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FFA Leader Appointed to Educational Post

H. N. HANSUCKER, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in West Virginia since 1946, has been appointed by the Office of Education of the Federal Security Agency, to serve as Program Specialist for Agricultural Education in the North Atlantic region. He assumed his duties September 2nd. Announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. Earl James McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

"Mr. Hansucker fills a vacancy that has existed in the Agricultural Education Branch since the death of Mr. D. M. Clements more than a year ago," said Dr. Joseph R. Strobel, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education. "He is an outstanding leader, highly respected in his profession, and his addition to the staff will enable us to continue development of a sound program of vocational education in agriculture."

Dr. Strobel said that H. B. Swanson, who formerly handled the North Atlantic region assignment, will now devote more time to his regular duties as Assistant Chief of the Agricultural Education Branch, and continue special work in the fields of teacher training and research.

Mr. Hansucker, 43 years old, is a native of Virginia and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1931. He completed work for his M.A. degree in Education at Ohio State University in 1947. He taught vocational agriculture at Wayne, West Virginia, from 1931 to 1935, when he was made assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. His appointment as State Supervisor came in July, 1946.

An adult leader of Future Farmers of America since 1931, his background includes the study of vocational agriculture in high school at Boyce, Virginia. He was a charter member of the Future Farmers of Virginia before the national FFA organization was formed.

In 1951 Mr. Hansucker was elected by State Supervisors of the North Atlantic Region to represent that region on the National Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America, and the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

WHAT'S A BOID?

She: "What a pretty bird that is!"
He: "Yeah, it's a gull."
She: "I don't care if it's a gull or a boy, it's pretty."

By Way of Editorial Comment:

Need for Progress is Constant

by RICHARD W. ERVIN, Attorney General of Florida

WHEN THE EDITOR of this publication asked me to submit a guest editorial, my first impulse was to write 400 words complimenting the Future Farmers of Florida and let it go at that.

It would be easy to write 400 words of sincere praise, because the splendid work of this organization is well known and its continuing contribution to the progress of Florida agriculture is an accepted fact.

But I want to take advantage of this editorial opportunity to talk about something else—something of urgent importance to all Florida citizens, young and old alike.

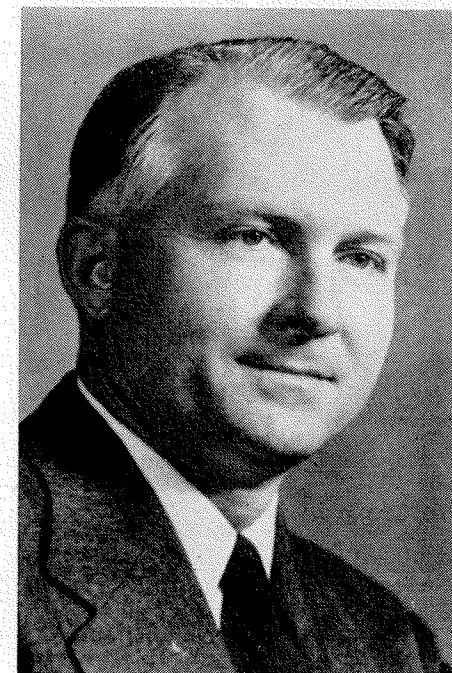
I want to write about the opportunity and necessity for our Future Farmers to become leaders in state and national government.

The need for progressive and conscientious governmental service is constant, and growing in direct ratio to the increasing complexities of modern society. The happiness and prosperity of farmers is no less dependent on sound government than that of any other economic or social group. But farmers as a group take less interest in holding public office than any other segment of our population of comparable size.

For example, there were 133 representatives and senators in the last Florida Legislature, but only 8 out of this 133 consider farming to be their principal source of income. On the other hand, 65 were lawyers and 51 businessmen. The balance were engaged in some other vocation.

And yet Florida is to a large extent an agricultural state.

It should be noted that of the comparatively few men engaged in agricultural pur-



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suits who have come to the Legislature or held some other position of public trust in recent years, many have contributed outstanding leadership. Men such as
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The Cover

This is the bull which won the DeLand Chapter top honors in an interstate contest sponsored by Sears, Roebuck and Company at the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta. Shown in picture are: C. H. Kellstadt, Vice-President in charge of sales for Sears in the South, left, A. E. Melton of Gainesville, President of the Florida Hereford Association and breeder of the bull, center, and Jack Shuman, F. F. A. boy who fed, trained, groomed, and showed the bull—story page 12.

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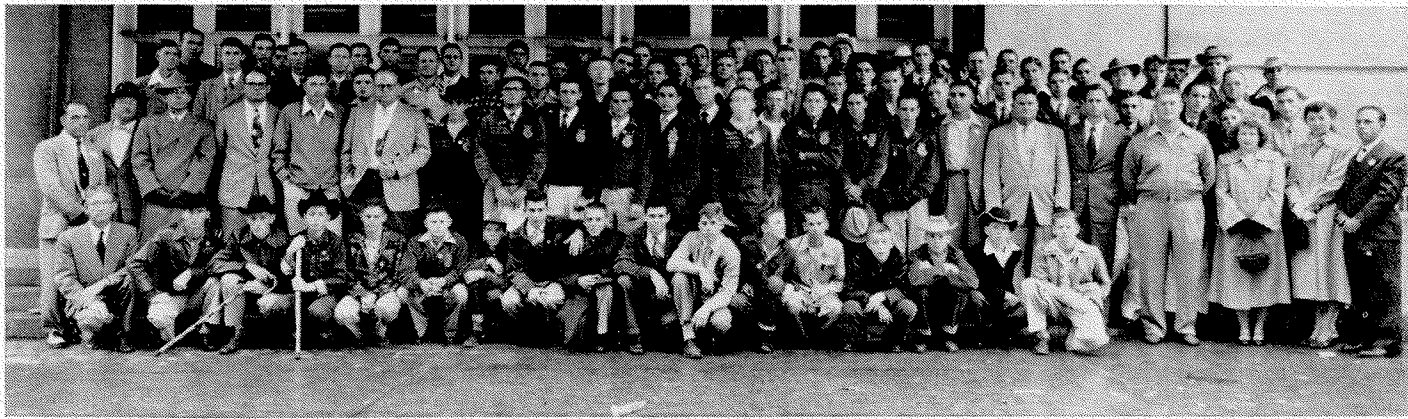
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Part of the Florida Future Farmer delegation of 133 members and friends representing 47 Chapters, which attended the 25th annual National FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October 1952.

133 Florida Future Farmers Attend National FFA Convention Held at Kansas City, Missouri in October

TRAVELING BY CAR, bus and train and over several different routes, 133 Florida Future Farmers and their special guests representing 47 Florida Chapters, converged upon Kansas City for the National Convention last October.

Playing in the National Band were four Florida Future Farmers, Robert Bell of the Fort Meade Chapter, Maxwell Williams and Roderick Vaughn of the Tate Chapter at Gonzalez and Lawrence Wilder of the Wimaumua Chapter. Jay Counts of the Ocala Chapter sang in the National Chorus.

Turkey Creek's State Champion String Band was very well received and played

by request at several luncheons, on the local radio stations and the National networks (Mutual and NBC).

Jackson Brownlee, Trenton, State President and Billy Gunter of Live Oak, Sixth Vice President, represented the Florida Association as official delegates at the Delegates' Luncheon and all official sessions.

William Timmons of Quincy, 1952 Star State Farmer carried the Florida State Flag in the Massing of the State Flags Ceremony.

Highest honors went to eight Florida members. American Farmer Degrees were conferred upon: Donald Burch of the

Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak; Don Fuqua of Altha; James D. Grinstead of Branford; Matt Mathews of Allentown; Carlton O'Steen of High Springs; Joseph E. Prevedel of Leesburg; George C. Sprinkle of Homestead and Wade E. Wilkinson of Baker.

Frank Taylor of Taylor Chapter, as State Winner in the Seaboard Forestry Contest, appeared on the Kansas City Lions Club Program arranged by R. N. Hoskins, Seaboard Industrial Forester.

Chilean Nitrate Leadership award winners attending were: William Timmons of Quincy; Sonny Griffin of Bartow; Freddy Connor of Tavares; Billy Gunter

of Suwannee at Live Oak; and Leonard Stafford of Chumuckla.

Receiving the Regional Farm Safety Award on behalf of the DeLand Chapter was Larry Calkins. As Regional Award Winner, the DeLand Chapter received \$200.00 from the F.F.A. Foundation and Larry received money for his expenses for the trip.

