: J.G. Smith
Fourth: Dade City Sr.
Fifth: Leto
High Individual: Bill Kailer, Crescent City Sr.

Meats Judging

On March 10, 37 Meats Judging Teams participated in the first step of the Meats Judging Contest in Gainesville. The top ten teams returned to Gainesville on April 5 to vie for first place. Winners were:
First: Williston Sr.
Second: Taylor Sr.
Third: Taylor Jr.
Fourth: Tate Sr.
Fifth: Tate Jr.

Forestry Judging

On October 14, 1983, the nine District winning Forestry Judging Teams competed in Perry. The top teams were:

First: Crescent City Sr.
Second: Bonifay Sr.
Third: Auburndale Sr.
Fourth: Godby
Fifth: Groveland Sr.

Ornamental Horticulture Judging

Sixty-four chapters participated in the Ornamental Horticulture Contest on March 5 at the Central Florida Fair in Orlando. Winning honors in this contest were:

First: Crescent City Sr.
Second: Leto
Third: Gainesville Agribusiness

Fourth: Dade City Sr.
Fifth: Brandon

Citrus ID

Winter Haven was the site of the state Citrus Judging Contest, in which 33 chapters competed on February 15.

Top teams were:

First: Groveland Sr.
Second: Haines City Sr.
Third: Plant City
Fourth: Groveland Jr.

Fifth: J.G. Smith

Land Judging

Thirty-three District Land Judging Contest winners met in Highlands County on March 30 to battle out top honors. Results were:

First: Crescent City Sr.
Second: Groveland Sr.
Third: Sebring Sr.
Fourth: Haines City Sr.
Fifth: Forest

1984 TEAM CONTEST AWARD WINNERS

Award	Winning Chapter
Agribusiness Management Contest Florida Financial Services Association	Blountstown
Agricultural Mechanics Glade and Grove Supply	Sarasota Vo-Ag
Citrus Identification Florida Citrus Showcase	Groveland Senior
Dairy Judging Independent Dairy Farmers Association	Chipley
Forestry Judging Florida Forestry Association	Crescent City Senior
Land Judging Production Credit Associations of Florida/Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida/Loncala Phosphate Co/Ironwood Farms of Madison	Crescent City Senior
Livestock Judging Florida Santa Gertrudis Association	Williston Senior
Meats Judging Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.	Williston Senior
Ornamental Horticulture Judging Central Florida Fair, Inc.	Crescent City Senior
Parliamentary Procedure Florida Farm Bureau Federation	Williston Senior
Poultry Judging Florida Poultry Federation, Inc.	Crescent City Senior
Vegetable Identification and Judging South Bay Growers, Inc.	Crescent City Senior

ESSAY, PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND DEMONSTRATION AWARDS

The field of Electrification Essay participants was narrowed to ten just prior to the State Convention. At the Convention, each of those ten was asked impromptu questions related to his or her essay. These questions, along with the essays, enabled judges to select a first place finisher.

Mr. Bob Lewis from Tampa Electric Company presented each finalist with a trophy and a medal on behalf of Gulf Power Company, Tampa Electric Com-

pany, and Florida Power Corporation, the state sponsors. Christi McCracken, the state winner, also received a felt pennant.

Christi, a member of the Sebring Sr. Chapter, wrote an impressive essay on energy conservation for the future. Other winners were:

Second Place: Kelli Edgell, New Smyrna Beach Jr.
Third Place: Kim Satin, Buchanan Jr.

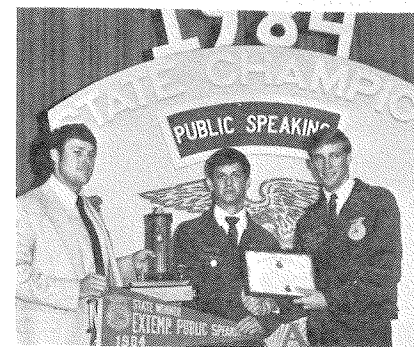
Extemporaneous Public Speaking

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.

The 1984 winner is Doug McKoy of the Bronson Chapter. He received a trophy, pennant, and \$250 travel award from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the state sponsor. Doug also received \$100 from the National FFA Foundation, and will represent Florida at the Tri-State Competition. Each of the other top five finalists also received a trophy from the Florida



Christi McCracken receives her Electrification Essay award from Bob Lewis with Tampa Electric. Advisor Steve Skipper holds her pennant.



Kevin Morgan, Young Farmer and Rancher Coordinator with the Florida Farm Bureau, presents the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Award to Doug McKoy. 1983-84 State President Buster Smith helps hold Doug's pennant.

Farm Bureau Federation. Finalists were:

Second Place: Kelly Busch, Chamberlain
Third Place: Ron Mears, Blountstown
Fourth Place: Leah Hargrave, Okeechobee-Brahman
Fifth Place: Todd Underhill, Sarasota Vo-Ag

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 and district 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.

Lotus Sommers of the Marianna Chapter is this year's winner. She received a trophy and pennant from the Florida Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, and a \$250 travel award to help defray her ex-



Gary Bartley, Executive Director of the Florida FFA Foundation, presents the Prepared Public Speaking Award to Lotus Sommers. Advisor Leon Nobles holds her pennant.

Dates to Remember

October 16-18	Sunbelt Ag Expo	Moultrie, Georgia
October 26	State Forestry Field Day	Perry, Florida
November 8-10	National FFA Convention	Kansas City, Missouri
December 4	Proficiency Award Awareness Day	
December 7	Sub-District Contests	
January 12	State Judging School—Dairy, Livestock, Poultry	Gainesville, Florida
January 25	District Contests	
February 9	State Fair—Livestock and Horse Judging	Tampa, Florida
February 16	State Fair—Dairy, Poultry, and Horticulture Judging	Tampa, Florida
February 20	State Citrus Contest	Winter Haven, Florida
February 16-23	National FFA Week—Officer Goodwill Tour	
March 4	State Horticulture and Tractor Operations Contests	Orlando
March 9	State Dairy, Livestock, Poultry Finals, Meats Preliminaries, Vegetable Judging School	Gainesville, Florida
March 17-23	"Hire-an-Aggie" Week	
March 29	State Land Judging Contest	TBA
April 19	Horticulture Demonstrations, Vegetable Judging, Ag Management and Ag Mechanics Finals	Gainesville, Florida
June 9-13	State FFA Convention	Orlando, Florida

penses to the Tri-State Competition in Birmingham, Alabama in August. Lotus also received a check for \$100 from the National FFA Foundation.

