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By Way of Editorial Comment:

The Future of Florida Agriculture

By DR. H. HAROLD HUME

THE AGRICULTURE of Florida is unusual. While it has some counterparts in other portions of the United States, it is not duplicated in any other state.

There is, in Florida agriculture, what may be referred to as general farming with livestock and farm crops in some parts of the state, particularly in the north and west, but in very large measure, Florida's agriculture is made up of specialty crops of many kinds.

Different localities in the state have become known because of their development and culture of special crops, some of them quite localized. The list of these crops includes citrus fruits, mangoes, avocados, strawberries, and pecans as the more important fruits, velvet beans, peanuts, lupines, clovers, and many pasture grasses new and strange to the state. Such vegetable crops as beans, potatoes, peppers, tomatoes, and others are grown in winter; some of these produced in winter in extreme southern portions of the state are spring crops in other parts of the state to the northward. Ornamental plants of many kinds are grown commercially for use within the state as well as for shipment outside of it.

Although great advances have been made in the agriculture of Florida it is a changing agriculture; there is no question but that this will continue to be so. For example, the cattle industry is an old one—one of the oldest—but its recent developments began not more than twenty-five years ago. This industry is definitely on its way, emerging from its old-time practices into a new and larger future.

What does the future hold? Prophecy is dangerous, always, but there is no doubt that in the future there will be new crops, and there will be new varieties of old ones. There will be great pasture development; there will be greater herds of fine cattle, both for meat and milk, and there will be a greatly enlarged dairy industry. Consequently, there will be new problems and the older ones will never be laid aside entirely. To meet these problems in the future and to work out their solution, there will be an enlarged research program. Such problems as we have, and those which will arise, will be solved.

The closer plants are grown to the Equator, the more difficult becomes the control of insects and diseases, but there

are, and there will be, new insecticides and new fungicides, and new ways and machines for applying them. There will be a different agriculture that will be just as unlike the agriculture of today, as that of today is unlike the agriculture of fifty years ago.

What is the place of the Future Farmer in this changing agriculture? It opens up a wealth of opportunity for the youth of today and they will have a part in the development of Florida's unusual, widespread, future agriculture. No state presents greater possibilities in agriculture than does this state. To realize these possibilities, education for the job is necessary. Prepare yourselves for its opportunities through education, to work with and in it, and the rewards will be most satisfactory.



DR. HUME

Outstanding Services of Dr. Hume

by E. W. GARRIS,

Head of the Department of Agricultural Education, University of Florida

Dr. H. Harold Hume, since July 1, 1949 dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture and provost emeritus for agriculture at the University of Florida, has completed approximately fifty years of service devoted to the development of agriculture in Florida. It is seldom that any man can demonstrate such outstanding ability in so many different areas of agriculture as has Dr. Hume. He served the University of Florida as a member of the faculty, as a leader with the State Plant Board during the citrus canker and Mediterranean fruit fly campaigns, as vice-director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, as dean of the College of Agriculture, and as provost for agriculture. For a number of years he successfully managed a commercial nursery.

He is known nationally and internationally for his outstanding work with ornamental plants, especially with azaleas and camellias. He has written agricultural books of many types that have been translated and printed in other languages.

Probably one of his best contributions to agriculture is the influence on co-workers of his optimism and personal energy. He is a teacher, a scholar, a research specialist, an outstanding administrator, all combined in one personality, but above all these qualities he is a friend to mankind.

The members of the Florida Association, F.F.A., are glad to number Dr. Hume among those who have received from them the honorary State Farmer degree.

Dr. Hume has left the University of Florida officially, but he is continuing to work for the improvement of agriculture in Florida. He has equipped an office at his farm near Gainesville where research work can continue. A trip to Europe is planned for 1950 for further study and for collections of ornamental plants. With his ability and experience, the next ten years may prove to be his most fruitful contribution yet made to the agriculture of Florida.

The Cover Governor Fuller Warren receives the State Farmer Degree from State President Donald Burch at the Webster FFA banquet. (See complete story on page 9)

Florida Future Farmers' Activities are Outlined in Report of State FFA Adviser

By H. E. WOOD, State Adviser

FIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' Committee Meetings were held during the fiscal year 1948-49. The first Meeting was held at Camp O'Leno, on August 13, 1948; the second in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 15, 1948; the third in Tampa, on February 4, 1949; the fourth in Daytona Beach, on April 8 and 9, 1949; and the fifth meeting was held in Daytona Beach, on June 11, 1949.

JULY

Nine new Chapters were added in the State, and we also added nine new Advisors.

Six American Farmer Degree applications have been accepted and the members recommended to receive the Degree. This number represents, for the second consecutive year, 100% of the quota allowed our State.

The Tallahassee Kiwanis Club had one of the best programs of the whole year when they were entertained by several of the Future Farmer State Champions. G. W. Polhill, State FFA Public Speaking Champion of the Mason City Chapter, gave a talk on "Soil, Our Only Hope." The Blountstown Chapter Quartet, State Champions, sang two selections, "I Got Shoes" and "Josiah Fit the Battle of Jericho"; and Billy Holley sang "On the Road to Mandalay."

AUGUST

Floyd Luckey, of the LaBelle Chapter, won the Lykes Bros. Scholarship which is for \$400 per year for the period of four college years. Floyd intends to become an agriculture teacher.

Mr. N. B. Bevis and Mr. O. E. Yearty, Advisors of the Greensboro and Havana Chapters, respectively, took twenty-six Future Farmers on a 15-day sight-seeing and educational trip to Washington, D. C., with stops in several large cities en route. They camped along the way, army style, and while in Washington were quartered at the National Future Farmers Camp.

The 1948-49 Florida Association, FFA, Budget was set up for a total of approximately \$7,000.00.

Two weeks of highly successful forestry training for Florida Future Farmers was held at Camp O'Leno, under the supervision of the Florida Forest Service. During the first week, 96 boys studied forestry and 65 took the advanced instruction given the second week. This Forestry Training Camp is financially sponsored by the pulp and paper mills, large sawmills, and turpen-

tim operators of the State.

The Sears, Roebuck Foundation Bull Program was launched. The Sears, Roebuck Foundation agreed to purchase forty registered bulls for the State Association to assign to local Chapters, thirty of these bulls being Herefords and ten Brahman. This project should aid Florida in making faster progress in improving the grade of beef cattle, and should also help teach the boys the pride of ownership of desirable animals, how to show animals, and give practice in the care and management of a herd bull. To further create interest in the project, Sears, Roebuck Foundation will offer prizes at the Florida State Fair in 1950 at Tampa for the best animals shown.

SEPTEMBER

The Second Annual West Florida Dairy Show was held at Chipley on August 19, 1948. FFA members from Jackson, Washington, Holmes, Escambia, Calhoun, and Walton Counties exhibited 24 heifers, and participated in a Dairy Judging Contest in which three classes of dairy animals were judged. The Sweepstakes Award, \$100 expense money for a trip to the State Guernsey Show

New FFA President Expresses Hope for 'A Year of Deeds'

Fellow Future Farmers:

It is with a great sense of responsibility and anticipation that I assume the office of President of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America. As I look into the year ahead of us, I feel that we will have another great year in our Vocational Agriculture and Future Farmer work.

To the retiring officers, we owe a vote of thanks for the splendid job they have done. They have given unsparingly of their time, and advanced our organization in many, many ways. I extend my best wishes for their success in all their future activities.

It is my hope that the chapters of the state will work diligently this summer and during the coming year to become better chapters, to be of greater service to their communities, and to encourage each member to become a good Future Farmer.

At the end of next year, I hope that each one of you can sincerely say that the delegates from your chapter did a good job of electing state officers. I am confident that all of your state officers stand ready to assist any chapter in the state, at any time. I believe we have the best Farm Youth Organization in America, and I intend, with your cooperation, to work to the best of my ability for its continued improvement.

As our Creed states, "I believe in the future of farming with a faith born not of words, but of deeds." May this be a year of many worthwhile deeds.

L. C. VAUGHN

and Sale, was won by the Graceville-Campbellton Chapters Team. This Team made a total of 1363 points which included the points given for placings in the dairy heifer exhibit.

The Tri-State FFA Public Speaking and Quartet Contests were held at Auburn, Alabama, on August 31, 1948. In both Contests, Georgia placed first, Florida second, and Alabama third. G. W. Polhill, of Mason City Chapter, represented Florida in the Public Speaking Contest, and the Blountstown FFA Quartet represented the State in that Contest. Competition was keen, and all the Florida contestants are to be congratulated on the fine showing they made.

The Pinecrest Chapter held the first Father-and-Son Banquet of this fiscal year on September 9th. Our State President, Donald Burch, was among the many honored guests present, which included State Senator Sheldon and Representative Branch.

Through State-Initiated Projects, sponsored by the National FFA Foundation, post-treating plants were established by the Newberry and Jennings Chapters. During the past fiscal year, the Newberry plant treated 13,500 posts and 8,000 feet

of lumber, while the Jennings plant treated 1,142 posts and 5,050 feet of lumber.

OCTOBER

The State Supervisor left on October 21st for Texas for the purpose of making final selection of the Hereford bulls for the Sears, Roebuck Foundation Bull Program. These bulls are generally known to the Future Farmers as the Sears, Roebuck Foundation bulls, but the direct credit should go to Hon. Colin English, State Superintendent, and Honorary State Farmer, for promoting this project. The Herefords will be purchased from the Mill Iron Ranches of Estelline, Texas, while the Brahmans will be purchased from the Norris Cattle Company Ranch at Ocala, Florida.

A new FFA film "That Inspiring Task," has been received, and is available to Chapter Advisors for showing to student bodies, PTA meetings, and civic clubs.

Herbert Randolph, Anthony Chapter, won the Reserve Championship at the Ocala Fat Hog Show & Sale, and also won the Grand Championship Honor in the FFA Division. A total of 41 hogs owned by FFA members, and weighing 9,490 pounds, sold for \$2,666.05, or an average of 20.1 cents per pound. The Danish System of judging was used, and the FFA members placed 96 animals in the Blue Group; 23 in the Red Group; and 9 in the White; winning prizes of \$257.00 out of \$500.00 allotted to the junior division of the show.

The Vernon Chapter has the distinction of being the first Chapter to send in their State and National dues for each member. They are, also, the largest chapter in the State, having 107 members, and at their first meeting, 100% attendance was recorded.

The Florida Association, FFA, was signally honored at the recent National Dairy Congress held at Waterloo, Iowa, when Larry Griggs, Weirsdale Chapter, member of the Florida Dairy Judging Team, received the individual Gold Emblem. Only three boys in the nation received this high award. Congratulations to Larry and his Advisor, G. L. Holder, for this outstanding accomplishment.

Hal Davis, our 1947-48 State FFA President, was elected President of the Freshman Class at the University of Florida.

NOVEMBER

A delegation of 37 Florida Future Farmers attended the National Convention in Kansas City. The official delegates were Hal Davis and Donald Burch, our State FFA President. The Florida Association was represented in the National FFA Band by James Matson, Bobby Ryals, and Billy Baker, (Continued on page 14)

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500 Members Participate in State Convention Held at Daytona in June

THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, Future Farmers of America, opened its 21st Annual Convention and Leadership Training Conference on June 13th at Daytona Beach. Over 500 members participated in the "Coming-of-Age" convention meetings held in the Convention Hall at the Mary Karl Vocational School. This was the largest number of members attending the convention in the history of the organization. Quarters were provided in the barracks at the airport. The convention opened Monday with registration of delegates continuing throughout the day. Preliminary and final games in the state-wide softball and horseshoe pitching contests were held on that day. In the evening, members filled the Convention Hall to capacity in order to hear the public speaking, quartet, and harmonica contest finals.

On Tuesday morning, the business meetings opened with Donald Burch, our capable State President, presiding. The State Secretary, Coy Creel, called the roll of chapters, and seated the delegates. The boys were then warmly welcomed by Mr. Charles R. Hale, Director of the Mary Karl Vocational School, Mr. J. D. Young, Aquatic Director, City of Daytona Beach, and Mr. M. L. Miles, Manager of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce. Donald Burch then gave his State President's message to the convention.

In the accomplishment report given by C. D. Moore, 4th Vice-President, this year's increased participation and work in the entire program of the State Association was noted. Mr. H. E. Wood, State Advisor, gave his report of the year. The "highlights" of this report appear elsewhere in this issue.

Tuesday afternoon's session featured a message from the National President, Doyle Conner, also a past president of the State Association. He told the members of his activities as national president with some interesting accounts of his visit to Hawaii. He congratulated the delegates on their participation in the business of the association with words of high praise. "You are the most active delegates here in the conducting of the business meeting of the Florida Association that I have had the privilege and pleasure of meeting this year," he said.

