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FLORIDA'S NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

HONORARY AMERICAN FFA DEGREES
James Bell, Seville
Troy M. Burnett, Sarasota
Woodrow R. Carlisle, Clermont
William T. Carte, Live Oak
Darrell Crews, Sanderson
Wesley S. Davis, Vero Beach
Krista R. Dixon, Colorado Springs, CO
Cynthia D. Fewox, Frostproof
Murdock R. Gillis, Westville
Leslie A. Keene, Chiefland
Adrian I. Land, Branford
Melissa I. Lawson, Mayo
Patricia A. Sasnet, Westville
Thomas E. Wilsons, Lake Helen

AGRISCIENCE STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Tracie A. Daniels, O'Brien

STARS OVER AMERICA
Adrian Land, Branford

NATIONAL BAND
Eric Coburn, Alturas
Joel Griffith, Tampa

NATIONAL CHORUS
Venus Campos, Lutz
Andrea Knight, Mascotte

NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS—SILVER WINNERS
Lake Placid Senior
Taylor Senior

BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES
3rd Place & Gold Winner: Citrus Senior
Silver Winners: Evans

Lake Butler Senior
West Orange

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS
Gold Winners: Sarasota Vo-Ag
Tate
Trenton Senior
West Orange
Silver Winners: Colonial
Indian River
Lake Butler Senior
South Sumter Senior
Bronze Winners: Branford
Lake Butler Junior
Lake Placid Senior
Ponce de Leon
Santa Fe
Taylor Senior

HONORARY AMERICAN FFA DEGREES
Supporters: David N. Coile, Lakeland
Annette Land, Branford
Raymon Land, Branford

Teachers: Jeffri H. Durrance, Sarasota
Ponce de Leon

NATIONAL TEAM CONTESTS
1st Place: Williston Meats Judging Team

PROFICIENCY AWARDS
National Winner: Jeremy S. Lowery, Century
Forest Management

Southern Regional Winners:

Mike McCracken, Avon Park
Agricultural Electrification

Timothy W. Thompson, Lakeland
Agricultural Mechanics

Ryan Perry, Mayo
Dairy Production

J. Timothy Best, Polk City
Diversified Livestock Production

Mary Kate Parks, Lake Placid
Floriculture

Patrick L. Jackson
Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

Lindsey Jackson, Mayo
Poultry Production

Gina M. Streit, Cantonment
Wildlife Management

STATE STARS OVER FLORIDA

STATE STAR FARMER

Branford FFA Chapter member Dan Thomas was named this year's State Star Farmer of Florida. The award is given to the outstanding State FFA Degree applicant.

Thomas, the 17-year-old son of Ray and Joanna Thomas of Bell, lives and works on a farm that has been in his family for over 100 years. He is involved in all aspects of the cow-calf operation, including daily feedings and monitoring of herds, and grows pine and watermelons. Thomas has been an active member of the Branford FFA chapter since 1986.

As the State Star Farmer, Thomas received a plaque, pin and \$100 cash award from state sponsor Farm Credit Services in Florida. In addition, he received \$200 from the national sponsor, the Federal Crop Insurance Company.

Other finalists who received \$100 cash awards, also from Farm Credit Services, were:

Zeke Williams, Grand Ridge chapter
Tracy McCormick, Taylor Senior chapter

Vick Keen, Palmetto chapter
Matt Peterson, South Sumter Senior chapter

Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior chapter

STATE STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN

Paxton FFA Chapter member Whitney Simpson is this year's State Star Agribusinessman of Florida. The award is given to the outstanding State FFA Degree applicant.

Simpson is the chief mechanic and pesticide handler for a crop dusting service. He is responsible for formulating and mixing pesticides, loading the airplane and calibrating spray nozzles.

As the State Star Agribusinessman, Simpson received a plaque, pin and \$100 cash award from state sponsor Gold Kist, Inc. In addition, he received \$200 from the national sponsor, the Federal Crop Insurance Company.

Other finalists who received \$100 cash awards, also from Gold Kist, Inc., were:

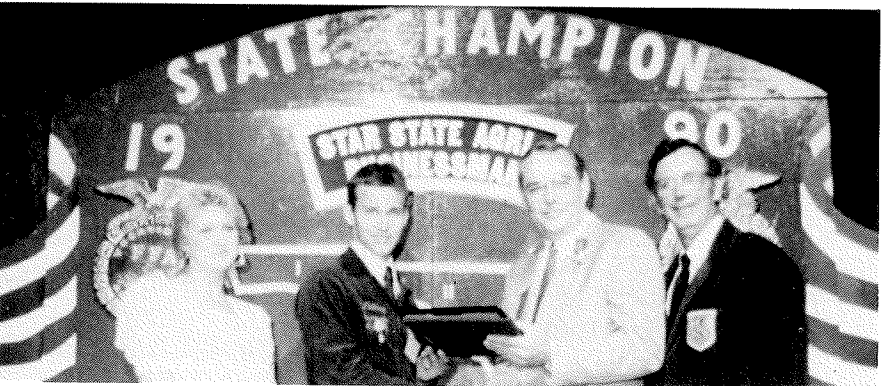
Steve Robinson, Branford chapter
Keri Lesyk, Forest chapter

Tim Lewis, Charlotte County Senior chapter

Michael Stotler, West Orange chapter
Edwin Green, Moore Haven chapter



STATE STAR FARMER AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Richard Joyner, for Farm Credit Services; Dan Thomas, State Star Farmer; Joanna Thomas; Bill Brothers, advisor.



STATE STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Whitney Simpson, State Star Agribusinessman; Gene Sumner, Gold Kist, Inc.; Odon Russell, advisor.

STATE STAR GREENHAND

Lafayette Senior FFA Chapter member Debbie Jackson has been named the Florida FFA Association's State Star Greenhand. The award is given to the outstanding first-year FFA member.

Jackson, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson of Mayo, has worked on her family's diversified farm since she was very young. Her agricultural experience program includes broilers, tobacco and pines. She joined the Lafayette Senior FFA in Fall 1989. Her FFA advisors are Chris Vann and Kenneth Lee.

As the State Star Greenhand, Jackson received a trophy and \$150 cash award from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Her FFA advisors received cash awards from FDACS.

Other finalists who received trophies and \$100 cash awards, also from FDACS, were:

Gregory Bryan Gillman, Ponce de



STATE STAR GREENHAND AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture; Chris Vann, advisor; Debbie Jackson, State Star Greenhand.

Leon Senior chapter
Charles Clendenny, Citrus chapter
Shawn Durrance, Hardee Senior chapter
Jason Keen, Lake Wales chapter
Dwayne McQuillen, Lake Placid Senior chapter

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

OUTSTANDING FFA MEMBER

Tim Weber of the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter was named the 1990 Outstanding FFA Member.

The award is presented each year by the Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (FVATA) to recognize one student who has demonstrated excellence in leadership, scholarship, cooperation and community service.

As president of the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter and the 1990-91 Area IV Vice President, Weber is a model for his fellow FFA members to follow.

He was chosen from a field of applications submitted from chapters around the state. Weber received a plaque from the Florida Vocational Association.

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OFFICER

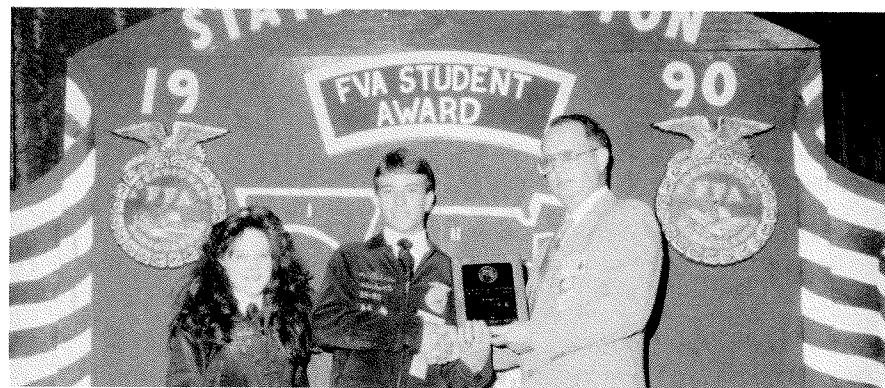


OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OFFICER AWARD PRESENTATION — (from the left) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Andrea Lynn Stevenson, state winner; Orlando Colonial Senior Chapter.

Orlando Colonial Senior FFA Chapter member Andrea Lynn Stevenson was named the 1990 Outstanding District Officer at the 62nd State FFA Convention.

Stevenson was selected based on her service to the Florida FFA Association as District VII vice president. She was chosen from a field of 18 district officers for outstanding dedication and service to her district.

As vice president, Stevenson represented District VII at numerous leadership schools and conferences. In addition, she presided over sub-district and



OUTSTANDING FFA MEMBER AWARD PRESENTATION to Tim Weber of the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter.



EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Kevin Morgan, Florida Farm Bureau Federation; Tim Weber, state winner.

district contests, conducted leadership schools and published monthly newsletters.

Stevenson received a plaque from the Florida FFA Association.

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Tim Weber of the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter won the state extemporaneous speaking contest at the 62nd State FFA Convention at Grenelefe.

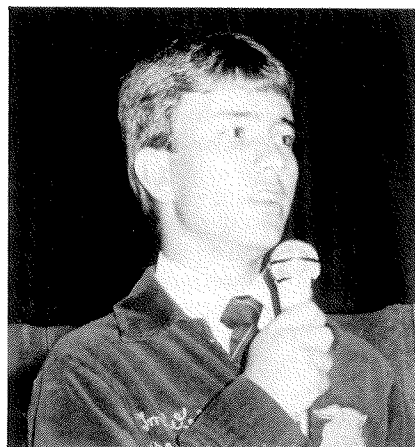
His 5- to 8-minute speech was created during a 30-minute preparation period. Questions about the speech were asked for 5 minutes by the judges after the presentation.

Weber received a plaque and cash award from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the contest's state sponsor. He competed in the Tri-State contest in August with state winners from Alabama and Puerto Rico.

The eight other district winners included:

Amy Lundin, Central
Ralph Yoder, Altha

Cathy Tarleton, Lake Butler Senior
Jeremy Setty, North Marion Senior
Jason Smith, East Bay Senior
Beth Davis, Groveland Senior
Tonya Patterson, Indian River Senior
Aaron White, Stranahan



Extemporaneous Public Speaking State Winner Tim Weber, of the Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter, demonstrates his skill at the state convention.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

Chipley Chapter member Kyla Justice won the Prepared Public Speaking contest at the 62nd State FFA Convention.

For her 5- to 8-minute speech, she received a plaque and cash award from the Florida Electric Cooperative Association, the contest's state sponsor. She competed in the Tri-State contest in August with state winners from Alabama and Puerto Rico for the opportunity to compete in the southern region contest.

Other district winners were:

Heather Folsom, Lafayette Senior
Kevin Kirby, Lake Butler Senior
Clay Martin, Newberry
Julie Blessing, Gaither
Gene Skillin, Sarasota Vo-Ag
Andrea Stevenson, Orlando Colonial Senior

Keith Smedley, Haines City Senior
Jennifer Walton, Palm Beach Gardens

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN AGRICULTURE

Riverview High School senior Corey Parks was named the State Winner in the Computers in Agriculture Contest at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention at Grenelefe.

Parks, the 18-year-old son of Gary and Marjorie Parks of Sarasota, used a computer to maintain chapter records ranging from financial and fundraising records to official chapter documents. Parks also served as a student aide in his school's computer department. He represents the Sarasota Vo-Ag Senior Chapter. Chapter advisors are Thomas Weber and Jeffri Durrance.

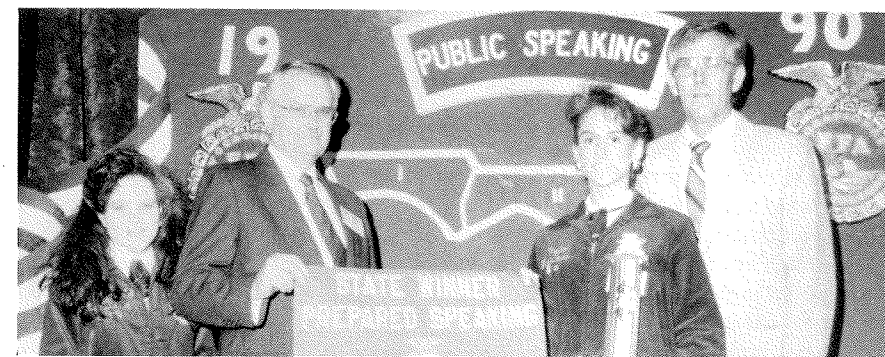
As a state award winner, Parks received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Sun Banks, Inc. and a \$100 cash award from AgriData Network, the national sponsor. His advisors received \$50 each. Parks represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association computers in agriculture competition.

Other finalists who received plaques on behalf of the state sponsor are:

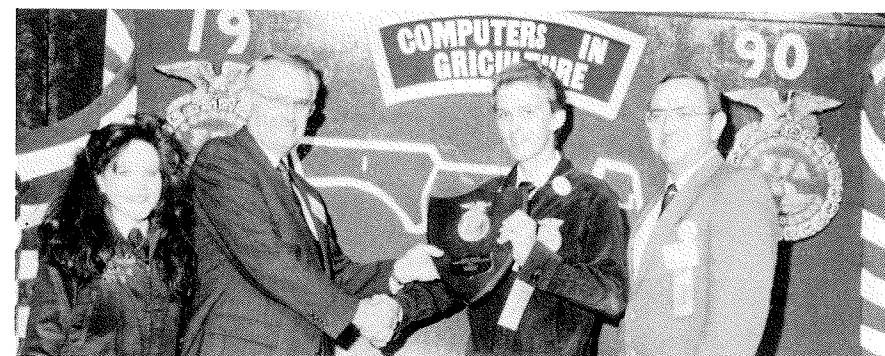
Preston Brewton, Tate Senior
Kevin Kirby, Lake Butler Senior
Mary Kate Parks, Sebring Senior
Michael Stotler, West Orange

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION ESSAY

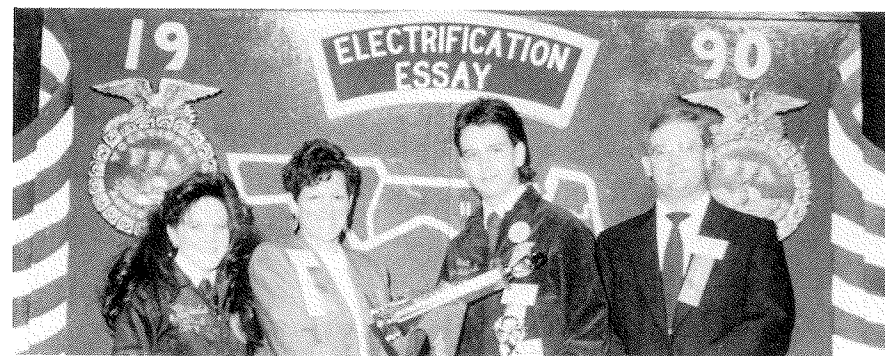
Raymond Kirkland of the Columbia Junior chapter was named the state Agricultural Electrification Essay con-



PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Dr. Carl Beeman, for Florida Electric Cooperative Association; Kyla Justice, state winner; Ray Pigott, advisor.



COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN AGRICULTURE AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Dr. Carl Beeman, for Sun Banks, Inc.; Corey Parks, state winner; Tom Weber, advisor.



AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION ESSAY AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Marcia Quinn, Florida Power Corp.; Raymond Kirkland, state winner; Matthew Hughes, advisor.

test winner at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe.

Prior to the convention, the field of participants was narrowed to the top 10 contestants. At the convention each finalist was asked three impromptu questions relating to his or her essay.

As winner, Kirkland received a trophy, medal and a pennant for his efforts. The remaining finalists received trophies and medals on behalf of

Florida Investor Owned Power Companies, the state co-sponsors.