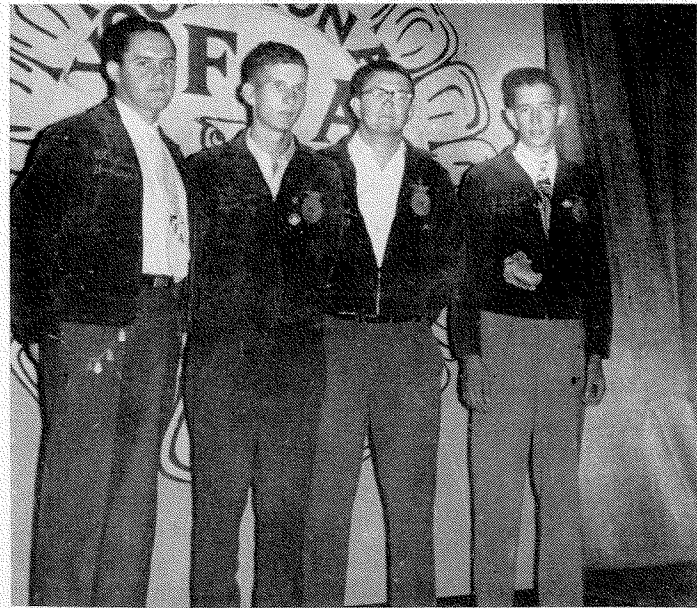
Members from the Quincy and Suwannee (Live Oak) Chapters were present to hear their Chapters announced Gold and Silver (respectively) Emblem winners in the National Chapter Contest, this being the second consecutive year that these two Chapters have been so honored.

The Bushnell F.F.A. Chapter Judging Team represented the Florida Association in the National Judging Contests. The Team members were Charles Lamb, Larry Cowart, Bobby Hall, and Danny Cowart. They participated in beef cattle, hog, sheep, meat, live and dressed poultry, and egg judging. They also graded live beef cattle and dressed beef carcass. Charles Lamb won a Gold Medal for his showmanship and Larry Cowart received a Bronze Medal in judging meats. Commissioner Nathan Mayo of the State Department of Agriculture provided funds for part of the expenses of the Bushnell Team's trip to Kansas City.

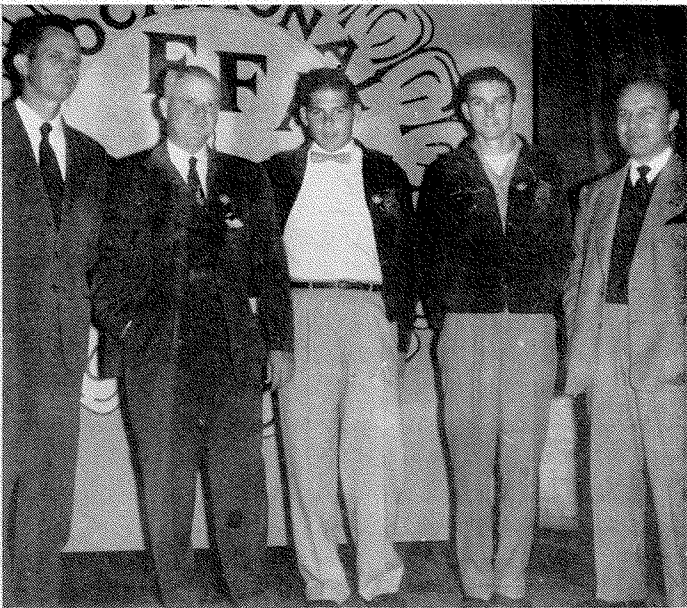
The Vernon Chapter, as winner of the Chapter Forestry contest, sponsored by Florida JayCees was awarded expenses for Wayne Bush and Chapter Adviser O. Z. Revell to attend the convention. Miss Vesta Prewitt represented St. Regis Paper Company, Pensacola, donors of the money for expenses of the trip. These and other Florida Association members and guests reported the 25th Annual National Convention an interesting and inspiring experience.



New officers of Florida FFA include (from left), Jackson Brownlee of the Trenton Chapter, President of the Florida Association, F. F. A. for 1952-53 and delegate from Florida to the National F. F. A. Convention; William Timmons of the Quincy Chapter, Star Farmer of Florida for 1952, First Vice-President of the Florida Association, F. F. A. for 1952-53, Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award Winner, Alternate Delegate to the Convention, and who carried the State Flag in the ceremony "Massing the State Flags" at the National Convention; Billy Gunter of the Live Oak (Suwannee) Chapter, Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award Winner, Vice President of the Florida Association, F. F. A. for 1952-53, Delegate from Florida to the Convention, State Star Dairy Farmer in 1952 and State Champion Public Speaker for 1951; Eugene "Sonny" Griffin, Vice President of the Florida Association, F. F. A. for 1952-53, Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award Winner, Alternate Delegate to the Convention; Leonard Stafford from Chumuckla Chapter, Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award Winner; Freddy Connor from the Tavares Chapter, Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award Winner; and Ben Arnold Griffin from the Chipley Chapter, Vice President of the Florida Association, F. F. A. for 1952-53. Missing from the picture was Charles Salmon, Vice President of the Florida Association, F. F. A. for 1952-53 and Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award Winner; Joe McRee from the Eustis Chapter, Vice President of the Florida Association, F. F. A. for 1952-53.



Florida members who received the American Farmer Degree at the 1952 National FFA convention are pictured at left above: Matt Mathews, Allentown; George Sprinkle, Homestead; J. D. Grinstead, Branford. Not in picture were Donald Burch, (Suwannee) Live Oak; Don Fuqua, Altha; Carlton O'Steen, High Springs; and Joe Prevedel, Leesburg. • Right hand picture includes from left: O. Z. Revell, Adviser of the Vernon Chapter that won the State Jaycee Chapter Forestry contest; M. E. "Red" Coleman, Educational Director of the American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Georgia; Wayne Bush, President of the Vernon Chapter, Frank Taylor, winner of the SAL State Forestry award; and R. N. "Bob" Hoskins, Industrial Forester for S. A. L., Norfolk, Virginia. Not pictured, Fred Shaw, Adviser of the Taylor Chapter.



Conservation of Wildlife Important

THE SEASON for planting game food and cover is approaching. Seedlings, seed and other planting materials can be obtained from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Most of the planting stock available is best adapted to northwest Florida farming conditions.

Persons interested in growing game food should contact their Chapter Advisers and the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in Tallahassee.

The annual quail trapping and restocking program of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission will get underway in February. The Commission pays fifty cents per bird for all birds trapped and released in open territory and will supply a limited number of quail traps to each Chapter. Contact local wildlife officer for information.

Suwannee Chapter Holds Annual Father and Son Banquet Dec. 4

THE SUWANNEE CHAPTER, FFA, at Live Oak, staged its eighth annual Father and Son Banquet December 4th at the school cafeteria.

Stanley Scott ably emceed the program which moved smoothly throughout a very interesting evening.

Chapter officers opened the evening impressively with the official opening ceremony. B. R. Mills, Chapter Adviser, introduced the guests all around, putting everyone at ease with his remarks, and then guests were formally welcomed by Benny Williams, whose father responded on behalf of the guests. The FFA Creed, ideals of the National Organization, was presented by Delis and DeWitt Staats. Johnny Cannon told guests of the Chapter's accomplishments, thus showing how local boys put their ideals into effect.

A special awards feature, First National Bank Awards, preceded the main speaker of the program, Congressman D. R.

Mathews.

Honorary degrees were conferred upon Mrs. W. G. Burch, mother of first Chapter President, Bob Burch, and Past State President and American Farmer, Donald Burch; Dr. R. L. Branham, veterinarian; Sam Gibbs, merchant, for his work in organizing the Kiwanis FFA project; and Rudolph Scott, father of the present Chapter President.

The tasty menu of juice, nuts, barbecue chicken, candied yams, green beans, green vegetable salad, hot rolls, drink, and dessert was very ably served by the FFA girls.

The attractive banquet program included the chapter membership and officers, chapter history, acknowledgment of help to FFA, School Staff, and Sears Roebuck, list of Honorary members and summary of "Where our members go when they graduate" in addition to menu and program.

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Ft. Pierce Paper

Tells of Coon,

Polecat Hunt

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One group of 17 boys, led by Chapter Advisor M. B. Jordan and Engram Hazellief, wildlife officer, went to an abandoned tomato field at the W. W. Carlton pasture.

They hadn't been there five minutes before the dogs put a coon up a big pine tree. While the boys played their lights on the coon perched in the top of the tree, John Durham stripped off his shoes and shinnied about 20 feet to the first limb.

There the boys threw him a small baseball bat and he maneuvered to get a whack at the animal. With boy and coon making passes at each other in the top of the tree, Durham finally hit the limb hard enough to shake Bre'r Coon loose—and the dogs pounced on him as he hit the ground.

About 30 minutes later the dogs bayed up another animal and as the boys crowded up to see what the hounds had cornered, they quickly scattered. The catch turned out to be a lady polecat—highly scented. However, only the dogs got the smell treatment.

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Honor Mothers

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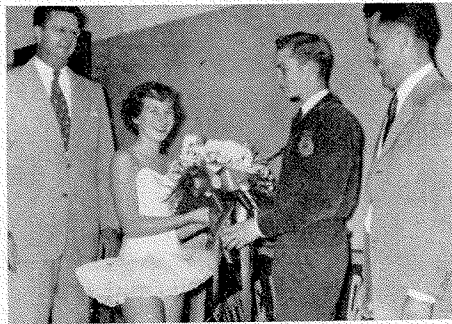
Editorial

(Continued from page 3)
Richard Simpson, nurseryman and Chairman State Road Board, and Governor Dan McCarty, citrus grower, have been outstanding in the Legislature. We need more farmers of the same caliber if we are to have a conscientious and representative government.

