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Vero Beach Vocational Ag Members Have Twenty Acres Of Land for Farming

THE MEMBERS of the Vero Beach F.F.A. Chapter, taking Vocational Agriculture, will have twenty acres of land for farming. The land was leased to the County School Board by the county commissioners.

The Indian River County Farm Bureau has collected contributions of over \$1,000.00 to pay for the clearing of the land and digging a well.

Floyd Boyer, Soil Conservation Service, will assist in setting property stakes, typing the soil, and checking levels. Through the cooperation of several local organizations and farmers, the Farm Bureau, Bill Luther, president, is also arranging a vocational guidance program for the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Use of the land will be devoted to developing the following: 1. Pasture grass, 2. Citrus, 3. Vegetable farming, 4. Livestock.

Working through Sam Lowell, Vocational Agriculture Instructor and F.F.A. Adviser, the bureau plans to institute a rotating schedule among five agricultural businesses and farmers, which are as follows: dairy farming, John Tripson; tomato farming, Ray and Roy Hogan; citrus, Oswald Helseth; cattle, Ralph Sexton; and care and maintenance of farm machinery, Naco Farm Supply.

In five weeks, five students will spend one day at each of the above listed businesses. This rotation throughout the school year should be of considerable assistance in guiding their activities after graduation from school.

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THE YOUTH LEADERS Digest says, "Win \$5.00 and a free subscription to Youth Leaders Digest". Send them a joke or antidote for their "Make 'Em Laff" Department and send in an item for their "Ever Tried This?" Department. (Some Unusual Program Activity or some new solution to an old problem.)

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Selfish Altruism

Lee—"Did you make this biscuit, my dear?"

Gladys—"Yes, darling."

Lee—"Well, I would prefer that you wouldn't make any more."

Gladys—"Why not, darling?"

Lee—"Because, angel, you're too light for such heavy work."

By Way of Editorial Comment:

FFA Has Improved America

By R. A. GRAY, Secretary of State of Florida

ONE WHO has lived a long life and grown up as a boy on a farm which had few of present day comforts and facilities can easily contrast those farm conditions to conditions today. Such a person sees both pictures with the camera of his mind in clear and detailed focus and, consequently, appreciates more the improved conditions of today.

While I was a boy on the farm, there were no electric lights, no telephones, no

In early days the farmer had little or no knowledge of the chemistry of agriculture. His livestock consisted of scrub range cattle and razor-backs, "pinney woods rooter" hogs. He used little fertilizer to help produce his crops, and crop rotation was not a common practice.

What a contrast between those days and the present time when we have purebred livestock, improved fertilization, and the scientific "know-how" to handle all farming operations.

Schools and colleges have done a grand job in teaching agriculture. The most tremendous part of it all is the way the young men on the farm have responded and taken advantage of the developments in agricultural education by adopting proper methods and proved them by demonstrating what can be done on the farm.

While these young men have been demonstrating what could be done, and doing it, they have not only improved their own situation physically, morally, and financially, but also they have made a fine contribution to the civic life of their communities, their state, and nation.

The FFA programs have been a definite factor in raising the standard of living in Florida, and in America. The mature thinking and understanding a person encounters when he attends an FFA Meeting or Program, makes him marvel at the poise and confidence shown by the farm boy of today, who has taken advantage of his opportunities.

In planning and conducting their meetings these young men have learned the



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refrigerators, nor many of the modern conveniences which today are looked upon as necessities.

Farming practices have changed as much as electric lights have from kerosene lamps.

The Cover "Miracle Day", September 16. In the course of one day, 100 acres out of 112 acres of land were cleared, chopped, fertilized and planted for the FFF of Zolfo Springs, Florida. (See story page 11)

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fundamentals of government, how to conduct themselves as a representative body, how parliamentary law should be followed in any assembly of people gathered together for a particular purpose. This training has given these young men a finer appreciation of their government and encouraged them to take a definite and particular part in it. Already members of the FFA, as soon as they are fully grown, have taken their places in government activity. They have served in the Legislature; they are ready for more extensive, broader service.

So, in conclusion, a farm boy of half a century ago, now traveling down the westward slope of life, takes off his hat to the farm boys of today, the Future Farmers of America.

Relevant

AN ELDERLY judge was having lunch one hot, sultry day when a friend stopped at his table.

"You shouldn't drink hot coffee on a day like this," cautioned the friend. "You should drink something iced and stimulating. Have you tried gin and ginger ale?"

"No," snapped the judge, "but I've tried a number of people who have."

Vote YES No. 1

ON TUESDAY, November 4th, the people of Florida will have an opportunity to render a service to the children of Florida unprecedented in the educational history of our State — approval of Constitutional Amendment No. 1 to provide adequate school buildings for our children.

Florida's schools have made great and significant gains in the past few years. Our teachers are well-qualified. Courses of instruction have been improved. Administration has been streamlined. Florida's schools are meeting more of the needs of more of our children.

This progress has been hampered by a shortage of classrooms, and a lack of adequate school facilities.

Approval of Amendment No. 1 is especially important to the progress of the Vocational Agriculture program and the F.F.A.

Many departments of vocational agriculture, badly needed, have been unable to open because of a lack of facilities; many departments are inadequate because of a lack of funds for needed buildings. Amendment No. 1 is the only feasible solution.

We all want to do all we can to solicit public interest, understanding, and approval of this vital proposal so that on election day the people of Florida will "Vote YES No. 1".

Eight Florida Future Farmers Receive American Farmer Awards

Burch

DONALD L. BURCH, the first member from the Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak to receive the American Farmer Degree, is a student at the University of Florida where he has made an outstanding scholastic record. He was awarded scholarships by the Thoroughbred Breeders Association; Sears Roebuck; and Winn-Lovett, and has worked at the cafeteria his entire time at the University.

He served the Suwannee Chapter as Treasurer, and participated in Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure Contests. He served as President of the State Association in 1947-48, was delegate to the National Convention two years, and represented the State of Florida as a delegate in the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association, and at Camp Miniwanca Leadership Training Class. He was a member of football, basketball, and baseball teams and was Key Club member and Editor of the School Annual.

Young Burch has a one-fourth partnership in his home farm and has a labor income of \$17,963.23 from his farm program. He farmed one year after finishing High School before entering the University and continues his farming while in school.

His farming program includes 80 head of grade Hereford cattle; 200 acres of permanent pasture; oats; rye; hairy indigo, and tobacco.

He will graduate next June and will enter the Veterinary School at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. His future plans are to practise veterinary medicine in Suwannee County and develop a beef cattle ranch there.

Fuqua

ALTHA CHAPTER's first American Farmer is Don Fuqua, just turned 19. He also continues farming while a student at the University of Florida. Don had five years of vocational agriculture, and built up an outstanding farming program while participating very actively in Future Farmer, school, and community activities.

As an eighth grader in 1946, Don was eligible to take vocational agriculture and become a Greenhand in the FFA. His first project was 16 dairy cows. His father had added dairying to the farming program the year before, and being the oldest of three boys, Don fell heir to the dairying since his father was busy man-

aging the rest of the farm. "Since so much of my time was spent in operating the dairy anyway, I decided I might as well have an interest in it. I took some money I had made the previous year on poultry and watermelons and purchased one-fourth interest in the dairy, with an option to buy another fourth the following year."

He did that the following year and increased his dairy herd to 28 cows, and added 2½ acres of peanuts—marketing the peanuts and using the hay for dairy feed. The summer of 1948 his father's illness necessitated Don taking the responsibility of working and managing the entire 400-acre farm, as well as his own dairying. With the advice of his father and his vocational agriculture teacher, he had a most successful year.

His third year saw an increase in his dairy feed growing program and he continued to build up his dairy herd. The 1949-50 school year, his junior year in high school, he began to reap the benefits of his sound start and steady building for early in that year he entered 9 dairy cows in the West Florida Dairy Show, one of which was Grand Champion and each of the others a prize winner. His herd was now 55 dairy cows and he raised 20 acres of corn for feed, and 4½ acres of peanuts—hay being used for feed and peanuts for market.

Although his last year in high school was a very full one, his farming program was increased to 70 head of dairy cows, 15 acres of peanuts for market, 28 acres of soybeans, and 20 acres of corn.

Last year while a freshmen at the University of Florida, he continued his projects of 77 dairy animals, 12 acres of peanuts, 25 acres of corn, 40 acres of soybeans, and 6 hogs for meat. His father agreed to take charge of these projects in his absence and he returns home as often as possible to keep his program growing. His plans are to return as a full-time farmer after finishing the College of Agriculture course at the University.

Leadership activities in other forms are, especially in F.F.A. have been many and worthwhile in his high school and college years. He was vice president of the local chapter his freshman year and participated as a member of the livestock judging team and a member of the parliamentary procedure team. His sophomore year he served again in the same positions. His junior year he was chapter president and represented his chap-

ter at the National FFA Convention as a member of the Doyle Conner Special Delegation. In June of 1950, he received the Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award, was named Star Dairy Farmer of the Florida Association, and was elected President of the State Association. As President of the State Association he spoke at numerous FFA events and represented the Association ably at many meetings and shows throughout the State, served as the Florida Delegate to the National Convention and participated in a Voice of America broadcast.

He attended Camp Miniwanca in July, 1951, as the Florida Delegate and was elected vice president of his class. That Fall he returned to the National Convention where he served on the Nominating Committee. At the University he was an active member of the Agriculture Club, representing it at the Rural Youth Conference, worked as assistant business manager of the Florida College Farmer magazine, pledged Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and was co-chairman of Red Cross Drive in the Freshman class. He was main speaker at 5 FFA banquets in the State. He also returned to Camp Miniwanca Leadership Training Conference as Florida Association Delegate.

However, he has found time for these activities too:

While he was in high school he was president of his junior class, editor of his school paper, member of the Band, Letter Club, Beta Club, president of his Sunday School class, Secretary of his Sunday School Department, Boys' State Representative, Assistant Boy Scout Master, Counselor at Boys' State for 2 years, member of Governor's Highway Safety Conference.

At the past State FFA Convention, Don was endorsed by the delegation as a candidate for a National Office in the F.F.A.

Grinstead

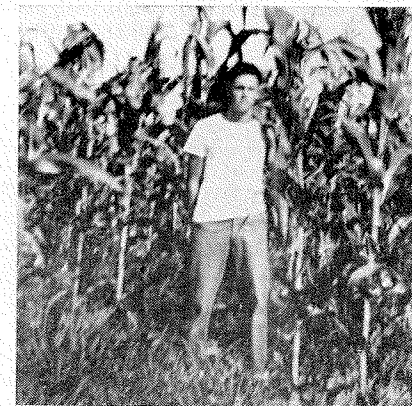
JAMES DUNCAN GRINSTEAD of the Branford Chapter, is now a student at the University of Florida, but since his home is close to the University, he is able to carry out his farming program while going to school.

