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By Way of Editorial Comment:

Sound Agricultural Base Insures America's Future

By SENATOR GEORGE SMATHERS

A STORY that had made the rounds even before Joe Miller was born involves a city man who lost his way on a country road.

He stopped his car and sought help from a farmer walking along the roadside. "Which is the way to Tampa?" he asked.

"Dunno", said the farmer.

"Well, where will I come out if I follow this road?"

"Dunno", said the farmer, "I never went all the way."

"Well, you don't know much do you?" commented the city man, in disgust.

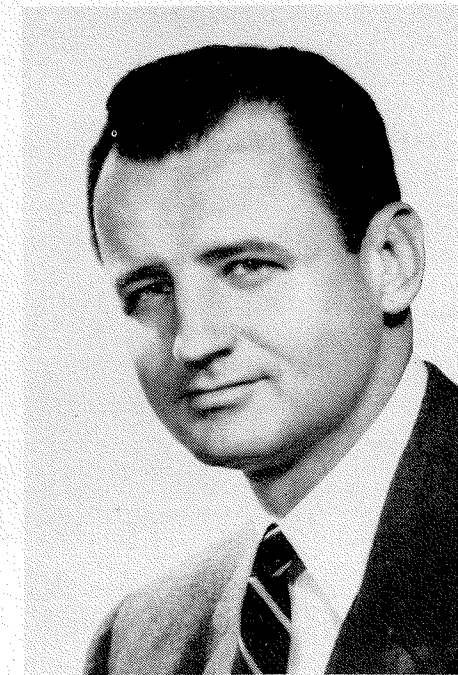
"Don't reckon I do", replied the farmer. "But I ain't lost."

This certainly applies to the farmers of Florida today, and especially to the Future Farmers. They not only "ain't lost", but they also know where they are going. And, what the future holds for them appears to be good.

As I have driven about Florida, looked at the farms and the things that grow and live on them, talked with the farmers, saw their fine modern homes, and met their healthy, handsome families, I have been struck with the realization that farming in Florida must offer the most satisfying of all manners of life.

There is a wealth on the Florida farm which transcends the kind of wealth which is measured in money, goods, property, power or position.

It is something which I cannot describe in a written or spoken utterance, but which I am sure that all the Future Farmers of Florida will understand. It is a state which we all envy, but which at the same time is above envy. It's a sort of feeling of closeness to the things



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which are real and good; a feeling of independence and accomplishment, of contribution to that which is best and most permanent in life.

An incontestable fact which history has produced is that any country or area with
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The Cover

Hillsborough County Future Farmers took a very active part in the 1954 Florida State Fair in Tampa. Approximately \$550.00 in prize money was received from showing of registered cattle and prize poultry. The Plant City Chapter showed the champion Angus heifer in the FFA division and the Turkey Creek Chapter showed a first (Continued on page 17)

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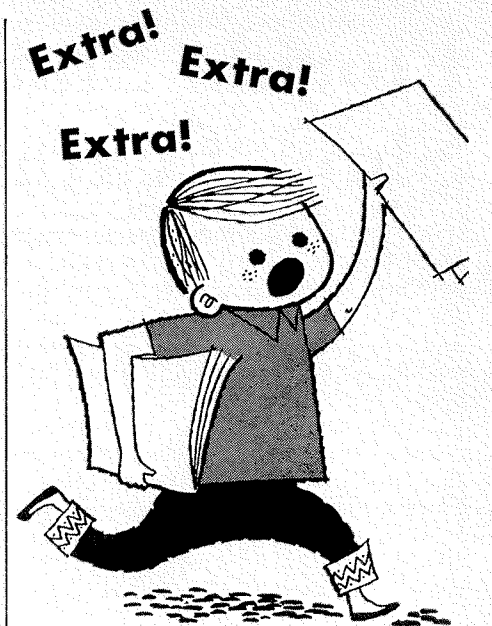
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Florida State Fair Livestock Show Features 71 FFA Entries

THE FFA LIVESTOCK Show at the Florida State Fair—strongest yet in the opinion of many visitors—featured a week for the dairy breeds, Brown Swiss, Guernseys, and Jerseys, and a week for the beef breeds, Angus, Brahmans, Herefords and Shorthorns.

Grand Champion Plaques for bulls and females were furnished by: Guernsey, Florida Guernsey Cattle Club; Jersey, Florida Jersey Cattle Club; Angus, Florida Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Ass'n; Brahman, Eastern Brahman Breeders Ass'n; Hereford, Florida Hereford Breeders Ass'n.

The Early and Daniel Company, by again furnishing Tuxedo Feed free, and the Kuder Citrus Company, Lake Alfred, furnishing the citrus pulp for both Dairy and Beef cattle, enabled the FFA members to take more prize money this year.

Grand Champions of the dairy breeds were shown by: Brown Swiss, Ted Carey, Brandon; Guernseys, William Griffin, Bartow, and Jersey, Harry Griffin, and Gerald Cochran, Bartow.

George Ford, Quincy, won the Florida Dairy Association Exhibitor rotating trophy, and appeared at the Association banquet with Harry Griffin, Gerald Cochran and William Griffin, all from Bartow.

Other winners in the Dairy Cattle Show were Jersey: Jim Braddy, Brandon; Hampton McCall, Joel Jenkins, Maurice Manley, Frostproof; Bobby Ray Durden, Havana; Charles McCullers, Tomlin Chapter, Plant City; Franklin Chapter, Tampa; and Wimauma Chapter.

FFA Members Show 71 Head at Fair

THE STATE FFA beef cattle show, held at the Florida State Fair in Tampa, re-



Billy Colson (right) with his grand champion Hereford bull of the FFA division of the Florida State Fair, and Aubrey Dean, president of the Trenton FFA chapter, with his reserve champion, are shown with (from left) H. E. Brown, Trenton adviser, Ronnie Stewart, manager of Sears, Roebuck Store in Tampa, and H. E. Wood, state adviser of the Florida Association, FFA.

sulted in 71 registered animals being shown in Angus, Brahman, Hereford and Shorthorn divisions.

Grand champions were shown as follows: Angus, H. F. Wiggins, Jr., Live Oak, and Plant City FFA Chapter; Brahmans, Bobby Griffin, Bartow; Herefords, Frank Colson, Trenton, and Trenton FFA Chapter; Shorthorns, Craig Griffin and Ben Arnold Griffin, both of Chipley.

Winners, listed in order by classes, were as follows:

FFA Aberdeen-Angus

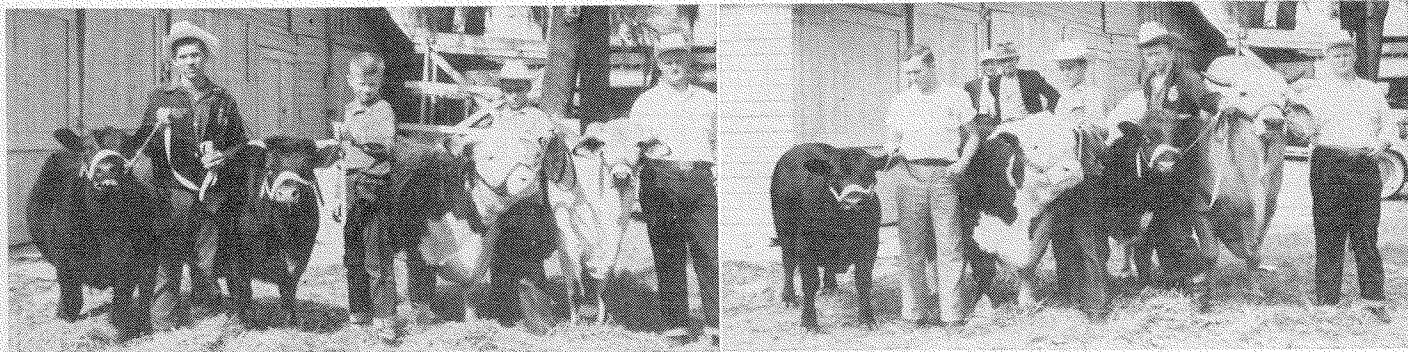
Bulls: 12 to 18 months (2)—R. C. Blackbird 30th (Champion) H. F. Wiggins, Jr., Live Oak; General III of Wee Lake, Jerry Clemons, Brandon; 24 months and over (1)—Bandolero LF (re-

serve champion), Turkey Creek Chapter; Females: 6 to 12 months (1)—Quennelle 3rd of Lake View (reserve champion), William M. Griffin, Bartow; 12 to 18 months (1)—Pride of Gulfstream 14th, Don Robertson, Miami Edison; 18 to 24 months (1)—Blackbird of We 3 (champion), Plant City; General's Lady of SS, Turkey Creek Chapter;