Mr. W. S. Chambers, Chief I and E, Florida Forest Service, told members about the forestry camp to be held in

August at Camp O'Leno with each chapter sending two members for a week's instruction in forestry and recreation.

A movie, picturing new equipment and easier methods, was shown by Mr. Leach and Mr. White of the Doolittle Tractor and Implement Co. of Jacksonville, Florida. They invited all members attending the convention to be the guests of the Company at a fish fry on the beach at 6:00 p. m. Wednesday. An enthusiastic response to their hospitality, that evening, was adequate proof of the popularity of their treat.

At 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, a special program was given at the Band Shell with Mr. Robinson, Director of Recreation, as master of ceremonies.

The Quincy String Band opened the program. Their numbers were followed by a discussion of the state and national organization by Donald Burch and Doyle Conner. A musical interlude consisted of numbers by the State Champion

Quartet of Williston, harmonica numbers by Ed Clark of Ocoee, and a blackface and harmonica specialty routine by Richard Howell, last year's harmonica champion.

Charles Thomas, champion public speaker from Marianna, delivered his winning speech, "Soil Conservation." Following his stirring speech, the State Harmonica Champion, Dale Carter of Pinecrest, demonstrated his prowess, and the Wimauma String Band Champions, dressed in snappy black and white outfits, displayed their gift of harmony. As a special treat at the end of the program, two young ladies from "Coon Hollow" (or Tallahassee, if you prefer), Miss Jeannette Chapman and Miss Frances Brooks, sang several "hill-billy" songs.

Election of new officers took place Thursday afternoon, and they were installed Friday morning in the final business session of the convention.

Dr. Srygley of the State Department (Continued on page 13)

Paxton Wins State Chapter Contest; Will Enter National Competition

THE PAXTON Chapter won first place in the 1948-49 Chapter Contest sponsored by the Chain Store Council of Florida. They thereby became Florida's entry in the National Future Farmer Chapter Contest. As winner in both district and state competition, the Paxton Chapter received a total of \$50.00 in U. S. Savings Bonds. The DeLand Chapter won sec-



A. D. Davis, president of Winn-Lovett Grocery Company, presents plaque to Billy Bryant of the Paxton chapter.

ond place, and the Newberry Chapter, third place, in the State Contest, receiving extra awards of \$15.00 and \$10.00, respectively, in addition to the district awards as shown. The chapters winning in the six districts of Florida (winning a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond as first prize, \$15, \$12 and \$10 in U.S. Savings Stamps for second, third and fourth place, and \$5 in Stamps to the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth place) in order of their placing, are as follows:

District I—Paxton, Allentown, Ponce de Leon, Poplar Springs, Vernon, Baker, Tate, Bonifay;

District II—Greensboro, Blountstown, Quincy, Havana, Monticello, Jennings, Malone, Pinetta;

District III—Newberry, Trenton, Mason City, Live Oak (Suwannee), High Springs, Branford, Alachua, Lake City;

District IV—DeLand, Bushnell, Chiefland, Reddick, Ocala, Sanford, Webster, Summerfield;

District V—Largo, Lake Placid, Brandon, Wimauma, Plant City, Sebring, Turkey Creek, Bradenton;

District VI—Belle Glade, Stuart, Pahokee, Homestead, Miami-Jackson, LaBelle, Clewiston, Miami-Edison.

Scholarship and Other Various Awards Made

Special awards for leadership and scholarship and for proficiency in beef cattle breeding and feeding projects were a highlight of the convention at Daytona Beach.

Chilean Nitrate Awards

THROUGH the cooperation of Mr. J. F. Bazemore, the high ranking State Farmer from each of the six districts of the state is awarded \$50.00 to help defray his expenses to the next National Convention at Kansas City. The winners this year, by districts, identified by Chapter are:

District I—L. C. Vaughn, Tate; District II—Jimmy Branton, Altha; District III—Gene Norris, Hastings; District IV—Don Fussell, Webster; District V—Travis Morgan, Wimauma; District VI—Van E. Cothern, Clewiston.

Bankers' Awards

JIMMY EDWARDS, Chumuckla; Hurtis Smith, Chipley; Dewey Lee, Ft. White; Billy Livingston, Bushnell, and Jack Kelley, Lake Placid, were each awarded a \$100.00 scholarship by the State Bankers' Association. The awards were presented at the State FFA Banquet by Mr. J. C. Rogers, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Bankers' Association.

The Future Farmers receiving these awards had evidenced outstanding leadership, supervised practice programs, and interest in FFA and community activities, and had shown their desire and capability of profiting by college training. We wish to compliment these Future Farmers for their achievement and wish them well in their advanced training program.

FSCA Awards

THE FLORIDA CATTLEMEN'S Association have cooperated with our State Association Future Farmers of America in the promotion of beef cattle production in the state. With that purpose in view, the Cattlemen's Association has sponsored Beef Cattle Breeding and Beef Cattle Feeding Contests.

Breeding Contest

James Hargrove of the Lake Placid Chapter was named as winner of the Beef Cattle Breeding Contest, and receives \$100.00 to be applied to the purchase of a pure-bred animal of his choice. James now owns two pure-bred, and nineteen grade beef animals valued



Winners of special awards at Daytona are pictured above. Upper left shows Forestry award winners, upper right shows winners in the Florida State Cattlemen's Association beef feeding and breeding competition, lower left shows the Florida Bankers' Association scholarship recipients, and lower right shows the winners of the Chilean Nitrate leadership awards.

at \$1,543.00. He plans to improve his grade animals by the use of a fine pure-bred Brahman bull.

James believes in good pastures as the basic requirement for success in Beef Breeding and, on his home farm at Venus, Fla., has cleared and planted new pasture acreage, and has fertilized and improved his existing pastures.

Other Cattle Breeding winners include

Albert Plant of Madison, Joe Hendery of DeLand, Ben Griffin of Chipley, Harold Swann of DeLand and Jimmy Fanelli of Reddick. Each of these five boys won a \$10.00 award to aid in defraying their expenses to the State FFA Convention.

Feeding Contest

H. F. Wiggin, Jr., of the J. F. Williams Memorial FFA Chapter at Live Oak, was

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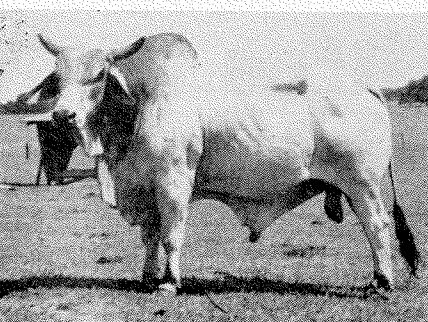
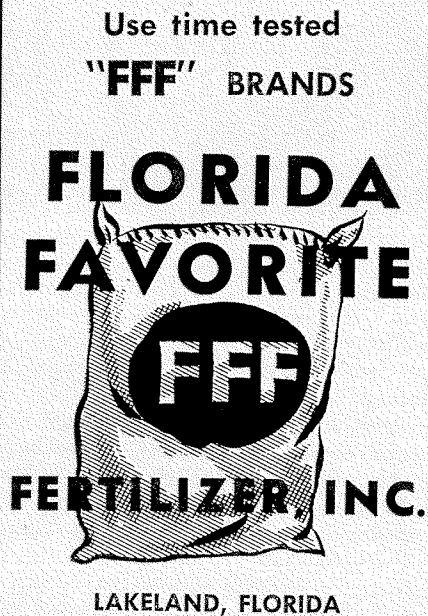
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designated as winner of the Beef Feeding Contest. Wiggins fattened out 4 head of beef cattle and received \$831.80 for these animals. He has a good feed crop program with 20 acres of pasture, 2 acres of corn, and 4 acres of millet.

This young Future Farmer will receive \$100.00 to pay his expenses to the National Convention at Kansas City next fall, and will be accompanied by his Advisor, Mr. H. M. Folsom.

Five other state winners are given below and each received \$10.00 to apply on their expenses to the State FFA Convention.

Jerry Owens, Quincy
George Summerall, Lake Placid
Donald Turman, Live Oak
Bill McIntosh, Fort Pierce
Leroy Baldwin, Ocala

Our FFA members join these winners in expressing our sincere appreciation to the Florida State Cattlemen's Association for their fine interest in our organization, and their hearty cooperation in all activities that tend to help our Future Farmers and boost the great livestock industry of our state.

Forestry Winners

MR. ROBERT N. HOSKINS, Industrial Forester for the Seaboard Airline Railway, presented the winners of the Forestry Contest at the annual banquet in Daytona Beach.

W. A. Gallaway, 15-year old farm boy and Future Farmer of the Vernon Chapter, was first place winner. His forestry project consisted of gum farming 1,100 acres, plowing ½ mile of fire line, pruning ½ acre, and harvesting 7 cords of pulpwood from a "stand improvement" project. Besides being an active member of the Vernon Chapter, he has several additional supervised farming projects.

Young Gallaway's awards will consist of an all-expense trip from Jacksonville to Raleigh, N. C., and a one-week scholarship to the North Carolina Forestry Training Camp. As state winner, he will also receive a \$25.00 savings bond.

Keith Griffis of Lake Butler; J. D. Dobson and Coy Pearce, both of Sander-son, were selected as second, third and fourth place winners in this year's program. They will receive all-expense trips and scholarships to the same camp.

The North Carolina forestry training camp is sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association members of North Carolina. Sponsoring the co-operative FFA Forestry Program are: The American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Ga., Rayonier, Inc., Fernandina; National Container Corporation, Jacksonville; Brooks-Scanlon, Inc., Foley, Fla., and the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Industrial Department, Norfolk, Va.

State Farmer Degree Awarded To Ninety

THE STATE FARMER DEGREE was conferred upon 90 members of the Florida Association at the State Convention. Winners with chapter, age, and total labor income, are as follows:

DISTRICT I		
Billy Lunsford, Allentown	16	\$ 983.33
Matt Matthews, Allentown	17	2083.32
Herbert Foster, Tate	17	2041.95
L. C. Vaughn, Tate	18	3515.05
Eddie Register, Graceville	17	1468.17
James Edwards, Chumuckla	17	2129.95
Charles Thomas, Marianna	16	992.39
Forbie Smith, Poplar Springs	18	1916.60
Wilmer Polston, Poplar Springs	18	1658.00
Edwin Thorn, Paxton	16	942.95
William Yates, Jr., Paxton	16	263.81
William Holliday, Ponce de Leon	18	379.42
Guy Arrant, Ponce de Leon	16	337.30
Winfred Cook, Vernon	17	353.97
Joe Earl Collins, Vernon	15	1046.21
Preston Solomon, Walnut Hill	19	622.06
Lindy Phillips, Walnut Hill	17	318.07
James Kirkland, Baker	17	618.09
Delmus Steele, Baker	16	1200.52
Donald Hilton, Baker	17	496.95
George F. Williams, Chipley	18	2033.69
Wesley Allen, Wilson	17	2132.43
Dwight Barber, Chipley	18	893.95
Hurtis Smith, Chipley	20	1407.38
Dalton Carter, Chipley	17	556.70
DISTRICT II		
Jimmy Branton, Altha	17	5592.52
Lawrence Selph, Jennings	18	799.72
Laurie Reams, Monticello	16	479.65
Harold Wheeler, Monticello	17	1558.30
Elton White, Greensboro	16	480.74
Emmett Clark, Greensboro	16	410.21
Don Brady, Quincy	17	312.84
Donald Porter, Quincy	16	444.72
Harold Rogers, Greenwood	16	371.10
Howell Varing, Madison	17	916.66
Albert Plant, Madison	18	1496.50
Prentiss Cherry, Madison	18	2402.81
Max Webb, Madison	17	731.88
DISTRICT III		
M. L. Johns, Jr., Bradford	18	564.35
Charles H. Lawson, Bradford	17	1747.85
Gene Norris, Hastings	20	1542.26
Carlton A. O'Steen, High Springs	18	758.00
Ray O'Cain, Lake City	16	894.33
Truett Sheely, Lake City	17	679.33
Crockett Smith, Lake City	17	1824.63
R. A. Greene, Live Oak	17	1576.06
Bobby Howell, Live Oak	16	1184.09
Benny Hutchinson, Live Oak	20	5464.78
Revis Moore, Live Oak	16	995.95
J. D. Ross, Jr., Live Oak	17	1423.93
Donald Turman, Live Oak	17	1955.40
Charlie E. Alford, Palatka	18	2010.00
Carl Edward Cason, Ft. White	19	926.68
Dewey Lee, Ft. White	19	4306.22
DISTRICT IV		
Billy Livingston, Bushnell	17	3245.00
Carver Hutchinson, Chiefland	17	646.05
Graham Gore, Chiefland	18	2426.65
Oliver Allen, DeLand	18	361.28
Donald McMillen, DeLand	19	1321.30
Forrest Murphy, DeLand	18	1632.46
Howard Olson, Groveland	19	2705.65
Alan Surrency, Hawthorne	17	355.88
Kenneth Brown, Ocala	18	486.72
Mittie Bronson, Ocala	17	1587.75
Jimmie Fanelli, Reddick	17	3293.28
Dan Fussell, Jr., Webster	18	
DISTRICT V		
Joel Wm. Benefiel, Bradenton	17	4344.65
Jack Allen Kelley, Lake Placid	18	859.60
George Summerall, Lake Placid	17	1500.15
Lawrence Carlton, Plant City	19	3883.42
Alvin Futch, Plant City	17	1865.39
Jimmy Morgan, Plant City	17	1112.96
Ben Thomas, Sarasota	15	1800.00
Jerry L. Roberts, Wauchula	17	491.03
Travis O. Morgan, Wimauma	18	2561.86
John Y. Willis, Wimauma	17	882.76
Rex Gilbreath, Zephyrhills	15	278.72
DISTRICT VI		
Van H. Cothorn, Clewiston	16	1299.22
James A. Fielder, Clewiston	17	455.56
George Edwin Messer, Clewiston	15	822.35
John Chandler, Homestead	17	763.40
Bob Drawdy, Homestead	16	725.22
Steve Torcise, Homestead	17	836.88
George C. Sprinkle, Homestead	17	463.12
Richard H. Roberts, La Belle	16	575.00
Roy G. Runken, Redland	18	520.58
Donald Brown, Stuart	16	486.73
Thomas W. Goode, Stuart	18	596.61
Gordon Terry, Stuart	16	360.92
J. B. Woodham, Stuart	17	1305.21

