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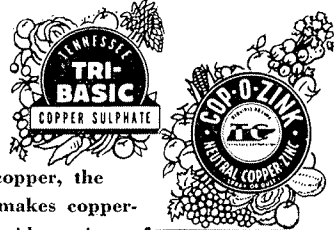
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Folks Joins Florida Power

S. JOHN FOLKS, JR., former instructor in Animal Husbandry at the University of Florida, has been employed as agricultural engineer by the Florida Power Corporation, company officials in St. Petersburg have announced.

With headquarters at St. Petersburg, Folks will work with the residential development department of the company in helping rural customers get the most out of electric service on the farm, and with the community development department in connection with agricultural problems in suburban and rural areas, according to announcement.



FOLKS

Folks, in addition, will work closely with various groups such as 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America chapters and county agents.

Born and raised on a farm at Montbrook, Florida, Folks is 32 years old, married and has three children. He attended schools in Morriston and Williston and graduated from the University of Florida with the degree of BSA in Animal Husbandry and Agricultural Education, and MSA in Animal Production and Agricultural Engineering.

For the past six years, Folks has been animal husbandryman in the U. of F. Agricultural Experiment Station and Assistant Professor in the College of Agriculture, in teaching and research.

During World War II he served as first lieutenant in the U. S. Paratroops and in 1951-1952 with the U. S. Army Airborne Rangers. He holds the highest rating a parachutist can attain, master parachutist, with 87 jumps to his credit.

A member of Blue Key Honor Fraternity, Folks was very active in campus and agricultural affairs. He served as president of his fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, the Agricultural Club, and the Agricultural teachers' fraternity, Alpha Tau Alpha. He was a member of the Honor Court, and captain of the University Rifle team and was high point man in the Southeastern Rifle Match. He was a member of the dairy and forestry clubs, vice president of the state Future Farmers, secretary of the YMCA, and is a member of the Masons.

Among his other agricultural activities he was awarded the American Farmer Degree by Future Farmers of America. He helped inaugurate hog shows over the state and managed the show at the Florida State Fair, 1951-53.

By Way of Editorial Comment:

Responsibility is Important To a Free Nation

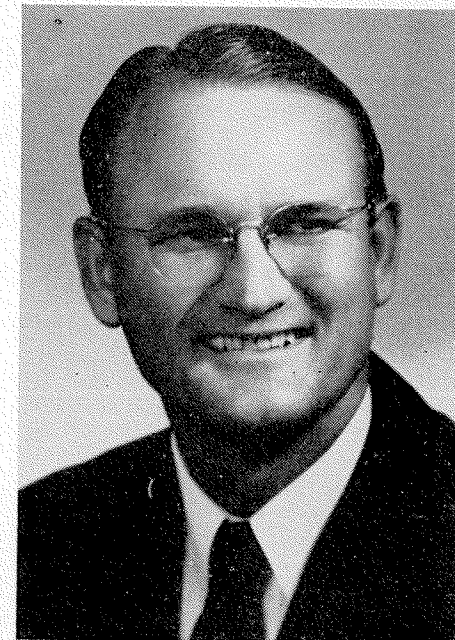
By Congressman D. R. (BILLY) MATTHEWS, 8th District, Florida

As CONGRESSMAN of the Eighth Congressional District of Florida, I have the honor to represent 15 agricultural counties. I consider the FFA as one of the greatest assets in our Congressional District. I salute the members of this great organization! My congratulations go to over 8000 members of the 145 chapters in Florida.

Several days ago I had the pleasure again of visiting Mount Vernon, and I recalled with great interest that George Washington was a farmer. Another great American of that era, Thomas Jefferson, was a farmer, and his whole philosophy was based on the idea of farm ownership. Jefferson believed the future of our country would be safe if our people could own and till the soil. These great Americans would be proud today if they could see the FFA in action. They would marvel at the supervised farming program, the community services, the leadership activities, and all cooperative endeavors of the FFA.

