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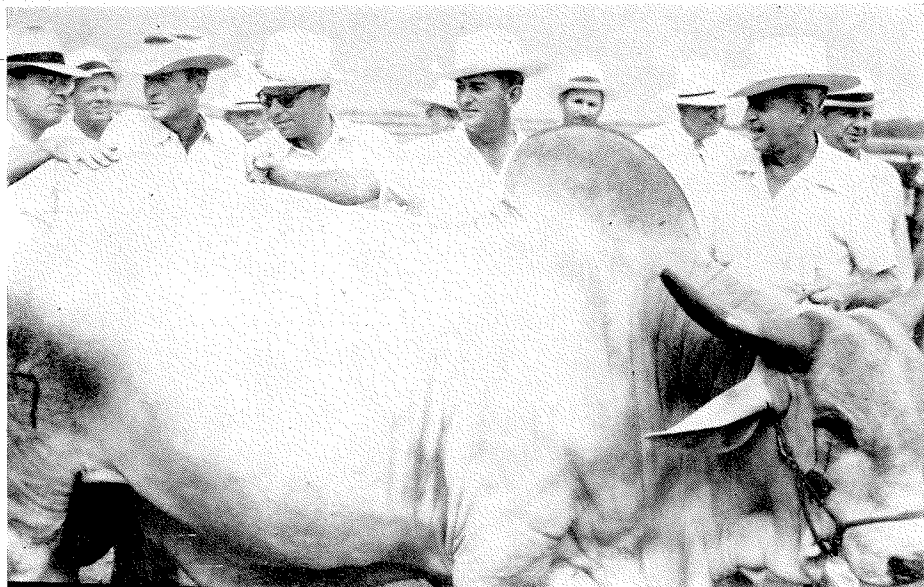
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Death of Henry C. Groseclose

THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION STAFF of Virginia announced the death of Henry C. Groseclose. His death on June 4 in Bluefield Hospital brought to an end a career of outstanding achievement in the vocational agriculture field and FFA organization.

Henry C. Groseclose was one of the pioneers in agriculture in Virginia and the United States during its most critical period. He was nationally known as one of the founders of the Future Farmers of America. The constitution, by-laws, and ritual of the national organization were largely the work of this versatile man. For more than twelve years, he was associated directly with the national F. F. A., first as executive secretary-treasurer and then as treasurer.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Groseclose attended Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, receiving both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in agricultural education from the latter institution. He served the public school system of Virginia for twenty-seven years as teacher, high school principal, teacher-trainer in agricultural education at V. P. I., State Supervisor of Secondary Instruction, and as division superintendent of schools in Bland county.

Mr. Groseclose possessed one of the most genial personalities with which a public educator could be endowed. During his active career, he made more friends and exerted a greater influence over the lives of more young men than could ever be enumerated.

Mr. Groseclose will be missed. He was an inspiring teacher and a wise counsellor. He believed in the Future Farmers of America and in vocational agriculture and interpreted the total program as a vital part of America's democratic way of life.

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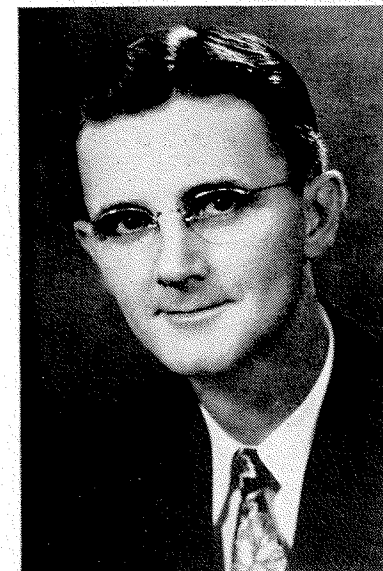
The Quincy FFA Chapter String Band, 1950 State Champions, entertaining at the annual Banquet at the State Convention, June 29, 1950—William Timmons, Harry Howell, George Johnson, Tommy Betts, Jack Peacock, and Wesley Goodson.

By Way of Editorial Comment:

Our Responsibilities

by DR. J. WAYNE REITZ

RECENTLY I had an interesting visit with an agricultural scientist from Germany who had traveled over much of the United States. He was a keen observer and was greatly impressed with the



DR. REITZ

productivity of American agriculture. Yet that which impressed him most was our lack of appreciation for our freedom and for the many material advantages which we enjoy. We have a strong tendency, according to him, to take for granted our many privileges and opportunities. No doubt there is much truth in his observation. Lack of appreciation does extend into many aspects of our living. In agriculture, we often fail to appreciate the contributions which were made in bringing about our present development. We are so occupied with present problems that we forget discoveries which are now commonly accepted practices. Progressive and imaginative farmers have made great contributions in developing better farming methods. Again research workers in our state agricultural experiment stations and other research agencies have made great discoveries for the improvement of agriculture. Were it not for the findings of these scientists the agriculture of Florida would not exist as we know it today. Better varieties of crops and breeds of livestock, improved nutritional programs for crops and livestock, constant improvement in controlling insects and diseases, better farm management and improved marketing practices all stem from research which has been carried on over the years. This is a rich heritage.

Research discoveries are of no avail, (Continued on page 12)

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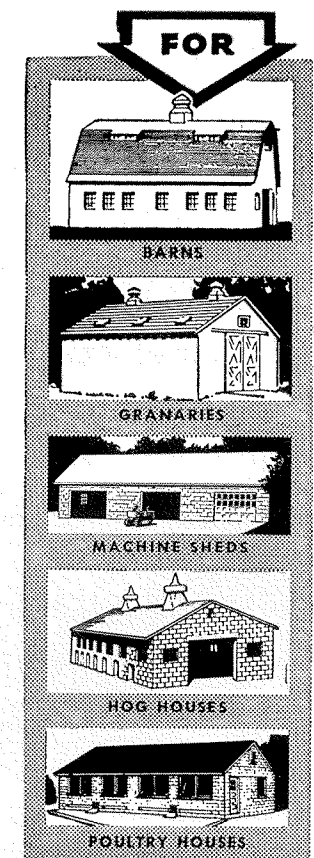
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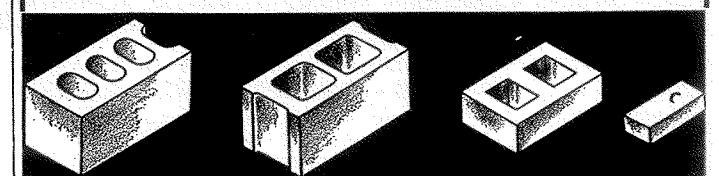
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State FFA Adviser Outlines Work Of Future Farmers During 1949-50

by H. E. Wood, State Adviser
DURING the past year, seven new chapters were added or re-established, and twenty-five new advisers were employed. With over 6900 members, an increase of 13.6% over last year's membership, the Florida Association will be entitled to seven American Farmers this year.

Chapters throughout the State participated in many events, including: tours of other states, experiment station farms, and visits to other chapters; members of local chapters presented programs before civic organizations; and many Future Farmers received awards for their outstanding work during the year.

Florida's full quota of six American Farmer Degrees were awarded. Four members were accepted for the National Chorus and three for the National Band. The DeLand and Paxton chapters were awarded Gold Emblems. The National Convention exhibit, featuring shade tobacco, was prepared by the Quincy chapter.

The Florida Association sponsored the "Doyle Conner" special train to the National Convention with over two hundred members and friends from Florida, and over one hundred F. F. A. members and

their friends from Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, to honor our National President from Florida.

The annual Future Farmer Forestry Training Camp was held at Camp O'Leno, with 156 members attending. The State Officers held their first executive meeting and received annual leadership training during the second week of the camp. Also, Florida was the host for the Tri-State Public Speaking and Quartet Contests which were held at the camp. Donald Burch, past president 1948-49 attended Camp Miniwanca in Michigan.

At shows and fairs this past year Don Fuqua, Altha Chapter, exhibited the grand champion cow in the West Florida Dairy Show at Chipley, with the Cottondale Chapter winning the judging. In the Ocala Hog Show, Donald Burch and Lehman Fletcher, Suwannee Chapter, won the F. F. A. Grand and Reserve Championship in the barrow class, while H. F. Wiggins, Jr., Williams Memorial Chapter, exhibited the F. F. A. Grand and Reserve Champion sow and boar, respectively, and the Umatilla Chapter won the judging.

National honors were won in judging by members and teams from Bartow and

Plant City in the National Dairy Show in Waterloo, Iowa, and the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City. The Silver Emblem was awarded the Plant City Team and Jimmy Morgan, a member of the Team, won the Gold Emblem award as he was the 3rd highest individual judge in the nation.

The Bushnell Chapter won the judging at the All Florida Breeders' Show in Webster. In the West Coast Dairy Show at Tampa, Turkey Creek Chapter was the top judging team, and Umatilla Chapter placed first at the Brahman Show in Ocala.

In Quincy, at the West Florida Fat Cattle Show, Pat Thomas exhibited the Grand Champion, took top honors in Showmanship, and won the Mayo Scholarship. Campbellton Chapter won in judging.

At the Southeastern Fat Stock Show, H. F. Wiggins, Jr., Williams Memorial Chapter, exhibited the F. F. A. Champion and Reserve Champion, won the Showmanship Contest for the second year, and the Mayo Scholarship. The DeLand Chapter won in judging.

The Collegiate Chapter prepared an exhibit on Future Farmer work for the Annual Agricultural Fair at the University of Florida, and the Groveland Chapter won the Egg Exhibit.

The chapters in Hillsborough and Polk Counties participated in outstanding Youth Fairs at Plant City and Bartow.

The Turkey Creek Chapter won in judging at the Imperial Brahman Show in Bartow, and the Sailfish Chapter of Stuart won in judging at the Southeast Florida Stock Show in Belle Glade.

At the Florida State Fair, members of the Florida Association had the largest exhibit of livestock in the history of the event and held their annual "F. F. A. Day." The Quincy and Plant City Chapters won the top awards for showing in the Sears, Roebuck Bull Show. Mr. Nathan Mayo presented rosettes to Donald Turman, Suwannee Chapter; Max Carr, Sarasota Chapter; Jerry Owens, Quincy Chapter; and Arlene Wetherington, Turkey Creek Chapter, for showing the top animals in their class. The DeLand, Turkey Creek, Tallahassee, and Sarasota Chapters received a purebred heifer each for their outstanding work with cattle during the past year. Bartow and Tavares placed first and second in the livestock judging to represent the State in national judging next October at Kansas City, Missouri and Waterloo, Iowa.

A number of forestry activities were sponsored by the Florida FFA Association

during 1949-50. A reforestation program was undertaken with 5161 individuals participating. Over two (2) million pine seedlings were planted with 206,160 of these being planted on part of the 6953 acres in chapter forests. 2995 miles of fire-lines were constructed; 2163 miles of fire-lines repaired. 4450 acres of young trees were trimmed, with improved cuttings being practiced on 43,171 acres, and 376,835 faces were worked for resin.

