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By Way of Editorial Comment:

Our Startling Future

By G. H. W. SCHMIDT

Vice President and General Manager Florida Ford Tractor Company

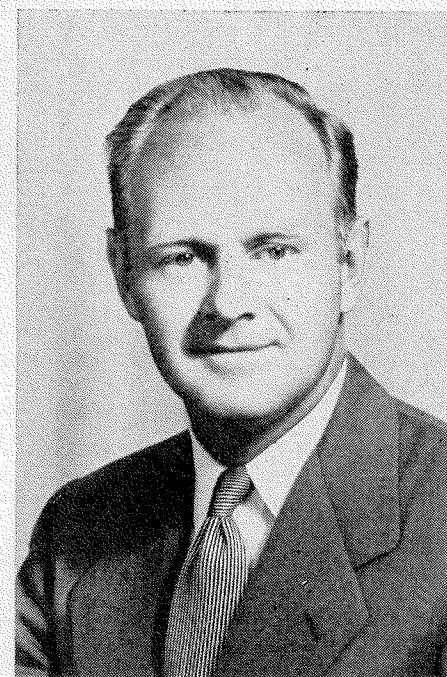
YOUNG AMERICANS everywhere should be keenly aware of the tremendous opportunities ahead of them. At no time in our country's history has it been more apparent that, as a nation, we stand on the threshold of an era of unprecedented progress. The advancements made in the past fifty years, although astounding and fabulous, will pale in comparison to the brilliance of the achievements ahead.

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Yes, it is our personal freedom to choose our own profession, and mould our own careers that has stimulated initiative, resourcefulness, ingenuity, and action. That is what makes America tick, and you, as a part of this vital economic society, must constantly strive to not only safeguard these basic rights, but also strengthen them by your personal success.



G. H. W. SCHMIDT

America gives the opportunity to all to earn a standard of living, which is the envy of peoples in all parts of the world. The success you want doesn't come on a silver platter, but from conscientious work. It is hard work, coupled with a sincere desire to serve that will
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The Cover

The new (1954-55) and old (1953-54) State FFA Officers and winners of the Soil and Water Management Awards sponsored by International Harvester Dealers of Florida, who attended the International Harvester Company luncheon at the Princess Isena Hotel, Daytona Beach, June 18. Seated in front are: State Officers for 1954-55—Willard Durrance, Wauchula, June 18. Seated in front are: State Officers for 1954-55—Willard Durrance, Wauchula,
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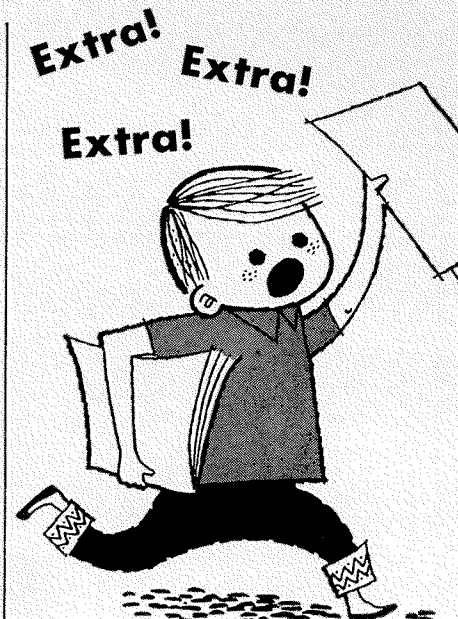
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Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of Florida Future Farmers Climaxes Another Highly Successful Year

by F. L. NORTHROP
District Supervisor,
Agricultural Education

THE TWENTY-SIXTH Annual State Convention and Leadership Training Conference of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, was held in Daytona Beach during the week of June 14-18, 1954. Again this year, the Princess Islena served as headquarters hotel and housed most of the delegates and many of their advisers. The Geneva, St. Regis, Shalimar, and other nearby hotels took care of the overflow of FFA members. Indianville was also made available and housed many members of the softball teams. The indoor activities of the convention were again housed in the comfortable, air-conditioned Peabody Auditorium; and Florida Future Farmers are especially appreciative of these fine facilities and the hearty cooperation of the city officials and auditorium personnel.

Registration supervised by Mr. J. G. Smith, interviewing candidate for office by the nominating committee, athletic contests conducted by Mr. T. L. Barribeau, and tractor driving contest conducted by Mr. T. E. Hancock and Mr. G. C. Norman were the principal activities of the Monday daylight hours. The softball champions was the High Springs

team and the Moore Haven Chapter had the champion horseshoe pitchers. (Dale Parnell and John Kight). The tractor-driving contest was won by Jerry Foster of the Deland Chapter.

For the first time, a delegate dinner was held Monday before the evening program. Delegates had an opportunity to meet persons with whom they worked during the week, and became acquainted with fellow delegates.

The Monday evening program was conducted by President Mixon, and highlighted the parliamentary procedure contest, Mr. W. T. Loftin, in charge, and the string band contest conducted by Mr. J. G. Smith. The Miami-Edison Chapter band won this contest, which was judged by Messrs. Ray Moeller, Band Director, Seabreeze High School, Claude Smith, Division Commercial Assistant, Florida Power and Light Company; Howard Gold, Associate Band Director, Mainland High School; and Robert Carman, Director of Publicity, Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce. During the evening, the farm safety awards were presented by Inspector Reid Clifton, Head of Field Operations Enforcements, Florida Highway Patrol, Tallahassee; and the Florida Cattlemen's awards by Mr. Elvin Daugharty, Member, Board of

Directors, Florida Cattlemen's Association.

The judges for the parliamentary procedure contest were Prof. Frazier Rogers of the University of Florida; Dr. Kenneth Williams of Ocala, brother of the late and beloved State Adviser, J. Franklin Williams; and Mr. W. R. Hancock,



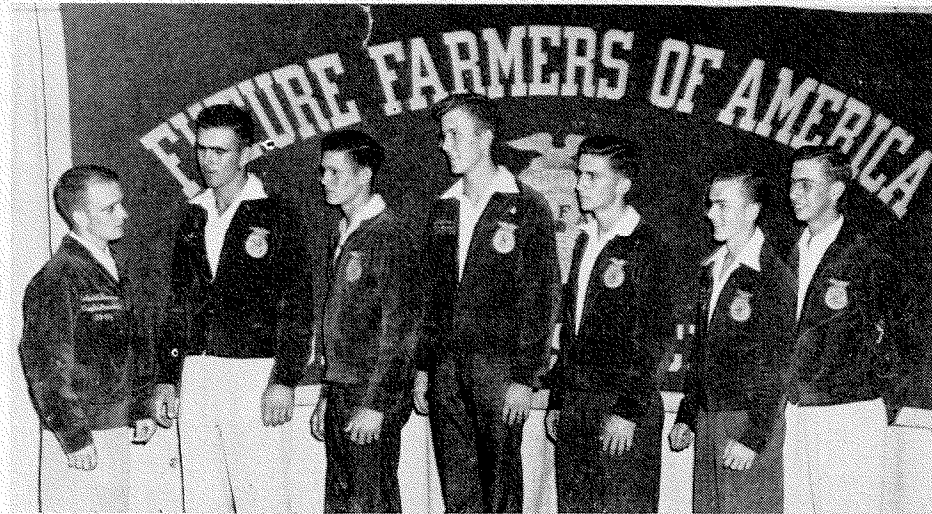
Hon. Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, being introduced to the delegates at the 26th State FFA Convention in Daytona Beach by Eugene Mixon, Bradenton, President. Eugene also presented Mr. Bailey with a gold FFA emblem paper weight.

Fosgate Growers Cooperative, Orlando, Florida. Dr. Williams, as chairman of the judges, spoke briefly of his high esteem for the work of the FFA Organization and he presented the top award to the Marianna Chapter parliamentary procedure team, which was also presented the Florida Farm Bureau Trophy by Mr. W. R. Hancock, Secretary of the Florida Farm Bureau.

Tuesday morning's program was opened with a Devotional by Rev. Hugh Hawkins of the Baptist Church. Group singing was conducted by Mr. Edward J. Langley, Director of Glee Clubs at the Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, ably assisted by Mrs. Janice C. Northrop, State Pianist. Seating of delegates was preceded by greetings from D. R. Allen, Coordinator of Instruction for Volusia County. President Mixon's message to the assembly was followed by various routine activities including assignment of committees, and presentation of the Annual FFA Report. Nominations were also presented and accepted for Honorary State Farmer Degrees, and for the FFA State President for 1954-55. The delegates were honored by the presence of Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, Provost of Agriculture of the University of Florida, who spoke briefly to the group with words of commendation and encouragement.

In the afternoon, Honorary State Farmer Degrees were presented to a large number of persons. During the day, presentations were made by Mr. Howard J. McClarren Director of Youth Education, American Institute of Cooperation, Washington, D. C., to the Fort Pierce Chapter, winner of the chapter cooperative award; and by Mr. J. C. Huskisson, Manager, Florida State Fair, to the dairy farming award winners. Softball, horseshoe, and tractor driving contest winners were also recognized and given their awards.

Music was furnished during the day by the champion string band, and by the



The 1954-55 State Officers of the Florida Association, FFA. From left to right, Colin Williamson, High Springs, President; Willard Durrance, Wauchula, 1st Vice President; Jack Smith, Poplar Springs, 2nd Vice President; Bob McLean, Brandon, 3rd Vice President; James Quincey, Trenton, 4th Vice President; Emory Weatherly, Havana, 5th Vice President; and Avid Johnson, Groveland, 6th Vice President.

participants in the harmonica contest conducted by Mr. J. G. Smith. Messrs. J. Donald Cates, D. A. Storms, and B. K. Wheeler judged the harmonica contest which was won by Willie Roberts of the Bell Chapter.

Tuesday evening's program featured the state public speaking contest sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation and conducted by Mr. W. T. Loftin, Associate Professor of Agricultural Education at the University of Florida. The six district winners who spoke were William Aplin of Paxton, Pat Woodward of Quincy, Fritz Fountain of the Bill Sheely Chapter in Lake City, Henry Curry of the Boone Chapter in Orlando, Earnest Bruni of Sarasota, and Clyde Rodgers of the South Dade Chapter. These six young men gave excellent speeches. Future Farmers were highly complimented in having Dr. John S. Allen, Acting President of the University of Florida, as chairman of the judges in

this contest. Dr. Allen was assisted by Mr. Frank Holland of the Florida Agricultural Research Institute, and by Mr. Richard C. Brand of the Peninsular Life Insurance Company. Dr. Allen presented the public speaking awards, with first place going to Henry Curry of the Boone Chapter at Orlando. Henry discussed "The Development of the Beef Cattle Industry in Florida".