FFA Brahmans

Bulls: 6 to 12 months (4)—George Imperator 355, Harry Hammond, Winter Haven; Mason Van Dorn 357, Harrison Thornhill, Winter Haven; Bruno Imperator 16, Billy Stuart, Bartow; Joe Carter, Chipley; 12 to 18 months (1)—Lord Foreca, Don Deadwyler, Sebring; 18 to 24 months (2)—Cadanza 339 (reserve champion), Bobby Griffin, Bartow; Cadanza 9/100, Sonny Griffin, Bartow; 24 months and over (1)—Cadanza 9th (champion), Bobby Griffin;

Females: 6 to 12 months (1)—Lady Partin Imperatore 17, W. H. Stuart, Jr., Bartow; 12 to 18 months (2)—Alice Imp. 314 (reserve champion), Thornhill; Debra Imperator 313, Hammond; 18 to 24 months (4)—Miss Imperator 200 (champion),



These FFA entries won championships in their respective breeds, left to right: females, with Charles Simmons of Plant City, Craig Griffin of Chipley, Aubrey Dean of Trenton, and Bobby Griffin of Bartow; bulls with Hillman Goff of Live Oak, Dean, Ben Arnold Griffin of Chipley and Bobby Griffin. (Florida Cattleman photo)

President's Call

By THE POWER vested in me as President of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, I hereby issue a call for our twenty-sixth Annual State Convention to meet at Daytona Beach, Florida, June 14 through June 18, 1954.

All chartered chapters in good standing with the State and National Organization are entitled to select and send two delegates each from the active membership, candidates nominated for the State Farmer Degree by the Executive Officers Committee of the Florida Association and all District Winners.

As a state association, we have accomplished many outstanding things this past year and at this, our 26th Anniversary Celebration, plans will be made for the very important year ahead and regular business of the Association will be transacted.

On behalf of the State Officers, I wish to welcome the delegates, State Farmer applicants and all participants in the various contests, to the State Convention and invite each of you to contribute your part in making this the twenty-sixth annual convention, a fitting climax for this year's activities.



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Bobby Griffin; Miss RT Imperator Manso 43rd, Philip Pardee, Palatka; Miss Mansolo 9/198, Sonny Griffin; Miss Mansolo 9/221 Sonny Griffin; 24 months and over (3)—Lady Emperor Manso 109th, Stuart; Lady S. Manso 6th, Stuart; Lady Foreca, Deadwyler;

FFA Shorthorns

Bulls: 6 to 12 months (2)—Chipley Chapter (reserve champion); Mac's Pride, Bert McCutcheon, Winter Haven; 12 to 18 months (1)—LL Prince Conqueror (champion), Ben Arnold Griffin, Chipley; 18 to 24 months (1)—Commodore Fleetfoot, White Springs Chapter;

Females: 12 to 18 months (3)—LL Grenade's Clara (champion), Craig Griffin, Chipley; Pineacres Augusta 5th, Ben Arnold Griffin; Pineacres Augusta 4th Ben Arnold Griffin; 18 to 24 months (2)—Winwood Helen (reserve champion), Ben Arnold Griffin; Broadhocks Rose 4th, Ben Arnold Griffin;

FFA Herefords

Bulls: 6 to 12 months (2)—FFA Royal Star, Tommy Lawrence, DeLand; FFA Prince Royal, Jerry Foster, DeLand; 12 to 18 months (7)—Mill Iron U-25 Webster Chapter; CVH Domestic Mischief 89th, Eddie Roberts, Summerfield; Mill Iron R 843, Kathleen Chapter; John Daniel H2, Joe Hendery, DeLand; Enoch (Mill Iron L 789), Graceville Chapter; MB Echo Paul Domino, Palatka Chapter; 18 to 24 months (11)—Mill Iron N 288 (champion), Frank Colson, Trenton; Mill Iron N 347, Lake Butler Chapter; Mill Iron N 293, Campbellton Chapter; Mill Iron N 457, Live Oak Chapter; Mill Iron N 501, Greenville Chapter; 24 months

and over (10)—RHR True Domino 49th (reserve champion), Trenton Chapter; Mill Iron J 643, Summerfield Chapter; Mill Iron N-10, Wimauma Chapter; Mill Iron K 111, Turkey Creek; Mill Iron K 282, Williston; Mill Iron K 31, Alachua Chapter;

Females: 6 to 12 months (1)—Myra Domino, Eddie Roberts, Palatka; 12 to 18 months (3)—J. Larry Miss Dolly (reserve champion), Trenton Chapter; Miss Mill Iron U 245, DeLand Chapter; FFA Rotary Ann 3rd, DeLand; 18 to 24 months (2)—AHF Baca Dominetta 4th (champion), Trenton Chapter; Lady Ruskin 13th, Hillsborough High School, Tampa.

36 Chapters to Erect Roadside Signs

ROADSIDE SIGNS have been obtained by 36 Chapters West of the Suwannee River to be erected on main roads leading into towns where they are located. These signs were purchased from the fund earned cooperatively through the sale of Farm and Ranch Magazines.

SEE YOU at Daytona Beach, June 14-18.



FFA Dairy Champions in the Parade of Champions at the 1954 Florida State Fair (from left) include Ted Carey, Brandon chapter with Brown Swiss champion heifer, William Griffin of Bartow with Guernsey champion heifer, Harry Griffin, Bartow, with reserve Jersey heifer, and Gerald Cochran, Bartow, with champion Jersey cow. Dean Gordon M. Cairns, judge of the dairy show, congratulated the Future Farmers.

Elect LEROY COLLINS Your GOVERNOR

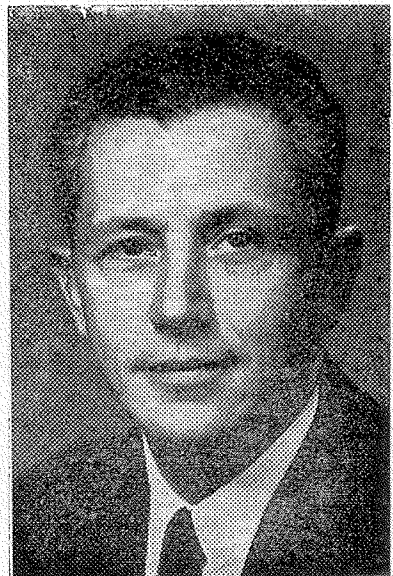
LeRoy Collins believes:

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I will urge adequate financing of practical research and experimentation in the field of agriculture.

I will continue my fight for better schools and better training for the youth of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

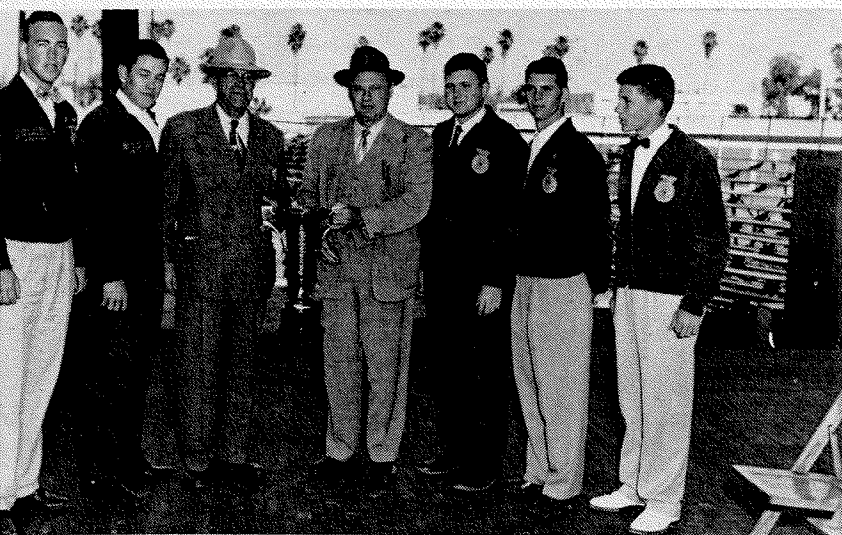


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J. C. Huskisson, manager, and Carl Brorein, president of the Florida State Fair, Tampa, are shown with the new rotating trophy presented to the Florida Association at ceremonies on FFA Day during the 1954 Fair. The former trophy, presented in 1928, was retired last year by the Bartow chapter. Others pictured (from left) include State FFA officers, Marvin Whitten of Fort White, Alvin Wilhelm of Sarasota, Eugene Mixon of Bradenton, Donald Cason of Chiefland, and Clyde Rodgers of South Dade. • Lower picture shows President Mixon presenting an Honorary State Farmer Degree to George Smathers during FFA Day festivities at Tampa. Other recipients (from right) include Ben Hill Griffin of Frostproof, president of the Florida State Cattlemen's Association, and Vivian Gaither, supervising principal of Hillsborough High School in Tampa. Backing up Mixon are (from left) Jackson Brownlee, Wilhelm, Rodgers and Cason.

