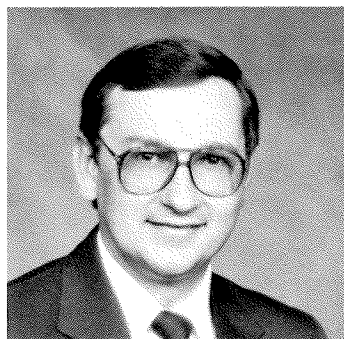


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On Jan. 5, 1987, Danny Bartlett was named as the new FFA Program Specialist for the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America. Bartlett replaced Larry Reese who left to take a position with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

"Working with FFA members, their advisors and agribusiness representatives for the benefit of vocational agriculture and the FFA is a tremendous challenge," Bartlett said. "We all have a very important role to play in building the agricultural leaders of tomorrow."

Bartlett received his B.S. in Agriculture Education from Auburn University in 1979 and earned his master's degree from the University of Florida in 1986.

He has taught vocational agriculture for seven years at Lake Placid, Leto and Armwood high schools.

He is actively involved in professional teaching organizations such as the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (NVATA life member), Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (FVATA), American Vocational Association (AVA) and the Florida Vocational Association (FVA). He has held offices in the FVATA, Hillsborough County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and the Hillsborough County FFA Foundation.

In addition, he was named Outstanding Young Member of the FVATA and Outstanding Young Member of Region V in NVATA in 1985.

He is married to the former Janet Pennock and has three children Justin, 9; Danielle, 7 and Andra, 3.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, baseball and board games.



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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



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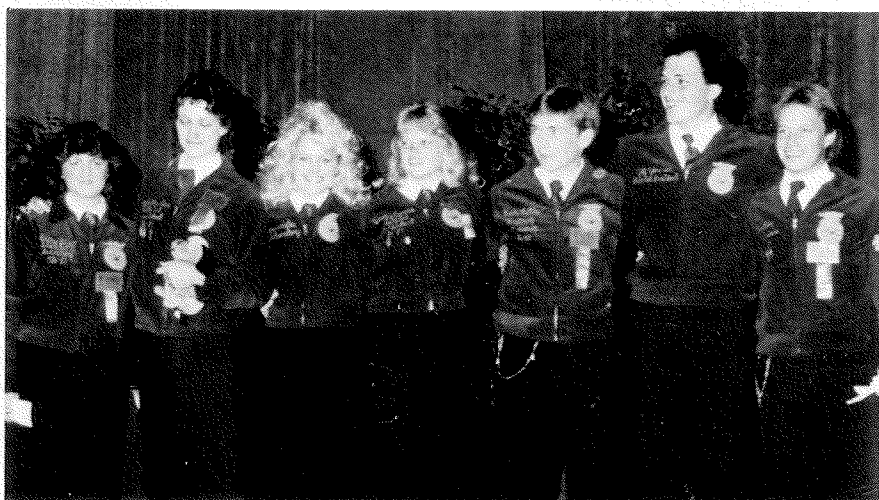
Broyhill Leadership Representative Randy Kilby delights FFA members with his keynote remarks Monday evening.



Singer and songwriter Larry Gatlin sings his hit song "Runaway Go Home" during the Sunday evening session.



Out With The Old . . .



In With The New . . .

59TH ANNUAL STATE FFA CONVENTION GRENELEFE RESORT, HAINES CITY

"FFA—Leaders For the New Fields of Agriculture" was the theme of the 59th annual State FFA Convention held June 14-18 at Grenelefe Resort near Haines City. More than 1,500 FFA members, agriculture teachers, and business and industry representatives attended the annual convention and leadership conference.

Over 800 individual members and chapters were recognized on stage for their outstanding achievements in over 75 categories. These recipients represented some of the finest youth in the Florida Association whose membership stands at approximately 12,400.

Highlighted speakers included singer and songwriter Larry Gatlin, who spoke on his experiences with drugs and alcohol; Florida State University Professor Don Rapp, a juggler and motivational speaker; State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Gunter and Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner. In addition, Randy Kilby, of the Broyhill Leadership Conference, and a former North Carolina state FFA officer, gave the keynote address.

Members were also entertained by the female quartet "Showtime" who will represent Florida in the national Sweet Adeline finals in Hawaii in September.

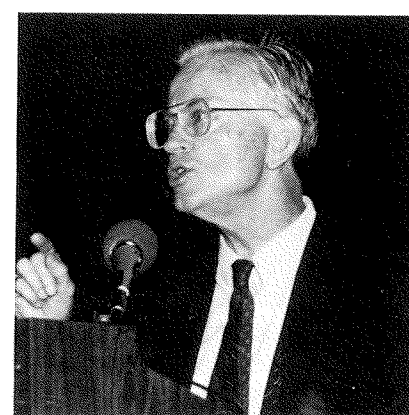
National Officer Spoke

Southern Region National FFA Vice President Jayme Feary attended the convention and spoke to members at the Tuesday afternoon session.

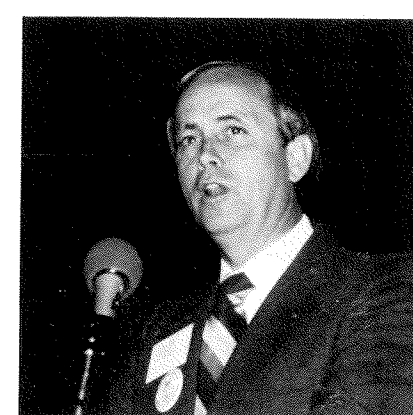
Jayme, 21, is taking a leave of absence from Auburn University, where he is majoring in agricultural education, to serve the more than 430,000 FFA members across the nation.

Jayme served as Alabama's state president. While enrolled in vocational agriculture he maintained a SOE project consisting of cattle, horses, goats and forage crops. In addition, he participated in FFA livestock shows, judging contests, a singing quartet and public speaking contests. These efforts earned him the FFA's American Farmer Degree.

As a national FFA officer Jayme will travel over 200,000 miles, as he meets with FFA members and leaders in agricultural business and education, spreading the message "FFA—Leaders For the New Fields of Agriculture."



Dr. Don Rapp, FSU professor, entertains FFA members.



Dr. John Stewart, Polk County superintendent of schools, delivers his welcome.



National Vice President Jayme Feary recruits a "prospective" Future Farmer.

New Officers Elected

Seven of Florida's finest FFA leaders were elected at the convention to run the association during the coming year. After many hours of campaigning, speechmaking and deliberation, Florida's slate of state officers for 1987-88 looks like this:

President

Jeff Johnson, Plant City Sr.

Area I Vice President

Ron Gilley, Tate Sr.

Area II Vice President

Becky Shaw, Lafayette Sr.

Area III Vice President

Sonja Mullins, North Marion Sr.

Area IV Vice President

Shayla Wetherington, Plant City Sr.

Area V Vice President

Bonny Owens, Colonial

Area VI Vice President

Rick Little, Sebring Sr.

In addition, an installation ceremony was conducted for 18 district officers and 39 sub-district officers which were elected to represent certain geographical areas. Sub-district officers are elected each December, while district officers are selected at district meetings held at the convention. All officers attend an annual State Leadership School held each summer to polish leadership, communication and etiquette skills.

STARS OVER FLORIDA

Each year two outstanding State Farmer Degree recipients are selected as the State Star Farmer and State Star Agribusinessperson. These individuals have excellent SOE projects and have been actively involved in a wide variety of FFA leadership programs. In addition, the Florida FFA Association recognizes a State Star Greenhand.

State Star Farmer

When Darrell Harvey was named Florida's FFA State Star Greenhand in 1985, it was only the beginning of a long line of outstanding accomplishments for this Baker County Senior FFA Member. Four years of dedication to farming and the FFA paid off when Darrell was named the 1987 State Star Farmer. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamell Harvey, were honored at the convention.

Darrell's farming background is based upon the day-to-day tasks of a diversified livestock operation which includes beef cattle, swine, hay and corn production. The Harveys use the corn and hay to feed their cattle and swine enterprises. In addition, they contract with Cargill Poultry Company to produce broilers. The fertilizer from the broiler operation helps reduce the cost of fertilizer for the feed grains.

In return for his labor on the farm, Darrell receives 10 percent of the management return. This year, as part of an earlier agreement, he received 50 percent of the farm's inventory, excluding the land.

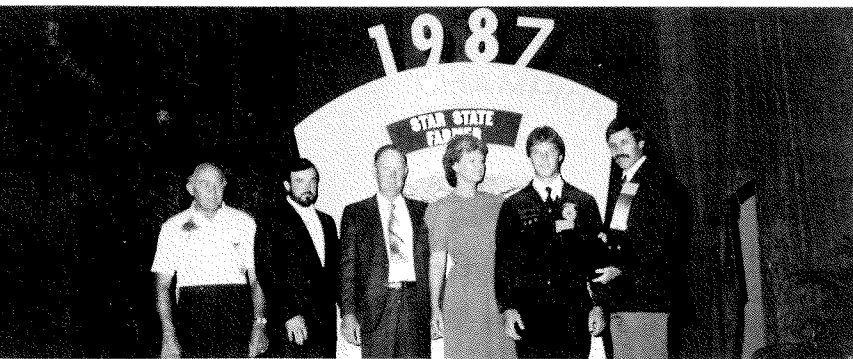
Darrell is the 1987 valedictorian of Baker County High School. He plans to attend the University of Florida to become a veterinarian, and then return home to assist his father with the farm while he builds his practice.

As a member of the Baker County Senior FFA chapter, Darrell has served as president, and has participated in public speaking, parliamentary procedure and meats contests. His advisor is Billy Williams.

As Florida's State Star Farmer, Darrell received a plaque, a pin and a \$100 check from the Farm Credit Services of Florida, the state sponsor. In addition, he received a \$200 check from the national sponsor, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Other finalists who received \$100 checks from the state sponsor at the state convention are:

Region I:
Stephen Gindl,



Ray Stalings (L) of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Ron O'Connor (R) of Central Florida Farm Credit Service present the Star State Farmer Award to Darrell Harvey of the Baker County FFA chapter as Darrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamell Harvey and advisor Billy Williams look on.



Adrian Land receives the State Star Agribusinessperson Award from Ray Stalings (L) of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and state sponsor Arlie Alsop (R) of Gold Kist, Inc. Advisor Willie Veal joins Adrian on stage.

Tate Senior;
Region III:
Levi Kuhn,
St. Cloud Senior;
Region IV:
Freddie Cyman,
Brandon;
Region V:
James D. Tyre, Jr.,
South Dade.

State Star Agribusinessperson

Farming, brokerage, management and business skills are the major abilities Adrian Land developed during his FFA career. These abilities helped him earn the honor of State Star Agribusinessperson for 1987. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Land of Branford, were honored at the 59th annual State FFA Convention.

Adrian's family owns over 1,500 acres of land and leases another 1,300. He helps manage the North Florida farm-

ing operation which consists of watermelons, cattle, horses, poultry, rye and hay.

Adrian owns 24 acres of land, one-half interest in 45 acres of pine trees, 25 percent interest in 160 acres of watermelons, 12 Quarter Horses, 32 cows/calves and two bulls.

Despite his involvement in production agriculture, Adrian writes "the sales and services part of the business is for me." He plans to attend Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College this fall and then return to the sales desk at his family's business. He wants to work as a watermelon broker, and aspires to become president of both the state and national watermelon associations, like his father before him.

As a member of the Branford FFA chapter, Adrian has served as chapter vice president and a member of the agricultural mechanics and farm judging teams. In addition, he has been a state finalist in the horse, beef, and fruit and vegetable proficiency contests.



The 1987 State Star Greenhand Murdock Gillis, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gillis, are congratulated by Richard Kelly on behalf of Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

As the State Star Agribusinessperson, Adrian received a plaque, a pin and a \$100 check from Gold Kist, Inc., the state sponsor. In addition, the national sponsor, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, provided a \$200 cash award.

Other finalist who received \$100 checks from Gold Kist are:

Region II:
James Burnsed, Jr.,
Bunnell;
Region III:
Frank Lee Waller,
Mulberry;
Region IV:
Patricia Raberge,
Gaither Senior.

State Star Greenhand

Murdock Gillis, a Ponce de Leon FFA member, won the 1987 State Star Greenhand award for his outstanding accomplishments in vocational agriculture and the FFA after only one year of membership. Murdock and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gillis of Westville, were honored at the State FFA Convention.

Murdock lives on a 520-acre farm in northwestern Holmes County. The farm is a certified Tree Farm, and Murdock writes in his application, "It is natural for me to work with wildlife, forestry and special animal production since the three blend so well together."

Murdock's SOE project consists primarily of 3,500 game birds, nine acres of Christmas and pine trees, one-half acre of peas and a one-half acre garden.

Murdock originally bought a few quail to improve the wildlife on his

family's farm. However, he soon purchased equipment from a retiring farmer and began hatching and raising several types of game birds. He is a licensed game farm operator. Most of the birds are dressed for local repeat customers.

He is an active member of the Ponce de Leon FFA chapter. He has participated in every team contest his chapter competes in except agricultural mechanics. He has been the high-scoring member from his chapter over 50 percent of the time.

This 15-year-old FFA member says he enjoys the FFA because it is "interesting, rewarding and challenging."

Murdock doesn't confine his efforts to the FFA. He is active in several clubs including Beta, Youth For Christ, School Chorus and Drama. In addition, he has received the U.S. National Agriculture Award and a National English Merit Award.

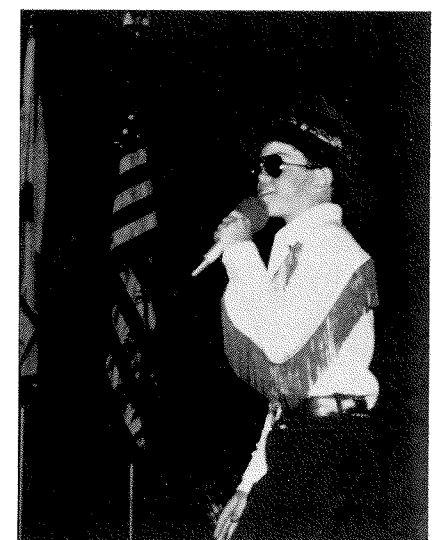
As the State Star Greenhand, Murdock received a trophy from the Florida FFA Association and a \$150 check from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Murdock's advisor, M.L. Gillis, also received \$150 from FDACS.

Other finalists who received \$125 checks each from FDACS were:

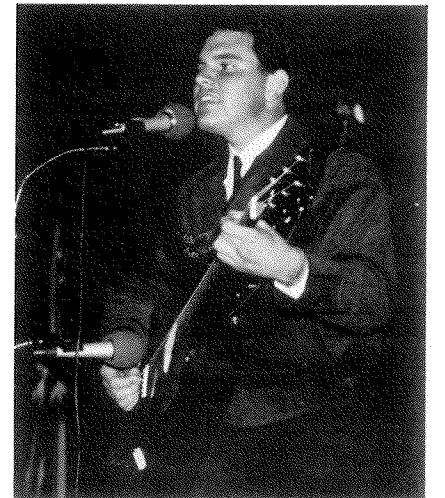
Region II:
John A. Friend, Jr.,
Taylor Senior;
Region III:
Tinsley Keith Smedley,
Haines City Junior;
Region IV:
Robert L. Durrance,
Hardee County Senior.



Florida's representative in the National Sweet Adeline Contest, "Showtime" performs during the Tuesday evening session.



(Above and Below) FFA members entertain fellow members during the convention.



FRIENDS OF THE FFA

The Florida FFA Association shows its appreciation to numerous outstanding agricultural leaders and organizations with its annual presentation of Honorary State Farmer Degrees and Distinguished Service Citations.

Honorary State Farmers

The Honorary State Farmer Degree, the highest degree of membership available from the Florida FFA Association, was bestowed upon three individuals during the Wednesday evening session.

The FFA constitution makes honorary membership available to farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, businessmen and others who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the FFA.

Those elected to honorary membership for 1987-88 were JAMES D. SPEIR, Lakeland; THOMAS M. MCCALL, Gainesville and DR. H. EVAN DRUMMOND, Gainesville.

James D. Speir

James D. Speir has served as president of the Florida FFA Foundation Board of Directors for the last two years. He holds a degree in Agronomy from the University of Georgia and is a member of the Fertilizer Institute and the National Fertilizer Solutions Association. Mr. Speir has been with the International Minerals and Chemical Corporation for 22 years. He has served as vice president and general manager of IMC's Rainbow Division, and vice president and general manager of Eastern North American Marketing for IMC's fertilizer group, headquartered in Northbrook, Illinois. Currently, Mr. Speir is senior vice president of International Minerals Corporation's Florida Phosphate Operations.

Thomas M. McCall

Thomas M. McCall is the Director of the Instructional Materials Service at the University of Florida, a position he has held for five years. During this time, Mr. McCall has developed the Instructional Materials Service into an extremely efficient and vital arm of Florida FFA and vocational agriculture. He selects, catalogs, reviews and ships thousands of FFA applications and other instructional materials which are ordered by FFA advisors and members throughout the year. He has



Honorary State Farmer Degree recipients (L to R) Dr. H. Evan Drummond, University of Florida; Thomas M. McCall, Agriculture and Extension Education, University of Florida; James Speir, International Minerals and Chemical Corporation.



Recipients of the Distinguished Service Citation Award (L to R) Don Scruggs, South Bay Growers; Pete Smith, Gold Kist, Incorporated; Nick Fontozzi, Florida Quarter Horse Association; Art Darling, Dairy Farmers, Inc.

been instrumental in developing and producing slide presentations for the Florida FFA Association. He revised the State Farmer application and developed applications for a variety of awards and contests. He is generally found behind the scenes, working hard for Florida FFA members. Mr. McCall is a former vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor from Marion County. He has received both his bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Florida.

Dr. H. Evan Drummond

Dr. Evan Drummond serves as the Assistant Dean for Resident Instruction, Institute for Food and Agricultural Science, University of Florida. He received his Bachelor of Arts

Degree from New Mexico University and later his Master of Science and Ph.D from Purdue University. His major area of concentration is agricultural economics. Dr. Drummond came to the University of Florida from Oklahoma State University in 1979 to serve as professor and undergraduate coordinator for Food and Resource Economics. Since joining the faculty at Florida, Dr. Drummond has been instrumental in developing the Farm Management Contest. He is an advocate of excellence in education and has provided leadership in the development of management for vocational agricultural curriculum. Dr. Drummond has attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City with the Florida delegation and is a strong supporter of FFA and vocational agriculture in Florida.

Distinguished Service Citations

The success of the Florida FFA Association depends greatly upon the leadership and support of private industry and organizations. In recognition of this fact, Distinguished Service Citations were presented by the state officers to four organizations during the convention.

Florida Quarter Horse Association

The Florida Quarter Horse Association is a long time supporter of the FFA Horse Proficiency Awards. Both the Race Division and the Show Division of the Florida Quarter Horse Association were organized in 1945. The Association consists of 950 members. Their 100 youth members compete as teams in the American Quarter Horse Association events. The FFA recognizes the invaluable contribution made by the Florida Quarter Horse Association.

South Bay Growers

South Bay Growers is a subsidiary of the U.S. Sugar Corporation. Twenty-thousand acres of lettuce, celery, corn, and radishes are grown and harvested by South Bay Growers. As a long time supporter of the Vegetable Judging Awards and a substantial contributor to the Florida FFA Foundation, South Bay Growers is more than deserving of the Distinguished Service Award.

Gold Kist

Gold Kist, Incorporated, is a regional supply and marketing cooperative composed of farmers and consumers. Headquartered in Atlanta, Gold Kist is the 239th largest industrial corporation. Their total sales volume equals \$1.5 billion. Gold Kist is the exclusive supplier of poultry for Publix Supermarkets and has 100,000 members in the southeastern United States. For 12 years Gold Kist has been the proud sponsor of the FFA Star Agribusiness Awards.

Dairy Farmers, Inc.

The American Dairy Association of Florida began promoting dairy products in 1960. Since then, the organization's name change has brought with it added responsibilities. Dairy

Farmers, Incorporated represents the dairy farmer's interests both in Tallahassee and in Washington. They also are involved in a dairy nutrition education program in the public school system. Dairy Farmers, Incorporated has sponsored the Dairy Production Awards for many years.

Owens-Illinois and Buckeye Cellulose Corporation, although not present at the convention, received citations as well.



State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Gunter visits with FFA members Monday evening. Commissioner Gunter is a former national FFA officer.



Commissioner Conner informs FFA members that as leaders for the new fields of agriculture, they will be highly courted by agribusiness firms during the next few years to become employed in agriculture.

HOT OFF THE PRESS ! Southern Region Proficiency Award Winners:

Agricultural Electrification	Jim Nussbaumer, Groveland
Beef Production	Adrian Land, Branford Senior
Home And/Or Farmstead Improvement	Ray Hornick, Avon Park
Placement in Agricultural Production	Walt Carter, Avon Park
Wildlife Management	Frank Scott, Avon Park

The Bunnell Chapter is the Southern Region Winner in BOAC

The Apopka Junior Chapter Received a Gold Award for Their BOAC Project

The Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter Received a Gold Award for Their Safety Project

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Without special project sponsors, which are made possible by the Florida FFA Foundation, many of the association's activities would be impossible. The Florida FFA Association extends a sincere THANK YOU to all FFA sponsors. From contests and application sponsors to meal function supporters, we appreciate your assistance!

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PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

There are 26 areas in which members may compete in the development of specialized skills and abilities using their Supervised Occupational Experience projects. Although members may enter as many applications as they choose, they are only eligible to win one state proficiency award each year. The following state winners will compete with winners from other southern states for the right to represent the entire Southern Region in Kansas City this November.



Groveland Advisor Bradley Crews (L) and National FFA Vice President Jayme Feary (R) look on as FFA member Jim Nussbaumer receives the state honors in Agriculture Electrification from J. Robert Oliver of the Florida Power Corporation and Melinda Mixon of Gulf Power Company.

Agriculture Electrification

Jim Nussbaumer used "hands-on experience" to capture the state Agriculture Electrification proficiency honor.