While the judges were determining the placings of the speakers in the public speaking contest, the quartet contest was conducted by Mr. J. G. Smith and judged by Mr. Wiljohn Schiffermuller of Daytona Beach; Mr. Carl MacDougall, Assistant Information and Education Officer with the Florida Forestry Service and Mr. Robert D. Carman, Director of Publicity of the Daytona Chamber of Commerce. The Alachua Chapter quartet was awarded first place in this contest.

Wednesday morning's program was opened with a Devotional by Rev. O. A. Murphy of the Methodist Church in Daytona Beach. The official meeting included State Highlights by Executive Secretary, A. R. Cox, and the State Treasurer's Report. The much coveted State Farmer Degree was awarded 108 former Chapter Farmers from all sections of Florida. Those present especially enjoyed the address by Charles Ritter, Jr., of Armory, Mississippi, National Vice President of the FFA, representing the Southern Region. Vice President Ritter highly commended the activities of our Florida Association. He urgently requested a continuation of our support of our national magazine and other phases of the FFA program.

Wednesday afternoon featured the presentation of the Florida State Star Farmer Awards to George Ford of Quinn. (Continued on page 20)

The President's Message

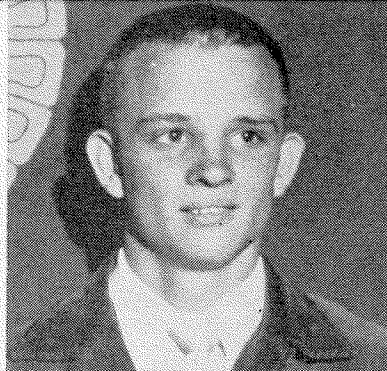
To be elected President of the Florida Association, FFA is an honor which I have long cherished and for which I have worked since becoming a Green Hand. I am deeply grateful to those who helped me to obtain this goal and will do everything I can to merit their confidence.

During the coming year we must set our goals high, and strive with all of our ability to make this the best year ever! We must never be satisfied with ourselves or our individual chapters, but use each success as the rung of a ladder; never to rest upon, but only to hold one foot until we can put the other somewhat higher.

I stand ready to do everything in my power to promote this great organization, and I would appreciate any opportunity you might give me to do this.

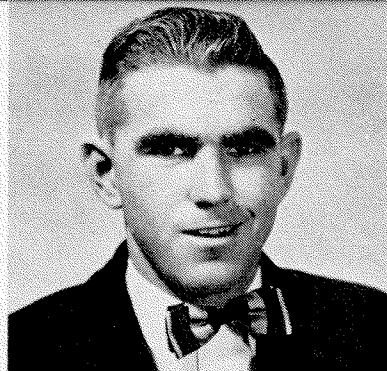
Let's join together in all of our activities to make this organization, the Florida Association of the Future Farmers of America, the BEST in the Land.

COLIN WILLIAMSON



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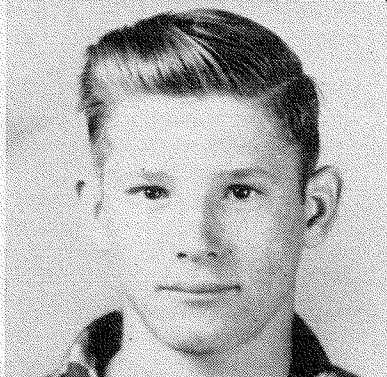
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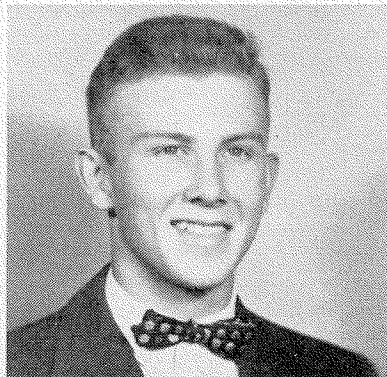
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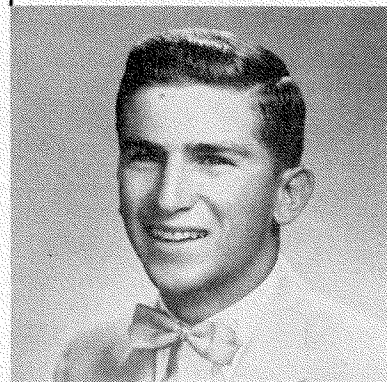
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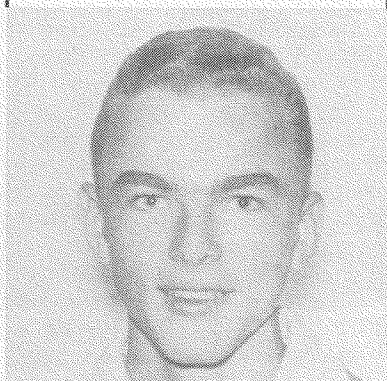
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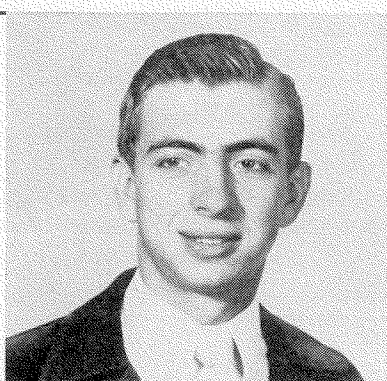
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Colin Williamson

COLIN WILLIAMSON, when he was elected president of the Florida Association FFA, reached a goal he set for himself when he became a member of the FFA in October, 1950. From the beginning he exhibited qualities of leadership which eventually brought him to the highest office in the Florida Association FFA. As a Greenhand, Colin represented his chapter in public speaking, was a member of the parliamentary procedure team which won the district contest and represented his chapter as a delegate to the State FFA Convention. The next year he again participated in public speaking and advanced through the sub-district, district and state contests to be selected as the State Winner in 1951-52. He served his chapter as vice-president and president.

Young Williamson's leadership activities were not confined to the FFA. He served as president of his eighth grade class, vice-president of the ninth grade class and was elected president of the Student Council at High Springs in his Sophomore year.

He has made excellent use of what facilities he had or could secure for a farming program and earned \$883.10 for himself his first three years of vocational agriculture.

The new State President gives the FFA credit for his accomplishments and sums it up in these words: "The FFA has meant more to me than words can express. I have this organization to thank for my past accomplishments and anything I might do in the future."

Jack Smith

JACK SMITH, the newly elected vice-president representing District I hails from a typically rural area known as the Poplar Springs community. He grew up on a general farm and it was only natural that his supervised farming program would be centered around the major farm enterprises, corn, cotton, peanuts, hogs and beef cattle.

Jack has been an outstanding leader in his chapter, serving as reporter, treasurer, vice-president, and president. He has represented his chapter on the livestock judging and parliamentary procedure teams and has served as a chapter delegate to the State Convention and to the State Forestry Camp. He was a member of his school's basketball team and a leader in the young peoples organization in his church.

Emory Weatherly

EMORY WEATHERLY, from Havana, the new vice-president representing District II admits that when he became a Greenhand in the FFA, he was not very much interested in the organization or in his supervised farming program. However, he soon recognized the possibilities for advancement and increased his farming program from a small beginning of four feeder pigs the first year. He stepped

up his program the second year by including a steer for showing in the West Florida Fat Cattle Show, six acres of Dixie 18 corn and one gilt which he secured through the chapter pig chain. Emory lives in the shade tobacco area, although he did not carry this enterprise in his supervised farming program. He earned \$550 over a four year period working in shade tobacco for his father and other farmers.

Emory has represented his chapter on their livestock judging, softball, parliamentary procedure, and grass identification teams. He served as a delegate to the state convention two years and was on the program at the chapter's annual Father and Son banquet for two years. He served as vice-president of his Sophomore and Junior classes and was a member of the High School Band.

Emory's future plans call for majoring in agriculture at the University of Florida and returning to the farm or to some related occupation.

James Quincey

JAMES QUINCEY of Trenton, the new vice-president representing District III, has won practically every honor which his school offers to one of its students, and has been an outstanding leader in his Future Farmer Chapter. He served as reporter for one year, president for two years, and represented his chapter in parliamentary procedure, softball and public speaking. The year that his chapter was the national winner in the Co-operative Leadership Contest, James was selected to speak at the youth conference of the American Institute of Cooperation at East Lansing, Michigan. James' farming program too, has been outstanding and he has earned for himself, a tidy profit from his farming activities. His present program includes thirty acres of watermelons, twenty-four head of steers, twenty-six head of hogs, ten acres of peanuts, one bull and one cow. At the 1954 Southeastern Fat Stock Show and Sale at Ocala, James was awarded the annual Nathan Mayo Scholarship of \$100 as the outstanding FFA exhibitor in the show.

James' leadership activities outside the FFA comprise a long list—to mention only a few, he was president of his 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th grade classes; played football, basketball and softball; was an officer in the Student Council two years and a member of the cast of the Senior Class Play. One of the outstanding honors young Quincey won was his election as the State President of the Beta Club. He was also elected as a page to serve Congressman Charles E. Bennett in Washington for one month.

The Florida Association FFA is proud to have such an outstanding young man as one of its officers. His future plans, in his own words, are: "Because of my training in vocational agriculture and the FFA, I have become better equipped to meet life's complex

problems by thinking clearly for myself. Upon graduation, I plan to enter into an occupation which will acquaint me with the thing I love, farming and livestock."

Arvid Johnson

ARVID JOHNSON, of Groveland, is the new vice-president representing District IV. Arvid's supervised farming program has been centered chiefly around livestock. Beginning with three hogs and three beef calves, Arvid now owns three dairy cows, twelve breeder cows, one registered Brahman bull. In addition to these, his 1954 program included 10 acres of watermelons, 1 1/2 acres of cantalopes, and 3/4 acre of tomatoes. In his first venture with watermelons, Arvid cleared a tidy sum of \$1,735.25, which he used to pay off debts on his tractor and equipment.

