

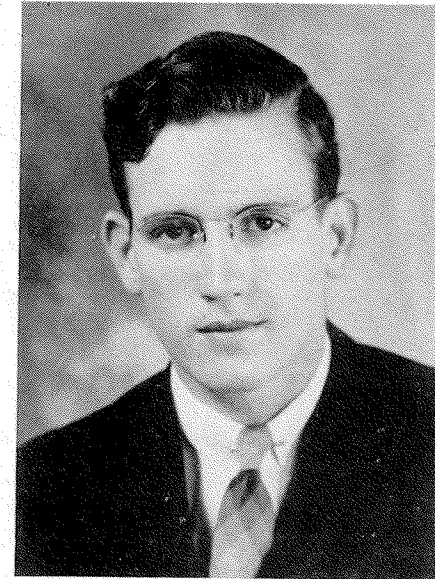
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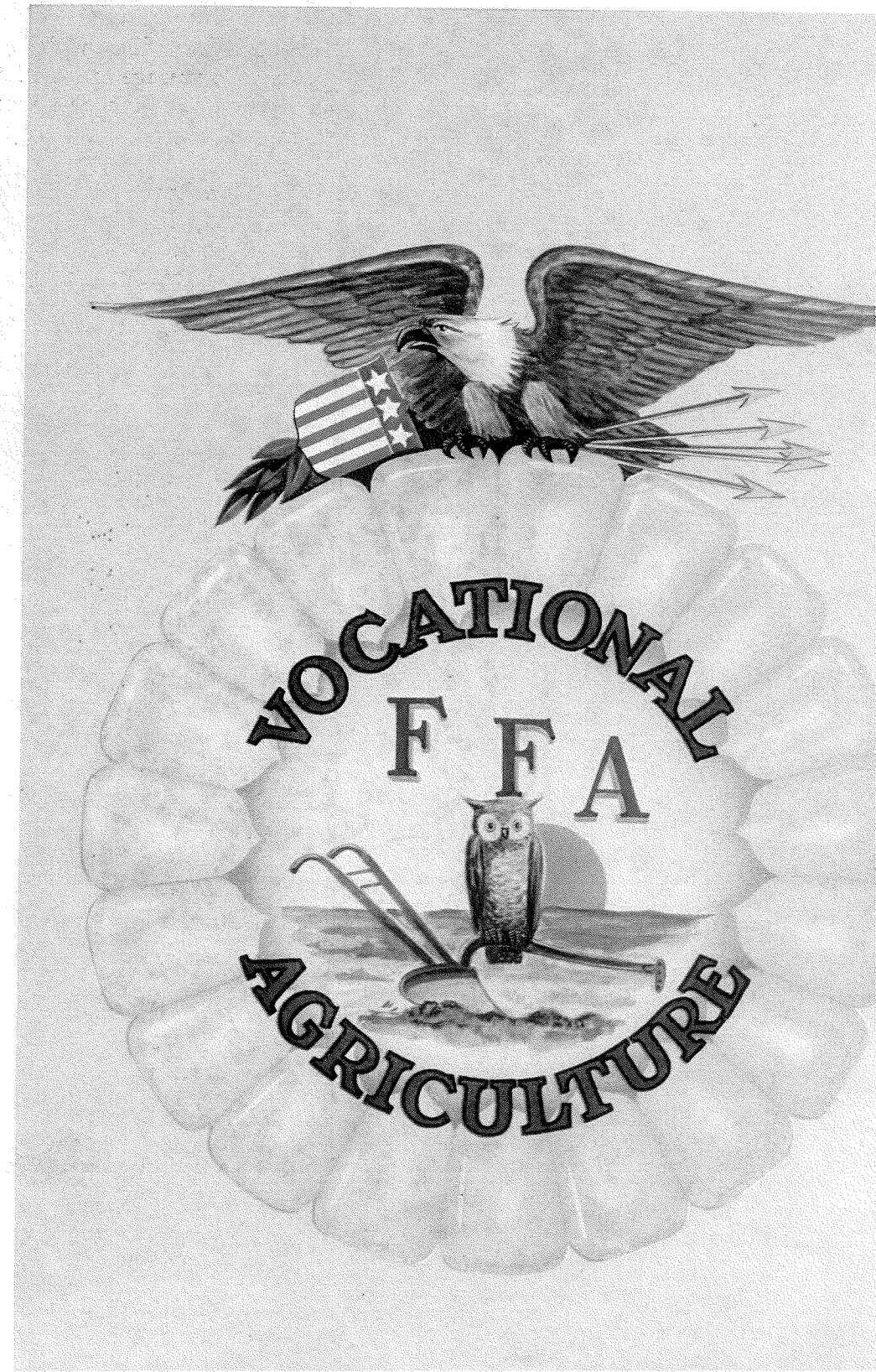
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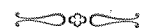
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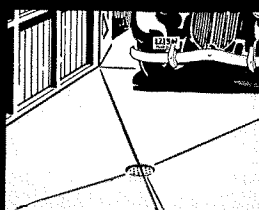
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Developing Rural Leadership Through the Future Farmers of America

