

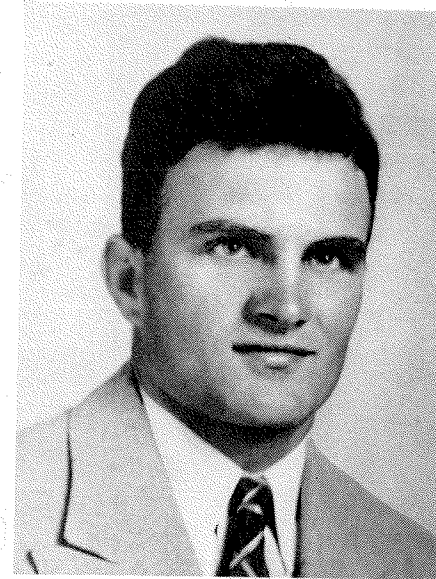
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I consider it a real privilege to have the opportunity to speak on this program which is sponsored by the Florida Association of Future Farmers of America.

For years I have been watching the steady growth and development of this great farm boy organization. During the last few years I have been rather closely associated with the Future Farmers of America. At the Annual State Convention of the Florida Association, F.F.A., in 1937, I was elected to the degree and awarded the key of an Honorary State Planter and since that time it has been my privilege to attend many of the banquets sponsored by the local chapters throughout the State, to attend all State Conventions, all F.F.A. Days at the State Fair and last year the National Future Farmer Convention. These contacts with the Future Farmer organization have convinced me that the boys have a sincere desire to carry out the the purposes of the Future Farmer organization.

In carrying out the purposes of the Future Farmer organization they are making a real contribution to the high schools in which the various chapters are located throughout the State. It is impossible for me to list all of the constructive things being done by Future Farmer chapters which are of value to schools. However, I consider the following contributions to the schools to be especially significant.

One of the chief objectives of the Future Farmer organization is the development of competent rural and agricultural leadership, thus meeting one of the outstanding needs at the present time. Our democratic country requires men with adequate leadership training who are concerned with the problems of agriculture and rural life. Today conditions exist that demand joint action, but in order that we may have joint action we must have outstanding leaders. If farmers moved in a body with a far-seeing leader at their head, then they could attack problems efficiently. The Future Farmers of America, with 111 chapters in Florida and more than 6,300 chapters in the United States with a membership of more than 205,000 rural boys, is peculiarly fitted to render very outstanding service in the development of rural leaders. Two of the methods which are being used most effectively by the Future Farmers in the development of rural leaders are the parliamentary procedure contest and the public speaking contest.

The Future Farmers of America have helped to bring about a greater interest in the vocation of farming and in related occupations. It has accomplished this objective by means of agricultural exhibits, banquets, chapel programs, and

other worth while activities which have been of real value to the schools.

Another way in which the Future Farmers have contributed to the schools has been that of landscaping and improving the school grounds. Many chapters have propagated shrubs and flowers, drawn planting plans and have then set out the shrubs and trees and planted lawns, thus completely landscaping the school grounds. Other chapters have leveled and planted grass on football fields, made tennis and basketball courts, laid concrete drives and walks, and performed many other activities of similar nature which have proven to be of much value to the schools. Certain chapters have landscaped all the school grounds in their county. This type of work has also had a very favorable reaction upon the homes in the community by stimulating interest in home beautification and improvement.

By the organization of F.F.A. Thrift Banks, the Future Farmers of America have created interest in thrift in many of the high schools. By means of these thrift banks, Future Farmers save money for their supervised farming programs, educational tours, and other worth while activities.

Another of the objectives is to promote and improve scholarship. Many Future Farmers have made excellent records in their school

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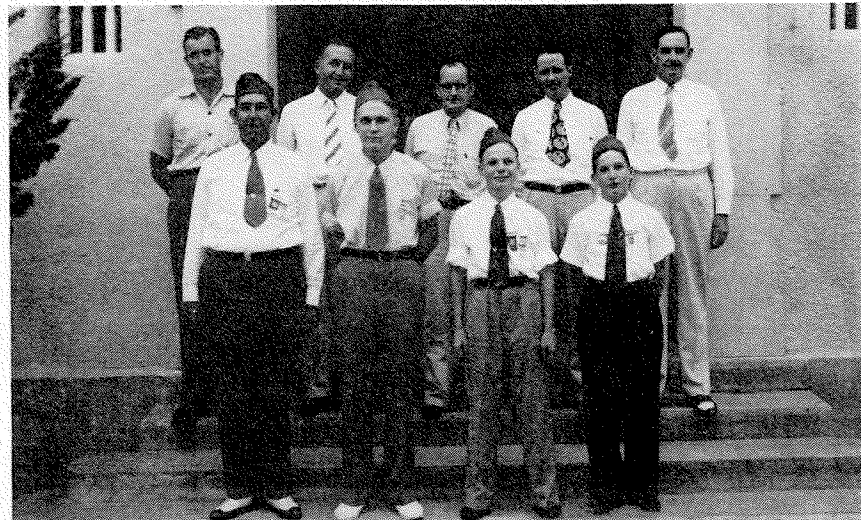
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WINNING POULTRY TEAM

Florida's Future Farmer judging team sent to the Seventh World's Poultry Congress was the high scoring team in the United States in this contest. This picture shows the team, the coach, the individual boys' teachers, the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Reading left to right, front row: S. C. Means, Miami, coach; Newton Metzger, Hawthorn; Billy Clark, Havana; and Norris Boney, Fort Meade, members of the judging team. Back row: I. W. Hogan, teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Havana; B. K. Wheeler, teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Hawthorn; J. F. Higgins, teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Fort Meade; J. F. Williams, Jr., State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Tallahassee; and Colin English, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tallahassee.

## Supervised Practice Program

Emory Peacock of Mason Chapter is hoping to be able to merit the State Planter degree next June. He has the following supervised farming program completed, in operation, and planned for the future:

### 1938-39

- 1 Cow
- 1 bull calf
- 2 gilts
- 3 meat hogs
- 5 acres of green corn
- 300 chicks

### 1939-40

- 1 cow
- 1 heifer
- 2 sows
- 18 pigs
- 3 acres of permanent pasture
- 10 acres of corn and peanuts
- 125 laying hens
- 300 chicks

### 1940-41

- 2 cows
- 1 calf
- 2 sows
- 16 shoats
- 10 acres of corn and peanuts
- 3 acres of peanuts for market
- 5 acres of rye pasture for winter
- 3 acres of permanent pasture
- 125 laying hens

## How Reddick Future Farmers Spent Their Summer

Fifty Future Farmers of Reddick were real farmers during the summer. Thirty-four productive agricultural projects were in continuous operation by the Future Farmers, with other supplementary work to occupy their time. Only a very few of the boys left the farm to do other work. Farm improvement work, in addition to productive projects, was undertaken by three-fourths of the pupils.