Arvid has been an outstanding leader in FFA work, serving as president of his local chapter for two years, treasurer for one year and as vice-president of his County FFA Officers Club. Arvid has participated in the following contests for his chapter: livestock judging, softball, horseshoe, parliamentary procedure, and public speaking. He has represented his chapter as a delegate to the State Convention and has attended one National Convention in Kansas City. One of his outstanding accomplishments in the FFA was the winning of two \$100 weekly prizes and a trip to Old Mexico, in the Florida Wildlife Magazine subscription campaign.

The new vice-president from District IV has been very active in school and community activities other than the FFA, including membership in the Student Council, Glee Club, and Library Club. Arvid also made his letter in football, served as Captain of his team in 1953-54. His record also shows that he was very active in the religious life of his community, having been elected in 1952-53 as a delegate to a National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts.

John E. "Bob" McLean, III

BOB MCLEAN, the new vice-president representing District V, began his career in the FFA and vocational agriculture in 1949 in Pinecrest High School. Bob began his supervised farming program with eight head of meat hogs, and has gradually expanded his farming activities until, at the present time, he has a herd of ten head of beef cattle including a one-half interest in a pure bred hereford bull; twenty acres of Alyce Clover and ten acres of oats. In addition, Bob is helping his father improve sixty acres of pasture land and set twenty acres of citrus.

Young McLean is very active in FFA Chapter work, having served as reporter and vice-president of his chapter and president of the Hillsborough County FFA Federation. He has represented his chapter in the parliamentary procedure, harmonica, softball and

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George Ford, Quincy Chapter, 1954 Star Farmer of Florida, is shown with the Florida Times Union Trophy and receiving the \$100 from the Future Farmer Foundation from Mr. C. L. Lacy, Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville. George's father, Mr. W. L. Ford, received the Honorary State Farmer Degree and Mrs. Ford was given a certificate of merit.

George Ford of Quincy Chapter is Acclaimed 1954 Star State Farmer

GEORGE FORD, 18 year old junior from Quincy High School, was acclaimed the Star State Farmer of Florida for 1954 at the 26th Annual State FFA Convention in Daytona Beach. Ford received the highest State Future Farmer award for his well-rounded supervised farming program, leadership and cooperative activities and outstanding participation in FFA work.

The Quincy FFA youth received \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, presented by Mr. C. L. Lacy, Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, and a silver tray trophy from the Florida Times-



Mr. B. K. Wheeler, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Hawthorne, receiving the 1954 Special Award Plaque from Eugene Mixon, President at the 26th Convention of the Florida Association, FFA in recognition of 25 years of outstanding service to the Future Farmers of Florida and 34 years as a teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

Union presented by Mr. Grover Henley, T-U staff photographer. He also received one of the Chilian Nitrate Educational Bureau Leadership awards of \$75 to help pay his expenses to the National Convention in Kansas City in October.

In addition to his selection as Star State Farmer, Ford received the top district dairy farming award for his accomplishments in this field. He showed the grand champion dairy cows at dairy shows in Quincy, Tallahassee, and Chipley, and had the reserve champion at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. His exhibit of dairy cattle was recognized as the best among all Chapter contestants at the Florida State Fair and was awarded a beautiful trophy for this achievement from the Florida Dairy Association.

The Quincy Future Farmer was awarded the State Farmer Degree, the highest degree conferred upon its members by the State Association.

George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ford, who were also honored at the State Convention. Mr. Ford received the Honorary State Farmer Degree and Mrs. Ford was presented a certificate of merit.

George's father, who owns and operates a large modern dairy farm near Quincy, was a Future Farmer in his high school days. As an outstanding member of his Chapter's livestock judging team he participated in many other FFA activities.

George has completed four years of vocational agriculture as part of his work at the Quincy High School. His Chapter Adviser, Grinelle Bishop, described him as "an exceptional agricultural student and leader among his fellow students".

George and his parents were guests at the annual Luncheon for all State FFA Winners sponsored by the International

Harvester Company of Jacksonville.

His first supervised farming project included 22 head of dairy cattle, one steer for meat, five acres of corn for grain, and 300 head of poultry for layers. He entered some of his dairy cows in the various shows in the area, winning several blue ribbons. Since the first year, he has won blue ribbons in every show he has entered. Now, George owns 45 dairy cows and has as additional projects, two hogs for breeding, 12 hogs for meat, 315 head of poultry for meat, 75 head of poultry for layers, 15 acres of corn for silage, and five acres of corn for grain.

George's total assets at present are valued at \$28,837.15. This includes land, pasture, crops, livestock, equipment and buildings. Most of his equipment, buildings and cattle have been acquired through borrowing money from local banks and his father, and making good on his enterprises. He has been a very active member of the Future Farmers of America, having served as Vice President of the Quincy Chapter for two years. He is a member of Sunday School and Church, and president of the Junior Conservation Club.

Editorial

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let you reach your goal in life.

David Grayson said it so much better, when he wrote about success as follows:

"Success loves to see men at work. She loves sweat, weariness, self-sacrifice. She will be found in cornfields and factories and hovering over littered desks. If you look up suddenly from hard work you will see her, but if you look too long, she fades sorrowfully away."

There is a place for you in the brilliant future of our country. You know the formula for carving out your niche in the American Free Enterprise System. I hope you will be eminently successful.



Ernie Redish, former member of the Clewiston Chapter, State Vice-President in 1950-51, President of the Collegiate Chapter, University of Florida, being presented the J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarship of \$125.00 by Mr. H. E. Wood, State Adviser, Florida Association, FFA.

Redish Awarded Scholarship Fund

ERNE REDISH, former member of the Clewiston FFA Chapter, was presented the \$125.00 J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a student at the University of Florida, studying vocational agriculture.

The donations during the year increases the principal sum and only \$125.00 of the interest is used in paying the Scholarship. By increasing the principal, the Fund should soon be large enough for two Scholarships per year.

During the last year, the following Chapters made donations to the J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund: Allentown \$5.00; Bethlehem \$4.60; DeFuniak Springs \$5.00; Laurel Hill \$4.60; Greenville \$3.40; Greenwood \$2.20; Lee \$3.40; Malone \$4.90; Quincy \$15.00; Alachua \$7.00; Bell \$6.00; Fort White \$4.20; Columbia Chapter at Lake City \$5.70; Sheely Chapter at Lake City \$6.70; Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak \$9.60; Williams Chapter at Live Oak \$6.50; Palatka \$2.20; Trenton \$6.20; Collegiate \$5.00; Deland \$5.70; Hawthorne \$4.50; Leesburg \$6.50; St. Cloud \$5.00; Tavares \$7.50; Bradenton \$4.90; Citrus Chapter at Inverness \$4.60; Manatee \$1.60; Oneco \$3.50; Tomlin Jr. Chapter at Plant City \$5.10; Sarasota \$5.60; LaBelle \$4.00; Moore Haven \$4.90; Pahokee \$6.50; Pompano \$5.00; Vero Beach \$5.00.



Judy James, Winter Haven, Florida Association, FFA Sweetheart has just received the State Sweetheart Cup from Doyle Conner, Past State and National FFA President, and a representative in the State Legislature from Starke, Bradford County in Florida.

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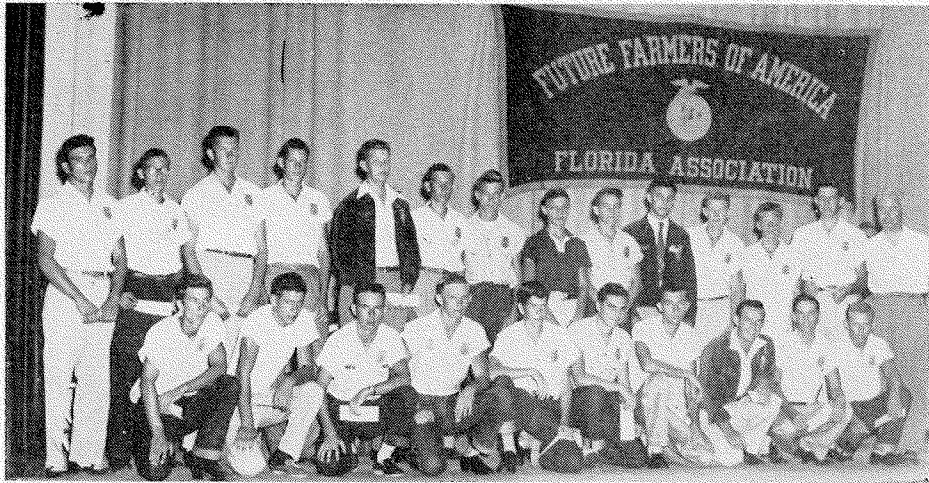
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At extreme right is shown Mr. J. E. Gorman, Executive Director, Florida Chain Store Council Inc., with the representatives of district winning chapters in Chapter Contest after the presentation of the awards.

State Chapter Contest Won for Fourth Time by Quincy FFA

FOR THE fourth straight year, the Quincy FFA Chapter was declared the winner of the State Chapter Contest. In this contest all of the activities and accomplishments of the chapter are considered.

The Florida Chain Store Council, Inc., which sponsors the chapter contest, awarded the Quincy Chapter \$50 in cash and a plaque for being the top Chapter in the state, and \$25 in cash for winning the District Award. Presentation was made by Mr. J. E. Gorman, Executive Director of the Florida Chain Store Council, Inc. Quincy's accomplishment report, along with that of Trenton and Bartow, second and third place winners will be submitted to the National Office in competition for national honors. For the past three years, the Quincy chapter has received the Gold Emblem Award in national competition which places it as one of the top 38 chapters among nine thousand in the nation.

The accomplishments of the chapter during the past year were many and varied. Among the important activities was participation in the annual West Florida Fat Cattle Show and Sale at Quincy. In this important Cattle Show, Talmadge Agerton exhibited the grand champion steer and Sammy Grey, the reserve champion, of the entire show.

Tom Maxwell showed the grand champion pen of three and two of the chapter's entries placed first in Classes A and B. Each year, Mr. Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, awards a \$100 scholarship to the University of Florida, to the outstanding FFA exhibitor in the Quincy Show. This year, Sammy Gray, of the Quincy Chapter, won this honor.

George Ford, the top district dairy farmer in the state, was the outstanding

FFA exhibitor at the 1953 West Florida Dairy Show and in the FFA Division at the Florida State Fair in Tampa winning the Florida Dairy Association Trophy. George showed the grand and reserve champion registered Jerseys and won first place in the showmanship contest at Chipley. George also exhibited the grand champion Dairy animal at the Gadsden County Tobacco Festival and Fair and had the reserve champion Jersey heifer in the FFA division of the Dairy show at the State Fair in Tampa.