Governor Warren Receives Honorary State Farm Degree

GOVERNOR FULLER WARREN was the guest of honor and main speaker at the Webster FFA Banquet where approximately 250 FFA members, fathers, veteran farm trainees, and guests filled the Community House to capacity.

After the usual Opening Ceremony, the program was turned over to Max Morrison as Master of Ceremonies. Rev. V. J. Ragsdale gave the invocation. School board member, F. A. Hayes, responded to the welcome extended by Rosell Williams in behalf of the Future Farmers.

Norris Bryan told of some of the

accomplishments of the host chapter, including the information that this group had sold \$8,000 worth of farm products.

James Watson, president of the veterans' "Young Farmers" organization, stated that his organization is doing "uncalculable good in developing leaders for our basic operation, agriculture."

Donald Burch, President of the State Association FFA, conferred the Honorary State Farmer Degree upon Governor Warren who graciously expressed his appreciation of this honor. The gov-

ernor later turned the tables and surprised and pleased the Future Farmers by making Donald Burch one of his Honorary Staff Colonels.

Governor Fuller Warren was introduced by Mr. Ben L. McLaughlin, teacher for the Veterans' On-the-Farm Training Program, and discussed some of the problems faced by the State of Florida.

State Adviser, H. E. Wood, was an honored guest on this occasion and discussed some of the activities of Future Farmers in various sections of Florida.

Death Claims Author of FFA Creed, 'The Soil'

THE RECENT DEATH of Ervin M. Tiffany, former Vocational Agricultural Instructor, meant a loss to every member of the FFA, for Mr. Tiffany was the author of the "FFA Creed", learned by every Future Farmer before he is initiated as a "Green Hand".

Not as familiar to Future Farmers, but an equally important piece which he wrote is "The Soil".

"Within my hand a bit of moist earth I hold, fresh from the new-turned furrow. As I pause to rest, my idling fingers gently press the fertile mold, whose mysteries have challenged long and earnest quest.

"I fain would know the story of these grains of sand, the silent legends buried with the silt and clay, and hear the rush of phantom rivers through the land to meet the vanished oceans of forgotten day.

"I think of ancient mountains, prehistoric plains, and hosts of lowly creatures bred and nourished there; of massive rocks that held these tiny grains which from the distant past their meager message bear.

"Despised earth, thy grimy blackness is a shroud for struggling forms that pulsed and perished in the past, that might tread and till a soil with life endowed and garner stores of wealth that centuries amassed.

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Honorary Degrees Conferred on Eleven At Daytona Beach Convention

THE FUTURE FARMERS of Florida are sincerely appreciative of the assistance and cooperation given our organization by businessmen, educators, and other friends throughout the state. The conferring of the Honorary State Farmer Degree is the highest honor that we are able to bestow as a token of our gratitude for such cooperation. During the recent State Convention Banquet, eleven men were so recognized. Our readers will be interested to know more about some of these men.

Our Future Farmers were very happy to honor Mr. W. C. Greenway, Director of Public Relations, Sears, Roebuck and Company, for his part in boosting our program.

Mr. J. K. Stuart of Bartow is well known throughout the state for his interest in the Future Farmer's participation in livestock, farming and improvement. His activities have earned our sincere thanks.

Mr. T. Noble Brown of Webster, Hereford Breeder and President of the Florida Hereford Breeders' Association, has been unsparing in his efforts to help our Future Farmers in their problems of raising and using pure bred beef animals, and has given many valuable suggestions and much appreciated assistance to chapters all over Florida.

Mr. John Ford, Executive Secretary of the State Farm Bureau, has demonstrated the desire of his organization to cooperate with other agricultural and educational agencies and has worked and planned that our Future Farmers might become even stronger in carrying out their avowed purposes.

Mr. Herman Hinton, State Supervisor of Trades & Industrial Education, and Mr. Claud Andrews, State Supervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation, are

two Future Farmers' friends of long standing. Their interest in Vocational Education and in youth organization has resulted in repeated assistances to our organization, and hearty cooperation with its officials and members.

Mr. Carl F. McDougald, Information & Education Forester of the Florida Forest Service, is well known to all of our Future Farmers who have attended the Forestry Training program at Camp O'Leno. His friendly and capable direction of that program and his fine cooperation with our organization has won the admiration of all FFA officials and members.

Mr. Elton Jones of Ocala, President of the Department of Secondary Principals of the Florida Educational Association, was warmly welcomed as an Honorary State Farmer. He has not only heartily assisted the Future Farmers in his city and county, but has always been a staunch cooperator from among the general education personnel, actively supporting Vocational Agriculture as an integral part of a well-rounded high school educational program.

Three Agriculture Teachers were awarded this coveted degree. As Advisors of chapters which have been recognized for their leadership development, these men were honored for the excellent work that they have done in counseling with individuals and groups in their schools.

The men so honored were Mr. J. E. Baldwin, Advisor of the Paxton winners in the 1948-49 FFA Chapter Contest; Mr. V. R. Ferguson, Advisor of the Starke Chapter and of our competent National FFA President; and Mr. B. R. Mills, Advisor of the Suwannee Chapter of Live Oak, from which has come our able 1948-49 State Association President.

Mariannan Wins Public Speaking

CHARLES THOMAS of Marianna Chapter won the public speaking contest at the State Convention with his speech on "Soil Conservation." He will represent Florida in the Tri-State Contest to be held at Camp O'Leno in August. As state winner, he will receive a check for \$100.00 from the Future Farmer Foundation, Inc.

Other FFA members participating in public speaking contest, in order of their placings, were: Billy Roberts, DeLand; Carroll Lamb, Madison; Gordon Terry, Stuart; William Burt, Palatka; Albyn Fields, Largo. Each of these fine boys received cash awards.

Acting as judges for this contest were

Judge R. H. Wingfield of Deland and Volusia County Judge, Mr. Al Cody of Cody Publications, Inc., Kissimmee, and Mr. J. F. Bazemore, State Educational Manager of Chilean Nitrate Bureau, Orlando.

Each boy wrote his own speech on an agricultural topic of his own choosing, and answered questions which the judges asked regarding his subject. Doyle Conner, National FFA President, was time-keeper.

Future Farmers participating in the contest at the State Convention had previously won in their Chapter, Sub-district, and District public speaking contests.

FFA Foundation Award Winners are Announced

THE STATE Farm Mechanics, Farm & Home Electrification, and State Star Dairy Farmer Contest winners have been selected, and each receives an award of \$100.00 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. These contests are state-wide without eliminations on a district basis. Some of the achievements of these winners will be of interest to our Future Farmers and friends.

Farm Mechanics

The Farm Mechanics Contest was won by Carlton O'Steen of the Alachua FFA. Carlton owns \$2,375.00 worth of farm equipment and has a half-interest in an additional \$160.00 worth. In the school shop, he has constructed 3 equipment parts, reconditioned 3 colters, 1 tractor plow, a 4-horse power electric pump, a mowing machine blade, 2 plow trips and 2 tractors, and has learned to use an arc welder and radial arm DeWalt saw. Carlton has also constructed a 4-blade windmill fan, 2 sets of oil burners and a hog trough.

Carlton's outstanding activity has

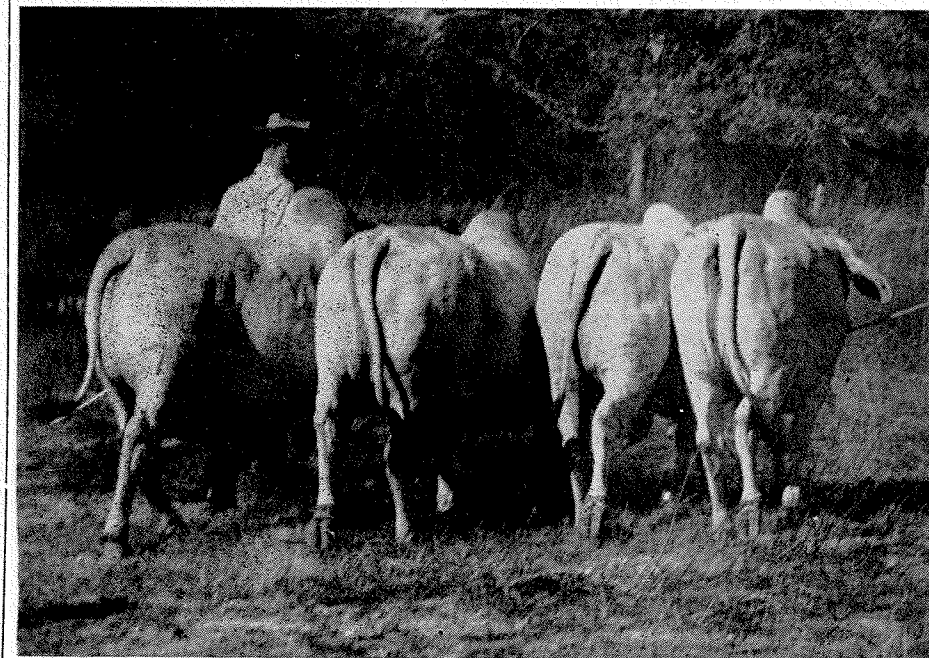


At the Annual State Association Banquet, the Future Farmers of the State of Florida presented a plaque to Mr. J. F. Bazemore of Orlando, State Educational Manager, Chilean Nitrate Bureau, as an expression of their deep appreciation of his loyalty and cooperation for more than 20 years. Mr. Bazemore began his cooperation with the Future Farmers when this organization was in its swaddling clothes. He has watched them grow up, has helped them over rough spots, has been constructively critical when such criticism was needed and sincerely complimentary when such compliments were deserved. He has helped to strengthen them where they were weak and has counseled with them wisely in their strength. Those who have worked with the Future Farmers of Florida through the years desire to join with the State Association in expressing sincere appreciation to Mr. Bazemore and the Company he so ably represents.

been the establishment of a home farm shop, 12' x 16', equipped with vise, anvil, electric drill, grind stones, die sets; work tables, several sets of wrenches and miscellaneous hand tools. In this house shop, he has constructed two pieces of machinery and three pieces of farm equipment; reconditioned a tractor, a truck and a gas engine, and fifteen pieces of farm equipment. He has learned to service and operate John Deere and Ford tractors, a hay baler and a peanut picker.

This young Future Farmer has also been busy about the farm constructing 3 small buildings or additions, putting in 10 windows and 4 doors in the tenant house on his home farm, installing a 1,500 gal. tank, constructing a loading chute and installing a hot water heater and shower in the home. He has also constructed 150 yards of new fence and repaired 380 yards of fence.

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servicing, preparation and storage, of equipment when not in use. Incidentally, his supervised farming program, this year, included 3 acres of tobacco, 50 acres of corn, 10 acres of watermelons, and 2 acres of potatoes.

