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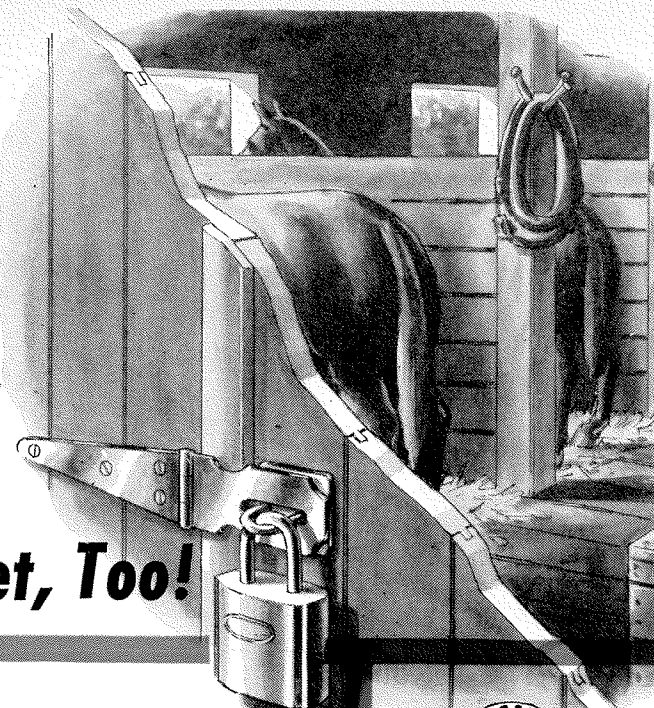
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THE FLORIDA delegation to the 27th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11-15 will consist of approximately 150 members of the Florida Association, teachers of vocational agriculture, parents and friends.

In the 100 voice chorus, Florida will have 2 members: James Nolan, Miami-Constance Chapter, and Charles Counts, Ocala Chapter.

In the National FFA Band, Florida will have 2 members: Forest H. Banks, Eustis Chapter, and Ralph Jackson, Quincy Chapter. The Band will lead the American Royal Parade on Saturday, October 16.

This year, Florida has nine Future Farmers to be recommended for the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree awarded any Future Farmer: Jay Counts, Ocala Chapter; E. J. Gibbs, Jr., Tate Chapter at Gonzalez; Billy Gunter, Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak; Wayne R. Hanna, Quincy Chapter; Clifton R. Lowry, Jay Chapter; Richard Vernon Morgan, Wimauma Chapter; Daniel Gibbs Roland, Newberry Chapter; and H. F. Wiggins, Jr. and Thomas A. Rowan IV, J. F. Williams Memorial Chapter at Live Oak.

Official delegates representing the Florida Association, FFA, will be Eugene Mixon of East Bradenton, State President for 1953-54, and Colin Williamson, High Springs, State President for 1954-55. Alternate delegates are the following Vice Presidents of the Florida Association for 1954-55: Bob McLean, Brandon; Willard Durrance, Wauchula; Jack Smith, Poplar Springs; James Quincey, Trenton; and Arvid Johnson, Groveland.

The Hillsborough County Federation, FFA and Mr. D. A. Storms, County Coordinator of Vocational Agriculture are preparing the Florida exhibit for the National Convention this year, in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium. The Hillsborough County School Board members financed the exhibit with \$250 from the school contingency fund. The exhibit will consist of revolving transparencies showing state farm activities.

Chilean Nitrate Leadership award winners to attend are: George Ford, Quincy, who will be in the Massing of the State Flags ceremony; James Quincey, Trenton; and Carroll Williamson, Plant City.

The Baldwin Chapter, State Winner of the Forestry Award sponsored by the St. Regis Paper Company and the Florida

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By Way of Editorial Comment:

A Stronger America

By COLIN D. GUNN
State Conservationist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Gainesville

Future Farmers of America, future Soil and Water Resources with which to farm in America...on what else does America depend? No soil and water, no farming; no farmers, no food or fiber; no food or fiber, no America.

Future Farmers in Florida are very conscious of their interest in the continuing productivity of our soil, and are more and more practicing the use of each acre of agricultural land within its capabilities and the treatment of each acre in accordance with its needs for protection and improvement.

Technicians of the Soil Conservation Service assisting Soil Conservation Districts have had the opportunity and privilege of working with F.F.A. chapters and chapter members in determining land use capabilities on their farms and in developing long-range plans for these farms. We have observed and experienced with deep satisfaction the seriousness, determination and purposefulness with which F.F.A. chapters and members undertake the development and application of farm plans involving all known measures, vegetative and mechanical, that will conserve and improve our soil and water resources.

Soil Conservation Districts are simon-pure democratic organizations. They are created by landowners and governed by landowners selected by landowners.

F.F.A. Chapters are also democratic organizations. Members work and live in an atmosphere of democratic action. As more of these members take over the affairs of our communities, our countries, our state and our nation, we confidently expect an ever increasing interest in the preservation of our soil and water resources.

All Florida is indebted to the capable and unselfish men who have furnished the instructional and inspirational leadership to the farm youths who are accomplishing so much on their farms and in their adult activities.



COLIN D. GUNN

We salute the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, each local Chapter and every member for the contribution made toward greater production and happier farm living in Florida.

More Future Farmers of America—more conservation of Soil and Water Resources—more Food and Fiber—a stronger America.

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The Cover

"Pangola Grass for planting permanent pasture on the Fort Pierce FFA chapter farm was one of the big events during the Miracle Day program, conducted by the F.F.A. chapter in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service."

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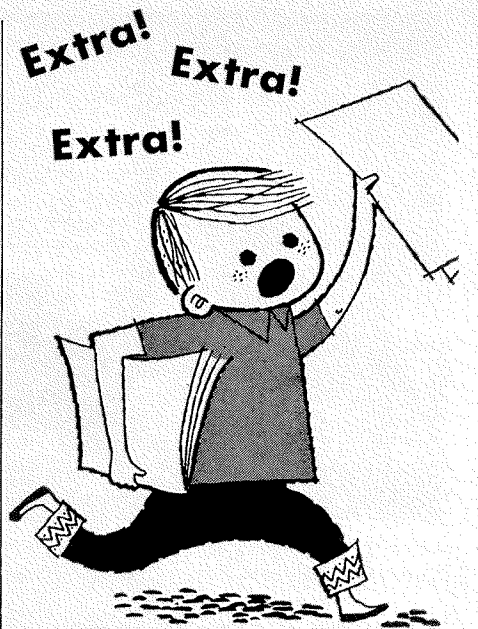
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Selective harvesting, road to more productive woodlands. Here 1954 forestry campers get a few of the fundamentals from Florida Forest Service farm forester George Reinert.