The chapter's Livestock Judging Team competed in four events during the year, winning first place at the West Florida Fat Cattle Show, 9th at the Southeastern Fat Stock Show in Ocala, 11th at the West Florida Dairy Show in Chipley, and 25th at the State Fair in Tampa.

Community services played an important part in the accomplishments of the chapter, including five surveys for determining community needs, containing their continued organized farm safety program, demonstrations of improved farm practices, conservation of natural resources, and exhibiting in community, county, area, and state shows and fairs.

The chapter participated in more than 25 official FFA Contests and awards, and reached the state level in 13 of these. During 1953-54, the chapter placed first in the state in Soil and Water Management, Farm Mechanics, and Feeder Steer awards, the Chapter Contest and a member is the Star State Farmer. They had the top district winner in Dairy Farming, won the area Leadership Award, and the District Award in Quartet, Farm Electrification, Public Speaking, Harmonica and String Band. Five chapter members received the State Farmer Degree and one

is applying for the American Farmer Degree.

Eighty-nine newspaper articles, 17 magazine articles, 10 radio programs and 11 programs for Civic Clubs were among the many publicity items resulting from the year's work.

In supervised farming, which is considered the "Hub" of the FFA program, the Quincy chapter was also outstanding. During the 1952-53 year, the members averaged 3.6 productive enterprises, six improvement projects, 10.9 supplementary farm jobs and the learning of 18 new farm skills each. From the productive enterprises, the members earned a labor income of \$35,721.60 for an average of \$605.45 per member. It can certainly be said that members of the Quincy chapter earned while they learned.

In cooperative activities, the participation by members of the chapter were excellent. Many items were produced, purchased, and sold, cooperatively to the financial advantage of the members and chapter.

At the Silver Anniversary National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, held in Kansas City last October, the Quincy Chapter was in the lime-light on several occasions. They were given the Gold Emblem Award in the Chapter Contest, the Southern Regional Farm Safety Award, had one member singing in the National Chorus, and Don Porter received his American Farmer Degree.

To those who may wonder how an FFA Chapter can remain at the top for so many years in a row, the best answer would be a visit to the chapter to observe the intense interest each member has in his chapter, the spirit of cooperation that prevails, the desire to have the chapter represented in every activity sponsored by the state and national organizations, and a willingness on the part of the adviser and members to work hard to attain success. This, together with the best of cooperation and support from parents, businessmen, school officials, and others could be called the "Secret of Success" of the Quincy Chapter.

Listed below are the top district winners, in order, that received awards of \$25-\$20-\$15 and \$10 from the Florida Chain Store Council, Inc.:

DISTRICT I	
Chapter	Teacher
Baker	Gordon Walther
Tate (Gonzalez)	O. R. Farish and E. F. Sublett
Graceville	Guyton Williams
Vernon	Arol Hudson
DISTRICT II	
Quincy	Grinelle E. Bishop
Jasper	R. S. McMillan
Havana	Orton E. Yearty
Malone	H. T. Paulk

DISTRICT III	
Trenton	Herbert E. Brown
Suwannee	
(Live Oak)	B. R. Mills
Williams	
(Live Oak)	Vincent M. Jones
Newberry	M. L. Bishop

DISTRICT IV	
Ocala	M. C. Roche
Bushnell	Herbert Simmons
Bronson	Henry E. Hewitt
Reddick	Carl Rehwinkel

DISTRICT V	
Bartow	R. B. O'Berry and James A. Jackson
Citrus (Inverness)	Eugene Doss
Bradenton	R. F. Lee
Dade City	Elmo Collins and Floyd Phillman

DISTRICT VI	
South Dade	Roy Wood and Lansing Gordon
Wauchula	C. A. Platt and C. M. Lawrence
Fort Pierce	M. B. Jordan
Vero Beach	Horace O. Gay, Jr.

Florida Agricultural Bond & License Law Protects Farmer

THE INCREASING awareness of Florida farmers to the protection available to them under the Florida Agricultural Bond and License Law is indicated by the fact that Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, says more farmers are being assisted with their claims this year than ever before. During the past nine months help has been given to 327 producers who have claims on which they have collected over \$78,000. This is almost as much as was recovered on claims handled under this law during the prior ten years.

More than 1,300 licenses have been issued to dealers in agricultural products and these dealers have furnished bonds for the protection and benefit of the producers of the agricultural products they handle including poultry products and livestock. Commissioner Mayo emphasizes that producers who do business with these dealers are better protected than those who turn the products of their toil over to unlicensed dealers without requiring payment in actual cash United States currency at the time of delivery of their products.

All farmers are reminded by Commissioner Mayo that it is the claimant's responsibility to establish a valid claim for a definite amount. Farmers will find it difficult to establish a valid claim when they turn their products over to a dealer on consignment. Therefore, Mr. Mayo urges all farmers to keep accurate record of their sales.

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The Jackson Grain Company was organized in 1909 in Tampa by the late Frank O. Jackson as a wholesale distributing organization to serve the growing agricultural needs of the state. Products sold by the company at that time consisted almost entirely of corn, oats, wheat, flour and mill by-products such as bran and shorts, cottonseed meal, cottonseed hulls and hay. The company prospered from the start and within a few years moved to its present location and built the first grain elevator in the state of Florida.

In the early 1920's the poultry and dairy industries began to assume some importance in the state's economy and the Jackson Grain Company adapted itself to changing conditions and became one of the largest distributors of mixed dairy and poultry feeds in the state. It sold the first mixed scratch grains and the first "sweet-feed" ever offered in Florida and it was the first feed distributor to bring in to the state a solid freight train of manufactured feeds.

In the early 1930's the Company began manufacturing some feeds of its own and by 1940 it was manufacturing and distributing a complete line of poultry and dairy feeds under its

now well known X-Cel brand. Growing rapidly with Florida the next 10 years the company found it necessary by 1950 to build a modern "push button" feed mill to meet the ever-increasing demand for its products.

During this same period the company organized a retail subsidiary known as X-Cel Stores, Inc. and opened branches in Tampa, Plant City, Winter Haven and Orlando. The company also began distributing fertilizer, seeds and agricultural insecticides.

In 1952 the company extended its activities to manufacturing agricultural insecticides and fungicides in its own plant so that it could better serve growing Florida agricultural interests.

Today the Jackson Grain Company has a well rounded organization staffed with men competent to serve in the various fields in which it operates. It has its own chemical laboratory and a poultry research farm where its products are checked scientifically.

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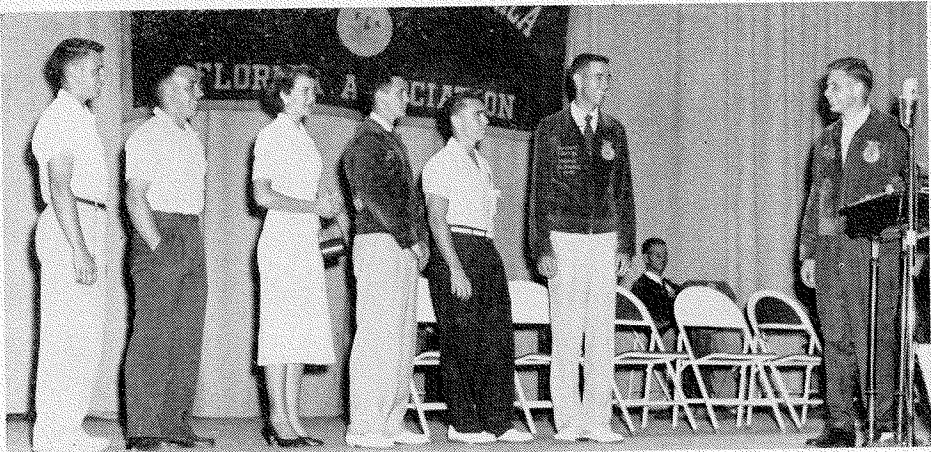
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Guests of the Florida Association, FFA at the Annual State Convention, reading from left to right: Terrell Benton, Jr., Georgia State FFA President for 1953-54, Jefferson, Georgia; William Wannop, Exchange Young Farmer from Carlisle, Cumberland, England; Charlotte Kent, Florida Association, FFA President for 1953-54, Quincy; Billy Rogers, Louisiana State FFA President for 1954-55, Mansfield, Louisiana; Billy Presnell, State President of Louisiana Association, FFA for 1953-54, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Charles Ritter, Honor Guest of the Convention, National Vice President, FFA, Amory, Mississippi; and Eugene Nixon, State President, Florida Association, FFA for 1953-54.

Eugene Nixon Gives Inspiring Talk on Years Accomplishments

GUESTS, PARENTS, Friends, and Fellow Future Farmers. As you know, this will be the last time that I will address you as State President. I want to tell you this morning what I have done since you have elected me as your State President.

In order for me to do this I must first go back a few years and tell you why I wanted to be your State President.

It was during the school year of 1948-49 at Manatee Junior High School that I became interested in the Future Farmers of America and Vocational Agriculture. But there was no Department in my school and I was unable to be a Future Farmer. The same year I went to my High School principal and asked if it would be possible to get a Vocational Agriculture Department in our school. So, he got busy and the next year we had a department and a fine teacher, Mr. D. A. Storms, Jr.

I served as president of the Manatee Chapter and acquainted myself with the FFA organization.

My instructor, Mr. Storms, helped me to work out a long time supervised farming program so that I would have plans for the future.

The following year I was transferred to Manatee High School and enrolled in Vocational Agriculture under the direction of Mr. R. L. Cunningham. Through his assistance and encouragement I expanded my supervised farming program so as to enable me to earn enough money to help pay my way through college upon graduation from High School.

The same year, I took advantage of every opportunity to acquaint myself even more with the FFA organization. My goal was to be State President of the Florida Association and to receive the American Farmer Degree.

At the beginning of my Junior year I was elected to serve as secretary of the Bradenton Chapter. This was a big job I thought and I spent several days getting acquainted with the duties of the office in order to make myself a secretary of which the chapter would be proud. This same year I had expanded my farming program and received the Star Chapter Farmer Award of \$100.00 and a trip to Kansas City, to the National FFA Convention. This was sponsored by the Bradenton Kiwanis Club.