Cattle, hogs, poultry, truck and vegetable crops, field crops, bees, and all phases of farm work could not keep the boys too busy to want time off for recreation. Monthly Future Farmer meetings were attended and an over-night camping trip was enjoyed by the group at Silver Springs.

The above activities, plus planning and preparing for fall and winter work, were progressive summer undertakings performed by the boys according to a recent survey made by Mr. Otis Bell, the new instructor of Vocational Agriculture at Reddick High School.

## Bunnell Uses P. C. A. Credit

For the past several years most of the farmers of Flagler County who find it necessary to borrow money with which to finance their crops have secured funds from the Jacksonville Production Credit Association. Likewise, students in the Vocational Agriculture department of the Bunnell high school have gone to the same agency to assist them in carrying on their farm projects.

While not all of the regular farmers have been able to repay all of their loans to the association, the agriculture boys have paid theirs and nearly all made a profit in addition. Something of a summary of these student loans and operations is reflected in a letter J. H. Norfleet, teacher of Vocational Agriculture has sent to A. G. Shands of the lending agency. The letter follows:

Bunnell, Florida,  
September 6, 1939.

Mr. A. G. Shands,  
Production Credit Association,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Shands:

On behalf of the Bunnell Future Farmer Chapter, I wish to thank you and the P.C.A. for past loans. These loans have been quite profitable to us.

Last year we borrowed \$485.00 through your association and as a result of the loans 11 boys have made a profit of \$1,108.23.

Three boys bought in tax deeds on 120 acres of land, making each of these boys the owner of a 40-acre farm. Two of them have sufficient money saved over to plant crops this year without borrowing.

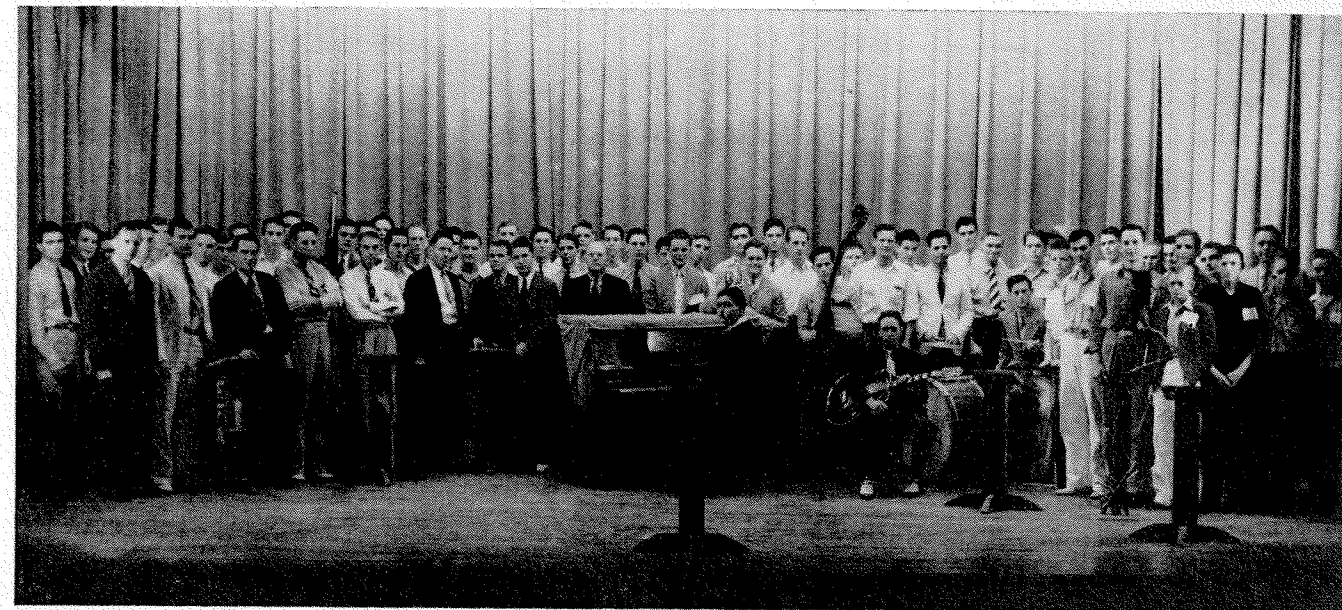
Projects carried by the boys last year consisted of cabbage, beans, and steers for fattening.

One boy borrowed \$50.00 and planted two acres of cabbage, did all his work and made \$97.00 after repaying the loan. He then took his profits and bought patches of turnips and made a profit of \$253.00 on these. He then took the profit from these and what he had left from cabbage and bought 40 acres of land for himself. Other boys are doing similar things to enable them to get established in farming.

We are looking forward to our year's work and to becoming members of the P.C.A. again this year.

Thanking you personally for your advice and help, I am.

Sincerely yours,  
JOE H. NORFLEET,  
Teacher of Vocational  
Agriculture.



## Collegiate Chapter Entertains Freshmen

Getting into the swing of things with a jamboree and ice cream supper at the P. K. Yonge auditorium, Wednesday night, September 30, the University of Florida Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America opened its 1939-40 college year by entertaining the freshmen who were former high school members of the F.F.A.

Orchestral music was provided by Ted Sherwood and his Collegians assisted by Raymond Crown who gave numerous impersonations.

State F.F.A. Adviser, J. F. Williams, Jr., of Tallahassee, extended greetings to freshmen members as well as upperclassmen.

Bimonthly meetings will be held on the first and third Monday nights in each month at 7:00 o'clock in the P. K. Yonge school.

J. Lester Poucher, president of the Collegiate Chapter, presided over the jamboree program.

## Chiefland Boy Wins

Clyde Swilley, Secretary of the Chiefland Chapter, F.F.A., won two prizes at the fat hog show recently held at Trenton.

The show was attended by prominent visitors from many parts of Central Florida and a number of Future Farmers were present. The Chiefland Chapter attended 100 per cent. The large crowd enjoyed a prime pork barbecue dinner which was served just after the radio broadcast presented over the Florida Farm Hour of Station WRUF.

There were 339 entries in the hog show. Clyde won a prize of \$15.00 for first place in the "pen of three" class and a prize of \$9.00 for second place in the "Single Barrow" class.

## Laurel Hill Chapter

### Fattens Hogs

The fattening of hogs for market is one of the cooperative activities of the Laurel Hill Chapter for the year. Four good feeder shoats have been purchased and will be finished for market on the land laboratory plot. Garbage cans have been placed at convenient locations on the school grounds and children place all paper and scraps from their lunch boxes in them. The chapter members burn the paper and feed the scraps to the hogs. This feed is supplemented by corn grown by the boys last year as a cooperative chapter project. As soon as the first four hogs are ready for market other feeders are to be purchased and the project carried on throughout the school year in this manner.