I do not mean to imply by all this that the Future Farmers organization has neglected its program of good citizenship. On the contrary, I consider it to be one of the most active and effective youth organizations in training its members to become useful and morally conscious adults.

It is my sincere belief that the farm youth of today will develop into better farmers and better citizens because of the efforts of the Future Farmers of America Chapters in all parts of the country. We need better farmers to produce the food for a rapidly growing population, and we need better citizens to preserve and protect our necessary moral and spiritual values.

But it is not always enough just to be content to be good farmers and citizens. It is not enough to be content to be a follower if you have the ability to be a good leader. I believe that a wealth of potentially outstanding leadership is now enrolled as members of the Future Farmers



Just before Christmas Joel Merry was selected sweetheart of the Eustis F. F. A. Chapter. Pictured above, left to right, are D. H. Godbold, supervising principal; Joel Merry, Leonard Prince and David Lunsford, F. F. A. adviser.

organization in Florida.
I look forward with great expectations to the day when a fair proportion of our farmer citizens will assume their rightful responsibility and dignity as holders of public office.

A. C. L. Sponsors Visit To Florida State Fair

THE ATLANTIC COAST Line Railroad will again sponsor a tour of the Florida State Fair in February for six members of the Future Farmers of America and six members of the Future Homemakers of Amer-

ica.
These twelve young people are selected for outstanding contributions to the two rural youth organizations. One boy and one girl from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida are awarded the trip. They will be chaperoned by the Agricultural Department representatives.

Billy Gunter, Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak, and Vice-President of the Florida Association, FFA, will represent Florida.

3,337 Persons Participated In Reforestation Program In 1951-52

DURING THE 1951-52 year 3,337 persons participated in the Reforestation Program under the direction of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers. Of these, 2,047 were FFA members, 74 young farmers, 759 adults, and 457 veterans in on-the-farm training program.

Over 2,356,000 pine seedlings were planted. FFA Chapter Members cooperatively planted over 1,222,000; of which 173,000 were planted on chapter forests. Individual members planted over 756,000 on their own farms, and over 164,000 were planted by the FFA members on other farms. Approximately 213,000 were planted by young farmers and adults.

The number of FFA Chapter Forests has increased to 70, with 3,688 acres. Of these, 23 are designated as J. F. Williams Memorial Forests. The State of Florida has given "Use Permits" to FFA Chapters on 1,560 acres of State owned land.

Fire lines constructed and repaired amount to 6,270 miles, by 2,131 persons; 1,039 Future Farmers, 55 Young Farmers, 759 Adults, and 487 Veterans participated in this part of the Reforestation Program.

847 persons participated in thinning a total of 2,224 acres. 837 persons made improvement cuttings on 9,881 acres.

Different FFA Chapters cooperatively gum farmed 888 faces while individual members gum farmed 64,500 faces. Young farmers included 1,000 faces in their farming programs, and the adults had 148,900 in their program.

The teaching of forestry was included in classes of all-day students, young farmers, adults, and veterans in Vocational Agriculture.

LITTLE CHARLES was coming home one Sunday afternoon with a long string of fish, when he had the misfortune to run smack into the minister. Seeing there was no way out, Charles decided to meet the situation aggressively: He walked straight up to the parson, put on his biggest smile, and said: "See here, Sir—look what happened to these fish for nabbin' worms on Sunday!"

Marion County Future Farmers Honored In Times-Union Sunday Feature Article

THREE MARION COUNTY Future Farmers were featured recently by Times-Union Farm Editor, Steve Willis in Sunday feature article on youth fairs and junior livestock shows. Excerpts from this article follow:

"Florida's farm youths have received tremendous encouragement in just the past decade from a program of county fairs and junior livestock shows that not only offer a medium for presentation and comparison of their projects but also give the youngsters credit for a job well done.

The plan in Marion County to encourage rural youngsters in this all-important field, is representative of the work being done throughout the entire state.

The Ocala area junior livestock show and sale, like the Polk County youth Fair and many others, attracts more than 30 teen-agers annually. Their prize dairy and beef cattle, chickens and hogs are judged by a score of experts. One thousand dollars was awarded the winners. The losers go home promising themselves they'll do better next year.

A typical county youth farmer is 19-year-old Leroy Baldwin who began in 4-H work when he was 11 years old. A tall—over six feet—good-looking fellow, Leroy had a Duroc gilt as his initial project.

In high school he switched from pigs to beef cattle and to the Future Farmers, having won an Angus steer in a contest, and has stayed with the breed ever since. As a junior, and a Future Farmer, Leroy bought four foundation females but didn't begin breeding operations until six months ago with the purchase of a registered Angus bull.

In the past three years, the boy has bought, fed and sold nearly 60 head. Right now he has a herd of 18 purebred Angus worth \$8,000.

In the 1952 Ocala show, Leroy had the grand and reserve champion female and the grand champion bull, plus five firsts, three seconds and a third. He has had two other grand champs in past years, along with five blue ribbon winners.

The boy was a member of the State F. F. A. dairy judging team that placed second in National competition at Waterloo, Iowa, last year; as a sophomore in high school he was a delegate from his chapter to the Future Farmer Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, and in his junior year, he received his State Farmer's Degree, the highest honor a youth can attain in the Florida organization.

This fall and winter, Leroy will manage the Angus show herd belonging to Walter

Williams of Lakeland, one of the State's top breeders.

Another typical Marion youngster is Johnny West, a 19-year-old F. F. A.'er, who also began his farming program with pigs and then switched to beef cattle. As a sophomore in Ocala High back in 1947, he received a bred sow from his Future Farmer Chapter which he sold, then purchased two steers and finally saved up enough capital to buy three Shorthorn heifers. He

now has a herd of nine registered Shorthorns which are valued at \$4,000.

Johnny's plan is to build his herd and produce better bulls with which to breed up Florida cattle. His stock has already taken two grand championships, one reserve and four blue ribbons.

He was awarded his State Farmer's Degree last year and is a member of the Florida and the American Shorthorn Breeders'

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FFA members... Know Your Livestock

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Indian River Area Youth Stock Show

Jay-Cee Field, Fort Pierce, Florida
February 17, 1953

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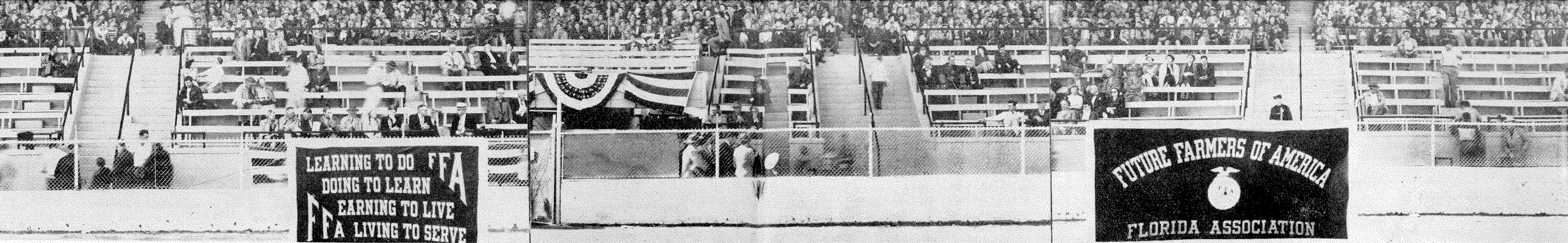
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Thousands of young FFA members attended FFA Day at the 1952 Florida State Fair in Tampa, and saw several outstanding men receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree. Pictured here is a portion of many who attended this Fair last year.

Livestock Judging at Florida State Fair

THE STATE F.F.A. livestock Judging Contest will be centered around several classes of beef and dairy animals. Chapters will be allowed to enter separate beef cattle and dairy cattle judging teams at the Florida State Fair, if they so desire, or the Chapter may use the same team for both contests. The classes for judging will be selected from the following breeds: Angus, Brahman, Hereford, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey.

Upon entering the State Fair Grounds, the members of the Dairy Cattle Judging Teams will proceed directly to the Livestock Pavilion around the north end of the track and the members of the Beef Cattle Exhibit Judging Teams will go to the grandstand.

Group leaders will be labeled and stationed in the pavilion and the members of the dairy cattle judging teams

should join the groups to which they are assigned. Group leaders will be labeled and stationed at intervals in front of the grandstand, and members of beef cattle and exhibit judging teams will be told when to move to their respective groups.

Various county exhibits will be used for the exhibit judging contest. The hay, grain, forage exhibits will be judged by Future Farmer teams from Districts I, II, and III, under the direction of Mr. T. L. Barrineau.

The fruit and vegetable exhibits will be judged by Future Farmer teams from Districts IV, V, and VI, and will be directed by Mr. F. L. Northrop.

Four county exhibits will be selected for the Hay, Grain, and Forage, and four for the Fruits and Vegetable Exhibit Judging Contest.

