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FLORIDA YOUTH EARNS NATIONAL 4-H ENTOMOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

A 17-year-old Florida youth, who became a member of a University of Florida insect research team, has been named 1 of 6 national winners in the 4-H entomology program. Clay Smith, 13204 Northwest 49th Avenue, Gainesville, received a \$1,000 scholarship during the 58th National 4-H Congress in Chicago 25-29 November. His award was presented by the Agricultural Chemicals Division, Mobay Chemical Company, sponsor of the 4-H entomology program. The Cooperative Extension Service selected the 6 winners. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Smith, is a high school junior and has belonged to 4-H for 8 years. He plans a career as a forest entomologist.

The Alachua County youth, using experience gained in 4-H, landed a job for the past 2 summers at the Medical Veterinary Entomology laboratory at the University of Florida. Smith aided in numerous experiments with mites, fleas, horn fly pheromones, ultraviolet light traps, fly baits and larvacides. On 1 occasion the youth ran a test to determine how quickly each bait killed flies, how many days each bait would kill flies, and how each worked in a field test. Last summer, he maintained colonies of house, stable and horn flies used in research projects at the laboratory. "This involved setting eggs, floating pupae, establishing cages and feeding flies daily," he said.

After finishing work, Smith went home and conducted his own experiments, including 1 using ultraviolet light. He ran trials once a week, counting the number of insects attracted to the light according to order. "Using the data I collect, I will be able to determine patterns according to moon phases and seasonal changes," he said. Like other entomologists, he encountered trouble in finding good specimens for mounting. "To help ease this problem, I began raising several insects from various stages of development," he said. "By raising them, I can obtain several nearly perfect specimens."

The 4-H awards program is arranged by National 4-H Council.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The *Florida Entomologist* is beginning the 1980's with some more remodeling. Observant readers will note that the "The" has been dropped from the title page of the journal. The extra "The" was awkward to typeset and use in correspondence. Many authors did not know whether to include it or not in their literature citations for the journal.

Note the new subtitle on the cover. The Publications Committee will continue to welcome manuscripts and scientific notes from all over the world. We are not placing geographical restrictions on authors or their subject matter. At the same time, the Society's membership list shows that the

majority of members are from the Western Hemisphere. The Society would like to dedicate its journal to these members and encourage their increased participation in Society business and publication.

In keeping with this international flavor, abstracts in Spanish will be included in the near future in all full length manuscripts. *Authors are requested to submit abstracts in Spanish with all manuscripts.* The Publications Committee will call upon members fluent in written, technical Spanish to assist with translations and reviews. Volunteers who are qualified to work with Spanish abstracts are requested to write to the Editor.