Jim, the 16-year-old son of Mr. J.W. Nussbaumer of Groveland, has spent over 1,500 hours working for South Florida Electric—first as an electrician's helper and then as an assistant. Jim started in electrical work at age seven as a "go for" with his father's company. As he grew older he started installing switches and plugs with his father's supervision. With additional experience came more responsibility. Currently, Jim is working on his Journeyman's license with plans to earn his Master's and eventually take over his father's company.

As a member of the Groveland FFA chapter Jim has participated on the parliamentary procedure, poultry, livestock and land judging teams. In addition, he served as chapter

parliamentarian. His advisor is Bradley Crews.

As the state Agriculture Electrification winner Jim received a plaque and a \$100 check from Tampa Electric Company, Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Company and Florida Power and Light Company, the state co-sponsors. In addition, Klein Tools, Inc. and National Food and Energy Council, Inc. provided a \$100 award as the national co-sponsors.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state co-sponsors were:

William Allen,
Chiefland Senior;
Frank Scott,
Avon Park.



Greg Smyder receives his Ag Mechanics Award from Dr. Max McGhee representing Southern Association, as advisor Marcia Smith and National Vice President Jayme Feary look on.

Agricultural Mechanics

Greg Smyder, a 17-year-old member of the Santa Fe Senior chapter likes working in his father's tractor and equipment dealership. Because of his interest and skill in agricultural mechanics, Greg was named the state Agricultural Mechanics proficiency winner.

During Greg's 3,900 hours of service at Smyder Motor Sales and Equipment, he has repaired approximately \$5,000 worth of equipment.

By watching his father, Charles Smyder, and attending three different service schools, Greg has learned to repair equipment, work in the parts department and sell new equipment.

Greg, a fourth-year member of the Santa Fe Senior chapter, was a member

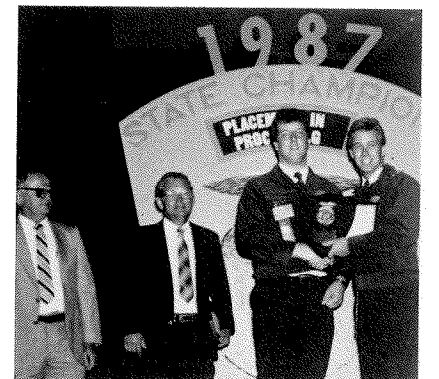
of a state winning poultry judging team which competed at the national convention in Kansas City. Marcia Smith and Billy Farrell are his advisors.

Greg plans to attend college and then return to Alachua where he hopes to expand his father's business to new locations.

As the state Agricultural Mechanics winner, Greg received a plaque and a \$100 check from Southern Association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Case IH, the national sponsor. Greg will now compete in the regional contest with winners from other states.

Other finalists who received plaques from the Southern Association at the state convention are:

Chuck Hewett,
Lafayette Senior;
Scott Jackson,
Lafayette Senior;
James Allen Reed,
Plant City Senior;
Frank Scott,
Avon Park.



Ag Processing winner Kevin Holland receives his plaque from O.T. Stoutamire (L), representing Penders Peanuts, and National Officer Jayme Feary (R). They are joined on stage by Advisor Bill Lundin.

Agricultural Processing

Working in his father's meat market gave Milton FFA member Kevin Holland the skills necessary to capture first place in the Future Farmers of America's Agricultural Processing proficiency contest.

While working in the the family's meat market, Kevin learned to cut, package and display the meat to attract the customer's attention. In addition, he learned to keep the financial

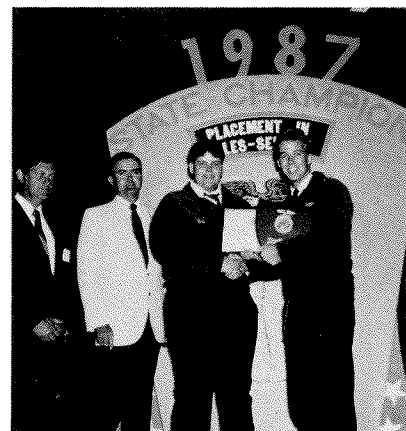
records necessary for a business.

Kevin, the 16-year-old son of Mr. Charles W. Holland of Milton, has won the star chapter greenhand award. In addition, he has held several chapter offices, served on the parliamentary procedure and forestry teams, and participated in the state extemporaneous public speaking contest. His advisor is William S. Lundin.

As the state winner in Agricultural Processing, Kevin received a plaque and \$100 check from Penders Peanuts, a division of Dothan Oil Mills, the state sponsor. He also received a \$100 check from the Carnation Company, the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from Penders Peanuts at the state convention are:

Walt Carter,
Avon Park;
Matt Hughey,
Orlando Colonial;
Bernie Smith,
Pierson Taylor;
Tim Williams,
Lake Placid.



Brian Dryden, the Placement in Ag Sales/Service winner, receives his award from David Coile (L), representing Florida Specialty Fruit Company.

Agricultural Sales And/Or Service

Helping customers with their farm supply needs formed the foundation for 17-year-old Brian Dryden's state winning Agricultural Sales and/or Service proficiency.

For three years the Okeechobee Brahman FFA member worked as a feed salesman before he began custom bailing and tethering hay with his father.

Brian has learned the importance of putting the customer first. He keeps complete records of seasonal sales to his regular customers to prevent shortages of the hay they need. He also

sizes hay bales to meet the customer's needs. In addition, he arranges his barn according to hay price and usage to prevent the customer from receiving the wrong hay.

Brian is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth J. Dryden, Sr. He has won both the star greenhand and star farmer awards in his FFA chapter. In addition, he has held numerous chapter offices, including president, served on the parliamentary procedure team and showed cattle. His advisor is Wayne Clark.

As the state Agricultural Sales and/or Service winner, Brian received a plaque and a \$100 check from Florida Specialty Fruit, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the Babson Brothers Company, General Motors Corporation and ICI Americas, Inc., the national co-sponsors.



Beef production winner Adrian Land accepts his awards from Leroy Baldwin with the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association and National Vice President Jayme Feary. Advisor Willie Veal is also on stage.

Other finalists who received plaques from Florida Specialty Fruit at the state convention are:

Jamie Hewett
Grand Ridge;
Kevin Holland
Central;
Adrian Land,
Branford;
Mary Kate Parks,
Lake Placid Senior.

Beef Production

The 1987 state winner of the FFA Beef Production proficiency award raises beef cattle because "I like what I do." So says 18-year-old Adrian Land of the Branford chapter.

Adrian, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Land, lives on a 1,500-acre farm. His family's herd consists of

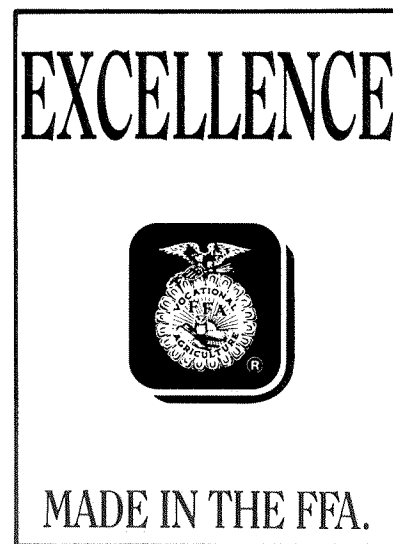
1,500 cows and bulls. In 1983, he started his own beef enterprise with 15 cows/calves, two show steers and one bull. Today, he has expanded his inventory to 32 cows/calves, one show steer and two bulls.

In addition, Adrian owns a 24-acre farm, one-half interest in 45 acres of pine trees, 25 percent interest in 160 acres of watermelons and 12 Quarter Horses.

He understands the importance of providing quality feed for the cattle and checking for pests and diseases. He knows the various aspects of working cattle, including worming and vaccinating.

This is not Adrian's first proficiency award at the state level. During the previous years, he was a state finalist in horse, fruit and vegetable and beef production proficiencies. He was also a member of the agricultural mechanics team. His advisor is Willie Veal, Jr.

As the state Beef Production winner, Adrian received a plaque and \$100 from the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Nasco International Inc., and Ford New Holland Inc., the national co-sponsors.



Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor at the state convention are:

William Carte,
Suwannee;
Stephen Gindl,
Tate Senior;
Shonda Howard,
Lake Butler Senior;
Cynthia Summer,
Bartow Senior.

Dairy Production

Dairy farming, with its long hours and hard work, may not be for everyone, but for Eddie Fredriksson, a 17-year-old Chipley FFA member, building a dairy herd is an exciting challenge.

Eddie, the son of Mr. Winslow Fredriksson, was recognized for his excellence in dairy production by winning the state Dairy Production proficiency award.

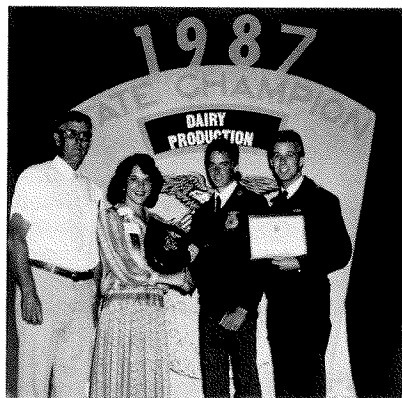
He has lived on a dairy all of his life. Prior to joining the FFA, he began his herd with just two cows. Today, he has 100 percent ownership in six Jersey cows.

Eddie said his family milks Jerseys because they produce milk high in butterfat content and show good feed conversion.

Eddie shows his cows at fairs across the state. He is a member of the Florida and National Junior Jersey Cattle Clubs.

As a Chipley FFA member, Eddie has served as vice president, and participated in the tractor driving, land judging and dairy judging contests. In addition, he has received recognition for his dairy showmanship at the national level. His advisor is Ray Pigott.

As the state Dairy Production winner, Eddie received a plaque and a \$100 check from Dairy Farmers, Inc., the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Alfa-Laval Agri, Inc., American Breeders Service and the Animal Health Division of Bristol Myers, the national co-sponsors.



Beth Mahaffey, a representative of Dairy Farmers, Inc., presents Dairy Production winner Eddie Fredriksson with his award as Chipley advisor Ray Pigott and National Vice President Jayme Feary join them on stage.

Other finalists who received plaques from Dairy Farmers, Inc., at the state convention are:

James Christian,
Santa Fe;

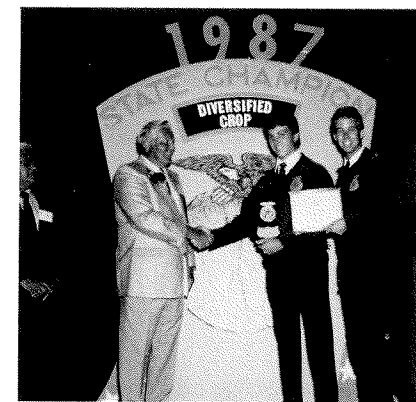
Brack Jackson,
Lafayette;
Mike McCracken,
Sebring;
Brian Pulido,
Brandon.

Diversified Crop Production

The 1987 state FFA Diversified Crop Production proficiency winner is Stephen C. Gindl, a 17-year-old crop producer from Cantonment.

Stephen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gindl, began his diversified crop project in 1983 with five acres of soybeans and five acres of corn. He has increased his acreage each year. Currently, he farms 40 acres of wheat/oats, 40 acres of soybeans and 40 acres of corn.

Realizing times are hard for farmers, Stephen shops around for feed and seed, and buys supplies with other farmers when he can. In addition, he markets his crops in various ways, including hedging a certain percentage on the futures market. He has also found a local market for his corn, at a nearby feed mill, where the price is 70 cents per bushel higher.



Stephen Gindl accepts his Diversified Crop Production award from Stanley Given of Ardmore Farms. Chapter Advisor Peter Gindl and National Vice President Jayme Feary look on.

Stephen is a fourth-year member of the Tate Senior FFA chapter. He was named star chapter farmer and was a member of the Tate Senior livestock judging team which competed nationally. His advisor is Steve Wood.

As the state Diversified Crop Production winner, Stephen received a plaque and a \$100 check from Ardmore Farms, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Cargill, Inc., the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor at the state convention are:

Lorry Ard,
Paxton;

Leslie Keene,
Chiefland Senior;
Jeff Pittman,
Malone;
Randall Roberts,
Bell.

Diversified Livestock Production

The 1987 state winner of the Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency got started by raising three orphan calves. After Stephen Strickland, of Groveland, sold the calves at auction, he reinvested in larger stock. By increasing the scope of his project annually, Stephen earned this state honor.

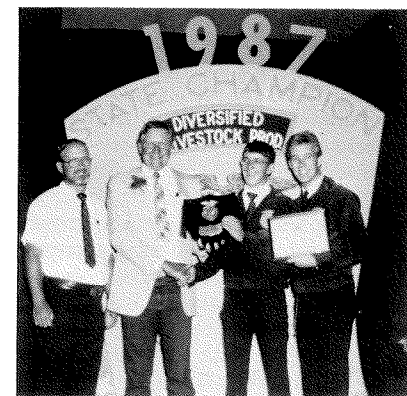
Stephen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Strickland, currently owns 13 head of cattle, four horses and one hog.

He has learned the importance of proper feeding and maintenance of his animals to maximize profits in a small operation.

As a member of the Groveland Senior FFA chapter, Stephen has participated on the land, citrus, livestock, parliamentary procedure and vegetable judging teams. His FFA advisor is Bradley H. Crews.

In addition, Stephen is a member of the Lake County Cattlemen's Association and the Florida Farm Bureau.

As the state Diversified Livestock Production winner, Stephen received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Florida Beef Council, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Wayne Feed Division/Continental Grain Company, the national sponsor.



Diversified Livestock award winner Stephen Strickland accepts his award from Donald Bronson, representing the Florida Beef Council. Groveland Advisor Bradley Crews and National Officer Jayme Feary join them on stage.

Other finalists who received plaques from the Florida Beef Council are:

Mary Cassube,
Branford;

Stephen Gindl,
Tate Senior;
Darrell Harvey,
Baker County Senior;
Matt Pierce,
Okeechobee Brahman.



Baker County Advisor Billy Williams stands by as Darrell Harvey accepts the state Feed Grain award from Jimmy Glisson of the Seminole Stores, Inc. National Vice President Jayme Feary joins the group on stage.

Feed Grain

Producing quality feed grains for his family's diversified livestock operation is the goal of the 1987 state Feed Grain Proficiency award winner, Darrell Harvey.

Darrell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamell Harvey of Glen St. Mary, received this award at the annual FFA Convention.

During the past four years, this Baker County Senior FFA member has helped raise 175 acres of corn which is used to feed their livestock. In return for his labor on the farm, he has received 10 percent of the management return. This year, as part of an earlier agreement, he received 50 percent of the farm's inventory, excluding the land.

Darrell plans to attend the University of Florida to become a veterinarian. He then wants to return home to assist his father with the farm while he builds his practice.

As a member of the Baker County Senior FFA chapter, Darrell has served as president, and has participated in public speaking, parliamentary procedure and meats contests. In addition, he was the 1985 State Star Greenhand and has been a previous finalist in three proficiency areas. His advisor is Billy Williams.

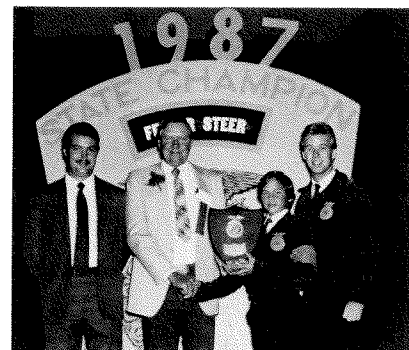
As the Feed Grain winner, Darrell received a plaque and a \$100 check from Seminole Stores, Inc., the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from Seminole Stores, Inc., are:

Paul Gilley,
Grand Ridge;
Stephen Gindl,
Tate Senior;
Becky Shaw,
Lafayette Senior;
Wayne Preston,
Tate Senior.

Feeder Steer

Michael Stotler, a 15-year-old freshman at Apopka Junior High was named the state Feeder Steer proficiency award winner at the annual State FFA Convention.



Feeder Steer award winner Michael Stotler receives his award from Donald Bronson, representing the Florida Cattlemen's Association, as his advisor Bart Davis and National Officer Jayme Feary stand by.

Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stotler, earned this honor by raising a 1,095-pound steer for the Central Florida Fair in Orlando.

He bought the cross-bred steer, whom he named "Levi", for \$350 in July 1986. By March 1987, the steer had gained 535 pounds, with an average daily gain of 2.35 pounds and a feed conversion of 12.52 pounds of feed per pound of gain.

Michael's steer finished second in its class, which earned him a blue ribbon. In addition, Michael earned a red ribbon for showmanship and placed third in the record book contest.

Speaking of the challenges involved in showing animals, Michael said it was extremely hard to halter break his steer, but it was even harder to leave "Levi" after the sale.

However, he is looking forward to next year as he plans to take the money he received from this project and reinvest it into future steers.

As the state Feeder Steer award winner, Michael received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Florida Cattlemen's Association, the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the Florida Cattlemen's Association during the state convention are:

Joyce Allen,
Groveland Senior;
Stephen Gindl,
Tate Senior;
Leslie Allen Keene,
Chiefland Senior;
David Wilson,
Okeechobee Brahman.

Floriculture

Kimberly Matthias used her floriculture classes at Forest High School to secure a part-time job with a florist. These experiences ultimately led her to winning the state FFA Floriculture proficiency.

Kim, the 18-year-old daughter of Carla Matthias Tardy, used the school greenhouse to grow poinsettias, caladiums and marigolds for her SOE project. In return for the free use of the facilities, Kim took care of the greenhouse on weekends.

She arranged her flowers for special occasions, often without pay. Then, because of her experience, she was hired as a floral apprentice at an Ocala florist.



Jill Bradbury, advisor to Kim Matthias of the Forest FFA chapter, watches as Kim is presented with the state Floriculture award by Michael Sweeney with Yoder Brothers, Inc. Jayme Feary, national FFA officer is present as well.

Kim is from an urban background. She credits her involvement in agriculture to her vocational agriculture classes and the FFA. She has participated in land and horticulture judging contests and won state horticulture demonstrations for two years. Her advisor is Jill Bradbury.

Kim is a freshman at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College. She intends to become an agriculture education teacher.

As the state Floriculture proficiency winner, Kim received a plaque and a \$100 check from Yoder Brothers, Inc.,

the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch, Lerio Corporation and the American Floral Endowment, the national co-sponsors.

Other finalists who received plaques from Yoder Brothers, Inc., at the state convention are:

Chris Comeau,
Avon Park;
Jeff Johnson,
Plant City Senior;
Mike McCracken,
Sebring Senior;
Lynn Simpson,
Forest.

Forage Production

Producing top quality forage for her dairy herd is the goal of Becky Shaw, a 17-year-old member of the Lafayette Senior chapter, who was named state Forage Production proficiency award winner.

In 1983, Becky signed an agreement with her father, a dairyman, to produce forage for her dairy cows on his land cost-free, provided all excess forage was returned to the family's dairy herd at no cost.



State Forage Production winner Becky Shaw is joined on stage by her advisor Ricky Lyons as she receives her awards from State Advisor John Denmark (L), representing Kubota Tractor Corporation, and National Officer Jayme Feary (R).

Becky's first crop consisted of five acres of hay, 17 acres of millet and 17 acres of rye. Currently, she produces 15 acres of hay, 28 acres of millet and 28 acres of rye.

She has learned the importance of checking her crop for insects which might reduce yield and quality. In addition, she uses recycled water from the family dairy lagoon to provide extra soil moisture and reduce fertilizer costs.

Becky, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shaw, was named star greenhand

of the Lafayette chapter. She has served as president of her chapter and secretary for her district. In addition, she has served on numerous judging teams, including parliamentary procedure, dairy and forestry. Her advisor is Ricky Lyons.

As the state Forage Production winner, Becky received a plaque and a \$100 check from Kubota Tractor Corporation, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the Gehl Company and Northrup King Company, the national co-sponsors.

Other finalists which received plaques from the Kubota Tractor Corporation at the state convention are:

Jeffery Floyd,
Bell;
Darrell Harvey,
Baker County Senior;
Wayne Preston,
Tate Senior;
David Trawick,
Lafayette Senior.



Dr. Earl Knebel of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College presents State Forest Management winner Darren Hingson with his awards as Advisor Chris Vann and National Officer Jayme Feary look on.

Forest Management

During the last five years, Darren Hingson of Live Oak, has helped his family manage their 108-acre tree farm. These experiences helped this Lafayette Senior FFA member produce a state winning Forest Management proficiency application.

Darren, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hingson, possesses 100 percent ownership in 10 acres of the tree farm, and has a 25 percent interest in the remaining 98 acres.

Over the last five years, he has learned the skills needed to manage a forest. He has learned to plant trees, prepare firelines and conduct controlled burning. In addition, he has planted three test plots to compare the growth of different varieties and the effects of fertilizer.

He has participated in various contests including forestry, public speaking, poultry and parliamentary procedure. He has served as chapter reporter. His advisor is Ricky Lyons.

As the state Forest Management winner, Darren received a plaque and a \$100 check from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Stone Container Corporation, the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from ABAC at the state convention are:

Jane Beyette,
Chipley;
Murdock Gillis,
Ponce de Leon;
Wayne McCray,
Lafayette Senior;
Thomas J. Strickland,
Bell.



Altha Advisor Greg Jones and National FFA Officer Jayme Feary join Lynn Williams on stage as she receives her Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Award from Bernie Hamel with the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.

Fruit And/Or Vegetable Production

As row crop profits decline, more and more north Florida farmers are diversifying into fruits and vegetables. This comes as no surprise to our 1987 state Fruit and/or Vegetable Production winner, Lynn Williams of Altha. This 17-year-old Altha FFA member used 1.5 acres of grapevines to capture this proficiency honor.

Lynn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Williams, became the sole owner of 260 grapevines when her brother left home to attend college. For the past three years she has sold grapes from the vines ranging from 2 years to 13-years-of-age.

Lynn markets her grapes in the local community. She relies on repeat customers and takes phone orders. This year for the first time an order was bussed to Tennessee.