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Nathan Mayo, State Commissioner of Agriculture, (from left) presenting plaques and banners to the exhibitors of the following in the FFA Livestock Show at the 1952 Florida State Fair during FFA Day ceremonies: champion Guernsey female, Billy Gunter of the Suwannee chapter at Live Oak; champion Jersey bull, Lloyd Harris, Bartow chapter; and champion Jersey female, Joe Cochran, Bartow chapter.



Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, addressing Future Farmers and guests during FFA Day ceremonies at the 1952 Florida State Fair.

FFA to Enter 110 Cattle in 1953 Fair

THE 110 BEEF and dairy cattle entered by F.F.A. Chapters and members in the Livestock show will be a credit to them and the state of Florida.

The first week will feature 55 dairy heifers, cows and bulls belonging to F.F.A. Chapters and members throughout Florida. These consist of Guernseys, Jerseys, and Holsteins.

The second week will feature 55 beef cattle. Some of these will be the bulls that the Sears Roebuck Foundation gave to the Florida Association in 1950 and the offspring of the bulls given by them in 1948. Breeds that will be in the F.F.A. beef cattle exhibit are: Angus, Brahman, Brangus, Herefords, and Shorthorns.

Premiums this year are being given by the Fair Association, State Department of Agriculture, and Sears Roebuck Foundation.

The following are rules of eligibility

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- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
Hernando County Day, Wild-life Conservation. Auto Races.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**
Pasco County Day, Bradford County Day, Armed Forces Day, Tourist Day. Championship Dairy Awards—Nathan Mayo Judging Pavilion 6:30 P.M. Afternoon Thrill Show.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
Negro Achievement Day. Special grandstand program, 10:00 A.M. by New Farmers, New Homemakers of America and 4-H Clubs.
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
Future Farmers and Future Homemakers of America with special grandstand program at noon. Auto Races.
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
Closed to the public.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**
Gasparilla Day and Parade. Highlands County Day, Indian River County Day and Volusia County Day.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**
Governor's Day. All Florida Day, Children's Day and Hillsborough County Day.
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**
Children's Gasparilla Parade. Boy Scout Day.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**
International Day with special programs by Pan American Commission. Night Gasparilla Illuminated Parade. Columbia County Day, Gadsden County Day.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
County Commissioners' Day. Marion County Day, St. Johns County Day. Championship Beef Awards—Nathan Mayo Judging Pavilion 6:30 P.M. Afternoon Thrill Show.
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
4-H Clubs Day. Flying Farmers Day, Everybody's Day. Auto Races.

- for the Future Farmer Livestock Show:
1. Any Future Farmer of Florida in good standing is eligible to enter one animal in each classification.
 2. This show shall consist of animals from both beef and dairy breeds.
 3. All animals entered must be a credit to the breed represented.
 4. All animals will meet State Livestock Sanitary Board specification tests for T.B. and Bang's disease and other 1953 Show Regulations. Certificates must be furnished superintendent as evidence when animals arrive at Fair.
 5. Every F.F.A. entry is to receive a premium.
 6. Not more than 55 animals in all classifications may be entered in this show each week.
 7. Premiums will be paid through fourth place, plus additional compensation for each entry.
 8. A project record book completed to date must be submitted with entry.
 9. The animal must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 90 days before entering in the show.

Livestock Judging

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General information for Exhibit and Livestock Judging: For each Chapter, three boys will compose a judging team, and there will be no substitutions after judging begins.

Both Livestock and Exhibit Judging will be going on at approximately the same time, therefore, the same team could not judge in both contests.

Each group will be given a total of ten minutes for general inspection and official scoring of each exhibit or class of animals.

Fort Pierce Show

For the past several years, the Ft. Pierce Chapter has staged a livestock show among Chapter members. This year the Chapter will sponsor an Area Show open to members from other Chapters, and also to 4-H Club members.

The Indian River Area Youth Livestock Show will be Tuesday, February 17; deadline for entries to be January 10. A list of classes and show regulations may be had by writing the Ft. Pierce FFA Chapter.

Havana Talent Night

THE RECENT Talent Night Show and fish supper sponsored by the Havana Future Farmer Chapter was quite successful. A number of good features were well planned and staged to make up the program which drew a large audience. The F. F. A. Chapter and School Band put on the fish supper and Talent Show cooperatively and realized a profit of almost fifty dollars.

Polk Youth Participate in Fair Called Largest of Its Kind in U. S.

"NATION'S LARGEST show of its kind" said county agent, Paul Hayman, in describing the sixth annual Polk Youth Fair held in the Mid-State Agricultural Pavilion at Bartow, December 11-13.

Approximately 1,000 FFA, 4-H and Future Homemaker members of Polk County exhibited their projects that ranged from bees to Brahman in hopes of sharing in the \$2,000 prize money.

A highlight of the three-day event was the presentation of a Stetson hat to Governor Dan McCarty by Miss Jane Fancher, Bartow FFA Chapter sweetheart. Attending Friday's show with McCarty was Mrs. McCarty, Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Jesse Willson, mayor of Bartow.

Jack Henderson of Fort Meade sold his 1,200 pound grand champion Hereford steer to Publix Markets for 83 cents a pound, which brought him a total of \$996. Henderson had the reserve champion last year and the grand champion the previous. Minor Jones of Fort Meade has been the breeder of every grand champion entered in the fair.

Billy Stuart of Bartow won the beef cattle showmanship contest with a Brahman heifer. Bobby Griffin of Bartow won the Brahman grooming contest with

a Brahman bull and Henderson won the British breeds grooming contest with his steer.

The Bartow chapter won the beef judging contest, followed by Fort Meade, Frostproof, Kathleen and Auburndale. Bartow also won the dairy judging event.

Clara Adair, Future Homemaker of Davenport, won the horsemanship contest.

Beef cattle were judged by L. H. Lewis, Director of State Farmers Markets, and Fentress M. Peacock of the Range Cattle Station at Ona. Jim Pace, Extension Animal Husbandman of the University of Florida, judged beef cattle grooming and showmanship contests in addition to the swine judging. Horsemanship contest was judged by George Waters Mann of Bartow.

Judge of the dairy show was P. T. Dix Arnold, Associate Dairy Husbandman of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Gainesville.

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"No, but my uncle was, and I'm his heir."

DeLand and Trenton Active In Good Breeding Programs in State

LAST YEAR at this time, the DeLand Chapter had won the Improved Breeding Program in Florida. The Florida Hereford Association presented a prize Hereford Bull from A. E. Melton's ranch in Gainesville.

Jack Schuman, a member of the DeLand Chapter assumed the responsibility of feeding, training and grooming the bull to be shown in Atlanta, Georgia, in October 1952 in a special show at the Southeastern Fair sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

Tuesday afternoon, October 6, 1952, Jack became very happy as the livestock judge, moved the bull to the head of the line of bulls representing six States.

Winning first place, the DeLand Chapter was awarded a purebred Hereford cow by the Mill Iron Ranches. H. L. Fagan, Adviser of the Chapter went to the Ranches in Texas to make the selection.

Others present at Atlanta from Florida, were Mr. A. E. Melton, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Davis, H. L. Fagan, DeLand Adviser, Bill Hester, Assistant to the Adviser of

the DeLand Chapter, Jackson Brownlee, State F.F.A. President, A. R. Cox, Executive Secretary of the Florida Association, Roderick Vaughn and Maxwell Williams from the Gonzalez Chapter, members of the National Band on their way to the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

After reviewing the Breeding Program reports of Chapters having Sears Roebuck bulls under the "Improved Breeding Program" for the past year, Trenton was selected as the winner for 1951-52.

The Trenton bull had been used 71 times on twelve different farms. He had been shown at the Gilchrist County Breeders' Show, exhibited at the opening of the Farmers' Tri-County Cooperative Store and displayed at the Florida State Fair with a grade cow and calf that he had sired.

Members of the Chapter have appeared at a Rotary Club Program and before the Gilchrist Cattlemen's Association to tell them about the Improved Breeding Program. A previous purebred bull, owned by the Chapter, helped to show

the farmers in the community the advantages of using a purebred bull.

The bull was used for a grooming demonstration and class instruction was given about feeding, breeding, caring for, halter breaking, and training the bull to be exhibited.

No breeding fee has been charged for service as the Chapter maintained the bull as a community project in improving the livestock in the community. Cost was kept at a minimum since the Chapter planted five acres of Bahia grass, and provided green oats in the winter for grazing. Also they grew corn and pea vine hay which was supplemented by cottonseed meal and mineral.

A small Chapter purebred herd of Herefords consisting of five females and a bull has been started.

The Florida Hereford Breeders Association awarded them a purebred bull from Riggs Ranch, Ocala which they will feed, train and show in Atlanta in October 1953.

Other awards made by the Sears Roebuck Foundation this year in the Improved Breeding Program are: Second place—\$125.00 to Lake City; third place—\$100.00 to Sanford; fourth place—\$75.00 to Fort Pierce; fifth place—\$50.00 to Chipley; sixth through tenth places—\$25.00 each to Anthony, Ocala, Plant City, Umatilla and Vernon.

Both organizations are again sponsoring the Improved Breeding Program this year. We know Trenton will be showing a top bull in Atlanta next October, 1953, we wonder who will be selected as the top Chapter in the State this year.