Over ninety percent of the chapters had as the highlight of the year their annual banquet for parents and friends. Your State President presented Congressman Charles Bennett with the Honorary State Farmer Degree at the Bell and Trenton Chapters' combined banquets. The degree has been presented to ten outstanding men during the past year.

Field days were held by the High Springs and Alachua Chapters and the Suwannee Chapter. The Kiwanis Club of Live Oak gave the Suwannee Chapter eighty acres of land to be used for pasture and forestry.

Governor Fuller Warren issued a proclamation for the Annual Future Farmer Week, which over half of the chapters observed in various ways. Several newspapers wrote editorials and many of the broadcasting stations had programs concerning Future Farmer work.

Honors were also bestowed on past Future Farmer Officers who are now attending the University of Florida; Sandy Johnson, Past State President, was elected to the "Hall of Fame"; Earl Faircloth, Past State President, served as President of the Student Body; Doyle Conner, Past State and National President, was selected as one of five outstanding young men in Florida by the JayCees, and elected as a member of the 1951 Legislature, representing Bradford County.

For detailed accounts of the activities reviewed in this report, refer to the four most recent issues of the Future Farmer Magazine, which was published quarterly in 1949-50; 10,000 copies per issue.

Scrapbook Contest Won By Live Oak

FOR THE SECOND YEAR in succession, the Suwannee FFA Chapter of Live Oak, Florida, won the State Scrapbook Contest, receiving a \$25.00 award and the State Pennant. The following Chapters were top in their districts and each received a \$10.00 award: Vernon, Quincy, Deland, Bartow and Homestead.

The Scrapbooks contained pictures of members and Chapter Projects; Cooperative leadership, recreational and other activities participated in by members of the Chapters; ribbons won in contests, letters of commendation and progress of different events.

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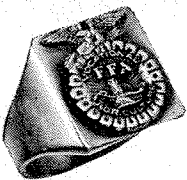


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New State Officers for 1950-51 include (from left) Don Fuqua, Altha, president; Donald Plunket, Turkey Creek, first vice president; Lehman Fletcher, Live Oak, second vice president; Pat Thomas, Quincy, third vice president; Harold Swann, DeLand, fourth vice president; Ernie Redish, Clewiston, fifth vice president; and Eugene Walding, Bethlehem, sixth vice president.



Contestants for "1950 Sweetheart of Florida FFA" are shown at left, and judges of the contest are pictured at right. Contestants, with name of sponsoring chapter, are (from left) Carol Elinor, Havana; Helen Johnson, Ocoee; Carlene Young, Clay (Green Cove Springs); Nerlene Chandler, Graceville; Mary Bell Twitty, Sebring (maid of honor); and Bennie Glenn Condon, Citrus (Inverness), the State Sweetheart. Right panel shows Senator W. A. Shands, Rep. Ralph Turlington, Gainesville, and Rep. Doyle Conner, Starke, as they deliver the sweetheart cup to Miss Condon.

Leadership Training Highlights FFA Convention at Gainesville

THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, Future Farmers of America, opened its 22nd annual Convention and Leadership Training Conference, June 26, 1950, at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The Theme of the Convention was "Better Florida Farming Through Future Farmer Leadership Training", and more than 500 present and future leaders participated in its activities. Words of welcome and greetings were extended to the delegates by Vice-President Allen, Dr. Johns, and Provost of Agriculture, Dr. Wayne Reitz, all of the University of Florida.

Merril Cartwright of Booneville, Mississippi, National Third Vice-President of the FFA, was honor guest at the convention and gave a very inspiring message, in which he highly complimented the program and activities of the Florida Association. Our delegates were very happy to have this opportunity to become acquainted with Merrill and hope that he may again be able to visit the Future Farmers in Florida.

A highlight of the Convention was an address by Honorable Tom Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Supt. Bailey complimented the leadership training of the Florida Future Farmers, urged them to consider well their privileges and duties as citizens of our great Democracy, and challenged them to meet their opportunities that are now "greater than ever before in the State of Florida".

Leadership training by the FFA was also highly complimented by Past National and Past State FFA President, Doyle Conner, and by "Woody" Liles, former-

ly a member of the FFA, and now Vice-President of the University of Florida Student Body.

The Convention's most popular event was the FFA Sweetheart Contest held this year for the first time on a State-wide basis. Six attractive and talented young ladies from the six FFA Districts of Florida were guests of their home chapters at the Convention, and contested for the designation of "Sweetheart of the Florida Association, FFA." Their friendliness, personalities, and display of talent at the Wednesday evening Assembly were heartily welcomed by the delegates.

Miss Bennie Glenn Condon of the Cit-

rus Chapter at Inverness was selected as the first Sweetheart of the Florida Association FFA, and received a gold loving cup. Miss Mary Bell Twitty of the Sebring Chapter was awarded a Sterling silver dish as "Maid of Honor". Both of these young ladies entertained with fine performances on the piano.

Other District "Sweetheart" winners who attended the Convention were: Miss Nerlene Chandler of Graceville, a talented elocutionist; Miss Carol Elinor of Havana, an accomplished pianist; Miss Carolene Young of Green Cove Springs, who demonstrated her talent as an artist in drawing; and Miss Helen Johnson of Ocoee, who "gets her man" with delicious cake and other "sweets".

Senator Shands and Representative Ralph Turlington of Gainesville, and Representative Doyle Conner had the dif-

President's Message

Fellow Future Farmers:

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to each and every delegate to the Convention for showing their faith in me by electing me to the office of President of the Florida FFA Association for 1950-51.

This is the greatest honor ever bestowed upon me, and I am fully aware of my duties and responsibilities.

Under the capable guidance of our past officers, we have made noticeable progress. We owe a debt of gratitude to these leaders of the past, for their diligence in working toward the advancement of our organization.

With the cooperation of each member and officer of the Florida FFA and the splendid example set for me by our past leaders, I am inspired to hope that I will meet each of my obligations during the coming year, in such a way that our organization will be served best and that 1950-51 will bring greater achievements and honors for the Florida FFA.

DON FUQUA

ficult task of selecting the Sweethearts, who were judged on beauty, stage presence and talent.

Another first at this convention was the introduction to the delegates of the newly adopted State FFA Song. The words and music of this song were composed by Mrs. Janice C. Northrop, Choir director of the University Methodist Church, and wife of District FFA Adviser, F. L. Northrop. The State song was enthusiastically received by the group and has been duplicated by the State Association to be made available to all chapters in the State.

Recreational and instructional activities of the Convention included athletic and musical events; swimming; a fish fry, sponsored by the State Association, FFA a tour of the Experiment Station grounds, and activities, arranged by Director W. M. Fifield, with transportation furnished by the Alachua County Board of Public Instruction; a special talent entertainment night; and the annual State FFA Banquet.

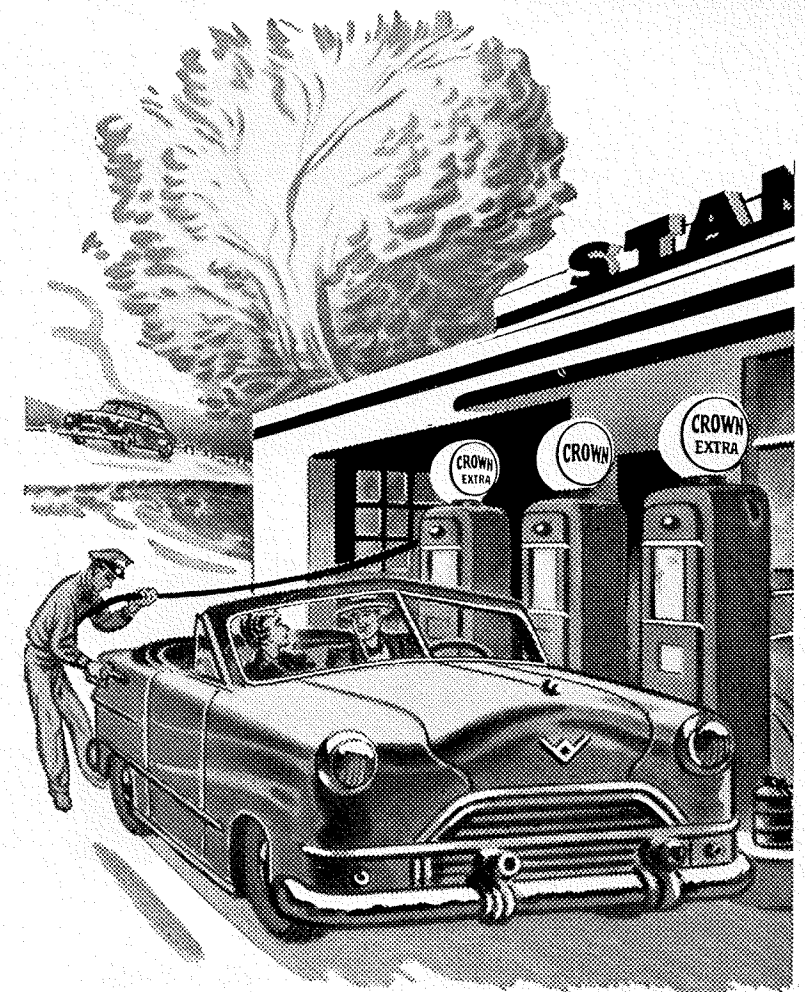
In the special Talent Program, the group was entirely captivated by two accomplished boy sopranos, Sheldon Outlaw and Walter Grimsley, accompanied by Mrs. Charlie Byers, all of Green Cove Springs. Sheldon sang "Mother Machree" and "Night and Day" and Walter entertained with "Shoe Shine Boy" and "Candy and Cake".

The annual Banquet was held in the beautiful banquet room of the University of Florida Student Union Building with 400 Future Farmers, Advisers, and guests present. President L. C. Vaughn ably "Toasted" the banquet and assured the friendly and happy atmosphere which prevailed. Mr. J. C. Rogers gave an appreciative response to the welcome, extended by State FFA Vice-President, Alvin Futch. Numerous and varied awards were made, and the winners heartily applauded. Thirteen Floridians were presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree, and gifts from delegates and State Officers of the Florida Association were presented to State Adviser H. E. Wood and State Executive Secretary A. R. Cox, as expressions of appreciation for the friendly assistance and hearty cooperation which these men had given in connection with the year's FFA activities.

All delegates attending the banquet were guests of the Ford Tractor Company of Jacksonville, which, in addition, has been very helpful to Future Farmers in local chapters throughout the State.

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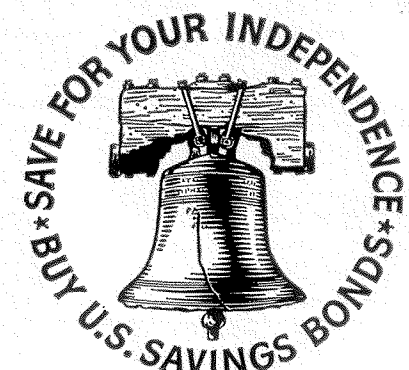
THE CHIPLEY FFA CHAPTER recently presented a "night of entertainment", which featured music, presents, prizes, and a hat auction, at the high school auditorium. Proceeds were used to send Future Farmer members to the State Convention.