## Supervised Practice Program

For my first year in a day-unit class in Vocational Agriculture, 1938-39, I am completing the following supervised practice program: two brood sows, fifteen pigs, twenty-five laying hens, one hundred and fifty baby chicks, a home garden, setting a home orchard and beautifying our home grounds.

For my second year, 1939-40, I am planning to have the following program: fifty laying hens, two hundred baby chicks, a cabbage and a tomato seed bed, a home garden and three brood sows and pigs.

VERNON CLYATT,  
Chiefland Chapter.

## Clay Chapter Broiler Project

As one part of their cooperative program for the year, the members of the Clay Chapter have started a broiler project

The chapter was able to secure a broiler plant near the school building that had been used several years ago which the owner agreed for the boys to use if they would make certain necessary repairs. The plant is large enough to take care of 200 chicks every week. The first two hundred chicks have been purchased and the project is starting off with much interest on the part of each member.

## Enjoyable Camping Trip

The last week in August members of the Aucilla and Monticello Chapters took a camping trip to Panacea.

The two chapters rented a cabin on the banks of the Ochlocknee river, near the new bridge. The big thrill each day was a two-mile trip out to the mouth of the Ochlocknee where the boys fished for trout and red fish. A moonlight stroll was enjoyed each night across the bridge, and the boys tried to fish again to make up for any they might have missed during the day.

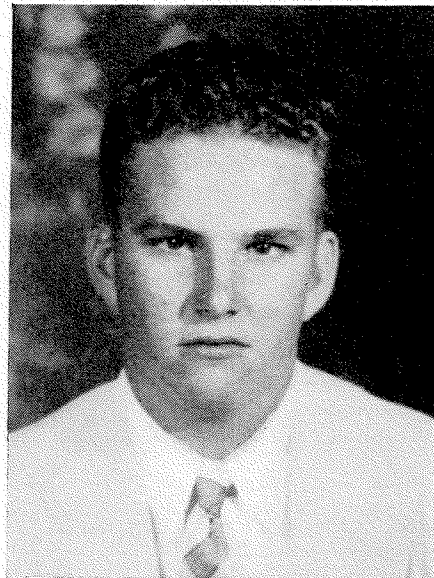
This is the first camping trip the two chapters ever have undertaken. The boys enjoyed themselves so well that another one is being planned for the Christmas holidays.

**Summerfield:** This year the cooperative chapter projects are cabbage and onion seed beds. These have already been planted and about 3 acres of ground have been broken and harrowed for planting a garden.

The chapter has obtained the cold drink concession at the home football games for the year.

**Wiersdale:** The Wiersdale Chapter, Future Farmers of America, entertained the Home Economics girls and their teacher with an ice cream party right after their regular meeting, Tuesday night, September 26th. The occasion was very enjoyable.





### Poucher to Compete in National Public Speaking Contest

J. Wayne Poucher of Largo, Florida, won the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest and with it the privilege of representing the South in the National Public Speaking Contest which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, during the National Convention, Future Farmers of America. Wayne has served as Secretary and President of the Largo Chapter and as Secretary of the State Association, F.F.A. A copy of his winning speech follows:

### Soil Conservation— Man's and Nature's

During a recent sand storm, in the middle western states, a farmer was sitting on his front porch gazing intently into the whirling sands, when his wife remarked: "Why do you sit there and stare into space?" He replied: "I'm counting my neighbors farms as they go by." Perhaps this is an exaggerated statement, but it brings to our minds something of the magnitude of the problem of soil erosion with which the farmers of America are faced today.

In order that we might gain a clear picture of this devastating situation, let us go back to the time when civilized man first touched this continent, and study the conditions that were prevalent then in comparison with those of the present time.

When our founding fathers landed on the shores of eastern America they found stretched before them a land of golden agricultural opportunities. They found a thick layer of rich top soil, high in organic matter and rich in plant food. Little did they realize that for every inch of that soil Mother Nature had spent nearly five hundred years of careful work.

Mother Nature, in the instance of the soil, has all of the instincts of a mother for her child. She carefully fostered the growth of that soil then covered it over with a thick layer of vegetation, to protect it from the many elements of destruction which

are included in her intricate character.

To break the force of the rain-drops, she placed the forest with its canopy of leaves spreading over the land. In addition to this, it sent millions of long roots deep into the soil and held it in its place. Also, she found, that in the seasons when the leaves left the trees and fell to the earth, they formed a filter pad and assisted the raindrops to seep slowly into the absorptive soil beneath.

We can see Mother Nature in her plan of protection took into consideration many things. The years have borne out the fact that the purpose of this protection was that civilized man might use that soil as a means of survival down through the ages. The years also have borne out the fact that Nature in her plan of protection forgot to take into consideration the destructiveness of civilized humanity.

Going in complete opposition to the plan of Nature, man used that soil with a range of consideration, only for the generation in which he lived. All too often, the pioneer farmer planted soil depleting crops year after year, on the same acreage. This, at that time, seemed the logical thing to do. There was an abundance of fertile land all over America, and when one acreage would no longer produce the food necessary for the survival of man, he would take up his household and move it to another and there produce the food that he needed. He did not realize the damage he was doing in leaving the soil open to the ravages of heat, wind, and gravity, those natural elements which cause erosion. To illustrate the importance of soil, I quote you Will Durant. He says: "I see America basically as soil. Its wealth and power are rooted in the earth, in the actual resources of the land. When these are used up America will cease to be."

We now find that out of approximately two billion acres representing the entire acreage of the country, exclusive of urban and water territories, less than one-fourth has escaped damage by soil erosion of some type. Over fifty million acres of that once fertile soil has been totally retired from production, and an additional tract of one hundred million acres has been seriously damaged. It has been estimated that soil erosion is costing the farmers of the United States approximately \$400,000,000 annually in soil depreciation and reduced yields.

The Soil Conservation Services of the Department of Agriculture, after a careful survey, realized that unless something was done soon to rebuild the soil of America, we could not be a self-sustaining nation very long. As a result they have been endeavoring in every way possible to remedy these problems. They have established experiment stations throughout America to determine the best methods of land use and conservation in general, and have published numerous pamphlets, bulletins, and other publications to acquaint the farmer with the outcome of these experiments. As a part of their program to conserve the soil

resources of this nation and, at the same time, keep production in line with demand, they have resorted to paying the farmer to plant portions of his land to recommended types of protective, soil building crops.

In studying the subject of soil erosion in its entirety we come, quite surprisingly, to the conclusion that erosion itself is not the problem with which we are concerned, but, that the differential between the rate of soil erosion and soil formation is the problem that we have to solve and which we have to balance.