A summary of the 1951-52 records as of September 30, 1952, show that 1217 cows had been bred and that 612 calves had been dropped during the last year.

At an increase of \$50.00 per head over the value of a calf from a scrub bull, this would be an increased value of \$30,600 for the farmers of Florida.

Sears Roebuck Program is Improving State Hog Stock

NINETEEN REGISTERED bred gilts placed with Chapters in the Florida Association F.F.A., through the Sears Roebuck Swine Improvement Program, are making a contribution toward improving the hog stock in Florida. Ten Florida F.F.A. Chapters have also received purebred boars for breeding the offspring from the gilts. The young boars from the gilt can be bought by members of the Chapter or farmers in the community.

As nearly all the gilts have farrowed and several Chapters have already transferred a bred gilt to another Chapter, the chain continues to grow.

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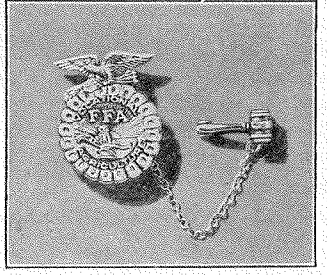
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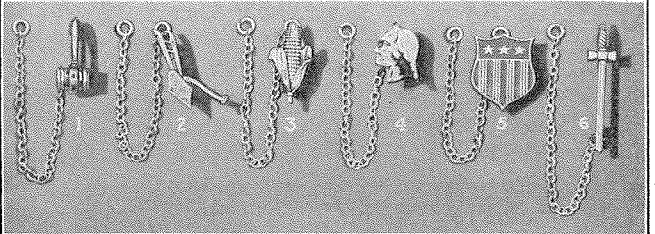
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Brownlee Tells Farm Bureau Convention Of Progress of Florida FFA Activities

by JACKSON BROWNLEE*

ONE OF THE DISTINCT PLEASURES and honors enjoyed by the President of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, is attending your annual Farm Bureau Convention, reporting on the year's activities in our organization, and expressing to you in person our gratitude for the encouragement and support the Farm Bureau Officials and members give us in our undertakings, throughout the State.

First of all, let me thank you for the opportunity of coming here and speaking to you on this occasion. We Future Farmers are proud to feel that the Florida Farm Bureau considers the activities and program of the Florida Association, F.F.A., of sufficient importance to invite me as your guest, to come and participate in your convention program.

As State President of the F.F.A., I express the appreciation of approximately 8000 members in 146 local chapters for the support you have given in our leadership training activities by sponsoring our State Parliamentary Procedure Contest, and for the beautiful trophy presented at each State F.F.A. Convention for the past two years. As a result of our leadership training activities, one of the most important of which is in parliamentary procedure, the Future Farmers will be better Farm Bureau members as well as better Florida citizens in the years ahead.

We have, for several years, counted Mr. John Ford as a real friend of our Association and proudly claim him as an Honorary State Farmer in the F.F.A. We are also especially happy to have had the welcome assurance of his successor that the same fine relationship will continue. We extend to Mr. T. K. McClane and to each of you here a standing offer of assistance whenever a Future Farmer can help in any Farm Bureau activity.

I would like to mention some of the activities and accomplishments of the Future Farmers in Florida which should be of interest to you and a source of pride to me.

Most of you are familiar with the aims and purposes of the F.F.A. and the work done in vocational agriculture classes. You probably know that it is essential for a Future Farmer member to begin early in the program to build up a farming program through participation in Future Farmer activities. He should learn by doing and advance in both leadership

*A speech presented at the Farm Bureau Convention in Miami, Nov. 18, 1952.

training and his farming program to the point that, when he has ended four years in vocational agriculture, he is well on the road toward establishment in farming and becoming an able member of the Farm Bureau. Progress is marked by stages of achievement called degrees. The highest degree is awarded only by the National organization. This degree, called the American Farmer Degree, was awarded to eight members of the Florida Association from Allentown in the West to Homestead in the South in October 1952 at our National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. For Superior Chapter Achievement, the Quincy Chapter received a Gold Emblem Award and the Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak a Silver Emblem Award. The State Association was represented at the National F.F.A. Convention by 130 members and friends from 47 Chapters. The Turkey Creek String Band made a big hit up there. They appeared on the Convention Program and participated in local radio programs and on the NBC and Mutual Systems. Florida's Forestry Winners, Frank Taylor from the Taylor F.F.A. Chapter and Wayne Bush from the Vernon F.F.A. Chapter participated in Lions Club and radio programs while there.

The DeLand Chapter received the Southern Regional Farm Safety Award for their outstanding achievement in Farm Safety Activities.

The Redland F.F.A. Chapter participated in the National Dairy Judging Contest in Waterloo, Iowa. The Bushnell F.F.A. Chapter participated in the National Beef Cattle Judging Contest in Kansas City, Missouri. Charles Lamb from Bushnell was awarded a Gold Emblem Award for showmanship in Kansas City and Larry Cowart of Bushnell was awarded a Bronze Emblem Award in judging meats.

The DeLand Chapter also took honors in Atlanta at the Southeastern Fair, which was the climax of the Improved Breeding Program sponsored by Sears Roebuck Foundation. The Grand Champion Bull shown in Atlanta by the DeLand Chapter was awarded by the Florida Hereford Breeders Association as a prize to DeLand for winning the 1951 F.F.A. Improved Breeding Contest. Winning in Atlanta meant a prize registered Hereford heifer for the DeLand Chapter. The Trenton Chapter as State winner of this contest in 1952 will show their bull in Atlanta next year. Thirty-one registered bulls for breeding have been added to the

Florida Association's Improved Breeding Program this year. They were distributed on October 25th at Ocala and are the best lot received during the past four years.

An improved Swine Breeding Program has been initiated through the cooperation of the Sears Roebuck Foundation. At the North Florida Fair this year, we held the Second State F.F.A. Breeder Hog Show with over fifty animals being exhibited by Chapters and members.

Future Farmers have participated in many Livestock Shows and Fairs throughout the State winning many high honors and awards. Two of F.F.A.'s outstanding exhibitors of fine Brahman cattle are Sonny and Bobby Griffin of Bartow.

Last year, Florida Future Farmers planted over two million pine seedlings and have over 3688 acres in Chapter forests. Individual members gum-farmed more than 65,000 faces. Other forestry activities included forestry training camp, constructing firelines, thinning stands of trees and making improved cuttings.

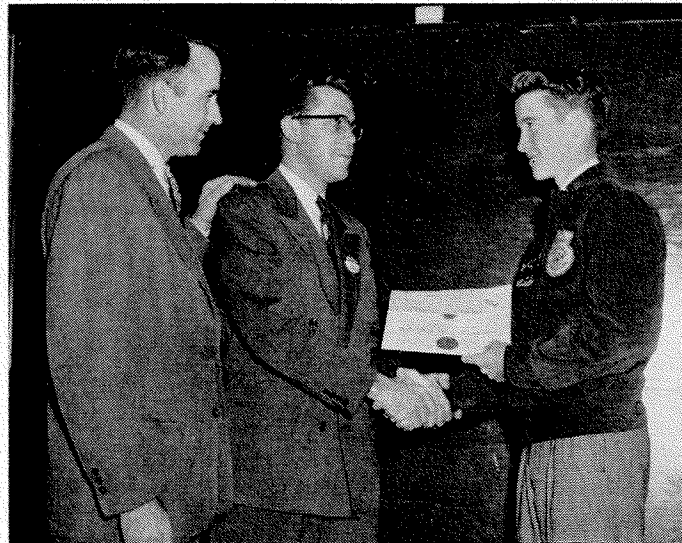
The Trenton Chapter won first place in the nation for its outstanding work in cooperatives and cooperative activities. As winner of the American Institute of Cooperation's National Award, five of us from the Trenton Chapter attended the Annual Institute Conference at East Lansing, Michigan, and discussed our program. A group from Hillsborough County also participated in this interesting program.

Our Past National F.F.A. President from Starke, Doyle Conner, was reelected to serve in our State Legislature and Forrest Davis, Jr., 1950 Star Farmer of America is serving as a director in your Farm Bureau. Our State Adviser, Mr. H. E. Wood, was named "Man of the Year in Florida Agriculture" for 1951 by the *Progressive Farmer Magazine*.

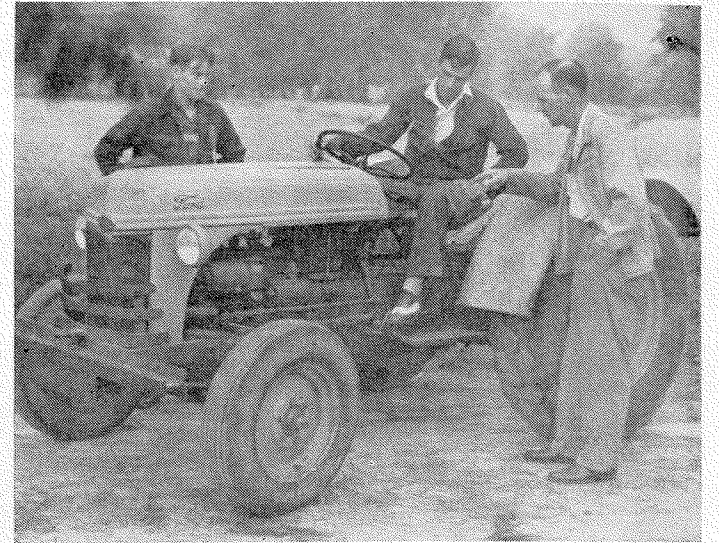
Our State Association is growing and our members are progressing steadily into successful farmers of the future. We feel that many of our accomplishments are the result of the encouragement and support given us by our many friends.