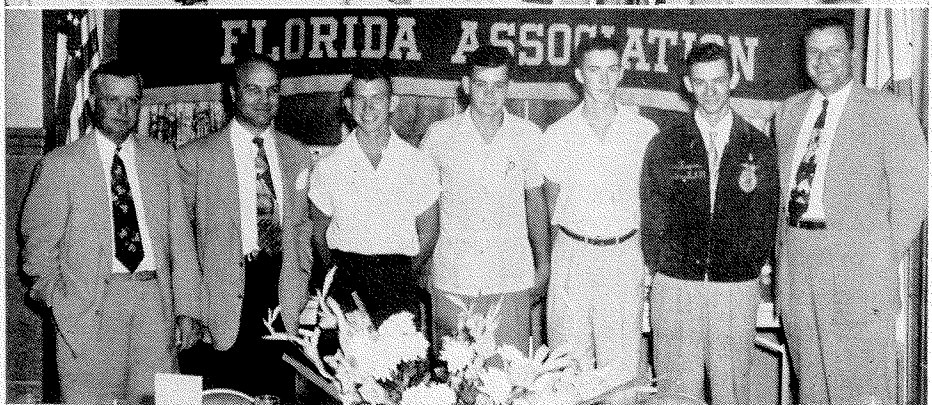
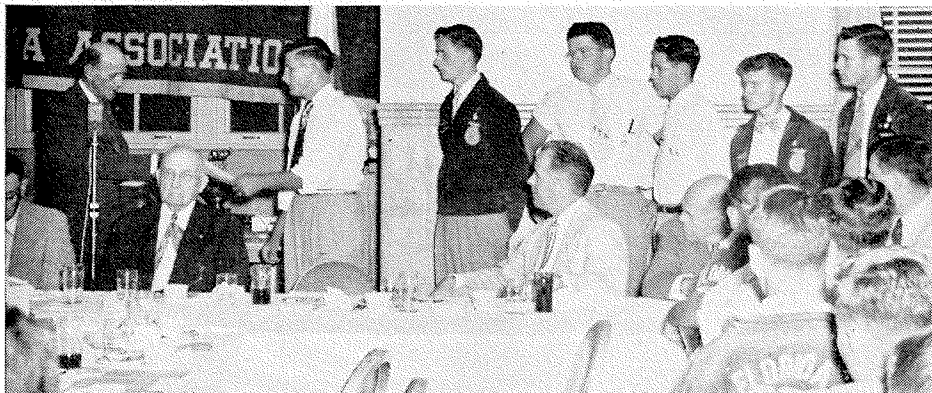


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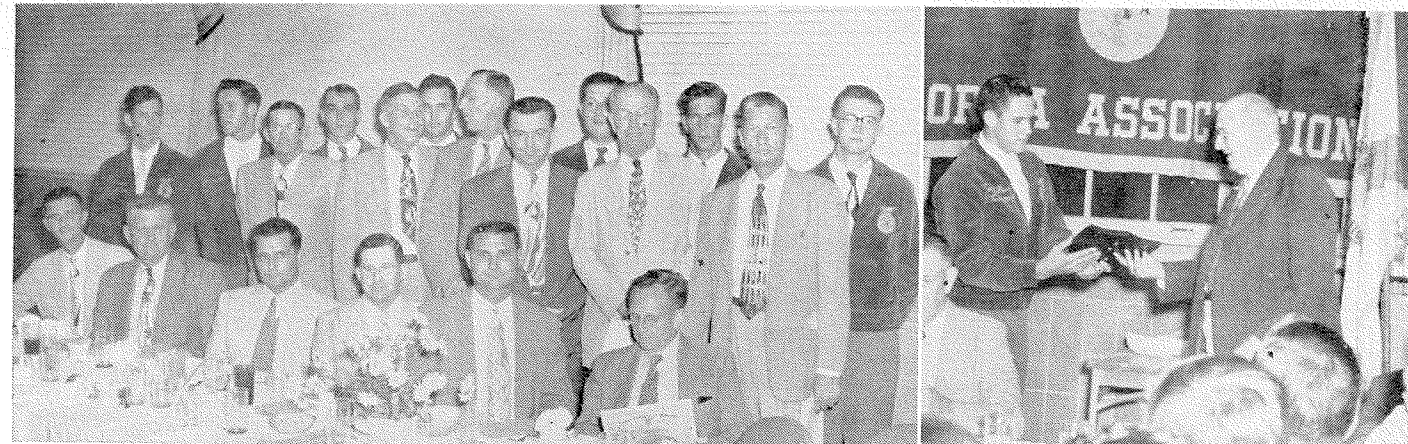
WINNERS in the State-wide competition for the awards made by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. have been announced. These awards are given in each contest to one winner in State-wide competition with no eliminations in districts. Individual winners in the Farm Mechanics, Farm & Home Electrification, Star State Dairy Farmer, and Soil and Water Management Contests each received \$100.00 award from the National FFA Foundation.

A new contest added this year is the Farm Safety Contest, in which \$100.00 went to the Chapter doing the outstanding job in Farm Safety instruction.

This award went to the Quincy Chapter, of which Pat Thomas is President and D. M. Bishop, Vocational Agricultural Instructor. Chairman of the Chapter Safety Committee was Bobby Woodard.

Safety practices were learned and observed by members in connection with projects and activities connected with School Farm Mechanics shop, field trips community and school projects.

From top to bottom • J. F. Bazemore, Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, presents Leadership awards to Clyde Singletary, Allentown; Don Fuqua, Altha; Harry Coleman, Trenton; Joe Prevedel, Leesburg; Donald Plunket, Turkey Creek; and Ernie Redish, Clewiston • Winners of the Bankers' Scholarship are shown with Mr. Floyd Call, (left) executive secretary, and J. C. Rogers, president of the Florida Bankers' Association. Others, from left, include Lehman Fletcher, Live Oak; Fred Pippin, Plant City; Franklin Roberts, Sopchoppy; Glenn Wade; Wendell Bolden, Poplar Springs • Parliamentary Procedure state champions, from Marianna (from left) are Wilton Miller, Marlin Waldorf, Daniel Felt, Earl Carroll, Billy Wright, John Gause and R. F. Toole, adviser • Winners in the Florida State Cattlemen's Association feeder steer contest (from left) George Johnson, Quincy; Joe Mixon and Bobby White, Williston; Laurence Croft, Live Oak; Mort Welling, Fort Pierce, and the State Winner, Pat Thomas, Quincy • Seaboard Railway Forestry Winners at the annual convention banquet include (from left) M. E. "Red" Coleman, educational director, American Turpentine Association; R. N. Hoskins, SAL industrial forester; Franklin Roberts, Sopchoppy; Billy Fish, Taylor; Canova Howard, Lake Butler; Guyte Revell, Bristol; and George Williams, field representative, Turpentine and Rosin Factories, Inc., Valdosta, Ga.



Recipients of the Honorary State Farmer Degree (left panel) and Dr. W. S. Cawthon (right) were honored by the Florida Association, FFA, at the Gainesville convention. Seated (from left) are Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, L. S. Harris, Harmon P. Morgan, G. W. Pryor, O. R. Farish, and Colin Gunn; standing (from left) are L. C. Vaughn, state FFA president; Matt Matthews, first vice president; Mr. W. A. Vaughn; Alvin Futch, second vice president; M. R. Avery; Charlie Alford, third vice president; H. G. Clayton; Charles S. Partin; Howell Waring, fourth vice president; J. M. Scott; Mittie Bronson, fifth vice president; F. L. Northrop; George Sprinkle, sixth vice president. Grover Henley was absent when the picture was made. The right panel shows Matt Matthews presenting a plaque to Dr. Cawthon, past state superintendent of public instruction, who years ago received the Honorary State Farmer Degree from Gray Miley, first president of the Florida association, who is now superintendent of the Delta Experiment Station in Mississippi. In intervening years Dr. Cawthon has demonstrated an interest and sympathy for the growing organization, which has endeared him to all Future Farmers and their friends.

Leadership, Scholarship and Cattlemen's Award Winners Are Announced During Gainesville Convention

THROUGH the interest and cooperation of three leading State Organizations, Florida FFA members have received many valuable awards and scholarships. A large number of the agricultural students have consequently been encouraged to carry out better supervised farming programs and a few have received money or scholarships which enabled them to become even wiser and better farmers.

Following precedent, these special awards were made a highlight of the 1950 State Convention Banquet.

J. F. Bazemore, of the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, long-time supporter and friend of Florida's Future Farmers, was on hand to give each of the six boys who ranked first in their districts in the State Farmer Contest a \$50.00 award to help defray his expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Clyde Singletary of the Allentown Chapter in District I; Don Fuqua of the Altha Chapter in District II; Harry Coleman of the Trenton Chapter in District III; Joe Prevedel of the Leesburg Chapter in District IV; Donald Plunket of the Turkey Creek Chapter in District V; and Ernie Redfish of the Clewiston Chapter in District VI, were the proud recipients of these awards.

Five boys who have demonstrated superior leadership ability, demonstrated their skill in successful supervised farming practice, and shown promise of profiting by college work, were awarded \$100 scholarships to the University of Florida by Floyd Call, Executive Secretary of the State Bankers' Association.

The boys who received these Bankers'

Scholarships were Wendell Bolden of Poplar Springs, Franklin Roberts of Sopchoppy, Lehman Fletcher of (Suwannee Chapter) Live Oak, Glenn Wade of Bushnell, and Fred Pippin of Plant City.

The Florida Cattlemen's Association cooperated with the State FFA Association to promote State Beef cattle production by sponsoring the Feeder Steer and Beef Breeding Contests.

Pat Thomas of Quincy, State winner of the Feeder Steer Contest, was presented an award of \$100. This money will be used to pay the National Convention expenses of Pat and D. M. Bishop, his instructor, next October.

To Mort Welling of the Ft. Pierce Chapter, Lawrence Croft of Williams Chapter (Live Oak), Bobby White and Joe Mixon of the Williston Chapter, George Johnson of the Quincy Chapter, went \$10.00 awards for State Convention attendance.

Sonny Griffin of the Bartow Chapter was State winner in the Florida Cattlemen's Beef Breeding Contest. He was awarded \$100 toward the purchase of a purebred beef animal of his choice.

Bobby Woodward and Don Porter of the Quincy Chapter, H. F. Wiggins, Jr. of the J. F. Williams Chapter (Live Oak), Andrew Jackson of the Sebring Chapter, and Albert Plant of the Madison Chapter, received \$10.00 awards for State Convention expenses.