Farm & Home Electrification

Donald McMillen, a recent graduate of the DeLand High School and a member of the DeLand FFA Chapter, is the winner of the Farm & Home Electrification award for 1948-49. Donald has had a great deal of experience in repairing and servicing electrical equipment as an electrician's helper, and has transferred this knowledge to the operation of his home farm. He has constructed a power lawn mower and an electric brooder, installed home electric stove and water heater, and service outlets, overhauled and serviced home electric stoves, water heaters, water pumps, irons, toasters, and hot plates, power saw, fan, refrigerator and washing machines.

Donald's major project activities have been concerned with poultry, ornamentals and truck garden. He has recently purchased 23 acres which he is starting to develop for his home farm.

Star Dairy Farmer

Eddie Register of the Graceville FFA won the Star Dairy Farmer Contest. Eddie and his brother, together, own 21 producing cows, 1 matured bull and 13 young animals with a total value of \$3,050.00. Their milk cows averaged 5,805 lbs. of milk, each, during the year and had an average butterfat content of 4.2%. Approximately one-third of the feed was produced at home, and consisted of hay, corn, cottonseed meal, oats, millet, and lespedeza.

Eddie has installed and learned to operate and service a hot water heater and tank, milk cooler, and milking machines. He has put in 6 stanchions and concrete feed troughs, and has done a large amount of the work of constructing a dairy barn.

He has seeded 18 acres of lespedeza and 3 acres of crimson clover, and has mowed 15 acres, and limed and disked 4 acres of pasture. In addition, Eddie raised 4 acres of watermelons this year. He has been a consistent winner in both showing and judging dairy animals at the West Florida Dairy Heifer Show.

Suwannee Group First With Scrapbook

THE SUWANNEE CHAPTER of Live Oak placed first in the newly inaugurated FFA Scrapbook Contest. The DeLand Chapter was a close second, and the Reddick Chapter placed third.

These scrapbooks were judged on a basis of the number of events covered by news items, pictures, and letters or

FFA Musicians Liven Convention, Win State Championships

MUSICAL PROWESS of the Future Farmers of Florida was hilariously enjoyed and solemnly judged at our State Convention. Quartettes, string bands and harmonica players were in great demand in the Convention Hall, at the Band Shell program, and in the housing barracks.

The Williston Chapter Quartette, consisting of Wesley Smith, Bobby Williams, Barry Anderson, and J. W. Smith, was judged top vocal performers, and received a cash award of \$25.00. The Pahokee Quartette was second with a prize of \$15.00, and Bartow received \$10.00 for third place; Quincy, Trenton, and Paxton followed in the order given, each receiving \$5.00 awards.

Harmonica players entertained with everything from classical music to "boogie-woogie" and novelty numbers. Dale Carter from Pinecrest received the \$10.00 first place award. Ed Clark of Ocoee placed second for \$8.00, and Collier Summerlin of Ponce de Leon won the third prize of \$7.00. Ed Mathis, Monticello, Ray Johnson of Quincy and Ronald Harrod of Miami-Jackson won fourth through sixth places, respectively, each receiving \$5.00.

On Tuesday night, the string band contests were held and received the acclaim of all present. The attractively uniformed Wimauma Chapter String Band was selected as winners of the \$25.00 first place award. The members of this band were Sebrone Denson, Buddy Bass, Clyde Holland, Joey Ross, and Warren Lee. The Bonifay, Quincy, Lake City and Groveland Chapters garnered the second through fifth places, in the order given, and received \$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00, and \$5.00, respectively. All of the string bands did exceptionally well, featuring electric guitars, fiddles, and mandolins. The versatile Future Farmers from Quincy even added jugs and washboard music to their excellent sound effects.

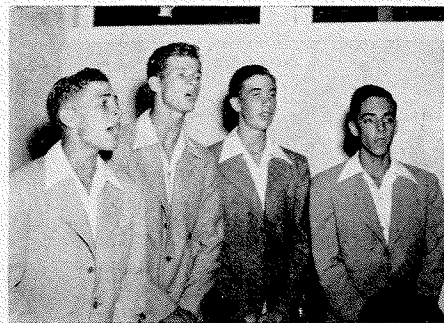
Judges for the Quartette and Harmonica Contests were Mr. Fred J. Karl, Mary Karl Vocational School; Mrs. F. L. Northrop, Gainesville; and Miss Mary

citations; supervised farming program pictures; miscellaneous applicable pictures; ribbon and award displays; completeness, including labeling and dates, and, lastly, neatness and arrangement.

It is to be hoped that more chapters in Florida will keep attractive scrap books of their activities.



Winners of the first place award in the string band contest were the quintet from Wimauma, shown above.



There was no dearth of music at the Florida FFA convention in Daytona Beach. Above picture shows members of the winning quartette from Williston, and panel below shows the "Harmonicats" who ranged from Bach to boogie.



Curran of the Mary Karl Vocational School. Mrs. Mary Luellen, Miss Aubrey Atherton, and Miss Gwenn Smart, all from the Mary Karl Vocational School, judged the String Band Contest.

Sarasota

FIVE MEMBERS of the Sarasota Chapter were given calves by members of the Sarasota County Livestock Association to fatten for the auction sale next year. These FFA boys have full responsibility for halter-breaking, feeding and caring for them until the auction sale.

After the sale, each boy will repay the Association member the original price of the calf. Profits go to the boy.



New officers of the Florida Association, FFA, include (from left) President L. C. Vaughn, and First through Sixth Vice Presidents, Matt Matthews, Allentown, Alvin Futch, Plant City, Charles Alford, Palatka, Harrell Waring, Madison, Mittie Bronson, Ocoee, and George Sprinkle, Homestead.

Convention

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of Education spoke to the delegates Thursday afternoon and presented apologies from the Hon. Thomas D. Bailey, State Supt. of Public Instruction. Supt. Bailey could not come because it was imperative that he attend a meeting of the Cabinet.

The committees appointed on Tuesday by President Donald Burch carried out their functions successfully.

A highlight of the convention was the State Association Banquet sponsored by the Florida Ford Tractor Company of Jacksonville on Thursday night. Mr. A. D. Davis, President of Winn-Lovett, presented the Paxton Chapter with a plaque for winning the Chapter Contest. L. C. Vaughn was honored as the Star Farmer of Florida and told of his program. Mr. Robert N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester of the Seaboard Airline Railroad, presented the winners of the Forestry Contest. Mr. T. Noble Brown made the presentation of awards from the Florida Cattlemen's Association to the winners of the Breeding and Feeding Contest. Mr. Carlisle Rogers, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Florida Bankers' Association, was introduced and announced the winners of the Bankers' Scholarships. Mr. J. F. Bazemore of the Chilean Nitrate Soda Co. announced the winners in the Leadership Contest. Coy Creel made a special award of a plaque to Mr. Bazemore for twenty years of service as an Honorary State Farmer. Doyle Conner, National President, presented Mr. H. E. Wood with a cake, a pipe, sports shirt, and a fishing tackle box which the members of the State Association, in a closed session that afternoon, had arranged to give him in honor of the twenty-first anniversary of the State Association F. F. A. Eleven men were honored with State Farmer

Parliamentary Title Goes To Live Oak

LEHMAN FLETCHER, Wesley Goff, Donald Burch, R. A. Greene, Barney Wilson, and Charles Collins, who composed the parliamentary procedure team from Live Oak, won first place at the State Convention. The Suwannee Chapter received a cash award of \$25.00 and a pennant.

The second place award of \$20.00 was won by Lake Placid; third place, \$15.00, Quincy; fourth place, \$12.50, Marianna; fifth place, \$10.00, Umatilla; and sixth place, \$10.00, Stuart.

Each team demonstrated three abilities, and each member of the team was asked a question about parliamentary law.

Professor Frazier Rogers, College of Agriculture of the University of Florida, was Chairman of the judges, and was assisted by Miss Alyce Bush, State Coordinator of Diversified Cooperative Training, and Mrs. Amy Cason, Diversified Cooperative Training Coordinator at the Mainland High School in Daytona Beach.

degrees at the banquet.

Members were warm in their praise and appreciation for the warm welcome and delightful times shown them by Mr. Charles Hale, Mr. Karl, Mr. Young, Mr. Miles, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bond, and the many others who helped to make their convention the most successful to date.

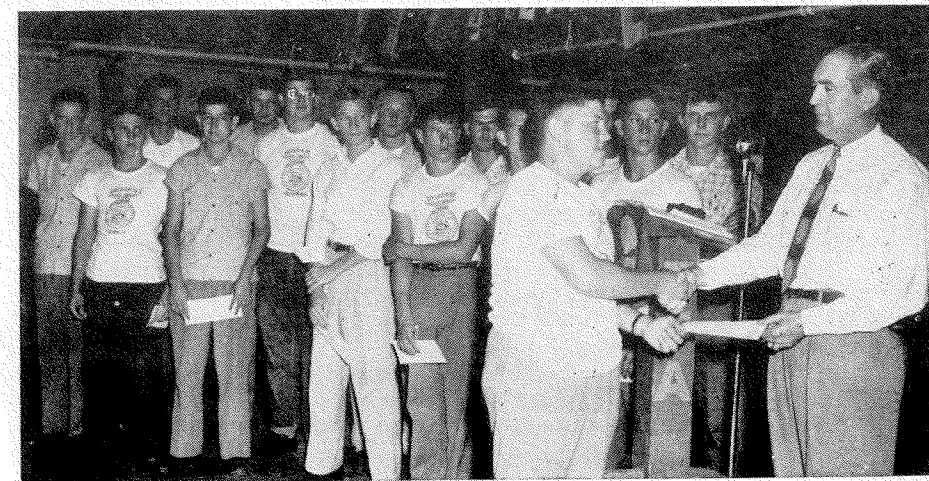
Sears Awards Prizes In Each District In Banquet Chick Contest

RESULTS are given below for the three high chapters in each District in the FFA "Pass the Chicken, Pappy," Banquet Contest sponsored by Sears, Roebuck & Company. Awards were recently presented by Mr. W. C. Greenway, Director, Public Relations of Sears, Roebuck & Company.

The chapters and prizes received are listed in each District in order of their placing:

District I—Poplar Springs, \$25.00, Mari-

anna, \$15.00, Baker, \$10.00;
District II—Quincy, \$25.00, Sopchoppy, \$15.00, Jennings, \$10.00;
District III—High Springs, \$25.00, Live Oak (J. F. Williams), \$15.00; Newberry, \$10.00;
District IV—Groveland, \$25.00, Reddick, \$15.00, Bushnell, \$10.00;
District V—Sarasota, \$25.00, Bartow, \$15.00, Palmetto, \$10.00;
District VI—Pahokee, \$25.00, Moore Haven, \$15.00, Ft. Pierce, \$10.00.



Sears Roebuck's W. C. Greenway presents awards to winners of the Banquet Chick contest at the FFA convention in Daytona Beach.

Florida Future Farmers' Activities are Outlined in Report

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while Elbert Aldridge and Bobby Drummond represented Florida in the National Glee Club. Richard Howell, State Champion Harmonica player, represented Florida Association on the Talent Night Program at the National Convention. From the applause given Richard, his performance was an outstanding success. The Trenton Chapter, winner of the State Chapter Contest, won the Silver Emblem in the National Chapter Contest held at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, November 14-18, 1948. Trenton was ranked as one of the 42 best Chapters in the nation and, as there are approximately 8,000 Chapters, this is quite an honor to the State of Florida. Congratulations to the Trenton Chapter Advisor and members.

Fifteen Chapters from eight Counties entered Judging Teams in the Sumter County Breeding Show held November 6, 1948. The Webster Team won first place prize in the Judging Contest with highest individual honors going to Gary Brown.

The State Convention of the Florida Farm Bureau was held in Gainesville on November 18-19, with Future Farmers from various Chapters having a prominent part on the program. Billy Holley, Blountstown Chapter, representing State President Donald Burch, spoke at the Annual Banquet, and also gave several solos. The State Champion Quartet of Blountstown entertained at each session of the Convention, and the Hawthorne Parliamentary Procedure Team gave a demonstration of parliamentary procedure as part of the banquet program.

Moran McKenzie, a former member of the Ft. Pierce Chapter and now a student in the College of Agriculture at the University of Florida, has been awarded a \$100 Sears, Roebuck Scholarship. Moran also won a \$100 Scholarship awarded by the St. Lucie County Commissioners. Our congratulations to Moran.

Two important events in the history of the Florida Future Farmers Association took place this month. These were the occasions of the arrival and distribution of the Sears, Roebuck Foundation Bulls to the selected Chapters in the State. The first event was held on November 2nd in Quincy at the Livestock Pavilion. The second was held on November 3rd at Lowell at the Norris Cattle Company ranch. There were 30 Hereford bulls and 10 Brahman bulls drawn by the Presidents of the Chapters. Mr. M. E. Coleman of Valdosta took approximately 50 pictures of these two events. A large group of

distinguished guests was present on each occasion, and the Florida *Times-Union* and the Ocala *Star-Banner* gave the Florida FFA Association excellent publicity on both days. The sincere appreciation of the Future Farmers of Florida goes to the Sears, Roebuck Foundation for their approximately \$10,000 investment of confidence in them.