4000 Future Farmers and Future Homemakers will long remember . . .

FFA DAY, 1954

THE ANNUAL "FFA Day," February 6, 1954, at the Florida State Fair will be remembered a long time, by more than 4,000 Future Farmers and Future Homemakers, who crowded into the grandstand for the ceremonies.

The Wimauma String Band opened the ceremonies, with Eugene Mixon, state president, as master of ceremonies. J. C. Huskisson, state fair manager, welcomed them to the fair, and H. E. Wood, state FFA adviser, introduced the platform guests.

Marcell Potter, state president, FHA, introduced Elizabeth Cerb, National FHA president, and other Future Homemaker officers, followed by the White Springs quartette singing several numbers. Thomas D. Bailey, state superintendent of public instruction, praised the two organizations on their splendid goals and accomplishments and was proud that they are part of the Florida School System.

The state officers then presented Honorary State Farmer degrees to Senator George Smathers; Vivian Gaither, Supervising Principal, Hillsborough High School, Tampa; and Ben Hill Griffin, president of the Florida Cattlemen's Association. This was followed by several numbers being played by the state champion harmonica player, Franklin Howell of Pahokee.

Gerald Cochran, William Griffin and Harry Griffin of Bartow were awarded

banners by Nathan Mayo, state commissioner of agriculture, for exhibiting grand champion winners in the FFA dairy and livestock show. This was followed by an exhibition of Hawaiian dances by the state FFA sweetheart, Miss Verena Fogel of Gainesville. Misses Judy McSwain and Marie Tramentan, Memorial Junior High School, Tampa, FHA members pantomimed "I'm In Love With A Boy of The FFA." Carl Brorein,

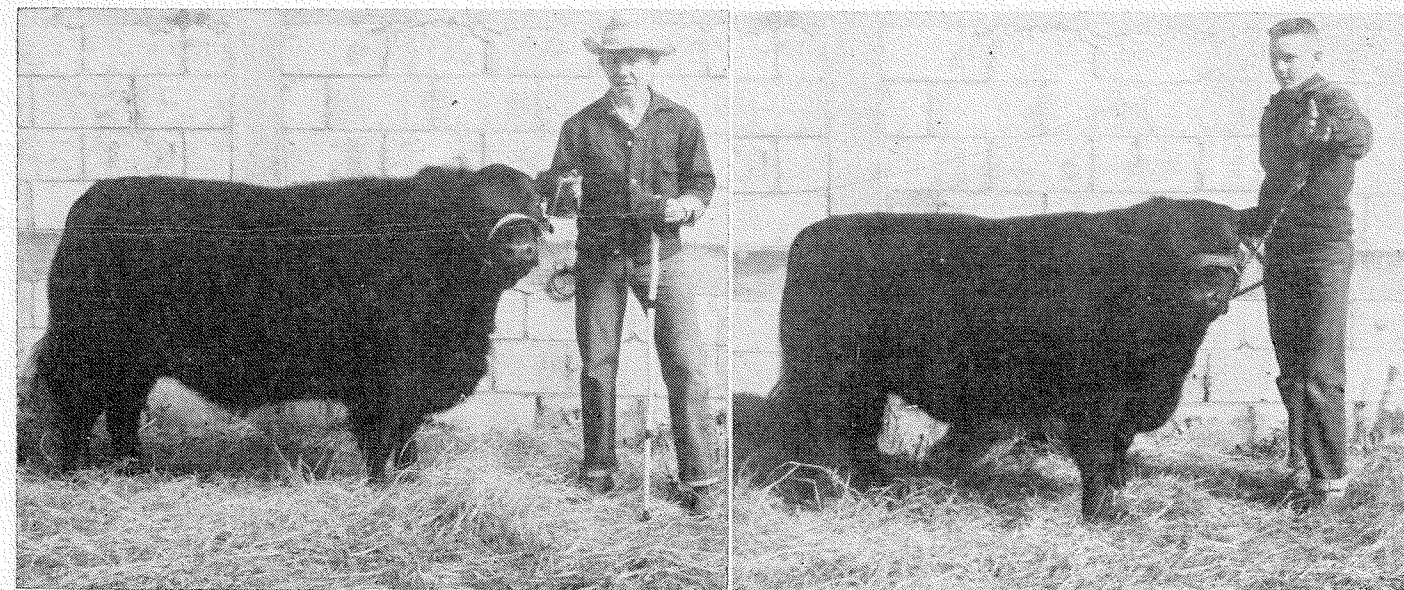
president, Florida State Fair, presented a new livestock judging trophy to replace the one presented in 1928 and retired last year by Bartow chapter.

Immediately after the ceremony, the Livestock Judging Teams began judging dairy and beef cattle and swine, while other FHA and FFA members and guests were free to attend the auto races and agricultural and commercial exhibits.

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Well over 100 FFA judging teams competed at the Florida State Fair—and Summerfield and Ocala teams won in beef and swine judging, and dairy judging, respectively. Going to Kansas City next fall as Florida's official representative is the team standing at rear (from left), FFA Executive Secretary A. R. Cox, Adviser Sam Love, Larry Holder, Rodney Buchalla and Perry Smith, all of Summerfield. Seated is the Ocala team which will go to Waterloo: (from left) Adviser M. C. Roche, Carl Magee, Duncan Wright and Mickey McGee. (Florida Cattlemen photo)



Champion FFA Steer Is Reserve Grand Champ at Southeastern

RAY GIBBS, Tate Chapter, Gonzalez, exhibited the Champion FFA Steer which was also the Reserve Grand Champion at the Southeastern Fat Stock Show and Sale in Ocala. His animal, weighing 723 pounds, was bought by the A & P Store of Pensacola at 51 cents per pound. Steve Sutton, Kathleen FFA Chapter, exhibited the FFA Reserve Champion steer. The Ocala FFA Chapter exhibited two groups of five steers, winning 3rd and 5th places.

The FFA Judging Contest was won by the Wauchula Chapter, with the Anthony and LaBelle Chapters placing 2nd and 3rd. Michael Priest, Anthony, was the high individual with Rodney Buchalla, Summerfield, and Ronny Smith of Wauchula placing 2nd and 3rd. Harry Hammond, Winter Haven, exhibited the champion and reserve champion Brahman bulls, while Phillip Pardee, Palatka, exhibited the champion Brahman heifer and Woody Tilton, the reserve champion Brahman heifer.

Ralph Cellon, Jr., from the Alachua Chapter, won the Showmanship trophy presented by the Florida Veterinary Medical Association. Ray Gibbs also received the trophy presented by Carl Rose for exhibiting the champion junior steer. James Quincey, Trenton Chapter, received the Mayo Scholarship, based on his steer projects and his Supervised Farming Program.

FFA PROJECTS pay off.