Honorary State Farmers

AT THE BANQUET PROGRAM on Thursday night of the State F. F. A. Convention, the members honored individuals who had rendered outstanding service to the organ-

ization by awarding them the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

Those honored were J. M. Scott, Dairy inspector, State Department of Agriculture, Gainesville, Colin D. Gunn, Secretary USDA Council, Gainesville, Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, Provost of Agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville, Charles P. Partin, supervising principal, Bradford School, Starke, Harmon P. Morgan, Bradford County Superintendent of Public Instruction, Starke, H. G. Clayton, Director of the Agricultural Extension Service, Gainesville, Grover Henley, Times Union Photographer, Jacksonville, L. S. Harris, President, Brahman Breeders Association, Bartow, W. A. Vaughn, Father of L. C. Vaughn, Bay Springs, O. R. Farish, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Gonzalez, Floyd L. Northrop, District Supervisor in Agricultural Education, Gainesville, G. W. Pryor, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Williston, and M. R. Avery, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Leesburg.

Forestry Winners

FRANKLIN ROBERTS, of the Sopchoppy FFA Chapter, won top honors in the Seaboard Airline Railway Forestry Contest. Franklin and his Teacher, Fred Johnson, will go to the National Convention as his award in being the State winner.

Franklin's forestry program consisted of working 3500 trees for gum, planting a pine seedbed, plowing 1½ miles of fireline, planting 3500 pine seedlings, thinning, and sawing lumber for building a home and several cabins and boats. Besides be-

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ing President of his local chapter, he has 37 head of hogs for meat, 1 acre sugar cane, 2 acres sweet potatoes, 25 bee hives, and 2 acres of vegetables.

Billy Fish, Taylor FFA Chapter, won \$20.00 for second place, and Canova Howard, Lake Butler, FFA Chapter, received \$15.00 for third place, and Guyton Revell, Bristol FFA Chapter, received \$10.00 for fourth place.

Sponsoring the cooperative 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.

Farm Mechanics

CLARENCE B. GULSBY, of the Tate Chapter, was winner of the Farm Mechanics Award. Young Gulsby owns a 30' x 30' home farm shop, which he operates to construct and maintain machinery, equipment, and buildings for the home farm. He has done considerable work for others, too, and with his father operates a feed and a grist mill. He has converted his shop equipment from gasoline to electric power wired his and other homes, and installed home and farm conveniences for himself and others. He owns about \$2500 of farm equipment half interest in \$257.00 worth of other equipment, in addition to his shop and equipment. Since his father turned the home farm shop over to him, Clarence has added equipment valued at about \$1200. Some of this he constructed himself, the rest he purchased with money from his FFA projects or borrowed from the bank.

"Pass the Chicken, Pappy"

IN THE "Pass the Chicken, Pappy" Banquet Contest, sponsored by Sears, Roebuck & Co., chicks are given to FFA Chapters upon application, and awards presented to the chapters that do the best job in growing the chicks to broilers to furnish the meat for their annual FFA Chapter banquets. Mr. W. C. Greenway, of the Public Relations Department of Sears, Roebuck & Co. presented the awards.

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

District I, Vernon, \$25.00; Baker, \$15.00; Poplar Springs, \$10.00.

District II—Sopchoppy \$25.00, Bristol \$15.00, Malone \$10.00.

District III—Columbia (Lake City), \$25.00; High Springs, \$15.00; Callahan, \$10.00.

District IV—Bushnell, \$25.00; Tavares, \$15.00; Groveland, \$10.00.

District V—Bradenton, \$25.00; Plant City, \$15.00; Bartow, \$10.00.

District VI—Sebring, \$25.00; Redland, \$15.00, Ft. Pierce, \$10.00.

State Farmer Degrees Awarded To Eighty-Two

The State Farmer Degree was conferred upon 82 members with a total labor income of \$137,-765.43, of the Florida Association at the State Convention. Winners with chapter, age and total labor incomes, are as follows:

DISTRICT I		
Mahlon McLaughlin, Allentown	17	\$ 411.65
Clyde Singletary, Allentown	17	1,252.04
Eugene Trawick, Allentown	19	588.90
Hilton Meadows, Bethlehem	16	801.86
Eugene Walding, Bethlehem	17	1,011.80
Charles Boland, Chipley	19	959.33
William Noah Griffin, Chipley	22	1,556.10
Eugene Swearingen, Chipley	17	401.05
Bruce Christmas, Cottondale	16	715.64
Coston Brunson, Paxton	18	456.96
J. W. Hayes, Paxton	16	690.63
Virgil Peacock, Marianna	17	1,323.76
Ewell Tadlock, Ponce de Leon	19	774.35
Wendell Bolden, Poplar Springs	17	2,972.45
R. W. Franklin, Poplar Springs	18	1,745.40
Merwyn Barrineau, Tate	18	979.80
Anthony Fillingim, Tate	17	944.61
Clarence Gulsby, Tate	17	1,560.09
Edward Lassiter, Vernon	18	592.65
Onus V. Williams, Vernon	16	1,264.27
Roland Griffith, Walton	18	324.40

DISTRICT II		
Don Fuqua, Altha	16	13,483.05
Wallace O'Bryan, Altha	17	3,037.85
Wallace Peacock, Altha	16	2,555.63
Billy Shepard, Greensboro	16	348.83
Frank Rowan, Greensboro	16	362.11
J. W. Dedge, Jasper	17	762.55
Maurice Cone, Madison	17	483.90
John Dixon, Madison	17	493.34
Leonard Thurman, Madison	18	573.19
Tom Wooten, Monticello	17	1,225.44
Carlton Bob Butler, Quincy	17	290.24
John Walker Edwards, Quincy	16	1,689.25
Maxwell Goza, Quincy	18	943.59
Pat Thomas, Quincy	16	1,784.43
Franklin Roberts, Sopchoppy	18	1,339.17

DISTRICT III		
John L. Alvarez, Bradford	20	\$ 646.29
Glenn L. Conner, Bradford	17	748.85
Harry Nelson Green, Bradford	17	688.25
Harold K. Norman, Bradford	18	2,953.55
Arnold Bell, Callahan	16	923.50
James Carter, Ft. White	16	1,968.70
Rodney Dicks, Lake City	16	673.13
Arthur Sasser, Lake City	16	815.76
C. W. Clemmons, Live Oak	17	1,252.48
Charles Collins, Live Oak	18	527.25
Lehman Fletcher, Live Oak	16	844.45
Arnold Hayes, Live Oak	18	1,140.90
Talmadge Lord, Live Oak	18	973.83
Harry L. Coleman, Trenton	20	1,621.25
Felton Rogers, Trenton	18	1,330.30

DISTRICT IV		
Glenn Wade, Bushnell	16	1,154.91
L. C. Cannon, Chiefland	15	423.60
Jimmy Dreggars, DeLand	16	428.13
Harold Swann, DeLand	19	1,201.00
Joe Prevedel, Leesburg	18	5,334.00
Jerry Spears, Leesburg	15	1,260.07
Leroy Baldwin, Ocala	17	666.00
Cedrick Smith, Reddick	15	1,663.20
Dewey Snowden, Summerfield	16	663.46

DISTRICT V		
Eugene Bass, Bartow	17	670.40
Marvin Brethauer, Bradenton	18	683.23
Gifford Chauncey, Bradenton	16	1,216.62
Jack Henderson, Ft. Meade	17	475.10
La Rue Bell, Plant City	19	946.22
Fred Pippin, Plant City	18	4,642.67
Ralph S. Wilhelm, Sarasota	17	794.92
Grady Croft, Turkey Creek	17	2,233.93
Jurl Mansell, Turkey Creek	18	1,148.50
Donald Plunket, Turkey Creek	17	5,828.50
Arlen Wetherington, Turkey Crk	17	1,267.81
Charles R. Cowart, Wauchula	16	363.24
Lawrence Shackelford, Wauchula	16	423.78
Vernon Morgan, Wimauma	17	250.79
Kenneth Simmons, Wimauma	19	1,265.00

DISTRICT VI		
Ernie Redish, Clewiston	17	388.67
Bill McIntosh, Ft. Pierce	19	485.53
Joseph W. Teague, Ft. Pierce	18	697.30
James W. Welling, Ft. Pierce	18	362.75
Raymond Carley, Miami-Jackson	17	1,230.82
Alfred Meeks, Pahokee	17	428.93
Ralph Hollenberg, Sebring	18	284.26

Trenton Wins State Chapter Contest

THE TRENTON FFA CHAPTER won 1st place in the 1949-50 Chapter Contest, sponsored by the Chain Store Council of Florida. The Allentown and Quincy Chapters won 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, in the State. The top two chapters will be entered in the National Future Farmer Chapter Contest. The Trenton Chapter received a total of \$50.00 in U. S. Savings Bonds, as winner in both the State and District. A special rotating plaque was presented to the President of the Trenton Chapter by J. E. Gorman, Executive Director of the Council, at the annual banquet. Allentown and Quincy received extra awards of \$15 and \$10, respectively, in addition to the district awards as shown. The chapters winning in the six districts of Florida (winning a \$25.00 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—Allentown, Paxton, Vernon, Escambia Farms, Tate (Gonzalez), Baker, Ponce de Leon, Poplar Springs.

District II — Quincy, Blountstown, Greensboro, Havana, Monticello, Altha, Madison, Jennings.

District III—Trenton, Suwannee (Live Oak), Branford, Bell, Bradford (Starke), Clay (Green Cove Springs), Hastings, Bill Sheely (Lake City).

District IV—DeLand, Ocala, Seminole (Sanford), Webster, Chiefland, Bushnell, Tavares, Weirsdale.

District V—Plant City, Bartow, Turkey Creek, Brandon, Ft. Meade, Palmetto, Largo, Bradenton.

District VI—Stuart, Ft. Pierce, Ft. Myers, Lake Placid, Pahokee, Clewiston, Moore Haven, Homestead.

Parliamentary Procedure

THE MARIANNA CHAPTER won the Parliamentary Procedure Contest, receiving \$25.00, a pennant, and the right to keep the Alpha Tau Alpha rotating cup for one year. Milton Miller, Earl Carroll, Daniel Pelt, Marlin Waldorf, John Gause and Billy Wright were the members of the championship team. Largo won the 2nd place award of \$20.00; Suwannee (Live Oak) placed third, receiving \$15.00; fourth place and \$12.50 was won by Clewiston. Umatilla and Quincy placed fifth and sixth respectively, each receiving \$10.00.

Electrification

TO ERNIE REDISH, President of the Clewiston FFA Chapter, went the \$100.00 award



Mr. J. E. Gorman, Florida Chain Store Council, presents to Horace Francis Arrington, president of the Trenton Chapter, the rotating plaque as state winner in the chapter contest. Mr. Tom Bailey, state superintendent of public instruction, and H. E. Brown, Trenton adviser, stand by.

in the State Farm and Home Electrification Contest. During the summers, Ernie works in partnership with his brother, an electrical contractor, and consequently, has had a great deal of practice in wiring farm homes and buildings and install electrical appliances and equipment. For his own farming use, his electrification activities have helped especially in his poultry production enterprise and in grading and packing the crops he uses. Ernie has one more year in high school agriculture and he plans for a future to include further study in agriculture in college and undertaking cattle as a business. He will serve the State FFA Organization as 5th Vice-President for the coming year.

ner story will be carried in the October issue.