My senior year, I was elected president of the Bradenton Chapter and since I was succeeding one of the best chapter presidents the chapter had ever had, it was a real challenge to me and I worked hard at it.

In the last few minutes I have briefly summed up my FFA career in high school, along with many other activities in which I participated and all this made me so interested in the FFA organization that I decided to run for State President.

On Thursday, June 18, 1953 the delegates of this State Convention elected me to serve as the State President for 1953-54. Then on Friday, June 19, your state officers installed the 1953-54 state officers to take over their duties; I agreed to lead

th's State Association with the assistance of my fellow officers: Don, Clyde, Robert, Alvin, Marvin, and Wallace through another year of interesting work.

Immediately after the convention the officers were guests of the International Harvester Company luncheon where we all got acquainted and started the year off with good food and fellowship.

After the luncheon the new officers met briefly just to get acquainted and exchange ideas about our work for the coming year.

When I returned home from the convention, I was guest speaker at the Bradenton Kiwanis Club.

August 5-7, I again joined my fellow officers at Daytona Beach where we finished the convention business and made plans for Florida's participation in the National Convention.

Then on August 13, our past State President, Jackson Brownlee and our 6th Vice President, Billy Gunter, Mr. Hinton, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Turkey Creek and I attended the Leadership Training Camp at Camp Miniwanna in Shelby, Michigan. This was a great experience for me because I talked with Future Farmers from other states and found out how each state association operated.

We lived on Lake Michigan for the two weeks and practiced the four-fold living—Social, Mental, Religious and Physical.

On this trip we went to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky and also to Niagara Falls and Canada. We traveled approximately 4,000 miles.

October 8, I left for Tallahassee to join Mr. Cox to go to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Before leaving I spoke at the Florida Chain Store Council's annual meeting at Wakulla Springs. I told them something of the history of the FFA organization in Florida.

On October 10, I left with Mr. Cox and the National Band and Chorus members, for the National FFA Convention, Kansas City. Sunday night, I talked with many other delegates and members.

I got acquainted with the Hawaiian Delegation and had a picture taken with them at the Florida exhibit which was provided by the Polk County FFA Federation. My compliments to those boys and advisers for such a fine display. I believe the public enjoyed it more than any exhibit at the convention.

One of the most inspiring phases of the national Convention was the FFA Foundation Donor Reception where one representative from each state met all of the donors in the receiving line. I had a chance to talk a few minutes with Mr. Raymond Firestone who is Vice President of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and a great backer of FFA.

While at the Convention I presented the official gavel of the National organization to the National President. This

gavel was made by Mr. R. L. Cunningham, my adviser.

When I returned from the convention, I worked at home on the farm trying to get ready for the fruit season.

Then on November 4, I attended the Sumter County All Breeders Show and spoke at the Banquet that night.

November 16-17, I attended the Annual Florida Farm Bureau Convention in Tampa. I met the 4-H and FHA representatives and we were all on the program to tell about our organization.

On December 2, I talked to members of the Manatee Chapter at a regular meeting.

On December 8, I had the honor of attending the High Springs FFA Banquet and conferring the Honorary State Farmer Degree on Congressman Billy Matthews. I would like to congratulate Colin Williamson and officers on doing such a fine job of carrying out their duties at that banquet.

On December 15, I attended the Turkey Creek Banquet and spoke briefly. I want to commend Dean Page and his fellow officers for their excellent banquet.

January 15, I attended the Brandon Chapter Banquet which was also a very good one with Robert Rogers in charge.

February 2-13, I stayed at the State Fair in Tampa and was Master of Ceremonies on FFA and FHA Day. I want to say to all the boys that were down there showing livestock the two weeks, that I enjoyed working with you.

After the fair, I went to Tallahassee with Mr. Cox. On February 17, I conferred the Honorary State Farmer Degree on Mr. Van H. Priest, President of the Florida Chain Store Council and Mr. M. D. Walker, Supt. of Public Instruction, Gadsden County. This took place at the West Florida Fat Stock Show and Sale.

February 25, I attended the Groveland FFA Banquet where Grady Parrish did a good job as toastmaster along with the other officers. From the Groveland oc-

casion, I went to the Southeastern Fat Stock Show and Sale at Ocala where many of the Future Farmers won outstanding awards. I had the honor of conferring the Honorary State Farmer Degree on Mr. Walter Williams, Director of Florida Aberdeen-Angus Association and Mr. Broward Lovell, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Marion County. I also thank Mr. Roche, adviser at Ocala for his fine hospitality while in his home.

March 30, I attended the Plant City High Chapter Banquet where Freddie McCullars and his officers did a fine job in carrying out the Banquet Program.

On April 2, it was an honor for me to be guest speaker at the Palmetto Banquet.

On April 3, I spoke to the Future Homemakers of Florida at the Presidents Breakfast during the FHA Convention in Daytona Beach. Believe me, boys, those girls certainly did show me a great time. Thanks to their president, Miss Marcelle Porter, and her assistants.

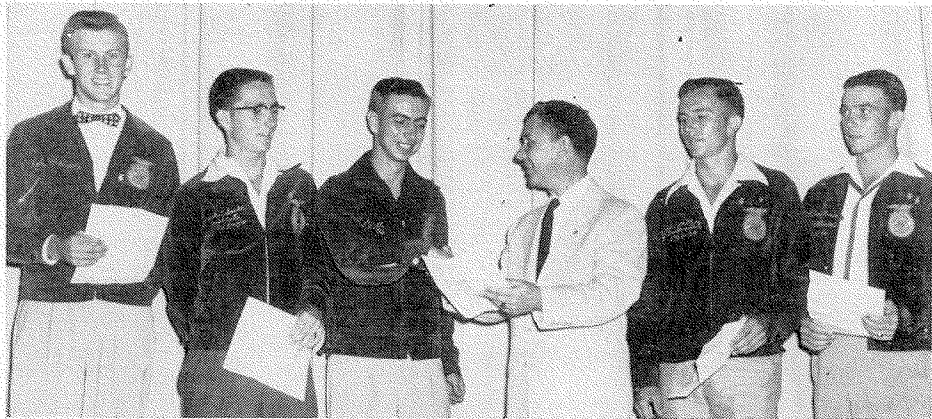
On April 6, I again returned to Plant City to attend the Plant City Junior High Chapter Banquet where those Officers did a wonderful job.

On April 10, I attended the Indian River Banquet at Vero Beach. There Marvin Carter, President, and his officers carried out a very good banquet program.

On April 13, I joined Mr. Wood in Bartow. We attended the Fort Meade Banquet where we saw Jimmie Pollard and his officers do a splendid job.

One of the greatest events I witnessed this year was the Miracle Day at Fort Pierce. The boys and the people of that community cleared 125 acres of land on the chapter farm, planted it in pasture grass, citrus, and prepared land for vegetables. The boys and their adviser did a wonderful job and had the full cooperation of all the people in that area. This all took place Wednesday, April 14. That night Mr. Wood and I attended the Dade City NFA and NHA Banquet.

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Florida State Bankers Association Scholarship winners: Bob McLean, Brandon; Mack Eubanks, Greensboro; Arvid Johnson, Groveland; Mr. John Cannon, Deland, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee of Bankers Association, making the presentations at the 1954 Florida FFA Convention; Hillman Goff, Williams Chapter at Live Oak; and Richard Gibbs, Tate Chapter at Gonzalez.

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Reading left to right top picture shows Mr. M. C. Greenway, Assistant Southern Director, Sears Roebuck Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia, with the winning chapter representatives of the "Pass-the-Chicken, Pappy" awards. • Bottom picture shows John Allen Loughen, Okeechobee, 2nd place winner in the Beef Breeding Contest; Jerry Foster, Deland, State winner of the Beef Breeding Award. Winners in the Feeder Steer Contest were: Bobby Peebles, Ocala; Ray Gibbs, Tate Chapter at Gonzalez; Steve Sutton, Kathleen; and Sam Gray, Quincy, State winner of the Feeder Steer Award. Mr. Elvin Daugharty, Deland, Director of the Florida Cattlemen's Association, presented the awards.

Winners of Foundation Awards For 1954 Are Announced

Beef Breeding and Feeder Steer Contests

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BEEF BREEDING

JERRY FOSTER of Deland won the top award of \$100 to apply on the purchase of a beef bull or heifer calf of the breed desired by him. At the present time, Jerry's project program consists of a pure-bred Hereford cow, calf and bull. Second place winner is John Allan Loughen of Okeechobee, who was awarded \$10,000 to help pay his expenses in attending the State FFA Convention.

FEEDER STEERS

Sammy Gray of Quincy won the top award of \$100 to apply on the expenses of both he and his adviser to attend the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, next October. Sammy exhibited

the grand champion steer at the West Florida Livestock Show in Quincy during March.

Other winners receiving \$10.00 each to help pay their expenses in attending the State FFA Convention are: Steve Sutton of Kathleen, Ray Gibbs of Tate Chapter at Gonzalez, and Bobby Peebles of Ocala.

The awards were presented by Elvin Daugharty, a State Director of the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

Farm Safety

THE FORT PIERCE Chapter, Future Farmers of America, was named the top Florida Chapter in Farm Safety for 1954, with Warren Durham as Chairman of the Farm Safety Committee and M. B. Jordan as Adviser of the Chapter. Second place winner was the Suwannee FFA Chapter at Live Oak, with B. R. Mills as Chapter Adviser. The Quincy Chapter, with Grinnelle E. Bishop as Chapter Adviser,

participated but was not eligible for an award since they won the Southern Regional Award last year.

The St. Lucie County farm youths won the award of \$100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation as a result of their dynamic Chapter Farm Safety program growing out of the work in vocational agriculture classes at Dan McCarty High School.

These young students of farming made a study of farm hazards and accident rates, learning that their chosen vocation was the most hazardous occupation. The fact that one life for each of the past two years had been lost through farming accidents in their own county, gave special significance to their survey of farm safety hazards in the community and school. The local Farm Bureau sponsored a Farm Safety Contest between the different vocational classes which furnished impetus to the study.

Future Farmers spoke before the local Farm Safety Council. The Farm Bureau sponsored a Farm Safety Mass Meeting with local and National Farm Safety Group Speakers; distributed farm safety literature; carried on a publicity program about farm safety through newspaper stories and a series of live radio broadcasts; conducted a farm safety cartoon contest; cooperated in a Fire Fighting Demonstration for the Dan McCarty High School student body; and a demonstration of safety materials at a "Miracle Day".