In the Woods Instruction at

Forestry Training Camp

Improves Woodland Knowledge of 244 Future Farmers

TWO HUNDRED and forty-four Florida FFA members acquired a new knowledge of forestry this summer. They are the boys who attended the Florida Forestry Service's 20th Annual Forestry Training Camp at O'Leno State Park near High Springs. The camp was divided into two five-day sessions; youths from South and West Florida were on hand during the week beginning July 18, North and Central Florida boys came in the following week.

Financed by leading forest industries in

the state, the forestry camp was under the direction of the Information and Education Branch of the Forest Service. J. Edwin Moore, as branch chief, was camp director. His instructional staff was made up of professional foresters from industry, the University of Florida School of Forestry, and the Florida Forest Service.

"The idea of our annual camp," Moore says, "is to bring together these professional foresters and young men who have demonstrated an interest in woodland management and have had some exper-

ience in it. We offer in-the-woods instruction followed by practical exercises as a means of intergrating and broadening the boys' knowledge of sound woodland management."

The intensive five-day training sessions included instruction in the use of tree and log scale sticks, the latest methods in gum-farming, tree identification, fire-fighting, forest insects and diseases, poisoning of undesirable trees, and pine cone collection. One whole day out of each week was devoted to a field trip which included visits to a sawmill, a fire control unit, the State Forest Ranger School near Lake City, a pine seedling nursery, a gum-processing plant, and a pine plantation where the effects of various methods of thinning were observed.

But all was not study at the camp. The cool waters of the Santa Fe River which runs through O'Leno Park afforded many pleasant hours of swimming and boating. There were horseshoes, softball, shuffleboard, volley-ball, and ping-pong. There were movies on Monday night, on Tuesday night the boys themselves put on the show, a skit from each of the fifteen cabins. Outside talent—young ladies from nearby towns—provided the variety show on Wednesday night, then returned the following night for a square dance.

Friday was a big day for the campers. The last classes were held Friday morning, then lunch, the examination—a query testing the comprehension and memory of almost every subject covered during the week. Outstanding campers were selected by the boys from the ten high-scorers on the test. The first week

selections were Royce O'Neal, Lithia Pinecrest Chapter; Jimmy Gates, Seffner, Franklin Chapter; Charles Lake, Auburndale, Auburndale Chapter; and Kennie Jenks, Cantonment, Tate Chapter. Outstanding campers the second week were Claude Crapps, III, Live Oak, Suwannee Chapter; James Shiver and Wayne Gregory, both of Havana and the Havana Chapter; and Joel Fillyaw, Orlando, Orlando Edgewater Chapter.

Log-chopping and sawing contests and the championship softball game completed the Friday afternoon activities and sharpened appetites for the fried chicken banquet to follow. At the banquet, State Forester C. H. Coulter presented awards to the outstanding campers, already named, and the contest winners.—Sim Raulerson, Tampa, Hillsborough High, first week chopping contest winner—Johnny "Cowboy" Lucas, Orlando, Orlando Boone Chapter, second week chopping contest winner; the team of Robert Carr, Munson, Munson Chapter, and Robert Langley, DeFuniak Springs, Walton Chapter, first week log-sawing contest; and the team of Donald Harsey, Wildwood, Wildwood Chapter, and Delano Hagin, Branford, Branford Chapter, second week log-sawing contest.

Banquet speaker the first week was William Wannop, a 20 year old English dairy farmer and member of English organization corresponding generally to America's FFA, in Florida at the time as the guest of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America. Hon. Doyle Conner, State Representative from Bradford County and a former forestry camper and national FFA president, spoke the second week.

Delegates to the 1954 forestry camp did not go home full-fledged foresters. But it was evident from the examinations that they had taken a real interest in the instruction and had learned a lot. And the way the material was presented—in the woods with the tools of the forester in hand—increased the likelihood that it will stick with the boys for later service, on school forests, on family owned land, on self-owned land. It also gave them a real appreciation of the value of our forests.

The following industries were sponsors of the 1954 Forestry Training Camp: Container Corporation of America, International Paper Company, National Container Corporation, Rayonier, Inc., St. Joe Paper Company, St. Regis Paper Company, Buckeye Cellulose Corporation, American Turpentine Farmers Association, Alger-Sullivan Lumber Company, Granger Lumber Company, Inc., Neal Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Armstrong Cork Company, Pensacola Creosoting Company, Escambia Treating Company, Newport Industries.

Call for National Convention

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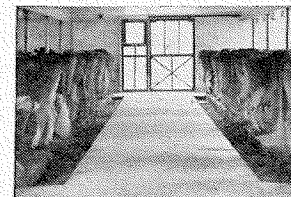
By the powers vested in me as National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State Associations, the Island of Puerto Rico and the territory of Hawaii to send delegates to the National Convention which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 11 through 14, 1954.

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 FFA Convention.

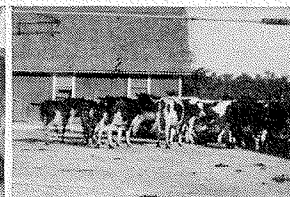
As a National Organization, we have accomplished many outstanding things this past year and at this, our Twenty-Seventh National Convention, plans will be made for the important year ahead. Regular business will be transacted, the National Public Speaking Contest will be held, and awards will be made.