As a member of the Altha FFA chapter, Lynn served as secretary and

treasurer. In addition, she was a member of the parliamentary procedure and ornamental horticulture teams. Her advisor is Greg Jones.

As the state Fruit and/or Vegetable Production winner, Lynn received a plaque and a \$100 check from Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Briggs and Stratton Corporation, Foundation, Inc., the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association at the state convention are:

Crystal Farkas,
Plant City Senior;
Leslie Keene,
Chiefland Senior;
Adrian Land,
Branford Senior;
Tanya Patterson,
Bell.



Frances McMichael with Scotty's, Inc., presents the Home and Farmstead Improvement Award to Ray Hornick as Advisor John McCracken and National Vice President Jayme Feary stand by.

Home And Homestead Improvement

When people think of vocational agriculture they usually think of students learning about farming or agribusiness. However, Ray Hornick, an 18-year-old Avon Park FFA member has found many other ways to use his training. Ray's experiences in completing homes and farm buildings allowed him to capture first place in the state Home and Farmstead Improvement proficiency award.

While working with his father, Ray Hornick, Sr., who is a building contractor, Ray learned to design home improvements and buildings, correctly wire and plumb a house, and landscape the surrounding yard.

Ray's father has taught him all precautions needed to handle power equipment, machinery, hand tools, chemicals and electrical wiring.

As a member of the Avon Park FFA

chapter, Ray has served as chapter president, placed second in the nation in Outdoor Recreation and Soil and Water Management proficiencies, and served on numerous judging teams. His advisor is John McCracken.

As the Home and Farmstead Improvement winner, Ray received a plaque and a \$100 check from Scotty's Inc., the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Upjohn Company/Ag Division, the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from Scotty's Inc. are:

Ken Matthews,
Forest;
Michael Spillane,
Groveland;
Stefhan Shelton,
Spruce Creek;
Buddy Webb,
Lake Butler Senior.



Gene DuLac, representing the Florida Quarter Horse Association, presents the Horse Proficiency award to Patricia Raberge while Advisor Donna Beatty and Southern Region Vice President Jayme Feary stand by.

Horse Production

Patricia Raberge began riding horses at age three. At the 59th annual State FFA Convention, she became the state winner of the Florida FFA Horse Production proficiency award.

Patricia, a 17-year-old Gaither FFA member, owned her first horse in 1983. Today, she owns a dressage Hanovarian mare, a Hanovarian 2-year filly and a Quarter Horse gelding.

Currently, all three horses are in training for jumping competition. By next year, she hopes to be showing at both amateur and pro shows.

Besides working with her own horses, Patricia also trains and grooms horses for others, and works as a vet assistant. She understands the importance of feeding, grooming and exercising animals properly.

Patricia also finds time to participate in the FFA. She has attended forestry

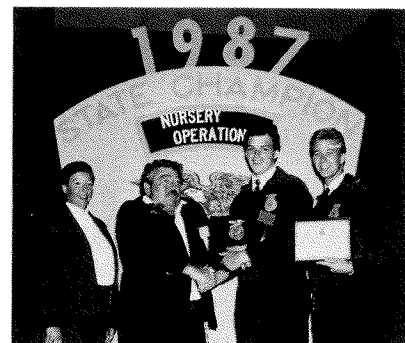
camp and served as a member of parliamentary procedure and horticulture teams. In addition, she is a previous finalist in the horse production proficiency. Her advisors are Donna Beatty and Howard Satin.

Patricia hopes to become a veterinarian, specializing in horses, and open a clinic in the Tampa area.

As the state Horse Production proficiency winner, Patricia received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Florida Quarter Horse Association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the American Quarter Horse Association, the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the Florida Quarter Horse Association at the state convention are:

Julia Allman,
Spruce Creek;
Becky Champion,
Spruce Creek;
Ray Hodge,
Branford;
Adrian Land,
Branford.



Jeff Johnson accepts his State Nursery Operation award from Warner Fellows, of Universal Enterprises Supply Corporation, while Plant City Advisor Jane Bender and National Officer Jayme Feary stand by.

Nursery Operations

Production of top nursery stock is the goal of the 1987 Nursery Operations proficiency winner, Jeff Johnson. Jeff, a member of the Plant City Senior FFA chapter, received his award at the 59th annual State FFA Convention.

Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnson. He entered the nursery business because he saw a demand for quality nursery products. Currently, he owns a 10 percent interest in a 10,000-foot greenhouse located near his home in Dover.

Jeff has learned to construct a greenhouse, apply the proper chemicals, maintain the irrigation system and market the plants. Currently, he uses a broker to market his plants in such

stores as Kash-n-Karry, K-Mart and Walmart. In addition, a California tissue culture lab is currently working jointly to propagate and market a fern developed at the nursery.

Jeff has earned a number of honors during his FFA career. He has participated in forestry and parliamentary procedure contests at the national level, served on the national courtesy corps and represented his district and federation as president. His advisors are Jim Jeffries, Jane Bender and Ray Clark.

As the state Nursery Operations winner, Jeff received a plaque and a \$100 check from Universal Enterprises Supply Corporation, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., Cottor and Company, Kubota Tractor and the Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc., the national co-sponsors.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor at the state convention are:

Roger Coffey,
Taveres;
Chris Comeau,
Avon Park;
Willis Nettles,
Indian River Senior;
Patrick Shell,
Gaither.



The State Outdoor Recreation award goes to Stephen Barlow on behalf of Bear Archery. Company Representative Charlie Kroll makes the presentation while Chapter Advisor Eli Beasley and National Vice President Jayme Feary look on.

Outdoor Recreation

Stephen Barlow believes Florida's fish and wildlife should be preserved for the enjoyment of others. His involvement with fish and game near his Chiefland home, enabled Stephen to capture the state champion Outdoor Recreation proficiency.

Stephen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Barlow, began his involve-

ment with outdoor recreation with volunteer efforts. He volunteered to inspect game at an U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service check station. Later, he became an employee. Likewise, he volunteered his time to maintain a campground for the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission. He was later hired.

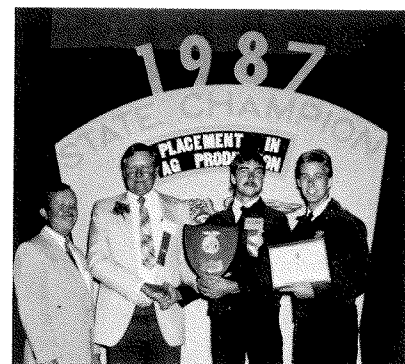
In addition, he leases and maintains land for hunters. He plants food plots, installs feeders, burns mature pine plantations and keeps biological data on all animals killed, to improve overall game quality.

Stephen, a fifth-year FFA member, has won the state Wildlife Management proficiency, and served as chapter vice president. He has served on the livestock, soil and forestry judging teams. His advisor is Eli Beasley.

As the Outdoor Recreation winner, Stephen received a plaque and a \$100 check from Bear Archery, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Yamaha Motor Company, USA, the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from Bear Archery at the state convention are:

Laurie Ferguson,
Clermont;
Mary Kate Parks,
Lake Placid Senior;
Traci Lynn Powell,
Ponce de Leon Senior;
Jeff Roth,
Avon Park.



State Placement in Ag Production winner Walt Carter receives his award from state sponsor Donald Bronson of Bronson Ranch, while Avon Park Advisor John McCracken looks on.

Placement In Agricultural Production

The 1987 state Placement in Agricultural Production winner, Walt Carter, likes to make his bosses more money with his labor. Walt, an Avon Park FFA member, has worked over 5,000 hours under five bosses during the last four years. This enabled him

to capture this prestigious award at the 59th annual State FFA Convention.

Walt has proven he is capable of accepting responsibility. He has gained extensive experience in citrus and dairy production. He has worked in the citrus groves and processing barn. In addition, he has served as an assistant feed foreman, head milker on the weekends and breeding manager at a local dairy.

Walt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carter, has gained a vast array of agricultural skills including planting, growing and harvesting row crops, citrus and melons. Among his dairy skills, Walt is capable of feeding, milking and breeding dairy cows.

Walt is not a newcomer in the awards arena. Previously, he was a national finalist in the agricultural mechanics proficiency, the state winner of the BOAC Volunteerism award and a state finalist in this same proficiency area last year. His advisor is John McCracken.

As the state Placement in Agricultural Production winner, Walt received a plaque and a \$100 check from Bronson Ranch, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from International Minerals and Chemical Corporation and DEKALB Corporation, the national co-sponsors.

Other finalists who received plaques from Bronson Ranch at the state convention are:

Freddie Harvey,
Baker County;
Wayne McCray,
Lafayette Senior;
Annette Sasnett,
Ponce de Leon;
Kent Alan Wyatt,
Groveland Senior.

Poultry Production

William T. Carte's experiences on his family's broiler farm near Live Oak, led to a career decision favoring poultry. In addition, it provided him with the skills necessary to capture state honors in the Poultry Production proficiency.

William, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carte, has a five percent interest in the 432,000 broilers grown on his family's farm. The family grows chickens on contract with Gold Kist. The company provides all of the feed and poultry, while the family must provide 4.5 pound birds within 49 days.

He has learned the procedures needed to maintain the best possible growing environment. This includes injecting iodine into the water system once

a week, using thermostat controlled fans to cool the chicken houses and removing diseased and injured birds from the houses daily.

As a member of the Suwannee FFA chapter, William has served as chapter vice president, a member of the national courtesy corps and on the poultry judging team. His FFA advisor is Walter Boatright, Jr.

As the state Poultry Production winner, William received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Florida Poultry Federation, Inc., the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Chore-Time Equipment, Inc. and Red Brand Fence—Keystone Steel and Wire Company, the national co-sponsors.



Suwannee Chapter Advisor Walter Boatright looks on as William Carte accepts the State Poultry Production award from Ed Cox with the Florida Poultry Federation.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor at the state convention are:

Darrell Crews,
Baker County Senior;
William Inmon,
Wildwood;
Darren Jackson,
Lafayette;
Melissa Lawson,
Lafayette.

Soil And Water Management

Application of modern soil and water management practices on his father's ranch earned Bart Crosby the honor of state winner in the Soil and Water Management proficiency.

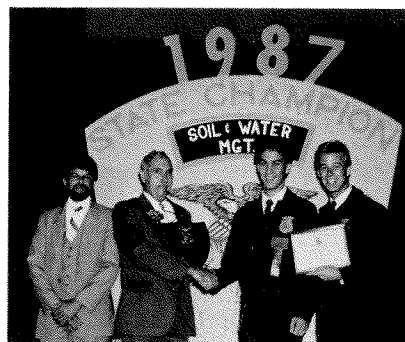
Bart, the son of Mr. Billy Crosby, Vero Beach, used numerous methods to preserve the land's soil and water. He planted sod and Christmas trees, built reservoirs, dikes, and ditches.

He also used survey maps to determine the proper location for a pond. He maintains the pond and ditches by opening dikes to prevent unnecessary flooding.

Bart, an 18-year-old Indian River FFA member has served as chapter president and vice president. In addition, he was a member of the parliamentary procedure, land judging, forestry and horticulture teams. His advisor is Patrick K. Hiser.

He enjoys the outdoors. He is a member of the National Riflemen's Association, Black Powder Rifle Association and a local taxidermy club.

As the state Soil and Water Management proficiency winner, Bart received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Florida Association of Conservation Districts, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Ford New Holland, Inc., the national sponsor.



Gene Weldon, representing the Florida Association of Conservation Districts, congratulates Bart Crosby for his state winning Soil and Water Management proficiency.

Other finalists who received plaques from the Florida Association of Conservation Districts at the state convention are:

Lawanna Hart,
Lafayette Senior;
Leslie Allen Keene,
Chiefland Senior;
Frank Scott,
Avon Park;
Vance Tillman,
Lake Placid Senior.

Specialty Animal Production

Murdock Gillis originally intended to use the 60 quail he purchased in 1985 for his wildlife management project. This 15-year-old Ponce de Leon FFA member never dreamed that two years later, he would be named the state winner in Specialty Animal Production.

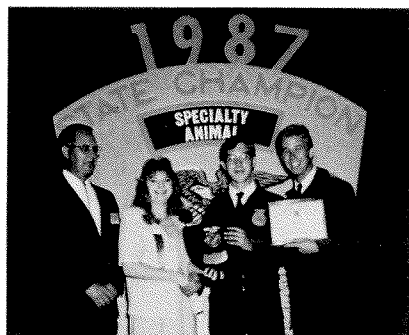
Murdock's project has grown tremendously during the last two years. His current inventory shows 3,000 quail, 35 pheasants and 100 chukar. In addition, new equipment investments have increased his hatching rate to 70 percent. A new incubator now holds 1,200 eggs

instead of a previous 100.

Although Murdock uses advertisements to promote his birds, he says "providing a quality product is the best advertising." In addition, he has received news coverage from his bird exhibits at the local county fair.

Murdock, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gillis of Westville, has been an active FFA member at Ponce de Leon. He has served on poultry, livestock, soil, and farm management teams. His advisor is M.L. Gillis.

As the state winner in Specialty Animal Production, Murdock received a plaque and a \$100 check from Mr. Kenneth Busch, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Purina Mills, Inc., the national sponsor.



Murdock Gillis accepts the 1987 Specialty Animal award from Kelly Busch. They are joined on stage by Murdock's advisor Leroy Gillis and National FFA Officer Jayme Feary.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor at the state convention are:

David Harris,
Lake Butler;
David Holley,
West Orange;
Christopher Sadler,
Kathleen Senior;
Keith Starling,
Avon Park.

Specialty Crop Production

Growing agricultural commodities profitably can be a real challenge in today's economy. Leslie Keene's secret involves the production of tobacco, sweet potatoes and bahai grass. These crops earned Leslie state honors in the Specialty Crop Production proficiency contest.

During his first year in vocational agriculture, Leslie was named the state star greenhand based upon his SOE project. During his second year, he maintained a five percent interest in 20 acres of tobacco, 10 acres of sweet

potatoes and 80 acres of bahia grass.

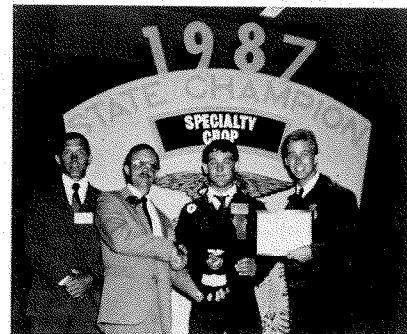
Leslie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Leggett of Chiefland. He has gained his knowledge of farming from several sources. He has watched his grandfather and uncle farm, participated in vocational agriculture classes and attended numerous crop and equipment demonstrations.

In only his second year of FFA membership at Chiefland Senior FFA chapter, he is the current chapter president. In addition, he has served on the parliamentary procedure team. Eli Beasley is his advisor.

As the state Specialty Crop Production winner, Leslie received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Florida Watermelon Association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from RJR Nabisco, Inc., the national sponsor. Leslie will now compete in the regional contest with winners from other southern states.

Other finalists who received plaques from the Florida Watermelon Association at the state convention are:

Ray Hodge,
Branford Senior;
Brack Jackson,
Lafayette Senior;
Darren Jackson,
Lafayette Senior;
Stephen Strickland,
Groveland Senior.



Advisor Eli Beasley looks on as Leslie Keene receives his Specialty Crop award from Dr. Max McGhee, representing the Florida Watermelon Association.

Swine Production

Shawn Jackson, a 15-year-old Lafayette Senior FFA member, was named the 1987 state winner in the Swine Production proficiency contest.

Shawn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jackson, owns two head of breeding swine, 14 head of feeder pigs and two show hogs. He has learned to select the proper breeding stock, control parasites with Ivomec and feed a balanced ration

to his hogs. In addition, he feeds colostrum from his family's fresh dairy cows to lower feed costs and yield healthier pigs.

He has served as the Lafayette Senior parliamentarian and was a member of the forestry, farm and dairy judging teams. In addition, he was a swine proficiency finalist last year. His advisor is Ricky Lyons.

Shawn is also a member of 4-H. He participated this year in the 4-H Hog and Ham program. He raised a hog for 90 days and then slaughtered, cut and cured it during a three-day stay at the University of Florida. In addition, he prepared and presented a demonstration about his experience.

As the state Swine Production winner, Shawn received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Florida Pork Improvement Group, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Pfizer Incorporated/Agricultural Division, the national sponsor.



Frankie Hall of the Florida Farm Bureau presents Swine Production winner Shawn Jackson with his award. Advisor Ricky Lyons and National Officer Jayme Feary are also on stage.

Other finalists who received plaques from the Florida Pork Improvement Group are:

Michael Anderson,
DeLand Senior;
Terry Lynn Combee,
Auburndale Senior;
Matt Pearce,
Okeechobee Brahman;
Scott Putnal,
Lafayette Senior.

Turf And Landscape Management

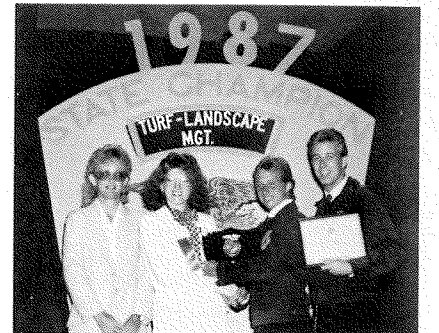
Commercial and residential landscaping jobs led 17-year-old Patrick Shell to enter a nursery partnership with a fellow agriculture student. These efforts enabled Patrick to capture the state winning Turf and Landscape Management proficiency award.

Patrick, the son of William Shell of Odessa, started the nursery two years ago to provide plants needed for his landscaping jobs. While he continues to build up his business, he works at a local nursery/hardware store.

Patrick is involved in various outside activities related to turf and landscape management. He is a member of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association and is a licensed nursery operator and landscape designer. In addition, he attends various landscape design seminars and exhibits at plant shows.

Patrick is a member of the Gaither FFA Chapter. He has served as a member of the horticulture and vegetable judging teams, and was a previous finalist in the Turf and Landscape Management proficiency. His advisors are Donna Beatty and Howard Satin.

As the state Turf and Landscape Management winner, Patrick received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Scott and Sons, O.M., the national sponsor.



Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association's Representative Linda Adams presents Patrick Shell with the state award in Turf and Landscape Management.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor at the state convention are:

Troy Corbin,
Chipley;
Brad Dicks,
Columbia Senior;
Kevin Kelly,
DeLand Senior;
Robert Rutledge,
Gainesville Agribusiness.

Wildlife Management

Frank Scott, of the Avon Park FFA chapter, began his Wildlife Management program five years ago. Those

efforts paid off when he was named the state winner of the Wildlife Management proficiency award.

Frank, the son of James R. Scott, became interested in wildlife management after his father purchased a home and barn on the edge of some undeveloped land.

Frank worked hard to encourage the presence of wildlife. He planted grass, shrubs and slash pines. In addition, he built feeders and developed sufficient cover for the animals.

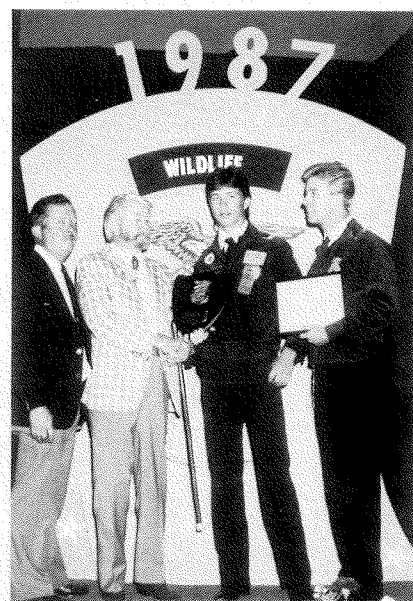
He also visited various state and national forests to gain insight on the right atmosphere for wildlife.

As a member of the Avon Park FFA chapter, Frank has served on numerous judging teams, including horse, land, forestry and livestock. In addition, he has been active in his chapter's safety, BOAC and Coop projects. His advisor is John McCracken.

As the state winner in Wildlife Management, Frank received a plaque and a \$100 check from Bear Archery, the state sponsor, and a \$100 check from Prudential Foundation, the national sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from Bear Archery at the state convention are:

Murdock R. Gillis,
Ponce de Leon Senior;
Leslie Allen Keene,
Chiefland Senior;
DuShayne Raulerson,
Baker County Senior;
Keith Starling,
Avon Park.



Charlie Kroll with Bear Archery presents Frank Scott with his State Wildlife Management Award as John McCracken, advisor, and Jayme Feary, national FFA officer, look on.

AGRICULTURAL JOB GAP ???

Do you want to be a leader in the new fields of agriculture, but fear no jobs exist for college graduates? Perhaps you should take a second look. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's 1986 national assessment of employment opportunities for college graduates in food and agricultural science paints a rather rosy picture.

For the next few years, U.S. colleges and universities are expected to produce less agricultural graduates than will be needed to fill important scientific and professional positions.

The outlook is promising for most job hunters. Approximately 48,000 job openings are expected annually in agriculture, natural resources and veterinary medicine. However, fewer than 44,000 qualified college graduates are expected.

The outlook does vary depending upon your chosen profession. The following is a brief employment projection for various agricultural fields.

* Scientists, Engineers and Related Specialists: More than 14,000 openings annually are projected, with only 11,600 graduates expected. Shortages in this area are primarily for those with advanced degrees.

* Managers and Financial Specialists: An estimated 6,900 will be needed each year, but only 5,800 qualified

graduates are predicted. The most notable deficiency is projected at the master's degree level. A master's degree in agribusiness will definitely be marketable.

* Marketing, Merchandising and Sales Representatives: A promising area, with 13,200 graduates versus 15,800 projected employment opportunities.