The Fort Pierce Chapter has carried through with an organized campaign to make St. Lucie County farm safety conscious and to eliminate farm safety hazards.



Reid Clifton, Head of Field Operations Enforcements, Florida Hiway Patrol, presenting Warren Durham, chairman of the Fort Pierce Farm Safety Committee with a \$100 check from the Future Farmer Foundation, since the Ft. Pierce Chapter was the 1954 Star Winner of the Farm Safety Award.

Farm Electrification

JAMES COARSEY, age 19, in the 12th grade at Columbia High School in Lake City, and a member of the Bill Sheely FFA Chapter, was the State Farm Electrification Award winner, and received \$100 from the Future Farmer Foundation, Inc.

James' supervised farming program required a knowledge of electricity for wiring poultry houses. After he had successfully completed this job, young Coarsey obtained further skill in the electrification field through wiring for a pump, and then in wiring houses that his father built. He found that his spare time was being spent in studying electricity, switches, wiring system of cars, tractors, and electrical motors.

James has learned to use the following equipment in his vocational agriculture program, electric and acetylene welder, drill press, wood lathe, planer, jointer, power grinders, and a band saw.

He owns or has a share in the ownership of the following equipment: two motors, electric welder, power sander, jig saw, power winch, skill saw, and electric drill.

District winners receiving \$50.00 Savings Bonds, sponsored by the Tampa Electric Company, Florida Power & Light Company, and Florida Power Corporation were: Randall Lockett, Chumuckla; Gerald Lee Mather, Quincy; John L. Allison, J. F. Williams Chapter at Live Oak; Kess M. Smith, Hawthorne; Edward Twitty Cochran, Bartow; and Jack L. Copenhaver, Fort Pierce.

Dairy Farming

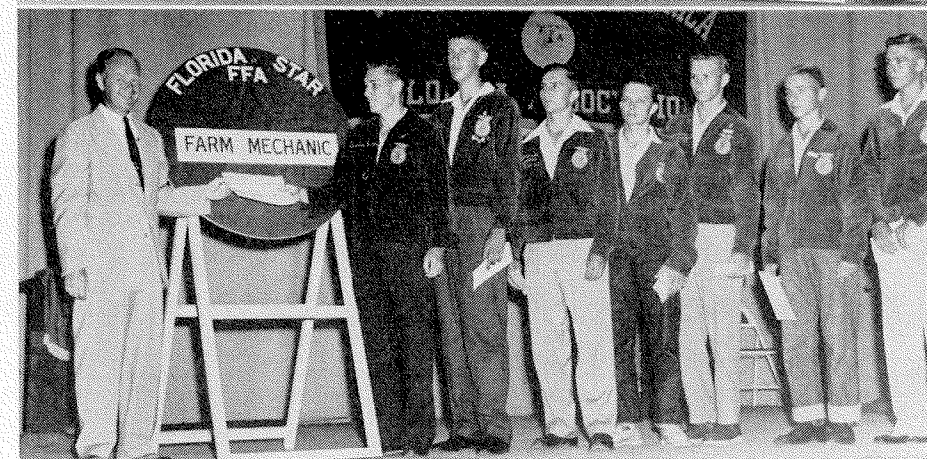
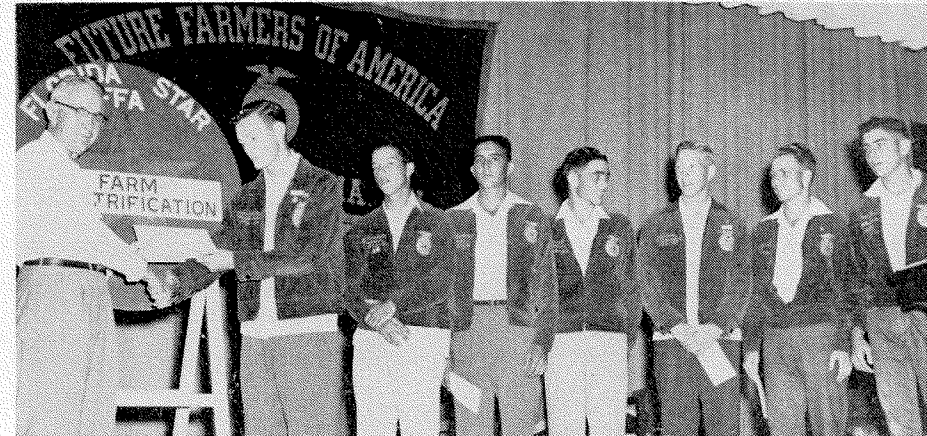
THE FFA FOUNDATION awards the Star Dairy Farmer \$100.00, and Southern Dairies gives him and top district winner a Dairy Efficiency Plaque. In addition, each district winner receives a \$25.00 award from Southern Dairies.

HARRY FUQUA, age 17, in the 12th grade and a member of the Altha FFA Chapter of Altha High School, who received his State Farmer Degree on Wednesday, June 16, is the State Star Dairy Farmer Award Winner and received \$100.00 from the Future Farmers Foundation and a Dairy Efficiency Plaque from Southern Dairies.

Harry has gradually grown into a partnership in the dairy business, starting his vocational agriculture program with two dairy calves, two acres of peanuts, and 100 chicks for meat. This year, he has 15 producing cows, seven head of young stock, 10 acres of soybeans, 10 acres of corn, two brood sows, and eight hogs for meat. For feed, he is growing 10 acres of wheat, 10 acres of oats, and five acres of millet.

To further his experience in managing the dairy, his father has placed him in

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Panels may be identified from top to bottom as follows: Mr. R. H. Giedd, Head of Community Development, Florida Power Corporation, presenting James Coarsey, Sheely Chapter at Lake City \$100 Future Farmer Foundation check. District winners were: Randall Lockett, Chumuckla; Gerald Lee Mather, Quincy; John L. Allison, Williams Chapter at Live Oak; Kess M. Smith, Hawthorne; Edward Cochran, Bartow; Jack Copenhaver, Ft. Pierce. Each received a \$50 Savings Bond from the Tampa Electric Co., Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, and Florida Power and Light Co., Miami. • J. C. Huskisson, Manager, Florida State Fair and Gasparilla Association, Tampa, presenting the Future Farmer Foundation \$100 check and a plaque from Southern Dairies, Inc. to Harry Fuqua, Altha, 1954 State Dairy Farmer. Others from right to left: George Ford, Quincy, top district award winner, received a plaque and \$25 from Southern Dairies; other district winners receiving \$25 each were: Dowlin Black, Gonzalez; Hilman Goff, Williams Chapter at Live Oak; Ronald Hunt, Deland; Harry Griffin, Bartow and Terry McDavid, Pompano. • G. H. W. Schmidt, District Manager of the Florida Ford Tractor Company in Jacksonville presenting Wayne Fallis, Quincy, the State Farm Mechanics Awards of \$100 check from the Future Farmer Foundation and a \$100 savings bond from the Florida Ford Tractor Company. District winners receiving \$50 savings bonds from the Florida Ford Tractor Company were: Billy Gould, Deland; Hilman Goff, Williams chapter at Live Oak; Marvin Robertson, Vero Beach; Charles Hughes, Bartow; Lamar Bowden, Altha; and Donald Hendrix, Gonzalez.

Foundation Awards

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charge of the dairy on the farm.

Though his work with the dairy herd has kept him busy, he has been active in school as President of his Chapter, a member of the football and basketball teams, and played in band. He is also President of the Young People's Sunday School Class and B. T. U., a member of the National Guard, and a patrol leader in the Boy Scouts.

Southern Dairies, Inc., awarded George Ford, top district winner, a Dairy Efficiency Plaque and \$25.

Other Dairy Farmer Award Winners who received \$25 each from Southern Dairies, Inc., were:

Dowlin Black, (Tate) Gonzalez; Hillman Goff, (J. F. Williams) Live Oak; Ronald Hunt, DeLand; Harry C. Griffin, Bartow; Terry McDavid, Pompano.

Farm Mechanics

WAYNE FALLIS, age 20, in the 12th grade, a member of the Quincy FFA Chapter of the Quincy High School, whose adviser is Mr. Grinelle E. Bishop, was the State Farm Mechanics Award Winner and receives \$100 from the Future Farmer Foundation and a \$100 Savings Bond from the Florida Ford Tractor Company. He was also selected as the County Winner to receive a \$25 Savings Bond from his local Ford Tractor Dealer.

This is no small accomplishment.

Wayne would rather be found working, repairing a piece of equipment, in the shop, making something for his home, or working on other projects that he has in vocational agriculture than out playing ball or fishing. During his farm mechanics course in vocational agriculture, he has learned to use the different machines and tools which can be found



Top picture shows Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, Ocala, former educator and brother of the late J. F. Williams, Jr., congratulating a member of the Marianna team, State Winner of the Parliamentary Procedure Contest, after presenting the awards. Also shown is a member of each of the other teams that participated: Fort Pierce, Bristol, Kathleen, High Springs, and Chiefland. • Picture at bottom shows Mr. J. P. O'Donnell, District Manager, International Harvester Company, Jacksonville, presenting the Future Farmer Foundation award of \$100 and \$100 Savings Bond from International Harvester Company to Pat Woodward, Quincy; State Winner of the Soil and Water Management Contest. Others who had just been presented their awards in this contest are from left to right: Jimmy Cunningham, Gonzalez (Tate); Burnett Steele, Baker; Roger Smith, Greensboro; Harry Fuqua, Altha; Jimmy Lee McNeal, Lake City (Sheely); Lloyd Dugger, Hawthorne; Tommy Lawrence, Deland; Earnest Cason, Inverness (Citrus); Philip Brown, Bartow; Dorian Williamson, Brandon; Paul D. Boller, South Dade; John Allen Louthon, Okeechobee. Jimmy Cunningham, Roger Smith, Jimmy Lee McNeal, Tommy Lawrence, Philip Brown, and Paul D. Boller received \$50 Savings Bonds from International Harvester Dealers of Florida, and the other boys received \$25 Savings Bonds from International Harvester Dealers of Florida.

in the well-equipped vocational agriculture shop in Quincy. He has supplemented his training in Farm Mechanics and vocational agriculture by working with professional mechanics in tractor repair shops during his summer vacation.

His investment in tools and equipment exceeds \$500 plus a 50% partnership in tractors, cultivators, trailers, welders, and drills.