Each of the remaining top five finalists also received a trophy from the Florida Rural Electric Cooperatives Association. They were:

Second Place: Crosland Stuart, Bartow Sr.

Third Place: Stephanie Harris, Crescent City Sr.

Fourth Place: David Shrock, Sebring Sr.

Fifth Place: Jeff Johnson, Tomlin Jr.

Horticulture Demonstrations

Members competed in State Horticulture Demonstrations on April 13, 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 utilization, landscaping using various plants, and the artistic arrangement of horticultural crops.

Chevron, USA sponsored the state awards for all five divisions. First place finishers receive gold plaques. They were:

Artistic Arrangement:

Kimberly Matthias, Forest

Landscaping:

Bonnie Baumann, Lake Weir Middle

Marketing:

Dawn Beggett, Lake Weir Sr.

Production:

Suzanne Shankland, Gainesville Agribusiness

Use:

Vicki Thomas, Bradford Sr.

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 one year of membership. The 1984 State Star Greenhand is Bruce Thomas, a 16 year old student in the Bell High School Vocational Agriculture Program.

Bruce's quest for Star Greenhand began at an early age, when he would open the gates on his family farm for the workers. As he grew older, his responsibilities increased. His Supervised Occupational Experience Program has grown from 100% ownership of three head of cattle to seven head, and 5% interest in 400 head of crossbred cattle. Bruce also has shown



Richard Kelly, Executive Assistant to Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner, presents the State Star Greenhand Award to Bruce Thomas. His parents look on from behind him.

two steers and worked in watermelons and hay. He has participated in a variety of FFA activities including attending the National FFA Convention, and holding the office of Chapter Secretary.

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. Bruce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas, and his advisor, Mr. Graylon Smith, all received Honorary State Farmer Degrees from the Florida FFA Association. In addition, Mr. Richard Kelly, the Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, presented Bruce with a trophy and a check for \$168.75. This money is intended to defray expenses to the National FFA Convention in November.

Each Regional Star Greenhand received a check for \$143.75 from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Other Regional winners were:

Region I: Ken Nolan, Ponce De Leon Sr.

Region II: Mike Garner, Groveland Sr.

Region IV: Mark D. Johnson, Sarasota Vo-Ag

Star Agribusinessperson

The Regional and State Star 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 plaque, a pin, and a check for \$75 on behalf of Gold Kist, Incorporated. Tony Barrington, the 1984 State Star Agribusinessperson, also received a \$200 check from the National FFA Foundation. Tony, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Barrington of Mayo, and a member of the Lafayette Chapter.

Through placement experiences and his family's corporation, Tony has exhibited the attributes of a fine agribusinessperson. During the past four years, his SOEP consisted of a placement program at Edwards Farms and 19 head of beef cattle, 20 acres of wheat, and 110 acres of cowpeas.

Tony also serves on the Board of Directors of his family's corporation, American Pulse Exchange, which markets 1000 acres of peas at domestic and foreign markets. He plans to attend college and obtain a degree in agricultural law. He also wants to continue participating in his family corporation.

Tony served as President of his Junior and Senior chapters as well as District President. He has been a member of Livestock, Forestry, and Land Judging Teams, and has attended both State and National Conventions.

Tony's parents and his advisor Ricky Lyons all received Honorary State Farmer Degrees in appreciation for their help and guidance.

Other Regional Star Agribusinesspersons were:

Region II: Kurt Malphurs, Santa Fe Sr.

Region III: Rusty Pike, Groveland Sr.

Region IV: David Schock, Sebring Sr.

Region V: Matthew Brodie, Maimi Wood

State 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. John Barker of Florida Farm Credit Service presented a pin and a check for \$75 to each Regional winner on behalf of the Federal Land Bank Associations of Florida and the Production Credit Associations of Florida. In addition, 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



Tony Barrington accepts his State Star Agribusiness Award from Jim Loftis of Gold Kist (far left). Mr. and Mrs. Barrington and advisor Ricky Lyons look on.

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 State Star Farmer is Kord Robertson, a 17 year old member of the Hardee Senior Chapter. He is a four year agriculture student who has grown up in the farming business. Kord's SOEP presently consists of 50 head of commercial cattle, 100 head of fattening heifers, 25 head of commercial heifers, 10 head of fattening cows, and one Angus and two Hereford bulls.

Kord has been very active in his chapter, school, and community. He has served as Treasurer and President of his local chapter, as well as District Secretary. He has been on both Livestock and Parliamentary Procedure Teams, and has attended State and National Conventions and the Washington Leadership Conference.

Kord is also a member of the Hardee Cattlemen's Association, and the Junior Polled Hereford Association. He plans to attend college, and wants to become a farmer and rancher.

Kord's parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Robertson and his advisors Ron Crawford and Kevin Brown all received Honorary State Farmer Degrees in appreciation for their encouragement and support.

Other Regional Star Farmers were:

Region I: Carson McCall, Lafayette Sr.

Region II: Kelly Quincey, Chiefland Sr.

Region III: Clint Bronson, Groveland Sr.