M. L. STONE

State Department of Education
Curriculum Director

Rural leadership is 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 as a unit, for no single small group can have the power to solve their problems efficiently.

The Future Farmers of America with more than 100 chapters in Florida and more than 6,000 chapters in the United States with a membership of more than 200,000 rural boys is peculiarly fitted to render very outstanding service in the development of rural leaders. The advisers of this large farm boy organization realized this opportunity and the development of rural leadership has been chosen as one of the major objectives of the Future Farmers of America. Future Farmer chapters everywhere participate in many different kinds of activities. Most of these activities serve as a means of developing leadership. Chapters hold systematic meetings. These meetings are planned and managed by farm boys under the guidance of the chapter adviser. Boys have frequent opportunities to partake of group discussion and to appear on the programs of the meetings.

It is an annual custom for most of the F.F.A. chapters to hold an annual Parent and Son Banquet. It has been my privilege to be present on a number of these occasions and I have been much impressed by the qualities of leadership shown by the boys at these banquets. A boy serves as toastmaster, the officers usually give the F.F.A. ritual and the boys frequently make talks which would be a credit to an older person.

Future Farmers also take part in various contests which provide excellent training in leadership. Most chapters have diamond ball, horse-shoe, and swimming teams. A State Parliamentary Procedure contest is held each year and representatives from many chapters compete in this contest. This training enables Future Farmers to carry on their meetings in a very business-like manner.

One of the most valuable contests in which the Future Farmers participate is the National Public Speaking Contest. The speeches given by the district, State, and national winners serve as conclusive proof of the leadership ability which is being developed.

Each year many chapters go on educational tours. Some chapters travel as far as four or five thousand miles, and the planning, guidance, and participation in these tours provides worth while training.

Most chapters carry out each year a program of community service. Activities such as landscaping of the home and school grounds, terracing lands, conserving wild-life and performing cooperative activities, prove to be beneficial in the development of leadership.

Once each year a State Future Farmer Convention is held; likewise, a National Convention is held annually. These conventions provide very fine opportunities for the boys to practice parliamentary procedure while participating in business discussions. The various contests which are held at this time also prove to be very valuable. The acquaintances made by the boys at these conventions also prove to be of worth in the future.

In the Future Farmer Creed we find this statement: "I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and to think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil. I believe we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies that are unfair."

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TYPICAL FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT

Supervised Farming Programs

By NOEL ROBINSON, Reporter, Collegiate Chapter, F.F.A.

Florida has many types of farms. General farms with cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and hogs as leading enterprises, together with dairy, poultry, or livestock special type farms, are to be found in the western part of the State. In the central and in the southern part of Florida special type farms are to be found in practically every community. Many of these farms are devoted largely to one enterprise. Examples are: celery, strawberries, citrus fruit, avocado, asparagus fern, Boston fern, etc.

The production of citrus fruit is the leading agricultural industry of Florida, representing an investment of approximately \$500,000,000. Oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, limes, lemons, and kumquats are grown on a commercial basis. Florida ranks first in the United States in the production of grapefruit, second in the production of oranges, and first in the production of tangerines.

The production of fresh vegetables has long been one of the State's leading industries. Florida leads all of the other states in the shipment of snap beans, celery, and tomatoes.