The Florida Association of Future Farmers of America received National honors again this year by producing another National FFA President. Doyle Connor of Starke was elected National President at the Kansas City National Convention. Doyle certainly has the congratulations and best wishes of all Florida Future Farmers.

DECEMBER

An additional Future Farmer Chapter has been organized at the Suwannee High School in Live Oak due to the large enrollment in vocational agriculture there. This new Chapter has been given the name "J. F. Williams, Jr., Memorial Chapter," and Mr. H. M. Folsom is the Chapter Advisor.

Doyle Connor of Starke, our new National FFA President, has received travel instructions for a public relations tour. He will report in Washington, D. C., on January 31st, and remain away through February 18th. His tour will include New York, Philadelphia, Akron, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Racine, and several other cities.

State Awards of \$10 each were won by Robert K. Lee, President of the Redland Chapter, and Richard H. Rutzke, of the Redland Chapter, in the National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association Contest.

The Leesburg JayCees are sponsoring a campaign to raise funds to purchase a new Cub tractor for the Leesburg Future Farmers Chapter.

JANUARY

A new information film on the subject of tree planting in the South is now available to Future Farmer Chapters. This film "Lonnie's New Crop" described how a young farmer makes unproductive land work at a profit by growing trees, and is sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association.

The Pahokee Chapter Future Farmers are participating in the U. S. Occupational Forces' Assistance Program to German Youth. This movement is a U. S. Army-sponsored exchange of letters between young people's organizations in America and German Youth Groups of similar age and purpose, and it is hoped by this exchange of letters that American ideals can be imparted to the youth

and people in all sections of occupied Germany.

The Tate Chapter Future Farmers planted 10,000 pine seedlings by use of a County-owned mechanical tree planter.

The Anthony Chapter Judging Team took top honors from a field of 22 entries in the Judging Contest at the Brahman Show & Sale held in Ocala, on January 27. First place award for individual judging went to Robert Johnson of the Reddick Chapter.

At the 5th Annual West Florida Livestock Show & Sale held at Quincy, January 17-19, FFA members from several Counties exhibited 22 steers. Jerry Owens, Quincy Chapter, won the Reserve Championship and also the Grand Championship of the FFA entries. The average price brought by the sale of steers was 44 cents per pound.

Tommy Hutto of the Bartow Chapter won top honors at the Annual Florida West Coast Dairy Show held in Tampa, January 8, as the owner of the Grand Champion Bull, a young Jersey.

FEBRUARY

The Florida Association Future Farmers received national publicity this month when the *Agricultural Education* Magazine devoted its cover page to a picture of the boys receiving their Sears, Roebuck Foundation Bulls recently awarded various Chapters.

Through the generosity of the Union County Farm Bureau, it was possible for the Lake Butler Chapter to send their President, Treasurer, and Advisor, to the National Convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The week of February 19-26 was proclaimed National Future Farmer Week. During this week, the work of the Florida Future Farmers Chapters received widespread attention through a national radio broadcast originating from Station WRHP in Tallahassee by the American Broadcasting Company. They also received considerable publicity in the way of special programs and announcements from Radio Station WMIE in Miami, through the cooperation of Program Director, Ted Anthony.

Future Farmer Day at the Florida State Fair at Tampa was a most successful occasion with approximately 4,000 members present, and 123 Chapters represented in the Livestock Judging Contest. Winners in the Livestock Judging Contest were: 1st place, Plant City; 2nd place, Bartow. In the Hay, Grain & Forage Contest, the Vernon Chapter placed first, and in the Fruits and Vegetable Contest, Pahokee placed first. During the day, Beauregard, the illustrious son of Elsie, famous Borden cow,

was made an Honorary Member of the Future Farmers of America. The formal ceremony was performed by State President Donald Burch.

Eight Chapters participated in the Judging Contest at the Hereford Show & Sale at Ocala on February 17 with the Team from the Reddick Chapter winning first place award. Edwin Priest of the Anthony Chapter won first place award for individual judging.

MARCH

The Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the Crawfordville FFA Chapter in obtaining a 20-acre plot for a land laboratory. Members of the Chamber of Commerce have already donated 6 heifers for use by the Chapter in a livestock improvement project.

At the Southeastern Fat Stock Show in Ocala, 36 Chapters entered Judging Teams in the Judging Contest. The Bartow Chapter won first place. Wayne Smith of the Leesburg Chapter won the high individual score award. The Alachua Chapter exhibited the FFA Hereford Champion Steer which weighed 1,060 pounds, and sold for 60c per pound. Ben Griffin of Chipley sold his FFA Champion shorthorn Steer for 50 cents per pound; weight 795 pounds. Future Farmers exhibited 28 animals at this show. These animals weighed a total of 22,360 pounds and sold for \$9,498.95; an average of 42c per pound.

The Collegiate Chapter, FFA, entered an outstanding educational exhibit in the Annual Agricultural Fair at Gainesville, March 17-19. An exhibit of some of Plant City's enlarged photographs, showing various FFA activities, was included in the educational exhibit which attracted a great deal of attention and favorable comment from visitors.

In connection with the Fair, an "Agricultural Queen" Contest was held, and the Collegiate Chapter's contestant, Miss Lois Driver, was crowned "Queen of Agriculture" by Governor Fuller Warren.

APRIL

Doyle Conner, National FFA President, left during the first part of April for Hawaii to attend the State Convention of the Hawaii Association, FFA. Doyle wrote the State Advisor that the Hawaii Convention was very much a success, with about 350 members attending.

Howard Hill of the Belle Glade Chapter won the Championship at the Southeast Florida Livestock Show held at Belle Glade, April 19-20. Howard entered a purebred 990-pound Angus steer which sold for the high price of 26 1/2 cents per pound.

Earl Faircloth, former Future Farmer of the Chiefland Chapter, was the prin-

cipal speaker at the Annual Father & Son Banquet at Chiefland on April 9. Earl is now attending the University of Florida, and is President of the Student Body there.

MAY

Approximately 100 Chapters in Florida have secured and grown out baby chicks for banquets during this fiscal year, according to a report from Mr. W. C. Greenway of Sears, Roebuck & Company. In many cases, the birds were slaughtered as they became of sufficient weight, and stored in deep freeze lockers until the scheduled date of the banquet, which made an education project wherein classroom study and science was correlated with practical activity by members of the Chapters.

At the Webster Future Farmer and Young Farmer banquet, approximately 300 men and boys saw Donald Burch, State President, confer the Honorary State Farmer Degree on Governor Fuller Warren. At the conclusion of the Governor's address, he conferred the title of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel on Donald, and thereby made him an Honorary Member of the Governor's Staff.

Hutto Gets Dairy Award

TOMMY HUTTO of the Bartow Chapter won the Florida Dairy Industries' Rotating Cup for his exceptionally fine work with dairy purebred animals. Tommy showed the Grand Champion FFA Dairy Bull at the State Fair in Tampa. Although a comparatively young Future Farmer, Tommy has evidenced an intense and serious interest in purebred dairy stock and now has four excellent animals. He is also carrying on some good work in planting and improving pastures.

State Adviser H. E. Wood, presented the trophy, pinch-hitting for Mr. E. T. Lay, Executive Secretary of the Florida Dairy Industries, as Mr. Lay was attending a state meeting of his organization in Tampa.

State Softball Champs

ALACHUA won the State Softball Championship from Wildwood, 5-3, in thirteen innings on the first day of the State Convention at Daytona Beach. The members of the winning team under the able tutelage of Adviser Maurice Hoover and Principal Donald Cates were: John Richard, Buddy Pearson, Kenneth Cellon, Ralph Cellon, Ira Stidham, Tommy Strickland, Edgar Pruitt, Brantley P. Parish, J. T. Harrington, Delano Waters, Winton Dampier, and Berry Griffiths.

J. D. Grimstead and Howell Hollingsworth won the doubles championship in horseshoe pitching from Branford.

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Blountstown Values Large School Farm

An Excerpt From "Toward Better Teaching in Blountstown High School."

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS the students and teacher of Vocational Agriculture in Blountstown High School have recognized the need for a large school farm, and have been working toward that end. During the school year of 1947-48, we worked hard and saved \$800. This money was made through magazine subscription drives, a minstrel, raising broilers, clearing land, concessions at ball games, and various other activities. In January of 1948 we bought a one-row Avery tractor, disk tiller, fertilizer distributor, and cultivators from Bell Hardware, Marianna, Florida, for \$1500. The \$800 made during the year was paid on this equipment, leaving a balance of \$700.

Mr. R. B. Wells, a member of the Calhoun County School Board, let us use 12 acres of his land free of charge. The Cartledge Fertilizer Company furnished us fertilizer at half price. The students decided to plant corn on the twelve acres as a cooperative project. The army worms and bud worms did a lot of damage to the corn; but we made 18 bushels to the acre, which was good considering the heavy rainfall and insect pests. After paying our expenses, we saved 85 bushels to fatten hogs this year.

In order to get started right, we needed some land of our own, or some we could lease for several years. After an intensive search we found 50 acres of good land conveniently located, belonging to Neal Lumber and Manufacturing Company. The Chapter leased this for a three year period, and when the lease expires, if both parties agree, it may be renewed. If both parties fail to agree, all buildings and improvements will be evaluated and the FFA Chapter will be paid for them. This farm is located about one quarter of a mile north of Neal Lumber and Manufacturing Company. Twenty acres are now under cultivation, and the other thirty is in pine trees, of which 10 or 12 acres could easily be put in cultivation.

Mr. B. B. Scisson, Principal of Blountstown High School, worked out a schedule which gave the Home Economics and Vocational Agriculture Department two 2-hour periods a week and one 1-hour period. This has been a great benefit to the two departments because it gives more time to the girls to cook or sew, and more time to the boys to work in the shop and farm. In addition to these periods, each boy must put in an 8-hour day on the farm once every six weeks. He is excused from his other classes on that day. This meets the 420 minutes a week requirement for Vocational Agriculture, and gives an uninterrupted period for construction, maintenance

and various types of work on the farm. More than this is spent by volunteers on afternoons after school and on Saturdays.

Even though we had the farm and equipment, things still looked bad when school started in September. The land was grown up with persimmon bushes and shrub oaks. The fence was nearly all down, with the posts rotted and the wire no good. There were no barns or drinking water on the place. In spite of all these odds, with the determination and leadership of capable officers, such as Bobby Bryant, Billy Holley, Junior Holley, Elga White, Junior Peacock, Quincy Hand and Joe Reese Davis, the FFA boys started to work.

The land was cleared of persimmon bushes, shrub oaks and oaks. All the larger trees were sawed up and sold to Neal Lumber and Manufacturing Company in exchange for lumber to be used on the farm.

Next we started on the fences. Mr. Edward Parker told us we could get all the cedar posts we needed from his place. In the afternoon after school the boys would go out to his farm and cut posts. These were used to replace all the bad posts, and to build two cross fences which we needed for a pasture. We now faced the problem of getting wire for the cross fences. Mr. D. B. Hayes, Brooks Hayes, G. U. Parker of Blountstown and Mr. Corry from Quincy gave us all the good second hand wire we needed. The boys tore it down and used it to build the cross fences.

Our farm was looking much better now, but was still full of weeds about five feet high. So our next job, disking and breaking up the land, was done during the boys' laboratory period and on Saturdays.

Mr. James Peacock, from Altha, gave us 1,000 pounds of blue lupine seed, which we planted on the 20 acres of cultivated land to improve the soil. It made a good growth and we feel confident it will be worth a lot to us in the future.

In November, we decided to start building a barn, sanitary privy, a house for our Delco (which we got through war surplus materials) hog pens, mineral boxes for swine, self-feeders for swine, and various other items needed. We already had 1,000 feet of 1" x 6" lumber received in exchange for oak wood; but we needed some 2" x 4" and 2" x 6". Mr. G. U. Parker came to our rescue and gave us the lumber from an old barn in Liberty County if we would tear it down. We tore the barn down, and Carmen Bracewell let us use his truck to haul the lumber to the farm.

Gus Nix, a representative of the Purina Feed Company, helped us get some long posts for our farm. Gus has cooperated with the Chapter in many ways. The barn is completed, and the boys did an excellent job. It is 20' x 25', and is composed of a crib, loft, tool room, and two sheds for storage of machinery, etc. The Delco house is completed and Mr. R. L. Leath is helping us install the Delco. The sanitary privy is nearing completion, and Mr. Alva Hall, our sanitary officer, says it will pass the State Board of Health specifications.