He was President and Treasurer of the local Chapter, participated in horseshoe pitching and judging teams. He was a delegate to the State Convention, was Chapter Public Speaker, attending National Convention, Vice President of his

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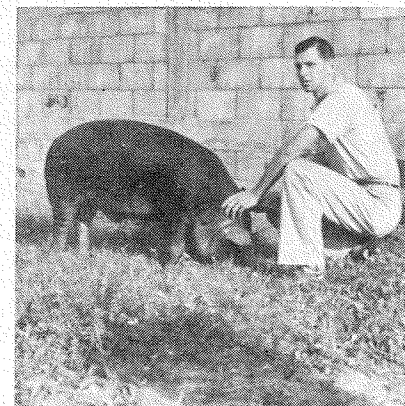
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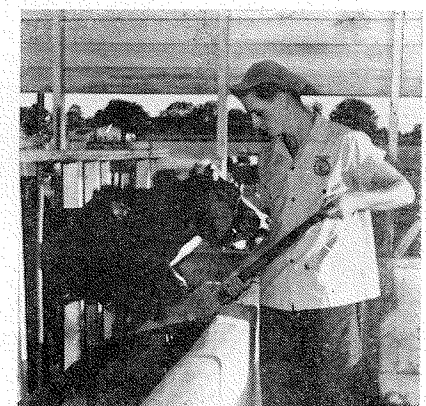
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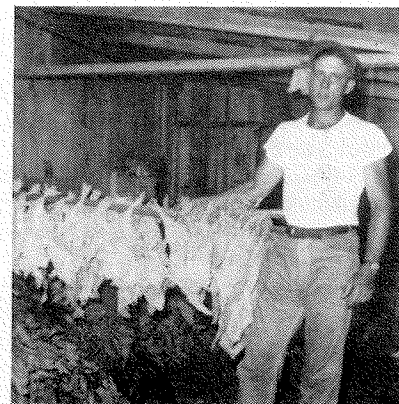
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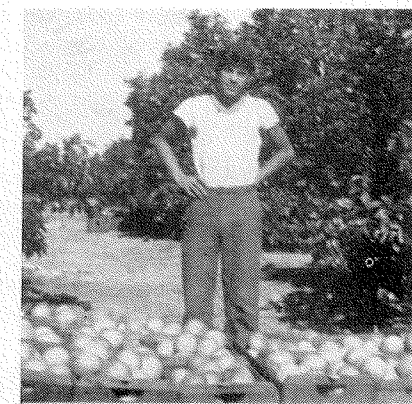
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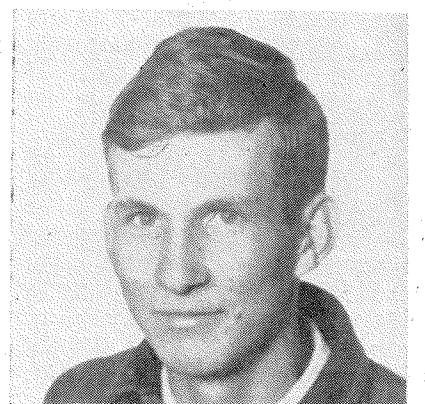
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freshman class, Secretary of his sophomore class, member of baseball and basketball teams, member of School Honor Court and Student Council, member of School's Annual Staff, and he played the lead in the senior class play. He farms a 200 acre general farm which belongs to his father. His father furnishes farm and equipment and they work jointly on it for 1/3 interest in profits with exception of tobacco and watermelons. His father furnishes land for the watermelon crop as pay for his work on the farm and he grows watermelons in partnership with another party who furnishes fertilizer, seed and shipping expenses. James grows 1 acre of tobacco on another farm, pays all expenses of producing, harvesting and marketing and receives the entire profit.

With his father, he has 15 acres of pasture, 18 acres of timberland, and 167 acres of crops.

Mathews

MATT MATHEWS, 4th American Farmer to come from the Allentown Chapter, began his Vocational Agricultural program in the eighth grade. He began with one acre of corn, one meat hog, and a beef breeding cow. From this beginning, he earned enough to finance an increase in the next year's program to five acres of corn, a breeding hog, and 2 meat hogs and continue his beef breeding. He used his corn for feed and helped cut expenses.

In the summer of 1947, when he returned from FFA Forestry Camp at Camp O'Leno, he planted 30 acres in slash pines. That year, Matt enlarged his hog production program, carrying projects of 5 acres of corn, four breeding hogs, sixteen meat hogs, and raised forty purebred Durocs, which sold as breeding stock. The next year, he enlarged the corn project to 25 acres and maintained his forestry plot and hog production program. He took over his father's 80 acre farm during his Senior year, and managed it on a 50-50 basis. He had 80 acres of corn, 4 breeding hogs, 16 meat hogs and the forestry plot.

When he entered the University of Florida, his father agreed to help continue his farming program. They hired someone to raise the corn and his father tended the livestock, so that Matt might run his farm by being home as often as he could be away from the University. The money he has made has made it possible for him to go to the University. His labor income amounts to more than \$8,000.00.

Matt Mathews was an outstanding member of the Allentown Chapter, serving as Sentinel, Treasurer, and President, and a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team, Livestock Judging Team,

Softball Teams, and Quartet. Also, he represented his Chapter at forestry camp, in Public Speaking, and at the State Convention. He served ably as Vice President of the State Association in 1949-50. Matt was President of his Freshman and Senior classes, Vice President of his Sophomore and Junior classes, Captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams, and voted all-around best athlete in school.

Prevedel

JOE PREVEDEL comes from Leesburg and an industrious substantial farm family. He shares in 437 acres of his father's farm and has 40 acres of his own, bought during his Senior year in high school.

His farming program includes 20 acres of watermelons, 20 acres of non-bearing citrus grove, 10 acres of bearing citrus grove, 5 acres of corn for feed, and 30 high grade beef cattle, with a purebred Hereford bull. He has a labor income of nearly \$14,000.00.

He has served as President and Treasurer of his Chapter, State Convention Delegate, Livestock Judging participant, and Toastmaster of the Annual Banquet. He is a member of the Florida Citrus Mutual, and a ready worker in whatever community activities he finds he is needed. (Notice has been received that Joe answered the last army draft call).

O'Steen

CARLTON O'STEEN, of the High Springs FFA Chapter, began with one cow and some corn and sweet potatoes, and during high school expanded his program to include cows, corn, hogs, peanuts and tobacco. In his Senior year, he farmed on a big scale when his father became unable to do much work and turned his whole operation to Carlton. He had 200 acres of corn, 8 acres of tobacco, 40 acres of peanuts, 75 acres of oats, 10 acres cantaloupes, 20 head of cattle of his own, 140 head of hogs owned in partnership with his father, and seventy acres of permanent pasture.

Since finishing school, he has continued to manage his father's farm on a 50-50 arrangement, with the exception of cattle. He has 40 of his own, and his father has about 80. They maintain 120 acres of permanent pasture. His labor income is over \$28,000.00.

He was married about a year ago, and has planned to build his own home and buy 110 acres of land adjoining his own. These plans will be interrupted, since he has been called into Military Service.

He served in his Chapter as Secretary and Vice President, was a member of the Parliamentary Procedure team and

softball team, entered Public Speaking Contest, and was delegate to the State Convention two years. In 1948-49, he won the State Farm Management Award. He was President of his class one year, played on the football and basketball teams, on the Staff of the high school newspaper, and in the cast of the Senior play, was a Beta Club member, and maintained his B average even in his Senior year when he had to leave school at noon

Sprinkle

GEORGE SPRINKLE, of the Homestead FFA Chapter, carries on farming activities in the extreme south end of Florida below Miami. This area consists of some coral rock land and a great deal of soil derived from disintegrating lime rock foundation. He engages in large scale truck farm, having a one-fourth partnership with his father. He began his farming program with a poultry project of 100 chicks. The next year, he dropped poultry for truck farming, clearing \$182.16 on one and one-fourth acres of cabbage and losing \$49.40 on his peppers, which became diseased. Enlarging his eleventh grade program, George made a profit of almost \$200.00 on snap beans and potatoes. During his Senior year, he enlarged the scope of his projects and netted \$287.62 on potatoes and \$342.15 on pole beans.

After he graduated from high school, he farmed with his father on a percentage basis. He owned 40 acres of his own land, and his share of 140 acres was \$8,273.18, the main crop being potatoes.

This farming operation has been highly mechanized, and they have added a tomato and potato packing plant. This past year, he went to California and worked for W. B. Camp and Sons, Inc. in Kern County, helping to harvest and pack 750 acres of potatoes in the two-weeks potato deal. This experience will pay off in knowledge gained.

He was a member of his Chapter's Livestock Judging Team, Delegate to Forestry Camp, State and National Convention, was Vice President of his Chapter and of the State Association, and President of his Chapter.

He was a member of his high school baseball and basketball team. He took off at graduation to take advantage of a graduation present from his parents, a trip to Europe. Since then, he is very busy in his profitable truck farming business. He is a member of the local Production Credit Association and Farm Bureau.

Wilkinson

WADE WILKINSON, from the Baker F.F.A. Chapter, received the State Farmer Degree in 1948 and will be the first boy

from his Chapter to receive the American Farmer Degree.

Wade began small with one acre of corn, one and one-half acre of cotton and one hog. He has expanded gradually until he has reached a scope of full time farming on 80 acres of his own and 70 acres in partnership.

He served as President of his Chapter for two years, represented the Chapter in Public Speaking, was delegate to State Convention and State Forestry Camp. He is married now and with the help of his co-worker will have 78 1/2 acres of corn, 10 acres of cotton, 1 1/2 acres of cane, 10 acres of temporary pasture and rye grass, 2 beef cows, 25 hogs, and 2 dairy cows.

He served as President of his Sophomore Class.

After he made a labor income of \$218.04 on his first year's projects, Wade increased it to half the size again and cleared one-third more profit. The following year he had as projects, 5 acres of corn, 4 acres of cotton, 5 acres of peanuts and 9 breeding hogs. As a result of his success and his decision to farm as a life job, his father got a job away from home and Wade managed the farm and finished school. He made good on 5 acres of corn, 5 acres of cotton and 10 head of hogs, and continues to do so.

Breeding Program Contest Starts In October

OCTOBER MARKS the beginning of a new year in the Breeding Program Contest and selection of the 1952 Winner in this contest. The Sears Roebuck Foundation and the Hereford Breeders Association will give a purebred hereford bull to the winner. This bull will be shown at the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta in October 1953 in competition with other bulls from all the States in the Southeast. First and second place winners at this show will receive a purebred heifer. A purebred Hereford bull worth \$4000.00 goes to the State with the winning bull and will be transferred to the next year's winning State.

The Deland Chapter, which won the breeding contest last year and was awarded a bull from A. E. Melton's ranch at Gainesville, has him ready for the Atlanta event.

The Florida Association will receive 31 purebred Hereford bulls from Mill Iron Ranches in Texas, through the Sears Roebuck Foundation. Twenty-one of these are replacement bulls for bulls originally given to the Association in 1948 and 1950. Ten bulls were purchased under a provision in the agreement allowing individual members or Chapters to purchase purebred animals.