The remaining nine finalists were: Cindy Chessar, Santa Fe
Heather Croft, Lafayette Junior
Kathy Harris, Lake Butler Junior
Dee Ann Poveromo, New Smyrna Beach Junior
Susan Shiver, Graceville
Teri Thompson, Fort McCoy
Stacey Via, DeLand Middle

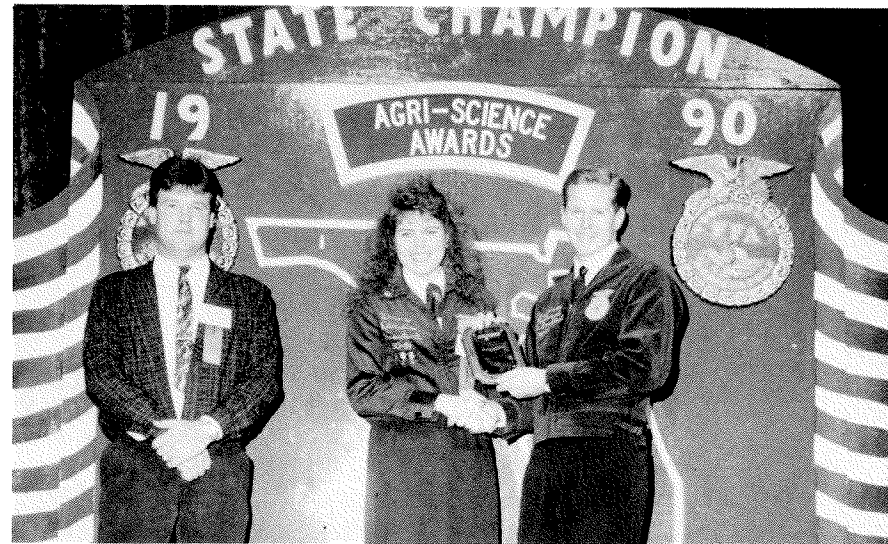
AGRISCIENCE AWARD

AGRISCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Branford High School junior Tracie Daniels has been named the Agriscience Student of the Year for 1990.

Daniels, the daughter of James and Mary Daniels of O'Brien, was selected for her five-year research project, "The Search for Natural Nematicides." Her research stemmed from interest in a nematode infestation in the peanut crop on her family's farm. Daniels has been active in the Branford Senior FFA chapter since 1987. Chapter advisor is Bill Brothers.

Daniels represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association Agriscience Student of the Year competition. Monsanto Agricultural Company is the national sponsor for the competition.



AGRISCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTATION to Tracie Daniels, Branford High School Chapter.

RECORD BOOK AWARDS

SECRETARY'S BOOK



SECRETARY'S BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION to Melinda Smith of the Zephyrhills Chapter.

Melinda Smith of the Zephyrhills chapter was recognized as the winner of the FFA Secretary's book contest at the 62nd State FFA Convention in June.

Chapter secretaries are required to keep an accurate record of meetings and other chapter activities. Books are evaluated on the basis of accuracy and neatness of records.

As winner, Smith received a pennant from the state sponsor, Overnite Photo.

All books submitted for evaluation were ranked according to the Danish

system. Each entry received a blue, red or white rosette ribbon. Chapters and secretaries receiving recognition from the state sponsor included:

Blue Ribbon Winners:

Devona Cody, Belle Terre Middle
Danielle Capella, Hill Junior
Michelle Taylor, Leto Senior
Krista Gragg, Manatee Senior
Lori Kay Hauptert, Tate Senior

Red Ribbon Winners:

Daryl Keim, Land O'Lakes
Angela Van Wormer, Palmetto
Michelle Smith, Sarasota Sr.
Shannon Petellat, Sarasota Vo-Ag
Cassie Caggle, Spruce Creek Senior

TREASURER'S BOOK

Steve Kubick of the Silver Sands chapter was recognized as the winner of the FFA Treasurer's book contest at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe in June.

Chapter treasurers are required to keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements of chapter funds. Books are evaluated on the basis of accuracy and neatness of records.

As winner, Kubick received a pennant from the state sponsor, Overnite Photo.

All books submitted for evaluation were ranked according to the Danish system. Each entry received a blue, red



TREASURER'S BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION to Steve Kubick of the Silver Sands Chapter.

or white rosette ribbon. Chapters and treasurers receiving recognition from the state sponsor included:

Blue Ribbon Winners:

Jessica Harper, Belle Terre Middle
Beth Drake, Ponce De Leon
Corey Parks, Sarasota Vo-Ag

Red Ribbon Winners:

Dana Godwin, Land O'Lakes
Brian Fortney, Manatee Senior

White Ribbon Winners:

Rick Fortner, Ben Hill
Jackie McWhorter, Spruce Creek Senior
Stephanie Brown, Zephyrhills Senior

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

The state winning agribusiness management team is from the Williston Senior Chapter. The advisor is Robert Philpot.

The agribusiness management contest, one of the most challenging competitions the FFA conducts, covers all types of management problems facing producers in the real world. Taxes, management practices, financial statements, budgets and other terminology can be found in the agribusiness management contest.

The contest is sponsored by the Florida Financial Services Association. The winning team received a team trophy, and individual team members received trophies.

The remaining top teams, also awarded plaques, were:

- 2nd place: — Suwannee
- 3rd place: — Sarasota Vo-Ag
- 4th place: — Ponce de Leon
- 5th place: — Graceville

ARICULTURAL MECHANICS

The agricultural mechanics team from Lecanto won the state FFA Agricultural Mechanics contest for 1990.

To get to the finals, the Lecanto team took a written test at the district contest in January. After sending the scoresheets to Tallahassee, they and nine other teams were invited back to the University of Florida for the hands-on part of the contest in April.

The agricultural mechanics contest is sponsored by Everglades Farm Equipment, which presented the Lecanto team and each individual team member with a trophy. The second- through fifth-place teams received a plaque at ceremonies after the contest.

The winning team represented Florida at the national agricultural mechanics contest at the national FFA convention in Kansas City. The advisor is Kelly Tyler.

Remaining top five teams were:

- 2nd place: — Okeechobee Brahman
- 3rd place: — Williston Senior
- 4th place: — Chiefland Senior
- 5th place: — Tate Senior

CITRUS IDENTIFICATION

The Haines City Senior Chapter captured the state championship in the

citrus identification contest held during the citrus showcase in Winter Haven. The adviser is Jack Halabrin.

The contest consists of identification of rootstocks, fruit, leaves, weeds, diseases and disorders, pests, pathogens, parasites and predators.

Remaining top teams were:

- 2nd place: — Indian River Senior
- 3rd place: — Haines City Junior
- 4th place: — Kathleen Senior
- 5th place: — Lake Wales

DAIRY JUDGING

The Santa Fe FFA Chapter dairy judging team was recognized as the 1990 state dairy judging champion at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe.

The contest consisted of six judging classes. Major breeds of cows and heifers were judged, and one set of oral reasons was given by each FFA member. The team represented Florida in November's national dairy judging contest in Kansas City, Missouri.

The state sponsor, the Florida Dairy Farmers Association, presented trophies and plaques to the top five teams, the high-scoring individual, and members of the state champion team.

Other state finalists included:

- Chipley
- Columbia Senior
- West Orange
- Vernon

The high-scoring individual was Larry Nettles, Columbia Senior chapter.

FORESTRY FIELD DAY

After winning their district Forestry Field Day, the Lake Butler Senior Chapter forestry team went on to capture the state championship at the state Forestry Field Day held in Perry during the annual Forest Festival. The advisor is Tom Williams.

The forestry contest is made up of different events including timber estimation with a Biltmore stick, measurement of land area by pacing, compass, dendrology and identification of forest pests. All members of the team also take a general knowledge test on forestry practices.

The forestry contest is sponsored by the Florida Forestry Association.

The winning team represented Florida at the national forestry contest in

HORSE JUDGING

The Jupiter FFA Chapter horse judging team was recognized as the 1990 state horse judging champion at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe in June.

The contest consisted of eight placing classes ranging from western pleasure to halter.

The state sponsor, the Florida State Fair Authority, presented trophies and plaques to the top five teams, the high-scoring individual, and members of the state champion team.

Other state finalists included:

South Sumter Senior

Santa Fe

Spruce Creek

Lake Butler Senior

The high-scoring individual was Shannon Chargin, Jupiter chapter.

LAND JUDGING

The state land judging contest was held in Alachua County in March, and the team from the Tate Senior chapter was crowned state champion during ceremonies after the contest.

The land judging contest consists of judging three separate pits based on characteristics of the land as seen in the profile and determining land classes on those characteristics. After making those determinations, contestants are then asked to determine what conservation practices should be used to keep the land as productive as possible. Team members are also asked to evaluate a pit for a homesite, taking into consideration factors that make the site an acceptable place to build a house or not.

The winning team won a trip to the international land judging and homesite evaluation contest held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The advisor is John Kelly.

The contest was hosted by the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and the local Soil Conservation District.

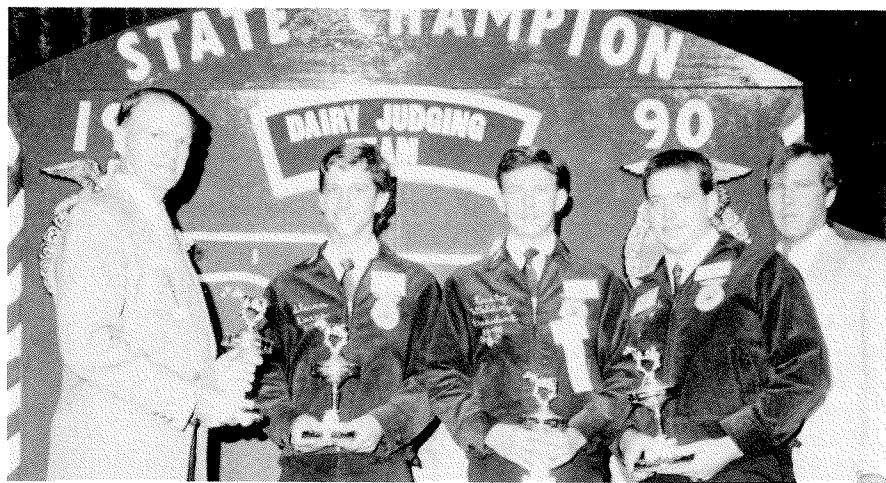
The remaining top five teams were:

2nd place: — Charlotte Co. Senior

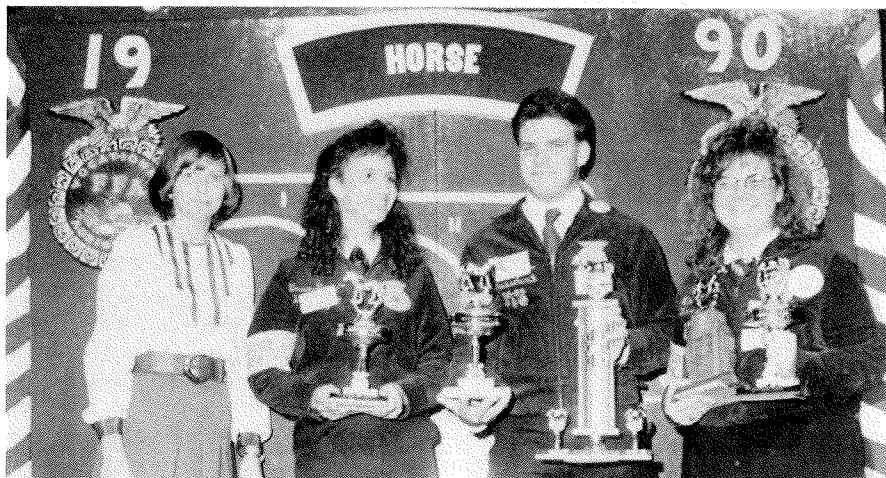
3rd place: — Lafayette Senior

4th place: — Lecanto Senior

5th place: — Marianna



DAIRY JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Santa Fe Chapter.



HORSE JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Jupiter Chapter.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

The Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA Chapter livestock judging team was recognized as the 1990 state livestock judging champion at the 62nd State FFA Convention in June.

The contest consisted of placing breeding cattle, market cattle, market and breeding swine, market lambs and giving oral reasons as well as evaluating beef and swine. The team represented Florida in November's national livestock judging contest in Kansas City, Missouri.

The contest's state sponsor, Florida Santa Gertrudis Association, presented trophies and plaques to the top five teams, the high-scoring individual, and members of the state champion team.

Other state finalists included:

Orlando Colonial Senior

South Sumter Senior

Tate Senior

DeLand Senior

The high-scoring individual was Tim Weber, Sarasota Vo-Ag chapter.

MEATS JUDGING

One of the most useful contests in the FFA is the meats judging and identification contests. Team members are asked to identify wholesale and retail cuts of beef, swine and lamb and to judge classes of different meats. Yield and quality grading is also involved, and the team that claimed the state championship this year is from the Williston Senior FFA Chapter.

The contest was held on the campus of the University of Florida at the meats science laboratory. The teams were treated to a barbecue lunch and awards ceremony by Winn Dixie Stores.

The winning team advisor is Robert Philpot. Team members represented Florida at the national meats judging and identification contest in Kansas City, Missouri.

The remaining top five teams are:

2nd place: — Sarasota Vo-Ag

3rd place: — Orlando Colonial Senior

4th place: — Pine View Middle

5th place: — Clermont

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

The state ornamental horticulture contest was held at Valencia Community College in Orlando, and the team from Plant City was crowned state champion at the awards banquet hosted by the Central Florida Fair.

The contest consisted of all members taking a general knowledge test, then identifying plants of different classes in ornamental horticulture. They also had to judge plants based on State of

Florida standards. The winning team advisor is Ray Clark.

The team represented Florida at the national floriculture contest held at the national FFA convention in Kansas City.

The remaining top five teams are:

2nd place: — J.G. Smith

3rd place: — Lymon

4th place: — Orlando

5th place: — DeLand Senior



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Interlachen Senior Chapter.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The Interlachen Senior chapter won the state Parliamentary Procedure contest at the 62nd State FFA Convention at Grenelefe in June.

Designed to test the ability of the six-member team to conduct business according to the rules of parliamentary law, the final contest required each of the two participating teams to carry out three items of business. In addition, each of the team members was asked a specific question concerning parliamentary law.

For their efforts, the winning team received a plaque and a cash award from the state sponsor, the Florida Farm Bureau Federation.

The second-place team in this final elimination was the Haines City chapter.

Other district finalists included:

Central

Marianna

Lake Butler Senior

Plant City

Sarasota Vo-Ag

Colonial

Lake Placid

VEGETABLE IDENTIFICATION

The state vegetable judging and identification contest was held on the campus of the University of Florida, and in ceremonies after the contest the team from the Leto Senior FFA Chapter was crowned state champion.

The contest includes the identification of a variety of vegetable plants, weeds, diseases and insects, as well as the identification of potato defects and the judging of four classes of vegetables. The winning team advisor is Gail Chesnut.

South Bay Growers, sponsor of the contest, presented the state winning team and the high individual with trophies. Plaques were presented to the remaining top five teams:

2nd place: — Groveland Senior

3rd place: — Taylor Junior

4th place: — Beasley Middle

5th place: — Sneads

POULTRY JUDGING

The Chipley FFA Chapter poultry judging team was recognized as the 1990 state poultry judging champion at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe.

The contest consisted of seven classes including placing production layers and pullets, judging ready-to-cook poultry and grading interior and exterior egg quality.

The contest's state sponsor, the Florida Poultry Federation, Inc., presented trophies and plaques to the top five teams, the high-scoring individual and members of the state champion team.

Other state finalists included:

Lake Butler Senior
Interlachen Junior
Interlachen Senior
Ponce de Leon Senior



POULTRY JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Chipley Chapter.

The high-scoring individual was
Anthony Sloan, Interlachen Junior
chapter.

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JUNIOR CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS

DAIRY JUDGING

The DeLand Middle School FFA Chapter dairy judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior dairy judging team at the 62nd State FFA Convention.