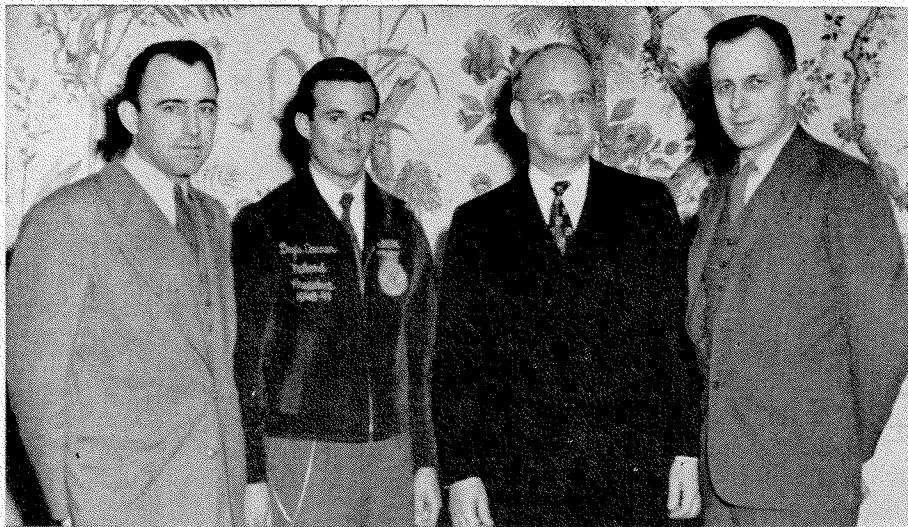
The first of February, after the lupine had reached its maximum growth, we turned it under and marked the land off in acre plots. The Chapter decided to rent the land to the boys at \$2.00 per acre, and to rent the tractor and equipment to them at \$.75 per hour for use on their own projects. Fifteen acres has been rented to 26 boys. The amount of land per boy varies from ¼ to 1 acre. At the present time they have some mighty pretty projects, consisting mainly of corn, cucumbers, and truck crops. The Rotary Club of Blountstown is sponsoring these projects, lending the boys money to buy seed, fertilizer, etc. The boys will pay the money back when they harvest their crops.

As a means of teaching cooperation and as an income for the Chapter we have several cooperative projects in operation. These include: a nursery, a one acre truck farm, and swine projects.

The nursery is small, but we plan to enlarge it next year. Mrs. Foster gave us 50 Red Bud trees and 100 Pittisporum plants to set out, and we have planted some trifoliata seed.

On our cooperative truck farm we harvested and gave to the lunch room 700 bundles of turnips and mustard, along with other vegetables such as cabbage, radish, etc.

We have had a very successful cooperative project in swine this year, and this has been another of our sources of income. We bought four feeders from Horace Kent for \$16, and the others were given to us by R. L. Leath, Gerald Cayson, Wayman Cayson, and Gus Nix, giving us a total of 8 hogs. We were fortunate in being able to get swill from Mr. Bozeman, who is manager of the school lunch room. The Chapter had some corn left over from 1947-48, and planted 1½ acres of oats for the hogs to graze. The boys contracted with Ralph Bailey to feed and care for the hogs. He is to receive 20% of the net profit. So far we have sold 5 of the hogs, receiving \$135 net profit.



Doyle Conner, of Starke, Florida, president of the Future Farmers of America, and visiting executive officers of the FFA, at a luncheon given in their honor by Standard Oil Company (Kentucky), one of the donors to the FFA Foundation. From left to right they are: John Farrar, director of public relations FFA, Washington; Doyle Conner; W. F. Roth, vice president Standard Oil Company; A. W. Tenney, national executive secretary of the FFA, Washington. Invited to meet Doyle, Mr. Tenney, and Mr. Farrar at this luncheon were Kentucky FFA officials and agricultural educational leaders, farm paper editors, farm radio commentators, etc. Not shown in this picture, but also present, were Dale Hess of Fallston, Md., vice president of the FFA, and Max Cobble of Midway, Tenn., student secretary of the FFA.

In the future we plan to continue the individual projects. We also plan to add another unit to the farm, such as a broiler unit, laying unit, bee unit, and a purchased beef unit.

We feel sure that the success of this school farm has in a large part depended upon the parents of the boys and the community itself. The Blountstown FFA Chapter wishes to thank all of you for your fine spirit of cooperation.

Jay Holds Corn Contest

TWENTY MEMBERS of the Jay Chapter participated in a corn production contest. Each participant grew one acre of corn, producing 987 bushels altogether, or an average of more than 49 bushels per acre.

Houston Shell, first place winner, used 1 gallon of Dixie-18 Hybrid Corn, 600 lbs. 4-10-7 fertilizer, with a side dressing of 200 lbs. nitrate Soda to produce 82½ bushels on his acre.

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Fort Myers FFA Makes Trip to Yellowstone

TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS of the Fort Myers chapter made a two weeks trip to Yellowstone National Park.

The trip made by school bus, took them 6,800 miles, through 15 states. Joe Norfleet, Vocational Agricultural Instructor, and Mr. George Thompson were the guides on the trip.

The boys visited the farm lands, which include wheat fields and ranches in the mid-west of cattle and buffalo. They brought back souvenirs of snowball fights in the Rockies.

The boys have been making these trips for several years, saving the money through cooperative projects. Previously they visited Havana and Washington. For this trip, they saved \$1,300 and each boy paid an additional \$15.00.

Vernon Chapter Plants Seedlings

THE VERNON CHAPTER members planted 10,000 pine seedlings in Washintgon County. Over half of those seedlings were planted on the 40 acre chapter plot, which is located between Vernon and Chipley.

Mr. O. Z. Revell, Agricultural Instructor, and chapter members not only planted the pines, but they took steps to protect the paying pines from fires. Burned strips were established between plowed fire lines, which were plowed December, 1947. By establishing good fire lines, the chapter is doing its best to give the paying pines a chance to produce.

It will be interesting to watch those planted pines, which, in all probability, will average a years growth of from one to two cords per acre per year. Based on todays market, that will be a production of \$3.00 to \$6.00 per acre per year.

The Vernon FFA land is beginning to produce from 10 to 20 times as much per acre per year, as it did prior to now. During the past 20 years, the land has produced a very small per cent of what it could, simply because the timber was cut too heavily and because devastating fires ate up the pine seedlings as they pushed forward to take over, for production of paying pines.

Ocala Records Broadcast

OCALA— At the annual Parent and Son Banquet, a wire recording was made of the program, and used for radio broadcasts. All the vegetables served were grown on the school farm. Each member present took part in the program.

Future Farmers Regarded as One of Lee County's Most Important Crops Being Grown at Fort Myers High School

IT ISN'T ALL THEORY at Fort Myers High School. They also roll up their sleeves and get down to real work. Farming is one of their elective courses and those who ask for it really get the works. Two hours a day, five days a week, 63 boys engage in active farming under the leadership of Joe Norfleet. Not only do they conduct a farm while attending high school, but they also make money at it. This activity is affiliated with the Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Norfleet teaches them the theory of farming from the text books and then takes them out to an eight-acre farm, furnished by Dr. Charles U. Gnau, and lets them put theory into practice. On this farm they have 50 hogs, about five acres of corn, and a strawberry patch. Last month they sold \$35 worth of strawberries. Recently they plan to sell about 40 of the hogs at a good profit.

Later on, their corn, shown below, was to be ready for harvest. The farm is the school land laboratory. The agricultural building on the school property in Edison Park houses the shop, tools, and machinery that help to complete their farm education. Each of the 63 boys operates a private project for which he gets classroom credit. These projects include: 21 acres of peppers, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, eggplants, sweet corn, and stawberries; 22 head of beef cattle; 5 head of dairy cattle; 7 hogs; 135 laying hens, and 650 chicks for meat. They keep accurate records on all of their work and soon find out from hard experi-

ence which crops are profitable and which are not.

Courses in vocational agriculture under the National Vocational Educational Act were first established in the United States in 1917. From the very beginnings boys who were enrolled in these courses felt a spirit of comradeship because of their background of country life and their desire to learn to be good farmers. In a number of states organizations were formed under such names as: "Junior Farmers," "Young Farmers," and "Future Farmers." In 1928 a national organization of students of vocational agriculture was launched under the name of "Future Farmers of America." The first national convention was held that year, and from that date the growth has been steady. In 1940 Mr. L. F. Rutledge was active in getting this program started in Lee County. For the past eight years it has been offered to local high school students, and it has proved to be a popular course.

On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, the Future Farmers of Lee County hold their business sessions. These meetings are conducted strictly according to parliamentary law and would be a credit to any adult civic club. Officers are elected, dues are collected, committees are appointed, mother-and-son and father-and-son banquets are conducted, and farm leadership is developed.

The teacher of the Future Farmers must be a college graduate qualified to teach. He is appointed by the local

school board. His pay comes from state funds with the federal government reimbursing part of the expense.

One of the most important phases of Future Farmer training is the member's personal project. This is the practical side of his training. His teacher will assist by giving advice, but the member must do the work and enjoy the profits or suffer the losses himself. The local Future Farmers chapter has a fund through which these personal projects may be financed. Some of the boys are financed by banks, others by individuals. If members are unable to secure land for their projects, the local chapter will rent part of its farm to them for this purpose.

The laboratory farm (or cooperative chapter project) is a guide to the boys in their personal projects. All work is done by them, and the products are sold in competition to adult farmers. The experience thus gained is practical, hard-money experience, the kind they will have to meet face-to-face in later years. The boys are divided into groups, and those who develop leadership qualities are appointed as foremen. The groups are rotated on the various jobs so that their education is as complete as possible. While Mr. Norfleet is teaching textbook theory to one group, the foremen of other groups are in the field carrying on the practical side of the work.

From the profit of the laboratory farm, the chapter finances its activities, buys a new piece of equipment each year, and sets aside \$200 to help the next class get off to a good start. Trips to Cuba and to Washington, D. C., were financed from these profits.

Members of the Lee County Chapter of Future Farmers are from Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Bonita Springs, Estero, Bayshore, Buckingham, East Fort Myers, and Tice. Their ages range from 14 to 21. Statistics show that 70% of them will remain in their community. Their motto is:

- Learning to do,
- Doing to learn,
- Earning to live,
- Living to serve.

This motto is full of good, practical philosophy and reflects a spirit of sincerity. If they live up to this motto, Lee County's Future Farms will be in good hands.—J. A. Ansley.

Believe it or not, this is a Fort Myers High School class in session. Left to right: Willie Grant, 17, Slater; J. R. Renfro, 20, Tice; Brent Smith, 19, Crawford St.; Bryan Gilbert, 18, Euclid Ave.; Charles Byam, 16, Edgewood Ave. (Courtesy Lee County Bank)

Marion County Veteran Successfully Launched on Farm Career Through On-the-Job Agriculture Training

By W. T. SHADDICK,

Area Supervisor, Central Florida Area

MANY VETERANS have become established in the great business of farming through the help of the Institutional On-Farm Training Program since the war. Among the most successful, and certainly one of the most industrious, in Marion County is Dolphus L. Pruitt, whose farm is located 5 miles north of Ocala on Highway 441.

Dolphus purchased this farm, which consists of 145 acres, in June, 1947, and in spite of the fact that half the year had already passed, managed to maintain 8 sows and 1 purebred Poland China boar on feed grown during that year. During 1948, he raised only 75 head of pigs, due to the fact that several of his 8 sows were gilts and produced only one litter. This 75 head of hogs were marketed for \$3700.00.

When this young farmer was asked what was his goal and why had he selected hogs as a livelihood, he replied, "I just enjoy fooling with them and would like very much to try my hand at improving a breed."

He plans to maintain 10 sows, 4 of which will be purebred registered Black Poland China, and 1 purebred registered Black Poland China boar during 1949. He expects to raise 150 head of pigs during 1949, and market \$4500 worth. He plans to reach and maintain a goal of 12 purebred Black Poland China sows in 4 years, and to sell breeding stock and enter his animals in all the hog shows possible.

Of course, Dolphus' busy wife gives a happy nod of approval to his hogs because she is just as interested in them as he. In addition to keeping house and caring for three small sons, she found time in 1948 to can 50 qts. of tomatoes, 85 qts. of snap beans, 100 qts. of peas, 16 qts. of corn, 7 qts. of squash, 111 qts. of lima beans, 46 qts. of okra, 26 qts. of bread and butter pickles, and 30 qts. of meat—a total of 453 qts.