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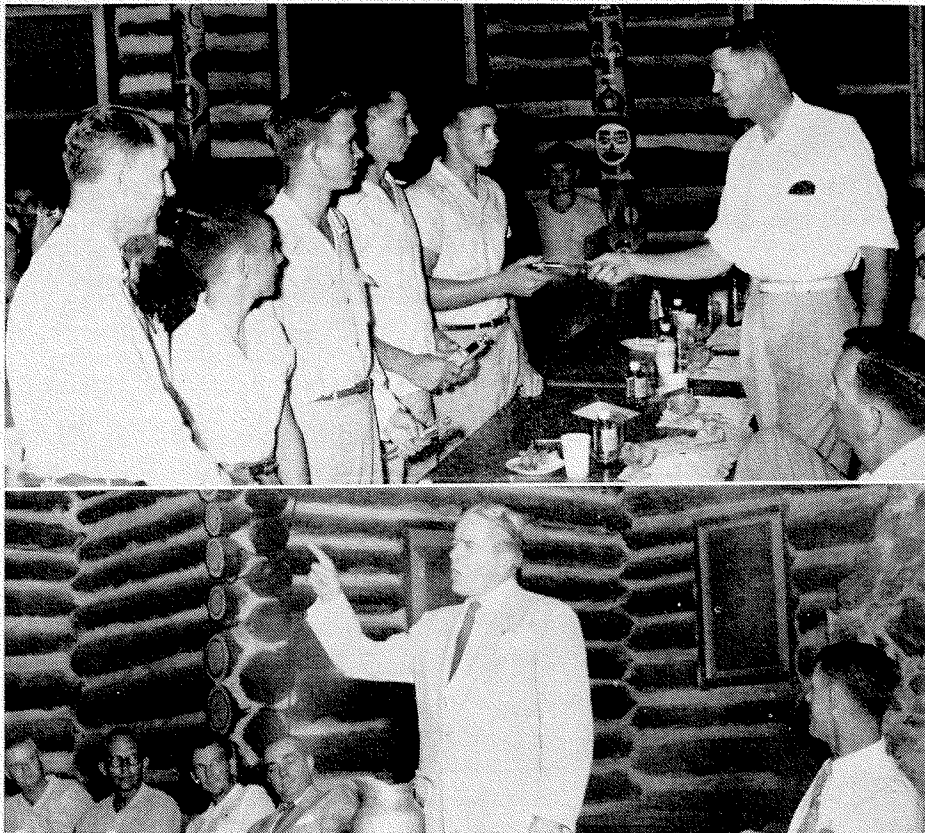
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Outstanding campers for the first week of training at the Florida Forest Service Forestry Training Camp at O'Leno State Park receive hunting knives as awards, for their scholarship, initiative, and leadership. Left to right, W. T. Loftin, assistant teacher-trainer, University of Florida, Sidney Bush, Poplar Springs, Kenneth Burnett, Wauchula, Roy Heathcoe, Plant City, Rex Kirkland, Chipley, C. H. Coulter, State Forester, Florida Forest Service, and William S. Chambers, Jr., Chief, Information and Education, Florida Forest Service. Bottom picture shows Governor Fuller Warren, speaking at the banquet. Left to right is "Red" Coleman, Educational Director, American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Georgia, Harry Roller, Conservation Forester, International Paper Company, William S. Chambers, Jr., Chief, Information and Education, Florida Forest Service, Weldon G. Starry, advisor to Governor Warren, Governor Warren and C. H. Coulter, State Forester, Florida Forest Service.

223 Attend Forestry Camp Held At O'Leno State Park in July

by GENE MORSE, I & E Assistant, Fla. Forestry Service

YOUNG FUTURE FARMERS of America from the palmlands of South Florida to the pinelands of Northwest Florida learned new and better ways of improving their farmland timber crops at the 18th Annual Florida Forestry Training Camp, held at Camp O'Leno State Park in July.

Two hundred and twenty-three young farmers attended the two one-week sessions in practical forestry at the camp. Courses in farm forestry, gum farming, fire control, forest insects and diseases, marking, estimating, and selling timber, and tree identification were taught the boys.

The camp, designed to give the young Future Farmers of America a well-rounded education in practical forestry methods, is under the direction of the Florida Forest Service.

The highlight of the week's training was a banquet held on Friday night. The first week campers heard an address by George Williams, Forester for Turpentine and Rosin Factors, Inc., Jacksonville. Mr. Williams emphasized to the young future farmers the practical value of their newly acquired forestry knowledge in relation to the successful management of their farm woodlands.

Governor Fuller Warren was the guest speaker for the banquet held at the end of the second week's training. Governor Warren, who worked at a sawmill near Blountstown during his youth, and who is a strong advocate of "pine tree prosperity," told of how Florida's forests were once ravaged by uncontrolled fires and careless cutting practices.

Urging the boys to become "mission-

aries of good forestry," Governor Warren stressed the value of good cutting practices, control burning of timberland, and seedling planting in keeping the state's third largest income source up to its present high level.

"If the full potential of forest products were realized," Governor Warren said, "the income from forestry would equal tourism." Tourism is Florida's major source of revenue, bringing in each year approximately 800 million dollars.

Each week four outstanding FFA campers were elected on the basis of their leadership, initiative, and scholarship. The outstanding campers were presented with an award of a hunting knife. First week winners were Roy Heathcoe, Plant City; Rex Kirkland, Chipley; Sidney Bush, Poplar Springs; and Kenneth Burnett, Wauchula. Second week award winners were Charles Scott, Oklawaha; Warren Jensen, Lake City; Fred Brinkhoff, St. Augustine; and Donald Barber, DeLand.

Compass course and tree age contests were conducted by the staff for the boys so that they could put some of their newly-acquired knowledge to use. Thomas Floyd, of Cantonment, was the winner of the compass course for the first week, with J. W. Thomas, of Laurel Hill, placing second. Winton Harris, Gainesville, won first place and David Burnsed, Bunnell, placed second in the second week compass course contest.

The tree age contest, held the second week of training, resulted in a tie for first place between little Jimmy Dixon, of Lee, and Le Verne Terry, of the Winter Garden Chapter. Furman Fletcher, Gainesville, David Burnsed, Bunnell, and Eugene Garner, Brooker, all tied for second place.

It wasn't all work and no play for the FFA'ers at Camp O'Leno. Recreation in the form of softball, volleyball, ping-pong, horse shoes, and swimming was furnished the boys, combined with a variety show presented each Tuesday night by entertainers from Lake City, and a square dance each Thursday night.

The camp is sponsored by various forest products companies throughout the state. Sponsors for this year's camp were: Container Corporation of America, Fernandina; International Paper Company, Panama City; National Container Corporation, Jacksonville; Rayonier, Inc., Fernandina; St. Joe Paper Company, Port St. Joe; St. Regis Paper Company, Pensacola; American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Georgia; Alger-Sullivan Lumber Company, Century; Foley Lumber Industries, Inc., Foley; Granger Lumber Company, Inc., Lake City; Neal Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Inc., Blountstown; and St. Joe Lumber and Export Company, Port St. Joe.

FFF Delegates to Attend National Convention

A GROUP of outstanding Future Farmers will represent the Florida Association at the 25th Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

Official Delegates, Band and Chorus Members will leave Florida October 7th with F. N. McCullars, Chapter Adviser, Fort Meade, and A. R. Cox, Executive Secretary of the Florida Association to begin rehearsing in the National FFA Band and National Chorus on October 10th and will stay over until October 18th when the National FFA Band marches in the American Royal Parade.

Florida members of the National Band are: Maxwell Williams and Roderick Vaughn, Tate Chapter, Gonzalez; Potter Woodberry, Jr., Havana Chapter; Lawrence Wilder, Wimauma Chapter; and Robert Bell, Fort Meade Chapter.

National FFA Chorus member from Florida is Jay Counts, Ocala Chapter.

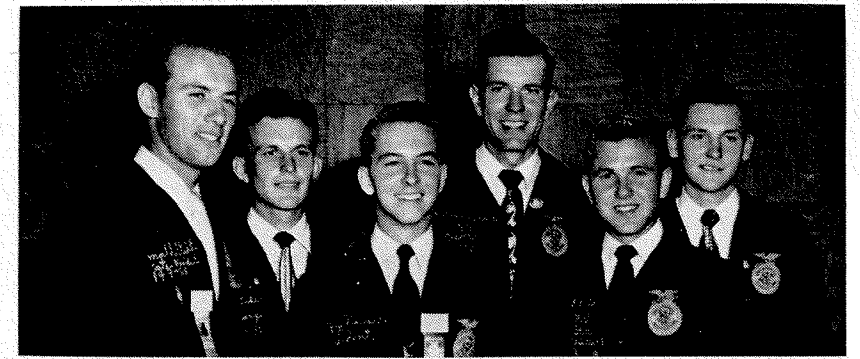
The two official delegates who will take part in the business sessions for the Florida Association are: Copeland Griswold, Chumuckla Chapter member and immediate Past-President of the Florida Association; and Jackson Brownlee, Member of the Trenton Chapter and 1952-53 State President.

The six Vice-Presidents of the State Association will attend the National Convention. They are: William Timmons, Quincy FFA Chapter, 1st Vice-President Florida Association, Alternate delegate,



Lansing Gordon, Redland Chapter Adviser with Clyde Rogers, Leroy Rogers, and George Cooper, members of the State Champion F.F.A. Dairy Judging Team from Redland, will participate in the National F.F.A. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products Judging Contest in Waterloo, Iowa September 29-October 1, 1952. Billy Snowden (Alternate) on the team is not in the picture.

The Florida Future Farmer for October 1952



The national FFA officers for 1951-52 are: left to right, Donald Staheli (pronounced Staley), 19 years old, of Hurricane, Utah, national FFA president; Charles R. Ocker, 19, Cameron, Mo., student secretary; Billy M. Howard, 17, Plains, Ga., vice president for the Southern Region; Gerald Reynolds, 20, Corfu, N. Y., vice president for the North Atlantic Region; Dallas M. High, 19, Ohio City, Ohio, vice president for the Central Region, and Duane Drushella, 19, Albany, Ore., vice president for the Pacific Region. The new officers were installed during the closing session of the 24th annual convention at Kansas City, Mo., October 11.

Call for National Convention

TO MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

By the powers vested in me as National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State and Insular Associations to send delegates to a National Convention which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 13 through 16, 1952.

All chartered State Associations in good standing with the National Organization are entitled to select and send two delegates and two alternate delegates from the active membership, and those candidates nominated for the American Farmer Degree by the National Board of Student Officers and approved by the National Board of Directors, also any members who have reservations in Kansas City, and wish to attend the National Convention.

As a National Organization we have accomplished many outstanding things this past year and at this, our 25th National Convention, plans will be made for the very important year ahead. Regular business will be transacted, the National Public Speaking Contest will be held, and awards will be made.