The production and carlot shipment of watermelons from central Florida has an annual value of more than \$1,000,000. The production of watermelon seed is also an important industry of a few counties, especially Jefferson.

Winter-grown strawberries find their way to market from Florida from November to May.

Due to the fact that the increase of tourists doubles the population in the winter months, Florida imports quite a volume of eggs and poultry meat. Prices received for poultry products are usually good and the number of poultry kept on farms is increasing rapidly.

Forest products—turpentine, resin, lumber, pulp wood, etc., are produced on millions of acres.

Florida is now the second beef cattle state in the United States and produces a large amount of pork products in certain counties. Dairying is devoted largely to the production of whole milk and milk and cream for making ice cream.

Sub-tropical fruits of many different kinds are adapted to South Florida. Among the better known fruits

of this type grown on a commercial basis are: avocado, mango, papaya, pineapple, banana, sapodilla, and guava.

Other common fruits grown largely in central and western Florida are: blueberries, dewberries, figs, grapes, Japanese persimmons, peaches, pears, and plums.

Both short staple and Sea Island cotton are produced in central and western Florida. The production of Sea Island cotton has been increasing for the past several years.

The growing of bright-leaf tobacco for cigarette making and shade-grown Sumatra tobacco for cigar wrappers is an important crop in the northern section of Florida.

In the Lake Okeechobee section the United States Sugar Corporation has demonstrated that Florida can produce more sugar from an acre of sugar cane than has any other section of the world.

The above agricultural enterprises, together with many, many others, comprise the farming program in Florida. To summarize, Florida produces winter grown vegetables and fruits on 400,000 acres, shipping at

the rate of 21 carloads an hour every hour of the year, day and night. Florida's citrus groves produce 50,000,000 boxes of fruit annually. Florida's 2,000,000 acres in farms and groves provide a variety of farm products ranging from cotton, tobacco, and grains, to tropical fruits and vegetables. Florida's pasture lands now support 1,200,000 cattle.

Young men in Florida who are members of the F.F.A. are learning to produce the various kinds of cash enterprises at a profit. At the same time, they are remembering to grow food and feed enterprises and to conserve the soil. In their supervised farming programs each boy is encouraged to have two or three enterprises for a cash income, food and feed enterprises, improvement projects, and supplementary farm jobs.

The following supervised farming programs for 1940 are given to illustrate this point:

Jerome Stewart, Dady, Florida, a 10th grade boy, has the following program:

1 meat hog, 2 acres of corn, 2 acres of peanuts, 2 acres of cotton, beautifying home grounds, clearing new ground, building a hog pen, repairing a fence, building a farm gate, and building a hog trough.

Charles Baker, Pahokee, Florida, a 11th grade boy, has the following program:

2 acres of snap beans, 5 acres of English peas, 4 acres of cabbage, 3 acres of tomatoes, beautifying the home grounds, producing a home garden, starting a home fruit orchard, repairing farm equipment, budding and grafting trees, and painting farm equipment.

Henry Lewis, Ft. Meade, Florida, a 12th grade boy, has the following program:

20 acres of citrus fruit, 2 beef cattle, 1/6 acre of onions, improving home pasture, producing cover crops in grove, planting a forestry (pine) seedbed, setting out a young orange grove, butchering hogs, building a tool house, budding citrus trees, and treating cattle for screw worms.

Productive enterprise projects were completed last year by F.F.A. members from the enterprises in the following list:

Avocado	Hogs
Beans, lima	Lettuce
Beans, pole	Mangoes
Beans, snap	Oats
Beans, velvet	Okra
Bees	Onions
Broccoli	Ornamental plants
Cabbage	Parsley
Cane, Sugar	Papayas
Cantaloupes	Peanuts
Carrots	Peas, English
Cassava	Peas (cowpeas)
Cauliflower	Pecans
Celery	Pepper
Chufas	Pineapple
Citrus fruit	Plants
Corn	Potatoes, Irish
Cotton	Potatoes, sweet
Cows, beef	Poultry
Cows, dairy	Radishes
Cucumbers	Ramie
Dasheens	Squash
Eggplants	Strawberries
Escarole	Tobacco, Sun
Fern, asparagus	Tobacco, Sumatra
Forestry	Tomatoes
Goats	Turnips
Grapes	Tung Trees
Hay	Watermelons.