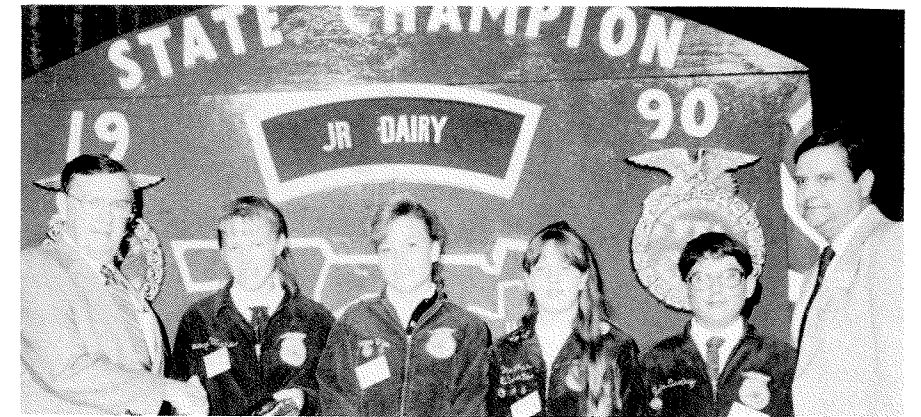
The contest consisted of six placing classes and one set of oral reasons. Major breeds of cows and heifers were judged.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Larson Dairy, Inc., presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are:

Lake Butler Junior
Columbia Junior
Trenton Junior
Lafayette Junior



DAIRY JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to DeLand Middle School Junior Chapter.

HORSE JUDGING

The Williston Junior FFA Chapter horse judging team was named Florida's best junior horse judging team at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe.

The contest consisted of eight placing classes ranging from western pleasure to halter.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association, presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are:

South Sumter Junior
Lake Butler Junior
Marshall
New Smyrna Beach Junior



HORSE JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Williston Junior Chapter.

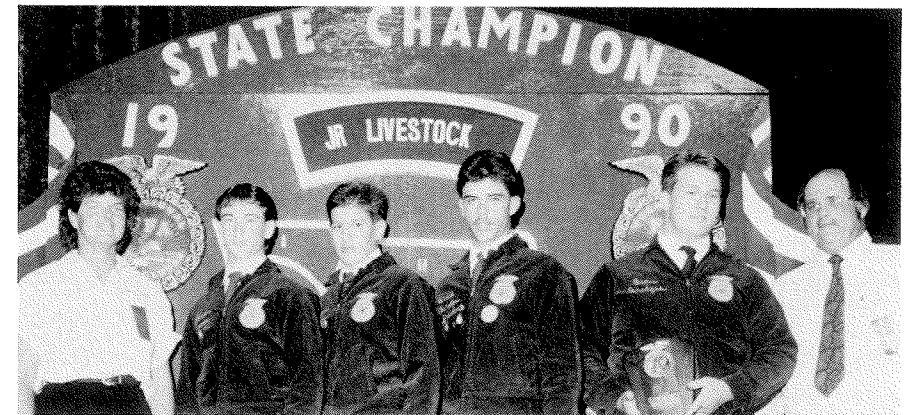
LIVESTOCK JUDGING

The Williston Junior FFA Chapter livestock judging team was named Florida's best junior livestock judging team at the 62nd State FFA Convention.

The contest consisted of placing classes in breeding cattle, market swine and breeding swine. In addition, team members gave two sets of oral reasons and evaluated steers and swine.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, McCormick Ferneries and Cattle Company, presented plaques to the top five teams.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Williston Junior Chapter.

The remaining top four chapters are:

Lake Weir Junior
Taylor Junior
Frostproof Junior
Chiefland Junior

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

The Beasley Middle School FFA

Chapter ornamental horticulture judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior ornamental horticulture judging team at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe.

The contest consisted of four classes involving the placing of one set of ornamental plants and the identification of woody ornamentals; insects and

diseases; and flowers, foliage plants and turf grasses. The team represented Florida in November's national ornamental horticulture judging contest in Kansas City, Missouri.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Production Growers, Inc., presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are:
Boone Middle
Hill
Silver Sands
DeLand Middle

POULTRY JUDGING

The Interlachen Junior FFA Chapter poultry judging team was named Florida's best junior poultry judging team at the 62nd State FFA Convention.

The contest consisted of seven areas including placing production layers and pullets, judging ready-to-cook poultry and grading interior and exterior egg quality.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Albin Hagstrom & Son, Inc., presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are:
South Sumter Junior
Lake Butler Junior
Lake Weir Junior
Williston Middle

VEGETABLE JUDGING

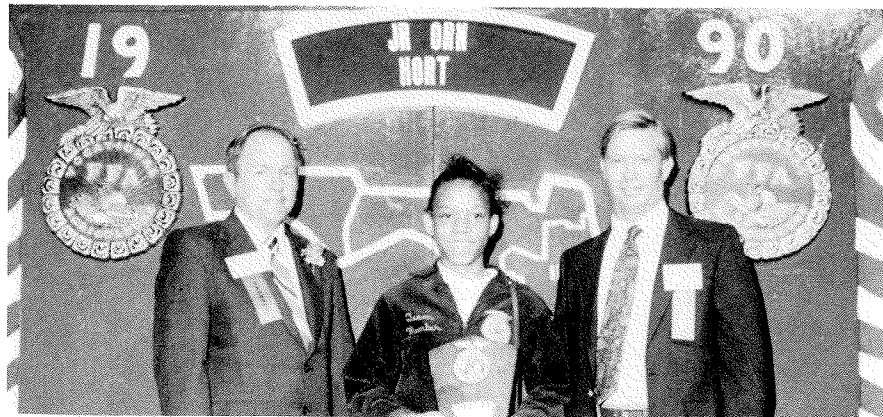
The Taylor Junior FFA Chapter vegetable judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior vegetable judging team at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe.

The contest consisted of vegetable identification and grading and the identification of insects, diseases, weeds, seeds and nutrient deficiencies that affect vegetable crop production.

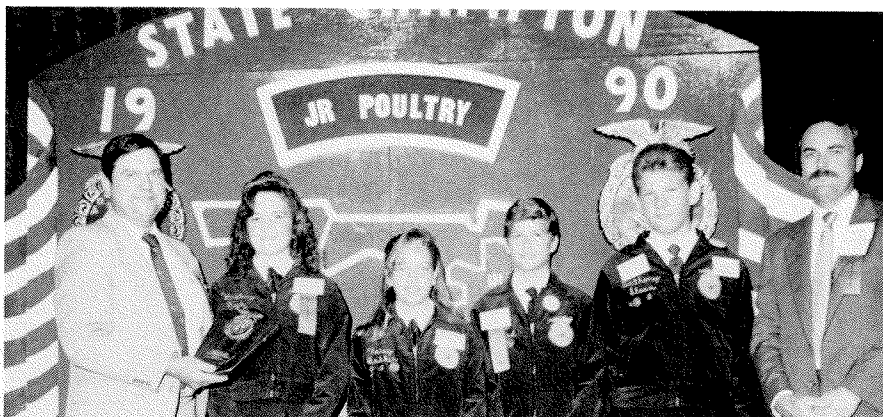
Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Mitchell's Land Clearing, presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are:
Beasley Middle
Orlando Colonial Junior
South Sumter Junior
Lecanto Junior



ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Beasley Middle School Junior Chapter.



POULTRY JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Interlachen Junior Chapter.



VEGETABLE JUDGING TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION to Taylor Junior Chapter.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Sebring High School senior Mike McCracken is this year's State Winner in Agricultural Electrification.

McCracken, the 18-year-old son of John and Lois McCracken of Avon Park, assisted in remodeling projects on his parents' farm by wiring new buildings and re-wiring old buildings to comply with code. He has been active in the Sebring Senior FFA chapter since 1984. Chapter advisor is Steve Skipper.

As a state award winner, McCracken received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state co-sponsors, Tampa Electric Company, Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Company, and Florida Power and Light Company, and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors Klein Tools, Inc. and National Food and Energy Council, Inc. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

McCracken represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association agricultural electrification competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsors are:

John Gillis, Orlando Colonial Senior
Brad Hatcher, West Orange
Jason Sewell, Trenton Senior



AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Steve Skipper, advisor; Thomas Hopkins, Florida Power & Light Co.; Mike McCracken, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Kathleen Senior High School senior Timothy Wade Thompson was named the State Winner in Agricultural Mechanics at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe.

Thompson, the 17-year-old son of James Thompson of Lakeland, has explored the opportunities available in agricultural mechanics by learning to

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

cut, weld and rebuild. A rancher as well, he has participated in livestock shows. He has been active in the Kathleen Senior FFA chapter since 1985. Chapter advisor is Danny Garner.

As a state award winner, Thompson received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Fields Equipment Company, and a \$100 check from national sponsor Case IH. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Thompson represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association agricultural mechanics competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsors are:

Quinn Douglass, Lake Butler Senior
Leslie Keene, Chiefland Senior
Brad Lowery, Sebring Senior
Bryan Reitnauer, Avon Park Senior



AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Danny Garner, advisor; Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Terry Price, Fields Equipment Co., Inc.; Timothy Wade Thompson, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president.

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

Colonial High School sophomore James Redditt is this year's State Winner in Agricultural Processing.

Redditt, the 17-year-old son of Wade and Mindi Redditt of Orlando, has worked for Redditt Custom Meats, where he has processed, packaged and marketed meats. He has been active in the Orlando Colonial FFA chapter since 1988. Chapter advisor is H. Fred Dietrich.

As a state award winner, Redditt received a plaque and \$200 cash award from Penders Peanuts, division of Dothan Oil Mills, the competition's state sponsor, and a \$100 check from national sponsor Carnation Company. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Redditt represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA



AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Tom Stoutamire, for Penders Peanuts; James Redditt, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Fred Dietrich, advisor.

Association agricultural processing competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Tera Lynn French, Taylor Junior
Richard Richards, Indian River Senior

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICE

Sebring High School senior Brad Lowery was named the State Winner in Agricultural Sales and/or Service at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention.

Lowery, the 18-year-old son of Danny and Lela Lowery of Avon Park, started out as the neighborhood bicycle mechanic and worked his way up to being a professional agricultural mechanic for the Great Fruit Company. He has served as president of the Sebring Senior FFA chapter this year and has been a member since 1986. Chapter advisors are Gaylon Parton and Steve Skipper.

As a state award winner, Lowery



AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Steve Skipper, advisor; Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Bob Sullivan, Florida Specialty Fruit, Inc.; Brad Lowery, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president.

received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state co-sponsors, Florida Specialty Fruit, Inc. and Poe and Associates, Inc., and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors SURGE, Chevrolet Motor Division-Trucks/General Motors Corporation and ICI Americas Inc./Ag Products. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Lowery represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association agricultural sales and/or service competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from state sponsors are:

Earl Cobb, Avon Park Senior
Sean Fleming Dasher, Hardee Senior
Daniel DeMato, John I. Leonard
Whitney Simpson, Paxton

BEEF PRODUCTION

Santa Fe High School junior Stacy Sand was named the State Winner in Beef Production at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention held in Grenelefe.

Sand, the 16-year-old daughter of John and Patricia Sand of Alachua, has been raising, breeding and marketing beef cattle in conjunction with 4-H and FFA experience programs since she was eight years old. She has been active in the Santa Fe Senior FFA chapter since 1987. Chapter advisor is Billy Farrell.



BEEF PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Leroy Baldwin, Baldwin Angus Farms; Stacy Sand, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Marsha Smith, advisor.

As a state award winner, Sand received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's co-sponsors, the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association and Baldwin Angus Farms, and a \$100 cash award from national co-sponsors American Simmental Association and NASCO Division/NASCO International, Inc. Her advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Sand represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association beef production compe-

tition.

Other finalists who received plaques from state sponsors are:

Shawn Durrance, Hardee Senior
Matt Peterson, South Sumter Senior
Dan Thomas, Branford
Timothy Wade Thompson, Kathleen Senior

DAIRY PRODUCTION

Lafayette High School senior Ryan Perry is this year's State Winner in Dairy Production.

Perry, the 18-year-old son of M.A. and Patricia Perry of Mayo, worked on his grandfather's, uncle's and father's farms and worked his way up to junior partner in M.A. Perry and Son Dairy in September 1987. He has been active in the Lafayette Senior FFA chapter since 1986. Chapter advisor is Chris Vann.



DAIRY PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Tom Stoutamire, for Dairy Farmers, Inc.; Ryan Perry, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Chris Vann, advisor.

As a state award winner, Perry received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Dairy Farmers, Inc., and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors Alfa-Laval Agri, Inc., American Breeders Service and Manna Pro Corporation. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Perry represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association dairy production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Steven Davis, Santa Fe
Jerry Heykoop, Cottondale
Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior
Robert Morris, Branford

DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION

Sneads High School senior Fred McKinnie was named the State Winner in Diversified Crop Production at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention in Grenelefe.



DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Conally Barnett, Estech, Inc.; Fred McKinnie, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Tommy Stoutamire, advisor.

McKinnie, the 18-year-old son of M.R. McKinnie of Sneads, grows and markets peanuts, soybeans, watermelons, cantaloupes and corn. He has been active in the Sneads FFA chapter since 1985. Chapter advisor is Tommy Stoutamire.

As a state award winner, McKinnie received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Estech, Inc., and a \$100 check from national sponsor Cargill, Inc. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

McKinnie represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association diversified crop production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Matt Elliot, Lake Placid Senior
Larry Godwin, Walnut Hill

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION



DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; David Byrd, advisor; Timothy Best, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Jimmy Glisson, Seminole Feeds.

Auburndale High School junior J. Timothy Best was named the State Winner in Diversified Livestock Production.

Best, the 17-year-old son of Glenda

Best of Polk City, is the manager of his own ranching operation for commercial beef cows, sheep and horses and a rodeo clinician. He has served as president of the Auburndale FFA chapter this year and has been a member since 1987. Chapter advisor is Steve Toy.

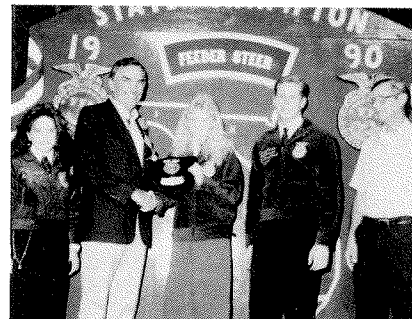
As a state award winner, Best received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Seminole Feeds, and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors Wayne Feeds and Starbar. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Best represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association diversified livestock production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Marcy Alsbury, DeLand Senior
Thomas Wilkins, DeLand Senior
Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior
Rebecca Walter, Orlando Colonial Senior

FEEDING AND SHOWING STEERS



FEEDING AND SHOWING STEERS AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Leroy Baldwin, for Florida Cattlemen's Association; Traycie Shrouder, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Wayne Sapp, advisor.

Interlachen High School senior Traycie Shrouder was named the State Winner in Feeding and Showing Steers at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention in Grenelefe.

Shrouder, the 19-year-old daughter of Frank and Sharon Shrouder of Interlachen, shows steers every year at the Putnam County Fair. She has been active in the Interlachen Senior FFA chapter since 1985. Chapter advisor is Wayne Sapp.

As a state award winner, Hamilton received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's sponsor, the Florida Cattlemen's Association. Her FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Shawn Durrance, Hardee Senior
Kim Godwin, Hardee Senior

Lori Fink, Indian River Senior
Becky Hahn, Orlando Colonial Senior

FIBER CROP PRODUCTION



FIBER CROP PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Larry Godwin, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Ken Meharg, advisor.

Ernest Ward High School senior Larry Godwin was named the State Winner in Fiber Crop Production at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention.

Godwin, the 17-year-old son of Larry Godwin of Century, assists his father in managing cotton growing on the family farm. He has been active in the Walnut Hill FFA chapter since 1986. Chapter advisor is Kenneth Meharg.

As a state award winner, Godwin received a certificate and \$100 cash award from the National FFA Foundation.

Godwin represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association fiber crop production competition.

FLORICULTURE

South Florida Community College freshman Mary Kate Parks is the State Winner in Floriculture for 1990.

Parks, the 18-year-old daughter of Ben and Loraine Parks of Lake Placid, is owner/operator of her own nursery and landscaping business and has designed a nature trail. Active in 4-H and state and national garden clubs, she is a member of the Sebring Senior FFA chapter. Chapter advisors are Gaylon Parton and Steve Skipper.