I have been particularly impressed with the parliamentary procedure training that the members of the FFA receive. Our Congressmen would profit if they could all receive the same kind of training. One of the great bulwarks of our democracy is the opportunity for our people to engage in forum discussions. Many times I have marvelled at the ease with which members of the FFA discuss their problems and participate in their various panel discussions.

In the Well of the House of Representatives there are certain words that are inscribed in the wood. The center word is "Tolerance". Although I certainly see the need of tolerance in our American society, I believe that another word should share the central position. That word is "Responsibility". Only as Ameri-



D. R. MATTHEWS

cans accept their responsibilities along with the great privileges of society can we hope to endure as a free nation. During the many years that I have known members of the FFA, I have been impressed with the manner in which they have accepted their individual responsibilities.

It has been a great pleasure for me as
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The Cover

Walter Cummins, Freedom, Oklahoma, Past National FFA President 1950-51; Hal Davis, Quincy, Florida, Past National FFA Vice-President 1950-51; Mr. Raymond C. Firestone, Vice-President, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company; and Doyle Conner, Starke, Past National FFA President 1948-49; chatting during the Silver Anniversary Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

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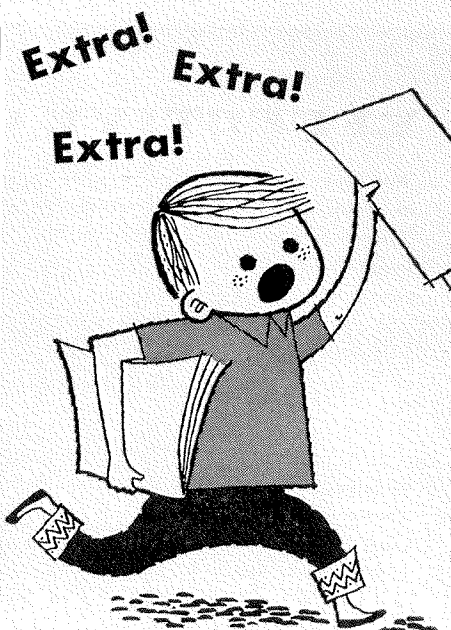
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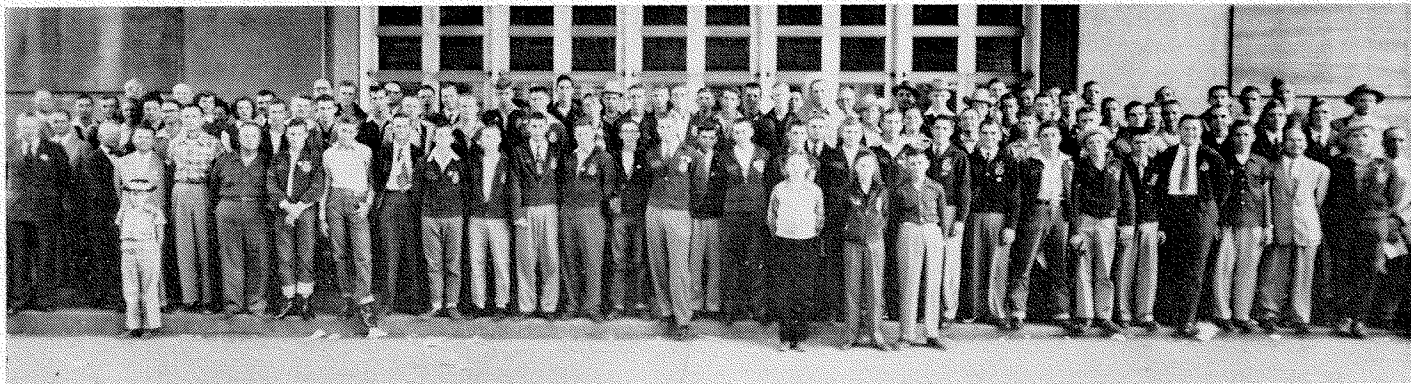
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Photograph shows some of the 150 enthusiastic Future Farmers in the Florida delegation attending the Silver Anniversary Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15, 1953.