He has been a consistent winner in the Chapter and the County in Farm Mechanics since 1952 and won the District Award in 1953.

He is looking forward to 1955, when he will apply for his State Farmer Degree.

Each District Winner listed below received a \$50 Savings Bond from the Florida Ford Tractor Company.

Donald Hendrix, Gonzalez; Lamar Bowden, Altha; Hillman Goff, J. F. Williams, at Live Oak; Billy Gould, DeLand; Charles Hughes, Bartow; Marvin Robertson, Vero Beach.

Also, each County Winner received a \$25 Savings Bond from the local Ford Tractor dealer in their local community, to be presented in the local community.

State Forestry

CLAUDE CRAPPS, 3rd, 16-year-old member of the Suwannee FFA Chapter at Live Oak has received the State award of \$125 sponsored by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. His chapter adviser and vocational agriculture teacher, B. R. Mills received a similar award.

Other winners were Clifford Dugger, Sanderson, second place, \$50; Carl Thomas, MacClenny, third place, \$30; and Payton Bemby, Jr., Jasper, fourth place, \$20.

Claude's forestry program included: planting 25,000 tree seedlings, construction of seven and a half miles of fire lines; pruning and thinning 15 acres; girdling and poisoning undesirable hardwood trees on the same tract under a control plan, and making an improvement cut from which he harvested 29 units of pulpwood, 250 fence posts and 30,000 board feet of saw logs.

He conducted his forestry program on 115 acres of timbered land that he owns himself, also built his own treating plant and made his own pine seed bed in which he grew about 2,000 seedlings. He spent more than 500 hours on the entire forestry project.

Soil and Water Management

THE STATE winner of the Soil and Water Management award for 1954 was Pat Woodward from the Quincy FFA Chapter and his Chapter Adviser is Grinelle E. Bishop. Pat is 17 years old, has been a member of the FFA for four years, and a senior in high school. The award was a check for \$100 from the Future Farmer Foundation and a \$100 Savings Bond from the International Harvester Dealers of Florida.

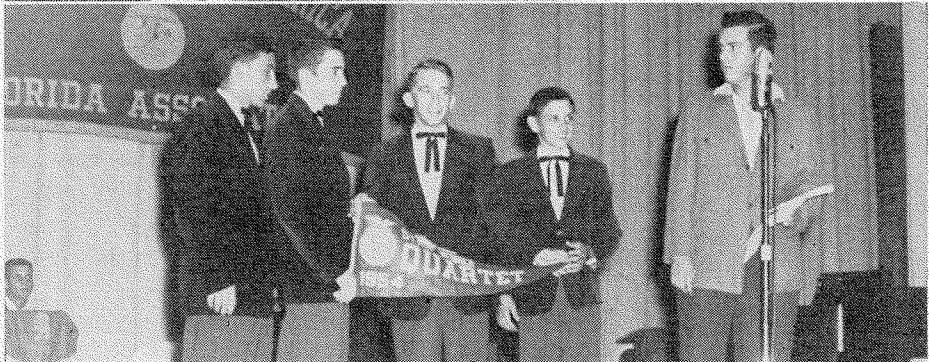
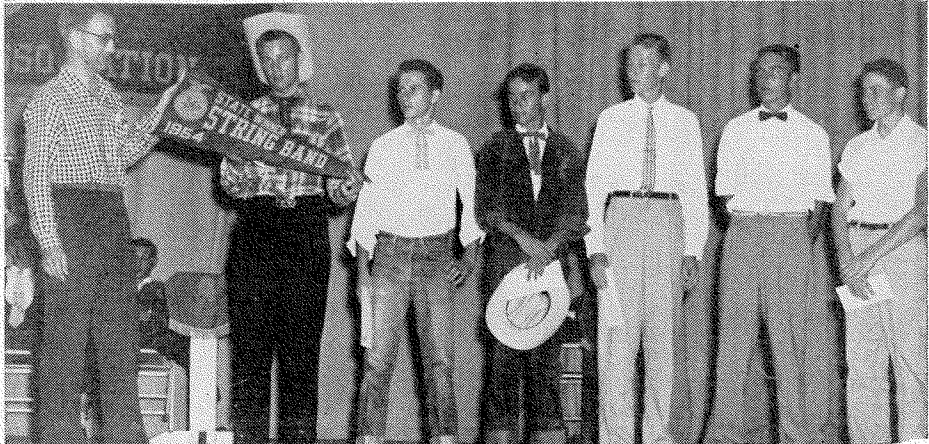
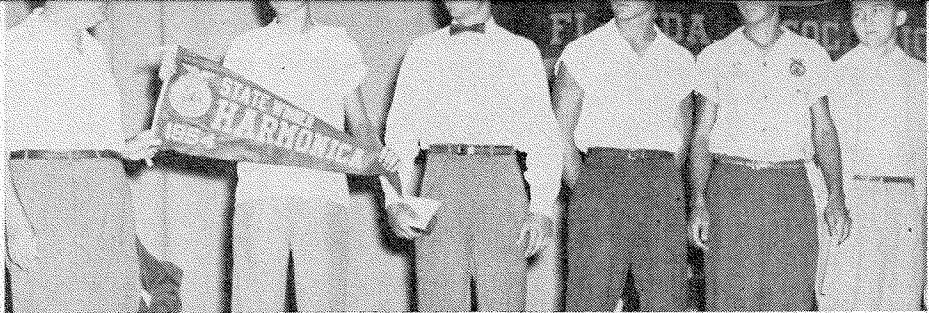
Pat has planted over 30 acres in pines to prevent soil erosion and provide shelter for wildlife, improved pastures, assisted in construction of a fish pond (water is used in irrigation of crops on the farm), and helped to change the irrigation system from ditches to overhead sprinklers. Many other improved practices have also been done on the farm through his efforts. He has repaired and reconditioned pieces of farm equipment, such as: plows, tractor, gas engine, irrigation equipment, saws, and trailers.

His project program for 1954-55 includes 10 head of cattle for breeding and two head for meat; three head of hogs for breeding and 20 head for meat; five acres of corn and 30 acres of forest.

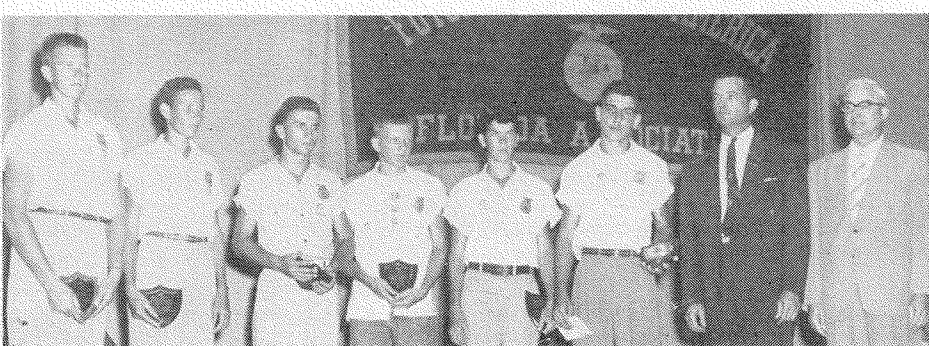
Pat has been very active in school as Reporter and President of his chapter, President of the Student Council, member of the National Honor Society and Glee Club, is President of his church's Young Peoples Organization of West Florida, and a member of the Sunday School and Church.

The International Harvester Dealers of Florida sponsored additional awards of \$50 and \$25 bonds, for the first and second place winners in each District (excluding the State winner) as listed:

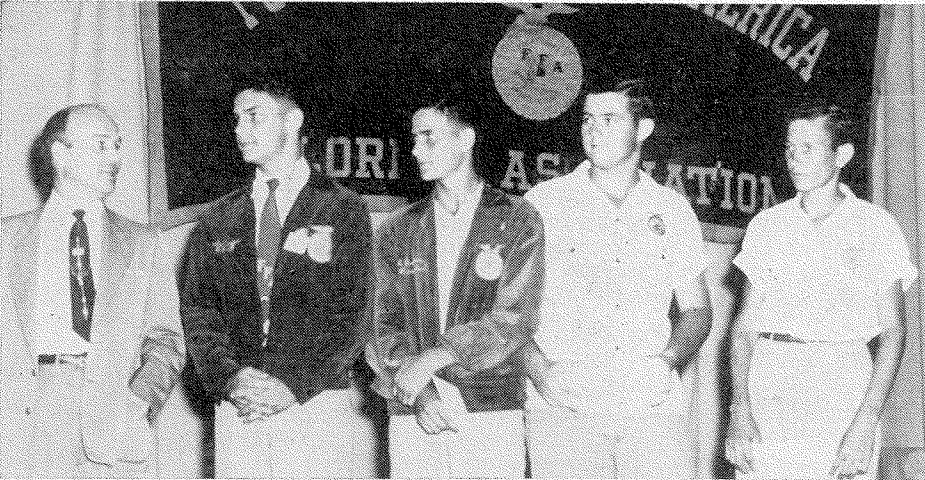
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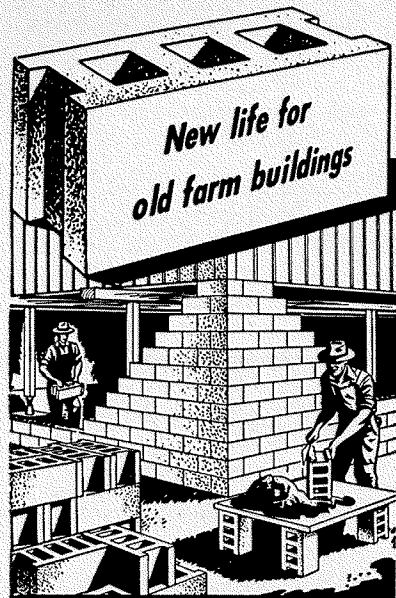
Panels may be identified from top to bottom as follows: Mr. J. Donald Cates, Principal of Alachua High School, a judge in the State Harmonica Contest, presenting awards to State Champion Willie Roberts, Bell. Other winners in order are: Robert Janulet, Pompano; Jimmy Denham, Tate Chapter at Gonzalez; Ernest Hendrick, Fort Meade; and Ralph Jackson, Quincy. • Robert D. Carmon, Publicity Director, Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, presenting awards to representatives of string bands that participated in State competition: John Bruce, Miami-Edison, 1954 State Champions; Robert Whitman, Hillsborough Chapter at Tampa; Aubrey Deen, Trenton; Irving Roche, Vernon; John Petronis, Quincy; and Jimmie Odom, Ocala. • Mr. Wiljohn Schiffermuller, 1st Tenor in the University of Florida "Champions", Gainesville, a judge in the Quartet Contest, and who presented the awards, shown with the Alachua State Champion Quartet at the 1954 Florida State FFA Convention. Members of the Quartet are: Larry Gonzolus, Donald Dupree, Douglas King, and Charles Page.