DONALD STAHELI
National President

Hurricane, Utah
July 21, 1952

and Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award Winner, Star Farmer of Florida, will carry the State of Florida in the ceremony, Massing of State Flags; Joe McRee, Eustis FFA Chapter, 2nd Vice President and Bankers Scholarship Award winner; Charles Salmon, LaBelle Chapter, 3rd Vice President, and Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award winner; Ben Arnold Griffin, Chipley FFA Chapter, 4th Vice President; Eugene (Sonny) Griffin, Bartow Chapter, 5th Vice President and Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award; Billy Gunter, Suwannee Chapter of Live Oak, 6th Vice-President, alternate delegate, Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award Winner, Star State Dairy Farmer for 1952 and State Champion Public Speaker for 1951.

Dr. W. T. Spanton, National FFA Ad-

viser, announced last month that the applications of eight Florida candidates for the American Farmer Degree have been carefully reviewed and will be recommended to the delegates at the Convention for final approval. The eight Florida Future Farmers who are candidates for the highest award given by the Organization are: Donald Burch, Suwannee FFA Chapter at Live Oak; Don Fuqua, Altha FFA Chapter; James Grinstead, Branford FFA Chapter; Carlton O'Steen, High Springs Chapter; Matt Mathews, Allenton FFA Chapter; George Prevedel, Leesburg FFA Chapter; George Sprinkle, Homestead FFA Chapter, and Wade Wilkinson, Baker FFA Chapter.

Other Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award winners who will attend the National Convention are: Leonard Stafford,

FFA Calendar of Events

Event	Type	Place	Date
Kiwanis Program	State	Tallahassee	July 1
Judging Chapter Forestry Contest	State	District Adviser	July 1-2
FFA Forestry Training Camp 1st week	State	Camp O'Leno	July 6-12
FFA Forestry Training Camp 2nd week	State	Camp O'Leno	July 13-19
Farm Safety Week	National	Local Chapters	July 20-26
Agricultural Teachers' Conference	State	Daytona Beach	July 21-25
Public Speaking & Quartet Contest	Tri-State	Daytona Beach	July 24
FFA State Officers Training	State	Daytona Beach	July 25-28
AUGUST, 1952			
West Florida Dairy Show	State	Chipley	August 14
SEPTEMBER, 1952			
Brahman Feeder Calf Sale	State	Gainesville	September 3
Angus Feeder Calf Sale	State	Gainesville	September 10
Hereford Feeder Calf Sale	State	Gainesville	September 12
Miracle Day-Wauchula FFA Chapter	State	Zolfo Springs	September 16
National Dairy Show	National	Waterloo, Iowa	Sept. 29-Oct. 1
OCTOBER, 1952			
Livestock & Poultry Youth Show	Area	Ocala	Oct. 1-2
Deadline-Entries Improved Breeding Contest	State	District Adviser	Oct. 5
Okaloosa	County	Crestview	Oct. 6-12
SE FFA Hereford Bull Show (Sears)	Regional	Atlanta	Oct. 7
Governor's Highway Safety Conference	State	Daytona Beach	Oct. 10-11
National FFA Convention	National	Kansas City, Mo.	Oct. 13-16
American Royal Livestock Show	National	Kansas City, Mo.	Oct. 14-17
Gadsden County Tobacco Festival	County	Quincy	Oct. 13-18
Jackson County Fair	County	Marianna	Oct. 20-25
Jefferson County Fair	County	Monticello	Oct. 20-25
Nassau County Fair	County	Callahan	Oct. 22-25
Suwannee Valley Hog Show and Sale	Open	Live Oak	Oct. 27-30
North Florida Fair	State	Tallahassee	Oct. 27-Nov. 1
Pensacola Interstate Fair	Open	Pensacola	Oct. 29-Nov. 8
NOVEMBER, 1952			
Deadline-Chapter Program of Work	State	District Supervisor	Nov. 1
Sumter All-Florida Breeder Show	State	Webster	Nov. 5-8
Holmes County Fair & Youth Show	County	Bonifay	Nov. 6-8
Tri-County Cattle Show, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Counties	County	Plant City	Nov. 8
Junior Agriculture Fair	County	Plant City	Nov. 20-22
DECEMBER, 1952			
Deadline-Membership dues to attend FFA Day State	State	Tallahassee	Dec. 1
Beef Breeders & Herdsmen's Short Course	State	Gainesville	Dec. 4-6
Putnam County Fair & Youth Show	County	Palatka	Dec. 5-6
Polk County Youth Fair	County	Bartow	Dec. 11-13
Desota County Youth Show	County	Arcadia	December
JANUARY, 1953			
West Coast Dairy Show	Area	Tampa	Jan. 3
Martin County Fair	County	Stuart	Jan. 15-17
Dade County Fair	County	Miami	Jan. 15-17
Sarasota County Agricultural Fair	County	Sarasota	Jan. 19-24
Pasco County Fair	County	Dade City	Jan. 20-24
Manatee County Fair	County	Palmetto	Jan. 24-31
Tri-County Fat Stock Show	Area	Wauchula	Jan. 28-29
FEBRUARY, 1953			
Southwest Florida Fair	Area	Fort Myers	Feb. 2-7
Florida State Fair (Dairy Cattle Week)	State	Tampa	Feb. 3-7
Florida State Fair (FFA Day)	State	Tampa	Feb. 7
Florida State Fair (Beef Cattle Week)	State	Tampa	Feb. 8-14
Fort Pierce FFA Show	Area	Fort Pierce	Feb. 17-19
West Fla. Livestock Fat Cattle Show & Sale	State	Quincy	Feb. 17-19
Pinellas County Fair	County	Largo	Feb. 17-21
Kissimmee Valley Show	State	Kissimmee	Feb. 18-21
FFA Week	National	Local Chapter	Feb. 21-28
Central Florida Exposition	Area	Orlando	Feb. 25-28
Deadline-State Initiated Project Applications	State	State Office	February 28
Deadline-For paying dues	State & Nat.	Tallahassee	Feb. 28
MARCH, 1953			
Deadline-American Farmer Degree Appli.	State	District Adviser	March 2
Deadline-Farm Mechanics Application	State	District Adviser	March 2
Chapter Leadership Award on Cooperation	State	District Adviser	March 2
Broward County Fair	County	Fort Lauderdale	March 3-7
Southeastern Fat Stock Show	Open	Ocala	March 3-6
Ocala Brahman Show	Open	Ocala	March 3-6
Florida Hereford Breeders Show & Sale	State	Quincy	March 2
Deadline-Farm Electrification Award Appli.	State	District Adv.	March 14
Deadline-Soil & Water Management Award Application	State	District Adv.	March 14
Fla. Sportsmen's Exposition-Lake County Fair County	State	Eustis	March 16-21
Eastern Imperial Brahman Show and Sale	National	Bartow	March 17-19
Desoto Pageant and Manatee County Fair	County	Bradenton Palmetto	March 19-22
APRIL, 1953			
Deadline-State Farmer Degree Applications	State	District Adv.	April 1
Deadline-FFA Dairy Farmer Award Appli.	State	District Adv.	April 1
Deadline-State Forestry Contest (Sal)	State	District Adv.	April 1
Florida Tomato Festival	State	Ruskin	April 15
National Band & Chorus Applications	State	State Adviser	April 17
Copies of Public Speaking	Sub. Dist.	Chairman	April 17
Southeast Fla. Livestock Show	Sub. Dist.	Belle Glade	April 24
Sub-District Contests	Sub. Dist.		
MAY, 1953			
Deadline-Farm Safety Award	State	District Adv.	May 1
Deadline-Entries in Cattlemen's Contests	State	District Adv.	May 1
Chapter Accomplishment Reports	Chapter	District Adv.	May 1
Copies Public Speaking	District	Chairman	May 1
District Contests	District		May 8
Copies Public Speaking	State	State Chairman	May 15
Banquet Chick Contest-Sears Roebuck & Co.	District	District Adv.	May 15
Selection Delegates Forestry Camp	Chapter	District Adv.	May 30
JUNE, 1953			
State FFA Convention	State	Daytona Beach	June
Chapter Scrapbooks	State	State Convention	June
Annual State Fish Fry	State	State Convention	June
Special Awards Program	State	State Convention	June
Entries Jaycee Chapter Forestry Contest	State	District Adviser	June 30

Chumuckla FFA Chapter; and Fred Connor, Tavares FFA Chapter.

The Turkey Creek String Band, composed of Junior Varnum, Allison Varnum, Dean Page, Clifton Brown, and Donald Drawdy, will be present to play and sing on the National Talent Night Program.

Terry Johnson, Treasurer, and D. M. Bishop, Adviser of the Quincy Chapter will also attend as a result of Terry winning the Florida State Cattlemen's Feeder Steer Award last year.

Frank Taylor, Taylor FFA Chapter and his Chapter Adviser, Fred Shaw, will go to the Convention as a result of Frank having won the State Forestry Contest sponsored by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company. Wayne Bush and his Chapter Adviser, O. Z. Revell, Vernon FFA Chapted, will also go to the Convention as a result of Vernon winning the Chapter Forestry Contest sponsored by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Bushnell FFA Chapter, winner of the State Livestock Judging Contest at the Florida State Fair, will attend the National Convention with the Chapter Adviser, Herbert Simmons, and the American Royal Livestock Show at which they will compete in the National Livestock, Meat and Poultry products judging contests. Team members are: Danny Cowart, Larry Cowart, Bobby Hall, Charles Lamb.

Others from Florida who plan to attend the National Convention are: Elton Hinton, Adviser of Turkey Creek FFA Chapter; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kilpatrick and Colin Williamson, State Public Speaking Champion, High Springs FFA Chapter; Mrs. Carlton O'Steen, wife of the American Farmer Degree Candidate; D. E. Ryals, Adviser of Altha Chapter; George Ford, John Petronis, and Jeff Howell from the Quincy Chapter; R. B. O'Berry, Adviser Bartow Chapter; W. S. Crowley, Adviser, Sarasota Chapter; M. B. Jordon, Adviser, Fort Pierce Chapter; Roy Wood, Adviser, Homestead Chapter; E. V. O'Neal, Adviser, Lake Placid Chapter; R. L. Brooks, Adviser, Pahokee Chapter; T. L. Barrineau, District Supervisor of Agricultural Education; G. C. Norman, Veterans Vocational Agriculture Supervisor; Adviser R. E. Jones, Jimmy Bell, and Lester Fouracre, Baldwin; Vernon Wager and Irvin Padgett, Green Cove Springs; Adviser W. L. Morgan, Clinton Bell and Ronald Page, Callahan; W. R. Tolar, Adviser and two members of the Bristol Chapter; H. L. Fagan, Adviser and four members of the DeLand Chapter; Miss Vesta Prewitt, Assistant Public Relations, St. Regis Paper Company.

A group of former active F.F.A. members of the Dade City Chapter met recently to organize a Young Farmers Chapter. Elmo Collins, vocational agriculture teacher is assisting the group.

100 Acres Cleared And Planted in One 'Miracle Day'

With a deep-throated roar twelve huge bulldozers crashed into the tangled undergrowth at the Future Farmers tract at Zolfo Springs on "Miracle Day", Sept. 16, tearing out brush, pushing trees and ripping up stumps.