Nearly 50 Chapters Represented by Over 150 Florida Future Farmers at National Convention in Kansas City

TRAVELING by car, bus, plane and train, and over several different routes, more than 150 Florida Future Farmers and their special guests, representing nearly 50 Florida Chapters, converged upon Kansas City for the National Convention last October.

Florida delegates and their guests found some thrilling experiences awaiting them at the Silver Anniversary Convention. Addresses by Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson; Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Oveta Culp Hobby; and President Dwight D. Eisenhower were particularly outstanding. Dramatic emphasis was fixed on the Silver Anniversary theme in a Silver Anniversary Pageant, and the unveiling of the Special Commemorative Stamp honoring the Future Farmers of America by Assistant Postmaster General Albert J. Robertson.

Special entertainment during the convention program was furnished by donors to the Future Farmers of America and the Florida delegation and guests attended many of the special luncheons, breakfasts, and dinners given by these industrial friends of the FFA, where there was much good fellowship with others from all over the United States.

Playing in the National Band were three Florida Future Farmers: Dubie Dumas of Crystal River Chapter; Darrel O'Day of Ocala Chapter; and Tommy Torbert of South Dade Chapter. Billy Stuart of Bartow and William Timmons of Quincy sang in the National Chorus.

Wimauma's State Champion String Band was very well received, and played by request at several luncheons, on radio broadcasts and during the National Convention Program.

Jackson Brownlee of Trenton Chapter, Past State President; Billy Gunter of Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak, Past Vice-President; and Eugene Mixon of Bradenton Chapter, State President, represented the Florida Association as official delegates at the Delegates' Luncheon and all official sessions.

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Bobby Griffin of Bartow, 1953 Star State Farmer, carried the Florida State Flag in the Massing of the State Flags Ceremony, as well as in the special Silver Anniversary Pageant. Also in the Pageant were: Eugene Mixon, State President; H. E. Wood, State Advisor of the Florida Association, FFA; Past National Officers from Florida who were present—Doyle E. Conner, Starke, Past State and National President, now a member of the House of Representatives of Florida; and Hal Davis, Quincy, Past State President and Past National Vice-President.

A gavel, made in Florida, became the official gavel of the National FFA Organization. Mr. Roy L. Cunningham, retired Bradenton High vocational agriculture instructor made it out of pieces

of wood from each of the 48 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Eugene, President of the Florida Association, FFA, made the presentation to the National President during the Convention.

Highest honors, that of the American Farmer Degree, were conferred on eight Florida members: Don Porter of Quincy; Bryan Cooksey of Monticello; Billy Hester of DeLand; Hubert Gamble and Ronald Lanier of the Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak; Donald Plunket of Turkey Creek; Clarence B. Gulsby of the Tate Chapter at Gonzalez; and Copeland Griswold of Chumuckla.

Terry Crews of the Taylor Chapter, a State winner in the Forestry Contest, appeared on the Kansas City Sertoma Club Program, arranged by R. N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester of the Seaboard Airline Railroad.

Chilean Nitrate Leadership award winners



Chilean Nitrate Leadership award winners: Bobby Griffin, Bartow; Billy Twombly, Trenton; and Jimmy Warner, Quincy. State Officers: Wallace Bembry, Jasper; Marvin Whitten, Fort White; Alvin Wilhelm, Sarasota; Clyde Rodgers, South Dade; Donald Cason, Chiefland; and President Eugene Mixon, Bradenton; Past President and delegate to National Convention, Jackson Brownlee, Trenton. Not shown in picture: Vice-President Robert Jones, Chumuckla; and Billy Gunter, Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak, delegate to National Convention. Bill was in the nominating committee meeting.

ners attending were: Billy Twombly of Trenton; Bobby Griffin of Bartow; and Jimmy Warner of Quincy.

Receiving the Regional Farm Safety Award on behalf of the Quincy Chapter was Sam Smith. As Regional Award Winner, the Quincy Chapter received \$200.00 from the FFA Foundation and Sam received money for his expenses for the trip.