DAVID H. BOYNE
National President

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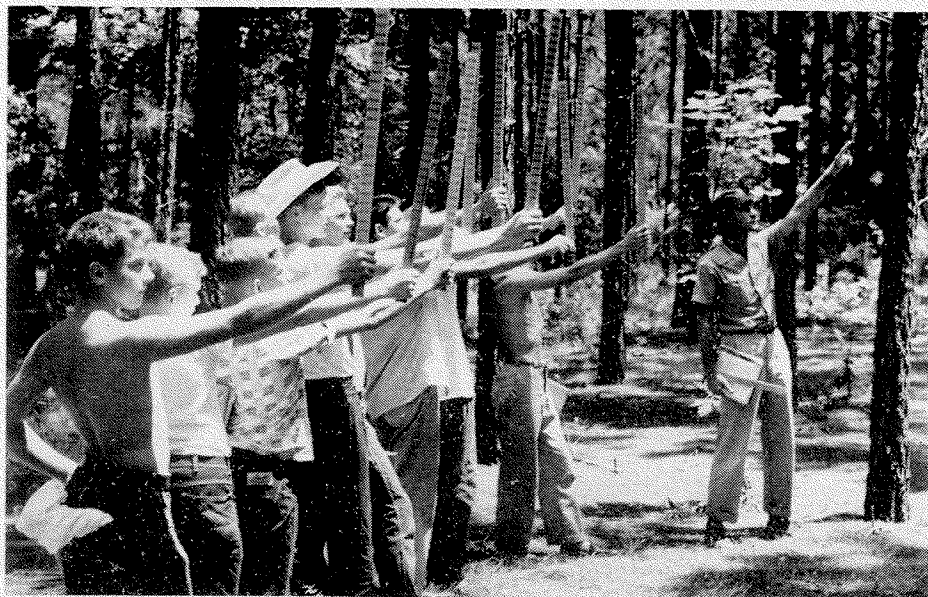
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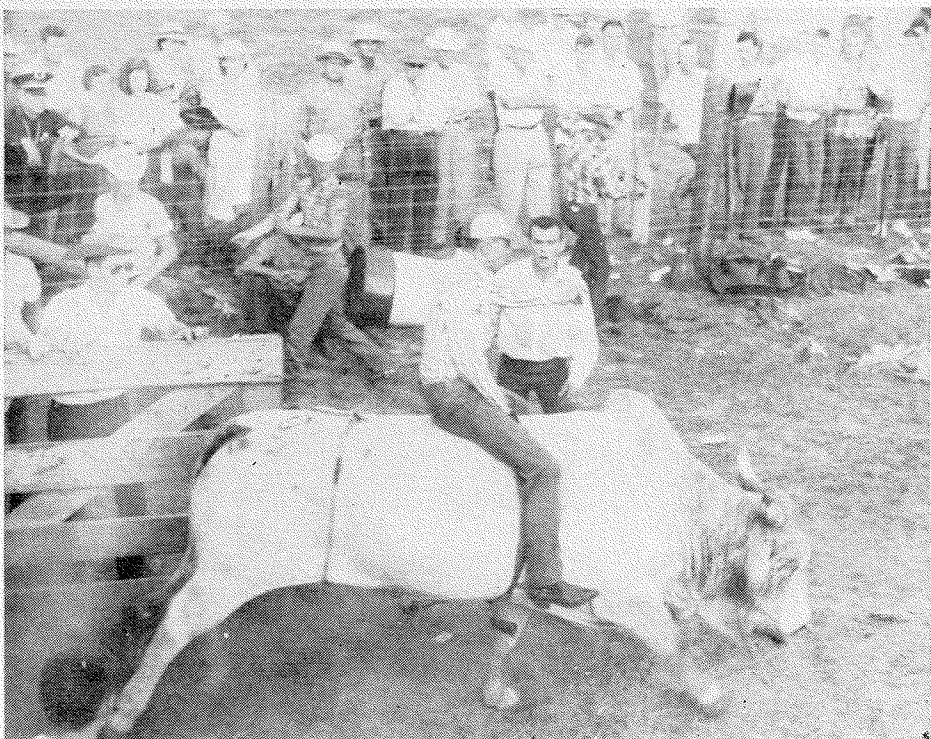
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Forestry campers got most of their instruction in the woods with the tools of the forester in hand. Here they use tree scale sticks to estimate the volume of a pine designated by instructor Harry Allan, an information and education forester with the Florida Forest Service.



Clifford Causey of the Miami-Edison FFA Chapter, riding the bull out of the corral during the State FFA Championship Rodeo at Inverness. Others in picture unidentified.

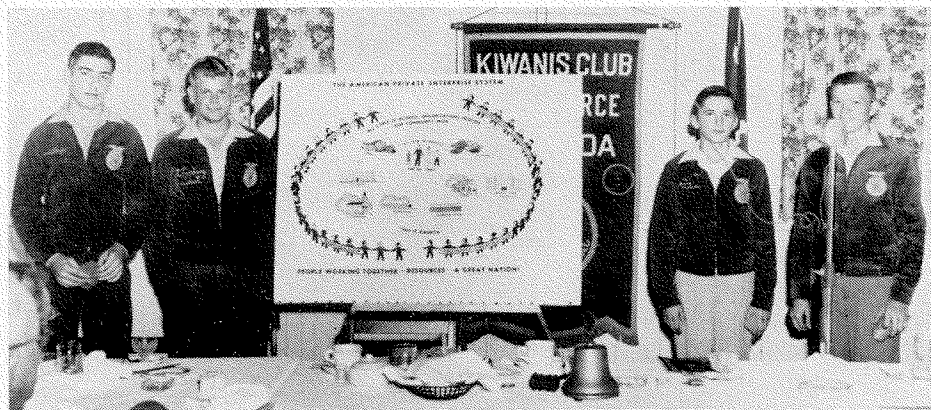
Fort Pierce FFA Chapter Placed in National Honors

REPRESENTATIVES OF the Fort Pierce Chapter, Future Farmers of America, attended the National Meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation held on the Campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, August 15-19. Those who made the trip were Vice President Marcus Roberts and members Earl Page, Buddy Smith and Robert Hawley, accompanied by Advisor and Mrs. M. B. Jordan. This trip was the climax of a long hard struggle for the entire membership of the Fort Pierce Chapter, which resulted in winning first place in the State for the Future Farmer Cooperative Leadership Award. At the State FFA Convention in June, the Chapter was awarded a check for \$500 to apply on the expenses of this group to attend the Convention at Cornell.

Based on a pattern established over the past several years, this award was determined from a 1,000 word report accompanied by two large scrap books filled with group action pictures and stories of their accomplishments in cooperative activities. These varied and unusually broad number of activities included 104 hours devoted to systematic instruction on cooperative activities, also products from their chapter farm sold through their chapter cooperative amounting to \$1,260 together with products from the individual projects like-

wise marketed amounting to \$14,079.08. From products purchased in the same manner, the report showed \$1,180.25 in seeds, fertilizers, etc. for the FFA farm and \$9,614 worth of similar materials for individual members.