We are especially proud of the interest you of the Farm Bureau have shown in us. May we always merit it. Let me invite all of you to come to our 1953 State F.F.A. Convention in Daytona Beach, June 15-19, 1953, and participate in our convention activities. Also come to F.F.A. Day, February 7, 1953, at the State Fair in Tampa.

Great things are ahead for the Future Farmers of America.



Larry Calkins, President of the DeLand FFA chapter, receives congratulations in left picture, from John Farrar, Director of Public Information with the National FFA organization, and Harold Hildreth, Agricultural Representative of the National Safety Council. The chapter had been declared Southern Regional winner of the Farm Safety Award. At right, Larry Calkins and Markie Blackwelder receive safety instructions in tractor operation from their adviser, H. L. Fagan.



DeLand Chapter Receives Regional Farm Safety Award

DELAND's FFA Chapter, which received the State Farm Safety Award at last June's Convention, was honored at the National FFA Convention in October as Southern Regional Award Winner. These two awards were the result of a safety program integrated successfully with the entire program of work of this Chapter.

The DeLand Chapter is well aware of the importance of safety in their classroom, on the chapter farm, and at home. The members of the chapter are taught how to be careful and safe workers by having safety charts, instructions on safety in the classroom, safety demonstrations, and films on safety. Safety is not only practiced in the classroom or the school farm, but it is also stressed when the members are being transported from the school to the farm. The driver of the truck must obey all traffic laws, must come to a complete stop at stop streets, and use proper hand signals. On long trips, such as going to Tampa or Ocala, a school bus is used. All vehicles owned by the DeLand Chapter have liability insurance in case of an accident.

Safety does not stop when the members arrive at the farm. That is only the beginning. Each item on the farm that could be a possible hazard is carefully marked with a red tag and printed on it is "danger" warning the person to handle or use it safely. In each class working on the farm there is chosen a person as group leader to check safety, and he is responsible for the boys' grade at the end of each six weeks.

The DeLand Chapter has in the last two years acquired a number of Hereford cattle and have kept the animals on the chapter farm. Safety is also practiced

around the cattle. The members are taught in dealing with the animals not to tease them, to speak to an animal when approaching it, to use good ropes and halters, and how important the slogan, "Kindness insures safety in handling". All of the animals belonging to the Chapter have liability insurance carried on them.

The shop belonging to the chapter is fully equipped with all types of machinery and equipment. Dangerous parts on any of the equipment or machinery and the danger zones around the equipment are painted red. All equipment is arranged for proper lighting and safety guards are kept in place. The shop is kept clean of oil and rags which might

cause a fire. Fire extinguishers are kept in handy places. The members are especially interested in fire prevention. Members are not allowed to smoke near gasoline or around inflammable liquids or in the shop, near or around hay barn, and absolutely no smoking on any part of the farm. The members of the chapter realize the importance of a safe school farm and have taken steps in encouraging safety not only on the farm and in school, but in the homes and community. The DeLand Chapter is very proud of its record of only one accident since it was started and are trying to keep this record. They are constantly improving the farm and making it a safe farm for all.

31 Hereford Bulls Received From Mill Iron Ranches for FFA Program

THIRTY-ONE registered Hereford bulls were received in October by the Florida Association, FFA, from the Mill Iron Ranches in Texas, through the Sears Roebuck Improved Breeding Program.

Priority II replacements for bulls previously received and sold include the following: Baker, Frink, Monticello, Alachua, Hawthorne, Live Oak (Williams), Trenton, Summerfield, Brandon, Pinecrest, Tampa (Franklin), Campbellton, Greenville, Quincy, Fort White, Hilliard, Taylor, Ocala, Williston, Fort Meade, Plant City (Tomlin), Wimauma.

Priority III bulls purchased by individual members were distributed as follows: Suwannee Chapter (Live Oak)—Kenneth Mills, Hubert Gamble, Ronald

Lanier, Suwannee Chapter; Trenton Chapter; Billy Twombly, James Quincey, Jackson Brownlee, Frank Colson; Belle Glade Chapter—Horace Harris.

The Auburndale FFA Chapter received a registered Brahman bull from Henry Partin through this same program under Priority II.

THE LARGO F. F. A. Chapter has purchased three purebred registered Hampshire pigs, one boar and two gilts, from Circle D Ranch at Marianna to start a Chapter pig chain. Graham Wittstruck, Largo Future Farmer, will raise these pigs and return a percentage of the litters to the Chapter for other boys to continue the chain.

Local Livestock Shows Attract Many Entries from FFA Exhibitors

Hillsborough Junior Fair

THE SEVENTH annual Hillsborough County's Junior Agricultural Fair, held November 21-22 in Plant City, saw a Brahman bull selected as grand champion bull of the beef show. Jimmy Hurley, Brandon FFA member, showed the animal.

Pinecrest FFA Chapter exhibited their Wessex boar to first place honors in the swine division. Roy Freeman of Turkey Creek had the grand champion sow with a high quality Duroc.

One of the Blue ribbon dairy awards was won by Edward Fertic, Brandon FFA chapter.

The FFA beef judging honors were won by the Turkey Creek with Hillsborough High second.

Franklin FFA Chapter of Tampa won first place honors in the swine judging contest with Plant City; Pinecrest; Hillsborough High of Tampa; and Turkey Creek following in the order named.

Otis Andrews, Manager of McCrory's Store in Plant City, presented the Hillsborough County Federation with a \$500 registered Angus heifer, the offspring each year to be given to the Future Farmer having the most outstanding beef cattle project. Also shown at the Fair were several of the registered Hereford bulls placed by the Sears Roebuck Foundation with Hillsborough County Chapters.

The Turkey Creek Chapter won first place in FFA exhibits with Cooperation as their theme.

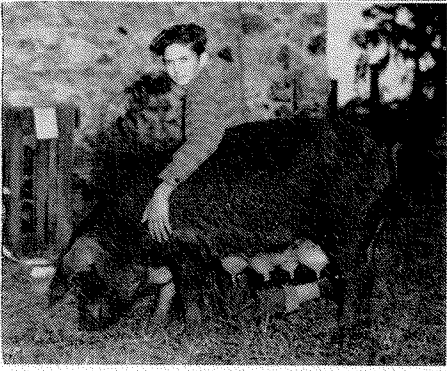
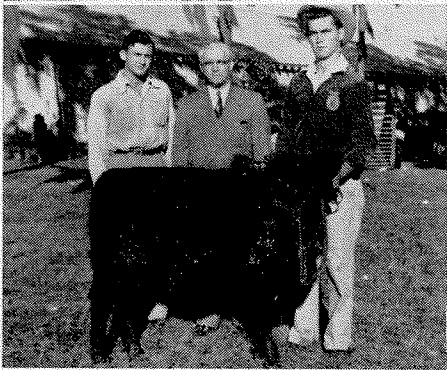
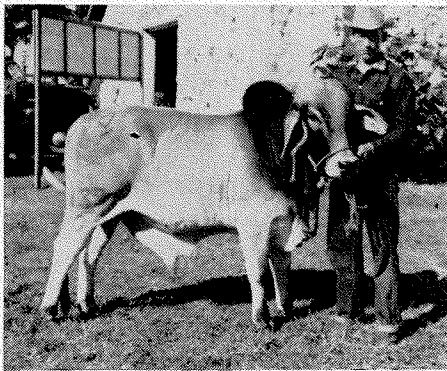
Fair officers this year are Roy Heathcoe, President; Charles Naugle, Vice President; Mittie Lucas, Treasurer; and Virginia NeSmith, Secretary. The fair is sponsored each year by the East Hillsborough County Chamber of Commerce, William Barbour, Secretary; and D. A. Storms, County Co-ordinator Vocational Agriculture, Chairman of the Fair Committee.

Hog Show, Live Oak

BILLY GAMBLE, Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak, showed both the champion individual and a pen of three and Ronald Lanier did the same with reserve champion honors in the Fat Hog Show in Live Oak.

The Branford F. F. A. Chapter judging team composed of Guy Walker, Joe Mickler and Marvin Leggett, won high team honors, receiving a trophy. Other teams winning were: Jasper, Mayo, Jennings, and White Springs.

Wallace Bemby, a member of the Jasper F. F. A. Chapter, won high individual honors and was presented a registered Hampshire gilt by Mr. George Dryden of



Scenes at the Hillsborough Junior Agricultural Fair, Plant City—Top panel shows Jimmie Hurley of Brandon with the grand champion bull • Middle panel shows Charles Naugle of Brandon, Otis M. Andrews of Plant City's McCrory store, and Johnny Blake of Turkey Creek with Angus heifer presented by McCrory to Hillsborough county FFA chapters • Bottom panel shows Roy Freeman of Turkey Creek with the champion Duroc sow.

the Circle D Ranch at Marianna.