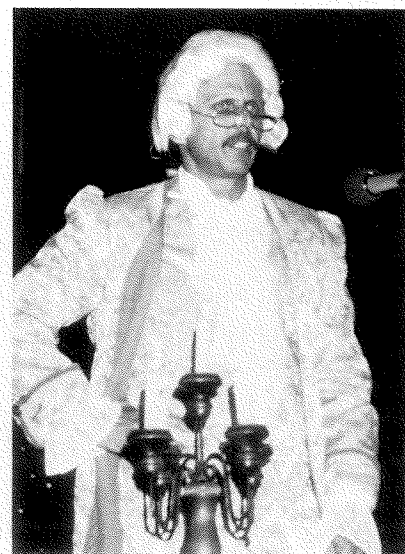
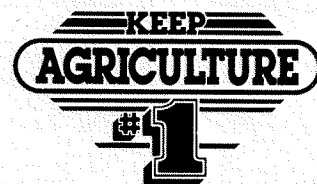
* Education, Communications and Information Specialists: One of the less promising areas, as 4,600 graduates are expected to be available for approximately 3,100 positions.

* Social Service Professionals: Forecasters predict that 4,300 graduates will be able to choose from 5,400 positions annually. More than half of the job openings will be for dietitians.

* Agricultural Production Specialists: Competition will be stiffer here, with 4,300 graduates trying to fill 3,800 anticipated openings.

Overall the prospects look good for people interested in majoring in agriculture. Ten job openings are predicted for every nine available graduates. Industry, government and academia will be scrambling to hire qualified, hard working agricultural graduates.

Information supplied by Science of Food and Agriculture, January 1987.



Is this a trip "Back to the Future"? No — just Chris Wilder and Bill Harnage participating in the Sunday evening vespers.



INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

There are several additional awards, beyond proficiencies, which recognize member achievement. All of these individuals were recognized on stage at the convention.



David Coile, representing the Florida Vocational Association, presents the Outstanding FFA member award to Jeff Johnson as Plant City Advisor John Davidson looks on.



State President Chris Wilder congratulates Plant City FFA member Shayla Wetherington on being named Florida's outstanding district officer.

Outstanding District Officer

Shayla Beth Wetherington, a member of the Plant City Senior FFA chapter, is the 1987 Outstanding District Officer. She is the District VII Secretary.

Shayla was selected for this honor based upon her outstanding service to the Florida FFA Association. Some of her accomplishments included developing district newsletters to inform members about district activities, producing numerous materials needed for the district leadership school and representing the district at various functions, including the State Leadership School, the Doyle Conner Breakfast and the Governor's Luncheon.

Shayla was chosen from a field of 18 district officers. She received a plaque from the Florida FFA Association for her accomplishments.

Department of Agriculture Scholarship Recipients

Richard Kelly, special assistant to Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, presented \$200 scholarships to five Florida FFA members on behalf of the Florida Department of Agriculture

and Consumer Services. These members were recognized for their outstanding leadership skills, community service and SOE projects. The winners were as follows:

Region I: Becky Shaw,
Lafayette Senior;
Region II: Cameron Asbell,
Bronson;
Region III: Bonny Owens,
Colonial
Region IV: Jeff Johnson,
Plant City Senior;
Region V: James Daniel Tyre, Jr.,
South Dade.

J. F. Williams And H. E. Wood Scholarships

Dr. Carl Beeman, chairman of Agriculture and Extension Education, University of Florida, presented J.F. Williams and H.E. Wood Scholarships to four young ladies pursuing degrees in agriculture education.

The 1987 recipients of the \$500 scholarships are Karen Prevatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Prevatt, Seville; Kim Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beasley, Winter Haven; Sherri Noxel, daughter of David Noxel,

Outstanding FFA Member

The 1987 Outstanding FFA Member is Jeff Johnson of the Plant City FFA Chapter.

This award is given by the Florida Vocational Association (FVA) to recognize excellence in leadership, scholarship, cooperation and community service.

Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnson. He has earned a number of honors during his FFA career. He has participated in the forestry and parliamentary procedure contests at the national level, served on the national courtesy corps and represented his district and federation as president. His SOE project consists of a 10 percent interest in a 10,000-foot greenhouse located near his home in Dover.

Jeff was chosen from a field of applications submitted from chapters around the state. He received a plaque for his accomplishments.



Richard Kelly, executive assistant to Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, presents the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' leadership scholarships.



Dr. Carl Beeman, chairman of Agriculture and Extension Education, University of Florida, presents the H. E. Wood and J. F. Williams Scholarships to four deserving young ladies.

Gulf Breeze and Michele Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walker, Trenton.

State Extemporaneous Speaking Champion

Cameron Asbell of the Bronson FFA Chapter is the 1987 State FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Winner.

Seven speakers were eliminated at the semi-finals. Then, during the Monday evening general session, Cameron spoke "off the cuff" against Bonny Owens of the Colonial FFA Chapter.

As the state champion, he received a trophy, pennant and a \$250 travel award from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the state sponsor. In addition, Cameron also received \$100 from the American Farm Bureau Federation, the national sponsor. This money will be used to defray travel expenses to the tri-state competition in August.

Each of the remaining top five finalists also received trophies from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation:

- 2nd Place: Bonny Owens, Colonial;
- 3rd Place: Kevin Holland, Central;
- 4th Place: Leenette McMillan, Lafayette Senior;
- 5th Place: Nikki Lindholm, Dunnellon Senior.

State Prepared Public Speaking Champion

Jeff Johnson of the Plant City FFA Chapter bested eight semi-finalists to become the state champion Prepared Public Speaker.

Jeff competed against Kevin Williams of the Chipley FFA Chapter

during the Tuesday evening general session by delivering a prepared speech and answering questions from a select panel of judges.

He received a trophy, pennant and a \$250 travel award from the Florida Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, the state sponsor. In addition, he received \$100 from the FMC Foundation, the national sponsor. This money will be used to defray the travel expenses to the tri-state competition in August.

Each of the remaining top five finalists also received trophies from the Florida Rural Electric Cooperatives Association:

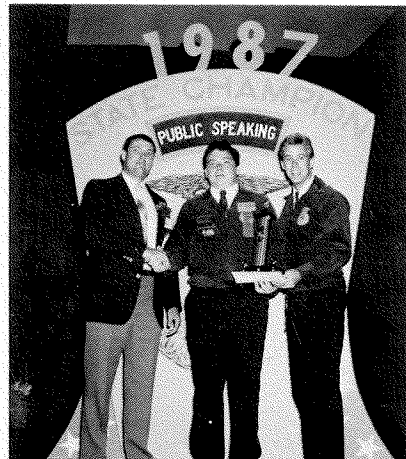
- 2nd Place: Kevin Williams, Chipley;
- 3rd Place: Ronny Brame, Newberry;
- 4th Place: Lisa Mosely, Bradford Senior;
- 5th Place: Anne Kathryn Daniel, Lafayette Senior.

Agricultural Electrification Essay Winner

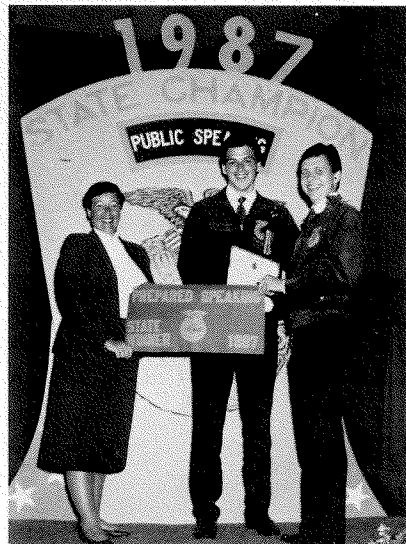
Kevin Kirby of the Lake Butler Jr. FFA Chapter was named the state winner in the Agricultural Electrification essay contest. Kevin's essay was entitled "Energy... If we abuse it... We lose it."

Prior to the convention, the field of participants was narrowed to the top ten contestants. At the convention, each finalist was asked three impromptu questions relating to his or her essay.

Each essay finalist received a trophy and a medal on behalf of Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Company, Florida Power & Light and Tampa Electric Company, the state co-sponsors. In addition, Kevin received a felt



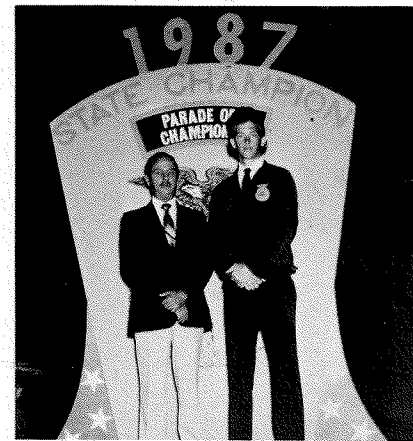
State Extemporaneous Speaking winner Cameron Asbell of Bronson receives his awards from Kevin Morgan with Florida Farm Bureau and National Vice President Jayme Feary.



Plant City Advisor Jane Bender and State President Chris Wilder share Jeff Johnson's excitement in winning the state Public Speaking contest.



Kevin Kirby receives the State Electrification Essay honors from Robert Raulerson (L) of Tampa Electric Company and Thomas Hopkins (R) with Florida Power and Light as Advisor Mark Bracewell stands beside him.



Plant City Advisor Donald Vaughn accompanies state tractor driving winner James Reed during the "Parade of Champions."

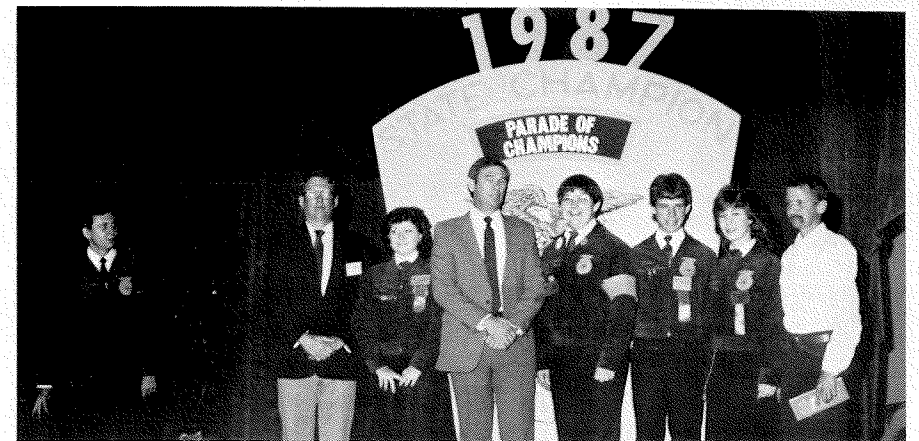


Newberry Senior Advisor Andy Blackwell (L) and State Vice President Tony Willis (R) look on as state sponsor Kelly Busch presents Ronny Brame with the state Computers in Agriculture award.

pennant for his efforts.

The remaining nine finalists were:

- Guy Anderson, New Smyrna Beach Junior;
- Scott Fowler, Graceville;
- Joycelyn Hart, Lafayette Junior;
- Wendy McCorkle, DeLand Junior;
- Jon McIntire, DeLand Junior;
- Frank Roberts, DeLand Junior;
- Robert Rufus, New Smyrna Beach Junior;
- Chris Thornton, New Smyrna Beach Junior;
- Robert Wilbanks, Interlachen Senior.



Ornamental horticulture demonstration winners from Brandon, Lake Placid and Sebring chapters receive recognition.

Horticulture Demonstrations

The state horticulture demonstrations were held April 24, in the Reitz Union Building on the University of Florida campus. FFA demonstrations are divided into the five categories of marketing, production, use, artistic arrangement and landscaping. Demonstrations are conducted by individuals or in teams of two.

FFA members must prepare presentations which explain the "how's and why's" of horticulture production.

All state winners received gold plaques from Chevron Agricultural Chemicals, the state sponsor.

- Artistic Arrangement
Todd Parker, Bradford Senior;
- Landscape
Christi McCracken/Mike McCracken Sebring Sr.;
- Marketing
Chris Tompkins, Brandon
- Production
Carrie Cashour, Lake Placid Senior;
- Use
Patty Jones, Forest.

Tractor Operation And Maintenance

James Reed, a Plant City Senior FFA member won the state Tractor Operation and Maintenance Contest held March 2 at the Central Florida Fair in Orlando.

James advanced to the state finals by winning his sub-district and district contests. He then met the eight other district winners for the final contest in Orlando.

The tractor driving contest consists of a written exam, a tractor driving practical and oral exam and/or demonstration. Accuracy and safety, combin-

ed with speed, are the primary considerations. The contestant with the lowest score wins. James won the contest after accumulating only 18½ points.

As the state winner, James received a cash award from Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida, and a trophy and pennant from the Central Florida Fair, the state co-sponsors.

In addition, the remaining top four individuals also received trophies from the state co-sponsors. They finished as follows:

- 2nd Place: Kevin Simmons, Colonial;
- 3rd Place: Warren Simpson, Paxon;
- 4th Place: Dave Conway, Newberry Senior.
- 5th Place: Justin Bunch, Bartow Senior

Computers In Agriculture

Ronny Brame, a 17-year-old Newberry Senior FFA member, used a TRS-80 computer to win the state FFA Computers in Agriculture contest.

This contest recognizes students who have applied a computer or software program to agriculture. Ronny will now compete in the national Computers in Agriculture contest with winners from other states.

Ronny wrote programs for his computer which dealt with showing steers, diagnosing animal diseases, testing the public's knowledge of the FFA and determining the best market strategies for grain and vegetable crops.

He also used the computer for keeping SOE records, financial planning and word processing.

Ronny wrote in his application that his most important activity was the writing and teaching of two programs which would benefit his fellow FFA members.

Besides working with his computer, Ronny has served as president and vice president of his chapter, and chairman of his sub-district. He has placed second in the state prepared public speaking contest and attended the Washington Leadership Conference. His advisor is Andy Blackwell.

His future plans include entering college to major in computer science and minor in agriculture economics. He hopes to custom write agricultural computer programs and design computerized farm equipment.

As the state Computers in Agriculture winner, Ronny received a plaque and \$100 check from Mr. Kenneth Busch, the state sponsor. He also received a \$100 check from AgriData Resources, Inc., the national sponsor, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Also receiving plaques from the state sponsor were:

Keith Brown,
Apopka Junior;
Kevin Kirby,
Lake Butler Junior;
Jody Norwood,
Sarasota Vo-Ag;
Mary Kate Parks,
Lake Placid Senior.

Courtesy Corps

Approximately 45 outstanding FFA members from across the state are chosen each year to serve in the convention's courtesy corps. This group of young people are extremely important in the day-to-day operation of the convention. They perform a wide variety of tasks including escorting guests and award winners to the stage, taking delegate attendance, and monitoring traffic through the convention doors. The courtesy corps is coordinated by Kelly Tyler, Lecanto Senior chapter advisor. Each participant received a courtesy corps pin from Farm Credit Services of Florida, the state sponsor.



MADE IN THE FFA.

Record Book Contests

Secretary's Book

FFA chapter secretaries are charged to "keep an accurate record of all meetings and correspond with other secretaries wherever corn is grown and Future Farmers meet."

The Florida FFA Association's annual Secretary's Book contest encourages secretaries to fulfill this charge.

The 1987 first place chapter secretary's book was submitted by Denise Shelton of the Gaither Sr. chapter.

Denise submitted her record book at the beginning of the convention where it was ranked by a panel of judges based upon the Danish system. She received a felt pennant for her efforts. All entries received either a blue, red or white rosette ribbon. The awards are sponsored by Montgomery Real Estate of Inverness.

Chapter secretaries are required to keep numerous written records including minutes of meetings, membership rosters, chapter reports and the chapter's constitution and bylaws.

Blue Rosette Ribbon Winners:

Vanecia Proctor, Trenton;

Red Rosette Ribbon Winners:

Sabrina Peterson, Dunnellon;
Cindy Irving, North Marion;
John Patrick, Land O'Lakes;
Darrin Simmons, Moore Haven;
Karen Dobbins, Zephyrhills;
Annette Stewart, Leto Sr.;
Debbie Pope, Lakeland Sr.;
Tanya Peterson, Bell;
Annette Sasnett, Ponce de Leon;
Julia Allman, Spruce Creek;
Michelle Leclair, Silver Sands;
Melissa Lawson, Lafayette Sr.;
Anna Revels, South Sumter;
Lon Wilber, Sarasota, Vo-Ag;
Billy Molasso, Colonial;

White Rosette Ribbon Winners:

Dana Page, Crystal Lake;
Amy McLeod, Tarpon Springs.

Treasurer's Book

The Florida FFA Association encourages good financial record keeping

through its annual Treasurer's Book contest.

The 1987 first place chapter treasurer's book was submitted by Jody Norwood of the Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA chapter.

Jody submitted her record book at the beginning of the convention where it was ranked by a panel of judges. She received a felt pennant. All other entries were awarded either a blue, red or white rosette ribbon. Montgomery Real Estate from Inverness sponsors these awards.

Chapter treasurers are required to keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements of chapter funds. Points are awarded in the areas of records, investments, loans granted and neatness.

Blue Rosette Ribbon Winners:

Jena Lee, Silver Sands Jr. High;
Matthew Smith, Eisenhower Jr. High;
Julie Wentz, Sarasota Sr. High;

Red Rosette Ribbon Winners:

James Casey, Tarpon Springs;
Traci Powell, Ponce de Leon;
Kathy Clark, New Smyrna Beach;

White Rosette Ribbon Winners:

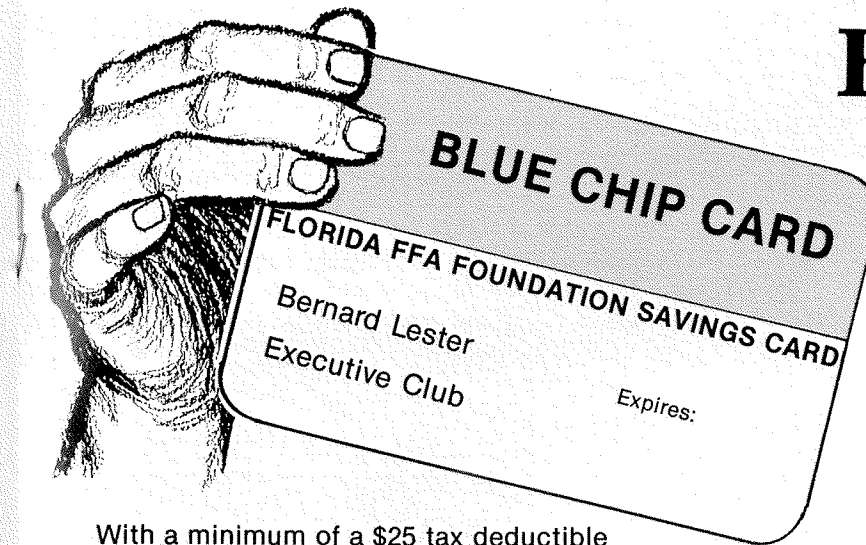
John Hayhurst, Leto;
Paul Simmons, Colonial;
Tina Scott, Haines City Sr.;
Alicia Bodiford, Zephyrhills Sr.;
Travis Arnold, Zephyrhills Jr.;
Michelle McLeod, Spruce Creek.



Secretary/Treasurer's Book Winners



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TEAM AWARDS

FFA team contests are an outgrowth of classroom instruction. General skills taught in class are developed and sharpened to provide increased knowledge in a specific contest area. In addition to developing technical knowledge, team contests also develop the ability to make sound judgments, defend a decision and be a gracious winner or loser.

The parliamentary procedure contest is the only team contest held at the state convention. The other 11 contests are held at various times and places around the state. All contests except Livestock, Dairy and Poultry have separate awards presentations in conjunction with the contests. Therefore, awards for only these three areas are presented at the convention. In addition, for the first time, the top five junior judging teams in livestock, dairy, poultry, horticulture and vegetable judging were also recognized on stage.

In a "Parade of Champions," each of the top five teams in all 12 contests were recognized on stage at the convention.

Parliamentary Procedure

The Chipley FFA chapter captured the state FFA Parliamentary Procedure championship on stage during the Wednesday evening session.

The road to this championship is long and difficult. Teams begin preparing for competition in the fall. In a series of sub-district and district competitions, teams advance to higher levels of participation until only nine district teams remain.

These top nine teams come to the convention to compete in the semi-finals where the top two teams are chosen for the final contest.

On Wednesday evening Chipley and Sante Fe competed for the championship.

Members of the 1987 state Parliamentary Procedure Team were Lele Brock, Grace Potter, Justin Sandal, Tim Simonson, Kevin Williams, and Tracy Wood.

These six members demonstrated three abilities and answered individual questions based upon *Robert's Rules of Order*.

As the state champion, Chipley received a team trophy, pennant and individual plaques from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the state sponsor. The remaining top four teams also received trophies from the state sponsor. These teams finished as follows:



Florida Farm Bureau representative Dennis Emerson congratulates Chipley's state winning parliamentary procedure team and Advisor Ray Pigott.



Douglas Harwell, Jr. (R) with the Florida Santa Gertrudis Association congratulates DeLand Senior's state winning livestock judging team. Advisor Lynn Via (L) joins his team on stage.

- 2nd Place:
Santa Fe
- 3rd Place:
Plant City Senior;
- 4th Place:
Lafayette Senior;
- 5th Place:
Colonial.

Livestock Judging

The DeLand Senior chapter won the state Livestock Judging contest held March 4 at the Cecil Webb Livestock Pavilion at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

DeLand members excelled in placing breeding cattle, market cattle, market swine, breeding swine and giving oral reasons on two placing classes. In addition, one hog evaluation was completed.

The top five teams, the high-scoring individual and members of the state winning team received trophies and plaques on behalf of the Florida Santa Gertrudis Association and McTyre Farms.

Team members from the DeLand Senior chapter were Bobby King, Becky King, Marcy Alsbury and Tommy Wilkins. They will represent Florida at the National Livestock Judging contest this November in Kansas City, Missouri.

The remaining top five teams finished as follows:

- 2nd Place:
Plant City Senior;
- 3rd Place:
Chiefland Senior;
- 4th Place:
Gainesville Agribusiness;
- 5th Place:
Williston Senior;
- High Individual:
Bobby King, DeLand Senior.

The top five junior livestock judging teams received plaques at the state convention from McCormick Farneries and Cattle Company, the state sponsor. The chapters were South Sumter Junior, DeLand Junior, Tate Junior, Union Park and Chiefland Junior.