Region V: Dennis Maytan, South Dade

American FFA Degree

The American Farmer Degree is the highest degree obtainable in FFA. It is given on the national level to recognize and encourage establishment in an agricultural occupation. To be eligible for this degree, a member must have productively invested \$5,000 earned from his or her Supervised Occupational Experience Program, completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture, and demonstrated outstanding leadership ability. The following 22 names have been nominated for this year:

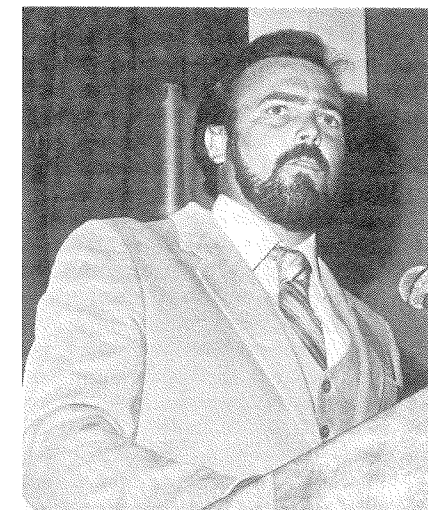
John Benjamin Albritton
Laurence Francis Amuso
Jana Jayell Bell
Richard R. Biss
Dennis R. Byrd
David Russell Daniel III
William R. Douberly, Jr.
John Loy Flowers
Janice Lorraine Gibbs
James L. Gilmour
Nancy Sue Gindl
Scott L. Hendricks
Jimmy Ray Hill
Teresa L. Lott
Margaret Potter
Michael Adam Rahfeldt
Denise Boyett-Smith
Vivian Louise Smith
Earl Randall Spivey
Richard E. Underhill
Roger W. Ward
Leslie Earl Williams



Advisor Kevin Brown (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Robertson are on stage as Kord Robertson receives his State Star Farmer award from John Barker (right), with the Florida Farm Credit Service.



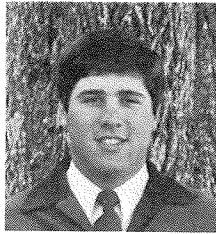
Teresa Lott



Mark Williams, President of the Florida FFA Alumni Association.

All Aboard!

STEVE KAUFMAN
President



"The 1984-85 Florida FFA Train is departing from Gate 1 in five minutes. Have your baggage and ticket ready. All aboard!"

Are you ready to jump on board the train? Do you have your bags ready? Are they packed full of your goals and descriptions of the opportunities that you want to reach?

It's a bit silly to go on a trip without packing a few bags before leaving. If you have no change of clothes you'll probably be slightly smelly within a few days.

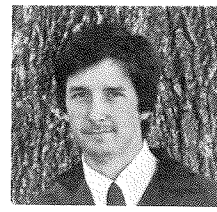
If you plan your trip and know your destination, packing your bags will be easy. You will know what will be useful, and what will be wasted effort. People who go on vacation don't leave home with overalls, work boots, and no money. They know when they arrive at their destination they will need to dress up and have a reasonable amount of money. If they don't they are much like the chapter officers who decide they want to win the state in Chapter Safety, but have no plan of action or special safety-related activities planned. When the time comes to fill out that Chapter Safety application, they wonder why three quarters of the lines remain empty.

It's plain to see that these chapter officers had their destination in sight, they knew where the train was going to take them, but they didn't pack their bags for the trip. Too often this is the problem. We want to end up somewhere, but don't want to travel from here to there. Saying you want to do something is easy, but it's hard to accomplish until you sit down and put your goals on paper. Then what you need to pack to reach your destination will become clear.

So jump on the 1984-85 Florida FFA train and drive it to your success. The six State Officers are your train. Now it's up to all of you to drive us to our destination this year. We are all bound for success. Success is attainable only if you set your destination, pack your bags, and get on board.

To Practice Brotherhood...

RON MEARS
Region I Vice President



A young woman was explaining to a friend why she had decided to marry one man rather than another. "When I was with John," she said, "I thought he was the cleverest person in the whole world."

Then why didn't you choose him?" the confused friend asked.

"Because when I'm with Sam, I think I'm the cleverest person in the whole world."

Sam may not have been very bright, or very charming, or even very handsome, but he got the girl! What was it that attracted her? Not Sam's good looks. Nor his sparkling personality. Not to mention his abundance of wealth. No—Sam got the girl because he made her *feel good about herself!*

Now, guys, I'm not saying that if you play dumb you'll get the girls—and above all I'm not pushing false flattery. What I am saying is that you can accomplish anything you want if you help enough other people accomplish their goals. And what most people want more than anything in the world is the respect of their fellow men.

I should mention here the two characteristics that I think stimulate a respect for others: love, and brotherhood. These two important qualities separate the human being from all other animals.

At the start of each FFA meeting we respond to the question, "Future Farmers, why are we here?" Pause with me for a moment to think about our reply: "To practice brotherhood."

The world is full of people who are interested only in themselves. Every moment of the day they are seeking ways to accomplish their own goals, while pushing everyone else aside. They don't understand the true purpose of competition. They think the only way for them to win is if everyone else loses. They raise themselves above the crowd by pushing others down, often devoting so much time to defeating and destroying others, they discover too late their own death and decay.

We in FFA must *listen to ourselves* as we defend against this self-defeating selfishness. We elect a president to lead us "out of the darkness of selfishness and into the glorious light of brotherhood and co-operation." Why not allow him to do just that?

Within each of us there exists a very

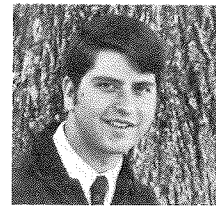
credible power—the power which makes others feel good about themselves and which aids others in achieving their potential. It all begins with a brotherly concern. A poem that caught my eye is fitting:

No one cares
How much you know
Until they know
How much you care.

And here lies the key to success. When others realize that you really do care about them they become interested not just in themselves anymore, but in you also. That common concern is what FFA is all about—people helping people to become better people.

FFA Thought

JAMES GLISSON
Region II Vice President



Congratulations! You have reached a goal today. What goal? you say. Perhaps you wanted to walk across your classroom to sharpen your pencil without falling down on your face. You reached that goal, I hope. There are small goals that we live every day without the faintest concern. They mean little or nothing to our future, yet they are goals just the same.