F. F. A. Winners, listed by classes, were as follows:

F. F. A. Lightweights—Billy Gamble, Live Oak (F. F. A. champion); O. E. Evans, Live Oak; Kenneth Mills, Live Oak; Gamble; Robert Brannon, Live Oak; Brannon; Kenneth Gill, Jasper; Donald Burham, Jasper.

F. F. A. Middleweights—Ronald Lanier, Live Oak (F. F. A. reserve champion); Hubert Gamble, Live Oak; Brannon; Ronald Lanier; Curtis Humphries, Branford; Wallace Lanier, Live

Oak; Wallace Lanier; Horace Royals, Jasper; Hubert Gamble;

F. F. A. Heavyweights—Ronald Lanier; Wallace Lanier; Robert Barnette, Branford; Brannon;

F. F. A. Lightweight Pens of Three—Billy Gamble (F. F. A. Champion); Ronald Lanier (F. F. A. reserve champion); Brannon; Hubert Gamble;

F. F. A. Heavyweight Pens of Three—Ronald Lanier;

Hubert Gamble showed his aged Duroc boar, *Haynes Model Lad*, to Senior Champion and Grand Champion honors.

In the showmanship contest, Ronald Lanier won top honors and was followed by Hubert Gamble, Billy Gamble, Wallace Lanier, all of the Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak and Robert Barnette of Branford.

Jackson Fair

JIMMY BAGGETT of the Graceville F. F. A. Chapter, took first place in the Duroc breed with his junior sow pig and the Graceville Chapter showed their aged sow to the reserve championship.

Winners, listed by classes, in the order they placed, are as follows:

F. F. A. Duroc junior sow pigs—Baggett (champion); Truett Hagler; Graceville Chapter;

Duroc Senior sow pigs—Leroy Rehberg; Duroc aged sows—Graceville F. F. A. Chapter (reserve champion);

Duroc junior boar pigs—Hagler; Spotted Poland China aged sows—Sidney Hall, Jr.;

Spotted Poland China junior boar pigs—Hall;

Hampshire junior sow pigs—Earl Carroll;

Hampshire aged sows—Earl Carroll; Hampshire aged boars—Earl Carroll;

O. I. C. senior sow pigs—Bobby Exum; Charles Bess.

Suwannee River Show

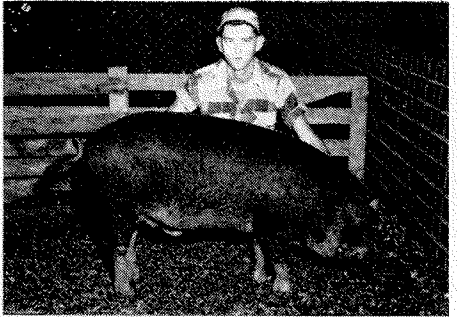
THE FIRST Suwannee River Livestock and Fair Association Cattle Show held early in December on the permanent show site at the point where Dixie, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties intersect near Fanning Springs, proved a successful event.

The reserve champion Hereford bull of the show was a Trenton F. F. A. Chapter entry. The bull was just recently awarded to the Trenton Chapter for having the best record in the State Improved Breeding Program sponsored by Sears, Roebuck Foundation. The prize bull was purchased through the cooperation of the Florida Hereford Breeders'

Association from Riggs Hereford Ranch at Ocala. It will be shown at the Southeastern Regional Show in Atlanta next fall. (Editor's note: See a story on page 12 about last year's prize bull.)

Other blue ribbon winners at the newly organized tri-county event were Jackson Brownlee's entries of a Hereford bull and Hereford female.

Entries in the F. F. A. division in the show are as follows:



Scenes at the Live Oak show (from top to bottom): Ronald Lanier with FFA reserve champion; Bill Gamble with FFA champion; Hubert Gamble with grand champion Duroc boar. • Bottom panel shows George Dryden, center, presenting gilts to high individual judges, Monroe Williams, 4-H, left, and Wallace Bemby, FFA.

Hereford bull, 1-2 years — Jackson Brownlee, blue ribbon; Williston F. F. A., red ribbon; Floyd Rogers, white ribbon;

Shorthorn bull, 1-2 years — Donald Knighton, white ribbon;

Hereford bull, under 1 year—Trenton F. F. A., blue ribbon; Trenton F. F. A., red ribbon; Billy Twombly, red ribbon;

Hereford bull, over 2 years—Wesley Green, red ribbon;

Hereford female, 1-2 years—Jackson Brownlee, blue ribbon; Billy Twombly, red ribbon;

Grade female, under 1 year—James Sanders, red ribbon; Carlos Sapp, white ribbon; James Sanders, white; Brooks Bailey, white.

North Florida Fair

BOBBY PHILLIPS, Bristol F. F. A. Chapter, won the Duroc boar championship with Tommy High of the Reddick F. F. A. Chapter winning the Duroc gilt championship.

Winners, listed in order by classes, with number of entries in parenthesis, were as follows: (Swine classes were judged on Danish System, and all listed won red ribbons unless otherwise noted)

Duroc Swine

Junior Yearling Boars (2) Bryan Wilson, Madison; F. F. A. Senior Boar Pigs (2) Lester Scaff, Jasper; F. F. A. Junior Boar Pigs (5) Bobby Phillips (Blue-champion), Bristol; Archibald Freeman, Havana; Kenneth Gill, Jasper;

F. F. A. Senior Yearling Sows (5) White Springs F. F. A. (Blue-reserve champion); Graceville F. F. A.; Freeman; F. F. A. Junior Yearling Sows (3) Davis Stoutamire, Bristol; F. F. A. Senior Sow Pigs (5) Pinetta F. F. A.; Lafayette F. F. A.; Scaff; F. F. A. Junior Sow Pigs (17) Tommy High (Blue-champion), Fairfield; Gene Gainer (Blue), Vernon; Sammy Gray, Quincy; John Fort, Graceville; Jimmy Baggett, Graceville; Bristol F. F. A.; Havana F. F. A.; Wayman Smith, Mayo; Clarence Fussell, Vernon; Dempsey Andrews, Quincy; Gerald Martin, Quincy; Thomas Smith, Jasper;

F. F. A. Produce of Dam—Jasper F. F. A.; F. F. A. Get of Sire—Jasper F. F. A.;

Berkshire Swine

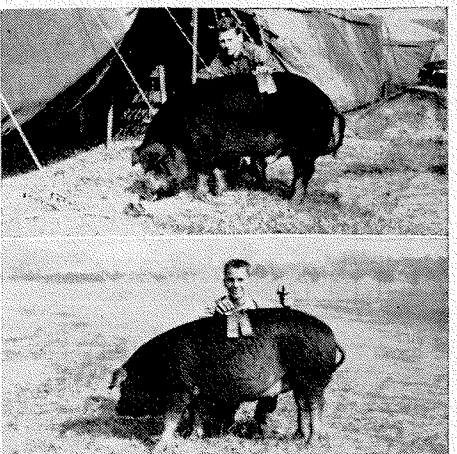
F. F. A. Senior Sow Pigs (1)—Smith;

Hampshire Swine

F. F. A. Senior Sow Pig (1)—Scaff;

Spotted Poland China Swine

Sow and Litter (1)—Pete Cruce, Madison; Junior Sow Pig (4)—Joe Hatcher, Chipley; Eugene Kirkland, Chipley; Senior yearling boar (1)—James Grimes, Chipley.



Scenes at North Florida Fair (from top to bottom): Champion FFA Duroc boar with Bobby Phillips; Tommy's Pride, champion FFA Duroc sow, owned by Tommy High, and pictured with Wayman Smith.

Dairy Show

Three F. F. A. members exhibited dairy animals in open competition. George Ford of the Quincy Chapter exhibited three animals, and each was awarded a blue ribbon. Bobby Ray Durden, Havana Chapter, exhibited a Jersey heifer, which was awarded a blue ribbon, and Ernest Sellers, Tallahassee, exhibited a heifer, which was awarded a red ribbon.

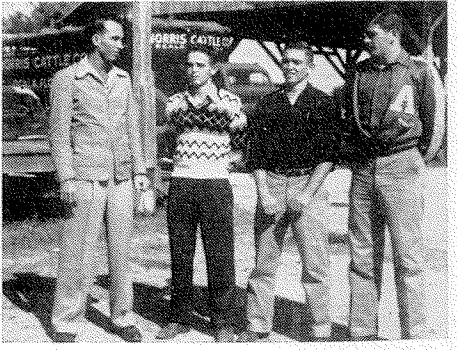
F. F. A. Exhibits

Excellent F. F. A. exhibits were placed in the Fair by the Wewahitchka, Greensboro, Quincy, Havana, Tallahassee, Crawfordville, Sopchoppy, and Monticello Chapters. In addition, the Calhoun-Liberty County F. F. A. Federation (Altha, Blountstown, Bristol and Frink) worked together on a 20' F. F. A. exhibit, and the four Chapters in Madison County (Madison, Greenville, Lee and Pinetta) prepared a 10' exhibit.