Poultry Judging

Competition in the Poultry Judging Contest is always stiff and this year was no exception. When the final scores were tabulated, the team from Chipley was declared state winner.

Chipley poultry team members Brett Bell, Shawn Hartgog and Andy Fleener demonstrated their ability to place production layers and pullets, judge ready-to-cook poultry and grade interior and exterior egg quality.

The Florida Poultry Federation, the state sponsor, provided trophies for the state champions and plaques for the remaining top teams. The high-scoring individual also received a trophy.

The state winning team will represent Florida in Kansas City at the National Poultry Judging Contest.

The remaining top five teams finished as follows:

- 2nd Place:
Lecanto Senior;
- 3rd Place:
Chiefland Senior;
- 4th Place:
Cottontale;
- 5th Place:
Ponce de Leon Senior;
- High Individual:
Tony Lisenby, Lecanto Senior.

The Interlachen Junior team was recognized at the convention as the top junior team in the poultry contest. The team finished 16th. In recognition of their efforts, the team received a plaque from Albin Hagstrom & Sons, the state sponsor of the award. The remaining top five junior teams received plaques as well. They were Hill, Beasley Middle, DeLand Junior and South Sumter Junior.

Dairy Judging

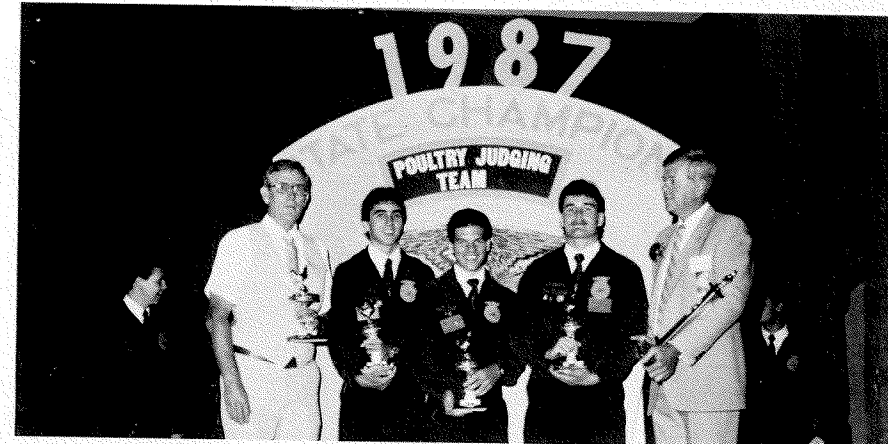
Over 60 teams demonstrated their dairy judging expertise at the state contest held in Hague on March 14. The contest consisted of eight judging classes involving the major breeds of dairy cows and heifers. In addition, each team member gave two sets of oral reasons.

The Colonial FFA dairy judging team was named the state champion. Team members were Laura Hahn, Bonny Owens, Nicki Wilkerson and Darryl Smith.

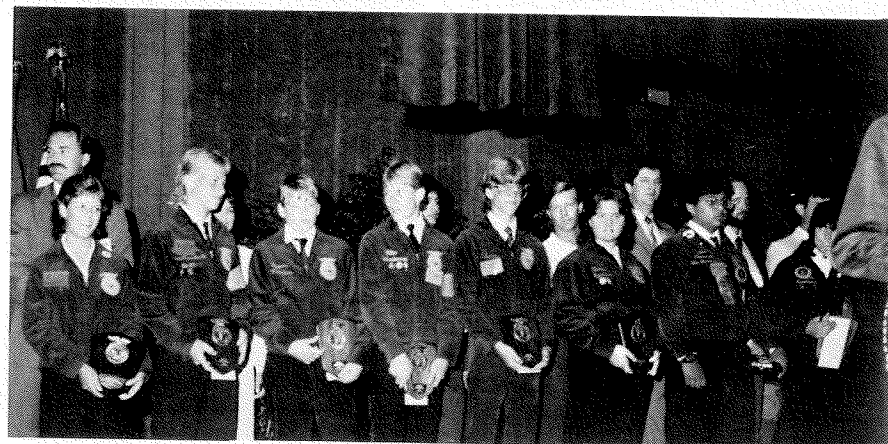
These team members, plus the high-scoring individual, received individual trophies from the Independent Dairy Farmers Association, the state sponsor. In addition, the remaining top five teams also received plaques.



The top five junior livestock teams.



Florida Poultry Federation's representative Ed Cox (R) expresses his congratulations to the Chipley team for its state winning efforts as Advisor Ray Pigott stands with his team.



The top five junior poultry teams receive plaques from Efid's Meat Market.

The other winners were:

- 2nd Place:
Suwannee;
- 3rd Place:
Lake Weir Senior;
- 4th Place:
Lafayette Senior;
- 5th Place:
Okeechobee Brahman;
- High Individual:
Laura Hahn, Colonial.

The dairy judging team from Groveland Junior received a plaque at state convention for finishing as the top junior judging team. The team finished 10th overall. Efid's Meat Market sponsored plaques for Groveland Junior, Hardee Junior, Lafayette Junior, DeLand Junior and Lake Butler Junior as well.

Agribusiness Management

Shrewd farm management skills are important with the tough times facing farmers. The FFA Agribusiness Management contest affords members the opportunity to learn such skills.

The Ponce de Leon Senior chapter won the Agribusiness Management contest held April 24 in Gainesville. This team will compete for national honors this November in Kansas City. Members were Annette Sasnett, Ray Gillis, Traci Powell and Bill Irwin.

The agribusiness contest tests the contestant's knowledge of record keeping and accounting principles, tax regulations, agricultural economics, agricultural law, and land, labor and capital management. The contest is divided into a written exam and a problems section.

The state winning team received a team trophy from the state sponsor, the Florida Financial Services Association, while the team members and the high-scoring individual received trophies.

The remaining top five teams received plaques for finishing in the top five.

- 2nd Place:
Lafayette Senior;
- 3rd Place:
Williston Senior;
- 4th Place:
Branford Senior;
- 5th Place:
Sarasota Vo-Ag;
- High Individual:
Ray Gillis,
Ponce de Leon Senior.

Agricultural Mechanics

The FFA Agricultural Mechanics contest tests a contestant's ability in welding, plumbing, pipe fitting, carpentry, masonry and agricultural power and machinery. The contest is divided into a written exam and a series of practical skills tests.

The East Bay Senior chapter won the contest held April 24 in Gainesville. Team members Ricky Anderson, Mike Austin and Tim Walker will represent Florida at the national contest in Kansas City this November.

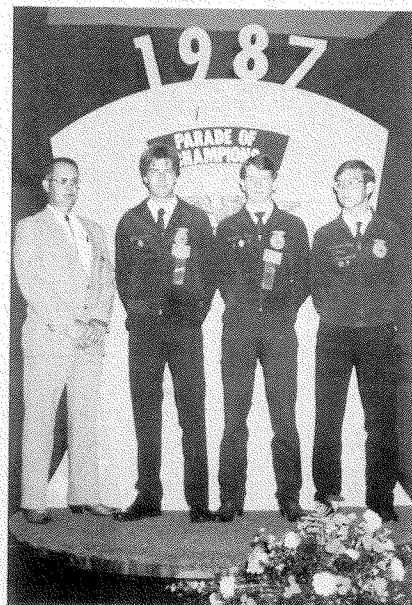
Members of the state winning team and the high-scoring individual received trophies for their accomplishments. The winning team received a team trophy while the remaining top five teams received plaques. Everglades Farm Equipment sponsored the awards for this event.



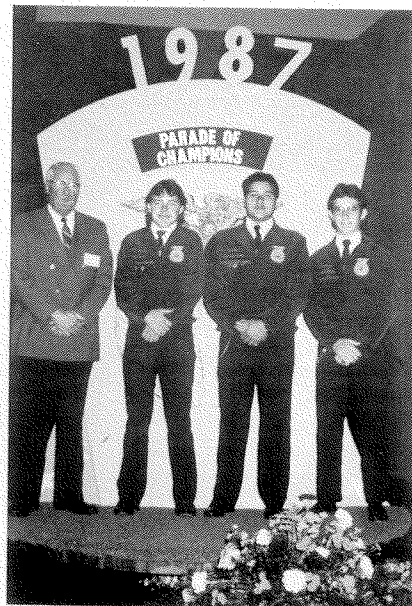
Colonial FFA advisor Fred Dietrich (L) joins his state winning dairy judging team on stage to receive their honors from Dr. Carl Beeman (R), representing the Independent Dairy Farmers Association.



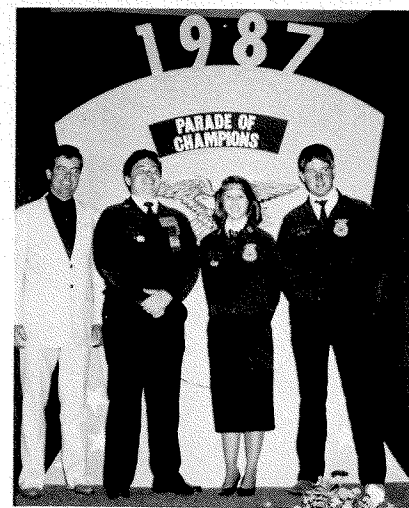
The state's top five junior dairy teams receive recognition.



The state winning agribusiness management team from Ponce de Leon assembles on stage with their advisor Leroy Gillis.



East Bay chapter members and advisor Ed Timmons receive recognition for winning the state agricultural mechanics contest.



Bronson Advisor Tommy Rogers accompanies his state winning vegetable judging team during the "Parade of Champions."



Robert Philpot, Williston's advisor, joins his state winning meats judging team on stage.

Teams finishing behind East Bay Senior were:

- 2nd Place:
Lecanto Senior;
- 3rd Place:
Ponce de Leon Senior;
- 4th Place:
Gainesville Agribusiness;
- 5th Place:
Ft. Pierce Central;
- High Individual:
Tim Walker, East Bay Senior.

Vegetable Judging

Since Florida is one of the leading vegetable producing states in the country, it is no surprise the Florida FFA Association conducts a state Vegetable Judging contest.

The state contest was held April 24 in Gainesville. The Bronson FFA chapter produced the state winning team with members Cameron Asbell, Vadin Barber, Mandy McKoy and Randy Shaw.



Top junior vegetable teams receive plaques.

Vegetable judging contestants must identify and grade garden vegetables and identify insects, diseases, weeds, seeds and nutrient deficiencies affecting vegetable crop production.

South Bay Growers sponsors this event. Members of the state winning team and the high individual received trophies while the remaining top five teams received plaques. In addition, the winning team received a team trophy for their chapter.

Joining Bronson among the top five vegetable teams were:

- 2nd Place:
J. G. Smith;
- 3rd Place:
Plant City Sr.;
- 4th Place:
Leto;
- 5th Place:
Williston Junior;
- High Individual:
Vadin Barber, Bronson.

The top vegetable judging team from a junior chapter was also recognized. The Williston Junior chapter received a plaque at the state convention for their first place finish. The award was sponsored by Mitchells Land Clearing. The remaining top five junior teams, Beasley Middle, Union Park, Turkey Creek and Tate Junior, also received plaques for their accomplishments.

Meats Judging

The Meats contest is unusual because an elimination contest is held in Gainesville the same day as the livestock, dairy and poultry judging contests. The top 10 teams are declared eligible for the state finals which are held in April.

The Williston Senior chapter won the state meats contest held April 4 at the meats laboratory on the University of Florida campus. The team members

were Steve Thomas, Sarah Ahmed and Cherri Messaros.

The contest consisted of yield and quality grading carcasses, placing beef, pork, ribs, rounds and ham classes and identifying retail meat cuts. A series of questions were also answered on several placing classes.

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. sponsored a banquet for the top teams and all of the meats judging awards. As the state winning team, Williston Senior received a team trophy and plaque, and trophies for each team member. They will compete for national honors at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

The remaining top five teams received plaques.

- 2nd Place:
Sarasota Vo-Ag;
- 3rd Place:
Clermont;
- 4th Place:
Taylor Senior;
- 5th Place:
DeLand Senior;
- High Individual:
Blake Luce, Sarasota Vo-Ag.

Land Judging

Thirty-three land judging teams, each representing their district, met in Marion County March 27 for the state Land Judging contest. The Ponce de Leon Senior chapter was declared the state winner.

Team members were Paula Nicholson, Bill Irwin, Ray Gillis and Bryan Lee. They will represent Florida in the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, OK.

Ponce de Leon team members excelled in their judging of four separate field sites. Members used seven land characteristics to determine the overall land class. Once this was established,

members determined the appropriate soil conservation practices needed for each specific class. Another portion of the contest consist of homesite evaluation. Members evaluated the pros and cons of a certain piece of land to determine if it was suitable for building construction.

The contest is hosted by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) and the Florida Cooperative Extension Service. The state winning team received a rosette and a plaque. The high individual received a trophy while the remaining top five teams received rosettes.

- 2nd Place:
Taylor Senior;
- 3rd Place:
Bell;
- 4th Place:
Tate Senior;
- 5th Place:
Lecanto Senior;
- High Individual:
Ray Gillis, Ponce de Leon Senior.

Ponce de Leon, as the state winning team, also received a \$750 travel allowance from Ironwood Farms and Farm Credit Services in Florida to defray expenses to the national contest.

Ornamental Horticulture

Ornamental Horticulture judging teams competed March 2 for state honors during the Central Florida Fair in Orlando. The Plant City Senior chapter was declared the winner. Team members were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Mayo, Paul LaBarbera and Robert Farmer.

The contest consisted of four classes involving the placing of one class of ornamental plants, and the identification of 1) woody ornamentals, 2) insects and diseases and 3) flowers, foliage plants and turf grasses.

As the state winning team, Plant City Senior will represent Florida in the National contest this November in Kansas City.

The contest is sponsored by the Central Florida Fair. The state winning team received money to defray expenses to the national contest, a trophy and a plaque. Each team member and the high individual also received personal trophies. The second through fifth place teams received plaques.

- 2nd Place:
Lake Gibson Senior;
- 3rd Place:
Crescent City Senior;
- 4th Place:
Countryside;
- 5th Place:
J. G. Smith;

The judging team from Beasley Middle school was recognized as the top junior ornamental horticulture team. The chapter received a plaque at the state convention from Production Growers, Inc., the state sponsor. The second through fifth junior teams, Turkey Creek, DeLand Junior, Silver Sands Junior and Haines City Junior, received plaques as well.



Plant City's State winning Ornamental Horticulture team receives recognition.



Plaques are presented to the top five junior Ornamental Horticulture teams.



State President Chris Wilder congratulates the Lake Weir Senior Horse Judging team on their state winning efforts.

Horse Judging

It seems only fitting that a chapter from Marion County, the "horse capital of the state," should win the first FFA state Horse Judging contest.

The Lake Weir Senior chapter won this contest which is held each February at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. The 1987 contest was held Feb. 7. The team consisted of Gregg Lehman, Dusty Gardner, Jennifer Rosser and Chris Carter.

These four team member judged eight classes of horses, ranging from western pleasure to halter classes.

As the state winning chapter, the Lake Weir Senior team received individual and team trophies from the Florida State Fair Authority, the state sponsor. The high individual also received a trophy while the second through fifth place teams received plaques.

- 2nd Place:
Colonial;
- 3rd Place:
Chiefland Senior;
- 4th Place:
Tarpon Springs Senior;
- 5th Place:
Taylor Senior;
- High Individual:
Amy McLeod,
Tarpon Springs Senior.

Forestry

The Forestry contest is the first FFA contest of the school year. It is held during October in conjunction with the annual Florida Forest Festival in Perry.

The 1986 state winner was determined by a sudden death dendrology (or tree identification) contest with Lafayette Senior triumphing over last year's winner Plant City Sr.

Team members from the winning chapter were Herbert Perry, Joey Pearson, Scott Putnal, Lawanna Hart, Melissa Lawson, Manuel Folsom, Shawn Jackson, Lucas Morgan, Wayne McCray and Billy Shows.

The contest consists of seven contest divisions with each member participating in only one division. The team accumulating the most points from all seven divisions wins the contest.

The winners of the individual events receiving plaques were:

Forestry Knowledge Test:
Lucas Morgan, Lafayette Senior;

Timber estimation:
Rick Little, Sebring;

Land Measurement:
Jalen Shepherd, Plant City Sr.;

Compass:
Herbert Perry, Lafayette Senior;

Dendrology:
Erick Kuleski, Crescent City;

Forest Pest:
Jeff Guthrie, Crescent City;

Log Sawing:
Stewart Malphus & J. P. Moore,
Lafayette Senior;

Log Rolling:
Jalen Shepherd & Darrell Ford,
Plant City Sr.

The contest is sponsored by the Florida Forestry Association. Receiving plaques from the state sponsor were:

- 2nd Place:
Plant City Sr.;
- 3rd Place:
Crescent City Sr.;
- 4th Place:
Chipley;
- 5th Place:
Bell;
- 6th Place:
Sebring Sr.;
- 7th Place:
Clermont;
- 8th Place:
S. E. Manatee;
- 9th Place:
Lake Wales Sr.

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Parade of Champions 1987 State Winning Judging Teams

Agricultural Mechanics	— East Bay Senior
Agribusiness Management	— Ponce de Leon Senior
Dairy	— Colonial
Forestry	— Lafayette Senior
Horse	— Lake Weir Senior
Land	— Ponce de Leon Senior
Livestock	— DeLand Senior
Meats	— Williston Senior
Ornamental Horticulture	— Plant City Senior
Parliamentary Procedure	— Chipley
Poultry	— Chipley
Vegetable	— Bronson

CHAPTER AWARDS

Outstanding chapters are made of outstanding individuals led by a strong advisor. A top-ranked chapter should show a wide variety of on-going activities which develop member leadership, citizenship and cooperation. To achieve a well-balanced program of activities, FFA chapters should encourage members to build SOE projects, participate in contests and work with their community. The Florida FFA Association recognizes chapters who strive to achieve such goals with various chapter awards provided through the Florida FFA Foundation.



Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner congratulates a chapter delegate from one of the 10 newly chartered chapters.

Charter Chapters

Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner welcomed the new FFA chapters to the Florida FFA Association and presented chapter delegates with their official chapter charters.

In making the presentation Conner said "I know the youth in each of your communities will reap many benefits from the establishment of your chapter."

Chapters receiving their charters were:

Boone Middle;
Bright Horizons;
Burns Junior;
Venice Junior;
Dunnellon Junior;
The Quest;
Hill Junior;
Roosevelt Junior;
Mowat Middle;
Safety Harbor Exceptional.

Building Our American Communities Contest

For reaching out to help restore its community after a devastating wildfire in May 1985, the Bunnell FFA chapter was named the 1987 state Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Award Winner.

After the May 1985 fires which destroyed 4,700 acres and 131 homes, the Bunnell Chapter took several measures to bring the distraught area back to life. Their assistance included conducting a homeowners fire damage survey to help prevent future homes from burning, replanting 4,700 acres of trees, conducting a tree survival survey and establishing a community weather station.

Bunnell FFA members worked closely with the state Division of Forestry, their board of county commissioners and local home owners. In addition, a public relations program involving newspaper, magazine, radio and television was implemented.

Much of the information compiled by the FFA members is now being used by state and government officials.

Forty-four chapters were judged as "superior." The top 14 chapters were judged as either Gold, Silver or Bronze at the state level. The three remaining Gold emblem chapters will accompany Bunnell to Kansas City this November for the national BOAC contest.

Gold	Apopka; Sarasota Junior; Trenton;
Silver	Avon Park Senior; Lake Placid Senior; Newberry Senior;
Bronze	DeLand Junior; Fort Meade; Frostproof Senior; Lake Wales Senior; Silver Sands; The Quest; Winter Park.

Achievement in Volunteerism Award

Given in conjunction with the BOAC award, the Achievement in Volunteerism Award recognizes a student who has provided outstanding assistance to his or her chapter in conducting the BOAC project.

The 1987 "outstanding volunteer" is Melissa Atkinson of the Bunnell FFA chapter. Melissa is Bunnell chapter president and the chapter BOAC chair-

man. As a result of her idea the chapter devised their prize winning project entitled "Operation Resurrection." She organized the proper needs assessment materials and a list of important government and industry contacts. In addition, she implemented a public relations campaign and collected several hundred thousand dollars worth of resource materials.

For her outstanding service, Melissa received a trip to Washington, D.C., to attend a seminar on community development. Advisor Jim Galvin accompanied her on the trip sponsored by RJR Nabisco, Inc.



State Vice President Tony Willis congratulates a Bunnell FFA member and Advisor Jim Galvin for their state winning BOAC project entitled, "Operation Resurrection."

Cooperative Contest

Establishing a working cooperative for those members interested in production agriculture, earned the Sarasota Vo-Ag chapter the 1987 state Cooperative contest honors.

The chapter organized its cooperative seven years ago to provide its members with "hands-on" production agriculture experience. Three acres of citrus groves were only the beginning. Today, the cooperative consists of swine, ornamental plants, vegetable transplant and beef steer production.

Chapter members purchase animals, feed, seed and other supplies cooperatively. In addition, members learn how a cooperative operates. A board of directors is elected each year. These board members determine dividends and policies of the coop.

As the state winner, Sarasota Vo-Ag received \$700 and a gold plaque from the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the state sponsor. The money is



Sarasota's Vo-Ag Advisor Tom Weber (L) and a chapter delegate receive honors for their state winning Coop project from Bobby Bennett (R) with the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

used to help defray expenses to the American Institute of Cooperatives meeting, which is held each summer. The chapter advisors are Thomas Weber and Jeffri Durrance.

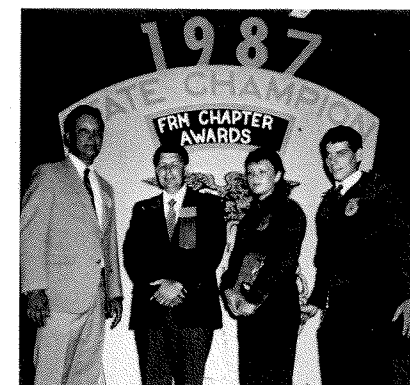
Other Finalists who received awards from the state sponsor include:

Plaques	Colonial; Newberry Senior; New Smyrna Beach Middle; Okeechobee Brahman; Ponce de Leon Senior; Trenton;
Certificates	Avon Park Senior; Groveland Senior; Jewett Junior; Seth McKeel Junior; West Orange.