Walnut Hill: Members of the Walnut Hill Chapter borrowed money from the Production Credit Association to purchase six purebred gilts. The boys then organized a "Spotted Poland China Breeders Association" within the chapter.

Alachua: The Alachua Chapter, working cooperatively, bought 60 bushel of certified corn seed; marketed 19,000 packages of farm products under standard grade, pack and label; bought six head of purebred Aberdeen Angus breeding bulls; operated a thrift bank; and put into operation a pig chain of six gilts.

Sarasota: The Sarasota Chapter built two horse shoe courts for the use of the high school; built cement steps for the high school cafeteria; sponsored a notebook and project contest; sponsored the poultry and livestock show at the Sarasota County Fair; maintained the lawns for the four schools in the city; and drained a portion of the high school campus.

Macclenny: The Macclenny Chapter cooperated in working out the school budget for the activities of the school so that all would share in the program. Finances to carry on the activities are raised cooperatively and spent on the budget as set up.

Sanderson: The Sanderson Chapter financed the expenses to the State Fair for the two boys making the greatest net profit from their projects. This year three boys will be sent on the same basis. This has resulted in an enlargement in project scope and a larger number of projects. Funds were secured from a carnival held at the school.

EACH OF THESE CROPS ARE GROWN BY FLORIDA F. F. A. MEMBERS



Ramie
Pineapple

Harvesting Hay

Tomatoes
Tobacco



PROGRAM

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon — Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. (Assemble at Municipal Auditorium).

7:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.—Livestock Judging Contest. Arena, American Royal Building.

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

9:00 A.M.—Opening Session, 13th National Convention of F.F.A. Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Invocation
- Music and entertainment
- Report on delegate credentials
- Roll call of States and seating of delegates
- Address of Welcome
- Minutes of the 12th Convention
- Officers' Reports—
 - President
 - Vice-Presidents (in the order of seniority)
 - Student Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Executive Secretary
 - Adviser
- Nominations for the American Farmer Degree
- Distribution of State reports
- Appointment of constitutional committees
- 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 booth, ground floor, American Royal Building.

1:30 P.M.—Second Session, F.F.A. National Convention. Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Call to order
- Music and entertainment
- Address
- Special reports
- Greetings from guests
- Unfinished business
- Discussion of American Farmer applications
- Election and raising of active members to Degree of American Farmer
- Announcements
- Closing ceremony

2:30 P.M.—Matinee Horse Show, Arena, American Royal Building. (Ticket admits to building but not to reserved seats.)

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, President Hotel.

7:15 P.M.—F.F.A. National Public Speaking Contest, preceded by Concert by the Minnesota F.F.A. Band, Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The National Organization of Farm Boys Studying Vocational Agriculture

REPORT OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA—FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1940

By I. D. PITTMAN, State President
TO

THE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, NOVEMBER 11-14, 1940

The Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, had a good year during 1939-40. Among the achievements were: Wayne Poucher of Largo, Florida, past Secretary of the Florida Association, brought honor to himself and Florida by winning first place in the National Future Farmer Public Speaking Contest at the Convention in Kansas City last fall; also at the National Convention the announcement was made that Florida's four American Farmer degree candidates were elected; the Tate Chapter, Gonzelez, received honorable mention in the National Chapter Contest; and the Florida Association, F.F.A., ranked fifth in the State Association Contest.

Also, in the fiscal year, our F.F.A. poultry judging team from Florida won first place in the judging contest at the Seventh World's Poultry Congress held in Cleveland. Newton Metzger of Hawthorn, one of the members of the team, was the high-ranking individual in the entire contest.

We are proud of the fact that all of the 119 active local chapters of the State Association have this year submitted programs of work in the National Chapter Contest. As a result of planning and carrying out these local chapter programs of work, based on the State Association and National programs of work, the achievements of the local chapters have been the most worth while in the history of the State Association.