Under natural conditions, nature is capable of building the soil at a rate fast enough to compensate for the loss by erosion. But, it has become evident that civilized humanity with all of its modern methods of farming has placed that soil under conditions so unnatural that nature can no longer maintain that balance alone. Therefore, we must do everything that we can to conserve the greatest natural resource of our nation, our soil. You ask: "How may I, as an individual, help to solve a problem so tremendous in scope?" You as a farmer, can do this by cooperating with the governmental conservation agencies in all of their efforts, and by following on your own farms approved methods of crop rotation and conservation. You, as a member of society, can do this by supporting all legislation to the end of conservation. Today, wholehearted cooperation and extensive education are of necessity the means of attaining this goal.

There is another angle to this subject which I would like to bring out. The relationship of the farmer to society concerning soil erosion. This is no longer a question that is facing the farmer alone. From the standpoint of maintaining a national social and economic balance, it is facing farmer and society alike. It has suddenly become a matter of public concern, for, as J. H. Bradley said in his "Autobiography of Earth," "The fabric of human life has been woven on earthly looms, it everywhere smells of the soil, for however high the spirit of man may soar, it is on the stomach that humanity like an army must ever advance."

In conclusion, may I leave you the thought so ably expressed by Stuart Chase in his recent book, "Rich Land, Poor Land."

"A continent is situs, a place to live, and so far more than a bread factory. People do not make continents; continents make a people. The age-long strength of Russia is due to her latitude, climate, resources and sweep. The strength of England is due to her position in the sea. The strength of our nation is due to the continent of North America. It has molded us, nourished us, fed its abundant vitality into our veins. We are its children, lost and homeless without its strong arms about us. Shall we destroy it?"

I believe that you will all agree that it is better to protect that soil and in so doing insure ourselves and our posterity, rather than to continue to destroy it and cease to be.

### Tate Wins State

#### Chapter Contest

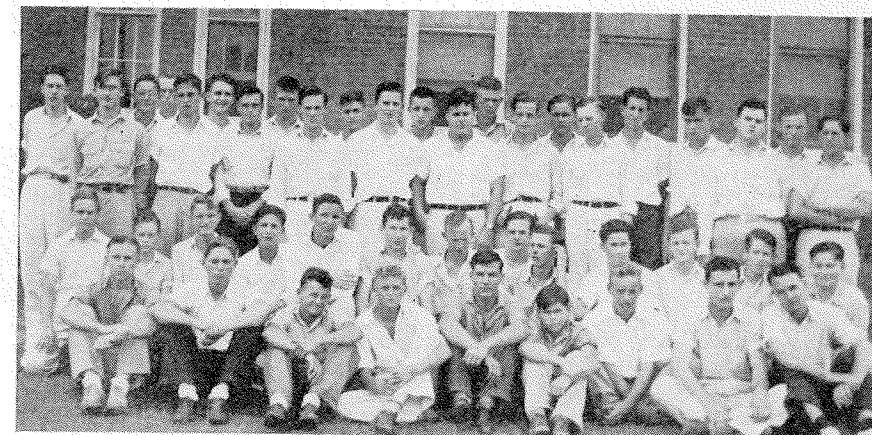
Since the Tate Chapter, Future Farmers of America, received its charter in March, 1929, it has been the aim of the members to set up and carry to completion a program of work that would entitle them to recognition as the outstanding chapter in Florida. This year, on their tenth anniversary, that goal has been reached and the Tate Chapter has been designated as the winner of the State F.F.A. Chapter Contest for 1938-39. The accomplishment report of the chapter, together with an official scrap book, has been sent to Washington to compete in the National Chapter Contest.

Under the capable leadership of their President, Billy Johnson, who was also the State President, and the other officers, the chapter, with an active membership of 48 boys, carried out a very ambitious program during the year. Their accomplishments were centered around supervised farming, cooperation, leadership, community service, earnings and savings, conduct of meetings, scholarship and recreational activities.

In their supervised farming work the members carried an average of 2.83 productive enterprise projects each, on which they earned an average of \$117.18 per member. These projects included poultry, dairying, hogs, beef cattle, corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, sugar cane, and other crops. In addition to these productive enterprise projects, each member had an average of six supplementary farm jobs and five improvement projects in their supervised farming program, and learned an average of ten farm skills each.

The members bought, cooperatively, 280 pounds of seed, 17,800 pounds of feed and 1700 baby chicks, and sold from cooperative projects 2759 dozen eggs and 1438 pounds of fryers. On the chapter-operated farm they produced, in addition to the eggs and fryers mentioned above, 225 pullets and 22 acres of corn for feed. They also bought a Hampshire gilt and plan to grow a litter of pigs as a cooperative meat project. Their chapter exhibit at the Pensacola Interstate Fair won first prize, for which they received \$32.00 cash and a silver loving cup. Harry Nowak, a member of the chapter, won the "Sweepstakes" prize for the best poultry exhibited at the fair.

Many community service activities were carried on by the Tate Chapter. Among these, forestry demonstrations played an important part. One thousand slash pine seedlings were grown in the seed beds and planted in the community and 22 members planted individual seed beds to raise seedlings for planting on their farms this year. Plots to show the effects of burning were maintained as established several years ago, and previous plantings of seedlings were protected from fire. The road leading to the County Tuberculosis Sanatorium was



beautified by planting a row of slash pine seedlings on either side.

As a means of demonstrating improved farm practices to the community, providing teaching material for agricultural classes and raising funds for use by the chapter, the members obtained a written agreement from the school trustees to allow them to operate the 40-acre school farm. Some of the improved practices demonstrated were: the use of weevil and rat-proof corn cribs, growing improved varieties of corn, side-dressing crops with nitrate, proper placement of fertilizer, planting winter cover crops for soil improvement, ridding poultry flocks of pullorum disease, use of home-grown feeds for poultry and livestock, growing pullets on clean range, producing clean eggs, culling, use of artificial lights in poultry houses, and feeding protein supplement to hogs.

The members cooperated with the local churches by donating several baskets of food for the "White Christmas" tree and assisted in distributing the baskets. They also gave \$2.00 to the President's "March of Dimes" and sent flowers to two members who were ill in the hospital.

The chapter has taken an active part in the beautification of the school grounds during the past ten years. This year, 100 ornamental plants were transplanted from the nursery where they were grown by the chapter members. More cuttings were made and set out to grow plants for future use. Two large ornamental trellises were also built.

In leadership activities, the Tate Chapter has won more than its share of honors this year. In the ten years of its existence, six members of the chapter have been elected to offices in the State Association of F.F.A., beginning with the election of Louis Faedke to the State Executive Committee in 1932 and climaxing the list with the election of Billy Johnson to serve as State President in 1938-39. The Gonzalez boys entered all F.F.A. contests this year except harmonica, winning first place in the district public speaking, diamond ball and string band contests. At the State Convention the string band took first honors, while the diamond ball team was eliminated in the semi-finals and

the public speaker came out 5th in that contest. The chapter livestock judging team, composed of Simon Bradley, Burt Brewton and Melvin Vaughn, scored higher than the other teams and won the coveted trip to Kansas City and a chance to match their knowledge of livestock against teams from the other 47 states. At the State Fair in Tampa, the Tate judging teams won recognition and \$10.00 in cash by placing as one of the ranking teams in the poultry and beef cattle judging contests.