This veteran outlined his program of feeding as follows: Shortly after birth of the pigs in January they go on a green pasture of oats and rye. They are then moved in March to a pasture of millet, which will be supplemented with a mixture of cracked corn, peanuts and syrup. From the green millet, they will be transferred to early corn and grain sorghum or hegari, which will hold them until the end of July. Then they will be placed on peanuts about August 1, and sold for tops in September or October, or left on peanuts until sold. Tankage is kept before the hogs at all times, except when they are eating peanuts.



Dolphus L. Pruitt, Marion County Veteran trainee, specializes in swine on his farm north of Ocala on Highway 441. Shown above are some of the Black Poland Chinas which are making his farm pay.

Also he mixes his own mineral and keeps it before them throughout the year.

When his sows are bred they are allowed to run on green pasture until

the pigs are three weeks old, and are then put on peanuts if available. Sows are bred to bring two litters each year, with a rest period of two months for each sow. Farrowing pens are provided with guard rails and floors to decrease the mortality of pigs.

When pigs are three weeks old, they are fed in creeps and when peanuts are available they are allowed to run behind the market hogs to clean up the remaining peanuts. Otherwise, they are provided with green feed. The males are castrated at 1 month of age. During 1949, the pigs will be fed the surplus milk from 2 cows, and he plans to add 2 more milk cows during the next 2 years.

Special effort is made to eliminate all puddle holes in the fields where stagnant water might occur and parasites may multiply. Clear water is provided at all times. Breeding stock is wormed twice each year. Pigs are wormed right after weaning and just before putting on peanuts. They are vaccinated for cholera and swine fever at the same time.

Dolphus entered his classes in the Institutional On-the-Farm Training Program at the Reddick school July 1, 1947. He attends night classes twice weekly, conducted by Mr. James B. Earle, and is visited by his instructor for On-the-Farm instruction once each week.

Flashes of Veteran News

75 Percent Owners

PAXTON— One example of progress is the members of this class, which now includes 75 per cent owners, 50 per cent of whom became owners after enrolling. 45 per cent of the members are cultivating with tractors, in comparison to none when the class started.

Harvesting Cabbage

SEVERAL VETERANS in Hamilton County are harvesting and selling cabbage from their farms. This is a new cash crop for this area. The veterans are getting good yields and satisfactory prices.

Add New Work Shop

LAUREL HILL— Through the cooperative effort of the trainees, a 40 foot sec-

tion to their school shop, complete with windows, wiring and concrete floor has been added. Another cooperative enterprise was the purchasing of a registered Duroc boar, which includes 18 purebred breeding hogs now.

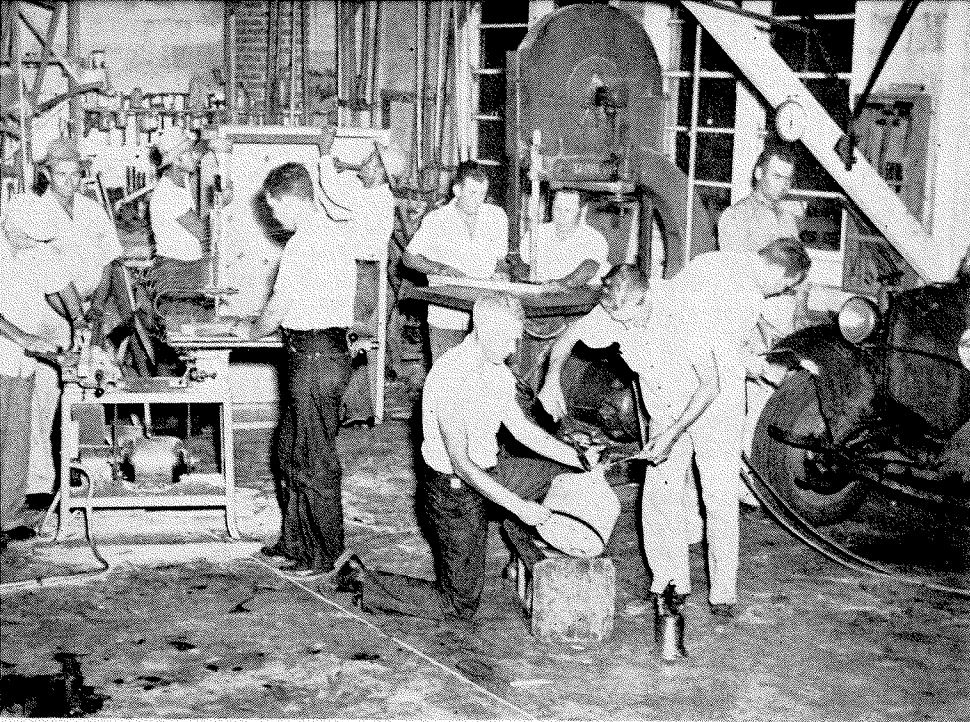
Soil Tests Run

MISS JEANNETTE ZETROUER, Veteran agriculture teacher at High Springs, is running a soil test for each member of her class. Recently, she gave a demonstration of this job of soil testing to the members of a class at Lake City.

Favor Kudzu Crowns

KUDZU CROWNS are being set along gullies which were started by hard rains of last spring on the farms of Mr. Lewis Leigh's veterans' class.





It takes many skills to run a modern farm. Left to right: H. F. Willis, Punta Gorda; W. O. Durrance, Route 2; Geo. A. Whitener, Naples; Chris Nelson, Star Route C; Irving Ash, Alva; Herman Frank, Iona; Herb Thomas, Iona; Orville T. Strayhorn, Tice; Warner Cato, Iona. Front-center: Bob McKelvey, North Fort Myers; and Bob Halley, Pondella Road. Mr. McKelvey is president and Mr. Halley, vice president of the Lee County Veterans Association. (Courtesy Lee County Bank)

Lee County Veterans Winning Peace by Producing Better Food

TWO NIGHTS a week a group of Lee County veterans—with a sprinkling of GI's from nearby counties—meets at the Fort Myers High School agricultural building in Edison Park and hears qualified teachers explain the secrets of successful farming. This program is financed by the federal government which has spent approximately \$200,000 on Veterans Vocational Agricultural Training in Lee County.

There are 62 local veterans enrolled in this program under the supervision of Joe Norfleet, Fort Myers High School agricultural teacher. Dr. E. L. Lord, former college professor, and Herbert Creel, former county agent, are the instructors. The 15 colored trainees are affiliated with Dunbar High School and are taught by Eugene Jones, graduate of Florida A & M in agriculture. Dr. Lord organized the class in July, 1946, and it has grown steadily since its first meeting. Ages of the veterans vary from 23 to 54. Former ranks range from private to major.

Veteran's Vocational Training was authorized by the GI Bill of Rights. The purpose is to enable the veteran to learn theoretical and scientific farming in class rooms while getting practical experience in the field, and, at the same time, have sufficient income to maintain

himself and family. Single veteran trainees receive a subsistence of \$67.50 per month; those who are married receive \$93.75, and those who also have children receive \$97.50. In addition to these allowances, the government pays the instructors, allows \$25.00 per veteran for books the first year and an additional \$10.00 the second year, and allows \$2.00 per veteran per month for tools, rentals, repairs, and supplies. It is estimated that currently this program is bringing \$6,650.00 per month into Lee County, and that \$200,000.00 has been spent here since Dr. Lord's first class in July, 1946.

If a veteran received an honorable discharge after 90 days active duty, he is entitled to one year's training. For each month in excess of 90 days, he is entitled to an additional month's training. Those who operate farms under lease may have a maximum of two year's training. Those who own their farms may have a maximum of four years. Sixty-five per cent of the Lee County trainees own their farms, mostly through small down payments. All of the others except one operate farms under lease. The other veteran is under the GI on-the-job-training program, learning to be a farm manager, and is limited to 18 months.

For two hours each week, an instructor visits the veteran on his farm and advises him in best procedure. The instructors recommend that one-fourth of the farm be used for: a year-around garden; fruit trees of different varieties so there will be fruit each month in the year; a pasture with two cows, so that one will always be fresh; poultry and eggs. The other three-fourths should be equally divided among: peppers, tomatoes or eggplants, and one other crop. By diversifying the farm in this manner, the family receives much of its food directly from the farm and has its financial risks divided among several crops. It is estimated that twenty acres of good Lee County land will support a family. This kind of planning is one of the reasons why Lee County is sound the year around.

The veterans must keep accurate records of all income and expenses. Profits belong to the individual producing them. However, earnings plus subsistence may not exceed: \$210.00 for single veterans; \$270.00 for those who are married; and \$290.00 for those who also have children. If they exceed these figures, the government reduces the subsistence accordingly.

Lee County veterans enrolled in this training course had this season:

52 1/2	acres of peppers
38	acres of eggplant
24 1/2	acres of tomatoes
40	acres of cucumbers
36 1/2	acres of sweet potatoes
23	acres of corn
1 1/2	acres of strawberries
2480	head of laying poultry
5025	head of meat poultry
178	hogs
42	dairy cattle
491	beef cattle

A committee, working without pay, oversees the entire program. This committee is composed of: School Superintendent Charlie Bevis, County Agricultural Agent Carl Heuck, and Clemmie Williams of the Farm Home Administration. This committee approves the trainees, their farms, and the training program. They recommend any improvements they think advisable and also pass on the interruption of training of veterans who are not doing satisfactory work.

All enrolled veterans are members of the Lee County Veterans Association. This organization meets once a month, elects officers, charges dues, and discusses matters of mutual interest. The first hour of the meeting is devoted to business. The rest of the evening is social; there is usually a feed and lots of fun. Every other month there is a Family Night, when everyone gets acquainted at a dinner and enjoys good, wholesome recreation.—J. A. Ansley.

'Rehabilitation' is Word That Has Come to Mean Much to Farm Veterans of World War II Under GI Bill of Rights

AFTER WORLD WAR II a new word was brushed off for daily use in the American language. That word was used every day and sometimes we wondered if we actually knew the full meaning. The word was REHABILITATION — "to restore to former capacity or position, to re-instate, to re-establish in the esteem of others."

The GI Bill of Rights has come to play an important part in many a returned veteran's life. The passage of the bill meant that college trained men would be appointed over small groups for individual instruction, it meant classroom group work at least twice a week, and it meant that the government would buy good farming tools. A shop program showed the men how to use these tools to improve good living on the farm.

In Havana, Florida, as in every town in Florida, there is a veterans class. A Veteran Vocational Farming Class. A class that has been going forward nearly two years. In that length of time certainly a great deal of progress should have been made. Let's pick a random name out of the files and see what we can see. SCOTT, Joe, Claim number 11606435, General Farmer. Hm-m-m, Looks like Joe is a typical veteran.

Served in the European Theater of Operations, unmarried, rents a farm from his father. But what about Joe Scott, general farmer?

What has he got to show after two years of agriculture instruction? Has the government opened a golden road for Joe to travel? No—not a golden road—but something that Joe wanted and needed, technical guidance. Guidance in things like "farm planning, marketing, how to operate a farm shop, conservation of food, the keeping of farm and home accounts." These things Joe needed—these things Joe wanted.

He landscaped, screened, and wired his home. He installed modern plumbing facilities. He knows what he will grow on his farm three years from now. This year Joe Scott received top price for his shade tobacco. The company that bought his tobacco said there was no better throughout the South.

Joe's family has a poultry project, 300 layers. He keeps a set of books on these hens as carefully as the local bookkeeper at the bank. Joe knows that debits and credits are just as important in his business as they are at the bank.

Together, he and his brother have purchased a truck, a tractor, and a car.

He plans to purchase additional land. Joe Scott, general farmer, veteran, Institutional On-the-Farm trainee, is keeping pace with modern changes in agriculture.

Assists With Co-Op

MR. GORDON, veterans teacher at Hawthorne, has been selected as Teacher-Adviser for the Alachua County Veteran Farmers Cooperative. This Co-op has been operating for about 2 years. The Veteran Co-op members are now in the process of enlarging their scope of service. They are offering for sale \$50,000 of preferred stock, have hired a paid manager, and their Cooperative Store is handling seed, feed and fertilizer for their members. As evidence of their desire to help the Veteran Co-op, the Alachua County Farm Bureau members are buying \$7,000 worth of the new issue of stock.

Soil Conservation

UNDER THE INSTRUCTION of C. E. Beebe, one of the classes at Ponce de Leon is very active in soil conservation. They have made land use maps and plans, water disposal areas, and are building bullheads across gullies, widening and cleaning out spillways, drainage ditches, and terrace outlets, planting erosion control crops, and have terraced about 350 acres of land. Most of the work is being done by the trainees either individually or cooperatively.

Standards Set Up

ALL VETERANS entering the On-the-Farm Training Program in Columbia and Lafayette Counties must meet the minimum Standards of Requirements and Accomplishments which have been set up. These Standards are being outlined and administered by the County Advisory Committees in cooperation with the vocational and veteran agriculture teachers in the different centers.