Also receiving Regional honors was Joe Register of the Campbellton FFA Chapter, for his splendid achievements in dairy farming. Joe received \$200.00 and his expenses to attend the National Convention to receive this honor.

Members from the Quincy and Suwannee (Live Oak) Chapters were present to receive their Chapter's Gold Emblem, and members from the DeLand Chapter to receive the Silver Emblem in the National Chapter Contest. This is the third consecutive year that the Quincy Chapter has won the Gold Emblem (highest in the Nation). For the past two years, the Suwannee Chapter has received the Silver Emblem Award (second highest in the Nation). This year, only 47 Chapters out of nearly 9000 received a rating high enough to be presented the Gold Emblem Award.

The Miami-Edison Dairy Judging Team, composed of Clifford Causey, L. Theo Kretzschmar, James W. Bishop, and William Guy Lacey, with their Adviser, H. Quentin Duff, went to Waterloo, Iowa, where the team won a Bronze Emblem. Theo and Clifford also received Bronze Emblems for Dairy Cattle Judging. In judging Dairy Products, Clifford won the Silver Emblem.

The Pompano Livestock Judging Team, composed of Gordon Vinkemulder, James Janulet, and Terry McDaniel, participated in the National Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City, Missouri. Their Adviser, Glen Sanderson, accompanied them. Gordon Vinkemulder received Honorable Mention, and the team and other members (James Janulet and Terry McDaniel) received Participation Awards.

The Fort Lauderdale Judging Team, composed of Charles Gordy, Tommy Rembert, and Jimmy Yates, won a Bronze Emblem in judging meats. Charles and Tommy were also awarded Bronze Emblem in judging meats. Charles and Tommy were also awarded adviser, Howard Brice Leer, accompanied Commissioner Nathan Mayo of the State Department of Agriculture, provided funds for part of the expenses of the judging teams to attend.

The Ocala chapter, as winner of the Chapter Forestry Contest, sponsored by the Florida Jaycees and St. Regis Paper Company, was awarded expenses for Bobby Peebles and M. C. Roche, Chapter Adviser, to attend.

Ben Arnold Griffin of the Chipley



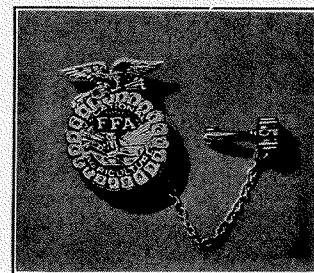
1953 American Farmer degree winners from Florida, as photographed at the National FFA convention, were left to right: Don Porter, Quincy; Donald Plunket, Turkey Creek; Clarence Gulsby, Gonzalez; Copeland Griswold, Chumuckla; Bill Hester, DeLand; Ronald Lanier and Hubert Gamble, both of Suwannee chapter, Live Oak. Not shown was Bryan Cooksey, Monticello, who is now in the service.

Chapter, as State Feeder Steer winner, and his Adviser, T. M. Love, were awarded expenses to attend the Convention by Florida Cattlemen's Association.

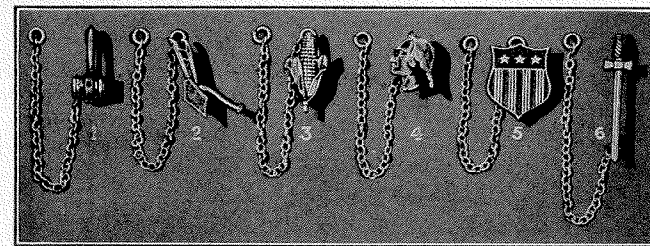
Twenty members of the High Springs Chapter with their Adviser, W. L. Kilpatrick attended the Convention under

the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of High Springs.

These and other Florida Association members and guests reported that the Silver Anniversary Convention of the Future Farmers of America was a most interesting and fine experience.