For the first time in its history, Tate Chapter will be able to boast of the election of one of its members to the American Farmer degree, when Billy Johnson receives that honor at the National Convention in Kansas City in October. Billy was a delegate from Florida to the National Convention last year.

One member was awarded the State Planter degree this year and this same member won second place in the Chilean Nitrate essay contest, for which he received \$8.00 in cash.

That the F.F.A. develops leadership training which carries over into other activities was shown in the many positions of leadership held by Tate Chapter members in the school and community. Billy Johnson was chosen as the best all-round student in the Senior class, while Nolan Cobb carried off honors as the best athlete and received a medal for having attended school 12 years without having been absent or tardy. A majority of the leaders and members of the school athletic teams were F.F.A. members and several held class offices and took leading roles in school plays and entertainments.

Ten members had deposits totalling \$35.52 in the chapter thrift bank. The 48 members have an average of \$134.17 each invested in supervised farming activities. On cooperative projects, the boys earned a total of \$463.45 net profit for the chapter treasury.

Two regular meetings were held each month, with programs built around activities in the program of work. Parliamentary procedure drills were held regularly and standard chapter paraphernalia used. All members wore F.F.A. pins, belts or emblems.

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## PROGRAM

### Twelfth National Convention, F. F. A. and National Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.—Livestock Judging, Arena of the American Royal Building.  
7:45 A.M. to 12:00 noon—Dairy Cattle Judging—(Assemble at Municipal Auditorium).  
8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.  
9:00 A.M.—Opening session, National F.F.A. Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.  
Opening ceremony  
Music or entertainment  
Report on delegate credentials  
Roll call of States and seating of delegates  
Address of welcome  
Minutes of Eleventh Convention  
Officers' reports—  
President  
Vice-Presidents (in the order of seniority)  
Student Secretary  
Treasurer  
Executive Secretary  
Adviser  
Nominations for American Farmer Degree  
Distribution of state reports

Appointment of constitutional committee  
Announcements  
11:30 A.M.—Radio Broadcast from Convention Floor, N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour.  
1:00 P.M.—Poultry Judging Contest, Poultry Department, American Royal Building.  
1:15 P.M.—Viewing Carlot Fat and Feeder Cattle, and tour of stock yards. Assemble at Agricultural Chautauqua, American Royal Building.  
1:30 P.M.—Second Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.  
Call to order  
Music or entertainment  
Address  
Special reports  
Greetings from guests  
Unfinished business  
Discussion of American Farmer applications  
Election and raising of active members to the American Farmer Degree  
Announcements  
Closing ceremony  
2:30 P.M.—Matinee Horse Show, Arena, American Royal Building.  
3:00 P.M.—Meat Judging Contest (quality) Cudahy Packing Company, Kansas City, Kansas.  
5:00 P.M.—Meeting of Coaches of Milk Judging Teams with respective Superintendents, Aladdin Hotel.  
7:15 P.M.—National F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest, preceded by Concert by the Pennsylvania F.F.A. Band, Arena of the Municipal Auditorium.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE — F.F.A. DAY

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.

## REPORT OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA -- FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939

By EARL HAYNSWORTH, State President  
to

### THE TWELFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 16-19, 1939

The officers of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, are proud of the splendid growth shown by the Association during the past year. Fourteen new local chapters were chartered and the total membership increased 17 per cent over the previous year. The Florida Association at the end of the year, June 30, 1939, had a total of 111 chapters with an active membership of 3542. Over 72 per cent of these members have long-time farming programs in operation and 75 per cent of the local chapters are engaged in organized cooperative conservation work.

The State Association has continued the monthly fifteen-minute transcribed radio programs over six Florida stations as a means of creating a feeling of unity among the local chapters.

The Fourth Annual Future Farmer Day was held at the Florida State Fair in Tampa on Saturday, February 4, 1939. Each chapter in the State was represented by teams in the various judging contests held exclusively for Future Farmers. Prizes totalling \$1000 were awarded to the winners in these contests. Five hundred dollars of this was cash provided by the Florida State Fair Association and the remainder was cups and trips given by the State Department of Agriculture and the Florida Committee of the World's Poultry Congress. The outstanding feature of the day's program was the poultry judging contest in which the three high boys in the State were awarded trips to the Seventh World's Poultry Congress in Cleveland as the poultry judging team to represent the Florida Association, F.F.A., in the Future Farmer poultry judging contest held in connection with the Congress.

The first Future Farmer egg show was held in connection with the Little International Livestock Show and Rodeo, sponsored by the Block and Bridle Club of the University of Florida. According to Mr. N. R.

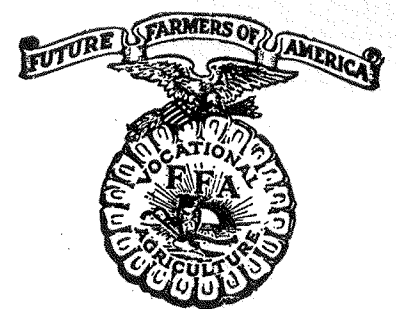
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9:00 A.M.—Third Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.  
Opening ceremony  
Music or entertainment  
Address  
Announcements  
Appointment of Special Committees

Special Reports (continued)  
Unfinished business (continued).  
9:30 A.M.—Milk Judging Contest, Chapman Dairy, 1207 Locust Street.  
10:00 A.M.—Meat Judging Contest (identification) American Royal Building.  
11:30 A.M.—Radio Broadcast, N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour.  
1:00 P.M.—Assemble for Arena Parade. F.F.A. bands, national officers, delegates, American Farmers, contestants, and winners of awards assemble at Municipal Auditorium. Judging teams assemble at Chautauqua Booth, American Royal Building.  
1:45 P.M.—Parade in Arena of American Royal, led by Pennsylvania and Texas F.F.A. Bands. Presentation of Star Farmer Awards (Broadcast).  
2:30 P.M.—Attend American Royal Matinee Horse Show. "Official Family" guests of American Royal.  
7:15 P.M.—Special F.F.A. Program. Arena Municipal Auditorium. Pennsylvania and Texas Bands. Announcement of Chapter and State Association winners; conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees; presentation of prizes, awards, and certificates of merit; special music; stunts; and entertainment.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.—Registration, Municipal Auditorium.  
9:00 A.M.—Fourth Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Exhibition Hall,