As fast as a small area was cleared the bulldozers were followed by other tractors pulling choppers, discs and plows, by fertilizer and lime spreaders, by grass planters and seeders. In the course of one day 100 acres of the 112 acre tract were cleared, chopped, fertilized and planted and the remaining acres, which were so wet that it made work difficult, was nearly completed.

Farmers, cattlemen, implement dealers and land clearing companies cooperated with the Soil Conservation Service, the FFA, the Agricultural Extension Service and civic minded citizens to create the "miracle" of a complete farm unit from raw ground in a one-day operation.

The tract, which was recently leased to the Wauchula Chapter, Future Farmers of America, is a county owned park on the banks of Peace River. There is a swimming pool, a recreation building, a trailer park and an area set aside for public picnic grounds. The whole park is under FFA management, and all monies earned by its operation is being turned back into improvements on the area.

Many types of machinery, especially developed for the clearing of land, were demonstrated at the "Miracle Day". The machine creating the most interest among the nearly 10,000 spectators was the Washburn Rotary Palmetto Plow. This huge machine, powered by twin diesel engines with an electric drive, entered a field which had been stumped only, and in one operation, completed the work of getting the land ready for grass planting.

Another machine which created much interest was the Overstreet grass planter. One man to drive the tractor which pulled the machine and four boys are capable of planting 40 acres of grass per day as compared to about 10 acres with the same manpower using the old hand method.

The operation, which used 12 bulldozers, numerous wheel tractors, choppers, discs, plows, fertilizer spreaders and other equipment, got underway at dawn. Some small amount of preliminary work, such as the cutting of fence lines and laying out field boundaries in accordance with the complete soils map prepared by the Har-

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FFA Accomplishes Much in 1951-52

THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, F.F.A., had, during the past year, 143 chartered local chapters with a total active membership of 7,858 boys. There were 3932 Greenhands, 3798 Chapter Farmers, 118 State Farmers, and 10 active American Farmers. There are, in addition, 22,194 local Associate Members, and 853 local and state Honorary Members. For 1951-52 the total membership, active, associate, and honorary, was 30,905 persons. An even higher goal should be attained during this year. A summary of some of the accomplishments of these active members is given below:

I. Supervised Farming		
	Percent	
Average number of productive enterprises per member	1.76	
Average number of improvement projects per member	4.02	
Average number of supplementary farm practices per member	6.4	
Percent of members with balanced farm program	60.3	
Percent of ownership of projects by members	82.7	
Average number of new farm skills per member	12.3	
Number of chapters having project tours	115	
Percentage of chapters having project tours	81	
Percentage of chapters having photographed productive enterprises	18.3	
II. Cooperative Activities		
	Chapters Participating	No. of Activities
Financing	106	363
Buying	119	593
Selling	224	474
Productive	122	452
Miscellaneous	90	310
III. Community Service		
Percent of chapters sponsoring community services	36%	
Percent of chapters participating in improvement of crops and livestock	88%	
Preventing losses from diseases, pests and injury	82,166	Head
Amount of food preserved	422,447	Pints
	13,929	Lbs. Meat
	11,706	Lbs. Lard
Conserving Resources		
Soils	19,150	acres
Manures	6,256	tons
Protected forest	78,191	acres
Forests planted	2,697	acres
J. F. Williams Memorial Forests (Establishment and/or care)	23	forests
Percent of chapters participating in community beautification	91%	
Percent of chapters participating in improving farm homes and other buildings	88%	
Percent of chapters participating in improvement of health in rural areas, including "Farm Safety"	70%	
Percent of chapters repairing and reconditioning farm homes and other buildings	94.2	
Percent of chapters participating in assisting needy farm families	55.4	
Needy farm families assisted by chapters	493	families
Percent of chapters that put on a community display	83%	
IV. Leadership		
Percent of chapters having FFA Banquets	89%	
Percent of members participating in 2 or more contests	48%	
Percent of members qualified and receiving Chapter Farmer Degree	67%	
Percent of members qualified and receiving State Farmer Degree	60%	
Percent of Florida quota (8) elected to receive American Farmer Degree	100%	
Percent of chapters with organized leadership training program	23.7%	
Percent of chapters making educational tours	82.5%	
Percent of chapters having 2 newspaper articles per month in local papers	80%	

Percent of chapters having articles in "State" newspapers and magazines	10%
Percent of chapters having one radio program	40%
Percent of chapters having one civic club program	75%
Percent of chapters having officers' jackets	70%
Percent of chapters having State FFA Quartet, Harmonica, and String Band Contests broadcast, and State Public Speaking Contest winner's speech broadcast	50%
Percent of chapters having twelve chapter articles in State newspapers	67%
Percent of chapters having library equipped with agricultural magazines and at least 10 books	85.7%
Percent of chapters procuring all eligible boys as members	92%
Number of chapters sponsoring a Young Farmer Organization	7 chapters

V. Earnings and Savings	
Amount earned by 71 chapters	\$85,465.15
Amount in Government Bonds purchased by 9% of chapters	1,985.00
Average labor income from Supervised Farming, per member	129.66

Three Florida Delegates Attend Camp at Miniwanca, Michigan

THIS YEAR's Camp Miniwanca was again packed full of enriching educational and Christian ideas of leadership for the campers from Florida. They have expressed appreciation to Mr. William H. Danforth, the American Youth Foundation, and the Florida Association of Future Farmers of America for making this trip possible.

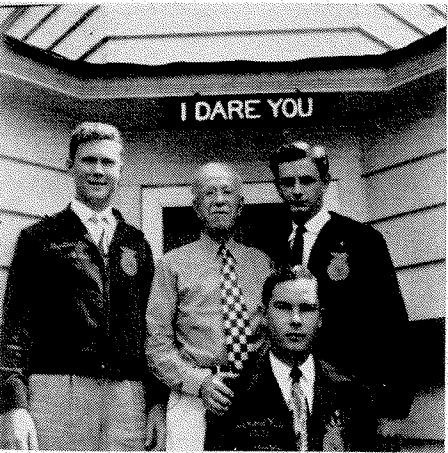
Each year the American Youth Foundation holds a two weeks leadership course of Christian Leadership Training for boys. Leadership training at Camp Miniwanca near Shelby, Michigan, is based on the four-fold development—physical, mental, social, and religious. By means of questionnaires and personal interviews, the campers are brought to realize their own needs along these lines and a program is worked out which will help to meet those needs. Selected by the Florida Association to attend camp this year were Billy Gunter, 6th Vice President; Don Fuqua, Past State President; and Daniel E. Ryals, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Altha.

Camp officially opened Monday noon, August 11th, with the holding of the first assembly. At this meeting the campers were divided into six "tribes" each of which was given the name of an Indian nation. An adult was designated as "tent leader" for each group of six boys. The purpose of the division into tribes was to promote the competitive spirit in athletic events, good housekeeping and class room work.

A typical daily schedule included rising at 6:30 A.M. for flag raising exercises and a "dip" in Lake Michigan. The "dip" was followed by a period of quiet for meditation and prayer before breakfast.

VI. Conduct of Meetings	
Percent of chapters holding two out-school meetings per month during year	71%
Percent of chapters having local meetings of 90 minutes or more	68.7%
Percent of attendance at local meetings	64.3%
Percent of membership with dues paid by December 1st	83.6%
Percent of chapters with complete paraphernalia	94.1%
Percent of members owning an FFA Manual	64%
Percent of chapters using Parliamentary Procedure at all meetings	98.7%
Percent of chapters using official Secretary's and Treasurer's Books	78.9%
VII. Scholarship	
Percent of members making a grade of 85 or more in all high school subjects	55.3%
VIII. Recreational Activities	
Average number of chapters with 10 or more recreational activities during year	5.6
Average number of events in all kinds of recreational activities	16.3

Classes were from 8:30 until 12:30, with an hour off for lunch and one class in the afternoon. At the end of classes for the day, there was a planned athletic program. An outstanding feature of this program was that everyone participated from the star in each field right on down to the fellow who didn't know a softball from a tennis ball. As proof of the wisdom of this strategy, the high jump record of the camp was broken last year by the fellow who had never done the high jump before. After the athletic events, a free period was allowed for swimming, sailing, etc. Following supper the campers and leaders climbed to (Continued on page 18)



Florida delegates to Camp Miniwanca, Michigan are shown above. They were D. E. Ryals, adviser, Altha FFA Chapter, Billy Gunter, Suwannee FFA Chapter, Mr. Danforth, scholarship sponsor of the camp, and Don Fuqua, Altha FFA Chapter.

Are We Farmers to Blame?

By COLIN WILLIAMSON, High Springs FFA Chapter, 1952 State Public Speaking Winner

Friends, I want to speak to you about a problem which vitally concerns us farmers. Most city consumers of our farm products believe we farmers are responsible for the cost of living which now exists. Are they justified in thinking this? Absolutely not, and I am going to point out why.

It's true that today the American farmer is prospering; his hopes and dreams of yesterday have at last come true. His new car is in the garage and his new barn has just been painted. His livestock and crops are looking good; the prices for his produce are still at a high level. Yes, indeed, today the American farmer is witnessing a brighter glow of prosperity than he has at any time in history.

But, all of us who live by agriculture must face the brutal fact that if a popularity poll were taken throughout the nation today, the farmer perhaps would get the lowest rating in history. More than that, he would be accused by many town and city families of being a government-supported gouger who has caused the cost of living to spiral, for there has been a wave of ill feeling and bitterness against the farmer that is very real, a very dangerous thing. It threatens the very foundation of agriculture programs. It could wipe out the farmer's hard won gains in his long, up-hill struggle from the depths of depression toward equal opportunity in our economy. It has even confused the place of agriculture in our mobilization program.

Most city consumers, I am sure, do not begrudge farmers fair prices that will enable the farm family to maintain production and enjoy a reasonable standard of living. These objectives can be reached under our American system if we honestly seek understanding and cooperation.

The American farmer stands at the crossroads of one of the most important periods in his history. The laggard, the ne'er-do-well, would have him follow that highway which levels off from the spot where he is now standing.

This storm of protest has built up from all points of the compass. A big business journal discusses what it calls the "party outrage." A grocer tells housewives who complain of the cost of food, "Lady, the farmer gets more, so I must only charge more." A mobilization official says that "the cost of living is chasing farm prices up the ladder and there is no chance of stabilizing cost of living while farm prices run wild."

First of all, let us admit forthrightly that some farm prices are out of line, though not as many, nor to the extent claimed by

much of the city press. Let us recognize in all fairness that there are some serious flaws in our farm programs. There are some features in them which should be discarded; others which should be remodeled and modernized. But there are some basic concepts in these programs which are fundamental to the continued well-being of agriculture—and of the nation. These we must defend without quarter!

Agriculture itself has not yet faced up to the realities of this crucial period. We farmers need to square our thinking with the times and press for long-needed remodeling of our national farm programs. We know that there are some serious faults in certain parts of these programs. Any one can put all of agriculture in a bad light; such as the absurdity of the potato-support program in which a perishable food was bought and destroyed and at the same time consumers were complaining of high prices. The time is past due for a sorting out. We must keep and strengthen those parts of the programs which we know to be basically sound.