As a state award winner, Parks received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Yoder Brothers, Inc., and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors American Floral Endowment, The Lerio Corporation and The Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch. Her FFA advisors received a



FLORICULTURE AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Dean Dozer, Yoder Brothers, Inc.; Mary Kate Parks, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Steve Skipper, advisor.

\$50 cash award each.

Parks represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association floriculture competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Chris Beatty, Taylor Senior
Jennifer Braithwaite, Forest
Kim Culp, John I. Leonard
Jason Tredway, Chiefland Senior

FORAGE PRODUCTION

Lafayette Senior High School 1989 graduate Darren Jackson was named the State Winner in Forage Production at the 62nd annual Florida FFA Convention.



FORAGE PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Scott Prine, accepting award for Darren Jackson; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Chris Vann, advisor.

Jackson, the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson of Mayo, plants and manages rye and millet for his beef herd and grows coastal bermuda grass for hay. His crops are fertilized with litter from his farm's poultry houses. He has been active in the Lafayette Senior FFA chapter since 1984. Chapter advisor is Chris Vann.

As a state award winner, Jackson received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Kubota Tractor Company, and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors Gehl

Company and Northrup King Company. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Jackson represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association forage production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior
Jason Wade Roberts, Trenton Senior

FOREST MANAGEMENT



FOREST MANAGEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Dr. Ron Jones, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; Jeremy Lowery, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Ken Meharg, advisor.

Ernest Ward High School sophomore Jeremy Lowery was named this year's State Winner in Forest Management.

Lowery, the 15-year-old son of Billy Ray Lowery of Century, is a full partner in his family's forest management business. He has hands-on experience in hand and machine planting of seedlings, controlled burning, equipment operation and timber cruising. He has been active in the Walnut Hill FFA chapter since 1987. Chapter advisor is Kenneth Meharg.

As a state award winner, Lowery received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors Stone Container Corporation and the National FFA Foundation General Fund. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Lowery represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association forest management competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Gregg Gillman, Ponce de Leon Senior
Debbie Jackson, Lafayette Senior
Jason Livingston, Lafayette Senior
Annette King, Tate Senior

FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION



FRUIT/VEGETABLE PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Dr. Jimmy Cheek, for Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association; Patrick Jackson, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Tommy Stoutamire, advisor.

Sneads High School senior Patrick Jackson was named the State Winner in Fruit/Vegetable Production at Florida's 62nd annual State FFA Convention.

Jackson, the 18-year-old son of Tommy L. Jackson of Grand Ridge, has assisted in management of his family's farms and marketed the farms' products at roadside stands and farmers' markets. He has been active in the Sneads FFA chapter since 1986. Chapter advisor is Tommy Stoutamire.

As a state award winner, Jackson received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, and a \$100 check from national sponsor Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Inc. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Jackson represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association fruit/vegetable production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Leslie Keene, Chiefland Senior
Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior
Chris Swilley, Santa Fe
Dan Thomas, Branford

HOME/FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT

A.P. Leto Comprehensive High School senior David Shamblin was named the State Winner in Home/Farmstead Improvement at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention held in Grenelefe.

Shamblin, the 18-year-old son of Mary Shamblin of Tampa, grew his first vegetable garden when he was seven. In 1986 he started working in a nursery, and in 1987 he established his own lawn and landscaping busi-



HOME/FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; David Shamblin, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Gail Chesnut, advisor.

ness. He has been active in the Leto Senior FFA chapter since 1988. Chapter advisor is Gail Chesnut.

As a state award winner, Shamblin received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Scotty's Inc., and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors Upjohn, TUCO, Asgrow O's Gold, Agricultural Division of the Upjohn Company. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Shamblin represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association home and/or farmstead improvement competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Kevin Kriby, Lake Butler Senior
Crayton Tillman, Lake Placid Senior
Randy Walker, West Orange
Tina Ward, Central

HORSE PROFICIENCY



HORSE PROFICIENCY AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Bill Glisson, Manna Pro Feeds; Danielle Paquette, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Jeffri Durrance, advisor.

Riverview High School 1989 graduate Danielle Paquette was named the State Winner in Horse Proficiency at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention in Grenelefe.

Paquette, the 18-year-old daughter of Gary and Ida Paquette of Sarasota, is

a fourth-generation horse lover who breaks, trains and shows hunters and race horses on her family's horse farm. She has been active in the Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA chapter since 1984. Chapter advisors are Jeffri Durrance and Tom Weber.

As a state award winner, Jackson received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state co-sponsors, Ocala Breeders Feed and Supply and Manna Pro Feeds, and a \$100 check from national sponsor American Quarter Horse Association. Her FFA advisors received a \$50 cash award each.

Paquette represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association horse proficiency competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from state sponsors are:

Brandie Franco, Santa Fe
Crystal Mathia, Chiefland Senior
Tracy McCormick, Taylor Senior
Tracy Sherre Turner, Suwannee

NURSERY OPERATIONS



NURSERY OPERATIONS AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Jan Fuhr, Universal Enterprises Supply Corp.; Mike Stotler, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Richard Stotler, advisor.

West Orange High School senior Michael Stotler is this year's State Winner in Nursery Operations.

Stotler, the 18-year-old son of Richard and Elizabeth Stotler of Apopka, has worked in a greenhouse part time for the past four years and has also established his own nursery operation. He has been active in the West Orange FFA chapter since 1986. Chapter advisor is Richard Stotler.

As a state award winner, Stotler received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Universal Enterprises Supply Corporation, and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors MSD AGVET Division of Merck and Co., Inc. and the National FFA Foundation General Fund. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Stotler represented Florida in the

Southern Region of the National FFA Association nursery operations competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Kim Culp, John I. Leonard
Wade Lawrence, Okeechobee-Brahman
Melonie Dee Maddox, South Sumter Senior
Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Santa Fe Community College freshman Leslie Keene was named Florida's State Winner in Outdoor Recreation at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention.



OUTDOOR RECREATION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Tommy Griffin, Bowen Brothers, Inc.; Leslie Keene, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Eli Beasley, advisor.

Keene, the 18-year-old son of Billy and Donna Leggett of Chiefland, constructed and manages a fish pond on his family farm. He has also constructed and maintained game feeders in a hunting area. A 1989 graduate of Chiefland High School, Keene has been active in the Chiefland Senior FFA chapter since 1984. Chapter advisor is Eli Beasley.

As a state award winner, Keene received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Bowen Brothers, Inc., and a \$100 check from national sponsor Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

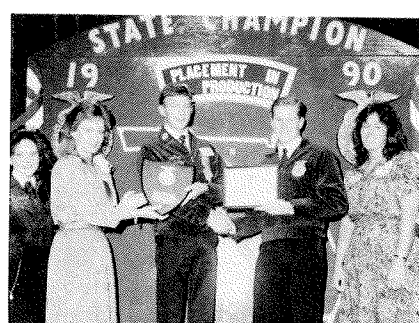
Keene represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association outdoor recreation competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Eric Hill, Sneads
Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior
James Travis, Tate Senior

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Santa Fe High School senior Dustin Walding is the 1990 State Winner in



PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Pamela Bronson, Bronson Ranch; Dustin Walding, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Marsha Smith, advisor.

Placement in Agricultural Production.

Walding, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Robertson of Gainesville, has learned about careers in agriculture by working as a farm laborer and roadside stand supervisor and by working at Davis & Sons Dairy. He has been active in the Santa Fe FFA chapter since 1985. Chapter advisor is Marcia Smith.

As a state award winner, Walding received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Bronson Ranch, and a \$100 check from national sponsor DEKALB Genetics Corporation. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Walding represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association placement in agricultural production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Oliver Shane Cowart, Taylor Senior
Gilmer Monk, Indian River Senior
David Shamblin, Leto
Mark Spradley, Columbia Senior

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Lafayette High School senior Lindsey Jackson was named the State Winner in Poultry Production at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention held at Grenelefe.

Lindsey, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Jackson of Mayo, has full responsibility for the broiler operation on his parents' dairy and poultry farm. He has been active in the Lafayette Senior FFA chapter since 1985. Chapter advisor is Chris Vann.

As a state award winner, Jackson received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Florida Poultry Federation, Inc., and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors Red Brand Fence, Chore-Time Equipment, Inc. and Pitman-Moore, Inc. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.



POULTRY PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Marie Bronson, for Florida Poultry Federation; Lindsey Jackson, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Chris Vann, advisor.

Jackson represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association poultry production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Amanda Clayton, Hamilton County Kelly Hewitt, Lafayette Junior Kevin Mims, South Sumter Senior Randy Walker, West Orange

SHEEP PRODUCTION



SHEEP PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Katherine McCarthy, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Jim Galvin, advisor.

Flagler Palm Coast High School senior Katherine McCarthy is the 1990 State Winner in Sheep Production.

McCarthy, the 18-year-old daughter of Flagler County Sheriff Robert McCarthy, is a founding member and manager of her school agriculture department's sheep production operation. She has been active in the Bunnell FFA chapter since 1986. Chapter advisor is Jim Galvin.

As a state award winner, McCarthy received a certificate and \$100 cash award from the National FFA Foundation.

McCarthy represented Florida in the

Southern Region of the National FFA Association sheep production competition.

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Suwannee High School sophomore John Alvin Garrison was named the State Winner in Soil and Water Management at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention held in Grenelefe.



SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Gene Weldon, Florida Association of Conservation Districts; John Alvin Garrison, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Dale Layfield, advisor.

Garrison, the 16-year-old son of Enoch and Myra Garrison of Live Oak, has experimented with plastic mulching and drip irrigation as a means of efficiently managing his parents' vegetable crop farm. He has been active in the Suwannee FFA chapter since 1988. Chapter advisor is Dale Layfield.

As a state award winner, Garrison received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Florida Association of Conservation Districts, and a \$100 check from national sponsor Ford New Holland, Inc. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Garrison represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association soil and water management competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsors are:

Matt Elliot, Lake Placid Senior James Johnston, Lake Placid Senior Krista Marie Gragg, Manatee Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior

SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION

South Sumter High School freshman Kevin Mims was named the State Winner in Specialty Animal Production at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention in Grenelefe.

Mims, the 16-year-old son of Richard and Billie Jean Mims of Bushnell,



SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Kevin Huesman, Purina Mills, Inc.; Kevin Mims, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Tim Edwards, advisor.

raises quail, pheasants and rabbits. He has been active in the South Sumter FFA chapter since 1988. Chapter advisor is Tim Edwards.

As a state award winner, Mims received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Purina Mills, Inc., and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors Purina Mills, Inc., County General Stores, Lease America and National FFA Foundation General Fund. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Thompson represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association specialty animal production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsors are:

Chris Beatty, Taylor Senior Donnie Carter, Santa Fe Tommy Jo Matthews, Tate Senior Kristie Tucker, South Sumter Senior

SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION



SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Dr. Jimmy Cheek, for Florida Watermelon Association; Sammy Starling, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; John Thomas, advisor.

Suwannee High School senior Sammy Starling was named this year's

State Winner in Specialty Crop Production.

Starling, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Starling of Live Oak, has lived on a farm his entire life and entered a farming partnership with his father four years ago. He grows tobacco, corn and soybeans. He has been active in the Suwannee FFA chapter since 1986. Chapter advisor is John Thomas.

As a state award winner, Starling received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, the Florida Watermelon Association, and a \$100 check from national sponsor RJR Nabisco, Inc. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Starling represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association specialty crop production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Todd Hingson, Suwannee Darren Jackson, Lafayette Senior Debbie Jackson, Lafayette Senior Gaylen Williams, Baker County Senior

SWINE PRODUCTION



SWINE PRODUCTION AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Pat Cockrell, Florida Pork Improvement Group; Kenneth Hamilton, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; James Sims, advisor.

Grand Ridge High School senior Kenneth Hamilton was named the State Winner in Swine Production at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention in Grenelefe.

Hamilton, the 18-year-old son of James Hamilton of Grand Ridge, has his own swine production business on his father's 160-acre farm. He has been active in the Grand Ridge FFA chapter since 1986. Chapter advisor is Glenn Alexander.

As a state award winner, Hamilton received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Florida Pork Improvement Group, and a \$100 check from national sponsor Pfizer, Inc./Agricultural Division. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Hamilton represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association swine production competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Tom Cowart, Taylor County Junior Amy Mew, Taylor Junior Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior Thomas Wilkins, DeLand Senior

TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Kathleen Senior High School senior Brian Ensslin was named the 1990 State Winner in Turf and Landscape Management.



TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Earl Wells, Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association; Brian Ensslin, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Danny Garner, advisor.

Ensslin, the 17-year-old son of Larry and Jean Ensslin of Lakeland, started his own lawn-mowing service nine years ago. He purchases and maintains his landscaping equipment and does his own marketing. He has been active in the Kathleen Senior FFA chapter since 1985. Chapter advisor is Danny Garner.

As a state award winner, Ensslin received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state sponsor, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, and a \$100 check from national co-sponsors O.M. Scott and Sons and the National FFA Foundation General Fund. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Ensslin represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association turf and landscape management competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsors are:

Woody Kitler, Lake Butler Senior Douglas Newsome, Lake Weir Senior Patrick David Richie, Lake Weir Senior

Timothy Nightengale, Indian River Senior

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Pensacola Junior College freshman Gina Marie Streit was named the State Winner in Wildlife Management at the 62nd annual State FFA Convention in Grenelefe.



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Ray Fling, Bear Archery; Gina Marie Streit, state winner; Casey Isom, National FFA vice president; Peter Gindl, advisor.

Streit, the 18-year-old daughter of James Streit of Cantonment, assisted in the development and maintenance of a wildlife management program for the Rock Crossing Hunting Club. A 1989 graduate of J.M. Tate High School, she has been active in the Tate FFA chapter since 1985. Chapter advisor is Peter Gindl.

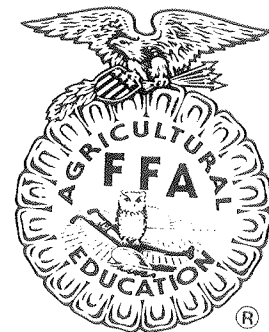
As a state award winner, Streit received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the competition's state co-sponsors, Bear Archery and the Florida FFA Foundation, and a \$100 check from national sponsor Prudential Foundation. Her FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award.

Streit represented Florida in the Southern Region of the National FFA Association wildlife management competition.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are:

Murdock Ray Gillis, Ponce de Leon Senior

Jason Livingston, Lafayette Senior Mike McCracken, Sebring Senior Landi Revels, South Sumter Senior



SPECIAL HONORS, AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner presented six Florida FFA members with \$300 scholarships at the final session of the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Gjenelefe.

The scholarships, given annually by Florida's Department of Agriculture, are awarded to FFA members based on leadership qualities, community service and supervised agricultural experience programs.

Scholarship winners were as follows:
Nathan White, Tate Senior
Heather Folsom, Lafayette Senior
Clay Martin, Newberry
Tim Weber, Sarasota Vo-Ag
Keith Smedley, Haines City Senior
James Johnston, Lake Placid Senior

FLORIDA'S FINEST

Florida's 14 finest FFA chapters were recognized at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Gjenelefe.

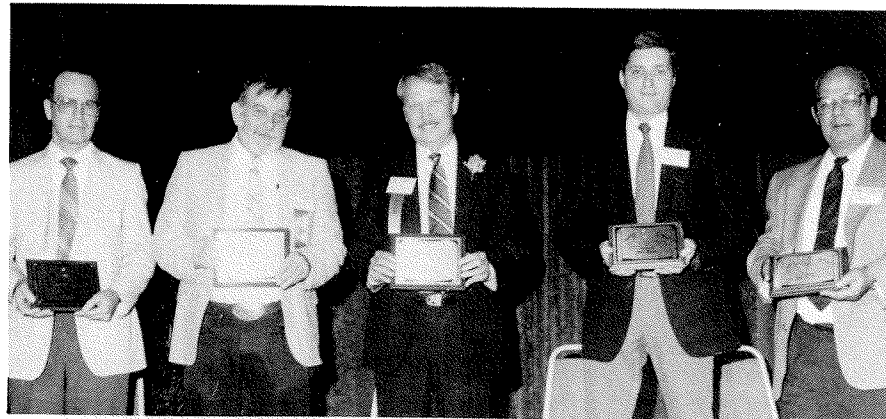
To receive the award, chapters must maintain a well-rounded program of community service, safety and cooperative activities. Strong supervised agricultural experience programs as well as contest participation must be evident.