The Florida Association, F.F.A., has continued to sponsor the following worth while activities: (1) the making of transcribed monthly radio programs at Station WRUF, Gainesville, and broadcasting over that station and five other key stations in the State, thus giving complete State coverage to Future Farmer broadcasts; (2) the printing of a State Association magazine, "The Florida Future Farmer", a copy of which goes to each active member of the State Association; and (3) F.F.A. Day, which is held as a feature of the Florida State Fair on the first Saturday at the Fair. On F.F.A. Day this year we had as honor guests Mr. W. A. Ross, Executive Secretary, F.F.A., and Mr. W. N. Elam, Federal Agent for Agricultural Education, both of the U. S. Office of Education.

Through various devices sponsored by the State Association, F.F.A., greater interest has been evidenced in degree advancement during the past year and particularly do we feel that the State Planter Contest sponsored during 1939-40 has proven to be a worth while means of increasing interest in the State Planter degree as evidenced by the fact that we had 70 applicants for the third degree at the State Convention this year. Of this group 17 boys were approved for the degree. As a whole we feel that we had a very successful State Convention and were particularly glad to have as our guest, Billy Bryan, First Vice-President of the National Organization, Future Farmers of America.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE — F. F. A. DAY

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

9:00 A.M.—Third Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Music and entertainment
- Address
- Announcements
- Appointment of special committees

Special reports (continued)
Unfinished business (continued)

9:30 A.M.—Milk Judging Contest, Chapman Dairy, 1207 Locust St.

10:00 A.M.—Meat Judging Contest (identification), American Royal Building.

11:30 A.M.—Radio Broadcast from Convention floor, N.B.C. Farm and Home Hour.

1:00 P.M.—Assemble for Arena Parade. F.F.A. bands, national officers, delegates, American Farmers, and public speakers assemble at Municipal Auditorium.

All vocational judging teams assemble at Chautauqua Booth, ground floor, American Royal Building.

1:45 P.M.—Parade in the Arena of American Royal led by Minnesota and Texas F.F.A. Bands.

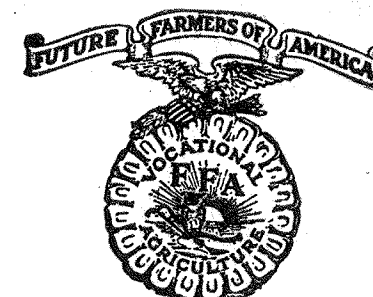
2:00 P.M.—Presentation of Star Farmer Awards (broadcast).

2:30 P.M.—Attend American Royal Matinee Horse Show. "Official Family" guests of American Royal. (Tickets obtained at time of registration.)

7:15 P.M.—Special F.F.A. Program, Arena, Municipal Auditorium.

Minnesota 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 by F.F.A. members. Display of colored lights. Motion Picture—"The Green Hand."



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 A.M.—Registration, Municipal Auditorium.

9:00 A.M.—Fourth Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Music and 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 and 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, Municipal Auditorium. Guests of Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce. (Tickets obtained at time of registration.)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 A.M.—Registration, American Royal Building, Wyoming Street entrance.

9:00 A.M.—Sixth Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony.
- Music and entertainment
- Address
- Committee reports

1:30 P.M.—Closing Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Exhibition Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

- Call to order
- New business (continued)
- Address by retiring president
- Election of officers
- Signing of scroll by new officers
- Greetings by incoming officers
- Presentation of past officers pins and certificates
- Closing ceremony and convention adjournment.



Members of Flagler Chapter in Cooperative Cabbage Project.

Flagler Chapter Wins State Contest

GILBERT HIGGINBOTHAM, Reporter

Ever since the organization of the Flagler Chapter in 1937, we have had as our goal the winning of the State Chapter Contest. By continually working together, this year our members achieved their cherished objective.

During the past fiscal year the members of Flagler Chapter at Bunnell, Fla., participated in many different kinds of activities. The 19 members produced the following enterprises in their supervised farming programs: 125 hens for eggs; 500 chicks for pullets; 1,100 chicks for fryers; 47 cows for milk; 94 range cattle, 26 calves; 18 brood sows; 95 meat hogs; 50 ducks; 58 acres of corn; 30 acres of cabbage; 15 acres of cucumbers; 6 acres of English peas; 2 acres of Irish potatoes; 2 acres of okra; 10 acres of Sea Island cotton and 1,000 trees for gum and pulpwood.

Each member of the chapter had an average of 2½ enterprises and an average of 6 improved practices. An average of 10 farm skills was learned per member and an average of 3 improvement projects was completed. All of the above supervised farming programs were owned 100 per cent by the boys and the average labor income per boy was \$90.00.