In a democracy such as ours, failure of one part of the population to understand another can weaken our whole national fabric, and it can lead to unwise national policies. The most serious mistake of farmers as a group is that while we have been concentrating on improving and building up our productive powers, we have failed to give enough attention to public relations, to keep in touch with our customers. We farmers have failed miserably to get the true story of our situation, our methods, and our goals before the rest of the American people. We are now reaping the bitter yield of that failure.

The simple truth which we farmers have failed to make clear beyond all doubt to non-farm Americans is that (1) most prices at the farm have been quite reasonable; (2) farmers have been producing an abundance of food—even at the risk of producing surpluses—and have been feeding the public better than at any time in history; and (3) farmers are not profiteering—in fact, they actually have been squeezed to some extent between lower prices for what they sell and rising cost of production.

This is not opinion or propaganda; it is the documented truth. Here are the facts: The average of farm profits still is almost 15 per cent below 1947—while corporate profits and hourly wages of factory workers both are 18 per cent above the levels of five years ago.

Farm production in 1950 was as bounti-

ful as farmers knew how to make it, one third more than in the years immediately preceding World War II. Yet, net farm income has been going down steadily since 1947, from \$18 billion that year to about \$14 billion in 1949, to about \$13 billion in 1950. Last year, the 20 per cent of the United States population that lives on the farm received only 12 percent of the national income.

Government purchases and loans have taken surplus farm products from the market when prices were unreasonably low. These surpluses have been held in reserve, providing valuable insurance against drought or other emergency, and they have been fed back into the market when prices threaten to go unreasonably high. Consumers have benefited as much as, or more than, farmers from most of these programs. Beef prices, which have gone the highest, never have been supported. Also, on the whole, such supports have been a good investment. With the exception of eggs and potatoes, neither of which is now supported, the support program has returned a net profit to the government.

We see that the farmer and his programs are NOT to blame for the high cost of living which worries all of us, whether we live in the city or on the farm. There is no villain except inflation, although agriculture has been made the scapegoat in this situation.

This economic hurdle, a still-spreading inflation, could do many of Joe Stalin's chores for him. Farmers know full well what an inflation-delation cycle can do to them. They remember painfully the boom of the twenties, followed by the depression of the thirties that brought bankruptcy to two out of every five farmers. It was not until ten years later that agriculture began to recover from the disastrous effects. I believe that most of us recognize that adequate action must be taken to prevent a repetition of the boom-cycle; we are ready to accept fair control measures that are necessary in the national interests during the period of emergency. The requirements of such a program are not pleasant, but we must live with them, and the sooner the better.

The United States, now as never before, stands out as the shining symbol and guiding light to the lovers of democratic freedom throughout the world. We must add fuel to the flame so that its brilliance shall not weaken before the grasping, hopeful peoples of the world. We, as a farm people, must do our part that the light may

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FFA Chapters Take Group Tours During Summer Vacation Time

FUTURE FARMERS from all sections of the State have made good use of summer vacation time to make group tours.

A group of eighteen members of the Sebring F.F.A. Chapter and Jack Ingle, adviser, made a four day tour of Florida, traveling by bus. Nights were spent camping out in Anastasia State Park, St. Augustine, Florida Caverns State Park at Marianna and Camp O'Leno State Park at High Springs. Meals were planned and prepared by the group at the various state and wayside parks. Points of interest visited and activities included in the tour—a swim at world famous Daytona Beach, Marineland Studios, the Alligator and Ostrich Farm and Fort San Marcos at St. Augustine, the tobacco market at Lake City, Florida Caverns at Marianna, the Florida State University, State Department of Education and the Capitol Building at Tallahassee. On their return trip, they saw the University of Florida and took a glass bottom boat ride and swam at Silver Springs. Money for the trip was raised by various chapter activities during the past school year.

Fourteen Baker FFA boys and Gordon Walther, chapter adviser, made a tour of eastern United States.

First point of interest for the boys from Baker was Nashville, Tennessee, where they visited the Grand Ole Opry Show at radio station WSM. The Y.M.C.A. building was headquarters during their stay in Nashville. On the way out, they visited Andrew Jackson's Home, "The Hermitage". One night was spent in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in the Cherokee Indian Reservation. In Washington, they stayed at a motor court. Their tour in Washington took in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the Treasury Department, Washington Monument, National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institute, a session of Congress, the White House, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Mt. Vernon, and a visit to the National Executive Secretary of Future Farmers of America. Some of the boys attended a baseball game between the Washington Senators and the New York Yankees. The return trip included stops in Richmond, Virginia, Greenwood, South Carolina and Columbus, Georgia.

Thirty-three members of the Fort Myers chapter, along with the chapter adviser, H. E. Taylor, took a twelve day educational tour to the Smoky Mountains, Detroit, Canada, and Niagara Falls, during the month of June. This trip was financed by the chapter with proceeds from its farming program during last year.

Sailfish (Stuart) Chapter sent twenty-two Future Farmers and H. O. Gay, Adviser for a two weeks trip to Washington. First stop was at Silver Springs, followed by a stop at Gainesville for lunch and a tour of the University Campus.

Traveling through North Georgia and South Carolina by night, they toured the American Thread Company in Clover, South Carolina, and reached Lincolnton High School where they met the Agriculture Teacher there who had made arrangements for their second night's sleep. From Lincolnton, they began a drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains, spending the third night in Waynesboro, at the edge of the Shenandoah Valley in the apple growing section. They also visited Luray Caverns. Arriving in Washington, they spent the night at Potomac Park Motel on the Potomac River, where they found a party of twenty Future Farmers from the Fort Pierce Chapter. The boys from Stuart visited the Agricultural Experiment Station in Beltsville, Maryland. A visit was made to the Department of State to see a live broadcast of the Voice of America, a tour of the F.B.I. Building, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Arlington National Cemetery and an all day trip to Mount Vernon.

Ten Future Farmers of America, advisers W. E. Bishop and J. L. Dunaway and two plain citizens took a seven-day tour from Lake City to New York City and Washington, D. C.

The fourteen went in three passenger automobiles supplied by Messrs. Alderman, Bishop and Dunaway. Each car was loaded to the brim, for the party carried its bedding (sleeping bags), some food and ample utensils for cooking, ice boxes not omitted. The best of weather enroute permitted everyone to sleep out of doors every night while away. A maximum of sight-seeing and real adventure at minimum cost was had, due mainly to wise planning. Travel experiences that will pay dividends for a life time were also had. There were no harrowing nor even painful experiences to remember.

The party arrived the third night out at a point forty-three miles from New York City, and were the guests of the Walker-Gordon Laboratory Company, Plainsboro, New Jersey, the world's largest Certified Milk Farm—2,400 acres, daily medical and veterinary supervision of 1,550 milking cows, Brown Swiss, Holsteins and Guernseys. A second night was also spent here.

New York City was reached Wednesday

by train, upon arrival at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, several subway trips were made. A trip was made to the top floors of the Empire State Building and a journey to the United Nations center at which eighteen delegates were heard discussing world economic and social problems, in six languages. The departure of the Queen Mary for an European port was observed.

Arriving in Washington, D. C., Thursday, the group visited the Nation's Capitol, and entered the House and Senate Galleries, while the respective bodies were in session. Many courtesies were extended to the group by U. S. Senators Holland and Smathers through their officers and aides.

The Pentagon, Smithsonian Institute, Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial were also visited.

Thanks to the U. S. Senators from Florida, also, the party made a tour through the Agricultural Research Center of the United States Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, Maryland, the most extensive of its kind throughout the world. Three hours there afforded a general view of its vast operations.

Returning via Rocky Mount, North Carolina, the North Carolina Highway Patrol extended to the party courtesies that were enjoyed immensely, through the hospitality of Sergeant J. B. Boyd, who was in charge. He saw to it that the group had the use of the stations splendid camping facilities.

The trip homeward was characterized by visits to Princeton University, Virginia Military Institute and the University of Maryland. The entire tour encompassed eleven states, and 2,621 miles of travel. Daylight travel afforded many opportunities for wonderful views in the Blue Ridge and the Great Smoky Mountains. The boys enjoyed all this and the camping at nights, with cooking by the group, most of all.

From the 120 F.F.A. boys enrolled in the Fort Pierce F.F.A. Chapter, twenty were chosen to make the educational tour. These boys were chosen because they led in the following attributes: Scholarship, (no failures in any subject in school any six weeks period); Citizenship, (the FFA member cannot have a single discipline slip on file with the principal during the year); Thrift, (have earned and saved in the FFA Thrift Bank \$35.00); Leadership, (have been outstanding in FFA and other school activities); Farming Program, (must have been tops among the boys with his home projects and class work). On this tour, the twenty FFA boys were under the supervision of their FFA advisers, M. B. Jordan and W. C. Geiger and traveled in a sixty-six passenger school bus provided by the Saint Lucie County School

Board, who also provided Bunny Keen as driver of the bus.

Each member of the group was adequately insured with a specialized campers insurance policy with \$1500.00 medical and hospital on any accident; polio medical and hospitalization of \$1500.00; medical allowance on general illness \$350.00; loss of limb up to \$2500.00 and accidental death \$2500.00. Each of these boys kicked in to the kitty \$35.00 or a total of \$700.00, which amount was to pay all the expenses including the few paid admissions they might be able to see.

Sleeping was done for the most part on the floor of some school gymnasium with a thin pad each boy took for a bed. A set of ten rules was agreed upon by the boy before leaving home and vouched for by the boy's parent. The least infraction caused the boy to be campused (not allowed to go to show) and he got K.P. duty.

The bus checked out of Fort Pierce the morning of Friday, June 13th, at 9:00 a.m. and the first stop was Daytona Beach where they picked up several of the aggregation who were attending the State FFA Convention in an attempt to win the State Parliamentary Law Contest since Fort Pierce represented District Six in this contest.

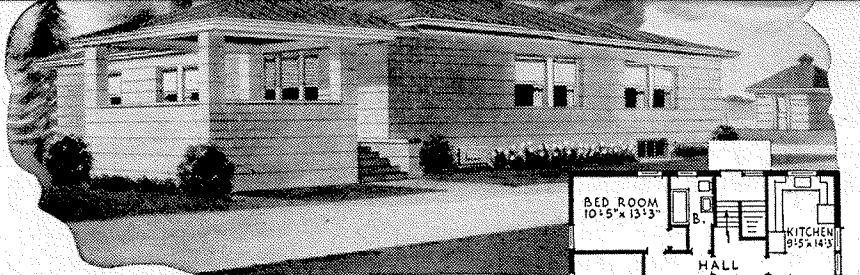
The tour took the group through Atlanta, Knoxville and on through the Shenandoah Valley, atop the Skyline Drive to Washington, then Philadelphia, New York City, Rochester and Niagara Falls, hence into Canada and down to Buffalo and back into the good old U.S.A.; returning via Richmond, Wilmington, Savannah, Jacksonville and home.