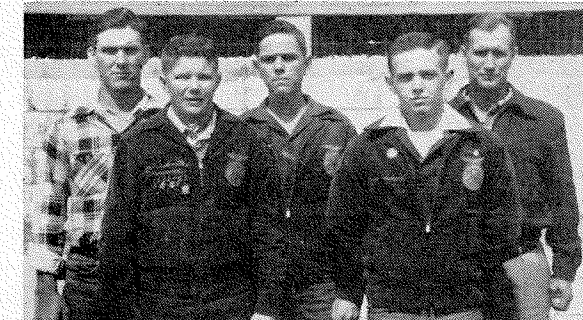
Arcadia High School Profitably Utilizes 10 Acres

CITRICULTURIST FRED LAWRENCE of the State Inspection Service inspected a ten acre plot and building of the Vocational Agriculture Department of the Arcadia High School. According to him, the 1½-acre citrus grove is ideal for teaching students about citrus. The members have 1600 rough lemon seedlings to be grafted and plan to increase their nursery to a quarter acre. The new trees will be used to replace dead and diseased trees in the grove. Other projects being conducted by the Arcadia Chapter are: 5 acres of peas and corn; 5 acres Pangola pasture, which has been divided so the FFA chapter's fine cattle can be rotated in the pasture program.

Brooksville FFA Chapter Receives Colony of Bees

THE BROOKSVILLE FFA Chapter received a large colony of bees and about 150 pounds of honey by removing them from the old home of W. B. Gittings. W. A. Biggart, supervising Principal of Hernando High School, who assisted J. C. Lane, Agriculture Teacher in removing the bees and combs, reported that the bees had been operating for about 10 years and that the comb was about 8 feet by two feet by 8 inches in size.

Champions at Ocala's Southeastern Fat Steer Show, March 1-6 include (left) Steve Sutton with his FFA reserve, and (right) Ray Gibbs with his FFA champion. Gibbs' entry was reserve grand champion of the entire show. (Florida Cattlemen photo)



Top judging team at the Southeastern Fat Stock Show was the Wauchula chapter team: (from left) Lowell Pittman, Ronald Smith and Jack Pepper, with Michael Priest of Anthony, high FFA individual, and Wauchula Adviser C. A. Platt. • Lower panel shows President Mixon presenting Honorary State Farmer Degrees to Walter Williams, a director of the Florida Aberdeen-Angus Association, and Broward Lovell, superintendent of public instruction of Marion county, at Ocala March 4.



Quincy Future Farmer Shows Grand Champ at W. Florida Show; Sells at \$1 lb.

TALMADGE AGERTON, Quincy FFA Chapter, exhibited the grand champion of the West Florida Livestock Show and Sale at Quincy. The Hereford steer weighing 854 pounds was bought by the Winn & Lovett Grocery Stores of Quincy, for \$1.00 per pound. Sammy Gray, Quincy Chapter, had the reserve grand champion which he sold to planter's Exchange, Havana, for 51 cents per pound. The grand champion pen-of-three was exhibited by Tom Maxwell, also of the Quincy Chapter, and sold to J. D. Odom's Livestock Market for 27.25 cents per pound.

Top winner in the gain-in-weight contest sponsored by Florida Chain Store Council, was Freddie Clark, Greensboro FFA Chapter. His steer gained 272 pounds above the average of one pound per day.

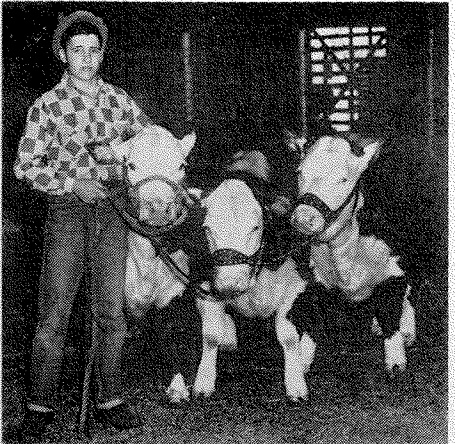
Turner Hiers, Henry Dover and Sammy Gray, all members of the Quincy FFA Chapter, won first, second and third places respectively in the FFA Showmanship Contest.

Sammy Gray was awarded the \$100.00 Mayo Scholarship, based on his steer projects and supervised farming program.

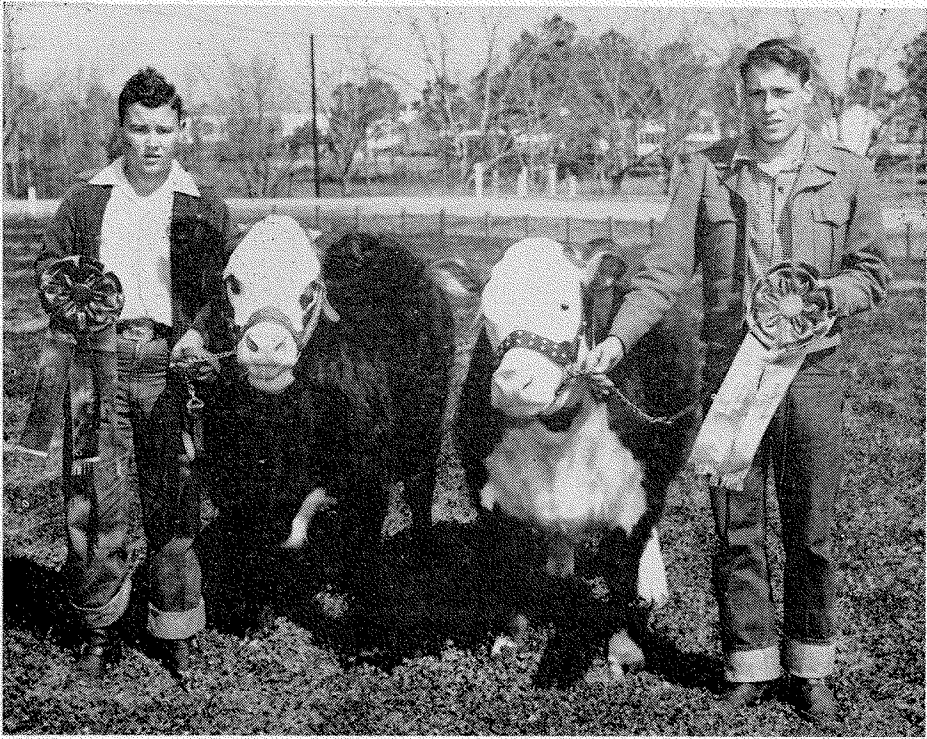
In livestock judging, the Quincy Chapter placed first, followed by Poplar Springs and Graceville. High individuals were Pete Cruce, Madison; Sammy Gray, Quincy; and Joe Holman, Graceville.

The Quincy Chapter placed first in judging pasture grasses and seed identification, followed by Graceville and Madison.

Future Farmers with winning cattle, listed in order by classes were as follows:



Thomas Maxwell of Quincy FFA Chapter showed these Herefords to champion pen of three at the Quincy Fat Cattle Show. (Florida Cattleman photo)

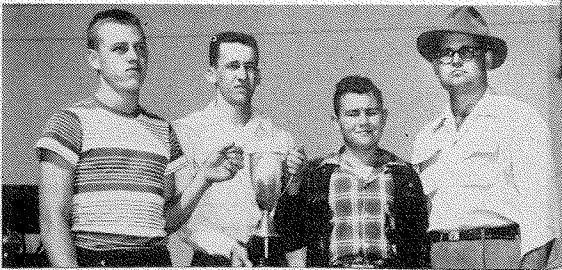


Top entries at the Quincy Fat Cattle Show are pictured above: Sammy Gray with his reserve champion, left, and Talmadge Agerton with his grand champion. Both are members of the Quincy chapter. (Florida Cattleman photo)

FFA Heavyweights (900 pounds and over)—Henry Dover, Quincy; Chipley Chapter; Jimmy Clark, Greensboro; Freddie Clark, Greensboro. FFA Middleweights (750 to 899 pounds)—Agerton (grand champion); Gray (reserve champion); Jim Henry Slappy, Havana; John H. Robertson, Havana; Roland Wilcox, Havana; Stuart Suber, Quincy; Turner Hiers, Quincy; Kenneth Gainer,

Chipley. FFA Lightweights (under 750 pounds)—Don Clemmons, Blountstown; Harvey Suber, Quincy; Burl Peacock, Blountstown; Joe Higdon, Quincy; Emory Weatherly, Havana. FFA Middleweight Pens-of-Three—Thomas Maxwell, Quincy FFA (grand champion).