Hamilton Vets Meet

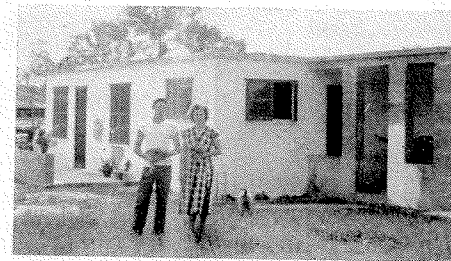
EXPERIMENT STATION WORKERS met with the Hamilton County veterans in a combined group meeting March 8. These men discussed the following topics with the veterans: "Improved Pasture Development & Care," "Parasites of Livestock," "Minerals for Livestock."

Mr. Henderson, Dr. Swanson, Dr. Becker and Mr. J. Lee Smith led in this discussion.

Dick Vermeulen Makes Own Concrete Blocks for Farm Home on Highway

TWENTY-EIGHT YEAR OLD Dick Vermeulen is doing a fine job in his training program. He started making his own concrete blocks for a well-planned home the first year of training. The completed structure is made entirely of concrete and steel, even to the roof and floors. This modern beautiful home was built by the trainee with the able assistance of his wife. It is located on the highway between Palatka and Gainesville. A road-side market has been developed to handle eggs, hens, fryers, a variety of plants (tomatoes, cabbages, watermelons, sweet corn, oranges), and sweet potatoes. From the flower beds, it can be expected that a sign offering "Fresh Cut Flowers" will shortly appear on the highway.

Many improved practices are carried out on his farm. A carload of lime, high grade commercial fertilizer, and tons of poultry manure have been used this year to improve the fertility of the soil. A jeep is used in clearing land of stumps and trees, and to prepare the land for planting.



Dick Vermeulen, 28-year-old veteran trainee, is shown with his wife on their farm between Gainesville and Palatka.

The brooder house is twenty-five feet wide and one hundred feet long, made of aluminum. In his broiler program, five hundred day old chicks are placed in the brooder house every other week, and five hundred mature broilers are sold on the same schedule. Vermuelen is assisted by his veterans instructor.

His records, which are kept in detail, show that thirty head of cattle and thirty head of hogs are included in this program, and a high profit is shown for his work.

Annual Report for Institutional On-the-Farm Training Lists 5,338 Veteran Trainees

During the year of 1948, two hundred and eighty-four classes were in operation, with an active enrollment of 5,338 trainees. 3,048 were land owners, while 1,280 were renters, and 911 were sharecroppers. During the year, 1,262 farms were purchased, which changed the status of the trainee from renter or sharecropper to owner. They cultivated 230,642 acres of land, pastured 127,236 acres, and had 121,244 acres in forest.

In the table are practices with the total units and the number of trainees participated in each practice.

Annual Report of Accomplishments Institutional On Farm Training

Practices	Total Units	Number Participating	Practices	Total Units	Number Participating
Land cleared, acres	51,845	2,379	Eggs produced, dozen	898,587	3,774
New fence, rods	275,445	2,405	Poultry killed for home use, head	142,151	4,138
Land bought, acres	55,514	2,826	Hogs owned, head	65,143	4,076
Land owned, acres	228,346	3,072	Pigs raised, head	55,957	3,500
Land rented, acres	147,717	1,949	Sows bred to pure bred boar, head	13,887	2,003
Land sharecropped, acres	68,600	1,308	Farrowing houses const., units	702	524
Farm shops constructed, units	510	567	Self feeders const., units	1,044	676
Dwellings constructed, units	728	759	Hogs vaccinated, head	59,095	3,046
Dwellings owned, no.	3,227	2,922	Hogs wormed, head	48,829	2,604
Barns owned, no.	3,083	2,543	Hogs butchered for home use, lbs.	1,460,641	3,688
Poultry houses owned, no.	3,817	2,659	Mineral mix, dairy cattle, lbs.	322,742	2,257
Dairy buildings owned, no.	234	255	Dairy cattle owned, head	16,173	2,512
Terraces const. or renovated, miles	2,401	700	Milk produced, gals.	3,312,941	2,836
Ditches const. or cleaned, feet	1,357,243	1,386	Butter produced, lbs.	210,795	2,447
Land reforested, acres	2,113	221	Cattle tested for Bangs and T.B., head	5,479	1,147
Cover crops turned under, acres	40,099	402	Barns const. or renovated, Dairy, units	789	754
Cover crops planted, acres	33,151	1,754	High quality hay fed, tons	8,291	1,328
Legumes seeded, acres	18,166	1,425	Calves raised, dairy, head	5,504	2,195
Irish potatoes planted, acres	2,528	1,624	Artificially inseminated cows, head	72	77
Corn planted, acres	97,439	3,768	Cows bred to pure bred sires, Dairy, head	2,939	735
Cotton planted, acres	5,284	816	Silage fed, tons	284	120
Sugarcane planted, acres	2,266	1,427	Beef cattle owned, head	15,770	1,485
Truck crops planted, spring, acres	15,551	2,154	Emasculators used, head	1,867	364
Strawberries planted, acres	1,769	510	Mineral mix used, lbs.	154,801	1,149
Sweet potatoes planted, acres	2,676	2,121	Cows bred to pure bred sires, beef, head	5,195	535
Truck crops planted, fall, acres	7,403	1,656	Calves fed for market or home use, head	3,380	1,015
Pecans, acres	2,226	715	Cattle treated for parasites, head	10,415	1,071
Tobacco, shade, acres	161	113	Cattle vaccinated, head	1,365	315
Tobacco, flu, acres	2,908	734	Self feeders constructed, units	242	241
Citrus, acres	7,465	546	Barns or sheds const. or renovated, units	516	502
Ferns, acres	498	171	Workstock owned, head	4,237	3,191
Flowers, acres	552	217	Vaccinated—sleeping sickness, head	1,090	594
Sub tropical fruit, acres	230	70	Treated for parasites, workstock, head	3,492	734
Other fruits, acres	1,255	496	Disease controlled, workstock, head	266	175
Peanuts planted, acres	54,772	2,630	Colts raised, head	195	232
Pastures, acres in	81,017	2,253	Shrubs transplanted, cared for, no.	238,232	1,710
Orchard, acres in	3,856	986	Lawns prepared, fertilized, seeded, no.	1,070	1,201
Tung oil, acres in	853	148	Fruit trees transplanted, trees	31,391	1,725
Soils limed, acres	10,607	1,124	Fruit trees pruned, trees	43,631	1,328
Crops fertilized, acres	87,669	4,508	Fruit trees sprayed, trees	106,697	643
Adapted hybrid corn grown, acres	15,064	1,254	Fruit trees budded or grafted, no.	69,120	357
Crops treated to control insects, acres	36,916	2,595	Gardens planted and cared for, acres	9,673	4,638
Permanent pastures seeded, acres	6,362	611	Food canned, qts.	818,121	4,367
Legumes hay harvested, tons	4,872	957	Food dried, lbs.	47,117	749
Grass seed harvested, lbs.	26,953	119	Meat cured, lbs.	1,030,022	3,224
Clover seed harvested, lbs.	7,305	84	Food stored in frozen locker, lbs.	29,602	306
Soy beans planted, acres	1,820	165	Lard rendered, gals.	89,561	3,382
Poultry owned, head	412,263	4,275	Tractors purchased, No.	767	784
Baby chicks brooded, head	563,706	2,814	Combines purchased, No.	25	85
Laying hens fed bal. rations, head	123,852	2,539	Mowers purchased, No.	449	284
Flocks culled, head	5,255	2,234	Other machinery purchased, No.	3,927	1,696
Poultry vaccinated, head	123,919	408	Machinery repaired, units	8,303	2,530
Brooders const. or renovated, units	2,010	1,353	Machinery painted, units	2,354	1,063
Houses disinfected or whitewashed, units	1,965	1,367	Farm buildings constructed, No.	1,620	1,231
			Farm buildings painted, No.	490	411
			Bees, stands owned	5,075	383

Cash Enterprises

Produced for the first time by trainees on their farms during the last year.

	Number of Farms	Scope
Truck Crops	678	3,073 acres
Poultry	228	169,736 head
Eggs	6	1,928 dozen
Syrup	12	1,600 gals.
Dasheens	2	3 acres
Dairy cows	28	274 head
Cattle, beef	52	832 head
Pasture	12	355 acres
Sorghum	14	32 acres
Pulpwood	7	133 cords
Bees	8	179 stands
Soy beans	8	291 acres
Pecans	9	95 acres
Cotton	37	291 acres
Tropical fruit	5	8 acres
Chuffas	6	59 acres
Goats	3	9 head
Oats	3	14 acres
Clover	17	152 acres
Gum farming	1	1,300 faces
Cross ties	1	300 ties
Sugar cane	8	61 acres
Hegari	6	69 acres
Lupine	32	476 acres
Peanuts	56	755 acres
Melons	84	827.5 acres
Hogs	181	2,875 head
Tobacco	20	50 1/2 acres
Citrus	3	148 acres
Turkeys	12	593 head
Indigo	42	75 acres
Strawberries	21	27 5/6 acres
Rye grass	3	52 acres
Sweet Potatoes	4	11 acres
Corn	6	65 acres

Wewahitchka Veterans

WEWAHITCHKA—These young farmers are participating 100 per cent in the Liberty-Calhoun-Gulf County Cooperative. Also they own a cement block machine co-operatively for producing blocks for the members. They started beautifying the roadside leading into "Wewa" by planting over 400 rose bushes.

Ponce de Leon Uses Map

PONCE DE LEON—The members have been very active with Soil Conservation in making land use maps and plans, water disposal areas, building bullheads across gullies, widening and cleaning spillways, drainage ditches, terrace outlets, planting erosion control crops, and terracing 350 acres of land. Most of this work has been done by the members, individually and cooperatively.

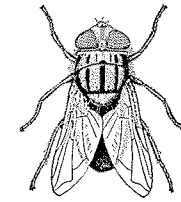
Cooperative Selling By the Trainees

	Number Individuals	Quantity	Value
Hogs	193	2,143 head	\$ 68,076.00
Cattle	21	109 head	6,641.00
Poultry	16	1,330 head	1,783.00
Watermelons	53	103 cars	23,175.00
Potatoes, sweet	2	6 1/2 tons	380.00
Soybeans	4	101 tons	6,734.00
Gum	3	150 bbls.	3,600.00
Syrup	30	540 gals.	545.00
Citrus	1	1,254 boxes	2,105.00
Lupine	16	22 acres	612.00
Pecans	5	700 lbs.	120.00
Milk	8	20,585 gals.	11,937.00
Truck crops	417		314,049.00
Tomatoes	4	200 crates	900.00
Hogs	2	2,000 lbs.	400.00
Tobacco	5	1,500 lbs.	750.00
	780		\$441,807.00

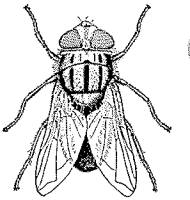
Cooperative Buying By the Trainees

	Number Individuals	Quantity	Value
Fertilizer	786	3,810 1/2 tons	\$150,957.75
Feed	405	749,425 lbs.	31,752.00
Seed, Miscellaneous	556	30,405 lbs.	13,851.50
Seed, corn	62	25 bu.	257.25
Clover seed	7	230 lbs.	124.00
Soybean seed	8	400 lbs.	42.00
Fern seed	6	50 lbs.	600.00
Chufa seed	58	12,600 lbs.	1,100.50
Grass seed	16	560 lbs.	159.00
Peanut seed	86	26,820 lbs.	6,705.00
Oats seed	68	1,080 bu.	2,166.00
Melon seed	14	440 lbs.	1,005.00
Hegari	5	2,000 lbs.	100.00
Tobacco plants	12	80,000 plants	240.00
Seed potatoes	90	475,213 lbs.	15,280.00
Cows	20	66 head	1,577.00
Poultry	45	4,514 head	820.50
Hogs	148	613 head	11,975.00
Pecan trees	9	110 trees	165.00
Indigo	41	3,745 lbs.	1,227.00
Minerals	171	17,600 lbs.	908.00
Fruit trees	81	432 trees	305.50
Lumber	35		544.00
Equipment	4		2,780.00
Power Sprayer	2		1,250.00
Soil testing outfit	43	2	60.00
Tires	7	12	254.00
Wire			132.50
Gas	12		59.00
Tobacco transplanter	4	1	570.00
Insecticides	3		6.00
Drugs	21		293.00
Rat poison	8		8.00
Eradicator	12		28.00
Cane mill	17	1 mill	75.00
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Paint	5	17 gals.	75.00
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