Gifts and awards during the year amounted in value to approximately \$35,000 which included the gigantic cooperative day known as "Miracle Farm Day" when farmers, merchants, businessmen and organizations helped make 125 acres of the school farm into a cleared, fenced, fertilized and planted farm in



Earl Page, Vent Lindsey, Jack Cavinder and Warren Durham, members of the Fort Pierce FFA Chapter who staged a flannelgraph talk before the Fort Pierce Kiwanis Club, on the American Private enterprise system.

one day.

Chapter activities also included many visits during the year to cooperatives and other businesses dealing with farm problems as well as cooperation with eleven farm organizations, twenty-six school and community groups involving a total of 4,145 member hours. During the year a total of seventy publications dealing with farm business principles were added to the chapter library and eight production activity demonstrations as well as eight other exhibits or projects of a cooperative nature were staged.

In order for any local FFA chapter to
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Plans Underway For 1955 Rodeo

THE SECOND annual State FFA Championship Rodeo held at Inverness completed its four performances with every minute packed full of thrills and spills.

W. L. Tompkins of the St. Cloud FFA Chapter came out on top as All-Round Champion Cowboy, winning prizes and saving bonds amounting to around \$200 with Bud Clemons of the Kissimmee Chapter winning "Champion Rodeo clown" honors.

Fifty-four Future Farmers from over 22 FFA Chapters from all parts of Florida were competitors for over \$800 additional prizes and bonds. The Citrus FFA Chapter as host arranged additional entertainment during and after each performance with dances, string band music, a western parade, chicken pileau, and professional rodeo clowning.

The Citrus County Railbirds Association, sponsor of the FFA Championship Rodeo are to be congratulated for their work and cooperation in making the FFA Rodeo a complete success. Plans are already underway towards making the 1955 State FFA Championship Rodeo a bigger and better FFA event.

National Convention

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Jaycees, will have Jimmy Cox, President of the Chapter, R. E. Jones, Adviser, and three other members.

Claude Crapps III, Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak, winner of the Forestry contest sponsored by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, with his Adviser, Mr. B. R. Mills, will be present and appear on an Exchange Club Program arranged by R. N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester of SAL.

The Florida Power Corporation of St. Petersburg is sending their Agricultural Engineer, John Folks, Past State Vice-President and an American Farmer to the National Convention. He will take with him: Eugene Mixon, E. Bradenton, Past State President; Colin Williamson, High Springs, State President for 1954-55; and James Quincey of Trenton and Arvid Johnson of Groveland, State Vice Presidents for 1954-55.

Mr. Ted Pendarvis, Livestock Specialist for the State Department of Agriculture plans to take several State Officers and American Farmer applicants.

Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Schools; Mr. J. C. Huskisson, Florida State Fair Manager, and Mrs. Huskisson hope to be present for part of the convention.

The Florida Cattlemen Award winner who will attend is Sammy Gray of the Quincy Chapter accompanied by his Adviser, Mr. Grinelle E. Bishop.

Participating in the National FFA Judging Contests in Kansas City, will be the Summerfield Team composed of Perry Smith, Rodney Buchalla, Larry Holder, Casey Scroggie, and Gregg McWhite, with their Adviser, Mr. Samuel Love. The State Department of Agriculture, through Commissioner Nathan Mayo, provided funds to help defray expenses.

Donald "Duck" Smith, Wauchula FFA Chapter, who furnished special entertainment at the State Convention, will try for a place on the National Skit Program to be held during the Convention. Also trying for a place will be Ralph Jackson of the Quincy Chapter.

Quincey Wins Scholarship

JAMES QUINCEY from the Trenton FFA Chapter, and who is State Vice President of the Florida Association, FFA, has been awarded the Annual \$1000 Farm Bureau Scholarship to the University of Florida.

The scholarships are made possible by the Winn & Lovett Grocery Company of Jacksonville. A special Farm Bureau Committee made the selection which was based upon excellence in high school grades, participation in school and community activities, leadership, and other personal qualities.



From left to right in above photograph are shown: W. R. Beach, Kenneth Brock, Wayne Wall, James Lawson and Keith Simmons with farm equipment in front of their new modern vocational agriculture building at the Turkey Creek High School.

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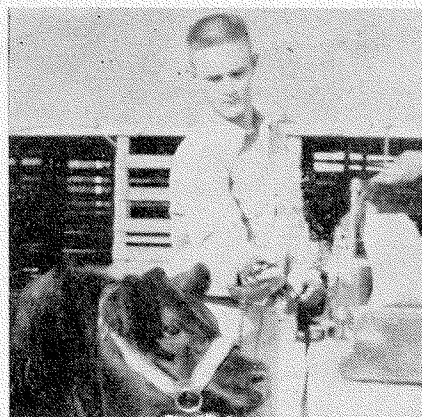
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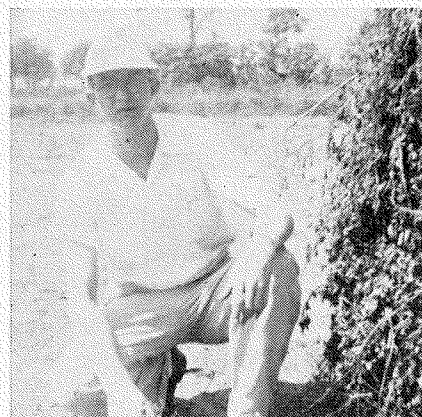
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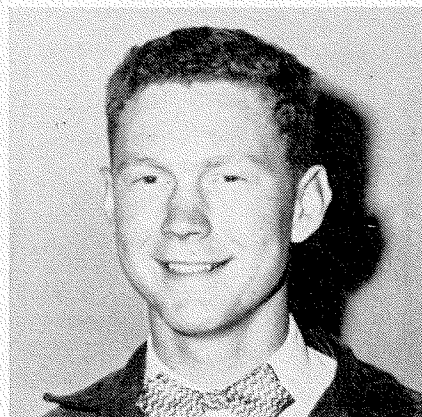
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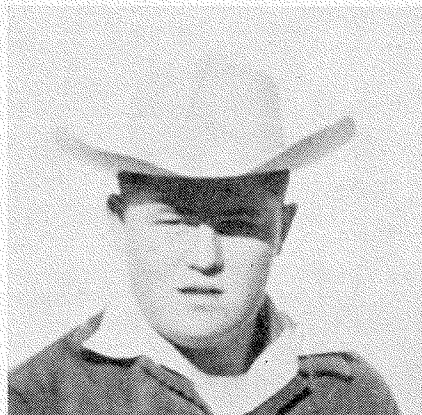
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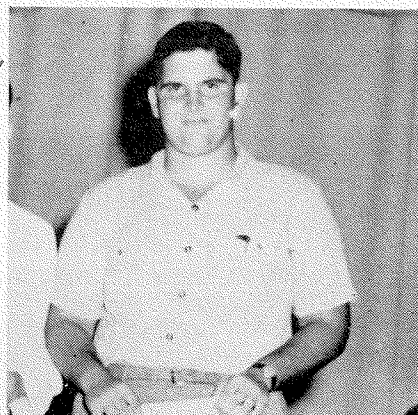