THE MELROSE FFA Chapter won the grand prize consisting of a check for \$10.00, along with a blue ribbon, Fair week-end, March 5 and 6. The eggs were selected from one pick-up at the Bass Poultry Farm. This is a good example of the high quality eggs that are produced in the Melrose-Keystone area.



Winning the FFA judging contest at Quincy were (from left) George Ford, Terry Johnson, and Sammy Gray of the Quincy chapter, with Adviser G. E. Bishop. (Florida Cattleman photo)

Suwannee Future Farmer is Twice Honored

ONE OF FLORIDA'S Future Farmers has been chosen for honors twice recently.

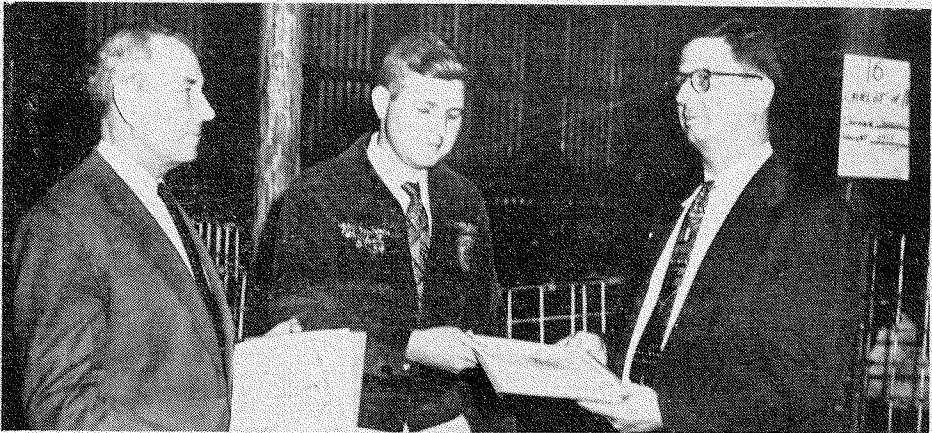
Billy Gunter was selected in March to represent Florida as the Outstanding Outdoor Youth of the State at a meeting in Chicago of the Youth Representatives of the various States with the Izaak Walton League Convention. Also, young Gunter will be one of the two Future Farmers in the Nation to go to England this Summer representing the National Future Farmer Organization in an exchange plan.

Gunter was selected to represent Outdoor Youth by a committee appointed by the Governor to pick the Florida Youth with the most outstanding record of leadership and conservation. His outstanding leadership in FFA and other activities at Suwannee High School and the University of Florida, in addition to his practice of conservation techniques in his supervised farming program and chapter projects, were considered factors in selection. In 1951, his speech, "Education, Research and Action—Keys to Survival," dealing with conservation, won the State and Tri-State Public Speaking Contest.

His expenses were paid, for flying to Chicago to participate in Youth Discussion Groups in conjunction with the Izaak Walton League Convention.

Gunter will sail from New York, June 1, on the SS *Georgic*, and return from Southampton, England, September 8. While in England, Billy will live with members of the Young Farmer Organization on their farms.

Through this exchange, a Young Farmer from England will arrive in New York, June 10., on the *Britannic*, and go to Daytona Beach to attend the Annual State Convention of the Florida Association, FFA. After this he will live with Future Farmers in Florida on their farms in different parts of the State. In October, he will go with the Florida Delegation to the National FFA



Van H. Priest, (left) Mayor of Madison, and M. D. Walker, (right) Gadsden County superintendent of public instruction, receiving the Honorary State Farmer Degree at the West Florida Livestock Show from Eugene Nixon, State FFA President.



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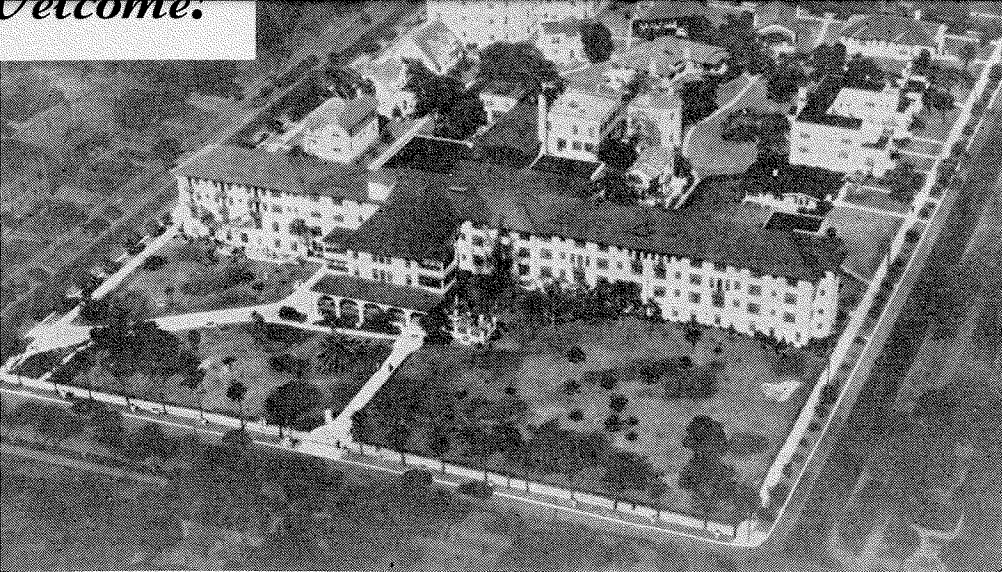
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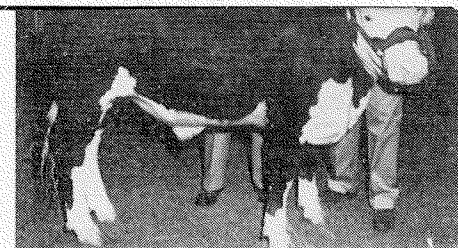
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| Softball and Horse Shoe Pitching Contest | Awarding State Farmer Degrees |
| Parliamentary Procedure Contest | Election and Installation of Officers |
| Public Speaking and String Band Contests | Special Awards |
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Thomas Maxwell of Quincy FFA Chapter showed these Herefords to champion pen of three at the Quincy Fat Cattle Show. (Florida Cattleman photo)



James E. Gorman, managing director of Florida Chain Store Council, hands a \$27.50 check to Freddie Clark for best record in gain-in-weight contest.



Winning the FFA judging contest at Quincy were (from left) George Ford, Terry Johnson, and Sammy Gray of the Quincy chapter, with Adviser G. I. Bishop. (Florida Cattleman photo)

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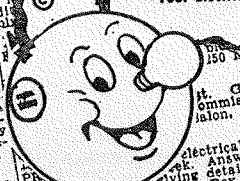
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Margaret Sunday (right), secretary of the American Brahman Breeders' Association, awarded trophies to junior exhibitors at the Imperial Eastern Brahman Show at Bartow. From left are Billy Stuart, Bartow (champion female, presented by Tampa Morning Tribune), Don Deadwyler, Sebring (showmanship award, presented by Pasco Packing Co., feed division), Harrison Thornhill, Winter Haven (junior herdsman's award, presented by Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Market, Inc.) and Harry Hammond, Winter Haven (champion bull, award presented by Florida Times Union, Jacksonville).

Dads, Moms, are Guests of Honor at Banquet Given in High Springs

THE HIGH SPRINGS Chapter, Future Farmers of America, entertained their parents as guests of honor, with a banquet and program at Camp O'Leno.

U. S. Representative Bill Matthews, in his speech, stressed the knowledge of farming, acceptance of individual responsibility, and the challenge to unselfish service.

Other special guests, in addition to the speaker, were Mr. H. E. Wood, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture; State Representative Doyle Conner of Starke; State Representative Ralph Turlington of Gainesville; and Eugene Mixon, President of the Florida Association, FFA, of Bradenton.

President Mixon conferred the Honorary State Farmer Degree on Representative Matthews. Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees were presented to Ralph Longman and A. L. McLeod in appreciation of their services to the High Springs Chapter by Colin Williamson, Chapter President.

Bobby Summers and Eugene O'Steen discussed boys' project programs and Chapter activities, and the Chapter Sweetheart, Patsy Lites, sang. Guests were introduced by the Chapter Adviser, W. L. Kilpatrick.