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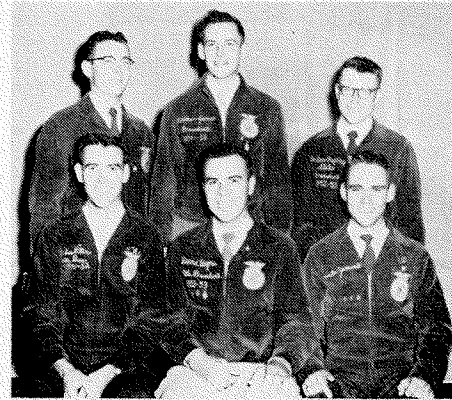
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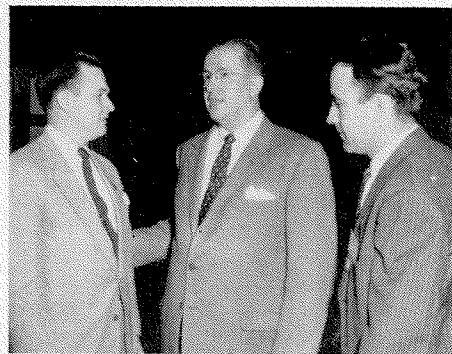
Cowgirl Selected By Jr. F.S.C.A.

Pretty Miss Sandra Peneger receives congratulations from Junior FSCA President, Doyle Conner, after her selection as Miss Florida Cowgirl of 1953.

Doyle of Starke, State Legislator and former Vice-President of the Junior FSCA, Past State and National FFA President, was elected President at the Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg.



These are the boys who, as national officers, will have an important role in guiding the destiny of the national organization of Future Farmers of America in the coming year. Left to right, seated they are Charles W. Ritter, Jr., 19, Amory, Mississippi, Southern region vice president; David H. Boyne, 19, Marlette, Michigan, national president, and Hunter Zumwalt, 19, Artesia, New Mexico, student secretary. Standing, John Schultheis, 19, Colton, Washington, Pacific region vice president; Walker Earl James, 20, Middlebury, Vermont, North Atlantic region vice president, and Harlan Rigney, 20, Red Oak, Illinois, Central region vice president. The officers were elected October 15 during FFA's Silver Anniversary national convention, to serve one-year terms.



Doyle Conner, Starke, State Legislator, talking with Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Benson, at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri and John Farrar, FFA Publicity Director.

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Banquet season has arrived all over the State. The photo shows Jimmy Register, FFA President; Jackie Pearce, FFA President; and Dr. Arthur H. Stainback, guest speaker, discussing the program at the Graceville Cooperative FFA-FHA Banquet. (Dothan Eagle Staff photo)

Anthony Gets \$300 Award

ANTHONY FFA CHAPTER, with a good improved breeding program for the past year, won first place and received \$300 in the State Improved Breeding Contest sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

During the past year, under this program in the State, 941 cows were bred. The majority of these were on small farms that could not afford to own a purebred bull.

Other winners and their awards were in the following order: Fort Pierce, \$125.00; Turkey Creek, \$100.00; Plant City, \$75.00; Poplar Springs, \$50.00; and sixth through tenth received \$25.00 each—Summerfield, Umatilla, Live Oak (Suwannee), Mayo, and Clewiston.



Nancy, Susan and Julia Ann, daughters of Bob Hoskins, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Railroad, are highly delighted over a Christmas basket of Citrus Fruit received from the State FFA President, Eugene Mixon of Bradenton. The fruit was produced and packed on the Mixon and Son Groves.