However, what about the goals that do affect the future of our lives? It seems that most of our thoughts go into setting a goal but we seldom put as much energy toward reaching it. We lack the motivation to get started, we wonder where we can find an energy source to tap. What you don't realize is that you, yes *you*, are a major power source. You have all the enthusiasm, motivation, and energy needed to reach *any* goal. Sometimes you just need a little spark to get you started. I call that spark "inspiration"—that little flame that starts the fire burning. Inspiration can be gained from anything. There is the story of an artist who painted beautiful paintings. They were displayed all over the world in art galleries. One day a friend asked the artist where he got his inspiration. The artists replied by telling how he grew artichokes in his back yard. Every morning he would go outside and sit and contemplate the artichokes! From them he would get new ideas and discover color schemes that he had not tried before. Now imagine! If this man can get inspiration from artichokes, just think of the small things

that we overlook every day that can give us inspiration!

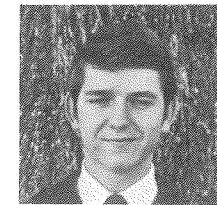
Once we have started working toward our goal we need diligence and patience. Perhaps you will not reach it the first day, or week, or even the first month. You must work at a steady pace that you can live with. It is important that you keep up your enthusiasm. Let me tell you of one way you can do this. When you wake up in the morning I want you to say "I WILL BECOME." When you go to bed at night, repeat this. Now you will start your day and end it on a positive note.

With a positive attitude, you can move mountains, just as the old man who every day on his way to the well scooped up a handful of soil from the top of the hill and then threw it on the ground on the other side of the well. After watching this for several days, a neighbor asked him why he was doing it. The old man replied, "Every day I walk from my house to this well, and every day I've got to climb that hill. I am moving it to the other side of the well." How's that for diligence!

Through inspiration, motivation, energy, and diligence you can achieve anything your mind can conceive. Even though you may bump into problems, always remember, when life throws you on your back, she always leaves you looking up! Dream the impossible for it is said that without dreams, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly. Fellow FFA members dream and I promise you will soar as never before!

Be Proud of Who You Are!

CLINT BRONSON
Region III Vice President



You as an individual should be proud you are different from your peers. In our world there are millions and millions of people and each one is slightly different from all the others. Throughout America there are thousands of Future Farmers, all with common goals to better agriculture, but each with different ideas and opinions on how to accomplish it. This is what makes society unique. You as an individual must fill in a piece of the puzzle. The picture is great in size, and one small piece would not seem to be missed...until you leave it out.

As a Future Farmer, you are a person who will be of vital importance to

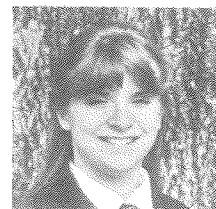
the future world. You are the individual who will supply the world with its food, and the person who will become the doctor or lawyer to meet the needs of our citizens. Although your career may already be chosen, we must all remember that it takes determination, willingness, and faith to become the success of our choice. Somewhere in the back of all minds is the person we will one day become. Somewhere in these minds is the person we will some day create. Today is the first day of the rest of your life, so start your planned steps to becoming that person.

I once heard a very simple rule for success. "Whenever a job is started, make sure that it gets finished." If we start reaching for our goals today, it could very well be many years before they are reached, but the greatest victory to ever win is to plan a lifetime goal and be able to live until you see it fulfilled. Many, many Americans will set goals for their lives and plan to become overwhelming successes, but the problem arises when they do not live to see their goals carried out. We are alive and well! We should be happy! We have the special privilege of living in the world's greatest country, America. We have more food on our tables in one meal than some people have all week. We have the greatest gift of all, freedom. We have the freedom to win or lose or to succeed or fail. When you consider your existence, and don't see any great works as a result of your efforts, or your goals have not been met, think for a moment how great it is to just *be alive* in our America!

Do not believe that your life will be a bed of red roses, just waiting to be picked. You can believe, however, that among the thorns there is always a bud needing nothing but sunlight. In FFA we become what we believe. Life is just the same. We are Americans. We are Future Farmers. Let us be *proud* of it!

The Future Farmers— An Organization of Leaders

KELLY BUSCH
Region IV Vice President



As members of one of the most dynamic youth organizations in America, many of us have been motivated to accept a position

in a leadership capacity. Have we actually become leaders? Does the title of "President" make one a leader? That answer is simple. A title no more makes you a leader than standing in a garage makes you a car. The true leaders of our organization are those of us who are not afraid to speak out and occasionally fail. A leader must use cooperation, self-discipline, and understanding, while still maintaining control of a situation. Being a leader is not easy, but learning to become a leader is one of the most valuable lessons the FFA has to offer.

One of the most difficult tasks a leader faces is the challenge of maintaining enthusiasm. The excitement of running for office or chairing that committee soon wears off once the reality of the office or responsibility sinks in. One definition of the word character is "the willingness to follow through with a promise long after the mood in which the promise was made has faded." Later in the year, that chapter dance may seem like too much of a hassle to organize, but you promised both the members of your chapter and your advisor, and you must live up to your responsibilities.

Once you have been elected or appointed to office, you will probably receive some good-natured jokes from friends about how you're going to "change" now that you have a "title." Well, change is necessary, but it doesn't have to be negative. The "leader" who becomes bossy, authoritative, and overbearing will lose friends and respect and probably won't be elected to office again. The person who uses his or her leadership role to become more understanding, openminded, and conscientious will not be harmed as a result of the office in which he or she has been placed. The difficult part of becoming a leader is remembering that "what is popular is not always right, and a leader must work toward what is right."