Chapter members participated in many cooperative activities. Seed, fertilizer, and baby chicks, a total of \$994.00, were purchased cooperatively. We also purchased cabbage plants, seeds, and hogs on a cooperative basis—a total value of \$819.00, produced and sold cooperatively \$518.00 of cabbage, peas, hogs, and poultry. Twelve members cooperated in borrowing \$500.00 from the Production Credit Association. The chapter cooperated with members of Crescent City and Palatka chapters in staging three one-act plays. We constructed a trench silo and fattened steers as one means of financing the activities of the chapter. It also served as a demonstration for the farmers of our community.

Our members have tried to be of real service to the community. A number of farm practice demonstrations were conducted. The boys assisted in beautifying the school grounds and grounds at a number of homes in the community. We set out 800 pine seedlings; protected quail on an 80-acre tract of land; repaired and painted old toys for underprivileged children; installed sinks, tables, and drain boards, in the community center building; erected the electric lights for the athletic field; and erected permanent livestock pens for staging an annual rodeo.

Flagler Chapter has also tried to be of service to our school. We have beautified the school grounds, constructed tables and desks, and built a bandstand at the football field. Equipment for the home economics department was cleaned and repaired. Display racks and scenery for May Day festivities were made.

Our program was planned to provide leadership training for all members. We participated in the following contests: Livestock Judging; Fruit and Vegetable Judging; State and National Chapter; Diamond Ball, and Essay. Each of our members entered at least one contest: First in State Chapter Contest, second in the Livestock Judging Contest at Tampa, and third in the Fruits and Vegetable Judging Contest at Tampa. Fourteen of our members held offices in the school, and each member appeared on at least one chapel program during the year.

Through our cooperative efforts we earned \$304.00 for the chapter treasury. Our chapter sponsored a thrift bank in which the members deposited a total of \$250.00.

Interest was shown in the regular meetings of the chapter. The average attendance for the membership was 80 per cent.

Special attention was given to scholarship. The boys making the greatest improvement each six weeks

were given a tour for a day. Boys making the highest grades for the year were given first choice in making the trip to New York City to the World's Fair.

The chapter had a number of recreational features. Eight members enjoyed a trip to the Florida State Fair at Tampa, 17 members visited the World's Fair and other places of interest en route, and all active members enjoyed a trip to Key West and Cuba. We held a very successful Father-and-Son banquet and a Mother-and-Son banquet.

Clay Future Farmers Construct Agricultural Building

Members of the Clay Chapter of Green Cove Springs recently completed a building which they will use as a classroom and meeting place for their chapter.

They were given an old cafeteria building and \$85.00 by the school board to use in remodeling the building. The remodeling began one week before school started. All of the plaster was scraped from the walls and ceiling. Windows were removed from one side of the classroom and installed on the other thus eliminating cross lighting. Ventilators were installed. An office and supply room were made by putting in partitions. The interior walls and ceiling were finished with kenmore boards and lattice strips were placed over the seams. Facing boards were put up and painted and shelves and other equipment were made. The roof and exterior walls of the building were repaired, a porch was built, and the building was painted on the outside. The chapter will landscape the grounds around the building in the near future.

Members of the Clay Chapter are justly proud of their new building. By working together they have made, at little cost, a building that will serve as an excellent classroom and meeting place for the chapter.

Reddick Boys Use Farm Shop

Members of Reddick Chapter believe in the F.F.A. motto: "Learning to do and doing to learn." They have needed some way to transport boys for field trips and some method of hauling materials for various cooperative projects. The boys decided to make a trailer for such needs.

In addition to the construction of the trailer, the boys this fall have already completed the following jobs: book shelves for the library, book shelves for several classrooms, a bulletin board, a number of bulletin boxes, a number of swings for the school playgrounds, sharpening and oiling farm tools, making handles for tools, and painting the floor and the windows of the classroom.

In the performing of the above activities they have learned many skills and valuable technical facts that should prove useful later as well as for the present.