Approximately 140 Florida chapters received a "Superior" rating and received plaques from the National FFA Foundation. The top 10 percent of these "Superior" chapters qualified as "Florida's Finest" and received plaques from Belk-Lindsey Stores, the contest's state sponsor.

Applications from the following 14 chapters have been forwarded to the National FFA Association for consideration at the national level:

Branford
Indian River
Lake Butler Senior
Lake Butler Junior
Lake Placid Senior
Orlando Colonial Senior
Ponce de Leon
Santa Fe Senior
Sarasota Vo-Ag
South Sumter Senior
Tate
Taylor Senior
Trenton
West Orange

HONORARY STATE FFA DEGREE



HONORARY STATE FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS — (left to right) Henry Wilson, Bill Thompson, Jim Roberson, Fred Leak and Robert Howell.

The Florida FFA Association honored five Floridians by bestowing upon them the Honorary State FFA Degree, the association's highest membership degree, at the 62nd State FFA Convention held in June at Gjenelefe.

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

Those elected to honorary membership for 1990 were:

Henry Wilson, University of Florida (UF) poultry science professor
Fred Leak, UF animal science associate professor
Jim Roberson, architect, Roberson & Associates
Bill Thompson, Ironwood Farms
Robert Howell, director of State of Florida Division of Vocational, Adult, and Community Education.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS



1990 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION recipients from Larson Dairy, Inc., Ben Hill Griffin, Inc. and Lykes Bros., Inc.

The Florida FFA Association recognized three organizations with Distinguished Service Citations at the 62nd State FFA Convention.

The organizations were recognized for their continued support—in time and money—of the agricultural youth

organization.

Recipients of the 1990 Distinguished Service Citation were:

Larson Dairy, Inc., Okeechobee
Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., Frostproof
Lykes Bros., Inc., Okeechobee

STATE SAFETY AWARD



STATE SAFETY AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Dennis Emerson, Florida Farm Bureau Federation; chapter representative, Lake Placid Senior; Dale McQuillan, chapter advisor.

The Lake Placid Senior FFA Chapter won the 1990 State Safety Award at the 62nd State FFA Convention.

Using the theme "Start the Decade of the 90's with Safety in Mind," the chapter developed and implemented a comprehensive safety program that involved the entire community. Activities included producing community service messages, conducting safety clinics and sponsoring classes in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Dow Chemical Company, U.S.A. and the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, national sponsors for the

competition, presented plaques and spurs for the 21 "Superior" chapters. The applications from the top two chapters were forwarded to the National FFA Association for consideration at the national level.

Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the state sponsor, presented plaques to the top five chapters. The remaining top four chapters are:

Sarasota Vo-Ag
Lake Placid Senior
Avon Park Junior
Orlando Colonial Senior

BOAC AWARD

The Citrus Senior FFA chapter won the 1990 State "Building Our American Communities" Award at the 62nd State FFA Convention. The award is given to the chapter that plans and conducts the most successful community development program.

The Citrus Senior FFA chapter worked with the Inverness City Council to develop the "Think Shade" program. In the program, shade trees were grown from seedlings in containers and sold to the public when they reached a minimum height of 4 feet. In addition, 500 trees were grown and planted in city parks and rights-of-way. Chapter advisor is Randy Kegler.

Twenty-three chapters received area BOAC awards at the convention. Four bronze, 14 silver and five gold emblem awards were presented. In addition to Citrus Senior chapter, the other four gold emblem chapters were forwarded to the National FFA Office for consideration at the national level.

The following chapters earned Gold Emblem awards:

Citrus
Evans
Lake Butler Senior
Leto
West Orange



BOAC AWARD PRESENTATION to Citrus Senior Chapter.

The following chapters earned Silver Emblem awards:

Apopka Memorial Middle
Beasley Middle
Branford
Haines City Senior
Interlachen Junior
Lake Placid Senior
Moore Haven
New Smyrna Beach Middle
Ponce de Leon Senior

NEW CHAPTER CHARTERS

The Florida FFA Association recognized its newest members by presenting charters to six chapters at the 62nd State FFA Convention held at Gjenelefe.

To establish an FFA chapter, a vocational agriculture teacher must submit a membership roster of at least 10 members, a constitution and bylaws, and a program of activities. The charter furnishes the chapter with all official rights and privileges. Newly chartered chapters are also allowed to seat voting delegates at the convention.

The following chapters received new charters:

Gause
Lake Alfred
Loggers' Run
Marshall
Spring Hill Middle
Venice Senior

The following chapters earned Bronze Emblem awards:

South Sumter Senior
Suwannee
Trenton Junior
Trenton Senior

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

The West Orange chapter won the 1990 Chapter Cooperatives Award at the 62nd State FFA Convention. The award is given to the chapter that conducts activities to encourage members to have a greater understanding of, and need for, farmer cooperatives.



COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Bobby Bennett, Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives; chapter representative, West Orange; chapter advisor, Richard Stotler.

The West Orange FFA chapter worked with the Winter Garden Citrus Cooperative in "firing" orange groves to provide cold protection during the 1989 freeze. Their efforts resulted in saving several trees that might otherwise have been lost due to freeze damage.

The chapter also conducts a cooperative feed buying program for members who show steers or swine at the Central Florida Fair. Other cooperative activities have included the purchase and sale of Christmas trees, landscaping several sites, visiting retirement homes and assisting with the Toys for Tots program in Orange County.

As the state winner, West Orange received \$1,000 and a gold plaque from the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the state sponsor. The money is used to help defray expenses to the American Institute of Cooperatives meeting, which is held each summer. Chapter advisor is Richard Stotler.

Other chapter finalists who received awards from the state sponsor include: Okeechobee Brahman
Orlando Colonial Senior
Ponce de Leon Senior
Taylor Senior
Trenton Senior
Chapters receiving Certificates of Participation include:
Graceville
Indian River Senior
Jewett
Lake Placid Senior

Sarasota Vo-Ag
South Sumter Senior

SCHOOL FOREST AWARD

The Citrus Senior chapter was named the 1990 State Chapter Forest Contest Award winner at the 62nd State Convention held at Grenelefe. The award is given to the chapter that has the most exemplary school forest program.

The Citrus Senior chapter has 40 acres of pines planted on land leased from the Florida Board of Forestry. Using the management plan developed by their county, chapter members assisted in the clearing and preparation of a 15-acre site for planting.

Chapter members also conducted an Arbor Day tree sale and planted trees in containers for resale. The chapter also used its forest to train the team for competition at the District Forestry contest.



SCHOOL FOREST AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Bob Luther, Florida Forestry Association; chapter representative, Citrus; chapter advisor, Randy Kegler.

As the state winner, the Citrus Senior chapter received a plaque and \$250 from the Florida Forestry Association, the state sponsor. Chapter advisor is Randy Kegler.

CHAPTER LIVESTOCK

Tate Senior chapter took top honors as winner for the North Florida region in the FRM Chapter Livestock awards presented at the 62nd State Convention at Grenelefe.

As winner, the Tate chapter received a plaque and \$100 from Flint River Mills, the state sponsor, for their outstanding program in steer raising and record-keeping. The chapter's sponsoring FRM dealer received \$150. The outstanding chapter member, Nathan White, received \$150. Chapter advisor

Peter Gindl received \$150 from the sponsor.

The second-place chapter, Trenton Senior, received a plaque, and the outstanding individual, Laurie Studstil, received a \$150 cash award. The third-place chapter, Trenton Junior, received a plaque.



FRM CHAPTER LIVESTOCK AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; John Denmark, for Flint River Mills, Inc.; Nathan White, Tate Senior representative; Peter Gindl, chapter advisor.

NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE

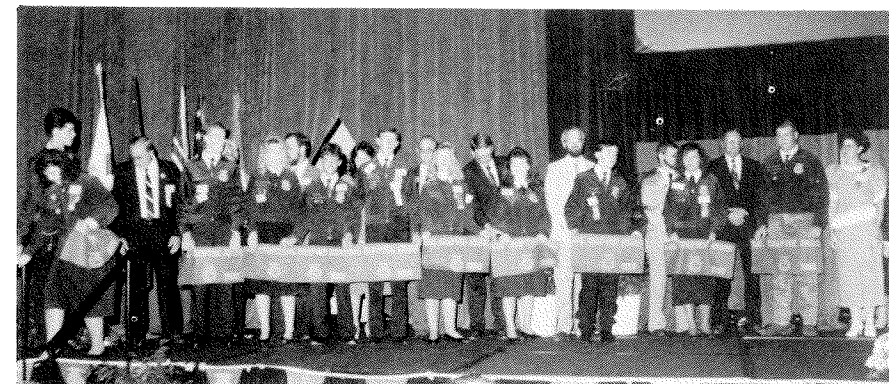
The national officer candidate to represent Florida at the 1990 national FFA convention is Wesley Davis from the Vero Beach Senior chapter. Davis served as Florida FFA president in 1988-89.

Davis will participate in the selective screening process that will decide which six national officers will lead the national organization for the upcoming year.



NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE — Wesley Davis.

CHAPTERS WITH OUTSTANDING SAE PROGRAMS



Chapters with Outstanding SAE Programs honored.

Branford
Chiefland Senior
DeSoto Senior
Indian River
John I. Leonard
Kathleen Senior

Lafayette Senior
Lake Placid Senior
Orlando Colonial Senior
Ponce de Leon Senior
Sebring Senior
West Orange

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE AWARDS

following:

Brandon
Graceville
Lakeland
North Marion Junior
North Marion Middle

One Star chapters, achieving 70- to 79-percent membership, include the following:

Armwood
Bartow Senior
Bradford Senior
Gaither
Haines City Senior
Interlachen Junior
Santa Fe
Sarasota Senior
Sneads
Walnut Hill
Williston Senior

In addition, the following chapters were recognized for increasing chapter membership by ten persons over last year's membership roster:

Bethlehem
Blountstown
Citrus
Columbia Senior
DeLand Middle
Dunnellon Middle
Hilliard
Interlachen Senior
Lakeland Highlands
Milton Senior
Ocoee
Palm Beach Gardens
Silver Sands



Membership Incentive Awards Presentation.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Frostproof FFA Alumni Association won the prestigious State Alumni Relations Award for the third straight year at the 62nd State FFA Convention.

The award, given by the Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association, recognizes an alumni chapter and its affiliated chapter(s) for outstanding alumni program activities.

The 48-member Frostproof alumni group supported the Frostproof Junior and Senior chapters by organizing a livestock show, auction and steak dinner; contributing to the Frostproof Community Youth Fair Fund; providing scholarships; supporting local FFA activities and conducting showmanship/grooming clinics.

As the state Alumni Relations winner, the chapter received a plaque and \$600. The two Frostproof FFA chapters received \$200 each, and chapter advisor James Smith received a plaque and \$200.

Other state finalists included the Sebring and Suwannee alumni groups. District winner was Land O'Lakes FFA Alumni Association.

TALENT AWARD



TALENT AWARD PRESENTATION — Steve Broker, convention talent coordinator (left) and Venus Campos, vocalist.

Each State FFA Convention features members performing at the start of each session. Members representing various talents, ranging from singing to clogging, entertain delegates and guests as they enter the convention hall. Steve Broker, teacher at Price Middle School, Interlachen, coordinates the talent events.

This year's State Talent Award was presented to vocalist Venus Campos of the Hill chapter in Tampa. She has performed as soloist with the National FFA Chorus when it performs at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.



ALUMNI RELATIONS AWARD PRESENTATION — (left to right) Anne-Kathryn Daniel, state president; Jim Smith, chapter advisor; W.R. Fewox, alumni representative; Gary Lee, Florida FFA Alumni Association.

ALUMNI DRAWING

Each year the alumni chapters throughout the state hold an Alumni Drawing, the proceeds of which go to the Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association. The drawing occurs at the final session of the State FFA Convention.

This year's prizes and prize winners include the following:

1st prize—Chevrolet S-10 Pick-up Truck:

Randy Kite, Hawthorne

2nd prize—Bahamas Cruise for 2:

Louise Gay, Lake City

3rd prize—19" Color TV:

Janice Summers, Lake City

4th prize—12-Gauge Shotgun:

Chris Nettles, Belleview

5th prize—Sea Escape Tickets for 2:

Billy Molasso, Gainesville

6th prize—VCR:

Wayne Clark, Okeechobee

7th prize—AM/FM Cassette Radio:

Terry Stanley, Lake Weir

8th prize—Electric Meat Slicer:

L. Sullivan, Frostproof

9th prize—Metal Vise:

Jackee McGeehee

10th prize—Case of Tropical Honey:

Jo Weber, Sarasota

1990 STATE FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

DISTRICT I

Jay Chapter—

Sherman Gregory Blackman

Paxton Chapter—

Whitney A. Simpson

Tate Senior Chapter—

Troy Brown

Shane Garner

John Jeff Kelley

Annette King

Thomas O'Conner

Nathan Larry White

Vernon Chapter—

David Yarbor

Walnut Hill Chapter—

Larry Russell Godwin

Jason Howard

DISTRICT II

Branford Chapter—

Christy Hillyard

Richard Michael Hillyard

Steven C. Robinson

Dan C. Thomas

Cottdendale Chapter—

Arie Heykoop

Jerry Heykoop

Graceville Chapter—

Michael E. Hagler

Bryant Paulk

Grand Ridge Chapter—

Kenneth Hamilton

Daniel Zeke Williams

Hamilton County Chapter—

Amanda Clayton

Pearsall Fouraker, Jr.

David Law

Lafayette Senior Chapter—

Susan Ash

Everette Byrd

Heather Folsom

Joycelyn Hart

Lindsey Jackson

Alecia Johnson

Ashley Koon

Marcie Land

Jason Livingston

Chan Perry

Ryan Perry

Eric West

Melissa Wilder

Les Willis

Malone Chapter—

Jamison Lee Floyd

Theroance Gilbert

Timothy Lynn Ham

Amber Jordan

John William Taylor

Sneads Chapter—

Eric Hill

Maxwell F. McKinnie

Suwannee Chapter—

Dana Lee Carter

Debbie Crews

Staci Leigh Fennell

Joanna Lynn Fortner

Sammy Starling

Traci Sheree Turner

Wewahitchka Chapter—

Kristy Lynn Eubanks

DISTRICT III

Bradford Senior Chapter

Tommy Balkcom

Kelley Dyal

Doley Hersey, Jr.