Home Economics classes prepared and served a baked ham dinner to the 183 attending. Gifts made in an 8th grade vocational agriculture class were pre-

sented to the girls and their teachers in appreciation.

An interested account of this banquet was given in a feature column "High Lites" by Nan McDowell in the Thursday, December 10th edition of the High Springs Herald.

Moore Haven Houses Lift Pump

THE MOORE HAVEN FFA Chapter has finished housing a 20" couch lift pump used as drainage and irrigation pump in the school laboratory area. Using the Chapter's new Ford Tractor power take off with pulley and fan belt to operate the pump (turning up 900 RPM's on the hour meter), the drain ditches can be lowered 18 to 20 inches within a two-hour period.

This Chapter has also constructed a substantial set of cowpens to handle the twenty-six head of cattle now in the FFA pasture. Half of the cattle belong to the Chapter, the other half of them to individual members of the Chapter.

BRADFORD SOIL Conservation District approved construction of an FFA Bradford Soil Conservation District Nursery sign, since the Chapter's program qualified for payment.

National FFA Convention Now In Movie Form

MANY FUTURE FARMERS, their parents, and friends, have an opportunity to see the Firestone movie made of the National FFA Silver Anniversary Convention.

The 35-minute movie shows many of the interesting features of the National FFA Convention. Several scenes show Florida Future Farmers taking part in the activities featured.

One print of the movie has been placed with each of the District Supervisors for distribution, and a number of FFA Chapters have already shown it to members and friends. Also, a shorter version is available for Television broadcasts.

Mr. Raymond C. Firestone, Vice President of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, is a former Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of Future Farmers of America Foundation. The making of this movie at the Silver Anniversary Convention was an outgrowth of the interest and service he has taken in the Future Farmers.

FFA Day, 1954

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The Summerfield FFA chapter judging team won the livestock judging contest with a total of 1323 points. A few of the other top judging teams were as follows: Umatilla, Winter Garden, Ocala and Marianna. The Summerfield beef cattle and swine judging team won first place with a score of 920 points. The team with their adviser, Sam Love, will represent the Florida Association, FFA, in the National Livestock Judging Contest at the American Livestock Show in dairy judging team was high in the state with a score of 488 points. This team with their adviser, M. C. Roche, will represent the Florida Association in the National Dairy Judging Contest.

Awards of \$30.00 to the first place winner, \$25.00 to second place, \$20.00 to third place, \$15.00 to fourth place, and \$10.00 to fifth through 45th places, were donated by the State Department of Agriculture, who also donates \$700.00 to pay the expenses of the two teams in national competition.

FRIENDSHIP PROJECT: The first part of this month a member of the Melrose Chapter broke his leg while on a committee investigation. The Chapter donated its time and expense in building the boy a sun porch for use while recuperating.



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Nursery school...Classroom work in citrus culture is put to use by Richard Lenzen, left, John Hardie, Robert Waters, Riley Gilbert, Max Johnson and Edward Cooper. (Sentinel-Star photo)

Apopka Chapter Making Use Of Formerly Abandoned Field

by DON VINCENT of the Orlando Sentinel
A SANDY 10-acre field, which was abandoned as farm land years ago because of infertility, is now producing bumper crops of vegetables because of soil conservation methods practiced by students at Apopka High School.

These students are members of H. A. (Herb) Henley's classes in vocational agriculture, who began to "bring back" the piece of land three years ago.

"People told us we couldn't raise anything on the land," Henley said. "It has been farmed for a good many years, but was abandoned when the soil petered out."

Now it raises all types of vegetables—beans, cabbage, onions, leafy crops, almost anything that is placed on a dinner table.

First step in the reclamation program was to clear the land. Although previously farmed, it had grown up to small trees and shrubbery. This job was accomplished by the students.

Once cleared, the field was planted in Hairy Indigo in 1950, and that fall the first crop of vegetables was raised.

"We fertilized heavily, and got a good crop," Henley said.

By planting Hairy Indigo each summer and still using large amounts of fertilizer, yields of vegetables have progressively increased.

With about 80 students in his classes, Henley allows each individual a strip on

which to grow a family garden. The boys can take all produce home or sell it.

Then there's an acre community garden, in which all boys have an interest. The vegetables are sold and money goes into the treasury of the Apopka Future Farmers of America Chapter.

Last year, according to Henley, the Chapter made \$200 on onions. A cabbage crop broke even, which was good going, as most cabbage farmers lost money last year.

Besides vegetable money, the FFA Chapter gets money from the Hairy Indigo seed. Each of the first two years it netted \$100. This year's seed crop is yet unharvested.

Eventually—Henley hopes within five years—the 10 acres will be planted to citrus. The boys have their own citrus nursery from which stock will be taken when the trees are set.

"This work is teaching them the value of conserving our natural resources and they should be better citizens because of it," Henley said.

"And the project has been good public relations," he added. "During the growing seasons most of the parents come out every weekend to see how their sons are getting along with their gardens."

FUTURE FARMERS interested in the 1954 Florida Farm Bureau-Winn and Lovett Scholarship, should contact their County Farm Bureau President for blanks.

'Some Life' Says Bull; Spring Fever Claims One

By JOHN L. BROWN

(Editor's Note: Written for an English Class of his in Webster High School)

THIS IS SOME LIFE, being an FFA bull. I'm always having to stay closed up with no freedom to do what I want to do. But I guess it's a pretty easy life; I get fed twice a day and have all the grass I want to eat. Well, here comes that boy who's always bothering me. He has a rope in his hand and looks as if he wants to catch me. I could let him catch me easy; but I think I'll gallop around this pasture a few times first, just for fun.

Humph! I let him catch me too easy; making him chase me around the pasture four times wasn't enough. I wonder who that man is who is with him. He's patting around on my head, pulling my hair. I wish he'd leave me alone. Oh, my goodness! They're putting water and soap on me. The last time this happened, the boy took me to some little old town and tied me there for three days. I hope it doesn't happen again; the people stared at me, and kept me awake the whole time. Ouch! That brush they are scrubbing me with is about to pull my hair out.

Well! I'm glad that's over. My hair is about to get by again, but here comes that boy with a truck he's always using to take me somewhere. He's backing it up to the chute, but if he thinks I'm going to run jump in this time he's got another think a'coming.

Can't say I didn't put up a good fight! It took two of them thirty minutes to put me in this time. I wish he'd slow this truck down. He must be doing about seventy and it's about to blow me out of here.

We've been traveling about an hour and a half, and I'm getting tired of it. Gee! This looks like a big city we're coming into, buildings and people everywhere you look. This river we're traveling over looks deep; I hope this bridge doesn't fall. Well, we're stopping at last. These are big buildings where we have stopped. Don't tell me he's going to unload me here. He is, and he's taking me in one of these buildings. I might have known; he is tying me.

This is disgusting. I've been tied here two days with hundreds of people looking at me. Here comes that boy again; he's earlier than usual. Yesterday, he didn't feed me until late. He's combing and brushing me. Now he's putting a fancy halter on me and untying me;

wonder what's coming off. He's taking me into a ring with people seated all around it. Say! There are some more bulls in here besides me. That one looks smart-aleck; I think I'll butt him.

Well, it's nice to get out of that ring. I still don't see what the boy got mad about and jerked my head for though. All I did was chase that old smart-aleck bull around the ring and kick some man that kept getting in the way.

Boy! Am I getting tired of this place. I've been here five days. Here comes that boy again; but he's not going to feed me. He's leading me out. There's the truck. I'm going home at last.

This makes six days I've been home. It sure is nice to be back. Oh my gosh! Here comes the boy with a rope in his hand. I wonder where he's taking me this time.

Three Chapters Share Award For Leadership

THE ANNUAL AWARD to Florida for Improving Agriculture and Leadership, sponsored by the Future Farmer Foundation for the year 1953-54, amounted to \$1092.00. This amount was divided equally between the Jasper, Umatilla and Vero Beach Chapters, to help them purchase new tractors and equipment, which will be used on the Chapter Farms and aid the FFA members increase their Supervised Farming Programs.

The applications were approved on the basis of public endorsement of the projects to promote and stimulate improving agriculture and leadership in the community represented.