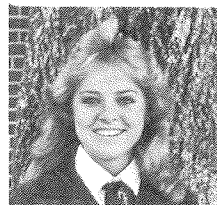
Once your commitment to your office has been established, how do you influence others to work toward the best interests of the chapter? The most important thing to remember is that you must lead by example. The leader that encourages everyone to stay late to clean up and then leaves early has not been much of a leader. You, as the example-setter, should always "practice what you preach." Others will notice, and admire your dedication. You are in the position to "state the rules." Let everyone know that they will be expected to maintain their share of responsibility, and then you make sure that you maintain yours.

Being a leader in an FFA chapter is

an experience that will benefit you for years to come. Working as a part of a team and learning to communicate with others are skills that are needed in all walks of life, long after high school is over. Take advantage of the opportunities that the FFA is handing to you by setting the example and being a leader.

Dream

LYNETTE DALLIMORE
Secretary



Dream is a five-letter word with various meanings. In dreams we can fly to the moon and beyond, swim the deepest ocean or be the

President of the United States. Dreaming allows us to do or become anything that we desire. We can dream at any time or at any place, but if dreaming is all we do then we are wasting our time. A dream can be a very important beginning. The best way to achieve a goal is to start by dreaming. Once you have a dream, write it down and concentrate on achieving it. You have created a goal!

Everyone has dreams whether they realize it or not, and everyone also has goals. Maybe it is to get out of bed every morning with a positive attitude or to one day become a famous movie critic. Whatever the goal may be it can be reached with a certain amount of effort. Remember the saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day." Most goals are not achieved in a day or even with one try.

Failure seems to be the most important way we learn. If you fail, analyze your failure and then try again, but remember you are not a failure if you do not reach your goals the first time. The important thing is to keep trying.

One thing you can do is to set small goals first, then work toward the large ones. If you set goals too high to begin with, the frustration of not reaching them quickly will soon defeat you and you may never reach your goals.

The game of football is an excellent example. The team with the football is always aiming for the goal line, but they reach it by getting first downs ten yards at a time. They reach their small goals one at a time, and the end result is their main goal, the goal line. The game would hold no excitement if every time the team having possession of the football scored a touchdown! Life would hold no challenge, either, if we reach-

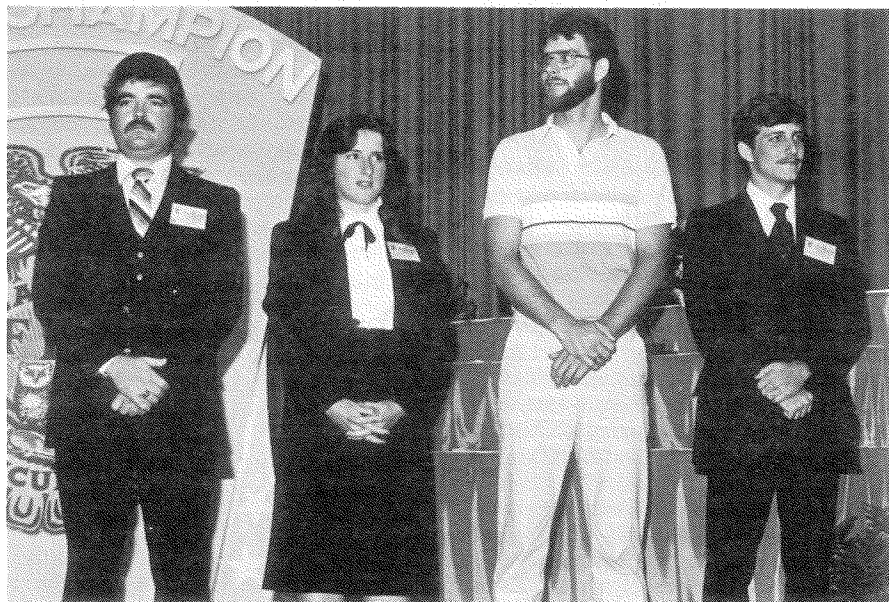
ed our goals the first time we attempted them. Make a plan and stick to it. How else will you know when your plan needs to be altered? No one has to see your goals. Write them down and put them away. Look at them often to remind yourself what you're reaching for.

Sometimes dreams and goals seem so far out of reach that we do not even at-

tempt to achieve them. If this happens to you you have achieved the worst kind of failure, the failure to *try*! You should not expect life to come easy. The dreams and goals that seem so far out of reach are usually the ones that bring the greatest rewards. Do not be afraid to dream or to make those dreams come true.



National Vice President Chuck Duggar and 1983-1984 State Officers. Left to right: Steve Martin, Region V Vice President; Kim Simmons, Region IV Vice President; Meg Potter, Secretary; Chuck Duggar; Danny Garner, Region III Vice President; Syd Crosby, Region II Vice President; Buster Smith, President; Andy Hurst, Region I Vice President.



J.F. Williams Scholarship winners, left to right: Charles Williams, Johanna Davis, Charles Byars, Robert Alderman. This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to graduating seniors until they get their first paycheck. It is awarded to potential teachers who show exceptional quality and promise.

REGION I—DISTRICT I

Bethlehem

Steve A. Justice

Central

Douglas M. Ward

Chipley

Scott B. Christmas
Stephen Earl Kolmetz
Ladd Tharpe

Jay

Mickey Diamond
Tracy Diamond
Ricky Renfoe

Milton Sr.

J.D. Brewer, Jr.
Dwayne Smith

Paxton

Steve Pridgen

Ponce de Leon Sr.

Phillip Byrd
Sherry Ann Gillis
Patrick Lee Hall

Poplar Springs

Doug Garner
Jerry Smith

Tate Sr.

Jerome Helton
Stephen D. Miller
Michael Anthony Norton
Pamela A. Wise

Vernon

Frank T. Clohan

Walnut Hill

Michael W. Ard
Darren Carnley
Bily D'Andrea
Jeff Hare
Richard Mooney

Walton Sr.

Charles Williams Adkinson
Ursula Vanessa Hamilton

REGION I—DISTRICT II

Blountstown

Eddie Clemons
Ron Mears
Jonathan Nissley
Keith Whitfield

Branford

Paul M. Haas

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Suwannee

Jeffrey Boatright
Greg Hicks
Jessie Stalnaker

REGION II—DISTRICT III

Baker County Sr.