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There was music every day at Gainesville • Upper left shows the Quincy state champion band, broadcasting over WGGG, Gainesville radio station, during the convention. Pictured are L. C. Vaughn, 1949-50 state president; Rep. Doyle Conner, past state and national FFA president; Wilton Miller, leader of the Marianna state champion parliamentary procedure team; and Merrill Cartwright, third national vice president of FFA, honored guest at the state convention • Lower left panel shows State Adviser H. E. Wood with the harmonica contestants. Hubert Fowler, Frink chapter adviser, holds the state winner pennant • At right is the Stuart chapter quartet, 1950 state champions, including (from left) Benny Fulton, bass; Steven Huddle, baritone; Paul Mispell, second tenor; and Jim Hutchinson, first tenor.

Champion String Band, Quartets, Harmonica Artists were Greatly in Demand During Gainesville Meeting

THE FUTURE FARMERS State Champion String Band, Quartettes, and Harmonica players were in great demand during the Convention for Radio programs, in the meeting, and the barracks.

The Quincy Chapter String Band of jugs, guitars, a washboard, and a mandolin played by Tommy Betts, Wesley Goodson, George Johnson, Jack Peacock, Harry Howell and Sonny Burke won the State Championship, receiving an award of \$25.00. This band was featured during the Convention meetings and on several radio programs. The Lake Butler band was second with a prize of \$15.00, and Kathleen received \$10.00 for third place; Chiefland and Baker followed in order given, each receiving \$5.00 awards.

The Stuart Quartet, consisting of Benny Fulton, 1st Bass; Steven Huddle, Baritone; Paul Mispell, 2nd Tenor; and Jim Hutchinson 1st Tenor, received \$25.00 for 1st place in the State. The Paxton Quartet was second with a prize of \$15.00, and Bartow received \$10.00 for third place; Quincy and Columbia (Lake City) followed in the order given, each receiving \$5.00 awards.

The Harmonica players held forth on

Wednesday night prior to the selection of the State Sweetheart. Hubert Fowler of the Frink FFA Chapter received \$10.00 for his playing of two solos. Millard Gomillon of Walton (DeFuniak Springs) won the second prize of \$8.00, and Chris

Alisi of Leesburg placed third for \$7.00. Doyle Magoteau of Wimauma, Jack McElfresh of Stuart, and Billy Giddings of Palatka, won fourth place through sixth places, respectively. Each winner received \$5.00.

Editorial: Our Responsibilities

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however, if not applied. Here is where the Agricultural Extension Service with its specialists and county agent system and the Smith-Hughes program with its vocational agriculture teachers make their contribution. To every farmer and rural youth in Florida the fruits of the latest research findings are available. This system of adult and youth education to promote a better agriculture is one which merits our appreciation.

Future Farmers of America and all rural youth can and should be thankful that they live in a land and in a time when agricultural research and educational programs are geared to their needs. This is a part of our total American heritage. That heritage imposes responsibilities. It

demands our help in the solution of problems yet unsolved. It requires the exercise of leadership in bringing about further improvements in rural life. It challenges the best that is in us. By meeting that challenge we can best express our appreciation for the contributions which have been and are being made on our behalf.

Slash Pine Planted

MEMBERS of the Bill Sheely Chapter, under the direction of their Adviser, Mr. J. L. Dunaway, have recently planted several slash pine seedlings on the site of the new City Sanitary Fill and Garbage Disposal Unit. This constitutes a community service project rendered by local members.

Don Fuqua is Florida Star Dairy Farmer

TOP HONOR in the Florida Star Dairy Farmer Contest and the FFA Foundation Award of \$100.00 go to Don Fuqua of Altha.

For his first project in vocational agriculture, Don has 16 dairy cows. The previous year, his father had added dairying to their farming program. Don, as the oldest of three sons, was automatically selected to operate the dairy while his father was kept busy managing the rest of the farm. Milk was cheap that year, but Don's labor income was \$2,850.97, nevertheless. With money previously made on poultry and watermelons, Don purchased a one-fourth interest in the dairy with an option to buy another fourth the following year. By using a few War Bonds and money saved from previous projects, he did purchase this fourth interest, and holds a 50% ownership in the dairy.

He has increased the original herd of 16 dairy animals to 75 of the Jersey breed. The combined value of dairy stock he owns exclusively and his share of stock owned in partnership is \$5900.00. Estimated value of his dairy equipment (including his share of partnership) is \$1132.00. He has built and reconditioned some of this equipment.

In 1946, a dairy heifer he showed at the West Florida Show at Chipley placed second. In 1949, at the same show, an animal which Don exhibited won the Grand Champion Award of the FFA division and a blue ribbon. He exhibited eight other animals which won 2 blue ribbons, 5 red ribbons, and 1 white ribbon. He received a total of \$77.00 in cash and a purebred Guernsey heifer. He also placed in dairy judging contests.

He has served as President and Vice-President of his chapter and as delegate to the State and National Convention, and will serve as the State FFA President this year in addition to holding office in other school and community organizations. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, The Dairy Ind. Assn. N. W. Florida Milk Producers Assn.

He plans to enter the University of Florida and major in Dairy Husbandry. After graduation, he will purchase the remaining interest in his father's dairy, and plans to take over the management of the 433 acre farm.

During the summer of 1948, when his father was sick and confined to the house from June through October, Don had a sample of what his future will hold.

This was one of the farm's most successful years.

Don was awarded a plaque from South-



Mr. Tom Bailey, (top panel) state superintendent of public instruction, presents the Southern Dairies Superior Achievement plaques in Dairying to Don Fuqua, star state dairy farmer, and Arlen Wetherington, top district winner. In lower picture E. T. Lay, executive secretary of the Florida Dairy Industries Association presents Wetherington, Turkey Creek, the FDIA cup for showing the Grand Champion FFA heifer at the 1950 Florida State Fair in Tampa. Presentation was made at the 1950 state banquet.

ern Dairies, Inc. as State winner. To each of the following boys, Southern Dairies, Inc. gave \$25.00 for placing first in their districts: James Jones, Chipley; Joe Register, Graceville; Billy Gunter, Suwannee (Live Oak); Edward Goodyear, Ocala; Eugene Pratt, Brandon, and Arlen Wetherington, Turkey Creek. Arlen received a plaque as the best boy among the six district winners.

Wetherington Gets FDIA Rotating Cup

ARLEN WETHERINGTON of the Turkey Creek F. F. A. Chapter was presented with the Florida Dairy Industries Rotating Cup at the Annual State F.F.A. Banquet by E. T. Lay, Executive Secretary of the Florida Dairy Industries. Arlen won this cup for exhibiting the Grand Champion F.F.A. Dairy heifer at the State Fair in Tampa and his splendid work with dairy animals. He is planning on continuing to increase and improve his herd and pasture.

Demonstration Farm

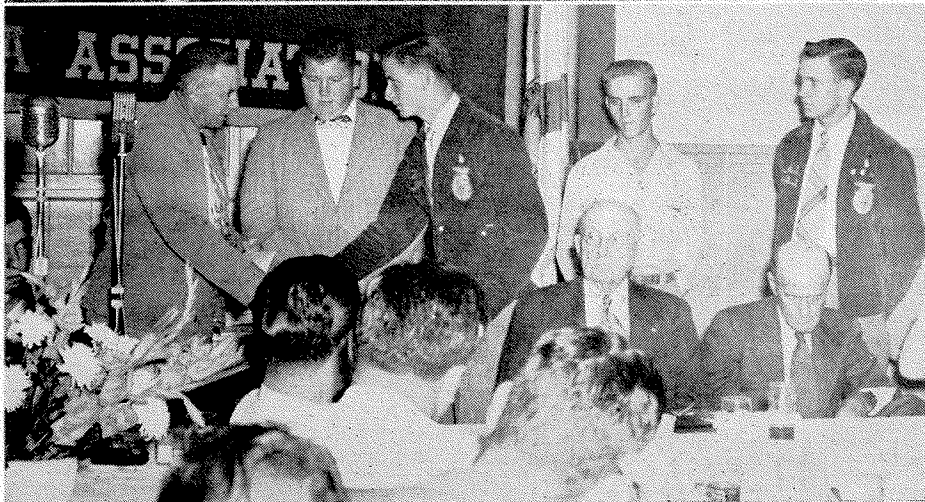
AT A RECENT MEETING of the Bradford County School Board, V. R. Ferguson, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Starke, presented a plan for the purchase of a demonstration farm to be used by the Bradford Chapter of Future Farmers of America. The proposed farm contains 300 acres and can be purchased over a 20-year period. The Board has agreed to proceed with the plan as outlined by Mr. Ferguson.

Lewis Scholarship

ALEX DEWAR, a member of the LaBelle FFA Chapter, is the winner of a Lewis Scholarship. Alex's scholarship is for \$400 per year, and will be available to him each year he remains in a qualified college in Florida.



Members of the Florida Association, FFA, who received the State Farmer Degree at the 1950 FFA State Convention in Gainesville, are shown in the picture above.



Bronson softballers defeated Havana in the finals, 21 to 6, for the championship. In top panel they are (left to right, front to back) Elton Dobb, Wayne Parnell, Clinton McKoy, Winfield Wilkerson, Franklin McKoy, Ted Guilford and Victor Shealy; Adviser G. W. Pryor, Wallace Jones, G. Berryhill, Jimmy Weeks, Joe Berryhill, G. W. Pettaway, Pat Smallwood, Pat Wasson, and A. P. McIntire. Bottom panel shows H. E. Wood, state FFA adviser, presenting \$100 checks on behalf of the Future Farmer Foundation, Inc., to the 1950 state winners: Pat Thomas, president of the Quincy chapter, winner of the chapter farm safety award; Don Fuqua, Altha, Florida FFA president, 1950-51 and winner of the State Star Dairy award; member of the Baker FFA chapter representing Delmus Steele, Baker, winner in the State Soil and Water Management Award; Ernie Redish, Clewiston, winner of the State Farm and Home Electrification Award; Clarence B. Gulsby, Tate (Gonzalez), winner of the State Farm Mechanics Award, was missing from the picture.

Bronson, Ocoee, Win Championships In Softball and Horseshoe Pitching

BRONSON FFA Chapter Softball team won the State Championship by defeating the Havana FFA team in the finals by a score of 21 to 6.

Chipley did the best in holding the Bronson team since they lost by a score of 2 to 4. Bronson then won from Miami-Jackson 18-11, to meet Havana in finals.

Havana had little trouble in winning their first game 13 to 2 from Brandon, then scored a 17 to 11 victory over Brandon, only to lose to Bronson in the finals.

Ocoee FFA Chapter won the State Horseshoe Pitching Championship from Clewiston in the finals.

L. C. Fox and Raymond Bruce pitched horseshoes for Ocoee.

Havana FFA Outing

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Havana FFA Chapter, along with their Adviser, Mr. O. E. Yearty, went to Panama City Beach for a week-end recently.

Walton Chapter Back from Trip To New York

THE TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS of the Walton Chapter (DeFuniak Springs) Future Farmers of America, report that the annual summer trip really was a great experience.

