

#### JOHN T. LESLEY AWARD

- First presented to John T. Lesley in 1981
- As a special tribute to Mr. Lesley the award was named in his honor
- It is presented in recognition of an individual for outstanding leadership and service on behalf of the Florida fresh citrus industry

### THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT GOT AN EARLY START IN AGRICULTURE



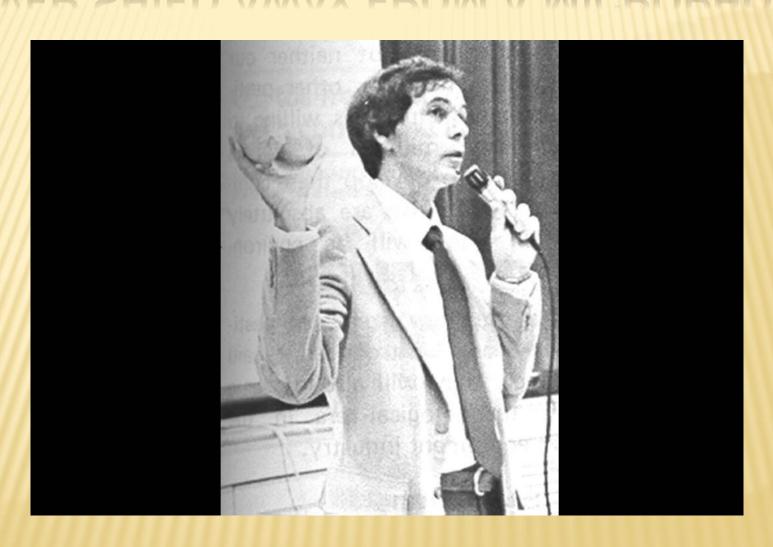
# HE DEVELOPED AN EARLY LOVE OF AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION



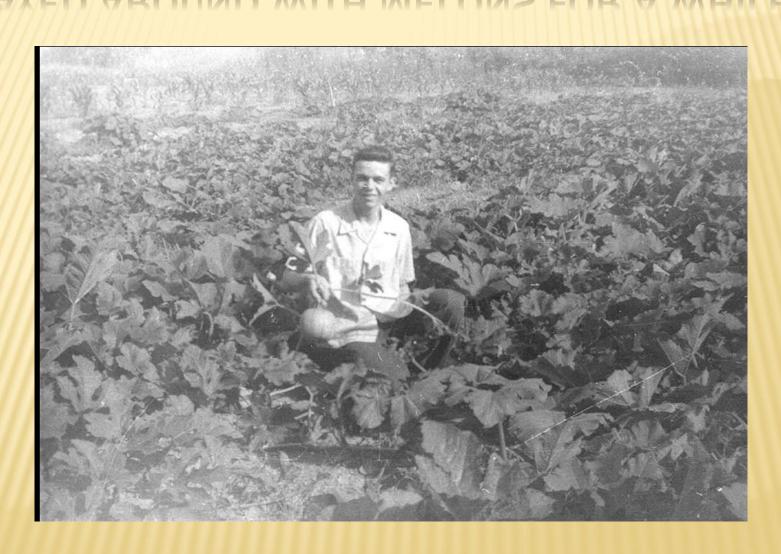
### WAS AN EARLY PIONEER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANKER DETECTION DOGS



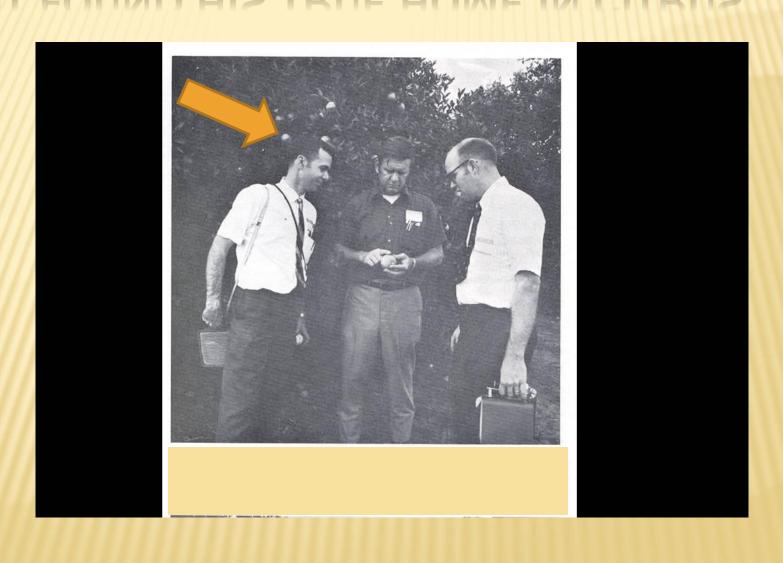
### NEVER SHIED AWAY FROM A MICROPHONE



#### PLAYED AROUND WITH MELONS FOR A WHILE



### BUT FOUND HIS TRUE HOME IN CITRUS



# WENT ON TO JOIN A STELLAR TEAM OF CITRUS SCIENTISTS



# PART OF A LITERAL WHO'S WHO IN CITRUS RESEARCH



### LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBER



At the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of Florida Citrus Packers

The coveted and prestigious award was presented to

Richard J. Kinney

For his may years of effective and loyal service to Fresh Florida citrus.

This years' recipient, really needs no introduction

- 31 years of exceptional service to fresh Florida Citrus
  - One of UF's first post harvest extension specialists
- Someone who was in our packinghouses on a regular basis
- Was vital to survival and improvement of Packinghouse Day
  - Responsible for dozens of publications

#### A STELLAR CAREER

- Professor of horticulture and extension (CREC)
- Made significant contributions in the areas of:
  - + Fruit quality
  - + Degreening
  - + Decay control, and grading of freeze damaged fruit
  - + Grade standards
  - + Fruit handling, shelf life and storage
  - + Production & pesticide use
  - Harvesting and use of pallet boxes
  - + Pack line machinery and work efficiency
- Editor of IFAS's Packinghouse Newsletter
- Most importantly he was one of us. He was in our houses on a regular basis – so that he knew our business first-hand

And so much more.....

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### \* Books

- + Florida Citrus Quality Tests, Author
- + Estimated Cost of Packing Citrus (co-Author)
- + Quality Control Assessment Methodology (edited)
- + Fresh Citrus Fruits, Author
- + Pallet Boxes for Florida Citrus
- + Packingline Machinery for FL Citrus Packinghouses
- + Fresh Citrus Quality, Author
- + Oil Spotting of Citrus Fruits, Author
- + Edited and/or co-Authored many other publications
- + Founder of Florida Science Source

#### Dr. Will Wardowski

35<sup>th</sup> recipient of

Florida Citrus Packers

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