Ryan Craig Brannan
Frank Cooper
Andy Crabtree
David Douglas, Jr.
Trena Williams

Bell

Russell McMillian
Richard Schultz
John Rance Thomas

Bradford Sr.

Vicki Thomas

Bronson

Jennifer Ann Hawkins

Chiefland Sr.

Galen Butler
JoAnn Marie Hemond
Kelley Quincey
Kevin Quincey
Stoney Smith
Wayne Weatherford

Citrus Sr.

Gerard Blair
Lisa Braaksma
Charles Polisenio
Eric L. Stokes

Crystal River Sr.

Trina Ann English

Forest

Lisa R. Bogert
James Glisson
Wayne Hickman
Tracey D. Morris

Lake Butler Sr.

Cedric Box
Julie Brown
Joe Seigmeister
Devin Thomas

Lake Weir Sr.

Eugene Couture
Robert Jeff Oglesby
Steve Weitlauf

Newberry Sr.

Chester Cleveland Cowart
Donna Lynn Lee
Robert Alan Martin
James Thomas Skipper
Joseph Suggs

Cottdale

Ben Burnham
Stanley W. Scurlock

Graceville

Phillip Carraway
Lisa Kay Cook
Andrea Pauline Peel
Jennifer L. Shiver
Willis Oneal Trant

Grand Ridge

Diane Hamilton

Lafayette Sr.

Tony Barrington
Dennis Byrd
James Scott France
Lonny Scott Hempstead
Donald Glen Koon
Scott Ray Martin
Owen Carson McCall
Allison Mills
Clifford A. Reed
Bruce Oliver Sullivan
Thomas Willard Swafford
James Thompson Tice

Bristol

William K. Graham
Bruce Allen Smith
Christopher Preston Warrell

Madison

Michael Donaldson
Ernie Terry
Thomas Townsend
Todd Gordon

Malone

John Patterson Jordan
James Williams

Sneads

Richard D. Comerford
Gavin F. Pittman

Santa Fe Sr.
Kurt Malphurs
Michael McDaniel
Charles B. Willis

Trenton
Todd Steven Bryant
Lee Davidson
Robert N. Elmore
Robert Scott Perryman
William Shearn

Williston Sr.
Bradley Neil Bullock

REGION II—DISTRICT IV

Bunnell
David Futch
Daryl Roberts

Crescent City Sr.
Cathy Malphurs
John E. Marti

DeLand Sr.
Nina Bell
Carl H. Browning
Laura M. Caradonna
Amy Davis
Robin Hirt
Ronnie Price
Linda V. Randell

Englewood
Keith Allen Geiger
Judson Eric Thompson

New Smyrna Beach Sr.
James Douglas Brannan, Jr.
Karen Anne Cruso
AllenEarl Huskey
Lory Lynn Schwarz

Paxon Sr.
Gregory Prince

Spruce Creek
John T. Burton
Gregory S. Lilly
Tony Martinez
Joe Mathers
Kevin Mills
Michael Stokes

Taylor Sr.
Jeffrey Bradley
Pam Cox
Kevin Dale Layfield
Audrey Sayers
Jan Wiggins

REGION III—DISTRICT V

Apopka Sr.
Dorothy C. Wohlt

Colonial
Larry Daniel Beggs
George E. Blum
Wayne Brooks
Michael Creel
Debbie Guentner
Donald A. Henderson
John Lorne
Gina Molasso
Carolyn Reig
Melanie Shaeffer
Bill Tanner

Groveland Sr.
Jackie Allen
Clint Bronson
Tony Brown
Carl McQuaig
Rusty Pike
Mack Staples
Lamarr Story
Mark Wayne Strawbridge
Delayne Tyson
Curtis Upshaw

Leesburg Sr.
David McKenzie

Mount Dora
Harold Lee Wonders

Saint Cloud Sr.
Melissa Barkley
Burke Lamar Chisholm III
Lynnette Dallimore
Vicki Heaberlin
Lisa Vickers