FRM Chapter Livestock Awards

The FRM Chapter Livestock Awards are only open to active chapters in Regions I and II. These awards are designed to recognize chapter members as a group. The top four individual livestock operations in a chapter are judged collectively. Record books must be entered by each member. In addition, each chapter must have a Flint River Mills dealer as a sponsor prior to applying for this award.

In Region I, the Madison chapter took first place, receiving \$100 and a gold plaque. Michael Williams of Madison FRM received \$150 for sponsoring the chapter; outstanding individual Lisa Ward received \$150 and Advisor Gene Stokes received \$150. The second place plaque went to the Tate Senior chapter with outstanding member Stephen Gindl receiving \$150. Third place honors went to the Graceville chapter.



Madison Advisor Gene Stokes (L) and member Lisa Ward receive the Region I Flint River Mills award. Olen Donaldson with Flint River Mills, Inc., makes the presentation while State Vice President Tony Willis stands by.

In Region II, the Trenton FFA chapter received \$100 and a gold plaque for its first place effort. Wilton E. Jenkins, the sponsoring FRM dealer; Dina Rogers, the outstanding individual; and Chapter Advisor J. M. Everett, each received \$150 for their efforts. The second place plaque went to the Chiefland FFA chapter, with Robyn Hemond receiving \$150. The Lake Butler Senior chapter finished third.

All of the plaques and cash awards are sponsored by Flint River Mills, Inc.

Chapter Forestry

The Milton FFA chapter was named the state winner in the annual Chapter Forestry contest. This contest recognizes the chapter that makes the most effective use of the school's forest land laboratory for the teaching of forestry practices.

The Milton FFA chapter maintains a 40-acre and a 20-acre forest. A variety of trees are planted on the acreage. Many areas are divided into individual test plots for teaching purposes.

During the past year, the chapter planted both pines and Christmas tree seedlings, practiced weed and brush control and harvested some of the trees. The chapter advisor is Gralyn Adkinson.

As the state winner, Milton received a plaque and \$250 from Buckeye Cellulose Corp., Natural Resource Planning Services and Gilman Paper Company, the state co-sponsors.

Other finalists in the forestry contest who received cash awards and plaques were:

2nd Place:	Tate Senior;
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Trenton FFA member Dina Rogers and Advisor J. M. Everett (L) receive the Region II Flint River Mills award from FRM representative Olen Donaldson.

3rd Place:	Citrus;
4th Place:	New Smyrna Beach Junior;
5th Place:	Lake Butler Senior;
Scrapbook winner:	Citrus.

Chapter Safety

The Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA chapter won the state Chapter Safety Award by planning and executing "Operation CASE" (A Community Attaining a Safer Environment). The program concentrated on three major areas. A publicity campaign was also conducted to increase public awareness concerning the program.

One safety objective of the Sarasota Vo-Ag chapter was to develop a county-wide plan for the "National Tractor Safety Campaign." Members wanted to brand every tractor in the county with a "Stay Alive" sticker. Approximately 10 presentations were made and 275 tractors were branded.

"Stop-Drop-and Roll" was another safety project conducted by the chapter for the seventh consecutive year. Over 550 children learned the proper way to evacuate a burning structure.

Finally, "National Farm Safety Week" was observed. Approximately 27 business exhibited safety materials during the week and students saw safety programs each day that week. Chapter advisors are Thomas Weber and Jeffri Durrance.

Dow Chemical Company and the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, the national sponsors of this event, provided plaques and spurs for the 37 "superior" chapters. The applications from the top three chapters

will now be sent to the national level to be ranked Gold, Silver or Bronze. The state sponsor, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, presented plaques to the top five chapters. Second through fifth were:

- 2nd Place:
Lake Butler Junior;
- 3rd Place:
Lake Placid Senior;
- 4th Place:
Avon Park Senior;
- 5th Place:
Apopka Junior.

Supervised Occupational Experience Award

Nine Florida FFA chapters received the Supervised Occupational Experience Award for 1986-87.

A relatively new award at the state convention, the SOE award is built around the various FFA proficiency award areas. Proficiency awards are designed to develop specialized skills and abilities in specific agricultural areas.

To be eligible for the SOE award, a chapter must submit at least 10 applications for state evaluation. These 10 applications must be in at least five different subject areas.

Each chapter received a felt pennant from A. Duda & Sons Inc., the state sponsor.

- Avon Park Senior;
- Columbia Senior;
- Groveland Senior;
- Indian River Senior;
- Lafayette Senior;
- Lake Placid Senior;
- Ponce de Leon Senior;
- Sebring Senior;
- West Orange.

Chapter Contest

The chapter contest evaluates each chapter's overall program of activities against other Florida chapters to determine who will represent Florida at the national level. With over 307 chapters in Florida, it is indeed an honor to be recognized among the top 10 percent.

The top 15 chapters in Florida were recognized at the state convention. The applications will be forwarded to the national level to be ranked Gold, Silver or Bronze.

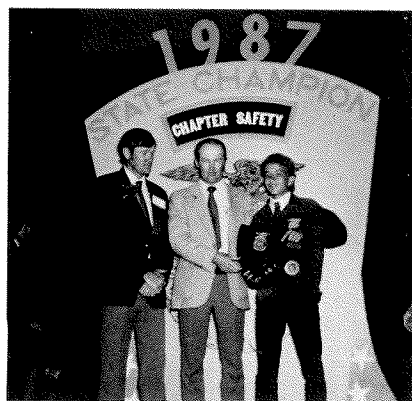
As a "superior" chapter, each has a wide variety of on-going activities, including projects such as BOAC, safety and coop. In addition, strong supervised occupational experience programs must be evident. Finally, the chapter should participate in as many contest as possible.



Nine chapters with outstanding SOE projects receive pennants on behalf of A. Duda and Sons.



Chapter representatives and advisors from the 15 "Superior" chapters receive their plaques from William Powers representing Belk Lindsey Stores of Florida.



Ray Crawford (L), with Florida Farm Bureau congratulates a Sarasota Vo-Ag member and his advisor Jeffri Durance, on their state winning Safety project.

The chapter award program is very involved. Each chapter must fill out two application forms, each with 11 sections. Approximately 150 superior rated chapters received plaques and/or spurs from the National FFA Foundation. The top 10 percent, or 15 chapters, also received plaques from Belk Lindsey Stores of Florida, the state sponsor.

- Avon Park Senior;
- Chiefland Senior;
- Colonial;



O. T. Stoutamire, with the State Department of Education, and Cheryl Summers, with the Florida Division of Forestry, present the Chapter Forestry award to a Milton chapter delegate as State President Chris Wilder looks on.

- Gaither;
- Lafayette Senior;
- Lake Butler Junior;
- Lake Butler Senior;
- Newberry Senior;
- Ponce de Leon Senior;
- Sarasota Vo-Ag;
- South Sumter Senior;
- Tate Senior;
- Trenton;
- West Orange;
- Wildwood Senior.

FFA CHAPTER CONTRIBUTORS LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER

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 categories represent the cumulative total of chapter contributions through August 31, 1987.

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

- Baker County Senior
- Brandon
- Bronson
- Colonial
- Columbia Senior
- D.A. Storms
- DeLand Junior
- DeLand Senior
- Deltona
- DeSoto
- Frostproof Junior
- Frostproof Senior
- Haines City Junior
- Haines City Senior
- Hardee County Junior
- Horace Mann
- Indian River
- J. G. Smith
- Lake Gibson Junior
- Lake Gibson Senior
- Lakeland
- Leesburg Junior
- Leesburg Senior
- Miami
- Okeechobee Brahman
- Plant City
- Ponce De Leon Senior
- Santa Fe Senior
- Sarasota Junior
- Sarasota Vo-Ag
- Seminole Vocational Ed. Center
- South Sumter Senior
- Southeast Manatee Senior
- Southwestern
- Suwannee
- Tomlin Junior
- Union Park

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

- Bartow Senior
- Clermont
- East Bay Senior
- Fort Meade Senior
- Gainesville Agribusiness
- Groveland Junior
- Groveland Senior
- Hardee County Senior
- Kathleen Junior
- Kathleen Senior
- Kissimmee
- Lake Weir Senior
- Madison County

- Malone
- Marianna
- Mount Dora
- New Smyrna Beach Senior
- North Fort Myers
- Orange Park Senior
- Santa Fe Junior
- Sarasota Senior
- Sebring Senior
- South Sumter Junior
- St. Cloud Senior
- Tavares
- Taylor Junior
- Taylor Senior
- Umatilla

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

- Amos P. Godby
- Bayshore
- Bradford Senior
- Branford
- Buchanan
- Chamberlain
- Citrus Senior
- Crescent City Senior
- Dade City Junior
- East Bay Junior
- Leto
- Manatee
- Manatee Vo-Tech
- Miami-Wood
- New Smyrna Beach Junior
- Newberry Junior
- Newberry Senior
- Palmetto High
- Sneads
- Southeast Manatee Junior
- Spruce Creek
- Tarpon Springs Senior
- Travis Vo-Tech
- VanBuren
- Walton Junior
- Walton Senior
- Wildwood Senior
- Winter Haven
- Winter Park

Honorable Mention (\$100-\$499)

- Avon Park
- Baker
- Blountstown
- Boca Raton
- Bunnell
- Carver Middle
- Central
- Charlotte County Senior
- Chipley
- Citrus Junior
- Columbia Junior
- Cottdondale

- Countryside
- Crystal River Junior
- Crystal River Senior
- Dade City Senior
- Englewood
- Evans
- Forest
- Grand Ridge
- Holly Hill
- Howard Middle, Monticello
- Howard Middle, Ocala
- Hudson
- Interlachen Junior
- Lafayette Junior
- Lafayette Senior
- Lake Butler Junior
- Lake Butler Senior
- Lake Placid Middle
- Lake Placid Senior
- Lake Wales Senior
- Lake Weir Junior
- Lakeland Highlands
- Land O'Lakes
- Lyman
- Monticello
- New Port Richey Junior
- North Marion Middle
- North Marion Senior
- Sebastian River Middle
- Silver Sands
- South Dade
- St. Augustine Vo-Tech
- Tampa Bay Vo-Tech
- Tarpon Springs Middle
- Trenton
- Tri-County Englewood
- West Orange
- Williston Junior
- Zephyrhills Junior

Other Chapter Contributors (less than \$100)

- Alva Middle
- Apopka Junior
- Auburndale Senior
- Baker County Middle
- Bartow Junior
- Bayonet Point Junior
- Beasley Middle
- Bell
- Bonifay Junior
- Bonifay Senior
- Boone Middle
- Brooksville Senior
- Charlotte County Junior
- Chiefland Junior
- Chiefland Senior
- Clewiston
- Crescent City Junior
- Dunnellon
- East Lake
- Ferry Pass Middle
- Fort Pierce Central
- Fort Pierce Westwood Senior
- Greco

Hamilton County Senior
Hawthorne
Interlachen Senior
Jupiter
King
Lake Weir Middle
Liberty County
Liberty Junior
Lincoln Middle
Lively Agribusiness
Moore Haven
Mulberry
Pahokee
Palatka Junior
Palatka Senior
Paxon
Ponce de Leon Junior
Ransom Middle
Richard Sanders Exceptional
Ridgewood Junior
Sanford-Seminole
Sebring Middle
Seth McKeel
Sixteenth Street Middle
South Technical Center
Vanguard Senior
Walnut Hill
Westside Skill Center
Williston Senior
Zephyrhills Senior

LTC AWARDS

"The Kiss-A-Pig contest has become one of the highlights of the annual Okeechobee County Livestock Show & Sale," states Wayne Clark, FFA advisor. Each year, a special committee is organized to contact county commissioners, school board members, school and county administrators and other prominent citizens of Okeechobee County to see if they would be willing to kiss-a-pig in full view of an audience. Approximately 30 FFA members solicited contributions in the name of the courageous participants. Elder Sumner, County Commissioner, was the fortunate or should we say unfortunate participant to actually kiss a 16-pound pig mouth-to-mouth in front of thousands of fair goers.

The event netted a total of \$1,600 for the Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter, which, in turn was donated to the Florida FFA Foundation in support of the Leadership Training Center project.

This year's donation earned the Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter the 1986-87 First Place Trophy and

moved their overall cumulative total to \$6,760.

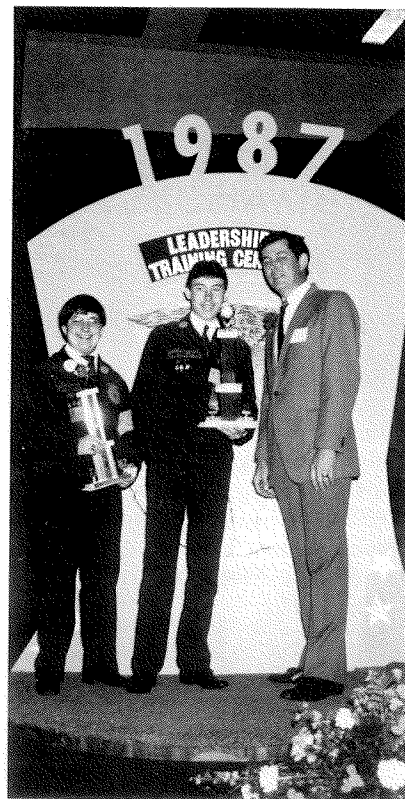
The second place trophy went to the DeSoto FFA Chapter for raising \$1,360 and the Brandon FFA Chapter earned the third place trophy with \$660.

The Florida FFA Foundation also presented awards to individual students who donated their wages from part-time jobs to the Leadership Training Center project. This year, the top two winners in the Hire-An-Aggie program are members of the Brandon FFA Chapter, the third place winning FFA Chapter. Chris Tompkins and Freddie Cyman raised \$330 each to tie for the first place honors. Both Chris and Freddie received trophies for their efforts.

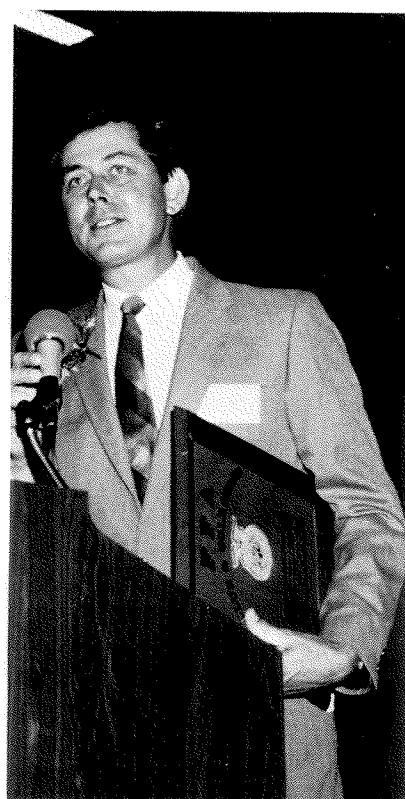
To date, FFA Chapters have raised a cumulative total of \$185,843.80 for the proposed FFA Leadership Training Center project. The project, when completed, will accommodate 350 students and teachers for a variety of educational activities such as leadership seminars, contests, conferences, meetings, workshops and summer camps.



Okeechobee representative Jeff Sumner accepts the Leadership Training Center's chapter award from Foundation President James Speir.



FFA Foundation President James Speir presents the individual Leadership Training Center awards to Chris Tompkins and Freddie Cyman.



The Florida FFA Association thanks James Speir, FFA Foundation President and Senior Vice President for IMC's Florida Phosphate Operations, for serving as FFA Foundation president.

FFA FOUNDATION HOSTS TRADE SHOW

The first Annual FFA Trade Show was held in conjunction with the 59th Annual State FFA Convention & Leadership Conference with 32 exhibitors participating. Representatives from seven states, including Oregon, were present to display their wares, promote their new models and introduce new instructional materials and supplies.

Over 1,500 FFA members, teachers, parents and industry representatives were in attendance at the convention, thus providing a steady flow of traffic in the Exhibit Hall. John Colgin, Eagle Enterprises from Odessa, Texas stated, "this is the most professional, well run convention I have attended to date." Ron O'Conner, Central Florida Farm Credit Service of Lakeland, was quoted as saying, "these young people are very impressive, I haven't heard 'yes sir and no sir' this much since the naval service."

Cathy Scruggs, coordinator of the Trade Show remarked that she was

very pleased with the quality and variety of exhibitors present. The following list of exhibitors represented a vast array of products that were most informative and appealing to the young people as well as to the teachers.

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
A.C.S. Software Publishing
American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials
Case I H
Central Florida Farm Credit Service
Crystal Springs Corporation
E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company, Incorporated
Eagle Enterprises
Fields Equipment Company
Flint River Mills, Incorporated
Florida A & M University/Agricultural Sciences
Florida Agriculture in the Classroom
Florida Department of Citrus
Florida Phosphate Council
Florida Power Corporation
Florida Power & Light

Florida Specialty Fruit, Incorporated
Ford New Holland, Incorporated
Growers Marketing Service, Incorporated

L. Hunt Chemical, Incorporated
Independent Florida Agrinet
International Minerals & Chemical Corporation

Lake City Community College
Life of Florida Insurance Company
Mobay Corporation
Murrah Distributors

NovelTee

William J. Redmon & Son, Incorporated

Seald-Sweet Growers, Incorporated

Side Car Coach Lines

Southern Heritage, Incorporated

United States Navy

Gary Bartley, executive director, Florida FFA Foundation, and host of the Trade Show, stated he was very pleased with the exhibitor evaluations and is already making plans to double the size of the Trade Show for the 1988 Conference.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION BUSINESS

A constitutional amendment passed at the 1986 State FFA Convention went into effect at the 1987 convention which called for several changes in the way the Florida FFA Association will henceforth conduct its business.

The state president will be the only officer elected "at-large" thus eliminating the additional expenses of an "at-large" state secretary. The remaining six state officers will be referred to as "area vice presidents."

Florida will be divided into three main regions. The NORTH FLORIDA REGION will be administered by Education Specialist Tom Stoutamire from Tallahassee. The CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION will be maintained by Buddy Deas in Gainesville while George Busby will oversee the SOUTH FLORIDA REGION from his office in Orlando.

Each region has two areas. These areas will ONLY be used for state officer elections (excluding the president) and to determine the area star farmers, area star agribusinesspersons, area star greenhands and Department of

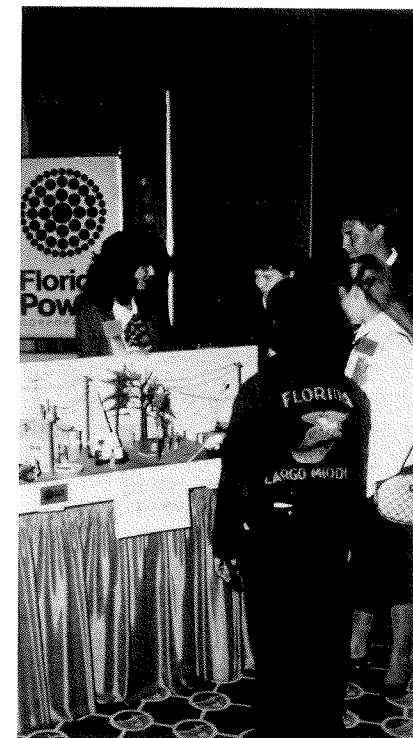
Agriculture and Consumer Services Leadership Scholarships recipients.

Each region also has three districts. These district designations will be used for district officer elections and district contests. This includes forestry, parliamentary procedure, prepared and extemporaneous public speaking and tractor operation and maintenance.

Districts I, II and III are in the North Florida Region. Districts IV, V, and VI are in the Central Florida Region. NOTE: Number has changed for districts V and VI. Finally, districts VII, VIII and IX are in the South Florida Region. You should note the number change for VII and VIII.

Chapters should study these changes and know their appropriate designations for the various competitions.

One other business reminder: Dues for the National Organization were increased to \$3.00 per year by a vote of the 1987 convention delegates. This becomes effective for the 1987-88 membership year. Total state and national dues are now \$6.00.



One of the 32 exhibitors in the first annual FFA Trade Show.

1987 STATE FARMERS

The highest degree of FFA membership available from the Florida FFA Association is the State Farmer degree. To receive this degree, a member must have completed at least 3 years of vocational agriculture and the FFA. In addition, the individual must have earned at least \$1,000 from his/her Supervised Occupational Experience Project. A total of 214 members received their degree at the state convention. Each recipient received a State Farmer Degree Pin and certificate on behalf of Farm Credit Services in Florida. These members will now be able to work toward earning the highest degree of FFA membership—the American Farmer Degree.

The following members became State Farmers.