Sam Norris

Lance Wiggins

Chiefland Senior Chapter—

Lea Shae Andrews

Candace Carter

Billy Joe Cornelius

Alison Geiger

Robert Hinds

Kimberly Diane Lee

Robert Nolin

Christopher Pedersen

Columbia Senior Chapter—

Richard Glenn Kahlich

Larry Nettles

Wally Noah

Mark Spradley

Kiley Stansel

Lake Butler Senior Chapter—

Cretia Addison

Matt Denson

Quinn M. Douglas

Lisbeth Gaubatz

Lance Peacock

Derick Thomas

Jeff Williams

Trenton Senior Chapter—

Shannon NeSmith

Jason Roberts

Jason Sewell

Randy Wilkerson

DeWayne Yates

Williston Senior Chapter—

Arlene Bell

Todd Etheridge

Shana Philips

DISTRICT IV

Bunnell Chapter—

Katherine M. McCarthy

Deland Senior Chapter—

Raney Celline Emmons

Dunnellon Senior Chapter—

Natalie Ann Markham

Erica Wiggins

Forest Chapter—

Michael T. Adams

Dawn LeCrann

Keri Lesyk

Interlachen Senior Chapter—

Jay M. Crouse

Kenya Kay Hilliard

Shannon Denise Screen

Tracye Shrouder

Lake Weir Senior Chapter—

Lisa Hall

Steve Hall

Patrick Loebig

Doug Newson

Collin Osborne

Mitzi Collete Pearce

Tiffany Ann Perry

Sheri Popejoy

Patrick David Richie

Jeyre Lynn Stuart

Tom Vanhouten

Lecanto Senior Chapter—

Timothy R. Marden

Newberry Senior Chapter—

Clay Martin

New Smyrna Beach Senior Chapter—

Bonnie Miller

Theresa Marie Snyder

North Marion Senior Chapter—

Anita Harrell
Nicole Rhew
Jeremy T. Setty

Santa Fe Chapter—

Brent Emerson
Kim Holt
Dustin Walding
Karen Denise Watson
Scott Richard Word

Spruce Creek Chapter—

Jackie K. McWhorter

Taylor Senior Chapter—

John A. Friend, Jr.
Tracy McCormick

DISTRICT V**Armwood Chapter—**

Debra Fields

Chamberlain Chapter—

William Eric Haspel
Jacqueline Hayes
Shelly Plaisance
Ashley Marie Wells

East Bay Chapter—

Gerald Alderman
Brian Bahr

Gaither Chapter—

Julie Marie Blessing

Plant City Chapter—

W. Scott Brooks
Brenda K. Jones
Kerri Pearson

DISTRICT VI**Charlotte County Senior Chapter—**

Clark Timothy Lewis
Michael A. Washington

DeSoto Chapter—

Debbie Copeland

Manatee Chapter—

Tracy Hawkins

Palmetto Chapter—

Callon Vick Keen, III

Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter—

Rick Haller
Shannon Petellat
Eugene T. Skillin, Jr.
Joyce Underhill
Timothy Weber

Sarasota Senior Chapter—

Ralph Daymude
Mary Beth MacNutt
Mollie Richardson
Michelle Fawn Tucker

DISTRICT VII**Groveland Senior Chapter—**

Mary P. Crews
John Jahreis
Andrea Knight
Clinton Sode
Richard Timmerman

Orlando-Colonial Senior Chapter—

John Steiskal
Andrea Lynn Stevenson
Donnie Todd
Rebecca Walter

South Sumter Senior Chapter—

Kim Breeden
Christopher Bryan
Paula Fisel
Michael Lowery
Tony Trowell
Kristie Tucker

West Orange Chapter—

Robert Cobia
Jeff Gable
Brad Hatcher
Don Harris
Michael Stotler

DISTRICT VIII**Auburndale Senior Chapter—**

Paula Ann Ruppert

Bartow Chapter—

Dawn Griner
Heather Moss
Kenneth L. Wetherington, Jr.
Peter R. Benton
Danny L. Blackford
Juliann King

Fort Mead Chapter—

Christopher M. Torres
Kevin Spurlock

Fort Pierce Central Chapter—

Marina J. West

Fort Pierce Westwood Chapter—

James Fountain, Jr.
Monty E. Myers

Frostproof Senior Chapter—

Kelly C. Smith
Jennifer Sullivan

Haines City Senior Chapter—

Ryan Akins
B. Shawn Crocker
Emily Halabrin
Marlon D. Lynn
Cindy R. Tyler
Heather Weeks

Indian River Senior Chapter—

Lori Ann Fink
Jason A. Griffin
Richard Richards

Kathleen Senior Chapter—

Eric Morris
Dale Passmore

Lake Gibson Senior Chapter—

Kasie D. Anderson
Eric L. Hansen
Mike Lawhon
Chris Odum
Christy E. Reis
Barry Wilder

Lake Wales Chapter—

Darlene Acree
Jeff Bryan
John Carlisle
Jennifer Hare
Shawn Martin
Shawn Stewart
Jennifer A. Voytko
Artie Youmans

DISTRICT IX**Lake Placid Senior Chapter—**

James Johnston
Jerry Sides, Jr.

Moore Haven Chapter—

James Edwin Green
Angela Snow

Sebring Senior Chapter—

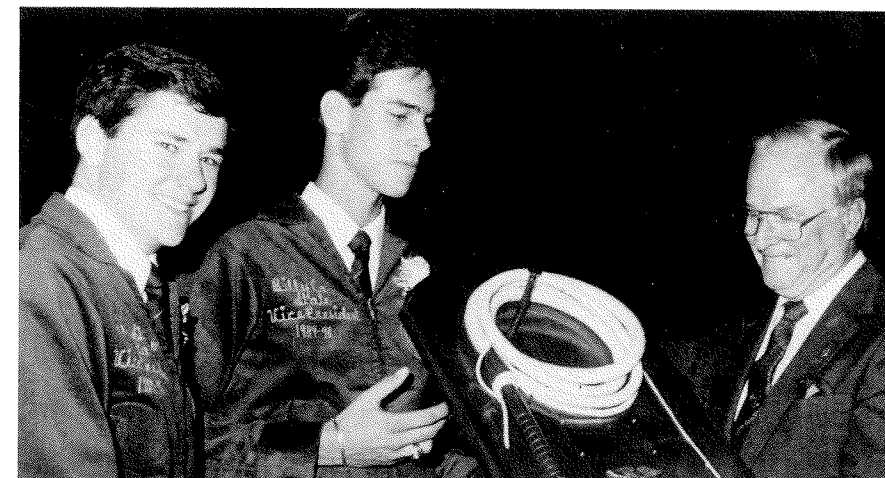
Brad Lowery
Mike McCracken

CONVENTION SCRAPBOOK

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Honored

State of Florida Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner was honored at the State Convention for his many years of service to Florida FFA. A former state and national FFA president, Conner was presented with a bull whip at the conclusion of a multimedia presentation about Conner's career and achievements.

(left to right) Keith Gashaw, Billy Carr and Commissioner Conner.

**1989-90 STATE OFFICERS**

1989-90 state officers bring their terms to a close at the state convention. Left to right are Anne-Kathryn Daniel, president; Laura Lee Evans, Area VI vice president; Keith Gashaw, Area V vice president; Scott Maxwell, Area IV vice president; Billy Carr, Area III vice president; Ray Hodge, Area II vice president; Aaron Gilley, Area I vice president.

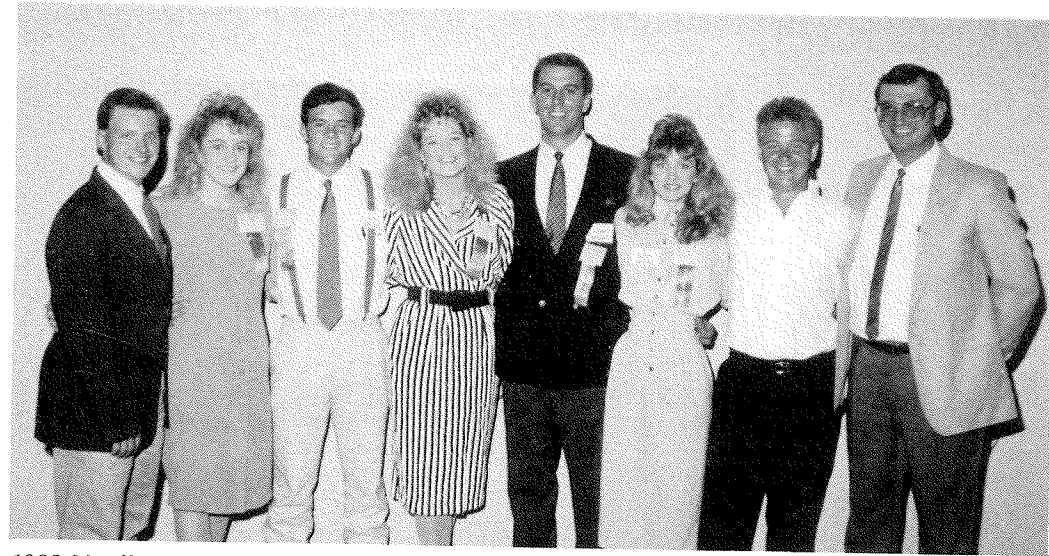


John Denmark, state advisor, addresses the delegates.

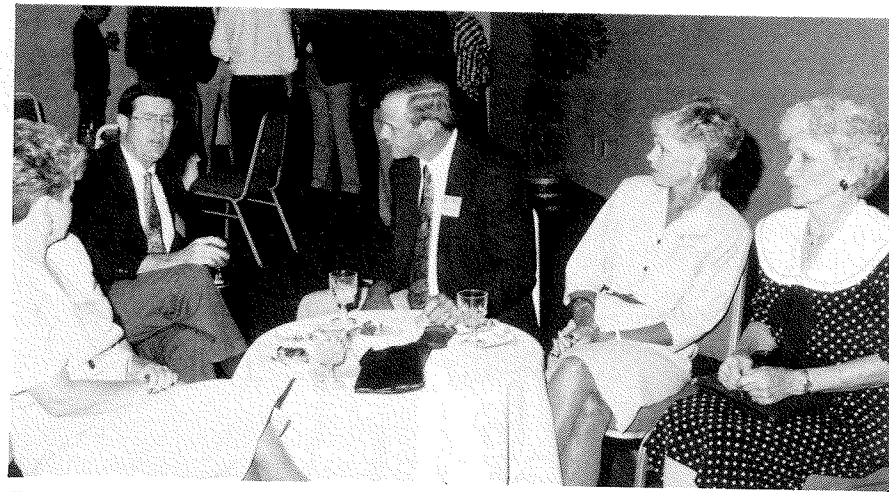


Executive secretary of the FFA Association Danny Bartlett leads a convention session.

FORMER STATE OFFICERS REUNION



1988-89 officers reunite at Former Officers' Reception.

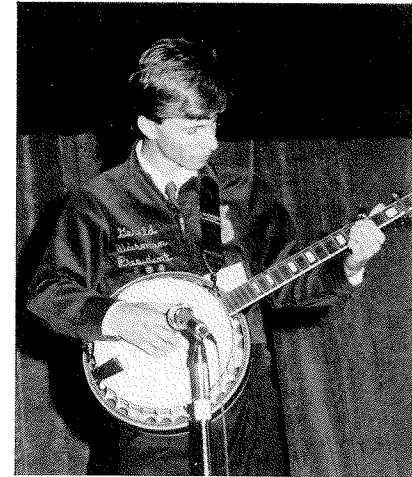


Reminiscing and re-acquainting at the Former Officers' Reception.



Bob Howell, director of the Division of Vocational, Adult and Community Education for the State of Florida, lines up for the buffet at the Former Officers' Reception.

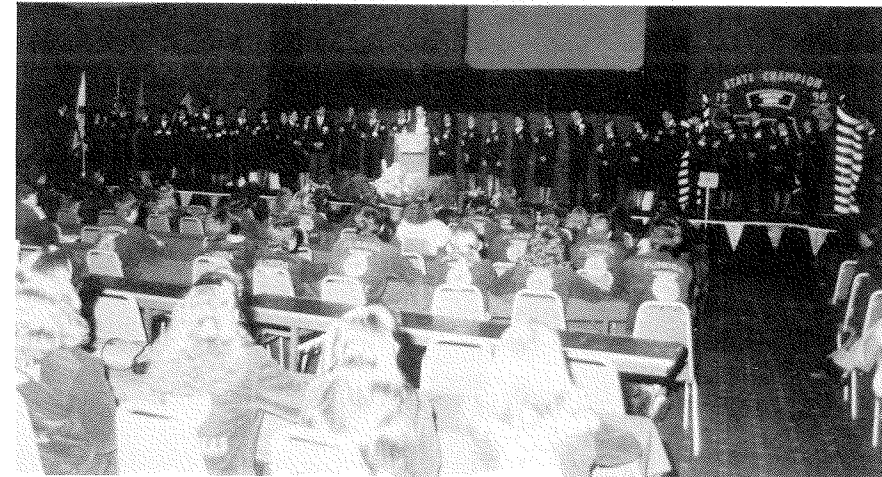
TALENT PARTICIPANTS



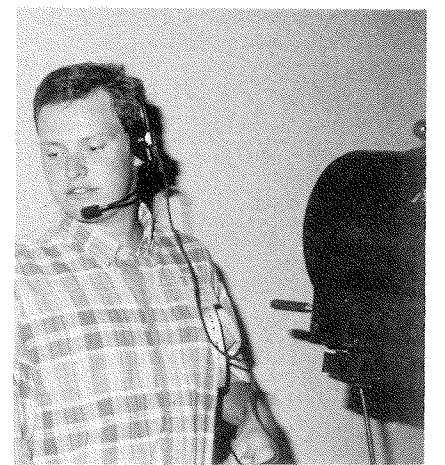
A "picking" performance by Gerald Alderman from Hillsborough Federation.



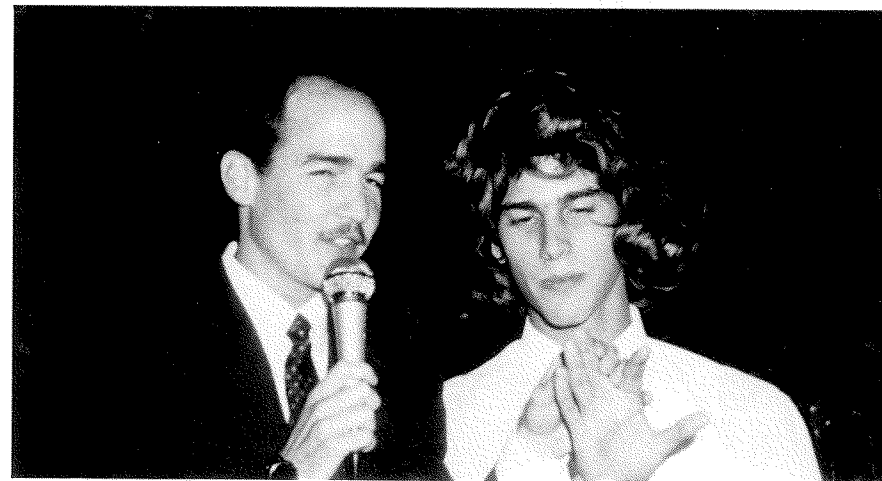
A "singing" talent group.



The Courtesy Corps is recognized for the assistance provided during the convention. Jim Galvin, advisor at Flagler Palm Coast, coordinates the activities of the Courtesy Corps.



Tracey Wood, 1988-89 vice president, "sheds a little light" on the situation.



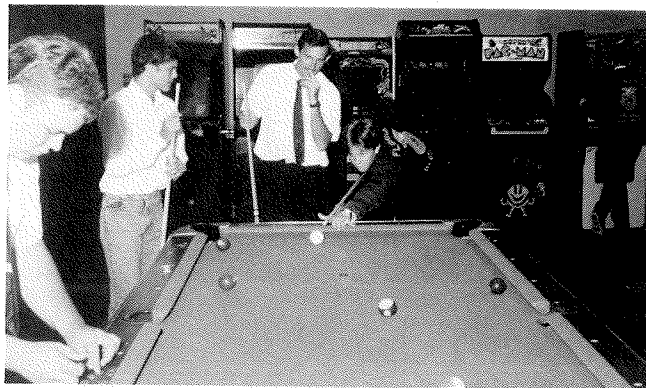
Guest speaker Pat Grady and "girl friend" make a point during presentation.



Venus makes a "noteworthy" comment to Melissa.



One of the "F's" in FFA MUST stand for "friendship."



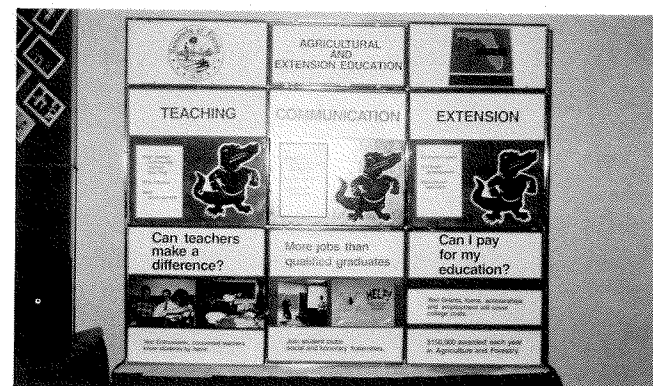
Now, watch this shot... it's called the FFA three-ball.