South Sumter Sr.
Mike Macomber

Tavares
Darryl Wrobel

Umatilla
Daniel L. Buzard
Rhonda Craig
Robert L.P. Williams

West Orange
Gregory Lee Clark
Mark Holland

Winter Park
Rhonda L. Clark
Gary L. Foreman
Byron D. Long

REGION III—DISTRICT VI

Auburndale Sr.
Clifton Brian Fussell
William Eric Mills

Bartow Sr.
Amy Hood
L. Crosland Stuart

Fort Meade Sr.
Carl H. Newsone
Joe Smith

Frostproof Sr.
D.H. Crews, Jr.
Danette Fewox
Richard O. Polk, Jr.
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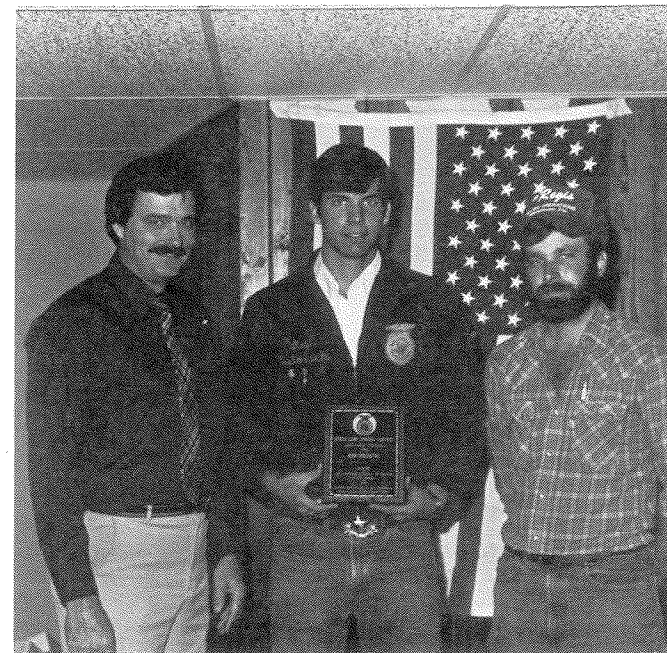
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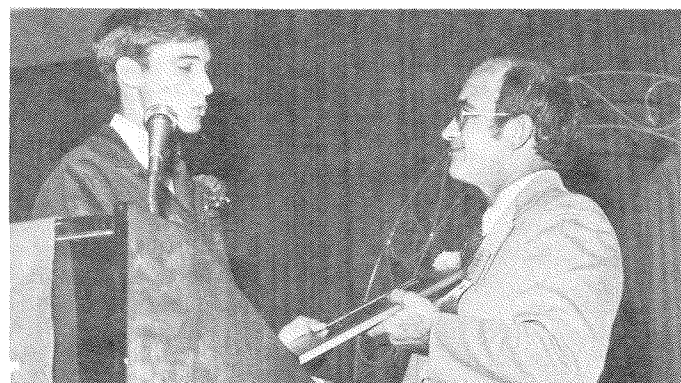
High individual in Land Judging Contest Wes Gelonek (center) with State FFA Program Specialist Larry Reese (left) and advisor David Brown.



Agribusiness Management Contest high individual Gerald Waller accepts his trophy from Richard West, the Executive Vice President of Florida Financial Services Association.



Bob Lee accepted the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of U.S. Sugar.



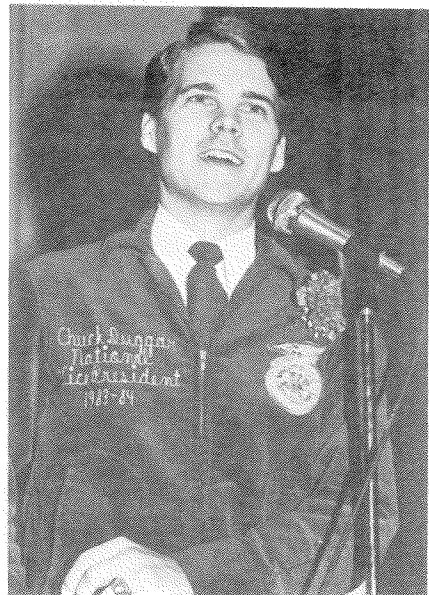
Central Florida Fair Manager Herschel Parrish accepts the Distinguished Service Award.

1983-84 APPLICATION DUE DATES

October 31	Chapter Program of Activities First Chapter Membership Rosters with Dues
February 1	State FFA Degree Applications 27 Proficiency Application Areas: Agricultural Electrification Agricultural Mechanics Agricultural Processing Agricultural Sales and/or Service Beef Production Cereal Grain Production Dairy Production Diversified Crop Production Diversified Livestock Production Feed Grain Production Floriculture Forage Production Forest Management Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Horse Nursery Operations Oil Crop Production Outdoor Recreation Placement in Ag Production Poultry Production Soil and Water Management Specialty Animal Production Specialty Crop Production Swine Production Turf and Landscape Management Wildlife Management
February 15	American FFA Degree Applications State Star Greenhand Applications
April 1	Citrus Placement and Citrus Production Applications
April 15	Feeder Steer Applications Membership Roster Update Chapter Accomplishment Report Computers in Agriculture Agricultural Electrification Essay Chapter Forestry Applications Computers in Agriculture Agricultural Electrification Essay Chapter Forestry Applications Chapter Safety Applications BOAC Applications National Band and National Chorus Applications (1985) Forestry Camp Applications
May 1	Co-op Applications

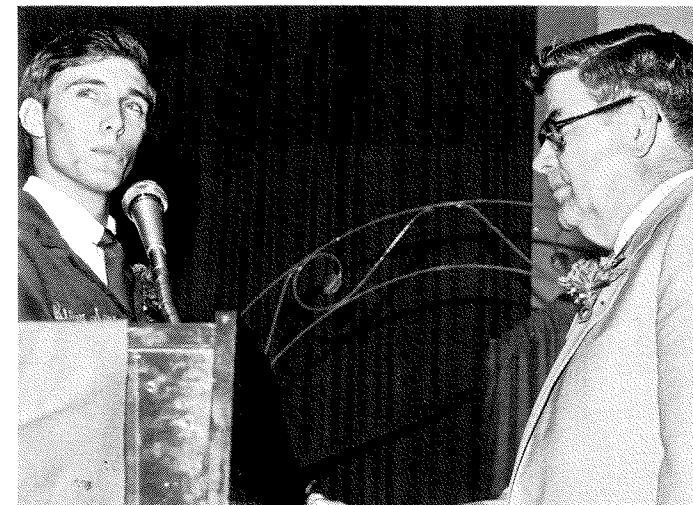


Barton Ahlstrom, Florida Poultry Federation.



Chuck Duggar, National Vice President from Florida.

Florida Future Farmer



Buster Smith presents the Distinguished Service Award to Fred Collins for Flint River Mills.



Bill Grant accepts the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Belk Lindsey Stores.

CHAPTER resource SYSTEM

INTRODUCING FFA's NEW SYSTEM!

What is the Chapter Resource System?

It is a group of elements which are basic resources for every FFA chapter.

What are the elements?