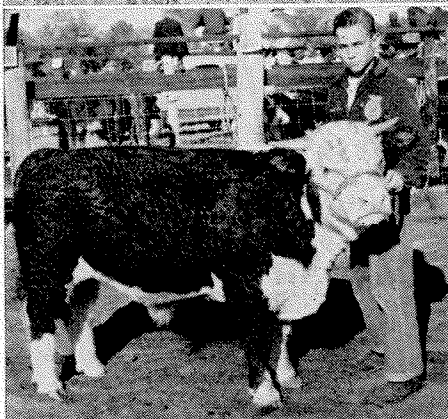
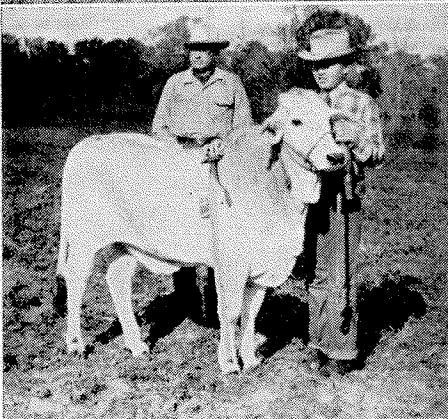
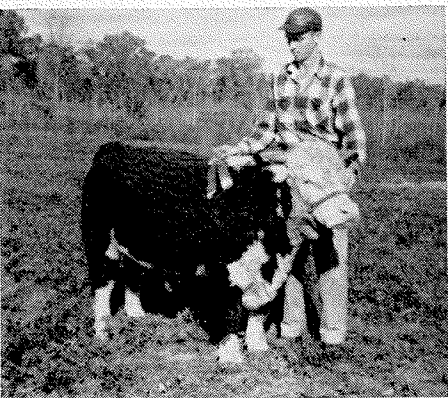
Webster Show

THE ANTHONY FFA Chapter judging team, composed of Eddy and Michael Priest and Johnny Keene, won at the Sumter All-Florida Breeder's Show.

Eddie Priest was high individual; Joe



FFA winning judges at Sumter show, left to right: Instructor P. L. Dinkins, Michael Priest, Eddie Priest and Johnny Keene.



Winners at the First Annual Tri-County Cattle Show at Fanning Springs are shown above, top to bottom: Billy Colson of Bell with champion bull, a Hereford, owned by C. R. Colson; H. O. Harrison, Dixie County agent, and Tom Peter Chaires III of Old Town, with Chaires' champion female, a Brahman; Aubrey Dean, Trenton FFA, with his Hereford bull which placed second to the champion at the show.

Cochran, Bartow, second; and Michael Priest, third.

In a Farm Implement Exhibit, the Bushnell Chapter placed first. The Webster Chapter won first in the following exhibits: Woodworking, Educational type, and Modern Farm Display.

The Bushnell Chapter won first place in the three classes of Hog Exhibits: Fat Barrows, Gilts, and Boars. John Brown of Webster Chapter placed first in Dairy Cattle and Larry Cowart, Bushnell placed first in Beef Cattle.

Belle Glade Future Farmers and Rotary Club Stage Cattle Project

AT A RECENT joint meeting of the Belle Glade Future Farmers of America and the Rotary Club, cash prizes were handed around and a year of invaluable experience in cattle raising was summed up in ceremonies at the high school gymnasium. Forty-three Future Farmers were commended for a cattle project they had undertaken with the assistance of the Belle Glade Rotary Club and the Florida National Bank.

Eleven of the Future Farmers of America boys were awarded cash prizes for their individual work in fattening beef steers and raising dairy cows. Prize winners in the beef fattening project were Glynn Dasher, Llynn Dasher, Kenneth Kirchman, Jerry Brent, Bobby Kent, and D. A. Davis; and two last year's graduates who took part in the project, Joe Leavitt and Bobby Hooker. The project started a year ago, when the Rotary Club underwrote a loan to enable the 43 F.F.A. boys studying vocational agriculture in the high school here to buy 40 Brahman steers and 7 dairy heifers.

The animals, kept one year in individual pastures, with some boys maintaining two animals, represented, when all was tallied up, a total investment of \$4,300, and a return of about \$5,800. Individual profits ranged from zero to \$66, according to J. R. Davidson, agriculture teacher at the school.

Mr. Davidson reports that prize winners in the dairy cow project were Peter Seale, who got first prize of \$10, and Ronald Jones and Eddie Robinson who received \$7.50 each. The prize money was donated by the Florida National Bank. Mr. Davidson says that judging was on the basis of the appearance of the animal, and the care exercised by the owner in looking after it. Six of the seven dairy cows in the project have dropped calves, Mr. Davidson says.

Prize money of \$50 for the beef cattle

project winners was donated by Robert Creech, Rotary Club member. Present at the ceremony Tuesday were Rotary Club officers; H. L. Speer, assistant county agricultural agent, who is also a member of Rotary; and members of the school student body. Assistant school principal Roy Litchfield presented the prize checks.

Mr. Davidson reports that as a result of this project, several F.F.A. boys have entered the cattle-raising business in a bigger way. Ronald Jones has borrowed money from the bank to start a herd, as have Peter Seale, Bobby Kent, and Kenneth Kirchman.

Reed Featured in Conservation Story

Buddy Reed, President of the Palatka F. F. A. Chapter at Mellon High School in Palatka, was featured in "Conservation Highlights" a column in the Palatka Times-Herald by John Griffin, soil conservationist.

Buddy is a senior at Mellon High this year and a very busy person. He helps with the family poultry farm and has his own hogs, cows and chickens.

He has planted pasture for his livestock, using Pensacola Bahia, Pangola grass, and Hairy Indigo. Buddy has had the help of his vocational agriculture instructor, Mr. Philip Shuford and the advice of his father, Mr. Charlie Reed, who is an example of a man from the city going to the farm and making good.

To assist in developing the plans for his farming program, they called on the Soil Conservation Service Technician assigned to the Putnam Soil Conservation District.

Marion County

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Associations.

Tommy Clements is another Ocala youth who is just beginning his cattle project. Last March—he was 14 years old—he won a Hereford steer in a "calf scramble" an annual affair, sponsored by the local Lion's Club. The animals are let loose in a pen and the boy has to pin one down with his bare hands in order to take it home.

Tommy's steer weighed 300 pounds. At the youth show, it weighed 675—a weight gain of 375 pounds in six months. The calf now is worth over \$200. In a year it will double in value.

Tommy wants a purebred Hereford herd some day.

Clipping from the December 1, 1952 edition of the Florida Sun, Miami Beach.

Tough All Over

Knoxville, Tenn. — Charles Kemp, Top FFA State Dairy Farmer in 1951, winner of an agricultural scholarship, and now an honor student of the University of Tennessee, lives in Difficult, Tennessee. His successes came after he moved away from another small community, two miles distant, called Defeated.

Chipley Chapter Dedicates Forest Honoring Wood

THE CHIPLEY CHAPTER paid special tribute to their State F.F.A. Adviser, H. E. Wood, by designating their new Chapter Forest the "HARRY E. WOOD FOREST", in a ceremony held on the site, October 7, 1952. The Chipley Chapter is the first F.F.A. group in the State to name a forest in honor of Mr. Wood. This forest is located southeast of Chipley.

Congressman R. F. Sikes of Crestview was the principal speaker. Other prominent guests present were: Senator Olin G. Shivers, Mayor Watford, and State Representative Jeff D. Webb, all of Chipley; Johnnie Butz, representing the Florida Forest Service; and other interested local citizens. In his dedicatory address, Congressman Sikes praised Mr. Wood for his long years of outstanding leadership in the field of Vocational Agriculture, particularly with regard to forestry and conservation. In responding to the address and the honor conferred upon him, Mr. Wood gave full credit for the accomplishments in forestry and conservation by the Vocational Agricultural group in the State, to the Teachers of Agriculture for their outstanding work, which made the accomplishments possible. Mr. Butz presented a sign, which will mark the site of the forest, to Arol Hudson, the new adviser of the Chipley F.F.A. Chapter. Arrangements for the occasion were made by Mr. Tom Love, former Agricultural Teacher and now Postmaster at Chipley.

The dedicatory exercises at the Chapter forest were followed at 8:00 p.m. by a Variety Show, sponsored by the Chipley Chapter. Talent on the program included such outstanding performers as Rosemary Knope, State F.F.A. Sweetheart, Ocala, and a group of Pensacola High School girls, who performed under the name of the "Twirllets".

Subscription Drive

THE LAFAYETTE FFA Chapter at Mayo won a Motorola television set in a subscription drive, sponsored by Farm and Ranch Publishing Company in Districts I & II.

In District I, Tate Chapter at Gonzalez won a special shotgun set. The Quincy Chapter also received a like prize in District II.

High individuals in District I were William Lyster and Gay Burgess of the Ponce de Leon Chapter and in District II, Pete Joyner of Quincy Chapter and De-Waine Williams of the Madison Chapter.



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