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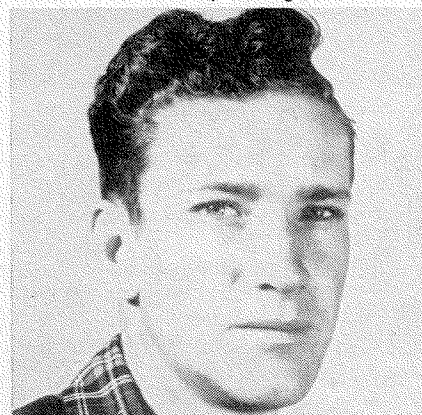
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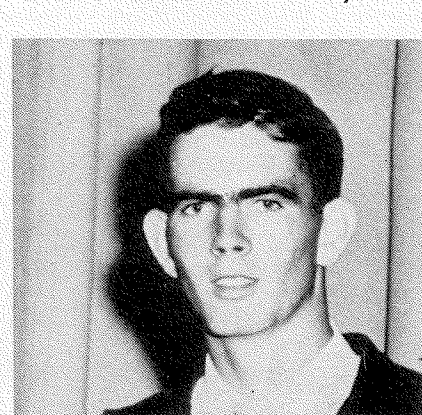
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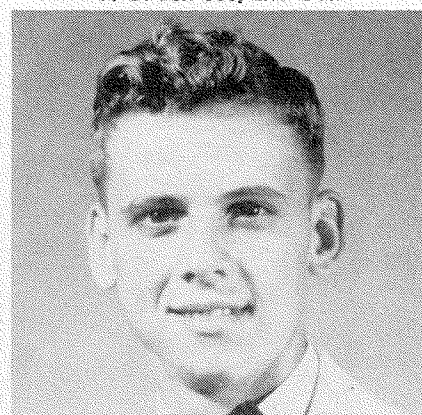
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Nine Floridians Are Candidates for The Degree of American Farmer

Jay Counts

Ocala Chapter

Jay is farming on 80 acres of land which were given to him by his father and on 20 acres which he has purchased. In addition to this, he rents 37 acres. Starting with one purebred gilt in 1948-49, Jay has developed a farming program consisting of 77 acres of peanuts, 10 acres of corn, 30 acres of truck crops consisting of watermelons and tomatoes, etc., and 20 acres of improved pasture. He now owns 50 head of hogs for meat and 10 for breeding, 10 head of beef cattle, 1953 Ford tractor and all equipment, G.M.C. pickup truck, half interest in a D4 Caterpillar bulldozer and a Ford car. He has earned a labor income of \$7361 during four years in school and one year out of school.

Jay was active in various school activities; received 2 letters in football, was President of the Ocala Chapter during 1951-52, a member of the FFA Quartet for 2 years and was selected to sing in the National FFA Chorus at the National Convention in 1952. He represented his Chapter in the Public Speaking, Livestock Judging, Softball, and Parliamentary Procedure contests, and was a delegate to the State Convention. He is now President of his Young Farmer group and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Ocala FFA Chapter. He is also a member of the Marion County Farm Bureau and Farmers Co-Op.

E. J. Gibbs

Tate Chapter—Gonzalez

E. J. STARTED his vocational agriculture and FFA program in 1948, and had an exceptionally good supervised farmer program for a first year student. This consisted of three hogs, 20 dairy animals, 14 beef animals and 1/2 acre of vegetables. He gradually expanded this program from year to year and at the end of the four years of in-school work, had earned a labor income of \$8,606.80. Getting such a good start in his farming program was made possible through the excellent cooperation and assistance of his parents, who, having five sons, taught them early to be self-reliant and self-supporting. E. J.'s interest in beef cattle and his willingness to work caught the attention of the owner of Perdido Ranch, and E. J. is now serving as herdsman on this ranch while continuing his own farming program at home.

At the time he made application for

the American Farmers Degree, E. J. had most of the net worth of \$14,555.00.

Gibbs' leadership activities have been outstanding. He served as president, secretary and sentinel of his chapter and attended two national FFA conventions and two state conventions. He represented his chapter in Parliamentary Procedure, softball, and livestock judging and was awarded the \$100 Bankers Scholarship the year he received his State Farmer Degree. He has exhibited purebred beef cattle at several regional and state shows. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Junior Farm Bureau in Escambia county and is now a member of the Senior Farm Bureau.

As a member of the Tate FFA Chapter, he took active part in the many co-operative activities carried out by the group.

Wm. D. Gunter

Suwannee Chapter—Live Oak

NINETEEN YEAR old William D. Gunter of Live Oak, Florida, lives in one of Florida's top agriculture counties, and most of his achievements have been in agriculture. Billy, as he is called by all who know him, is a member of the Suwannee FFA Chapter and a Junior in the University of Florida. He enrolled in vocational agriculture in the fall of 1948 and received the Green Hand Degree, starting with a program of 2 head of beef calves, 15 chicks, and 1 hog. Since that time, his farming program has varied but increased in size. Upon completion of his senior year in high school, his program included 11 beef calves, 10 registered Guernseys, 16 dairy cows, 35 acres of Pensacola Bahia pasture, 10 acres of Argentina Bahia pasture, and 7 acres of planted pines. His purebred animals were valued at \$3200 and the dairy cows owned in partnership with his father were valued at \$2600.

His major enterprise in agriculture has been dairying and his purebred animals have taken some valuable prizes at State Livestock shows. In 1952 he was named Star Dairy Farmer of Florida.