Greensboro and Mt. Pleasant F.F.A. Members Visit New York City

Tour To World's Fair

In August 16 members of the Greensboro and Mt. Pleasant chapters, two teachers, and two drivers made a tour of the eastern part of the United States to the World's Fair in New York City.

The group left Greensboro, Fla., in a privately-owned school bus. Each boy had his camping outfit, including a cot, sheets, dinner plate, cup, and silver. The trip was financed by the Gadsden County School Board and by the individuals who made the trip. The school board donated \$100.00 for the expenses of the bus and each member paid \$15.00.

The expenses of the trip were as follows: \$74.25 charges for sleeping quarters; \$10.25 for toll bridge charges; \$20.00 for the two drivers; \$13.17 for expenses on camp equipment; \$100.00 for transportation expenses and \$182.33 for meals. A few of the boys furnished groceries instead of cash.

The points of interest on our way to New York were: Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga.; a bus manufacturing plant at High Point, N. C.; a cigarette plant in Winston-Salem and Reidville, N. C.; Natural Bridge; Endless Caverns and Skyline Drive in Virginia; and Palisades State Park in New Jersey.

We spent four days in New York visiting the World's Fair and other points of interest there. Among those of special interest to us were: Empire State Building; Radio City; Church Around the Corner; Statue of Liberty, and the Yankee Stadium. We saw the Queen Mary and the Normandie in the docks as we crossed the bay to go to Staten Island. The view of Broadway at night from the Empire State Building was a real thrill.

On our return trip we spent three days in Washington. The first day we visited the George Washington Monument and Arlington National Cemetery. The second day was devoted to a visit through the Capitol, including the United States Senate; a visit to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; a visit to the Smithsonian Institute;

and a visit to the Museum of Transportation.

The third day was spent on a visit to the Medical Museum and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

We made a stop at Mt. Vernon and at many other historical places on our return trip from Washington.

The boys were beginning to feel "homesick" and they released a real "whoopie" when we crossed the Georgia-Florida State line. The trip had been a wonderful experience for

each of us, but after all: "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." Plans are already under way for another tour next summer.

Our adviser, Mr. N. B. Bevis, was ably assisted in conducting the tour by Mr. C. C. Sellers, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at De Funiak Springs, Fla.

RALPH PERKINS,
Reporter,
Greensboro.
DOUGLAS
BROOME
Reporter,
Mt. Pleasant.

Allentown: The Chapter bought, cooperatively, 6 purebred gilts, which were given to members of the chapter with the agreement that they would pay for them later; sponsored a fair exhibit in the Interstate Fair at Pensacola; and planted 5 acres of peanuts, clearing \$52.00

A Future Livestock Farmer

Johnnie Pearce, a member of the Okeechobee Chapter, took Vocational Agriculture last school year for the first time. He became interested in preparing himself for livestock farming.

His supervised farming program for the year consisted of the following: a brood sow and eight pigs; 85 range cattle; 225 baby chicks for fryers, and 20 turkeys for meat.

The sow, a registered Poland China, purchased from the Florida Experiment Station, was the first purebred one to be brought into the community. The eight pigs were sold at weaning time to local farmers.

The range cattle are being graded up by use of a purebred Brahman bull. A mineral mixture is being kept before the cattle and pasture is being improved. Johnnie has already improved four acres of pasture land, using a mixture of Bermuda and carpet grass.

Leonia: From cooperative hog projects the Leonia Chapter sold \$180 worth of purebred hogs. The chapter planted 10,000 pine seedlings as a demonstration projects.