This year's trip was to New York City. An itinerary was planned to provide interesting stop-overs and scenic drives all the way up and back. Arrangements were made with local Chambers of Commerce for stays in their cities. Stops were made in Macon, Georgia; Cheraw (South Carolina) State Forest; Byron Park, Richmond, Virginia; Front Royal, Virginia; and Asheville, N. C. While in Washington, the group stayed at the National FFA Camp, and in New York City, at the Solane House (YMCA).

The boys reported finding the people of Richmond the most hospitable of any encountered on their trip. While in this city, they visited the Church where Patrick Henry made his "Give me Liberty or give me Death" speech. Also, the Church Lee and Davis attended, the Confederate Museum in Davis' former home, and the State Capitol where the Hondan Statue of Washington is located. While in Washington, they visited the Smithsonian Institute, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, the Library of Congress, Arlington, the Lee Mansion, Jefferson Memorial, spent thirty minutes at a session of the U. S. Senate, and had a chat with their Congressman, Hon. Robert F. Sikes.

In New York, the Walton Future Farmers visited Rockefeller Center, Coney Island, took a tour on an open bus through Chinatown, the Bowery, Harlem, Broadway, Fifth Avenue, Millionaires Row, etc., and saw how the Statue of Liberty looks on a boat trip around Manhattan.

Driving over the beautiful Skyline Drive of the Blue Ridge was a thrilling experience on the return trip.

The boys were accompanied by their Chapter Adviser, Mr. W. L. Kilpatrick, who helped them make plans for their trip. They traveled in a school bus furnished by the County and driven by two men with special drivers licenses. Tents borrowed from the local National Guard Unit were used, and the group prepared most of their own meals. The menus were planned and food selected with the help of Mrs. Roland Wise, Home Economics Teacher.

Expenses, including the bus, insurance and food, totaled \$500.00, \$300.00 of which was furnished by the Chapter and \$200.00 by members making the trip.

Kilpatrick Wins Annual Public Speaking Contest With Discussion of Importance of Farm Forestry in Florida

MELVIN KILPATRICK, of the Baker FFA Chapter, won the Public Speaking Contest at the State Convention. He spoke on the subject "The Importance of Farm Forestry in Florida" (which is given in this issue of the Magazine). He will represent Florida in the Tri-State Contest to be held at the Georgia FFA Camp, August 3. He received a check for \$100.00 from the Future Farmer Foundation, and the Baker Chapter received the State Champion pennant from the Florida FFA Association.

Other speakers in the contest, in order of their placing were: Marvin Whitten, Ft. White; Bobby Woodward, Quincy; Mittie Bronson, Ocoee; Billy Nall, Clewiston; and Barry Coleman, Sarasota.

Contestants at the State Convention had won in their Chapter, Sub-District, and District Public Speaking Contests. Each participant must write a speech of his own choosing and answer questions about it asked by the judges.

The other contestants spoke on the following subjects:

Bobby Woodward, Quincy, "Importance of Soil Conservation".

Marvin Whitten, Ft. White, "The Backbone of Our Nation".

Mittie Bronson, Ocoee, "Keeping Florida Green".

Barry Coleman, Sarasota, "Future Farmers of America a Link in the Backbone of Our Nation".

Billy Nall, Clewiston, "Conservation in the Everglades of Florida".

Rural Minister of Year

FLORIDA'S Rural Minister of the year, as announced in the July, 1950, issue of the *Progressive Farmer*, is Rev. Daniel F. Pelt of Jackson County. Rev. Pelt is the Pastor of several Baptist Churches in West Florida. In addition, he operates a 402-acre farm. He has for many years been a Teacher and principal of public schools in Jackson County. During his high school days, Rev. Pelt was a vocational agricultural student and a member of the FFA, under Mr. R. F. Toole, at Marianna.

Tractor Donated

THE HACKNEY BROTHERS, dealers in farm equipment, have donated a John Deere Model M Tractor and all equipment to the Columbia and Bill Sheely Chapters, of Future Farmers of America, for the cultivation and development of their 180 acres of land.

MEMBERS of the J. F. Williams FFA Chapter are busy cropping and curing their 5.2 acres of bright leaf tobacco.



H. E. Wood, state FFA adviser (left) as he presented pennants and prize money to contestants in the public speaking contest. They were (from left) Melvin Kilpatrick, Baker, state champion; Marvin Whitten, Fort White; Bobby Woodward, Quincy; Mittie Bronson, Ocoee; Billy Nall, Clewiston, and Barry Coleman.

Kilpatrick's Speech

The Importance of Farm Forestry in Florida

by MARVIN KILPATRICK
Baker FFA Chapter

BEFORE I LEARNED ANY BETTER, I used to think that forestry was only tree planting and logging. Now, I feel that it is necessary to define as well as I can, the word "forestry". I would say that forestry is the art and science of growing tree crops, successively, on the same land for maximum production; the highest quality products, and the greatest income in the long run.

Forestry has a definite place on every farm in Florida. That statement is particularly true of the entire South and especially Florida. For Florida as a whole, the average per cent in forest lands is 60%, and in North West Florida, the average size of farm woods is perhaps twice that much.

Our farms were not, as a rule, planned to have the woods on the "back forty", crops on this one and pastures on another one, etc. Instead, our fore-fathers cleared the best land for crops and pastures and the remainder was just left in the woods. That is, however, as it should be. In general, all the land we have in woods now is better suited to timber growing than to anything else, and there is a lot more land in cultivation that would surely produce more clear income if it were growing trees too.

Let us look backwards for a few moments and consider the place lumbering has held in Florida up to the present time. In pioneer days, the problem was to get rid of the forests to make room for crops. Although timber was used for all construction, the supply was greater than the demand. As a result, timber had no sale value.

With the passage of the years, timber began to have value and these values have gradually increased until they reached an all time high in recent years. The prices of some manufactured goods have decreased, but the prices of such raw materials as timber have ever increased.

Lumber production was at its height in North West Florida in the first twenty years of this century. Big lumber companies had bought up the land cheap, and were busily getting all they could out of the timber. The virgin timber was finished up here about 1925, and most of the big companies moved to the northwest. They had not practiced forestry conservation, and they did not expect to get any more timber from the land.

Providentially, the second growth came up! Now we are cutting second growth, and in some places we are cutting over the land for the third and fourth time. However, in general, we are cutting smaller and poorer kinds of trees every time the

land is cut over. Overcutting without regard for the future is not good forestry. However, this "second growth" timber that we have now can be easily managed under good forestry practices in such a way that it will give us an income at regular intervals and a whole lot bigger total income in the long run from our farm woodlands. The foresters' "art and science", as given in the definition, is beginning to be used on the farm woodlands just as they have begun to be used on the lands of the present day big lumber companies.

The great majority of forest land in Florida is not owned by the big lumber companies! 90% of all forest land in the Southeast is privately owned and about 75% of the privately owned forest land is in small ownership. There are in my own native Okaloosa County about 354,957 acres in forest land.

I have been told by foresters that the average amount of timber grown on an acre of land in a year's time in Florida is about 500 board feet. These foresters also tell me that our Florida land is capable of growing at least three times that much, as an average, if it is managed correctly. You know, we don't have very good land for food crops here anyway, and I think we should do everything we can to make it grow the biggest "crops" that it is possible to grow on our poorest lands. The high price of lumber and of standing timber today is making many of our fathers (the landowners) begin to realize that it will, after all, pay, in the long run, to carry out good forestry practices.

I have said several times something about "good forestry practices". And now, I want to tell you a little more about what these three words mean. There are two things about forestry that are far more important than all other phases of forestry. These two are (1) protection, and (2) proper cutting and marketing practices.

Protection from wildfires is the first essential in any forestry plans. Not much else can be done without this protection. When we smokers go through the woods and set the woodlands on fire, we see material going up in smoke that could have been used to build churches, schools, homes and many other useful things.

Then, too, we need to cut our timber more conservatively. This is where most of us make the worse mistakes, I believe. When cutting timber, especially in this second growth like we have, it is very important to have a lot of good growing stock on the land. I was keenly interested in the reasons why this is so important, as explained to me by a practicing forester. He told me that it is extremely important for the following reasons. Small trees are worth very little, compared to what large trees are worth. Small trees, when given room to grow, will increase in

value unusually fast. Then too, trees reproduce their kind, and so it is necessary to leave good trees to make future good timber crops.

There are other important benefits to be received from real forestry practices, such as cooperative cutting practices, and protection from fire. They assure a future supply of wood for our country, which is looking at it from a patriotic point of view. They assure continued employment for people living near forests and the forest industries. They help prevent soil erosion and the filling up of our rivers and streams. You know, our hydro-electric plants are in danger of not being able to operate in future years because the lakes that are made by the dams are slowly but surely filling up with soil from the hills, and if our power plants don't run, where will our electricity, which is so great a help to us, come from?

Since forestry is a long-time business and incomes from good forestry practices are not made immediately, it occurs to me that forestry is very much like religion. I believe that you will agree with me that there is a good comparison between the two when I tell you how I think they compare.

First, they are both alike in that to get any good out of them you must believe.

We all do not have time to study to be foresters, so we must believe what a reputable forester tells us is best to do with our timber. Also, we must believe in the future that the world is not "going to pot". Further, we know that there is to be a "hereafter" in marketing timber, as there is in religion. In fact all indications point to better times ahead for owners who practice good forestry.

Secondly, in farm forestry as in religion, we are beset with temptation. There is a great temptation, especially now, while prices are so high, to sell the whole timber stand, even down to the smallest tree that will make pulpwood.

Thirdly, there is a quotation from the Bible to the effect that "the sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children and the children's children". This is true of woodlands owners who extravagantly cut and burn their God-given natural resources, without regard for their children's welfare.

The forest has kept you warm; it has kept the wind and rain off you while you had a good time. It has cooked your food to keep you alive, it has furnished books which aid you to enjoy reading and continue your education. It has furnished homes and furniture to add to your comfort. It has also furnished material to send important messages all over the United States. It has furnished battleships to carry our boys and equipment across the sea to protect us and our country. Shouldn't we protect it?

Strawberries and Honey Combined at Cocoa

CONRAD W. CRAMER, enrolled in the Institutional of Farm Training Program at Cocoa, has shown how strawberries can be grown as a companion cash crop for the honey producer. Cramer entered the class two years ago with 100 hives of bees as his main source of income; to supplement this he planted ½ acre home garden and ¼ acre strawberries. Last year in spite of adverse weather he marketed 235 quarts of berries for which he received \$141.00. This year he increased his berry planting to ¾ acre and up to March 20th, with the season about half over, has marketed 243 quarts at an average price of 70 cents for a total income of \$160.00. Expenses this year on the crop have amounted to only \$19.16.

Wimauma Trainee Picks Bean Patch 26 Times

LEON J. HAND of the Wimauma Farm Veterans class is believed to have set a near record in number of times picking a pole bean crop. He picked his patch grown in the winter of 1949-50 twenty-six times for yield of 87 bushels on 1/5 of an acre. His gross receipts were \$363.34 and his net profit was \$320.40. He attributes his success with this crop to a well planned irrigation, fertilizer and spray program.