45 YEARS OF GROWTH WITH FLORIDA

The Jackson Grain Company was organized in 1909 in Tampa by the late Frank D. 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 dry 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 the 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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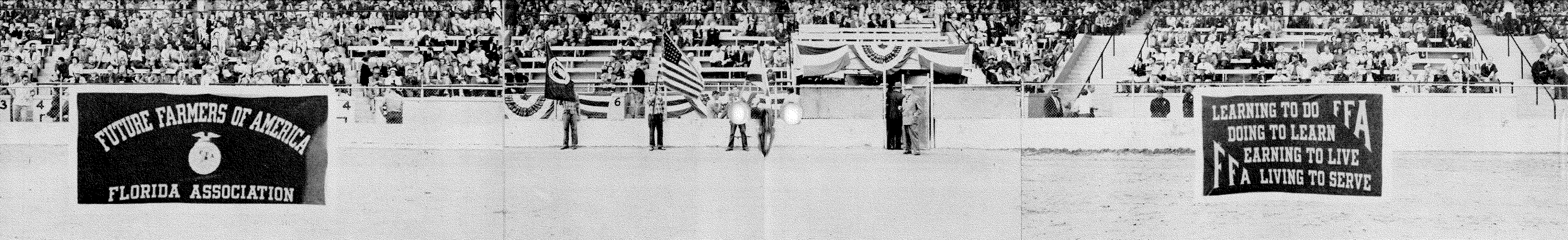
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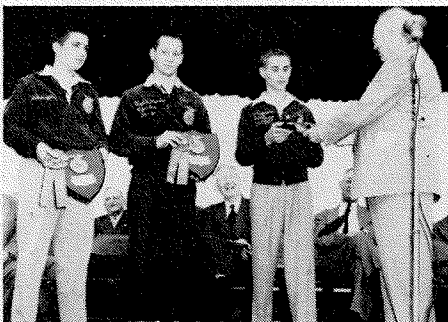
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A portion of the thousands of young FFA members who attended FFA Day at the 1953 Florida State Fair in Tampa and saw several outstanding men receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

FFA Day Program and Livestock Judging at State Fair



Honorable Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Florida, presenting rosettes at the Florida State Fair and awarding plaques from the Guernsey and Jersey Cattle Clubs of Fla. Left to right, Bill Griffin who showed the Grand Champion Guernsey female; Lloyd Harris the Grand Champion Jersey bull; and Joe Cochran the Grand Champion Jersey female; in the F. F. A. Division of the dairy cattle show, held the first week at the Florida State Fair, 1953. All are members of the Bartow F. F. A. Chapter.

UPON ENTERING the State Fair Grounds at 8:30 a.m., every one will go directly to the Grandstand for Registration from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and remain for the Special F.F.A. Day Program which will follow.

An added attraction and feature of F.F.A. Day will be the collaboration of the Future Homemakers during the Platform Ceremony, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Approximately one thousand beautiful "Future Homemakers" will occupy the Grandstand with the five thousand Future Farmers to enjoy the Program on February 6, 1954. Each Area Supervisor will be responsible for ushering and proper seating of the F.F.A. and F.H.A. members on this occasion. As soon as the Program is over, everyone will clear the Platform and Grandstand except members of the Judging Teams.

Group leaders will be labeled and stationed at intervals in front of the Grandstand, and members of the Dairy Judging Teams will be told when to



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

move out to their respective groups, which will move then directly to the Mayo Livestock Pavilion. Then group leaders for other Judging Contests will be stationed in front of the Grandstand and members of the Beef Cattle and Hog Judging Teams will be told to move out to their respective groups.

General information for Judging Teams: For each Chapter, three boys will compose a team in livestock judging, and there will be no substitutions in any of the Contests after judging begins. Substitutions are permissible for beef cattle and hogs. The substitute must report to the group leader and turn in his membership card until the contest ends.

Each group will be given a total of ten minutes for general inspection and official scoring of each of the four entries in each class. Explicit instructions will be given group leaders in Tampa before the judging begins. These instructions will be followed by all entrants.

State FFA Cattle Show

THE BEEF and dairy cattle entrants by FFA members and chapters will show an improvement in quality at the State Fair at Tampa.

The first week of the fair will feature dairy heifers, cows, and bulls representing the following breeds: Ayrshire, Guernsey, Jersey, and Holstein.

During the second week about 75 entries of beef cattle will be on exhibit. The increase in the number and quality of the animals is the result of the bulls obtained; through the Sears Roebuck Foundation and the State Beef Cattle Breeder Associations—Angus, Brahman, Herefords, and Shorthorn breeds will be in the FFA beef cattle exhibit.