Region I - District I

BETHLEHEM
Daniel Lee Coleman
BONIFAY SR.
Michelle D. Lyon
Kevin L. Pippin
CHIPLEY
Troy Corbin
Eddie Fredriksson
Steven Wells
PAXTON
Lorry R. Ard
PONCE DE LEON SR.
Annette Sasnett
TATE SR.
Ron Gilley
Stephen Gindl
Sabrena Lynn Parker
WALNUT HILL
Brian O'Neal Davis
Jamie Shane Hall
Greg Peterson

Region I - District II

ALTHA
Melanie Baggett
Mary Lynn Williams
BRANFORD
Bill Gaylard
Adrian I. Land
COTTONDALE
Albert Nix
GRAND RIDGE
Jamie Hewett
Greg Lollie
HAMILTON COUNTY SR.
Wesley Roberson
LAFAYETTE SR.
Lawana Hart
Darren Hingson
Scott Jackson

Wayne McCray
Lucas Morgan
Joey Pearson
Herbert Perry
Scott A. Putnal
Becky Shaw
Bill Shows
BRISTOL
Daron Jones
MADISON COUNTY
Leanne Fletcher
MALONE
Amy Michelle Jordan
Jeff Pittman
SUWANNEE
Lois Angela Crain
Brent Culbreth
Dess Fennell, III
Terry McCoy, Jr.
Kevin Sullivan

Region II - District III

BAKER COUNTY SR.
Darrell Harvey
Patrick Hodges
Robert Stewart
Stephen Stafford
BELL
Mark A. Haymon
Thomas J. Strickland
Paul Watson
BRADFORD SR.
Lisa Spivey
BRONSON
Cameron A. Asbell
Vadin Barber
Benjamin Beauchamp
Janice Crawford
CHIEFLAND SR.
Stephen E. Barlow
Blair D. Beauchamp
Cord Coold
David Ramsdell
Robert Shipp, Jr.
COLUMBIA SR.
Brad Dicks
Steve Register
LAKE BUTLER SR.
Rex Bailes
Amy Louise Driggers
Mark S. Thomas
Buddy Webb
TRENTON
Bruce Brown
Jamie Jones
Dustin Deen Lancaster
Michael Langford
Duane Ridgeway
Wesley Roberts
Brad Smith
Eli Smith

Region II - District IV

BUNNELL
Melissa B. Atkinson
Laurie Ann Billups
James Burnsed, Jr.
DELAND SR.
Kevin J. Kelly
Beckie King
Bobbie Jene King
James J. Koppel
Sara Ann Spradlin
Harvey Lee Sutton
DUNNELLO SR.
Jennifer Boatright
Nicky Lindholm
Sebrina Peterson
FOREST
Julie Ann Glisson
Gerald Hickman
Cynthia Lee McQuaig
Lynn Simpson
INTERLACHEN SR.
Kermit E. Hilliard
Michael L. Mallard
PALATKA SR.
Justin M. Edwards
John Charles Hansford
NEWBERRY SR.
Ronald A. Brame, Jr.
Robert Hunter
NEW SMYRNA BEACH SR.
Teresa Lynn Ashby
Vikki Davis
Anthony T. Ford
Scott Kirsch
Connie Nicklin
Peter C. Swebilius, Jr.
Derrick W. Woodward
NORTH MARION SR.
Sonja Jo Mullins
LECANTO SR.
Tony Lisenby
Terri M. Guthrie
Daniel N. Mannis
SPRUCE CREEK
Chris Nettles
SANTA FE SR.
Stella Bryan
Thomas Mikell

Region III - District V

COLONIAL
Joey Hardyman
Matthew Hughey
Melissa Lorne
Troy E. Nead
Tracey Michelle Nettles
Bonny Owens
Hector Ramirez
Cindy Rieg
Robert A. Rogers

Lori Gail Shapiro
Toni Louise Wallace
Nicki Wilkerson
GROVELAND SR.
Joyce Allen
Wanda Johns
Denise Story
SOUTH SUMTER SR.
David Sim Adams
Johnny Galvin, Jr.
TAVARES
Dena Creclius
Pete Tsirnikas
UMATILLA
Tonya E. Scott
WEST ORANGE
James L. Kelley

Region III - District VI

BARTOW SR.
Cynthia Lynn Sumner
FROSTPROOF SR.
Robert McDowell
FORT MEADE
Tommy Jenkins
HAINES CITY SR.
Jack Conroy
Christina Scott
Wayne Wallace
Susan A. Waters
INDIAN RIVER SR.
Bart Crosby
Brian Horton
LAKE WALES SR.
Laurie Acree
Deborah Jean Allen
Clinton Alan Anderson
Patricia Lynn Hutchinson
Lisa Padgett
Lisa Denise Rosier
Joe Edward Stewart
MULBERRY
Frank Lee Waller
WINTER HAVEN
Nicholas Klotzbier
Larry Ray Lloyd, Jr.
Bruce Eugene Minton

Region IV - District VII

BRANDON
Regina Marie Butts
Freddie Cyman
Amber Darice Rivers
Unity Earlene Whitworth
BROOKSVILLE SR.
Melony Lynn Beyer
CHAMBERLAIN
Brandon Stacy Todd
COUNTRYSIDE
Robert Wakeland
DADE CITY SR.
Jerry Todd Brown
Cathy Cotter
Mark David Richter
EAST BAY SR.
Rick E. Anderson
William A. Berry
Victor Bevis
Gregory Burl Roberts

Curtis L. Smith
Christopher Walker
GAITHER SR.
Patricia Raberge
Patrick Lamar Shell
PLANT CITY
Vicki Bennett
Trent Jennings
Jeff Johnson
Cindy Mabry
Brian R. Mayo
Dennis Mayo
James Allen Reed
Shayla Wetherington
TAMPA BAY VOTECH
Steven Scott Burdian
Jeffrey M. Kandle
TARPON SPRINGS SR.
James M. Casey
William A. Fisher, Jr.
Amy Lynn McLeod
Amy Lynn Mulder
Laura Lee Muller
ZEPHYRHILLS SR.
Michelle Diane Collins
Lisa Michelle Fowler
Shannon Dee Jones
Robert H. Theel

Region IV - District VIII

CHARLOTTE COUNTY SR.
Paulette Bass
HARDEE COUNTY SR.
Micah S. Hendrickson
Dwight Keating
SARASOTA SR.
Nathan Abritton
Darren Howell
John Richardson
Troy Smith
Teddy Underhill
Julie Wentz
SARASOTA Vo-Ag
Troy M. Burnett
Carolyn Jo Norwood
SOUTHEAST SR.
Brian Chamness
Richard King
Albert Suggs

Region V - District IX

FT. PIERCE CENTRAL
Lori Lynne Sligh
Kim Soop
LAKE PLACID SR.
Susan Marie Keller
MOORE HAVEN
Wayne Claxton Browning, Jr.
Charity Lee
Marvin Lee Tindell
OKEECHOBEE BRAHMAN
Dudley R. Kirton
SEBRING SR.
Rick Allen Little
Christi McCracken
SOUTH DADE
James Daniel Tyre, Jr.

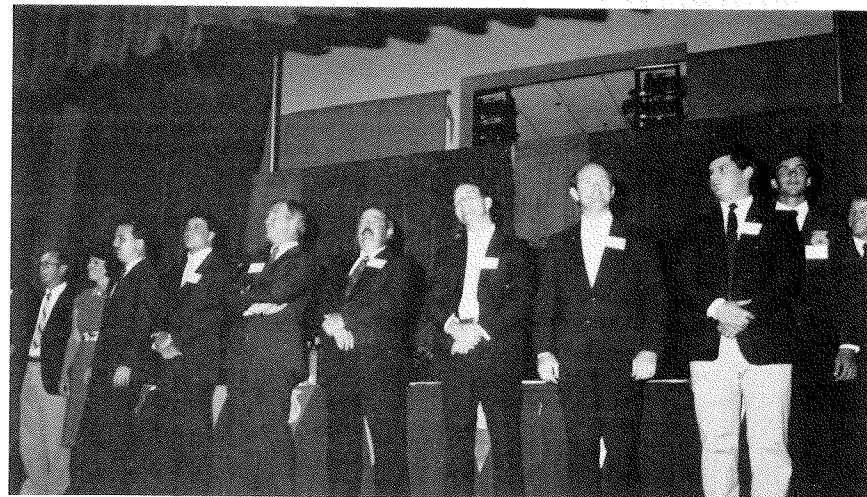
1987 American Farmer Candidates

Twenty-two outstanding Florida FFA members were recognized at the state convention as Florida's nominees for the highest level of FFA membership—the American Farmer Degree. Earning this honor is a culmination of five to seven years of dedication to the organization. A state association may only recommend a certain percentage of their membership for this degree annually. Members must have their State Farmer degree, been out of high school one year and earned at least \$5,000 from their SOE project. Receiving this degree is a high honor. Only about 2 percent of the entire FFA membership reach this height in their FFA career. The 1987 recipients are:

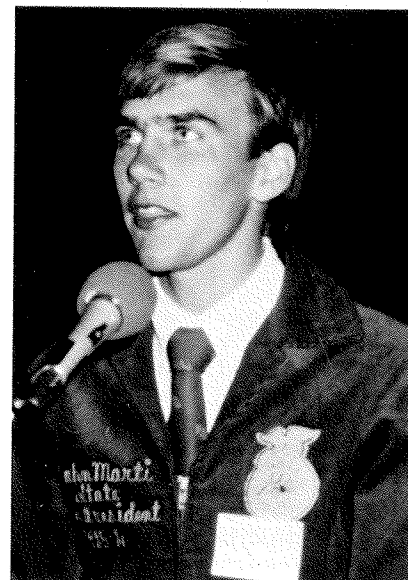
Eric D. Anderson
DeLand Sr. FFA
Anthony Neil Barrington
Lafayette Sr. FFA
Clint W. Bronson
Groveland Sr. FFA
Stephanie Jean Carte
Suwannee FFA
Julie Congdon
Haines City Sr. FFA
Lee Davidson
Trenton FFA
Mickey Diamond
Jay FFA
Dorinda Ann Fewox
Frostproof Sr. FFA
Julius Green, Jr.
Moore Haven FFA
Marsha L. Langford
Trenton FFA
Owen Carson McCall, Jr.
Lafayette Sr. FFA
Catherine Annette Malphurs
Crescent City Sr. FFA
John Edward Marti
Crescent City Sr. FFA
Robert P. Morin
Forest FFA
Patrick (Rick) Jay Moyer
DeLand Sr. FFA
Terry DeWane Parrish
Trenton FFA
Lucy A. Pleterski
New Smyrna Beach Sr. FFA
Kelley Quincey
Chiefland FFA
Daryl Roberts
Bunnell FFA
Kord E. Robertson
Hardee County Sr. FFA



Twenty-two American Farmer candidates assemble on stage for recognition.



(Above and Below) Past state officers gather Monday evening to renew friendships and briefly remind younger FFA members of the "good ole days."



Florida's national officer candidate John Marti expresses his appreciation for being chosen to represent Florida in his quest for national office.

National Officer Candidate

1985 Region II Vice President John Marti will represent Florida in his bid for a national FFA office this November in Kansas City. John will compete with other FFA members from across the nation for the right to represent some 430,000 FFA members nationwide. John, 20, is from the Crescent City FFA chapter. His advisor is David Brown.

Past State Officers

Former state officers always gather at the annual state convention to see old friends and learn what is happening in the Florida FFA Association. On the second evening of the convention, approximately 30 members introduced themselves to the convention audience. The 1967 team celebrated its 20th anniversary with every member in attendance except one.

EXCELLENCE

FFA offers opportunities to young men and women studying high school agriculture to help them develop that rarest of commodities: excellence.

ALUMNI RELATIONS AWARD

The Suwannee FFA chapter and its affiliate have won the Alumni Relations Award for the second year in a row.

This award recognizes an FFA chapter and its alumni affiliate for its outstanding alumni program. The Suwannee Alumni chapter has 38 active members and has held six meetings during the last year.

The alumni chapter worked on four large projects during the past year. First, the Suwannee FFA Chapter and its alumni hosted a luncheon and tour for a delegation from the University of Florida's Agricultural Extension and Education Department.

Next, alumni members assisted chapter members in running a Halloween concession stand at a mall carnival. Most of the food was donated by the alumni members. In addition, some members worked in the concession stand.

To help FFA members prepare for their annual livestock show, alumni members hosted a grooming clinic. They also hauled animals to the show for members who did not have access to transportation.

Finally, the alumni assisted the chapter in hosting the sub-district contest by acting as judges and serving refreshments.

Alumni members also serve as chaperones on field trips, instruct judging teams and host parties for chapter members.

As the state winner, the Suwannee FFA Alumni Chapter received a plaque and \$600. The FFA chapter received a plaque and \$400, while Chapter Advisor Walter Boatright, Jr., received a plaque and \$200. These awards are sponsored by the Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association.

Second Place:

Frostproof Alumni Chapter
plaque
Advisor Jim Smith
plaque and \$150
Frostproof Jr. & Sr. Chapters
plaque and \$300

Third Place:

Gaither Alumni Chapter
plaque
Advisors:
Donna Beatty
plaque and \$50
Howard Satin
plaque and \$50
Gaither Sr. Chapter
plaque and \$200

District II Winner:

Suwannee Alumni plaque

District III Winner:
Bronson Alumni plaque
District IV Winner:
Lake Weir Alumni plaque
District V Winner:
Groveland Alumni plaque
District VI Winner:
Frostproof Alumni plaque
District VII Winner:
Gaither Alumni plaque
District VIII:
Sarasota Alumni plaque

Martin Boone, Lake City
— Samsun AM/FM Radio
Cassette Player
Sponsored by: R & W Television
& Appliance Center, Sebring
Edna Rhymes, Monticello
— 12 Piece Bakeware Set
Sponsored by: Badcock Home
Furnishings, Live Oak
Larry Reese, Quincy
— Bushnell Wide Angle 7 Power
35 MM Binoculars
Sponsored by: K-Mart, Sebring
Linda DeLaney, Old Town
— Radio Clock Telephone
Sponsored by: Wal-mart,
Sebring

Arabian Gelding First Prize

Elsie Stankiewicz of Tampa was the proud winner of a three-year-old Arabian Gelding from Wayne Newton's Arabian stock as the grand prize in the third annual FFA Alumni drawing. FFA members, advisors, alumni council members and others sold over 7,500 tickets to raise money for the Florida FFA Alumni Association. Mark Williams, president, Florida FFA Alumni, states that most of the money will be used to sponsor the annual alumni awards program for the FFA.

Other winners in the drawing were:

Eileen Callaway, Lulu
— Two roundtrip Eastern Airline
tickets to anywhere in the USA.
Sponsored by: Annett Travel
Agency/Eastern Airlines.

Robert Philpot, Williston
— 20" RCA ColorTrak Television
Sponsored by: Evalena Vann/
Florida FFA Alumni Association

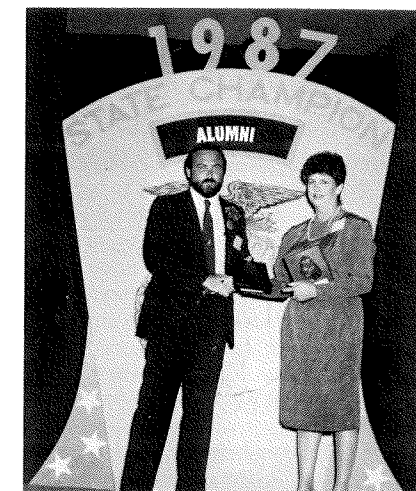
Carroll Crafford, Valdosta
— Rainbird Sportswear Package
Sponsored by: Rainbird Sales,
Inc.

Jamie Payne, Tallahassee
— Mossberg 12 Gauge Pump
Shotgun
Sponsored by: Florida FFA
Alumni Association

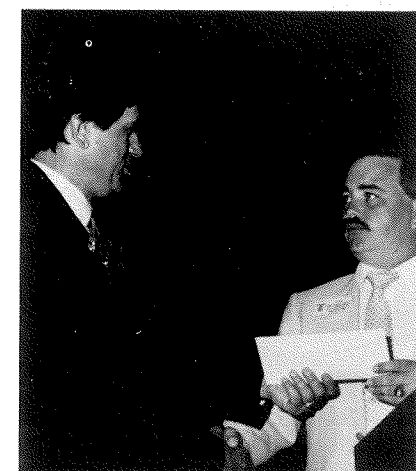
Robert Brannan, Lake City
— Sunbeam Gas Grill
Sponsored by: Scotty's, Live
Oak

Kim Martin, Tampa
— Bear Whitetail II Compound
Bow
Sponsored by: Florida FFA
Alumni Association

B.A. Driggers, Homeland
— Lead Crystal Compote
Sponsored by: Live Oak
Jewelry, Live Oak

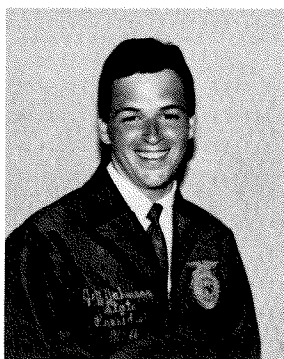


Florida FFA Alumni President Mark Williams presents the Outstanding Alumni Affiliate Award to Shirley Carte with the Suwannee Alumni chapter.



Florida Alumni Vice President Doug Register presents FFA Foundation Director Gary Bartley with \$1,000 for the Foundation.

OFFICERS' COLUMNS



I'M EXCITED !

JEFF JOHNSON
State President

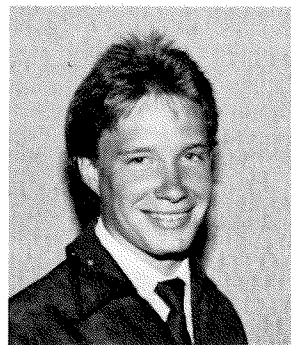
FFA members, something very important faces each and every one of us. Some of us are excited about it. Others are cautious and unsure. But no matter what our personal feelings are about this one situation, it is totally unavoidable and we all must face it. What is this great mystery lurking around the corner, you ask? I am speaking of the future. Not only yours and mine, but also the future of American agriculture and the part we will play in that future as FFA members. And let me tell you, it's something to get excited about!

We, as FFA members are on the verge of a literal explosion of new opportunities in agriculture. But if we don't progress as American agriculture progresses, we will be an organization producing ineffective, improperly experienced members. The changes taking place in agriculture are phenomenal! One hundred years ago, the tractor was considered a miracle. Today scientists are developing satellites to be used on the farm. Agriculture is also being taken into space. If the predictions of futurists are correct, we'll be cultivating crops on a space station by the year 2000 and on the surface of MARS by the year 2030! Exciting? One day the President may be stationed "just beyond the rising sun."

Just how much does the future rely on us? Let me show you in a story. High on a hilltop overlooking the beautiful city of Venice, Italy, there lived an old man who was a genius. Legend had it that he could answer any question anyone might ask of him. Two of the local boys figured they could fool the old man, so they caught a small bird and headed for his residence. One of the boys held the little bird in his hands and asked the old man if the bird was

alive or dead. Without hesitation the old man said, "Son, if I say that the bird is alive, you will close your hands and crush him to death. If I say the bird is dead, you will open your hands and he will fly away. So you see, the answer lies in your hands."

Each day presents new opportunities for us as FFA members to improve ourselves and the industry that we believe in. I believe, I believe, I believe, we say over and over again in our creed, and we do. We believe in each other, we believe in ourselves, and we believe in agriculture. The future lies in our hands, and from what you've shown me, those are very capable hands. With our belief in agriculture and our enthusiasm for this organization, we have much to look forward to, and **I AM EXCITED !**



LEADERS FOR THE NEW FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE

RON GILLEY
Area I Vice President

JOB: Future Farmers
DESCRIPTION: Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture

Job? Maybe not. Responsibility? Definitely! As "future farmers" we have a responsibility to carry on the agricultural duties performed by our fathers and forefathers.

The American farmer feeds 76 other people besides himself (25 overseas). As the world population increases and the farm population decreases (from 25 percent of the total population in 1930 to 3 percent in 1980) it becomes evident that "feeding the world" is not such an easy task.

That's where we come in. It is our job—our responsibility to come up with new technology to increase production with decreased manpower. Thus, we need leaders in production agriculture.

Agriculture creates an estimated 24

million jobs per year. Most of these are outside farms and ranches! The producer's share of the food dollar has decreased from 40 percent in 1950 to 27 percent in 1983. We have a responsibility to see that the producer, handler, wholesaler and retailer get their "fair share" of the consumers' dollar. It seems to me, someone is getting rich as the producer struggles. The answer: more "leaders" in agribusiness and politics.

Students across America are being pressured out of vocational agriculture classes because of the strict requirements of other educational areas. Some school districts don't even have vo-ag programs. The result: agriculture loses out. Who pays? We all do!

Any student who chooses to do so should be able to complete a vo-ag program in high school! Again, we have a responsibility to educate the educators about the importance of agriculture and to provide prospective vo-ag students and FFA members with all the agriculture education they need. We must be "leaders" in agriculture education.

Perhaps the most important group to reach is the uninformed public. It would scare an FFA member to know how many people take each meal for granted. I think that most all of agriculture's problems today could be solved by making the "non-agricultural" public more aware of the many aspects of agriculture (good and bad).

The FFA's Food For America program is a great start. It catches the public in that young, impressionable stage.

Our responsibility is to unite the agriculture community and start presenting more national campaigns to promote agriculture. Thus, more "leaders in public relations."

We have many responsibilities and perhaps they will turn out to be a job, but job, responsibility or hobby—keeping agriculture #1 is up to us—the "Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture."

I AM CONFIDENT

BECKY SHAW
Area II Vice President

Are you always confident in yourself? Or do you always rely on someone else? Are you always dissatisfied with everything you do, every speech you write, the way you look or every decision you make?



Many people never see the good qualities they possess, they only see the bad. Many people never realize their potential as an individual. This easily leads to a loss of self-confidence. One can easily remove this loss from their life by being honest with themselves and by believing in themselves and their actions.

Within each FFA member there is the potential to succeed in life. To succeed requires determination and self-confidence. Confidence is important, but we must always believe in ourselves and have confidence that we can go farther in order to succeed. We must realize that we need to push ourselves and go beyond our limits. It takes self-confidence and belief in ourselves to achieve our goals and succeed in life.

How do we begin to obtain self-confidence? First, we must realize that we do have potential. Next, we must set our goals high and work daily to achieve them. Next, a person must realize that it is their duty and responsibility to decide the role and goal they have in life, and work to build up self-confidence to be able to achieve their highest goal.

Never compare yourself to someone else, no matter how much they have achieved in life, because their achievements may seem more important and you may become discouraged. If you believe you can do it, then you will. Each one of us has great potential, and we should not limit ourselves. Believe in yourself and the goals you desire to achieve.

The FFA offers us a great opportunity to develop confidence in ourselves through many leadership activities and contests. Our organization stresses self-confidence and since we come in contact with so many influential people, we can't help but to become confident in ourselves. Also, we should have confidence in the abilities of others.