The eighteen days the boys were away from home were four days to Washington; two days in Washington; two days to New York; two days in New York; two days to Niagara Falls; one day in Niagara Falls and four days coming home. Ten feet in the rear of the bus was cleared of seats, where there were stored suitcases, cooking utensils, bed pads, a hefty iced refrigerator and a larder of foods.

The FFA group sent to the Ft. Pierce Chamber of Commerce each day a night letter giving that days happenings to be broadcast by WIRA for the parents and friends—cost \$27.00. The cost of the gasoline for the trip was estimated to be \$180.00.

A great many Future Farmers went on short camping trips and long tours and brought new ideas home with their new experiences.

CHARLES SALMON, 3rd Vice President of Fla. Association F.F.A. married Miss Helen Darlene Pendrey, Friday, August 29th. They will be living in Gainesville, since Charles is attending the University of Florida this year.

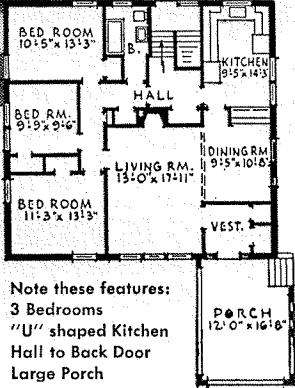


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Trenton FFA Chapter is Chosen Nations Top's in Cooperation

WE'VE ALL accepted for truth the axiom "Experience is the best Teacher". The question is, who learns most from whose experience?

Since its very beginning it has been the purpose of the FFA to develop agricultural leadership and improve farm practices and farm management through the Future Farmers actually learning as they do or as the organization's motto puts it, very neatly:

*"Learning to do
Doing to learn
Earning to live
Living to serve."*

Usually, in the course of their learning, Future Farmers actually demonstrate the real value of sound farm business to community members, as well as to themselves.

Recent announcement that the Trenton Chapter, Future Farmers of America, placed first in the Florida Council of Cooperatives Contest for the second consecutive year points out very clearly how this Chapter has been a vital force in the agricultural progress of that community.

The Trenton Chapter has a history of achievement and a long record of cooperation and service to its community. It has been a Gold Emblem Chapter in the National FFA and farmers and business men regard Future Farmer activities with the respect due to successful business organizations.

During the year 1946-47, while Trenton Future Farmers worked on the Cooperative Enterprise Division in their

Chapter Program of Work, they made a survey which led them to realize that Trenton Farmers were paying \$6.00 more per ton for fertilizer, 50¢ more per pound for good watermelon seed, and \$8.00 more for feed per ton than they would pay if they bought cooperatively.

Like Ricky Nelson of "Ozzie & Harriet's" radio program, the Trenton Future Farmers "don't mess around, boy". When they saw what their survey showed, they set about purchasing six carloads of fertilizer and a thousand pounds of watermelon seed and sold to farmers and veterans on-the-farm training students to help them save money. They also helped farmers to market their watermelons.

This proved such a valuable project, both in money and experience to Chapter and community members, that the volume of business out grew the time-and-energy limitations for a Chapter enterprise. As a result, they helped to organize the Tri-County Cooperative, which has continued successfully to grow and to meet the farmers' needs. The Chapter works very closely with Mr. Jack Mathews, Manager of the Cooperative and he, in turn, has worked closely with the Chapter in many ways. This interchange has made it possible for the Cooperative to grow as a separate business enterprise, but still serve as "first hand" learning contact to continue to give Chapter members vital actual experience in Cooperatives and what needs they serve.

When a representative of the American Institute of Cooperatives contacted the

State Executive Secretary about a Florida participant in their Contest, which was designed to promote educational activities in and about cooperatives, he recommended that the Trenton Chapter make a report on their Cooperative Enterprise Program as an entry. The Florida Council of Cooperatives sponsored the State competition, which Trenton Chapter easily won and then entered the National competition, placing in the top five.

Publicity and growing interest in Florida in the Cooperative field meant more and better competition in this year's contest, but Trenton again ranked first.

Against stiff competition from other State winners, these Future Farmers from Trenton, because of their achievements in farmer cooperative activities, won top spot in the Nation. The award provided \$1000.00 for expenses of the Trenton Chapter in sending the Chapter Adviser and five chapter representatives to the summer session of the Institute held from August 10-14 at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. During the Institutes sessions, James Quincey, President of the Trenton Chapter, discussed the Trenton FFA Chapter program. Billy Twombly, Chapter Vice-President, reported on the Chapter Cooperative; Jimmie Ray Downing told how the Chapter worked with local cooperatives; Milam Wilson told of the Chapter's work in cooperation with other farm, school and community groups, and Jackson Brownlee, State FFA President, and member of Trenton Chapter, discussed what the cooperative activities of the Chapter had meant to members.

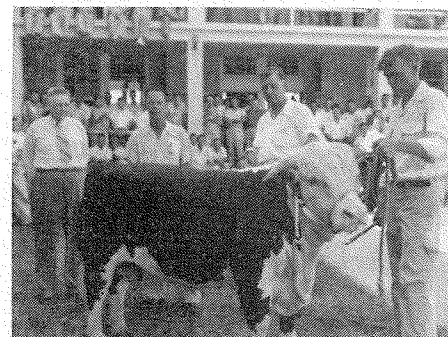
As sponsored by the American Institute of Cooperatives, the Contest is based on seven different phases of Cooperative Activities: (1) Group Cooperative Economic Activities, (2) business dealings by Chapter members with local farmer cooperatives in the community, (3) Chapter visits and tours to farmer cooperatives and other types of businesses for the purpose of developing better understanding concerning business procedures, (4) attendance of Chapter members at farmer cooperative meeting or other meetings where problems of farmer cooperatives were discussed, (5) cooperation with other farm organizations in the community, (6) Chapter cooperation with other school or community groups, (7) Amount of instruction devoted to farm businesses in the community, including farm cooperatives.

Among the many activities carried out by the Chapter Members were marketing of \$12,000 worth of products from Chapter farming projects, \$14,000 worth of products for members of the Chapter and more than \$10,000 of farm supplies through the Chapter Cooperative. In addition to which the Chapter marketed through the Gulf Cooperative Hog Market \$3500 of hogs for Chapter members. For FFA farming projects the Chapter bought \$2135.75 of feed, fertilizer and farming requisites from a local cooperative the Tri-County coop. For FFA members and farmers they bought \$6295.40 of feed, fertilizer, and farming requisites from the Chapter Cooperatives. Business dealings by Chapter members with local farming cooperatives amounted to \$6999.00.

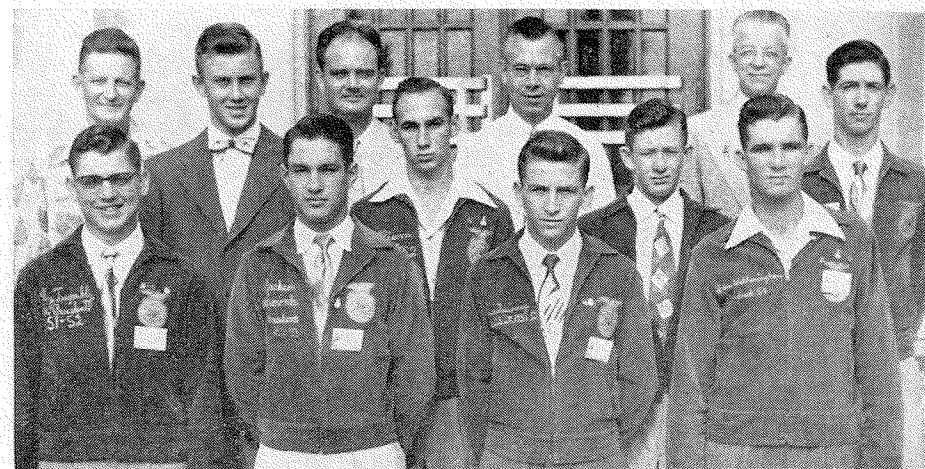
The Chapter planted tobacco seed beds for a local cooperative to furnish plants to members, and assisted another cooperative in taking soil samples from Gilchrist County farms and cooperated with other agencies in similar activities. The Chapter kept a purebred Hereford bull and a purebred Duroc boar on the Chapter farm for breeding service.

These activities provided a wealth of real learning experiences for the Chapter members, helped make the cooperatives enterprise successful and demonstrated their value to the community.

There is no limit to what rural youth can accomplish in an educational project in the FFA in cooperation with an adult organization, such as the American Institute of Cooperatives and the Florida Council of Cooperatives and their members.



Vocational Agriculture Teachers attending their annual summer conference at Daytona Beach, viewed a grooming demonstration from all angles as shown in photograph. Mr. W. C. Greenaway (Sears) arranged for Mr. Tap Bennett, Ag Director for the Central of Ga. Railroad, Savannah, shown with State Supervisor H. E. Wood, vocational ag teacher H. L. Fagan and Jack Shuman (both of Deland), while using the Deland Chapter's Hereford bull to give a demonstration. This bull was given the chapter by Sears and the Hereford Breeders Association for winning the 1951 Improved Breeding contest. The bull will be shown at the Southeastern Fair, Atlanta. (See story on page 7).



Future Farmers and friends from Florida at the American Institute of Cooperation meeting in East Lansing, Michigan, front row, Billy Twombly, Jackson Brownlee, and James Quincey, members of the Trenton F.F.A. Chapter; and Arlen Wetherington, Turkey Creek Chapter. Rear row, Jack Mathews, Treasurer Florida Council Farmers Cooperatives; Bobbie McLean, Brandon Chapter; H. E. Brown, Adviser, Trenton Chapter; William Miller, Plant City Chapter; Dr. E. W. Cake, Secretary Florida Council Farmers Cooperatives; Milam Wilson, Trenton Chapter; D. A. Storms, Hillsborough County Coordinator Vocational Agriculture; and Jimmie Ray Downing, Trenton Chapter.

FFF Representatives Attend Meet at Michigan State

"How My Farm Organization Helps Me Become a Better Farmer" and "What Education and On-The-Farm Training Do Tomorrow's Farmers Need" were the two subjects three Hillsborough County Future Farmers spoke on at the 24th annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation held at the Michigan State College at East Lansing, Michigan, August 10th-14th. Over 1500 youth and adults attended the meetings which emphasized farm cooperatives and at which meetings many of the top authorities on cooperatives spoke.

Among these were Paul Armstrong, general manager, Sunkist Growers, Inc. of California; D. W. Brooks, general manager of Cotton Producer's Association of Atlanta and many others. The opening meeting was presided over by Donald Staheli, National President Future Farmers of America, of Hurricane, Utah.