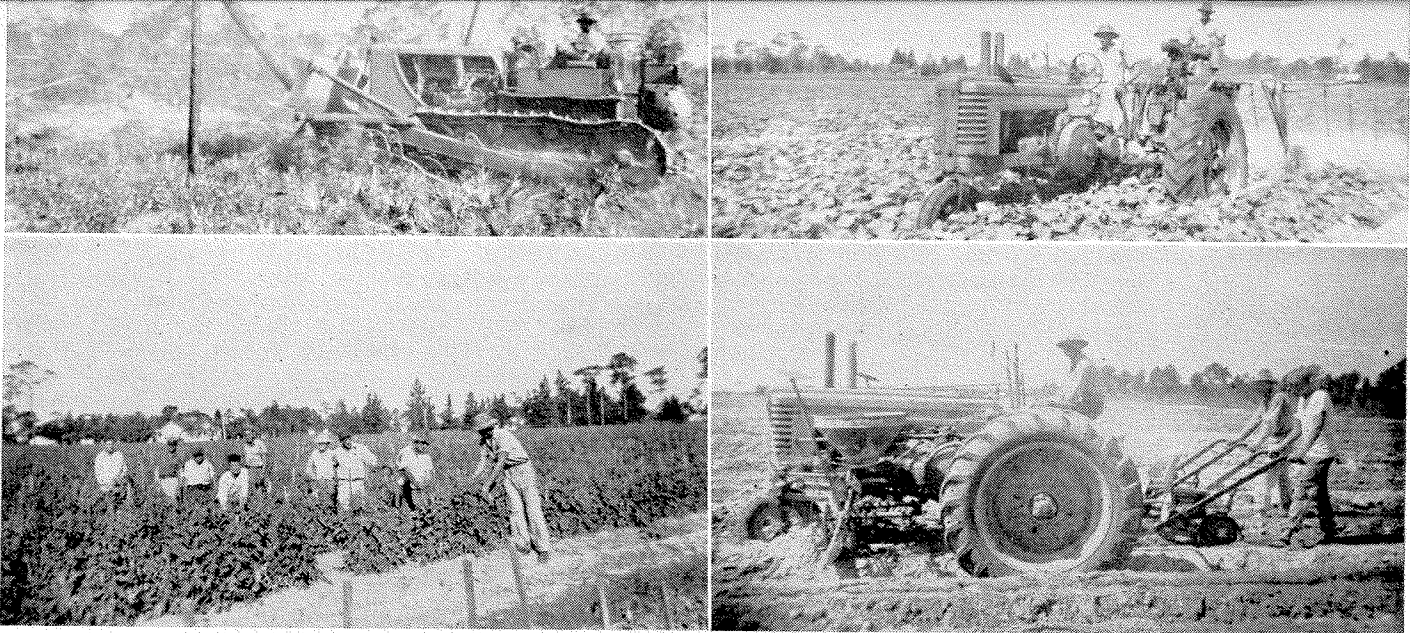
Leon J. Hand entered Institutional On-Farm training on November 1, 1949, and since that time has cleared 3 acres additional land, has purchased a cultivating tractor and attachments, and has been elected president of the Wimauma Farm Veterans' Association. He farms a small acreage intensively in mixed vegetable crops, the bulk of which is marketed through retail outlets. His enthusiasm for farming and Institutional On-Farm training is unsurpassed, and his future in agriculture looks good.

Free Bull Service For Escambia Trainees

TRAINEES in the class of Rankin Peaden at Escambia Farms School have free service of a pure bred Brahman bull owned by Quinton G. Steele, a veteran trainee of the class. The bull was obtained from Mr. Flint who recently moved his pure bred herd there from Texas.

Pahokee Chapter Project

MEMBERS of the Pahokee Chapter, Future Farmers of America, are sponsoring the placing of picnic tables and benches in the city park, and assisting the Everglades and Professional Woman's Club with the building of a barbecue pit.



Random shots on the farm of Leon McCaul, Ruskin veteran • Upper left picture shows a bulldozer at work, clearing virgin soil for tomato production. After pushing and piling the stumps, palmetto roots are removed by a special machine • In upper right cucumbers are being sprayed with a mixture formulated with precision accuracy under pressure carefully regulated in accord with the age of the crop and the severity of the infestation. The 8 acres shown in the Spring of 1949 yielded 308 bushels to the acre • Lower left panel shows the McCaul tomato crop which averaged 342 bushels per acre in the fall of 1948 • For harvest in early 1950, 9.8 acre field was planted in Early Yellow Summer Crookneck Squash, as shown in lower right panel.

A Veteran Learns to Farm

By JACQUES WALLER, Veterans Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Wimauma, Florida

TO FARM in Ruskin requires a mass of equipment costing a small fortune. Nevertheless, when Leon T. McCaul, a Navy veteran of forty months service, returned home in 1946, he wanted to farm and he wanted to farm in Ruskin. With the money he had saved while in the service, McCaul purchased one two-row tractor, a disc tiller and a tandem disc. His finances did not allow for the purchase of cultivating and fertilizing attachments. Also, money would be required to lease farmland and to finance his first crop. The cost of tomato stakes alone was \$140 per acre. To farm the Ruskin way required more money than Leon McCaul could raise so he decided to do custom work for farmers in the community for a year or two.

By the summer of 1947, Leon had saved some money and had purchased a tractor drawn ditching plow and a spring-tooth harrow to facilitate meeting the job requirements of the farmers for whom he did custom work. He still lacked adequate finances and equipment to begin farming for himself. However, the desire to farm got the best of Leon. He decided to start farming for himself regardless of the consequences.

Since his finances were not adequate, he prevailed upon his father, who is a well-driller by trade, to help him acquire eleven acres of farmland and to help him finance his first crop on a share-crop basis. The land was cleared and planted to six acres of tomatoes and five acres of cucumbers in the fall of 1947.

On October 1, 1947 he entered the Wimauma High School's Veteran Institutional On-Farm Training class. Several days later his veterans agriculture teacher visited the farm for instructional purposes. The tomato plants were examined and a conglomeration of diseases was found. Alternaria stemphillium, Phoma rot, Fusarium wilt and late blight severely infested the tomato plants. Also, there was a severe infestation of leaf miner. The cucumbers were found to be severely infested with downey mildew. Leon did not have spray equipment for spraying staked tomatoes and lacked the finances for buying this equipment; however, he did the best he could with an outmoded horse-drawn sprayer which his father was able to buy from a neighbor. This failed to give adequate control; nevertheless, a part of the crop was saved and a little money was made. The question was what to spend this money for. Cultivating and fertilizer attachments for the tractor were needed. He needed a stilted power sprayer very much, and the desire to quit following a mule won out. The spray machine had to wait. The cultivating and fertilizing attachments for the tractor were bought.

The following spring, 1948, he farmed two places twelve miles apart. Farm land was scarce and came at a premium, but he wanted to expand his farming operations and the necessity of crop rotation was well known. The distance between these two farms, however, posed a managerial problem that will never happen to Leon again. He learned his lesson well.

A well managed farm is a close-knit and compact unit. In the spring of 1948 the same disease problems were back again and with no equipment for adequate spraying. The rains came heavily and frequently. A west wind blew the tide in on a portion of the crops and failure was inevitable. This was the test. If Leon McCaul came back now we would know the stuff he is made of. He will have proved his mettle.

These two crops usually would have stopped the beginner. Materially speaking McCaul would have been better off to have never farmed nor to have ever entered training in the Institutional On-the-Farm Training Program. Nevertheless, he was gaining valuable experience and learning scientific farming. He had learned the identification of truck crop diseases and insects and the chemical formulations that would control most of them. He had learned the principles of pH and its effects on plant nutrition. He had learned the adjustment and operation of tractor-mounted implements and how to grease and lubricate machinery for maximum life and efficiency. He had learned the basic cultural practices for truck crops grown in his community and he had gained valuable experience in farm organization and management.

Leon wanted another chance at farming to put into practice what he had learned. As many truck farmers do, he needed "backing" for another try at farming and he successfully solicited this financing.

This time there could be no mistakes. He informed his veterans agriculture teacher that if he failed this crop he would be through with farming. Every effort must be made. All jobs were carefully planned and carried out with precision. A stilted power sprayer was purchased jointly with veteran trainee Hubert O. "Slim" Speller, another outstanding member of the Wimauma class. Twenty acres of choice Ruskin land were leased and cleared. Nothing was omitted in the preparation of the land. The pH was checked and rechecked. Land conditioners were applied according to specific recommendations. Spray programs and fertilizer programs

were carefully planned. No job was done without thorough advance planning. Eight acres of cucumbers and twelve acres of tomatoes were planted. The weather was ideal and the crops grew beautifully; however, this did not relieve the tension. The tomatoes and cucumbers were examined constantly for disease symptoms and insects. The spray program was revised accordingly. The plants were watched constantly for symptoms of nutritional deficiencies and the nutritional content of the soil was checked and rechecked. The fertilizer and spray programs were revised accordingly. The irrigation was watched day and night to assure a constant

moisture level necessary for obtaining maximum growth and preventing blossom-end rot in tomatoes.

In November of 1948, he planted 26 acres of mid-winter squash. He picked these squash nineteen times for a good yield at top prices. In the spring of 1949 he planted twelve acres in tomatoes. He picked these tomatoes nine times for a yield of 478 bushels per acre. The cucumbers were of high quality and were sold on a good market at premium prices.

Leon McCaul had made numerous investments to facilitate more efficient and profitable farming. In addition, he has purchased a tractor-drawn leveling rig.

Lake City Trainee Becomes 'Sold' on Permanent Pasture, Dairy Cattle, Home Garden, Soil Building

FEW HAVE ACCOMPLISHED as much in such a short space of time as has Clarence K. Rogers, Lake City trainee in the class of Mabry D. Futch, who entered training September, 1946. Immediately after which he assumed an obligation of \$4500 on 115 acres of run down farm land, 95 acres of which were in cultivation and on which he was paying at a rate of interest, 10%. One of the hardest trainees ever to be convinced that a permanent pasture, milk cow, an ever present garden, continuous planting of soilbuilding crops, especially Blue Lupine, and proper management would come as near solving his \$4500.00 plight as perhaps anything else. At the

end of about 12 months, Clarence showed little progress—no pasture, no garden, no soil building crops. Through a technicality in the VA office, he was interrupted and his instructor refused to help him get re-instated until he put in at least 3 acres of permanent pasture. He complied with 5 acres seeded to Pensacola-Bahia and after which he was immediately re-instated to class. His instructor was successful in getting the interest rate he was paying reduced from 10 to 6% through bank officials. By the end of his second year he began to see the necessity of attempting to make his stay on his farm of a permanent nature therefore a garden was planted,

a field of about 15 acres of Blue Lupine appeared, his house was re-covered, and a new yard fence was stretched. Although misfortune struck him when his barn full of tobacco burned to the ground, a year later he replaced this tobacco barn with a new one. Mule farming became too slow therefore he purchased a new Ford tractor and the necessary equipment and rented additional land. During the summer of 1949 this trainee purchased a purebred Polled hereford bull to which he planned to breed his four grade range cows. In 1949 trainee Rogers added to or made the following improvements to his farm: 10 acres Blue Lupine, 15 acres Sweet Blue Lupine (for grazing) put compost on 4 acres of poor land, purchased 100 N. H. baby chicks and 1 purebred gilt, took in 10 acres new ground, and stumped 80 acres land, which was in addition to his regular crops of: 2 acres tobacco, 60 acres corn, 15 acres chufas and 19 hogs. His 1950 program consists of: 300 N. H. red chicks, 40 acres of Blue Lupine, 12 acres of Hairy Indigo, 5 acres of Pensacola-Bahia grass and put up 120 rods new fence which is in addition to his regular crops of: 2 acres tobacco, 60 acres of corn, 25 acres of peanuts and 30 hogs. Although Clarence completes his four years of on the farm training in August of 1950, he plans to liquidate the total indebtedness on his farm during the year of 1951. The present indebtedness today is \$1500.00. The banker has this to say about Clarence: "This boy is a good risk. If all veteran on the farm trainees would stay on their farm and work as he does, it would not be hard for them to soon pay off their obligations."