FFA members should always remember else, they are no better than anyone, and there is no one better than them. Each person has a special quality. Each person is very unique, and we

should always remember that we are special because we are unique. So, the next time you have doubts about your abilities, have confidence in yourself. Once you have built up your self-confidence, you are on the road to becoming the best FFA member and individual you can possibly be.



CAN YOU IMAGINE . . .

SONJA MULLINS
Area III Vice President

"I hate to see the day when things are as bad as some newspapers make it."

This quote by Will Rogers truly recognizes a problem that America is facing in *our* day as Future Farmers.

We have taken the initiative as state officers to rectify the publicity problem which is causing American agriculture and the Future Farmers great difficulty.

The Future Farmers of America and American agriculture face a challenging future. The farm economy and social structure have gone through drastic changes in the past few years and indications are that the change will continue for some time.

Thanks to agriculture being America's first and foremost "high tech" industry, fewer farmers are producing far more food and fiber than 50 years ago. One farmer can cultivate five times as many acres compared to past performance.

Can you truthfully answer this question? Do you believe everything you read and hear simply because the press made it "news" without the facts behind the story?

If you answered this question by a simple "yes" then you are cheating yourself of broadening your knowledge of an industry which will always feed more people than just Americans. There will always be an agriculture industry in this world of technology.

Technology is astonishing if you only take the time to listen and think before you speak . . . **LISTEN AND THINK — BEFORE YOU SPEAK . . .** As I have previously stated, one of the major problems with American agriculture is

the type of publicity which is discouraging farmers and other agribusinessmen from taking the necessary actions to rebut the statements made by outside industries regarding the agriculture problem.

I leave you with this . . . Society began with agriculture, but the FFA does not intend for society to die in agriculture.



DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

SHAYLA WETHERINGTON
Area IV Vice President

Dare to be different you're not the same

Dare to be different you have your own brain

You are who you are so be proud

You're not just another face in the crowd

Stand up for what you believe in, don't be ashamed

Don't hide behind a face, make your own name.

Ever since the beginning of time everyone has felt the need to pattern their life after someone, maybe their mother, father, actor or entertainer. After reaching a certain age the need to be different evolves. Who wants to blend in, be a stereotype, or just another face in the crowd?

I recently enjoyed a movie where I observed a group of students who had enrolled in a college. Once they were enrolled they realized they could not fit into the cliques and were not accepted. With that in mind, they stood tall and "dared to be different." No matter what difficulties they faced, they realized they were all unique. Using their special talents and personalities, they succeeded by standing up for what they believed in, and consequently, were accepted for themselves.

The movie I am referring to is "Revenge of the Nerds." As silly as it may seem, this is a common occurrence in many high schools. Students who enroll in vocational agriculture are sometimes looked upon as being different

and out of touch with certain cliques. Just as the nerds weren't accepted at first, they were soon respected and admired because of their individuality and beliefs.

Relate yourself to the nerds and you will be respected because of your beliefs in vocational agriculture. Stand up for your rights and say "I believe in the future of farming." You are your own person and no matter how talented or handsome you may be, God has blessed you with certain traits that can be respected if you "dare to be different" and not conform to peer pressure. Do not wish to be anyone but who you are.

Being an individual may be hard, but you will only be respected for it later. Nerds may not be a thriving culture in today's society, but I know if you believe in yourself and don't hide behind someone else, you have made a strong statement in bettering yourself and the Future Farmers of America.

This organization is very unique but Without different opinions it Won't reach its peak. The Lord didn't create us all the same People are different and that's no shame. You are who you are so be proud You're not just another face in the crowd. Stand up for what you believe And respect is what you'll receive.



TAKE THE CHANCE —MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

BONNY OWENS
Area V Vice President

"But if I become an active part of the FFA, I will not be accepted at my school."

"But if I become an officer, I will have to change and my friends will look at me as being a "brown noser."

FFA members have your ever said or even thought this to yourself? If you have, don't you think that it is about

time to be YOURSELF and not who everyone wants you to be?

If you can believe it
You can achieve it.
If you can dream it
You can become it.

All it takes is for you to have faith in yourself and you can become anything you dream. You can become secretary or even president of your chapter. You, as FFA members, have the potential to take the chance and make the difference in your lives.

The choice is up to you. You may already be an active member and if you are, you have the ability to inspire others. We have an educational but fun-filled year ahead of us, but it is up to us to make a difference. We must efficiently plan our meetings and programs. The future of our organization lies in our hands.

We must speak our ideals and thoughts. A past president, John F. Kennedy, once said "If ever the United States should reach a point where debate disappears, where the clash of ideals come together, we are finished as a nation."

I believe that this holds true for our organization. FFA members do not worry if you are different, stand out of the crowd, and most of all be yourselves, because

To believe in yourself
Have trust and faith in yourself
You'll find no greater feeling.

To do what you feel is right
And to strive for your goals
Should be a way of your life.
Don't worry about what people think of you

But what you think of yourself.
Be thankful for what you have
And not what you don't.

Stand up for our opinions
And don't try to change others
For everyone is different
Including yourself.

WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF IT?

RICK LITTLE
Area VI Vice President

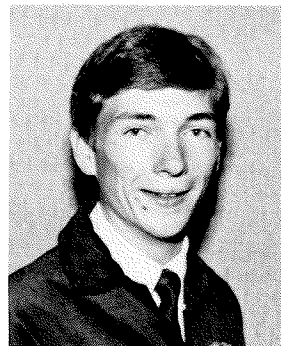
It's the first day of school and Joey walks into his first period class. The class is called vocational agriculture. All Joey knows is that the state requires a ½ credit in a vocational class.

The teacher starts explaining vo-ag class and how everyone must have a S.O.E. Next, he tells them about FFA and how they should all join.

Joey raises his hand and says "What will I get out of it?"

The teacher was ready for this question and he responds "The FFA will

give you responsibility, allow you to travel, help you to become a leader and provide you with the opportunity to win awards at the local, state and national level. This was all good and well, but Joey wanted more. After class he asked a friend about FFA.



The friend told him it was great because you got out of school all of the time and got to travel all over the state. The FFA also had some of the best looking girls around, according to the friend. That was fine, but Joey still wanted more, so he asked his father.

His father, who was a former FFA member told him "Son, you will make lifetime friends, learn about the importance of agriculture and above all you will gain the respect of others because you are a part of the greatest youth organization in the world."

Joey went to his room and thought about everything he had heard regarding the FFA. He tried to decide who explained the organization correctly, and suddenly he realized they were all right. Moreover, he decided he would only get back what he put into the organization.



State officers show their support for a fellow retiring officer.

A state officer's final remarks express his/her feelings about their year and fellow co-workers:

1987 Convention Highlights

Saturday, November 7

8:30 a.m. American Royal Parade—Led by National FFA Officers

Sunday, November 8

1:00 p.m. First Practice—National FFA Band, Chorus and Talent

Tuesday, November 10

10:00-11:45 a.m. Delegate Registration—Vista Hotel
11:45 a.m. Kansas City National FFA Convention Welcoming Luncheon—Vista Hotel
2:30-4:00 p.m. Delegate, State Advisor, Executive Secretary Orientation—Vista Hotel
1:00-8:00 Early Registration—including Contest Teams—Bartle

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Registration for Individuals and All Contest Teams—Bartle
Daily (check schedule) Educational Tours—Kansas City Area
10:30-4:30 p.m. FFA Alumni Convention—Bartle
1:30-5:00 National Agricultural Career Show—Bartle
2:00 p.m. Business Session—Municipal Auditorium
3:00 p.m. Courtesy Corps Meeting—Municipal Auditorium
5:00 p.m. National FFA Alumni Banquet and Auction—Bartle
8:00 p.m. Vespers Program—Municipal Auditorium
9:00 p.m. American Farmer Rehearsal, Meeting of National Chapter, Safety and BOAC—Municipal Auditorium

Thursday, November 12

7:00 a.m. Livestock Contest—American Royal/Kansas City Stockyards
7:45 a.m. Forestry Contest Part I—Bartle
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. National Agricultural Career Show—Bartle
8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Registration—Bartle
8:00 a.m. Farm Business Management Contest—Hyatt
8:00 a.m. Nursery/Landscape Contest Part I—Bartle
8:00 a.m. Floriculture Contest Part I—Swope Park
8:30 a.m. Dairy Foods Contest—Hyatt
9:00 a.m. Opening Session—Municipal Auditorium
—Theme Audio-Visual
—National Chapter Safety Awards
—Convention Kick-off Speaker, Roger Staubach
11:00 a.m. Forestry Contest Part II—Swope Park
11:30 a.m. National Chapter Recognition Luncheon—Bartle
12:00 Noon Dairy Contest—American Royal Arena
12:00 Noon Proficiency Award Luncheon—Vista
12:00 Noon Star Luncheon—Kansas City Club
12:00 Noon Agricultural Mechanics Contest—Fort Osage Vo-Tech School
Daily (check schedule) Educational Tours—Kansas City Area
1:00 p.m. Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—Bartle
1:00 p.m. Meats Contest—Safeway Meats Plant
1:00 p.m. Nursery/Landscape Contest Part II—Swope Park
1:30-4:00 p.m. Star Judging—Kansas City Club
2:00-4:30 p.m. Proficiency Judging—Vista
2:00 p.m. BOAC Enrichment Seminar
2:00 p.m. Floriculture Contest Part II—Bartle

FFA DATES — 1987-88

DUE DATE	NAME OF APPLICATION/EVENT	SEND TO/GO TO	DUE DATE	NAME OF APPLICATION/EVENT	SEND TO/GO TO
SEP-OCT	District Leadership Schools	See Regional Specialists	Feb 29	Tractor Operation and Maintenance Finals (9 District Winners)	Orlando
Sep 1	National Courtesy Corps Applications	Danny Bartlett	Mar 12	Vegetable Judging School	Orlando
Oct 13-15	Sunbelt Ag Expo	Moultrie, Ga		State Dairy, Livestock, Poultry—Finals Meats Preliminaries	Gainesville
Oct 23	State Forestry Field Day (9 District Winners)	Perry	Mar 25	State Land Judging Contest	Polk County
Oct 24-25	Leadership & Personal Development Seminar	Tampa	Apr 1	Proficiency Award Applications	Danny Bartlett
Oct 30	Chapter Program of Activities	Danny Bartlett	Apr 15	National Chapter Award (Chapter Accomplishment Report)	Regional Specialist
	Chapter Membership Rosters With Dues (\$6.00 per member)	Danny Bartlett		BOAC	Danny Bartlett
Nov 11-14	National FFA Convention	Kansas City, MO		Chapter Safety	Danny Bartlett
Dec 1	Proficiency Award Awareness Day	Statewide		Chapter Forestry	John Denmark
Dec 4	Sub-District Contests	Statewide (TBA)		Chapter Co-Op	Danny Bartlett
Jan 9	State Judging School—Dairy, Livestock, Poultry	Gainesville		FRM	Tom Stoutanire
Jan 22	District Contests (9)	Statewide (TBA)		Computers in Agriculture	Danny Bartlett
Feb 5	State FFA Degree Applications	Regional Specialists		Feeder Steer	George Busby
Feb 6	State Fair—Livestock Preliminaries	Tampa	Apr 29	Agricultural Electrification Essay	Danny Bartlett
	—Horse Judging State Contest	Tampa		Forestry Camp Applications	Division of Forestry
Feb 13	State Fair—Dairy, Poultry, & Horticulture Judging	Tampa		Membership Roster Update	Danny Bartlett
Feb 15	American Farmer Degree Applications	John Denmark		DEADLINE	
Feb 17	State Star Greenhand Applications	Danny Bartlett	May 1	Horticulture Demonstrations, Vegetable Contest, Ag Business Management Finals, Ag Mechanics Finals	Gainesville
Feb 20	State Citrus Contest	Winter Haven	Jun 12-16	National Band and National Chorus Apps. (1988 National Convention)	Danny Bartlett
	Livestock Preliminaries	Quincy		60th State FFA Convention	Orlando (Sheraton Twin Towers)
Feb 21-27	NATIONAL FFA WEEK-State Officer Goodwill Tour	National/State	Jul 10-15	Forestry Training Camp—Districts I — IV	O'Ieno State Park
Feb 29	State Ornamental Horticulture Contest	Orlando	Jul 17-22	Forestry Training Camp—Districts V — IX	O'Ieno State Park
			Aug 17-19	State Leadership School	Tampa

2:00 p.m.	Second Session—Municipal Auditorium
	—National Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest
	—Guest Speaker
	—National Chapter Awards
	—Distinguished Service Citations
	—Delegate Business Session
3:00 p.m.	Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—Bartle
6:00 p.m.	National FFA Talent Show—Municipal Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Third Session—Municipal Auditorium
	—Sponsors Recognition
	—Stars Over America Pageant

Friday, November 13

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Registration—Bartle
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	National Agricultural Career Show—Bartle
8:30 a.m.	Poultry Contest—Hyatt
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Session—Municipal Auditorium
	—Agriscience Teacher of the Year
	—Honorary American Farmer Degrees
	—VIP Awards
	—BOAC Awards
	—Guest Speaker
11:00 a.m.	Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—Bartle
11:30 a.m.	American Farmer Luncheon—Bartle
12:15 p.m.	Agricultural Mechanics Contest Luncheon—Hyatt
Daily (check schedule)	Educational Tours—Kansas City Area
1:00 p.m.	Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—Bartle
2:00 p.m.	Fifth Session—Municipal Auditorium
	—Guest Speaker
	—American Farmer Degrees
	—Alumni Recognition
	—National Officer Advisor and School Recognition
3:00 p.m.	Leadership Workshop Conducted by FFA Alumni—Bartle
5:00 p.m.	National Leadership Dinner for Chapter and State FFA Officers (Reunion for WCP)—Bartle
6:45 p.m.	National FFA Band & Chorus Concert—Municipal Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Sixth Session—Municipal Auditorium
	—National Proficiency Awards Pageant
	—National Prepared Public Speaking Contest

Saturday, November 14

7:00 a.m.	National Contests Breakfasts— Hyatt and Crown Center Hotels
8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon	Registration—Municipal Auditorium
9:00 a.m.	Seventh Session—Municipal Auditorium
	—International Activities
	—Guest Speaker
	—Announcement of Judging Contest Winners
2:00 p.m.	Closing Session—Municipal Auditorium
	—Retiring Address—National President
	—Election and Installation of 1987-88 National Officers

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YOUR ALUMNI IS WORKING FOR YOU

Would like to have a stronger FFA Chapter? Would you like for your FFA Chapter to be more visible in your community? Would you like for your FFA Chapter to become the most popular organization in your school? If the answer is yes to each of the preceeding questions, then you will benefit by reading the following article.

Organize An Alumni Affiliate Now!

The need for public awariness of agriculture's role in our lives becomes more important every day. Thousands of former FFA members and supporters living in Florida comprehend this need. Many former FFA members are either farming, or earning their living in an ag-related field. There is no better time to call on these people in your community and organize a local FFA alumni affiliate.

Former members of the FFA and supporters in your community realize more than anyone else what the FFA means to youth, and the opportunity it offers to young people in developing leadership, character and good citizenship—as well as knowledge in agriculture.

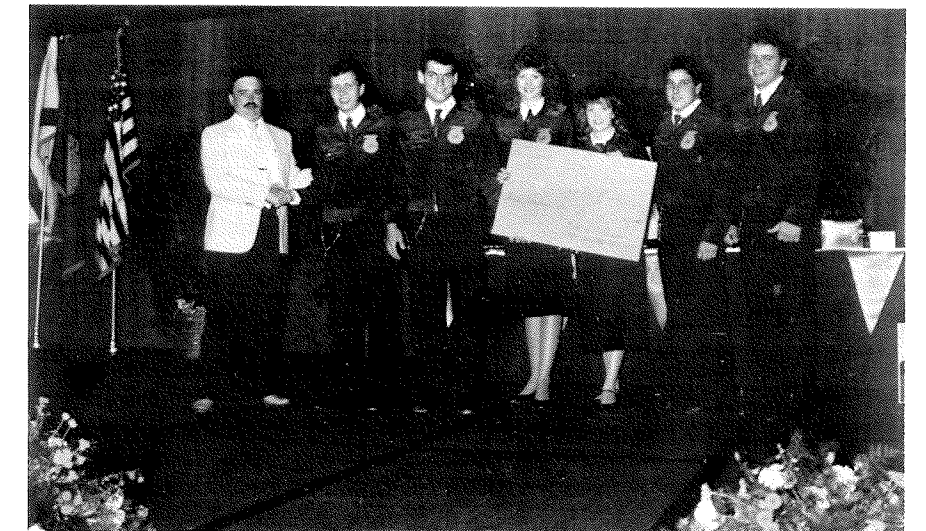
The desire of those who have been members of the FFA and other individuals who are interested in strengthening the FFA program should join together in a united effort to help educate others about FFA in our community and generate support—to help build confidence in today's FFA members and provide inspiration—to be kept informed about the FFA and to share experiences and ideas with other alumni members. Supporters can help with chapter banquets, train judging teams, provide transportation for FFA activities, help raise money to finance chapter activities, provide advisory and technical support for upgrading the agricultural department, just to mention a few. The need for active support and involvement has led to the establishment of the Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association.

The purpose and objectives of the Association are: (1) To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities, and vocational agriculture on local, state, and national levels. (2) To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agriculture education personnel to involve former members and friends in worthy activities. (3) To promote greater knowledge of the agriculture industry and support

education in agriculture. (4) To cooperate with the local and National FFA Alumni Association. Membership in the Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association shall be open to former active, collegiate, and honorary FFA or NFA members, present and former professional vocational agricultural educators, parents of current FFA members, and others interested in the FFA.

The Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association is a chartered affiliate of the National FFA Alumni Association. The Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association is empowered to charter local affiliates on a school, county, or other area basis. Steps to charter a local FFA Alumni affiliate: (1) Have at least 10 new members pay local and National FFA

Alumni dues. (2) Develop a constitution and set of by-laws that are in harmony with the National FFA Alumni Association. (3) Have a designated chairman. Anyone can start the ball rolling by joining and urging other interested individuals to do so, too. But start today—do it by asking your advisor to write for an Alumni information packet from Gary Bartley, 2916 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32301, or by contacting any of the Officers and Directors of the Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association. The Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association operates with elected officers, at large directors, and district directors. You are encouraged to call upon these individuals for help and advice.



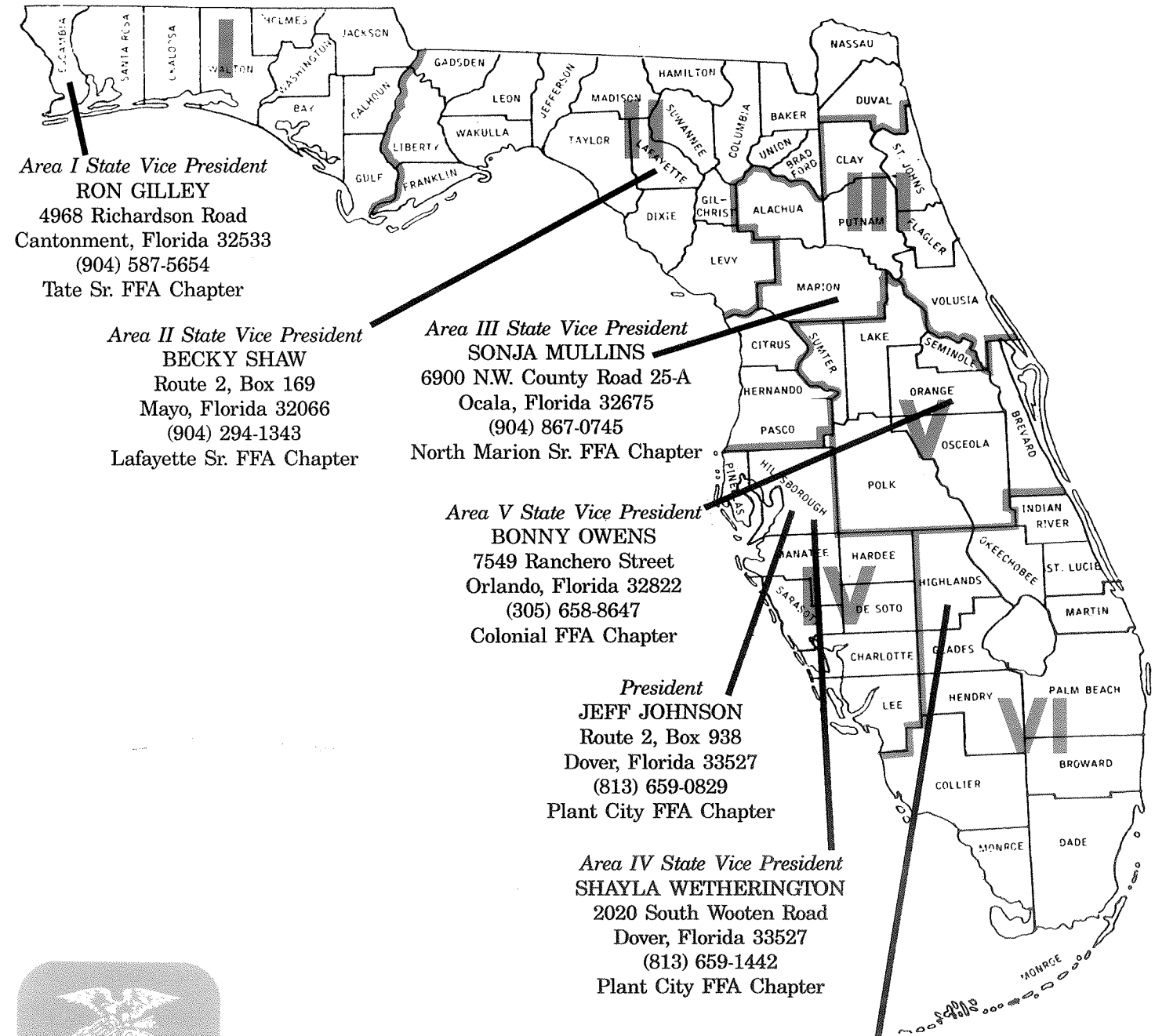
Alumni Vice President Doug Register presents the 1986-87 state officers with one-half of their alumni membership.

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