His study of jobs in conservation in vocational agriculture led him to choose the topic "Conservation of Natural Resources" for his participation in the Future Farmer Public Speaking Contest. He won first place in the State and Tri-State contests and second place in the Southern Regional contest. This study led also to practical application in Billy's farming venture. He planted improved

pasture grasses on his land to prevent wind and water erosion and provide soil enrichment as well as feed crops. He established a manure pit to return valuable fertilizer to the soil. He also renovated a 10 acre pecan grove and grape arbors on the home farm.

Young Gunter served as president of his FFA Chapter and took an active part in its activities, such as serving on the Chapter livestock judging team, the committee for Chapter demonstration plot of hairy indigo in cooperation with the Kiwanis Club, the Chapter Forestry committee and Chapter seed committee; was chairman of the committee on city beautification, cooperating with the Garden Club, and was a radio speaker for the Chapter's Farm Safety Week project. He also served as delegate to State and National Conventions and played the clarinet in the National Future Farmers of America Band.

Billy was elected Commissioner of Agriculture at Boys' State, sponsored by the American Legion.

He was a star end on the Suwannee Bulldog football team and played on the basketball squad. His activities included being Youth Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Live Oak and Editor of the School Annual. His selection as Student Body President, during his senior year, climaxed his high school career.

During his first year in college, Billy was elected to the executive council and selected as the most outstanding freshman in the College of Agriculture. He was also appointed to the Staff of the Campus Newspaper, the Alligator, and the Florida College Farmer Magazine; was a member of the University Debate Squad, and served on the Blue Key Speakers' Bureau. He won the State Baptist Young Peoples Union Speakers' contest and competed in the Southern Tournament in North Carolina. He served as Vice-President of the State Association, FFA, was State delegate to the National FFA Convention, and was twice selected as Florida's representative to Camp Miniwanca where the Danforth Leadership Training Conference is held.

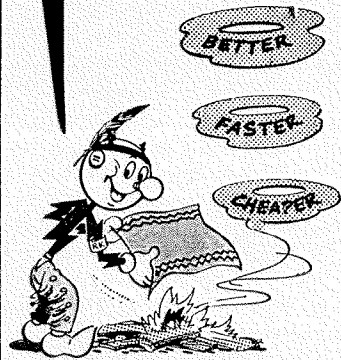
Participating in these activities and keeping up a good scholastic rating have not crowded out Billy's farming program.

Earlier in the year, Billy was selected by the Governor's Committee as the "Outstanding Young Outdoor Floridian", and attended the National Convention of the Isaak Walton League at Chicago.

The most recent significant honor to come Billy's way was his selection as one

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Wayne R. Hanna

Quincy Chapter

WAYNE R. HANNA, 20, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurley Hanna of rural Quincy, Florida. He owns in partnership with his father, 80 acres of land and rents 53 additional acres which he cultivates and uses for pasture. The main productive enterprises in his farming program are: poultry for meat and eggs, cows for beef and breeding, hogs for meat and breeding, corn, sweet potatoes, peanuts, and truck crops. Wayne's net worth totals \$7,329.41, and he has earned a labor income of \$4,441.16 from his supervised farming program since first enrolling in Vocational Agriculture.

Not only has Wayne carried on a good farming program but he was very active in the leadership activities of the chapter and community. He served as Reporter and Treasurer of the local chapter, parliamentarian for one year, member of the parliamentary procedure team for three years, delegate to the State Convention for three years, member of the Hay, Grain, and Forage Judging Team for three years, and chairman of several programs of work committees.

Outside of the F.F.A. Chapter, Wayne has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of his Sunday School Class, was a member of the scoop club, reporter for the library club, and a member of the Thespians.

Wayne is now a member of the Farm Bureau, Florida National Guard, and the Baptist Church.

Clifton R. Lowry

Jay Chapter

CLIFTON BEGAN his career in the F.F.A. and vocational agriculture in 1947. He received his State Farmer Degree in June, 1952, which was the same year he graduated from high school. He returned to the farm, married, and has settled down to a full time career in general farming in the Jay community. He has purchased a 40 acre farm and rents 60 acres.

From his cotton, corn and hog projects, Clifton earned a labor income of \$2,037.20 during his high school career. His program includes peanuts, cotton, cucumbers, corn, dairy cattle, beef cattle and hogs.

Clifton served as reporter and sentinel of his chapter, represented his chapter on its livestock judging, parliamentary procedure, and softball teams. He has received much help and encouragement from his parents, and in return, has and still is a source of great help to them in rearing and educating a large family.

Richard V. Morgan

Wimauma Chapter

RICHARD MORGAN has become established in farming in a truck crop situation starting with 1/2 acre of tomatoes in 1947-48. He owns 10 acres of good truck land on which he is growing squash, lettuce, strawberries, pepper, lima beans, and in addition, has 20 head of laying hens. He has earned a labor income of \$8,920.85 from his farming program since 1947-48, and has a net worth of \$8,329.04. Vernon has succeeded through hard work, careful planning and good management. He is married, has one child and they are highly regarded in the community and he is recognized as one of the better farmers in that area. His leadership activities have been good. He served as president and vice-president of his chapter, participated in parliamentary procedure, softball, horseshoe pitching and represented his chapter as a delegate to the State Convention. In high school, he was president of his junior class and a member of the track, baseball, basketball and football teams, serving as captain of the football team in 1950-51. He is a member of the Farm Bureau.

Gibbs Roland

Newberry Chapter

GIBBS ROLAND began his career in the F.F.A. in 1947-48 with a supervised farming program which consisted of four head of meat hogs, one head of dairy cattle and 1/4 acre of vegetables. He has gradually increased the number and scope of enterprises to the point that he has an outstanding program of beef cattle and pasture feed crops. His total labor income for five years of in-school work and one year out-of-school amounts to \$6,332.40. He owns a third interest in 640 acres of land and a partnership interest in buildings and equipment valued at \$2,750.

Roland served as vice-president of his chapter for two years and as vice-president of the State Association for one year. He has participated in many leadership activities serving as a delegate from his chapter to the state convention for four years and as an alternate delegate from his chapter to the state convention for one year. He served on his chapter's livestock judging team four years and represented his chapter at the State F.F.A. Forestry Training Camp. He was president of his Senior Class in high school and participated actively in football, baseball and basketball. He was a leader in Church and Sunday School activities and is a member of the Farm Bureau. Gibbs took a very active part in the many cooperative activities carried out by his chapter.