From left to right are shown representatives of Chapters winning in the Chapter Cooperative Leadership Contest—District winners, Graceville, Jasper, Trenton, Edgewater Chapter at Orlando, Inverness—State winner, Fort Pierce, who will represent Florida at the American Institute of Cooperation Meeting being held at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, during August; Mr. Paul N. Simmons, Treasurer and Director, Florida Council Farmer Cooperatives, Lake Alfred; and Mr. Howard McClarren, Youth Director, American Institute of Cooperation.



Mr. R. N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Airline Railroad Company, sponsors of the State Forestry Contest, after he had presented the awards. Winners in order, were as follows: Claude Crapps, Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak; Clifford Dugger, Sanderson; Carl Thomas, MacClenny; and Payton Bemby, Jr., Jasper.



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On April 15, I was guest speaker at the Poplar Springs Chapter Banquet and April 16, at the Crawfordville Banquet. These two occasions I enjoyed very much.

On April 27, I attended my home chapter banquet where the boys really treated me swell. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of my chapter for the full cooperation that they have given me and also Mr. R. F. Lee and Mr. R. L. Cunningham for their help and encouragement.

From April 29 to May 1, I again joined my fellow officers in Daytona Beach where we checked the State Farmer Degree applications and planned this Convention.

On May 1st, I was guest of the Florida Federation of DCT Clubs at their annual Banquet in Daytona Beach.

On May 14, I was very happy to attend the banquet of one of my fellow officers at Homestead. Clyde Rodgers has been a great asset to his chapter and to the Florida Association this year.

On May 16 and 17, I again joined the representative other rural youth organizations at the Florida Federation of Fairs meeting in Gainesville where we spoke on behalf of our organizations in relation to the fairs over the state.

On May 20, I attended my last banquet as a guest of the Manatee Chapter, where I began my career in the FFA. It was my privilege to be the main speaker at this Banquet and it brought back old memories of that first year of FFA work.

I would like to say that I regret I was unable to attend all the banquets to which I was invited. It wasn't because I didn't want to, but because of con-

flicting dates. I have enjoyed every banquet I attended and hope that someday I will be able to visit these chapters again.

In all my association with Future Farmers this year I have spent 123 of the most enjoyable days of my life. I have traveled 14,328 miles, appeared on seven radio programs and many civic club programs.

Well, my first goal has been reached, that of being State President. My second is to receive the American Farmer Degree, which is the desire of every Future Farmer. I hope someday to reach that goal.

I plan to enter the University of Florida next year and major in Citrus. Upon graduation, I plan to go back and work with my father and brother in that field.

In closing I want to say to each of my fellow officers, Donald, Clyde, Robert, Alvin, Marvin, and Wallace, that it has been a most enjoyable year working together trying to improve and carry on the program of the FFA organization in Florida. We may never see each other again together so I want to say thanks so much for your cooperation.

To Mr. Wood, Mr. Cox and the Three District Supervisors, Messrs. Northrop, Smith and Barrineau, it has been a great pleasure working with you.

To Mr. Lee, my adviser, Mr. Cunningham, my ex-adviser, all of my past fellow Ag. students and last but not least my parents, brothers and sisters, thanks for doing my chores and for the advice.

To all Future Farmers in this state I hope that I have represented you like you wanted me to. Fellows, this has been the greatest year in my life and words cannot express how much it has meant to me; not only in my FFA career but also in my personal life.

Again I say, thanks so much.



At the Annual Fish Fry, sponsored by the Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville, for the Florida Future Farmers and their guests—seated Mr. G. H. W. Schmidt, Vice President, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville; Mrs. H. E. Carlson, mother of Nencie Bevin, District Sweetheart from Madison; Mr. H. E. Wood, FFA State Adviser. Standing are: Eugene Mixon, Bradenton, 1953-54 State President; Charles Ritter, National Vice President, FFA, Amory, Mississippi; and William Wannop, Exchange Young Farmer from Carlisle, Cumberland, England.

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1st Vice President; Jack Smith, Poplar Springs, 2nd Vice President; Bob McLean, Brandon; 3rd Vice President; Colin Williamson, High Springs, President; James Quincey, Trenton, 4th Vice President; Emory Weatherly, Havana, 5th Vice President; and Arvid Johnson, Groveland, 6th Vice President. Kneeling are: State Officers for 1953-54:—Clyde Rodgers, South Dade, 2nd Vice President; Alvin Wilhelm, Sarasota, 4th Vice President; Marvin Whitten, Fort White, 5th Vice President; Wallace Bemby, Jasper, 6th Vice President. Standing are: William Wannop, Carlisle, Cumberland, England, Exchange Student, member of the British National Federation of Young Farmers; Eugene Mixon, President for 1953-54; Terrell Benton, Jr., Jefferson, Georgia, State President for 1953-54; Bill Jennings, Marked Tree, Arkansas, State President for 1953-54 and Parliamentarian for 1954-55; Pat Woodward, Quincy, State Winner of the Soil and Water Management Awards; H. E. Wood, State Adviser, Florida Association, FFA; J. P. O'Donnell, District Manager, International Harvester Company, Jacksonville; Charles Ritter, Amory, Mississippi, National Vice President, Future Farmers of America; Doyle Conner, Starke, State President in 1946-47 and National President in 1948-49; J. Lester Poucher, Palatka, State President in 1935-36 and National President in 1937-38; Howard Rogers, Donaldsonville, Georgia, State President in 1944-45; and George Ford, Quincy, State Star Farmer of Florida for 1953-54. Not pictured are: Donald Cason, Chiefland, 1st Vice President; and Robert Jones, Chumuckla, 3rd Vice President; for 1953-54.



Reading from left to right: Linda Slaton, Eustis; Nencie Bevin, Madison; Verena Fogel, State FFA Sweetheart for 1953-54; Joan Sharpless, Green Cove Springs; and Evelyn Meyer, Arcadia. Seated is Judy James, Winter Haven, State FFA Sweetheart for 1954-55; and Mr. Colin Lindsey of the Belk-Lindsey Stores, Ocala, sponsors, presenting the awards.

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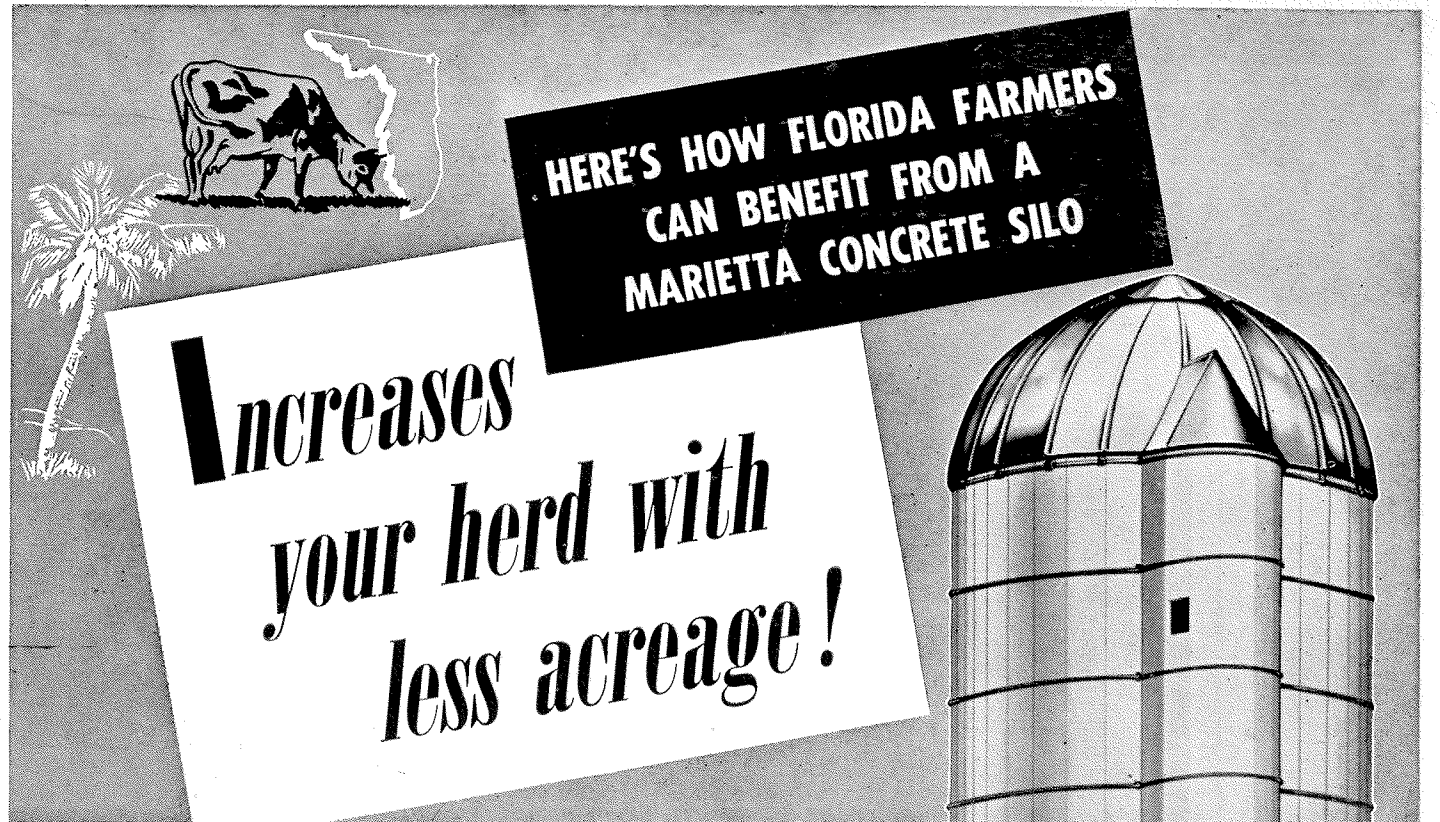
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