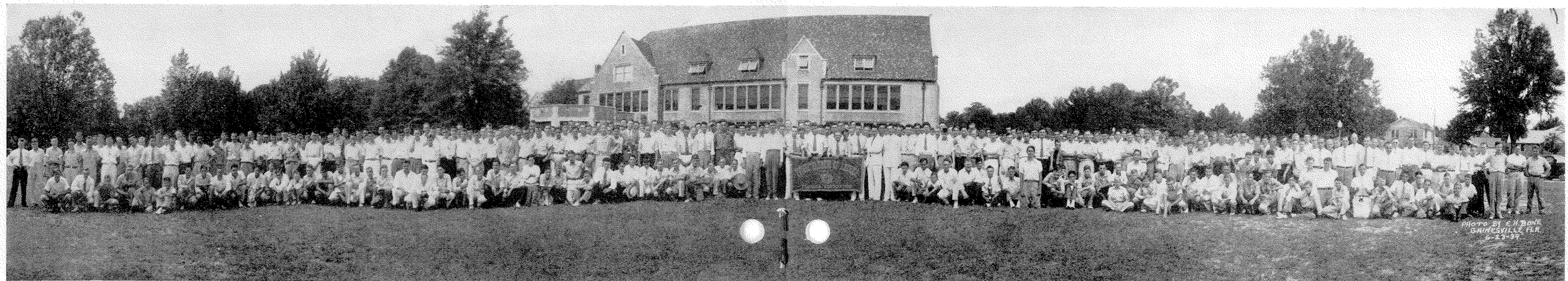


Municipal Auditorium.  
Opening ceremony  
Music or entertainment  
Address  
New business

11:30 A.M.—Radio Broadcast, N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour.  
1:30 P.M.—Fifth Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.  
Call to order  
Music or entertainment  
New business (continued)  
Committee work  
Closing ceremony.  
2:30 P.M.—Matinee Horse Show, Arena, American Royal Building.  
6:00 P.M.—Annual Vocational Agricultural Banquet, Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Guests of Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce. (Tickets obtained at time of registration.) Solomon, Kansas, F.F.A. Chapter orchestra will play.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.—Registration, Municipal Auditorium.  
9:00 A.M.—Sixth Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.  
Opening ceremony  
Music or entertainment  
Committee reports.  
1:30 P.M.—Closing Session, National F.F.A. Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.  
Closing ceremony and convention adjournment.



BOYS ATTENDING FUTURE FARMER CONVENTION AT GAINESVILLE, JUNE 1939





## Branford Chapter Tobacco Project

The members of the Branford Chapter grew and marketed cooperatively four acres of tobacco this year and made a profit of \$150.33.

The school farm had an allotment of four acres of tobacco from the AAA, and since this acreage was not exceeded the chapter is expecting to receive a Soil Conservation payment of \$43.00.

This last school year the chapter constructed a 16-foot tobacco barn at a cost of \$249.14. In addition to the money spent in constructing the barn, the chapter spent \$78.34 in purchasing tobacco sticks, tobacco sheets, crotalaria seed for the farm, tractor fuel, etc. At the present time the inventory value of the barn and equipment is \$291.53.

The following figures indicate the cost and the receipts this year on the four acres of tobacco.

Costs	
Fertilizer (2 tons of 3-8-8).....	\$ 67.03
Fuel oil for curing tobacco.....	46.68
Student labor .....	127.31
Extra barn rent.....	6.25
Miscellaneous expenses.....	23.22
Warehouse charges.....	24.47
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$294.96</b>
Credits	
Tobacco sold (2480 lbs.).....	\$416.47
Soil Conservation payment (1938) .....	9.41
Barn rent from farmers.....	19.41
	<b>\$445.29</b>
Net profit .....	<b>150.33</b>
Yield per acre, 620 lbs.	
Average price received per pound, 16.8c.	
Average price in market for all farmers, 12.5c.	

As already indicated, the members of the chapter earned \$127.31 for labor performed on the project. The boys received 10c per hour.

## Vernon Chapter Advocates Swine Improvement

Since the Vernon Chapter was organized in September, 1938, it has made progress along various lines. One of the major steps taken by the chapter was to introduce better breeds and grades of hogs into the community. This improvement was not to be restricted to the chapter members, but was to branch out and aid the adult farmers in the community in securing better breeds of hogs on their farms as well. Since this improvement plan was first started approximately one year ago many of the adult farmers of the community have realized the fact that it is a worth while plan, and they are at this time beginning to follow the improvement practices along with the chapter.

During the last twelve months the chapter members have purchased several registered Poland China and Duroc Jersey pigs. They wish to use them in the production of pigs to sell to other members of the chapter and to the adult farmers of the community.

The chapter not only wishes to improve the bloodlines of swine in the community, but also to improve the breeds and classes of other types of livestock as well.

BERNICE HAGAN, Reporter.

only two, and the basketball team reached the finals of the Pensacola Junior Gold Medal Tournament.

Looking back over a successful year, and hoping for favorable recognition in the National Contest, the Tate Chapter is ready to begin another program that the members hope will be even more successful than the one just completed.

## REPORT OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

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Mehrhof, Extension Poultryman of the University, this was the largest egg show held in the South this year. Because of the success of this show it has been decided to make it an annual activity of the Florida Association, F.F.A.

The Eleventh Annual State Convention of the Florida Association, F.F.A., was held at the University of Florida in Gainesville June 20-23, 1939. Each of the 111 chapters was represented by delegates who most creditably carried on the business of the Association. Among distinguished guests at the Convention were Mr. D. M. Clements, Federal Agent for Agricultural Education, and Mr. Bradley Twitty, National Vice-President of the Future Farmers of America. Honorary State Planter degrees were awarded to Mr. M. L. Stone, Curriculum Advisor, State Department of Education; Mr. J. S. Rickards, Executive Secretary, Florida Education Association; Dr. H. H. Hume, Dean of the College of Agriculture, University of Florida; Mr. W. T. Loftin, Itinerant Teacher-Trainer in Agricultural Education, University of Florida; Mr. A. G. Driggers and Mr. T. P. Winter, North and South Florida Master Teachers; and Mr. Carl D. Brorein, President of the Florida State Fair Association. Each of these men was awarded the Honorary State Planter degree on the basis of his outstanding cooperation with the Florida Association, F.F.A.

## CHAPTER NEWS FLASHES

**Gainesville:** For several years Members of the Gainesville Chapter have been interested in doing something to conserve our natural resources, especially our soils, forests, wild game and fish.

During the last school year the chapter established a 240-acre game and fish refuge. The area was closed for hunting and fishing by Governor Fred P. Cone upon the recommendation of Mr. R. L. Dowling, State Supervisor of Conservation.

The chapter secured 3,500 fingerling bass from the State Department of Conservation and released them in two lakes on the refuge. They also secured a number of baby quail from the State Department of Conservation and released them for breeding stock. It is hoped that the refuge will furnish breeding stock that will migrate to all surrounding areas.