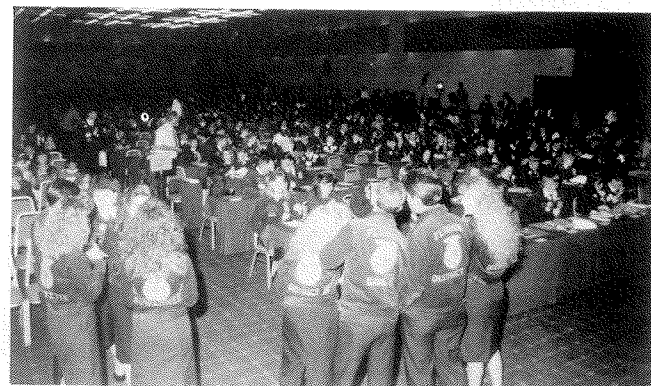
A little convention "rest and relaxation."



FFA... leadership AND friendship.



FFA doesn't end with high school... and the University of Florida can help you stay on the FFA track.



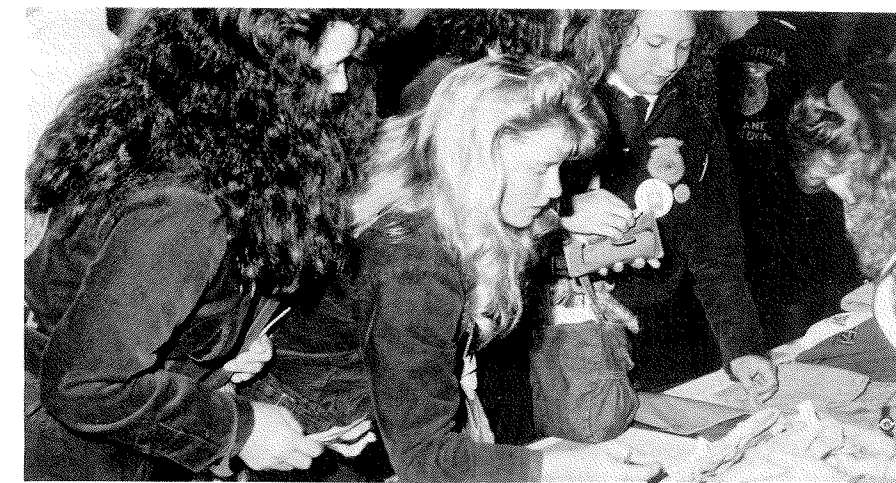
FFA members, we KNOW why we're here.



State FFA Degree recipients reception.



MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER and former Florida FFA state officer Pat Grady presented an entertaining and inspirational message to delegates.



SHOP 'TIL THEY DROP — FFA members have money in hand, ready to purchase FFA supplies and goodies at the State Convention at Grenelefe.



VESPERS with the state officers.

RETIRING ADDRESSES

ANNE-KATHRYN DANIEL
President 1989-90

The higher you build your barriers, the taller I become.

The more you take my rights away, the faster I will run.

The more you refuse to hear my voice, the louder I will sing.

Although you may have done me wrong, there's still something inside so strong.

The first time I heard these words, I was sitting on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in our nation's capital, listening to our national officers. It was a magical evening. I was surrounded by the state officers from across the country, the new friends I had made. As I sat listening to that song, I began to think. I realized that strength was the essential ingredient in a person's life and because I was starting my year, I made myself a promise. This year I would look for strength — in myself, in others, in our industry and in our organization. I would figure out which strengths I needed and I felt once I knew, then I would have the answer to the universe.

It didn't take me long to find strength from the members I met, and it wasn't long before I realized that a person's character is like a long chain and each link is made up of different strengths. So I tried to figure out which links were the most important ones. Which ones did I need to cultivate and add to my own personal chain? Once again I turned to the FFA members. One thing I saw more than anything this year was courage. It is a very scary thing to run for an office or enter a contest. You put yourself on the line, leaving yourself wide open for judgment and rejection. This year I have watched countless members competing — winning and losing. I have watched as they rejoiced as their name was called and others biting their lip, trying not to cry, when theirs was not. I have watched as they picked themselves up, brushed themselves off and said, "Yes, it WAS worth it," and they tried again, more determined and courageous than ever.

Another thing I witnessed was FFA members refusing to be classified or stereotyped. It takes courage to stand up for what you really believe in, especially if it is not the most popular thing to do or say. I have watched FFA

members stand up for their views, whether they were expressing their views on animal rights, saving the planet or fighting for an industry. And while their opinions may not have been the most popular thing to do or say, they still found the courage to express them and, more importantly, to do something about them. I am reminded of one of my favorite Robert Fulgum stories.

It seems a Sunday School teacher had taken on the almost impossible task of herding 35 kindergartners into playing a game. The game was a Medieval-type game requiring the children to choose one of three categories in which to become. The children could become a dragon, giant or wizard. The teacher explained the rules and shouted, "On the count of three you must decide which category you fit in — dragons, giants or wizards." He clapped his hands, the children scattered, shrieking wildly, and ran off to choose a group. The teacher watched them amusedly as they changed their minds and raced off to join yet another group. He felt a small tug on his pants leg and turned to see a small girl who looked up and asked in a concerned voice, "But where do the mermaids stand?" He replied, "But there are no such things as mermaids." "Yes, there are," she insisted, "I am one." She did not identify with becoming a dragon, giant or wizard — she knew her place. She was a mermaid. And she did not intend to stand in the corner with the losers. She intended to participate wherever mermaids fit into the scheme of things. Well, where do the mermaids stand? All of those who are different, who do not quite fit the norm and refuse to be classified? Answer that question and you can create a country.

This year I have met those who had the courage to realize they didn't quite fit in, those who searched for the confidence to form their own groups. This year I searched for the link courage to add to my chain. I realized for the first time that courage is not a matter of convenience. It is a matter of sacrifice.

As I continued to journey through my year I notice one thing as I met countless successful people. Each one that I met, whether they were industry people, advisors or parents, all had one thing in common: they all believed in themselves and what they were doing.

Conviction is such an important quality, essential to success. A person has to believe in what they are doing to do it well. I've met members this year who believed in the future of FFA and agriculture at times I question them myself. Conviction is a quality that I have tried to instill in myself and recognize readily in others. And it is also an important link to my chain.

My final link of strength is my strongest and most important one. My final link is faith in God and Jesus Christ. I have prayed this year more than any other year of my life — for my officer team, for understanding and for strength in the situations I encountered. I could feel your prayers also each time I got on and off the interstate, headed home or started on a brand-new journey. I felt them all during the 40,000 miles I traveled this year. Like a warm blanket, the prayers of my church, friends and family have enveloped me and God's presence has kept me safe.

Courage, conviction and faith in God are just a few links in my chain, which I am constantly adding and changing, and no two persons will ever have chains which are the same — everyone must develop their own. The personal chains that I have had the privilege of witnessing this year were remarkable.

At age 19 I don't pretend to know all the answers. In fact, at this stage of my life I am just beginning to ask the right questions. In a 10-minute speech I can't imagine to spout enough wisdom to radically change the universe, redefine socioeconomic lines or alter each life here this evening. But I do hope that in the course of my year I have touched a few, because you have certainly changed me forever. Thank you for always making me feel good about me each time I was with you.

May the road rise up to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the rains fall gently upon your face,

Softly upon your fields.

And until we meet again, may God hold you

Safely in the palm of His hand.

FFA members, it has been my greatest honor to serve you.

AARON GILLEY
Area I Vice President 1989-90

Time, a very simple word that is used quite frequently. If you will stop and think for a moment what time means. Webster's dictionary defines time as a measured or measurable period during which an action or process exists. However, when I think of time, I think of a greater and deeper meaning. You see, time is one of the most powerful forces in the universe. A force with the power to change all our lives in a single instant.

Picture in your mind a day lily, a very beautiful flower with a most pleasant aroma. You see, when everything is just right, the day lily opens its flower for the world to enjoy. And for one day the flower sparkles and shines in the warmth of the sun and everything that comes by takes notice. But that evening when the sun goes down, the lily closes and that flower will never open again. So if in the time period of one little day a flower can open up, shine to its brightest potential, and then close forever, think what man can do in a lifetime.

In a way, FFA members, we are like day lilies. You see, we spend the first several years of our life preparing to open up and let the beauty within us shine. However, when the sun goes down, we do not close up, for it is not the end of our trail. There will be many days left for us, and we should take advantage of them.

As I retire, I'm not drawing an end to my relations with this organization nor am I saying good-bye to my friends. It is true that many of you I may never see again, but we will always have the memories of the time we shared together. I only hope that you have gained as much from me in that time as I have from you.

As I go home Friday, I want to think that I am just getting ready to open up and use my talents. In fact, I am looking forward to starting work and getting fully in the, quote, "real world." I have spent the last five years of my life in this organization and I have been preparing to shine brighter than anyone could possibly imagine. This organization has helped me tremendously. When I started the ninth grade, I had no idea what was going to happen to me or the changes that would take place in my life over the years to come. I can honestly say that all these changes have helped to prepare me for

what lies ahead.

This past year has probably been the greatest test I have faced yet. I come from a very close-knit family, and the time I have spent away from them this year has been extremely difficult. However, as I progress through life, I won't always be able to be with them and now I know that I can take care of myself... for a little while, anyway. But, by the same token, this year has been very rewarding for me because of the places I've been and the fascinating people that I have met. I've learned more this year from the conversations I've had with members, advisors, professors, and friends than I ever learned in any high school class.

Members, there's one piece of advice I want to leave with you: Open your eyes and ears and pay attention to what's going on around you. Listen to what those who are older than you have to say, especially parents and grandparents. They have already been through it, and they know what to expect. I guess what I'm trying to say is learn not only from your mistakes but also from the mistakes of those around you.

Members, you can be assured that no matter where I go or what I do or how high I get in life, I will always look up to you because you helped make it happen. Thank you.

RAY HODGE

Area II Vice President 1989-90

As a state officer, two words have become important to me — UNITED and EXCITED. Separately, each is a powerful word — full of energy.

Webster defines united as "joined together," and excited means "to kindle emotions." Together these words become more powerful than each alone. This effect is called synergy, a word used often by our national advisor, Dr. Larry Case, to describe modern FFA.

Fellow FFA members, is not our organization one of synergy — where the whole is more powerful than the part?

What is excitement? Last year when I was announced as your Area II Vice President — that was excitement. Each of my fellow officers was excited. But as we began to work together as a team we became united — and as a united team we were more influential as FFA leaders than each of us could have been standing alone.

"As long as we got each other, we got

the world sitting right in our hands." That line, taken from the song I walked to this stage to, has a lot of meaning because together we are strong and divided we are weak.

You can look back in history and find many individuals who have gone against the odds to obtain a dream. But in order to obtain this dream, they must become united. Recently in China a group of students gathered in Tienamen Square to express their desire for a free country. They struggled and lost many lives.

In East and West Germany thousands fought and demonstrated a desire for a better government and more freedom.

Our world has changed tremendously and overcome many challenges. But how did people do it? They were united and excited.

Fellow FFA members, each one of you can make a difference in your chapter, school, state, and nation. Like the students in China, they had a dream, for their efforts they have opened people's eyes to a brighter future. Those in East and West Germany reached their desire and as the world watched in amazement as the wall that divided the country was torn down and a taste of freedom was experienced.

When you're united and excited about a dream you are on your way to improve yourself, others, and to make a difference. The world is changing rapidly, and that change is creating more excitement than ever, but we don't have to travel to a foreign land to experience the excitement. Right here in this state, I have witnessed individuals who are determined to make a difference.

There are many ways that 11,000 FFA members are getting united and excited right here in Florida, about themselves, the FFA, and agriculture.

Of all the people that I have met this year, there is one very special person whom I will always remember as a true example of getting united and excited. His name is Billy, and I met him at the State Fair where he was showing a hog. As he walked into the show ring, determination was in his eyes. He kept his animal under control, trying for the showmanship award. As he left the show ring, I congratulated him on a great job and he walked away with his ribbon in hand, a smile from ear to ear.

During that moment, I felt prouder than ever to be a part of this organization. Billy only received a red ribbon

but he was excited about showing his hog and doing his best. But, wait a minute, you haven't heard the rest of the story. You see, Bill entered that ring with a disadvantage — he has cerebral palsy, but held fast to his dream.

Always do the best at whatever you do, with as much excitement and determination as you can. Even though the cards may be stacked against you, do it anyway. The things that hold us back from doing something can be overcome. In Billy's case, he has learned how to make the best of a situation and he's thankful for what he's done and for what he can do. Whenever you think you can't give anymore, whenever you think you can't go a step further, whenever you think of giving up, just think of Billy's determination.

In my travels I have seen this state getting united and excited. Not just in a few places but from one end to the other. It's up to you to determine the path that you want to take in life, it's up to you to determine the path of agriculture, it's up to you to determine the path of this organization.

Excitement and unity are not limited to FFA members. It can spread to others around us. For example, my advisor, Mr. Bill Brothers, and his wife have stood united behind me and excited about my future. For this, I say thank you.

For every successful FFA member, there is a family behind them that is also united and excited. My dad, brother, and grandmother are true examples of this. To them, I say "Thanks." You have been the force behind me.

Mr. Bartlett, from the beginning you have helped me dig deep to determine what path I should take. For everything you have done, I thank you.

To the six individuals that I gladly call my friends, thanks for always being there for me. We have shared many experiences and we have remained a team and true friends. Take the knowledge that you have learned this year and go for the gold.

To you, the members of the Florida FFA Association thank you for giving me the chance to serve you. The experience that we've shared will always hold a special place in my heart.

FFA members, there are no limits to your opportunities. Most of us see only a small portion of what is possible. We create opportunities by seeing the possibilities and have the persistence

to act upon them. We must always remember — opportunities are always here but we must look for them.

My challenge to you is to get united and excited about a goal or dream and whatever may happen, never quit trying until you obtain it. The power to hold on in spite of everything — the power to endure — this is the winner's quality.

Friends, I have been united and excited since the eighth grade when I zipped up my first FFA jacket. It's your turn. Don't let the chance pass you by. Now I must do as each one of you will do — start down that road of life to wherever it might take me.

Until our paths meet again, farewell, thanks a million, and stay "united and excited."

BILLY CARR

Area III Vice President 1989-90

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds — achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists in the hope of better days through better ways, even as better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

Those few words that make up the first paragraph of our creed explain and summarize the reasons why each and every one of us is sitting in this room. We all believe in the future of agriculture and know if it is going to continue to thrive it will not be because of the things that we might say but because of the actions we must take. The luxuries we are able to enjoy come to us because of the hardships our forefathers had to endure and because they stood up and fought for the ideals for which they believed.

Many times this year I have found myself discussing with members what the future may hold for agriculture. Some see the family farmer disappearing, leaving agriculture controlled by the government and by large corporations. Others look at agriculture's future and see a promising high-tech side.

One time while I was in Tennessee, I was sitting with an individual and we were overlooking all the rural land in the distance from 16 stories in the air. While gazing across God's beautiful creation this person looked at me and said, "One day, all these trees and land won't be here for us to reap our harvest

from." After looking around the room for a few moments, he said, "This is how I see the new agriculture. Our crops being produced in high-rise structures. Indoor farming with the use of hydroponics or some other manner. Computers will control temperature, lighting, water and fertilizer. Water can be recycled — food can be produced all year round."

Fellow members and guests, whatever road that agriculture takes in the future will be because of the decisions that we make. If the road is going to be good, it will be because we have made it that way; if it is to the worse, it will be because we let it. Agriculture will be facing many problems in the future. Problems that we can fight and overcome, if we as agriculturists stick together and are determined not to back down! The problems won't necessarily be droughts, floods, or even low market prices, but rather they will occur in Congress, legislative meetings, and in the court room.

Agriculture is already starting to face these problems. As tougher water restrictions are applied in South Florida, people are starting to challenge the farmer to his water rights. Animal rights activities are becoming more popular as well as better organized. These people are no longer concentrating only on the adults in society but now are confronting the youth — trying to persuade tomorrow's leaders to insure their cause. People nowadays are against the farmer using chemicals to protect his crops from harmful pests. They don't want to buy vegetables that are "contaminated" with chemicals, but then again they don't want to buy a tomato with a brown spot on it caused by a bug!