Editorial

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Development of Florida's agriculture is advancing along sound lines through the efforts of many individuals and groups such as the FFA—the scientists, the financiers, the teachers as well as the farmers and their families. Sound and permanent progress is assured because all of these have their hearts as well as their hands committed to their work.

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Atlantic Coast Line party visiting the Future Farmer Exhibit prepared by the chapters in cooperation with the Hillsborough County Board of Public Instruction at the Florida State Fair (Atlantic Coast Line photo).

Six States Represented in ACL Florida State Fair Tour

SIX FUTURE FARMERS of America and six Future Homemakers of America, representing their respective state organizations in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, found the climate and hospitality of South Florida all it is advertised to be when they visited the Florida State Fair in Tampa on February 5 and 6 as guests of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

These young people, selected by their several state supervisors of vocational agriculture and home economics, were Lawrence Spiers, Jr., Stony Creek, and Kathleen Hynst, Chester, for Virginia; Horace Elliott, Bath, and Peggy Spruill, Merritt, for North Carolina; Lydell Hayes, Jr., Lake View, and Nora Jean DeWitt, Jacksonville, for South Carolina; Marvin Tillman, Coolidge, and Ann Robertson, Manchester, for Georgia; Ralph Barrett, Dora, and Dixie Sims, Enterprise, for Alabama; Wallace Bembry, Jasper, and Sue Moor, Punta Gorda, for Florida.

These boys and girls left their home stations on Thursday, February 4, and after an overnight trip on the train reached Tampa early morning of Friday, the 5th. On arrival at Tampa the group checked in at the hotel and then proceeded immediately to the Florida State Fair, where they were greeted and made welcome by Mr. J. C. Huskisson, assistant fair manager. They spent that morning studying the many colorful and educational exhibits at the fair.

On Friday afternoon, they were guests of the Agricultural Committee of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce on a tour of Tampa and its environs.

On this tour they were accompanied by Messrs. Syd Lenfestey, Ralph Sumner, Gil Steele, Jim Foley, Bill Morton, and Pat Lyon, all members of the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber. On the tour the group visited the Hav-A-Tampa cigar manufacturing plant, the California citrus canning plant, and an orange grove where they were privileged to pick and eat tree ripened fruit directly from the tree. They also visited the Paul B. Dickman vegetable pre-packaging plant and farm at Ruskin, Fla. At the pre-packaging plant they were very interested in the manner in which vegetables were made ready for the table and put up in consumer size packages within minutes after being harvested from the field. Later they visited the fields and saw the irrigation systems, and the methods in which the vegetables were being grown and harvested.

Friday evening, the group was entertained at a banquet in Tampa's famous Spanish section, where they were served delicious dishes for which that section is noted. As their guests at the banquet these representatives had the state supervisors of vocational agriculture and home economics and the state officers of the Florida Associations of FFA and FHA.

Saturday was devoted as FFA-FHA day at the Florida State Fair and several thousand members of those organizations in Florida were in attendance at the fair. On this morning a special program was put on by these Florida organizations in front of the grandstand and the group visiting the fair as guests of Coast Line were special platform guests of the Florida Associations of Future Farmers

of America and Future Homemakers of America. After the program the group continued their study of the many educational exhibits depicting Florida and its diversified interests.

On Saturday night the group, with their chaperones, entrained for home, tired but happy with many new educational experiences and friends they had made. On Sunday when it came time to split up the party, each found it hard to say goodbye to the others who only three days before had been total strangers but now were very close friends.

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place winning Angus bull. Ted Carey of the Brandon FFA showed the grand champion Brown Swiss heifer in the FFA division and the Tomlin Chapter in Plant City had a first place winner in the Jersey heifer class. Hillsborough Chapter won \$139.00 in poultry prizes. Fifteen registered animals and 124 coops of poultry were shown by Hillsborough FFA members.

Outstanding was the strawberry booth sponsored by the Turkey Creek Chapter in the Hillsborough County School exhibit. Two hundred pints of large berries were on display with a field of growing plants in the background. Over 5000 plastic cups of berries were sold to appreciative fair-goers who were thrilled to get No. 1 new Florida 90 berries.

The sixty-foot Hillsborough County School exhibit, which featured the Future Farmers of America was landscaped beautifully with flowering azaleas and camellias by Robert Rogers, a Brandon FFA member who raises ornamentals and does landscaping as a supervised project.

The exhibit was presided over by various FFA and FHA members.

Pictured left to right are: Bob McLean, President of the Hillsborough County Association, FFA; Margaret Arnold, member of the Future Homemakers Turkey Creek Chapter, and FFA Chapter Sweetheart; and Tony Minardo, FFA member of the Brandon Chapter.

GRACEVILLE FFA CHAPTER pig chain has grown to 22 links. This chain was started two years ago with a registered Duroc sow obtained through the Sears Roebuck Foundation. The male pigs have been sold at \$25.00 each to farmers in the community for breeding stock.

COOPERATION in the March of Dimes Drive was given by the Williams FFA Chapter in donating \$360.20 from the sale of a hog at the local stock market. The members of the Suwannee Chapter voluntarily gave \$15.15. Both Chapters are located at Live Oak.

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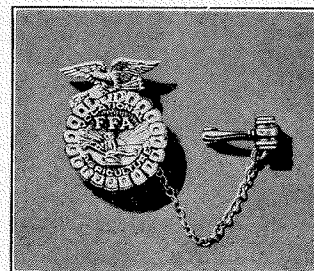
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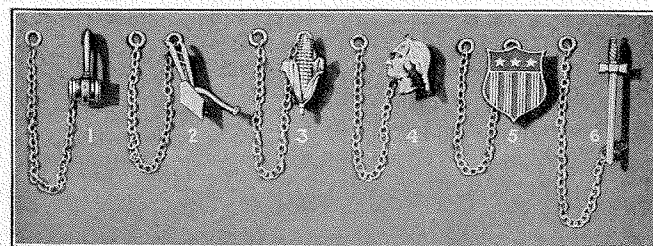
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Planned Program Pays Off, Says Trenton Member

JAMES QUINCEY, of the Trenton FFA Chapter, has followed a planned program of Supervised Farming which has paid off in dollars and cents and satisfaction, and has resulted in his being well established in farming as a livelihood and as a way of living.

James does general farming with his father on 320 acres of owned land and 30 rented acres; 320 acres are in cultivated crops and 20 in permanent pasture.

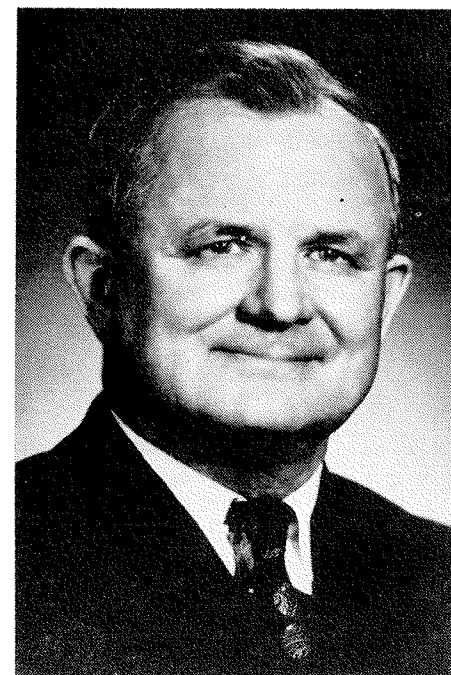
The Gilchrist County youth began in 1949-50 with 10 acres of corn, 10 acres of peanuts, 6 head of hogs and 12 acres of watermelons. In 1950-51, he had 9 hogs, 2½ acres of peanuts, and 1 acre of corn for grain. The following year, he added 4 head of beef cattle, had 5 acres of corn for grain, and 8 hogs for meat. In 1952-53, the Supervised Farming Program expanded. He grew 4 acres of corn for grain, 8 acres of corn to "hog off," 8 head of cows, 1 bull for breeding, 30 head of hogs for meat, 3 acres of peanuts for seed and 17 acres of peanuts for feed. This year he has 30 acres of watermelons, 24 steers, 1 bull, 16 hogs, 1 acre of corn, 10 acres of peanuts, and 1 cow.

James' Sears-Roebuck bull, the herd of grade cattle on his father's farm, and the Chapter bull entered in the Southeastern Show in Atlanta, have provided him with valuable experience with livestock.