**Malone:** In the spring of 1937 the Malone Chapter of Future Farmers of America started a practice which has greatly increased its inventory. The chapter borrowed \$37.50 to purchase five pure bred gilts of weaning age. Four Poland China gilts were purchased and one Duroc Jersey. These gilts were placed with individual members who raised them. They were then bred to pure bred sires. Out of the first litter the boys gave two gilts of weaning age back to the chapter. The sow and the remainder of the pigs became the property of the member and the two gilts received by the chapter were placed with other members and so the chain proceeds. The chapter now has sixteen gilts, five of which have pigs.

When a boy receives a gilt from the chapter he signs a contract that he will register the gilt in his name and practice swine sanitation and feeding as recommended by the F.F.A. chapter.

This has proven a very practical cooperative project and greatly increases the inventory of the chapter every year. We started \$37.50 in debt and now have hogs valued at approximately \$220.00.

**Brandon:** Each of the three boys who received the State Planter Degree in Gainesville last June is continuing with his school work. Jim Sumner is a freshman at the University of Florida; Paul Hancock a senior in Brandon High School and Emmett Sumner a Junior in High School.

Members of the chapter enjoyed a camping trip to Anna Maria Beach the first part of September. Fishing and swimming were the principal features of entertainment. An educational trip was made one day to Royal Palm Nursery.

**Baker:** The County Commissioners recently purchased six acres of land to be added to the Agricultural Department of Baker High School. The chapter plans to fence the land and get it ready for use.

Members of the Baker Chapter are sponsoring an exhibit booth of field crops at the Okaloosa County Fair to be held this month at Crestview.

## CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE F.F.A. TO FLORIDA SCHOOLS

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work and have influenced their associates to improve through trying to reach a high standard of scholarship in order that they may advance to the next higher degree in the F.F.A. An example of the cooperative effort of Future Farmer chapters in raising their scholarship average is that of the Tate Chapter, Gonzalez, winner in the State Chapter Contest this year, where the scholarship average was raised from 81 to 85.6 during the past school year.

The Future Farmers have also been of value to the schools by promoting recreational programs. By means of athletics, camping trips, and educational tours, they are being taught how to utilize their leisure time to the best advantage.

The schools through the Future Farmers of America are rendering greater service to the patrons in the community. Activities such as treating seed for farmers, running terrace lines, providing a fire control unit, and securing pure bred livestock are example of services rendered.

As an honorary member of this great organization I should like to commend all of the Future Farmer chapters on the good work they are doing. By the development of leadership; by giving the farm boy more confidence in himself; by creating more interest in agriculture, the farming occupations, and rural life; by promoting thrift and scholarship; by the promotion of organized recreational activities; and by helping the school to increase its service to patrons in the community, they are making a most worth while contribution to the high schools and the future citizenship of Florida.

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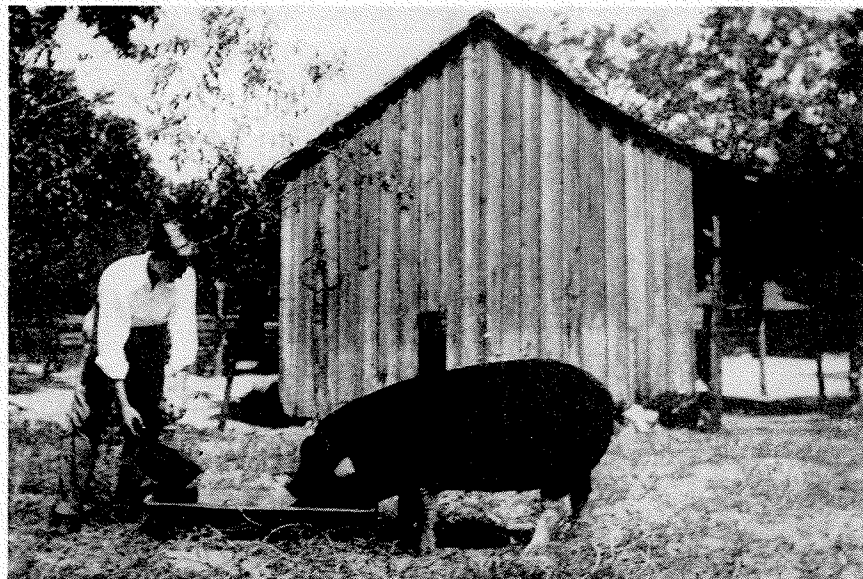
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HERBERT HOLLISTER AND HIS GILT

## Kiwanis Help Marianna Chapter Purchase Purebred Hogs

The Marianna Chapter, Future Farmers of America, last school year assisted each first year boy carrying hogs in his supervised farming program to secure a registered Poland China gilt if he wanted one.

The chapter worked out an agreement covering breeding, feeding, management problems, and method of paying for gilts. The agreement and purpose of this activity was explained to members of the Marianna Kiwanis club and parents of boys wanting gilts. Members of the club agreed to lend the boys, recommended by the chapter, the necessary money to purchase the gilts.

The picture above shows Herbert Hollister with one of these Poland China gilts. Herbert secured his gilt last January and bred her to a registered Poland China male in July. The gilt will farrow in October. Five other members of the chapter secured gilts like Herbert's and by the same plan, all of these gilts have been well taken care of and will soon farrow their first litter of pigs.

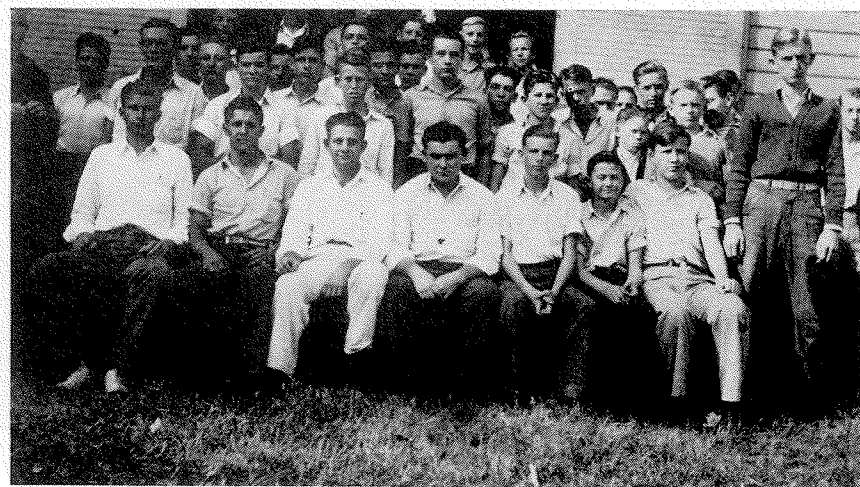
The different agreements were signed by the boy, his parent, the Kiwanian furnishing the gilt and the adviser of the chapter. The adviser has the responsibility of supervising the project and as far as possible he has to see that the agreement is carried on to completion. Some of the Kiwanians have visited the home of the boy whom they furnished the gilt and

looked at the project. Pictures have been made of all the boys with their gilts and these were shown at the Kiwanis luncheon.