People in society today are getting away from the basics in life, people are forgetting to stop and think that without agriculture we will not only be unable to feed our people but clothe, shelter, and provide them with the everyday necessities of life which we must have. Every industry depends on agriculture in some shape or form. Are we going to let some group of individuals that I am sure means well, deep down in their hearts, ruin an industry that is the foundation of our civilization, just because of a misunderstanding that they might have?

We, as young adults growing up in our community, can make a difference. Maybe not so much today but definitely tomorrow! I know some of you might be

sitting out there saying, "Yeah, yeah, I've heard it before — 'The youth of today are our leaders for tomorrow'..." And you might say no one is going to listen to us. Whenever we do speak our mind we hear, "You're nothing but a little 16-year-old that thinks you know everything."

When agriculture is gone, organizations like the FFA will disappear with it! Are we going to let this happen or are we going to insure for future generations the same rights and privileges that we now enjoy, only because past generations did so for us? Are we going to insure a future life for agriculture and the modern-day farmer? These are going to be decisions that we all must make.

I made my decision. I realized that I cannot back down and will have to hold true for my sake and future agriculturists. I am going to have to stand my ground, won't be turned around, and I'll keep this world from draggin' me down. Well, I know what is right, I've got just one life in a world that keeps pushin' me around. There is no easy way out. Hey, I'm gonna have to stand my ground, and no, I won't back down!

I once came across a quote from Thomas Jefferson, and I want to leave you with it. It says, "Let the farmer forevermore be honored in his calling; for they who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God."

SCOTT MAXWELL

Area IV Vice President 1989-90

To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived — this is to have succeeded!

The first time I heard that quote I was in a workshop that a state officer was presenting about four or five years ago. At that time, I really had no idea what a state officer did. But as I became aware of their responsibilities, I decided I, too, would like to become one. Well, that workshop changed my

goals. That day I made up my mind that I was going to be a state officer. One of the greatest things about this organization is that it can help you to achieve your goals. It is said that destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice. You have the power to do or be whatever you desire. But, without dreams or goals you're going to have a hard time getting the most out of life. Not only do you need to have dreams, but you must believe in your dreams. The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams. For the last year I have been living a dream that I believed in and wanted very much. You see, I had a goal, I had a dream, and I wasn't going to let anything get in my way.

But you have to keep things in perspective along the way. Don't let things get away from you. You don't want to look back and say I wish I had done this or I wish I had done that. Live your life each day as if you were climbing a mountain, climbing slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey. Don't take things too fast, don't rush, and when you finally reach your goal, it will make it much more enjoyable. Goals will help you attain better things in life. Don't let obstacles block your path to success. Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.

I have enjoyed immensely over the past year watching some people fulfill their goals and others set goals. I always seemed to get more satisfaction out of watching those who failed pick up the pieces and keep on going as if it never happened. They say success is always the result of failure.

I have read there are five "Be's" to success:

1. Be a dreamer. Ask yourself, "How would I want life if everything turned out right?" Most people either don't dream at all or don't dream big enough.

2. Be a learner. Most people fail in life because they reject the advice of experts and accept the flattery of fools. Socrates thought himself to be the wisest man because he appeared to be the only one "who knew he did not know."

3. Be a believer. In yourself. Confidence is not only healthy, it is contagious. The first step toward others believing in you is to believe in yourself.

4. Be a planner. The man who knows

where he is going and believes he can get there will find people to help him and methods available to achieve every worthwhile goal.

5. Be a worker. Success is hard work; that's why so few people succeed. Most people would rather sleep than work. Franklin said, "Plough deep while sluggards sleep."

Dream, learn, believe, plan, work and the world is yours. The only limitations that will ultimately hold you back in life will be those you place on yourself.

This great organization that you and I share can help you lift those limitations. But you have to let it work for you by getting involved. I urge you to set your goals high and strive to obtain them. There will be failures along the way, but that's natural. Don't let them get you down.

I believe there are two kinds of birds in the world. There is, on the one hand, a bird in a small cage who, day after day, is content to sit in his own small uneventful world and peck his seed making no attempt to get out. Then, on the other hand, you have a big, strong bird who, day after day, is constantly flying to and reaching great heights. He is constantly going new places and encountering new terrain. FFA members, this may seem an odd comparison, but I ask you what kind of bird are you in the FFA?

You can be anything you want to be but only you can make it happen.

FFA members, you are going to have to carry on the tradition, spread the FFA message, let people know what we're about, and the FFA membership will go up again. Florida FFA Association, I thank you for letting me serve you for the past year.

KEITH GASHAW

Area V Vice President 1989-90

When we met, the beginning of great things was possible. When we spoke and exchanged ideas, progress was possible. When we thought and planned, a bright future was possible. When we worked together and shared our knowledge, success was possible.

Many years ago, Robert Collier said, "We can do only what we think we can do. We can be only what we think we can be. We can have only what we think we can have. What we do, what we are, what we have all depends upon what we think."

It seems like only last week that I

stood before a crowd of FFA members and guests at our 61st State FFA Convention and said there are only five things you can do in baseball: run, catch, throw, hit, and hit with power, so get into the swing of the FFA and elect me, Keith Gashaw, as the next Area V State Vice President. Now, one year later, I stand before you at this, the 62nd State Convention, and say thank you. Through this year you have allowed me to dream big dreams and then helped me to conquer great things. After numerous chapter visits, leadership schools, various speaking engagements, and thousands of miles in between, I realize it is time for me to move on.

Throughout this convention, you have heard the words, "FFA members, why are we here?" With that question you have risen to your feet and responded, "To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibilities and develop those qualities of leadership which FFA members should possess." The words were written many years ago and have been passed down from generation to generation with the same strong belief in agriculture.

These words have a spectacular meaning to me, and I hope they do with you. The FFA is a national organization for students who are planning a career in agribusiness or natural resources, and it will be beneficial in all their future endeavors. Here we are at the 62nd State FFA Convention. In November the 63rd National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri. This means Florida was chartered in 1929, one year after the FFA was born. More than 60 years ago, the FFA was established in Kansas City by a few men and students who realized how important the future of agriculture actually was.

Is there a future in agriculture? Sit back and think. If you plan on eating, you have answered that question. Desire alone is not enough. But to lack desire means to lack a key ingredient to success. Many talented individuals failed because they lacked desire. Many victories have been snatched by the underdog because they wanted it more. So if you desire intensely and you act upon it, then everything stands within your reach. Those few men who established this great organization that has lasted over 60 years had a strong belief in agriculture.

"Belief is in the knowledge that we can do something. It's the inner feeling that we undertake, we can accomplish. For the most part, all of us have the ability to look at something and know whether or not we can do it. So, in belief there is power; our eyes are opened, our opportunities become

plain; our visions become realities."

Where will this great organization end, or will it? Hopefully, it won't. But it all depends on you. You are the future leaders of our country. There are no limits to our opportunities. Most of us see only a small portion of what is possible. We create opportunities by seeing the possibilities and having the persistence to act upon them. We must always remember that opportunities are always here, but we must look for them.

"Success is failure turned inside out. The silver tint of clouds of doubt, You never can tell how close you are, It may be near when it seems far. So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit, Just always remember you must not quit."

Taken from the words of the song which I walked in to, "Our paths may never cross again, I'm glad for all the good times, because you have brought me so much sunshine. I wouldn't trade one memory, because you mean so much to me. I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

"Going far beyond the call of duty, doing more than others expect. This is what excellence is all about. It comes from striving, maintaining the highest standards, looking after the smallest detail, and going the extra mile. Excellence means doing your very best. In everything and in every way." These six individuals that have united as one are truly an excellent group.

"If you strike a thorn or rose, Keep-a-Goin! If it hails or it snows, Keep-a-Goin! 'Tain't no use to sit an' whine When the fish ain't on your line, Bait your hook and keep on tryin', Keep-a-Goin! If the weather kills your crop, Keep-a-Goin! When you tumble from the top, Keep-a-Goin! S'pose you're out of every dime, Gettin' broke ain't any crime, Tell the world you're feelin' prime, Keep-a-Goin! When it looks like all is up, Keep-a-Goin! Drain the sweetness from the cup, Keep-a-Goin! See the wild birds on the wing, Hear the bells that sweetly ring, When you feel like sighin', sing, Keep-a-Goin!"

These, then, are my last words to you: Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help you create the fact. **KEEP AGRICULTURE STRONG.**

LAURA LEE EVANS

Area VI Vice President 1989-90

Our lives are like an ongoing play. We are the actors. God is the playwright. And there is no dress rehearsal, only a series of opening night performances that make up the events of our lives.

Through time and history, many actors have graced this stage that we

call Earth. They've all left their mark for good or bad as they take their final bow and the magnificent play goes on and on. We may contribute but a verse to the powerful play. Tonight, FFA members, ask yourself, "What will your verse be?" Will it be an extraordinary life filled with passion and conviction, or will you instead, when you have come to die, discover that you have not lived?

Decide tonight what your verse will be, FFA members. Carpe diem! Seize the moment! Don't live each day just for the next. We spend so much precious time thinking about the past and planning for the future that we forget to LIVE the present! FFA members, take the time to live today.

Because today is an exciting time to be a part of the agricultural industry, for though we face many challenges, the opportunities are endless. But if we are to find our place in today's agricultural industry, we must believe in the future of farming with a faith born not of words but of deeds. How many times have you heard these words, but have you ever stopped to consider what they mean to us today? How long will agriculture remain our nation's number one industry? The answer to that question is up to you and me.

The public is concerned more than ever about the safety of their food supply, animal welfare, and the preservation of natural resources, and they should be. But these issues must be addressed by combined efforts between the industry and consumer, in a way that will create and nurture understanding and cooperation between the two. We must make sure that the public's perception of our industry is based solely on the facts and not shaped by fickle emotions and unfounded fears. Such a distorted perception will have fatal repercussions on agriculture and life as we know it. For, without agriculture, civilization itself would not have gone beyond the hunters and gatherers. Only because of the advancement of cultivation allowing for specialization of other skills do we enjoy a higher standard of living than many other countries. So then, we must realize that the calling of the farmer is a high one indeed. Let us be thankful and never take for granted the way of life which he makes possible for you and me.

Surveying the world He had made, God looked down one day and said, "I need somebody down there to be a caretaker of my kingdom." So God created a farmer.

"I need somebody who can get up before dawn, milk the cows, work in the field all day, milk the cows again, eat supper, and go into town and stay there until 2 a.m. at a school board meeting."

So God made a farmer.

"I need someone with arms strong enough to pull a calf and heart soft enough to cry when his first grandchild is born." So God made a farmer.

"I need somebody who waits all year to harvest a crop, but will stop in mid-field and run and help when he sees smoke coming from a neighbor's place." So God made a farmer.

"I need someone who will smile, then laugh, then cry when his son says he wants to spend the rest of his life doing just what Dad does." So God made a farmer.

The essence of this poem describes to us the spirit of agriculture, even today with modern technology.

Because perception is reality, education and cooperation are the keys to unlocking the future of agriculture. It is up to us, FFA members, to find and use those keys. By believing not only in the future of farming, but also in ourselves, with a faith born not of words, but of deeds.

How many roads have gone by, so many words left unspoken. There are so many things I wish I had done or said this year. How much precious time have I wasted? It's flown by so fast. As I reflect on the year, the times I remember most are the times I have spent with you, in your schools, at your county fairs, and in your homes. It really didn't matter where I was, whether it was at a birthday party at Starke, or stuck in the middle of Sawgrass Pond with two members from Sarasota, or even getting a speeding ticket in Groveland, as long as I was with you, the members, I was at home.

One of the highlights of my year, however, happened quite close to home, when I was presented with the honorary chapter FFA degree by the Okeechobee-Brahman chapter. These are just a few examples of FFA members who have filled my year with beautiful moments and have shown me the true meaning of carpe diem.

I've struggled with finding the words to say to you tonight and I hope I haven't wasted a second. Consider these words and take the opportunity this week to "seize the moment" every chance you get. Have a wonderful convention.

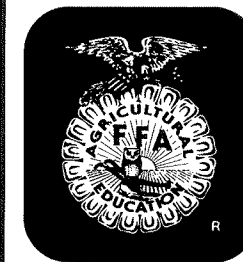
Thank you once again for giving me the chance to serve in this wonderful association. I will be forever grateful, and you, FFA members, will remain in my heart forever.

Now that we're alone, I've grown enough to tell you, you'll always be a part of me, forever in my heart. Even as I travel down under and take the Florida FFA Association pride to Australia.

Tomorrow's Agriculture...

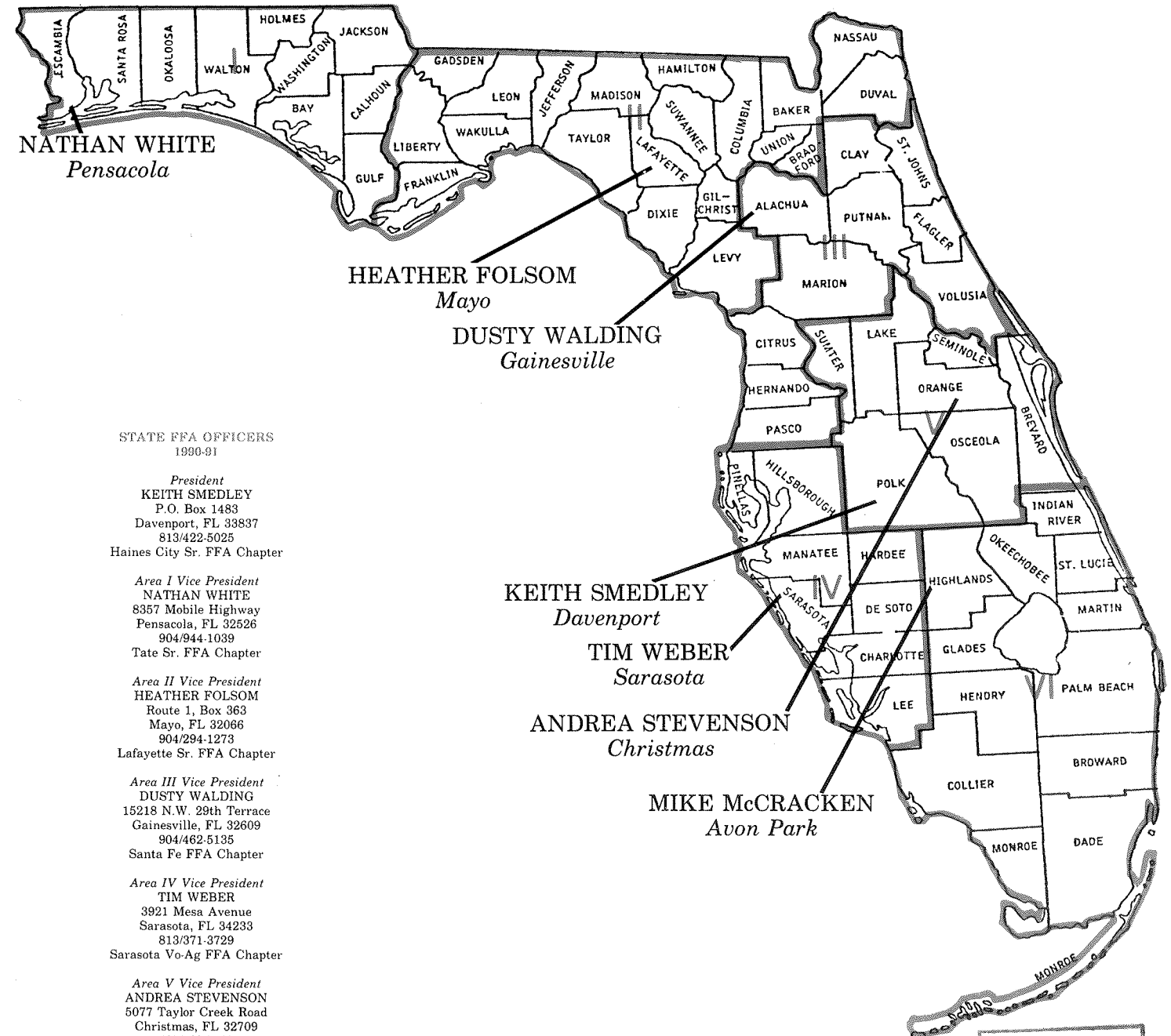
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