Thomas Rowan IV

*J. F. Williams Memorial Chapter
Live Oak*

THOMAS ROWAN began his vocational agriculture program in the F.F.A. in 1948-49. From a modest beginning of one meat hog and two dairy calves, he has grown into farming by adding beef cattle, corn, peanuts, vegetables and breeding hogs, tobacco, bees, poultry, forestry and improving pasture grasses through his program. He is now farming on a partnership basis with his father. In 1952-53, which was his first year out of school, he earned for his share of the profit from the farming program, \$2,161.02. His four in-school years showed a labor income of \$3,896.13. He owns a third share of 300 acres of land valued at \$4,000. He has 100% ownership of livestock and poultry valued at \$3,715.00 and his share of ownership in buildings and equipment on the farm is valued at \$1,750.00. He has a net worth of \$11,832.83.

Thomas served as Secretary of his chapter, was a member of the chapter's parliamentary procedure and livestock judging teams and a delegate to the State F.F.A. Convention. He was a state winner in the Feeder Steer contest in 1951 and received the Mayo Scholarship at the Southeastern Livestock Show in Ocala his senior year. He served as business manager of his high school annual and newspaper, was a member of the school band and Key Club. At the University of Florida, he served as circulation manager for the Florida College Farmer, was a member of the Block and Bridal Club. He is a member of the Suwannee County Farm Bureau and the Farmer's Market Exchange.

H. F. Wiggins

*J. F. Williams Memorial Chapter
Live Oak*

HARD WORK and good management have been the the keynote of success in the past record of H. F. Wiggins, Jr. Much progress and improvement has been made on the farm since "H. F." first enrolled in vocational agriculture. His record books are accurate and complete.

The many activities in which "H. F." has participated show that there is not a "lazy bone" in his body. He is a fine, healthy, specimen of young American manhood and strong as his Angus bulls which roam the improved pastures developed through his effort.

He achieved the honor of Star Farmer for Florida in 1951, and was the choice of the nominating committee for State FFA President but lost in a hot political race, which is common in Florida.

H. F. has worked from a modest beginning to a net worth of approximately



Two scenes that are familiar to thousands of vocational agriculture students, show members of the Crawfordville FFA Chapter with their teacher and adviser, Mr. O. Z. Revell, varnishing the top of tables they built in their shop for use in the vocational agriculture classroom. They learned to make plans and a bill of materials for the tables in the classroom and then construct and finish the tables in the shop.

\$24,000.

He has been a consistent showmanship winner at various livestock shows in the State. His Angus cattle have not only brought blue-ribbons and prize money but have centered public attention on the results of vocational agriculture training. He has certainly been an asset to the Florida Association, FFA. A review of his record of activities outside the FFA indicate the confidence placed in this young farmer's ability by farm organiza-

tions, livestock breeders, and community organizations.

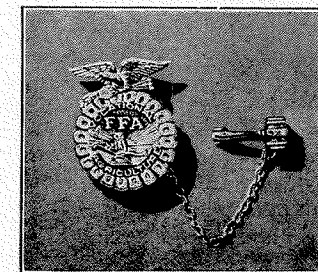
Young Wiggins is not by any means wealthy. He has progressed from a mule to tractors, trucks, and other modern machinery, all paid for by the "sweat of his brow". His father and mother live in an attractive, well-furnished farm home with plenty of meat in the deep freeze. "H. F." and his charming young wife live near his parents in a home which has recently been remodeled by "H. F."

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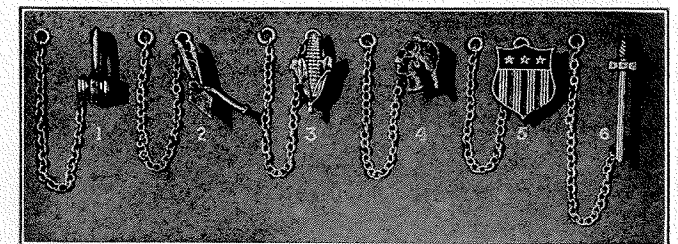
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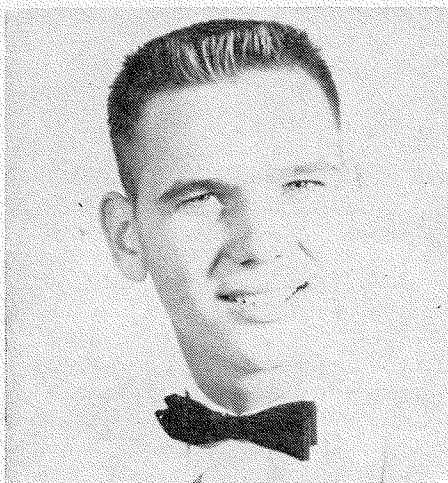
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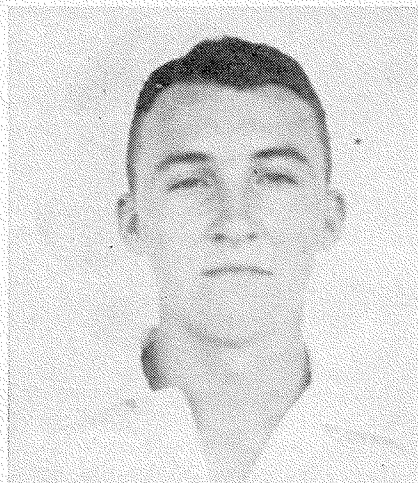
CHARLES COUNTS

CHARLES COUNTS, a June graduate of the Ocala High School and a member of the Ocala Chapter FFA, is one of the three boys selected from Florida to sing in the National FFA Chorus, at the National Convention in October 1954. Charles sings baritone and bass. He was a member of the Ocala FFA Quartet for 2 years and sings in the Church Choir.

Charles took an active part in various school activities and received 3 letters in football. He was vice president of the Ocala Chapter FFA in 1953-54 and he took part in all FFA activities.

Charles lives 8 miles south of Ocala on a large farm, and has had a good supervised farming program. He now has as his project a small herd of beef cattle, 40 head of hogs and 40 acres of corn and peanuts. He owns his own new John Deere tractor and all equipment. He plans not to go to college but to stay at home and continue farming on a large scale. Charles expects to receive the State Farmer Degree next June and go on to receive the American Farmer Degree in the near future. His brother is a candidate to receive the Degree this year.