The members of the Kiwanis club furnishing the gilts are real proud of helping these boys, and they have taken a group picture of themselves and have secured individual pictures of the boys with their gilts to send to Kiwanis International to be used in the Kiwanis magazine.

All of the boys will repay their loans within one year after securing the gilts.

REX F. TOOLE,  
Adviser, Marianna Chapter.



BRANDON F. F. A. CHAPTER

## Landscaping the Farmstead

Having set up a goal in their chapter program of work for beautifying community property throughout the county, the Wauchula Chapter of Future Farmers of America is busily engaged in the construction of a new ornamental slat shed.

The chapter members have completed the slat shed and have it ready for the cuttings which they are rooting in the hot bed. To date, the boys have placed 1000 cuttings in the hot bed. They have also potted 125 palms. The cuttings and additional palms will be potted in old oil cans which have the bottom partially cut out, thereby making it easy to carry them home and transplant the plants. Many of the cuttings will be set out in the nursery.

Home beautification is also being stressed by members of the chapter with a goal for each member to draw a landscape plan for his home farm, and transplant at least 10 plants each year until the plan is completed.

As a means of beautifying public property each community in the county has a committee of Future Farmers responsible for the beautification of public buildings. The Future Farmers are propagating these ornamental foundation plantings in order to do this beautification work. The Future Farmers of Wauchula Chapter have had a great deal of pleasure in the construction of their new slat shed, have obtained valuable information, and learned a number of practical skills.

**Newberry:** The Newberry Chapter, in cooperation with the local Woman's Club, sponsored a very successful community fair this month.

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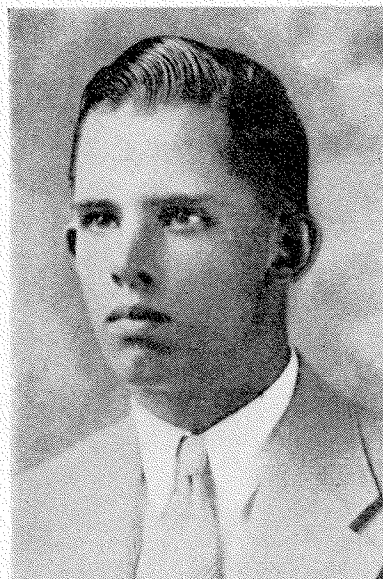
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J. F. BAZEMORE, State Manager

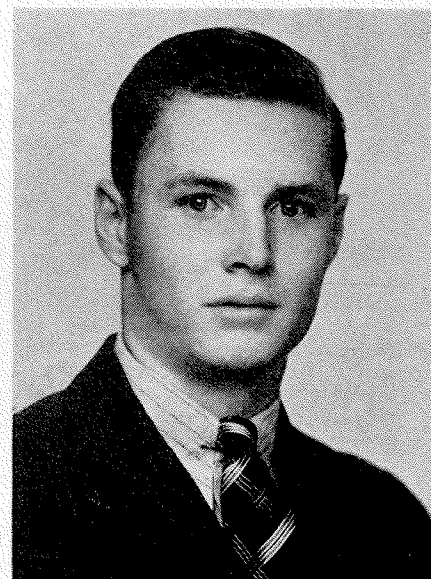
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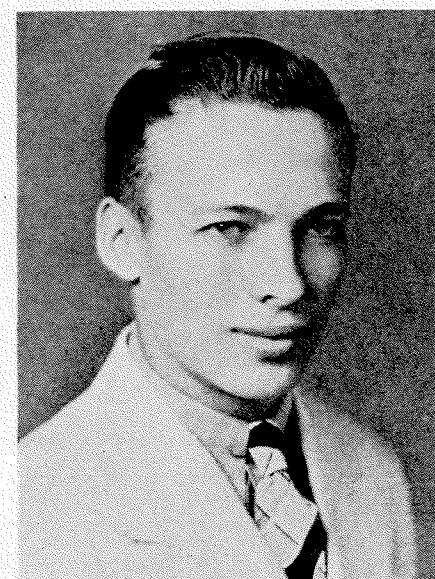
## Florida's Applicants for American Farmer Degree



**BILLY JOHNSON**  
Gonzalez, Florida



**ELI READ, JR.**  
Trenton, Florida



**WARREN WOOD**  
Alachua, Florida

### FLORIDA FUTURE FARMERS TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

In addition to the applicants for the American Farmer degree, Florida will be represented at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, by the following individuals:

#### Delegates, Florida Association, F.F.A.

Earl Haynsworth, Alachua Chapter  
Eli Read, Jr., Trenton Chapter

#### Public Speaker Representing Southern Region

J. Wayne Poucher, Largo

#### Judging Team, Tate Chapter, Gonzalez, Florida

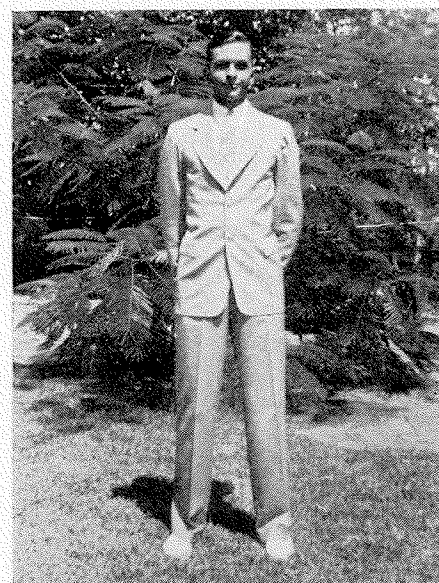
Simon Bradley, Jr.  
Burt Brewton  
Melvin Vaughn  
Stanley Fillingim, Alternate

#### Winners in State Planter Contest

Hollis Rigsby, Walnut Hill  
E. A. Branton, Jr., Altha  
Robert McDaniel, Lake City  
Tom Stewart, DeLand  
Billy Jones, Fort Meade  
Dan Beardsley, Pahokee

#### Teachers Accompanying Boys

H. L. Fagan, DeLand, South Florida Master Teacher  
H. T. Woodruff, Jay, North Florida Master Teacher  
T. L. Barrineau, Jr., Gonzales, Coach of Livestock Judging Team  
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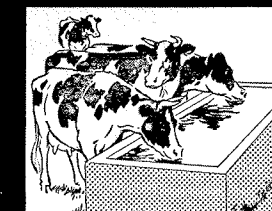
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