His instructor says he's thrifty—Clarence looks after the nickels and the dollars rapidly take care of themselves. He further believes that Clarence Rogers future on the farm will not only be permanent but his farming career will be nothing short of a prosperous venture.

Jack Warner, 24, Successful in Suwannee County

NOT YET twenty-five years old, yet one of the better young farmers in Suwannee County, Jack Warner operates his own 320 acre farm with great success. This former Marine Veteran of World War II is now a member of Shelly Pinkerton's Institutional On-Farm Training Class.

Instead of depending solely on his 2½ acres of tobacco for cash, he also grows watermelons, cattle, and hogs for market. In 1949, Warner raised eight acres of watermelons for market and sold 15 head of cattle and 23 head of hogs. Last year this trainee planted 70 acres of corn, 40 acres of peanuts, 15 acres of chufas and 35 acres of velvet beans to furnish feed for his livestock. In addition, he seeded 7 acres of millet, 45 acres of oats, and 12 acres of permanent pasture for grazing purposes.

Warner now has some 65 pigs of weaning age which were sired by a registered Duroc boar he acquired in 1949. By the use of this boar on his better than average grade of sows, he has improved his market pigs very much and will thereby be able to sell more and much better hogs this fall. He has increased the number of hogs on hand in the last year and to meet the feed demand, this veteran has increased his acreage of peanuts to 70 acres and chufas to 35 acres.

This year this veteran plans to seed 12 or more acres of permanent pasture and five acres of hairy indigo to help furnish feed for his 30 head of cattle. He has bought and raised several calves in the past year to increase and improve his herd. Sometime in the near future, Warner plans to purchase a purebred Hereford bull to improve his calves for market.

Comer Bowers Dairy Enthusiast

Until his Veterans Training Class in Vocational Agriculture visited local dairies at Ponce de Leon as a field trip he had depended on cotton and peanuts and a few hogs for a living. That day Comer D. Bowers saw that under good management a small dairy would provide a family a good living. As a result of other field trips and his classroom instruction, he learned of the benefits derived from improved pasture grasses.

In August of 1947 he started a dairy barn designed to be economical and still meet State and local dairy farm requirements. By December he was milking his six cows in it.



A turn-table exhibit of a wide variety of fruit and vegetables grown by the Veterans On-Farm Training class at Sanford, is shown above. From left, are Louis J. Mathern, Gilbert J. Blocker, James I. Smith, Ross D. Hunter, Roger A. Jamenez, Homer L. White, Adviser John Pierson, Gwynne McCrum, George Arnold, Robert L. Hunter, George Steel, Ben S. Austin, and Charles T. Lawson.

Warner has learned that in order to get best results from his soil he must plant cover crops and fertilize the crops grown. In 1949, this trainee fertilized 30 acres of corn and planted 60 acres of blue lupine and plans to increase the acreage for both this year. In addition to these improvements in farming operations, he has also improved on this live-at-home program in maintaining an acre of garden along with a half acre of sweet potatoes and ¼

acre of cane. Vegetables are canned for year-round supply of food and meat, milk and eggs are furnished from his livestock and poultry.

Warner didn't think he had enough acreage in 1949 so he cleared 15 more acres of land and stumped 15 more. He also put up ½ mile of new fence during the past year and built a new tobacco barn. He has used this barn this winter for a heating unit to raise baby chicks.

Oat Crop is Secret of Success For Graceville Farm Trainee

PHENIX PAUL PALMER of Graceville, has made outstanding progress since he entered Institutional On-Farm Training, three years ago. Three years ago, Mr. Palmer began farming with a pair of mules on ten acres of his forty acre farm which he bought after being discharged from the army. The same year he share cropped 45 acres.

Today you will find that Mr. Palmer has replaced the mules with a Ford tractor and equipment. New fields have been cleared in the old forty acres and a new forty acres has been added to the farmstead. Good fencing, ditching, and house repair has more than tripled the value of this trainee's farm.

Paul's 25 acres of hybrid corn in 1949 was outstanding in his community averaging 55 bushels per acre. This corn like all of Mr. Palmer's crops were fertilized well, following lupine and using 400 pounds of 4-10-7 fertilizer and side-dressed with 200 pounds of nitrate of soda.

Due to the fact that Mr. Palmer believes strongly in livestock he would like more permanent pasture than his farm can afford. This young farmer has the situation well in hand by having plenty of winter grazing crops and sufficiently growing large amounts of grain feeds during the summer. During the winter of 1948-49, he fattened out sixteen feeder steers on his fourteen acres of oats alone. This was the only successful crop of oats known in the Graceville area in 1949. In early June, there was 400 bushels of oats combined off of this 14 acres.

Since that time, he has increased his herd to twenty-six milking cows and fourteen heifers. Five of these will calve during the summer. By selling off the poor milkers and buying cows of better quality and using a purebred Guernsey bull to sire his heifers, he has greatly improved the breeding of his herd.

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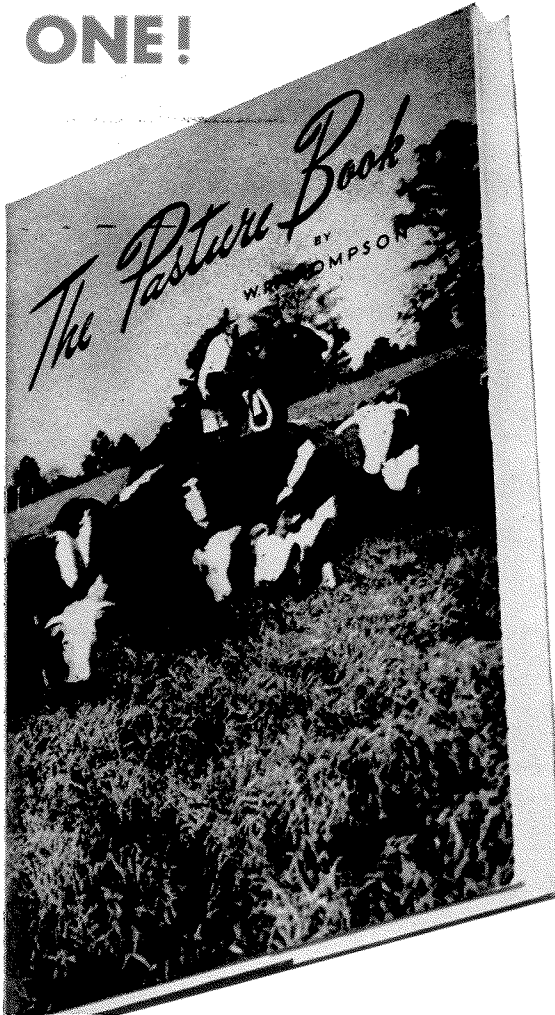
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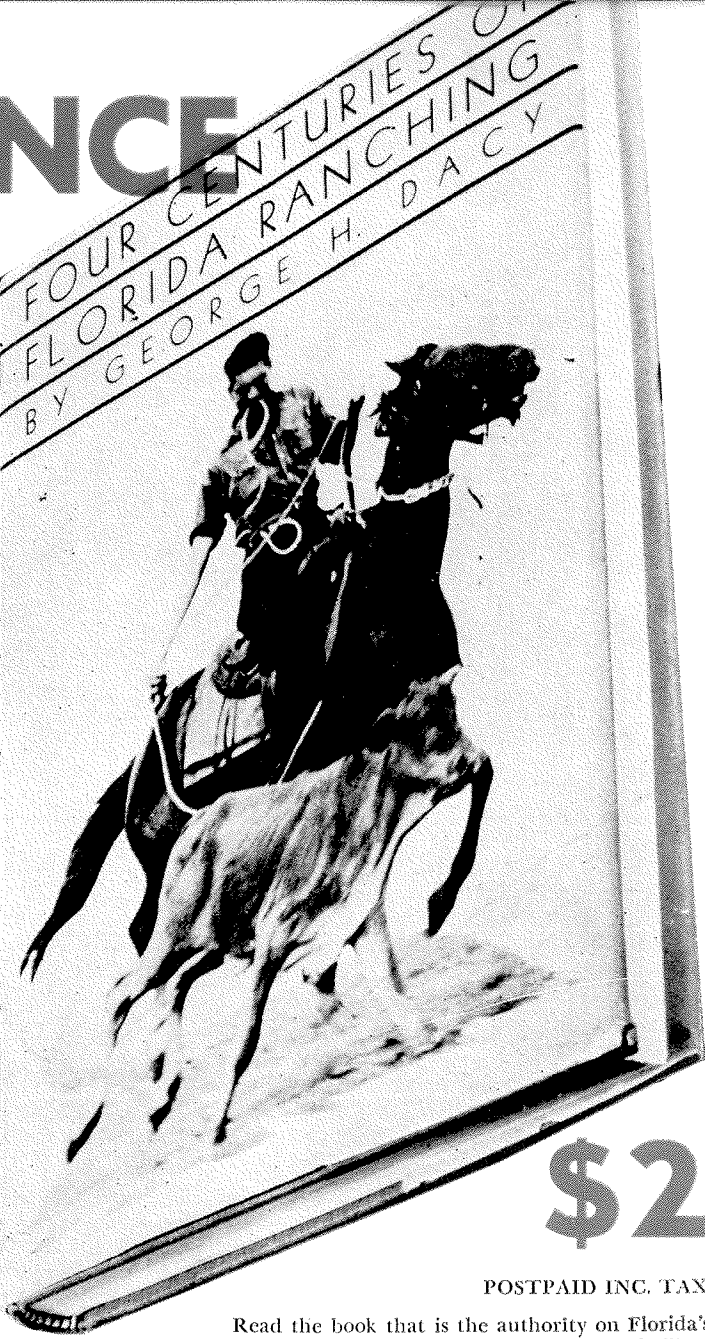
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