The elements of the CRS include:

- Official FFA Manual
- The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine BETWEEN ISSUES
- Student Handbook—IMPROVED
- Advisor's Guide to the Student Handbook—NEW
- Official FFA Catalog—IMPROVED
- FFA Alumni

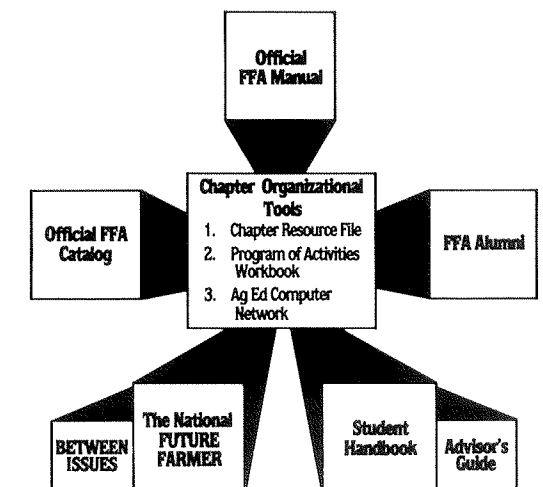
The five major elements above should revolve around a good system of chapter organization. Recommended organizational tools include:

- Chapter Resource File—NEW
- Program of Activities Workbook—NEW
- Ag Ed Computer Network—NEW

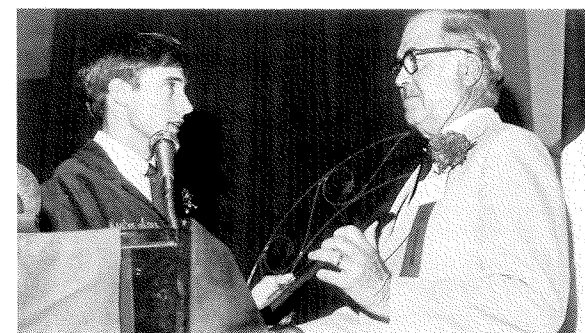
These elements all contribute significantly to the development of a successful FFA chapter as a part of the instructional program in vocational agriculture.

How do I find out more about the system?

Consult the newly-revised Student Handbook, new Official FFA Catalog, or for a free brochure send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the National FFA Center, Information Department, Box 15160, Alexandria, VA 22309.



The elements represented in the Chapter Resource System are basic for every FFA chapter. These elements all contribute significantly to developing a successful FFA chapter as a part of the instructional program in vocational agriculture.



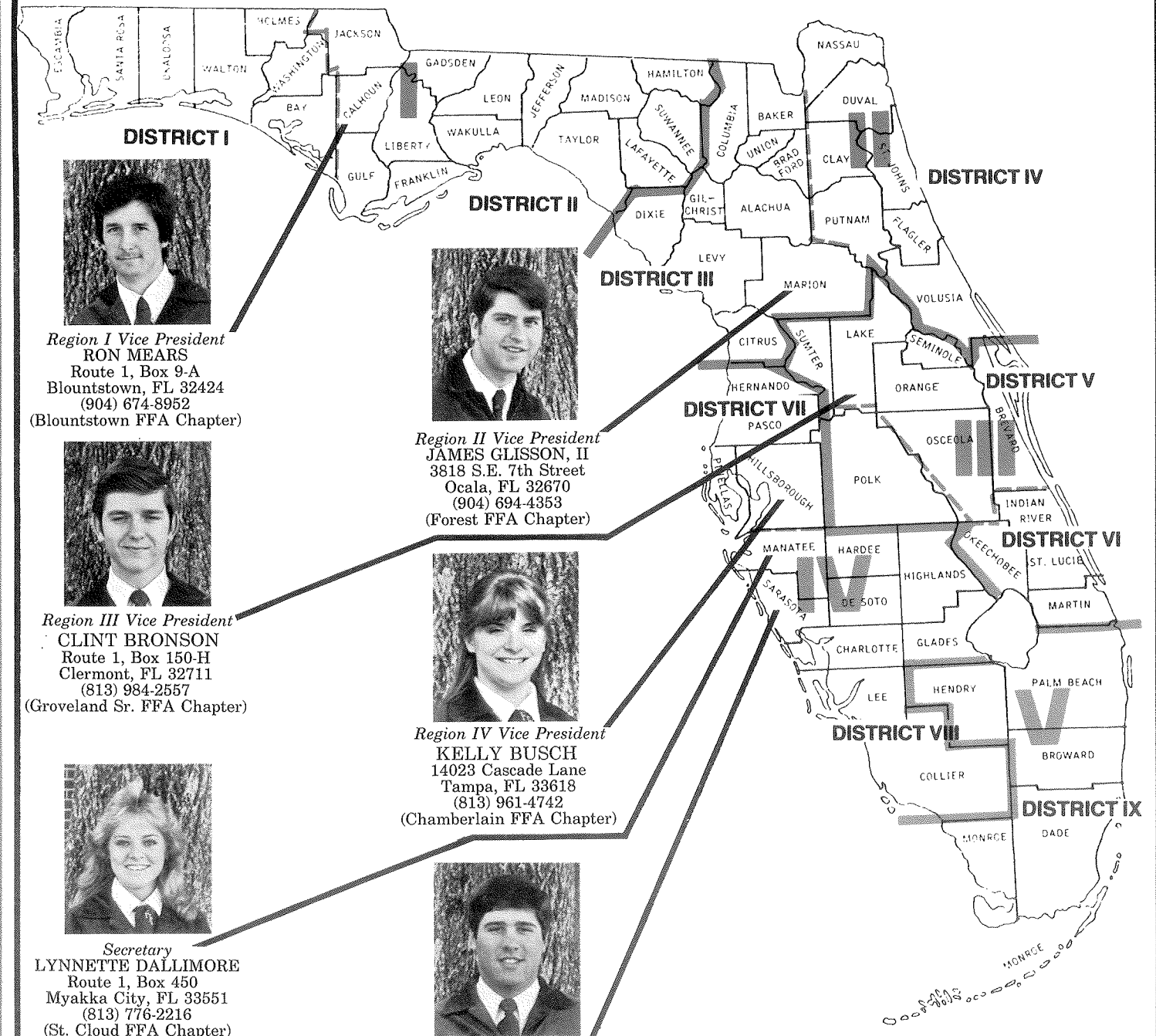
Buster Smith presents the Distinguished Service Award to Ken Jorgenson, President of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.



Mr. John Bethea, Director of the Division of Forestry, accepts the Distinguished Service Award.

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