Outstanding in leadership, James Quincey has served as Reporter and President of the Trenton FFA Chapter, spoke at the American Institute of Cooperation at East Lansing, Mich., in 1952, and participated in the Florida Council of Cooperatives, State meeting. He is the State President of Beta Clubs, has been president of his class for 3 years, played football, softball and basketball, and was treasurer of the Student Council. He was selected as Congressional Page to serve Congressman Charles Bennett. In 1953, he received the Chapter Star Farming Award and was the able toastmaster for the Trenton Banquet on March 25.

James plans to continue his study in agriculture at the University of Florida.

During his 4 years of supervised farming, he has earned a profit of \$3,332.22 (not including any from the current year). This figure represents the dollars and cents profit, but in earning this profit, James Quincey has profited immeasurably in many respects, as do Future Farmers all over Florida and the nation year after year.



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Roberts Elected Chairman of Sponsoring Committee

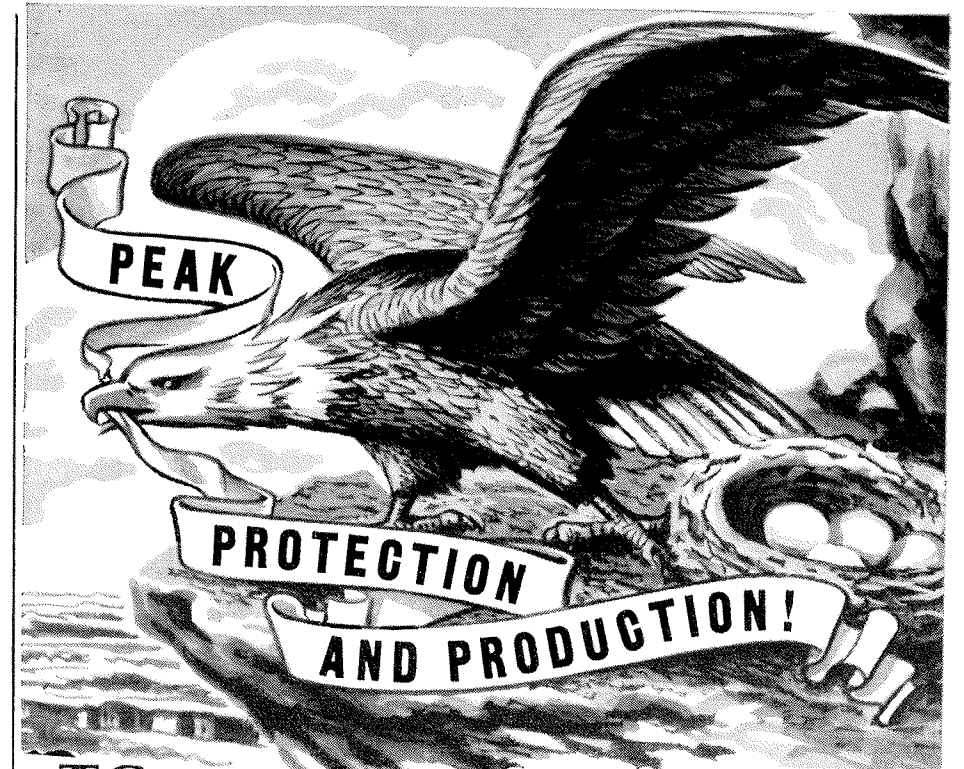
WILLIAM A. ROBERTS, president of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been named to serve as the 1954-55 chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Sponsoring Committee is composed of donors to the Foundation. Its primary purpose is to solicit contributions from business and industrial firms, organizations, and individuals to provide funds used by the Foundation in its award program for outstanding Future Farmers of America and New Farmers of America members.

Mr. Roberts succeeds Chester H. Lang, vice president of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York. Under Mr. Lang's leadership last year sufficient funds were obtained to permit the Foundation to operate on a budget of \$151,560 for 1954. Of that amount, \$7,000 is scheduled for administrative expenses, \$131,550 for FFA awards, and \$13,010 for NFA awards.

Mr. Roberts was raised on a Missouri farm, and got his start with Allis-Chalmers in 1924 as a tractor salesman in their Wichita, Kansas, branch. He was named executive vice president in charge of the company's Tractor Division in 1947, and was promoted to president in January, 1951.

Long a friend of rural youth, Mr. Roberts also is a member of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Inc. He is a former president and member of the executive committee of the Farm Equipment Institute.



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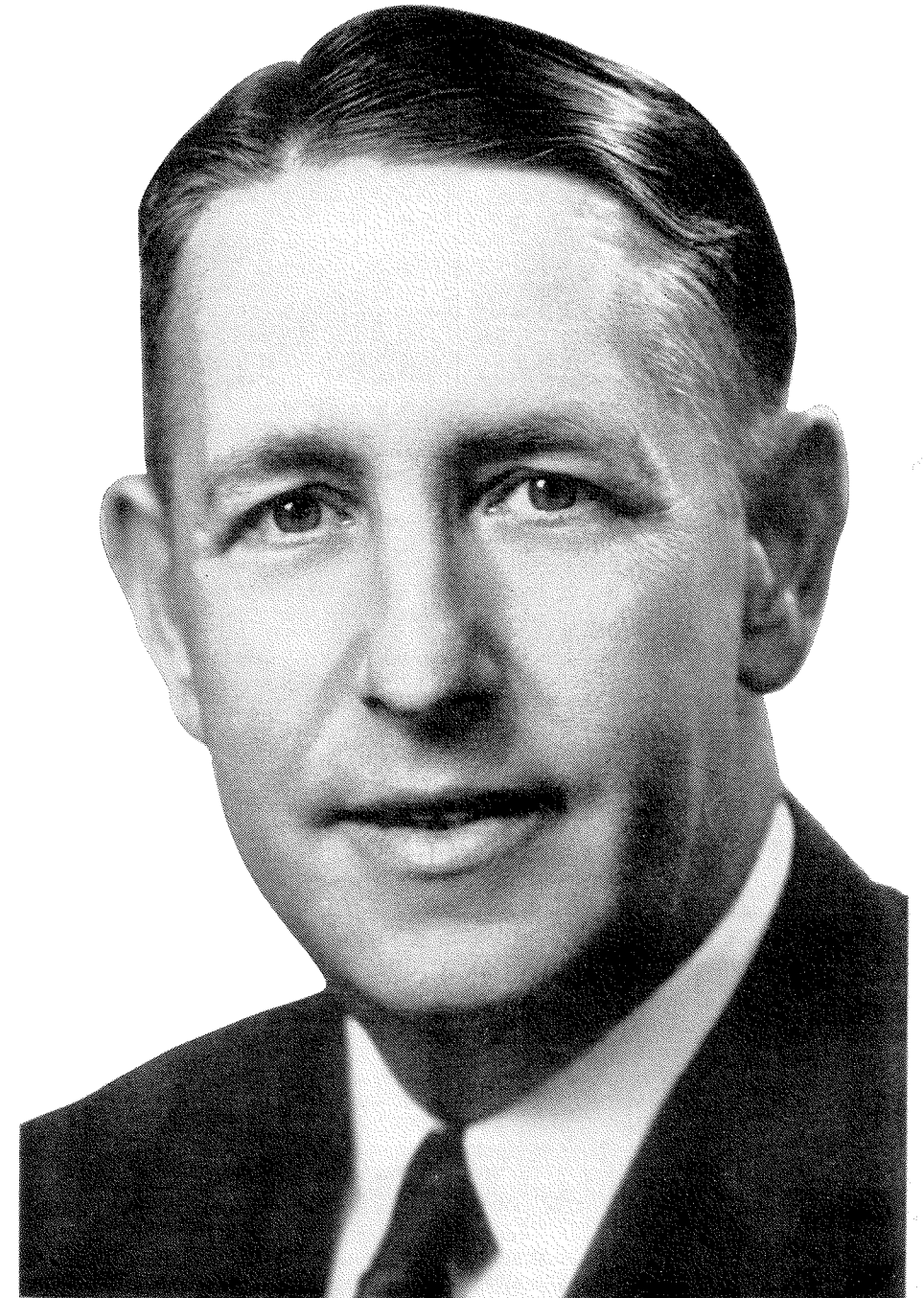
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