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RALPH JACKSON

RALPH JACKSON of Quincy will attend the National Convention as a member of the National Band, which is composed of FFA boys from all over the United States. These boys are chosen on the basis of their musical ability. This band is organized in connection with the National FFA Convention which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, this October. Ralph plays the French Horn in the Quincy High School Band of which he has been a member for four years.

Ralph's supervised farming program has included poultry for meat and eggs; hogs for meat; truck crops; sweet potatoes; and corn.

Since enrolling in the eighth grade vocational agriculture class in 1949, Ralph has been very active in the musical portion of the FFA contests. He has represented the Quincy Chapter for two years as harmonica player, member of the string band which has played all over the state, member of the chapter quartet, and has attended the state convention for two years.

Not only has Ralph been active in FFA activities but he has been very active in Church and community activities also.

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He has one more year in high school, and upon completion of this year's work is hoping to receive his state farmer degree and participate in several state contests as a member of his chapter's team.

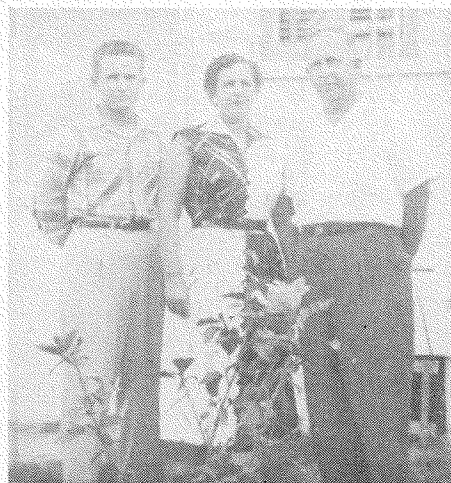
Success Story of Norton Wilkins Past State Pres.

BILLY WILKINS, a member of the Groveland FFA Chapter, probably found it easy to talk his father into making arrangements for an FFA project. Billy's father, Mr. Norton Wilkins, took vocational agriculture and was Chapter President of the Apopka Chapter. He served as State President in 1930-31 and the following year received his American Farmer Degree.

Mr. Wilkins' vocational agriculture training has served him well. He carried citrus projects during his high school course and after finishing high school, became a fruit and vegetable inspector for the Federal & State Inspection Service.

In 1944, Wilkins moved to Groveland and started a fruit business, the B & W Canning Company, with a partner, Gene Busbee. The company grew and developed rapidly and added a frozen concentrate unit. He and his partner have a 75 acre producing grove, and they also grow watermelons, cucumbers and tomatoes.

Using his leadership training to an advantage, he is active in the civic activities of Groveland, serving as President of the Methodist Men's Club, a member of the Methodist Church Board of Stewards for 5 years, a Kiwanis Club member, who is serving at present as Chairman of the Underprivileged Childrens' Committee.



Mr. and Mrs. Norton Wilkins are shown with their son, Billy, in front of their newly remodeled home.

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As Union County farm youths received their calves a certain routine was followed. Photographs may be identified from top to bottom as follows: As each calf was unloaded from the truck, it was given two raw eggs as immediate food supply • Each calf was given a shot of penicillin to decrease the possibility of infectious disease • After the calves received the two raw eggs and the shot of penicillin, they were taught to drink from a nurse bucket. (Photos courtesy of Union County Times)

Over 60 Union Youth Receive Dairy Calves

It was a happy bunch of youngsters that gathered on the Union High School Athletic Field to claim sixty-two heifer calves and a bull, all about three days old, given to 63 members of the Future Farmer's Chapter and the County 4-H Clubs. All were bought from dairies in Broward County. They were artificially sired by some of the finest dairy bulls in the south.

And the best part of all was that none (Continued on page 14)

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Baldwin and Allentown Chapters Win Annual Forestry Contest Awards

THE BALDWIN FFA Chapter was selected as the State winner in the Chapter Forestry Contest, sponsored by the St. Regis Paper Co. and the Florida Jaycees. A check for \$150 was presented to Baldwin by Mr. Albert Ernest and Mr. Justin Weddell, vice president of the St. Regis Paper Co. The Allentown FFA Chapter placed second and received a check for \$25 which was presented at a meeting of the Milton Lions Club by Mr. Noll VanCleave, Forester for the St. Regis Paper Co.

The Baldwin Chapter forest comprises an area of 145.2 acres lying along highway U. S. 301 just north of Baldwin. At the beginning of the year an official and legal survey was made. About 4 acres was under poor fence and in bahia pasture, while the remainder was undeveloped. About 115 acres had a good growth of young timber, with a scattering of undesirable hardwoods. This left 26 acres of open woods of soil types suitable for pasture.

Several class periods were utilized in planning a management program for the year, with the aid of the Florida Forest Service. Fire prevention received considerable attention since the highway ran along one side and a railroad through the area, both possible fire hazards. Plans for harvesting several kinds of products,

both for sale and use were made. Then a program of publicity, demonstrations, and public information rounded out the plans to make the forest a useful community resource.

In attempting to put first things first, the Florida Forest Service was called upon to plow 2 1/4 miles of firelines while members plowed 1/2 mile with the chapter tractor. The boys distributed 40 posters urging fire prevention. Later a strip 15 feet wide was cleared along the highway to be used for grazing and as a firebreak. Two radio programs helped in stressing this problem.

Students examined the forest regularly for insect and disease damage control, thinned (pre-commercial) about 5 acres, and cruised mature timber to be harvested.

The chapter sponsored a booth at the Northeast Florida Fair; entered a girl in the Forestry Queen contest; took part in the forestry essay contest and won second place in tree planting. The special Fair issue of local newspapers carried an article on the Baldwin forest.

Practices demonstrated include poisoning hardwoods and proper thinning. Seedlings were planted on an area to be used later for a burning demonstration. Also the Jacksonville Jaycees were assisted in staging a planting of partridge



A highlight of a weekly Jacksonville Junior Chamber of Commerce luncheon was the presentation of the St. Regis Paper Company's annual forestry award to the Baldwin Future Farmers of America chapter. The forestry contest is sponsored jointly by St. Regis and the State Junior Chamber of Commerce. From left, during the presentation of the \$150 check are R. E. Jones, advisor to the Baldwin FFA group; Tommy Cox, president of the Baldwin chapter; Harry Wood, Tallahassee, state supervisor of Vocational Agriculture for Florida; Albert Ernest, vice president of St. Regis Co., in charge of forestry operations; and Justin Weddell, Pensacola, consultant for St. Regis. (Jacksonville Journal photo)

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