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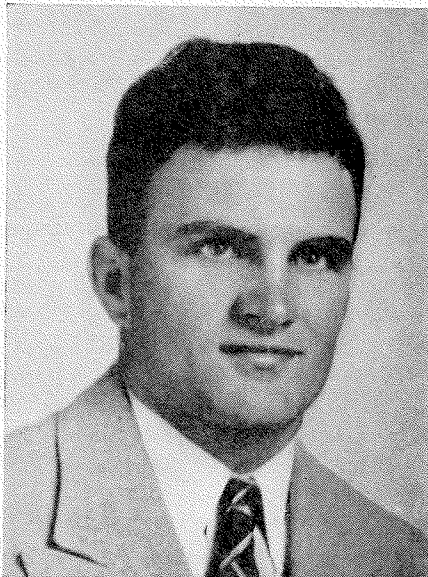
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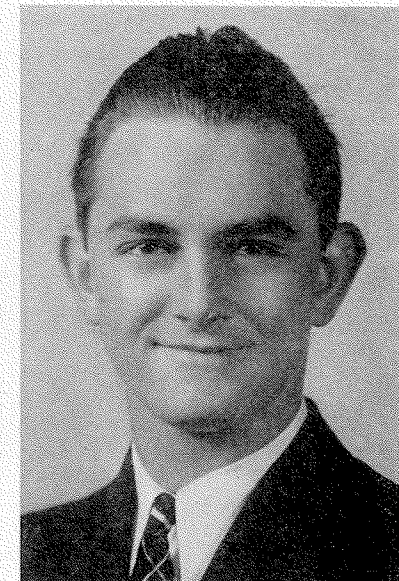
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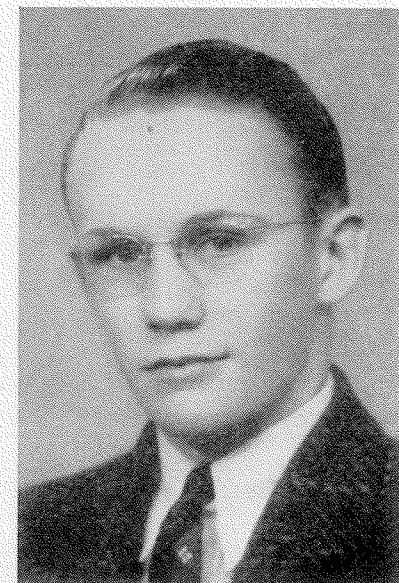
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Seminole Chapter Grows and Studies Celery

Celery is one of the principal money crops of Seminole County. It is a very expensive crop to grow, requiring from \$400 to \$500 per acre. This being true, few boys are financially able to carry celery projects at home.

The Chapter, however, has available land on a school farm and grows ½ acre each year. Each member of the Chapter participates in performing the various jobs in growing the celery. The labor income made from the project is credited to the Chapter treasury.

Malone Sweet Potato Project

The Malone F.F.A. Chapter had as one of its cooperative projects the construction and operation of two fire-heated sweet potato beds.

On February first, the chapter received 50 bushels of seed potatoes which were purchased from Clemson College Experiment Station in South Carolina.

The potatoes were treated by the chapter with a solution of mercuric chloride for eight or ten minutes. They were then planted in the beds. Each of the beds held 25 bushels of potatoes. The beds were 50 feet by eight feet and were covered with heavy sheeting saturated with linseed oil. This covering was to keep the heat in for the plants. The temperature ranged from 75 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

The fire-heated beds were constructed to keep down diseases and so that the potatoes could grow better and be controlled more easily.

It was approximately four weeks after the potatoes were planted until the potato plants were ready to be pulled and transplanted. A majority of these plants were sold to local farmers at \$2.00 per thousand.

About 11,000 plants were planted on the one-acre laboratory plot for the purpose of conducting a demonstration. The total expenses for the laboratory plot were \$60.87. The total receipts from this plot were \$68.58. This made a profit of \$7.71. There are now six pigs in this plot eating the potatoes that were left and scraps gathered from children's lunches.

The plant bed expenses were \$136.09, this includes the \$125.00 for the seed and the material for the construction of the beds. The receipts from the plant bed were \$255.87. This made a profit of \$119.78 on the beds. The total actual profit on the laboratory plot and the two beds was \$127.49.

A Papaya Project

Herman Byars, a member of the Redland Chapter, F. F. A., has been growing papayas as a project for several years. Herman enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in the fall of 1935 as an eighth grade pupil and carried papayas as one of his projects. Each year since he has included papayas in his supervised farming program. He has earned a labor income of \$338.59 on his papayas.

Last January Herman had the misfortune of having his papayas frozen. He immediately started in again and now has a nice planting coming into bearing. Herman has plans for continuing and enlarging his production of papayas.

He sells most of his fruit in Miami, however, some of his fancy papayas are shipped to northern markets.

Herman has an older brother, a former Future Farmer, who grew papayas as a project when he was taking Vocational Agriculture and has continued growing them every year since.

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