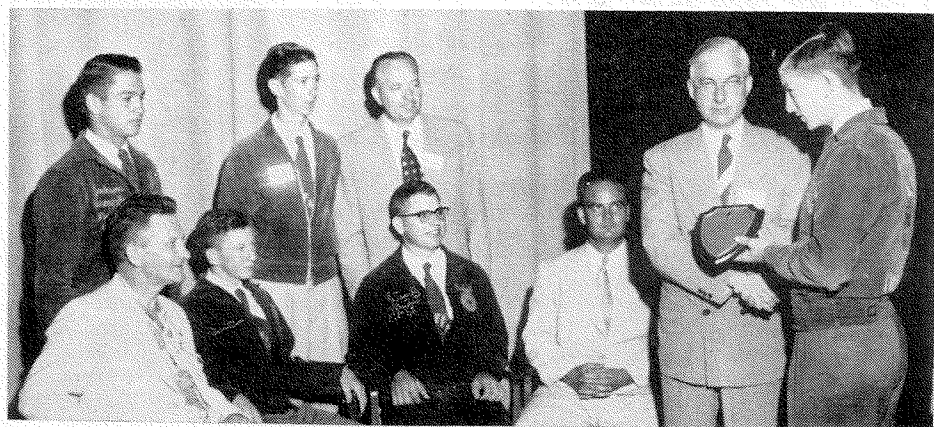
Howard McClarren, Youth Education Director, American Institute of Cooperation was in charge of the youth meetings. Future Farmers, Future Homemakers, and 4-H Club members from all over the United States were in attendance and over 100 appeared on the program.

The Future Farmers representing Florida on the program were Arlen Wetherington of Turkey Creek Chapter, Star Dairy Farmer of Florida last year; William Miller of the Plant City Chapter, who is president of the Hillsborough County F.F.A. Federation; and Bobbie McLean of the Brandon Chapter.

The young people attending were housed in the dormitories of Michigan State College and meals were served in the college dining rooms. Tours were arranged to points of interest including the Oldsmobile Automobile Plant. A picnic was given on the campus one evening.

Other Florida Future Farmers attending the institute were officers of the Trenton Chapter who won the National \$1000.00 award for outstanding accomplishment in cooperation. Accompanying the Trenton boys were Herbert Brown, their adviser; Mr. Lindsey, their principal; and J. G. Smith, district Supervisor for vocational agriculture. D. A. Storms accompanied the Hillsborough County boys who visited many points of interest on the way to and from East Lansing. Foremost of interest was the Riegeldale Guernsey Farms at Trion, Georgia; the Norris Dam near Knoxville, Tennessee; Renfro Valley; Greenfield Village; the fruit sections of Northern Michigan and New York; Niagara Falls; London, Canada; and Washington, D. C. Difference of farming practices through the northern states and Canada and the fine cattle, sheep, hogs, and horse were of much interest.

The Hillsborough County boys are deeply grateful to the Florida Council of Cooperatives, of which Mr. Jack Mathews is Treasurer, for making the trip possible and also to the East Hillsborough County Chamber of Commerce, of which William Barbour is secretary, for their contribution.



James Quincey, President of the Trenton FFA Chapter, receiving special award plaque from Mr. Howard McClarren, Youth Director American Institute of Cooperation, at the Institute's Annual Meeting in East Lansing, Michigan, for the chapter was selected as the best in the nation to receive the Leadership Award on Cooperation. Seated, Jack Mathews, Trenton, Treasurer Florida Council, former Cooperative; Milam Wilson, Billy Twombly, and H. E. Brown, Adviser of Trenton FFA Chapter. Standing, Jackson Brownlee, President Florida Association FFA, and Past President Trenton Chapter; and J. K. Stern, President of American Institute of Cooperation.

West Florida Dairy Show Sees 27 FFA Entries

FUTURE FARMER members of the Chipley, Quincy, Havana, Greenwood, Vernon, Marianna, Campbellton and Cottondale Chapters exhibited 27 animals in the West Florida Dairy Show. The animals were judged by the Danish system, and Future Farmer exhibitors placed 8 animals in the blue group, 7 in the red group, and 12 in the white. The total cash awards amounted to \$117.00. In the FFA Division of the Show, Julian Webb of Chipley exhibited both the Grand and the Reserve Champion Guernsey animals. William Schack of Greenwood exhibited the Champion FFA Jersey, and George Ford of Quincy the Reserve Champion.

In the FFA Dairy Judging Contest, the Havana Team, composed of David Stallings, Bobby Holder, and Carl Barber placed first and received a \$15.00 cash award. The Quincy Chapter team placed second, receiving \$10.00, and Marianna third, receiving \$7.50, other teams placing fourth through tenth, respectively and received \$5.00 each, were Frink, Vernon, Poplar Springs, Walnut Hill, DeFuniak Springs, Malone and Laurel Hill.

Cash awards given for exhibitors in the Show and for the Judging Contests were furnished through the courtesy of the State Department of Agriculture, the businessmen of Chipley and the Chipley Kiwanis Club.



The Havana FFA judging team won first place at the West Florida Dairy Show in Chipley. From left to right, Bruce Hasty, Vernon FFA chapter, Carl Barber, David Stallings, Bobby Holder, O. E. Yearly, adviser, of the Havana chapter.

Are We Farmers to Blame?

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shed its radiance on our brethren and neighbors throughout the universe.



Veteran Helps Develop New Plants

THE PICTURE shows Harold L. Marchman, a member of the Apopka Veterans Class taught by E. H. Greenland. Marchman is shown at his work in the Evergreen Gardens where he is now assistant manager, in charge of greenhouse operations, both growing and shipping. Through his efforts, several new plants have been developed at Evergreen Gardens. He has done considerable work developing a new type plant from Colchicine. His training objective in the veteran program is manager status and he feels he has gained considerable knowledge from his enrollment in all phases of agriculture, both his own particular type and other related phases.

The answer to this problem of ill feeling over the high cost of living can be found. The answer, more than anything else, will depend upon the reactions of individuals to the problem. With intelligent thinking and organized action, we cannot fail. No problem, however great, can withstand the united efforts of a people who seek to solve it. It is up to us to solve this problem. It is up to everyone to add his voice to the ever-growing multitudes who are seeking the answer. We farmers, and all people for that matter, stand at the crossroads of civilization. We can rise to new, unparalleled heights, or we can fall into another dark age.

As Abraham Lincoln said in these immortal words, "Together we stand, divided we fall." Friends, let us choose the road which joins the consumers, and together through mutual understanding we will solve this problem.

Delegates Attend Miniwanca

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the top of "Vesper Dune", a height of some 200 feet above Lake Michigan for the evening vesper service, which was held as the sun seemed to sink down into the lake. Each night's "doings" were devoted to entertainment with each camper and leader who so desired being given an opportunity to perform. Some real talent was displayed. Following this was "Taps".

One night of Camp was devoted to group meetings in which all Future

Farmers had a chance to get together and discuss ideals and ideas on how to improve their State Associations and local chapters. This was the first time in the thirty-eight years of camp that such a meeting took place.

The Florida delegation received recognition several times during the camp. Billy Gunter placed seventh in the camp track meet and also gave a recitation of "Casey at the Bat". Don Fuqua, a second year camper, was re-elected Vice President of the group. The Florida delegation was selected as the fifth best group at camp.

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Vernon Forestry Pays Dividends

PRACTICAL APPLICATION of good forestry principles paid dividends this year for the Vernon FFA Chapter.

For their forestry work in the J. F. Williams Memorial Forest, a 40 acre tract located between Vernon and Chipley, the young farmers won \$125 first prize in a state-wide FFA Chapter forestry contest.

The annual contest, sponsored by the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Forest Service, was inspired by the desire to create and further interest in establishing and managing farm woodlots and forestry areas.

Chiefland FFA Chapter took second place, with an award of \$15; Williston and Deland placed third and fourth, receiving \$10 each.

The check for \$125 to the Vernon Chapter was presented September 23rd in ceremonies at the weekly meeting of the Chipley Junior Chamber of Commerce. St. Regis Paper Company, of Cantonment, will donate the prize money in the interest of better forestry.

The chapters were scored on construction and maintenance of firelines; planting of pines; pre-commercial thinning in dense stands; marking and estimating timber; and gum farming.

Judges for the contest were Carl F. McDougald, representing the Florida Forest Service, A. R. Cox, State FFA Secretary, and Wyman Garland, chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Forestry Committee.

Vernon FFA plans to plant the entire 40 acre tract in slash pine, at the rate of 5,000 per year. A total of 26,500 pines have been planted so far. Adequate fire control measures have been taken, with the young farmers plowing seven miles of fire lines around the tract.

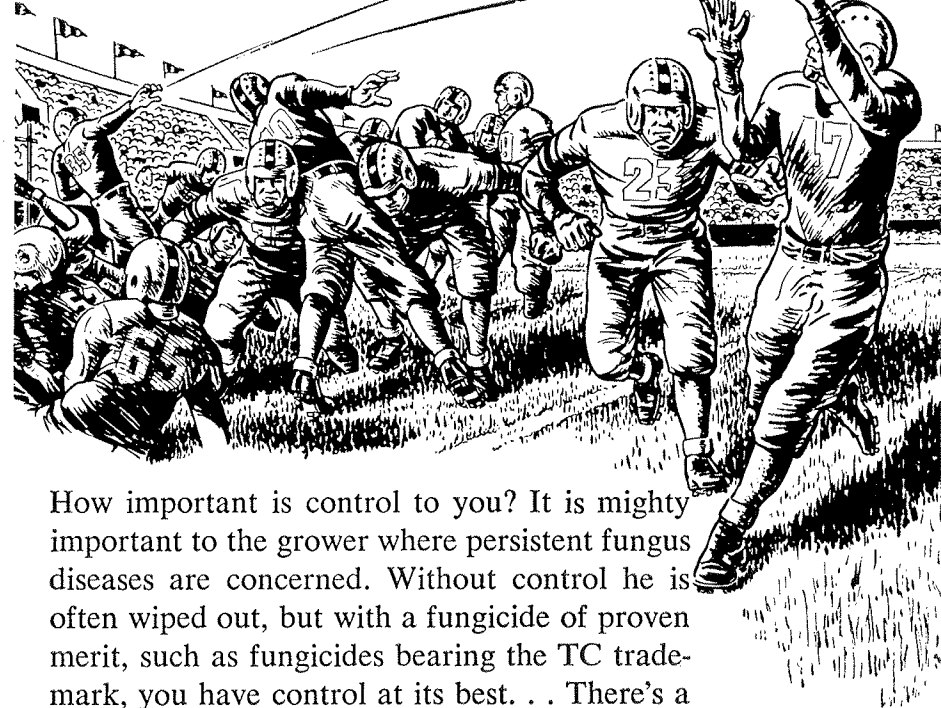
"Miracle Day"

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dee Soil Conservation District, was done on Monday, but the bulk of the work was completed in the one-day operation.

The great interest displayed by the observers of the day was manifested by the attitude during the program, which was held in the afternoon. The crowds refused to completely assemble at the program area, and many of them stayed to watch the equipment at work even during the speeches of such men as Alfred McKethan, A. K. Chapman, H. E. Wood and Colin D. Gunn. This was not in disrespect to the speakers, but showed the interest in the work and what it will mean to Hardee County in the future.

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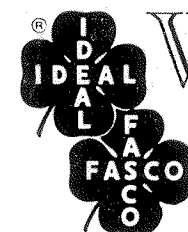
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