Award plaques obtained by each State breed association are to be presented to the FFA member showing the champion bull and cow of the following breeds: Dairy cattle; Guernsey and Jersey—Beef Shorthorns. The Early & Daniel Company is again this year furnishing their name brand (Tuxedo) feed without cost for FFA entrants in the Fair.

Florida State Fair

and Gasparilla Celebration

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FEBRUARY 2-13, 1954

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SEE MORE IN '54! Plan days of sightseeing at the Fair, and other days for a fun-packed tour of the Midway and a grandstand view of the thrilling auto races and stage presentations.

FEB. 4—Parade of Dairy Champions and awarding of Championship Ribbons and Trophies.

FEB. 6—Future Farmers and Future Homemakers of America, with special grandstand program 10:00 a.m. Ayrshire Sale 1:30 p.m.

FEB. 11—Parade of Beef Champions and awarding of Championship Ribbons and Trophies.

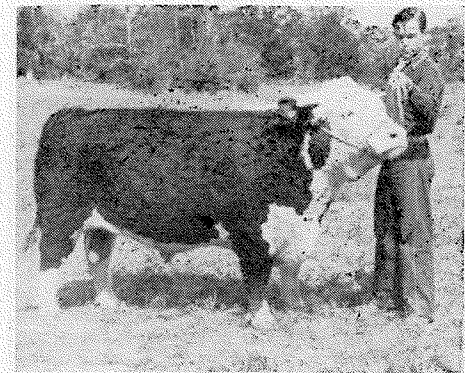
FEB. 12—Brahman Sale at 7:00 p.m.

FEB. 13—4-H Clubs Day with special grandstand program 10:00 a.m. Flying Farmers Day.

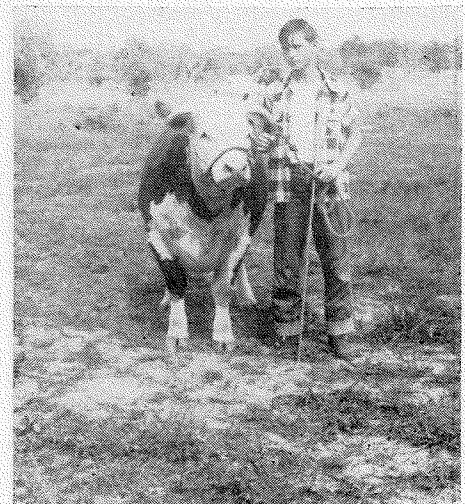
PROGRAM FOR F.F.A. DAY AT FLORIDA STATE FAIR, TAMPA, FEBRUARY 6, 1954			
General Chairman, H. E. WOOD Master of Ceremonies, EUGENE MIXON		State Supervisor of Agricultural Education State President, Florida Association, F.F.A.	
8:30- 9:30 A.M.	Registration.	10:35-10:45 A.M.	Harmonica—Franklin Howell, Pahokee (1953 State F.F.A. Champion)
9:30- 9:45 A.M.	Wimauma String Band (1953 State F.F.A. Champions)	10:45-10:50 A.M.	Awarding Ribbons to Grand Champion Winners in F.F.A. Dairy Show—Honorable Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture
9:45- 9:50 A.M.	Welcome Address—Carl D. Brorein, president, Florida State Fair Association	10:50-11:00 A.M.	Exhibition of Hawaiian dances by Verena Fogel, Gainesville (1953 State F.F.A. Sweetheart)
9:50-10:00 A.M.	Introduction of Platform Guests—H. E. Wood, State Adviser, Florida Ass'n, FFA	11:00-11:10 A.M.	Clearing Platform and Grandstand, except members of judging teams
10:00-10:15 A.M.	Future Homemakers of America—Marcelle Potter, State President, Quincy	11:10-11:30 A.M.	Organizing Judging Teams
10:15-10:25 A.M.	White Springs Quartet (1953 State F.F.A. Champions)	11:30- 1:30 P.M.	Livestock Judging Contest (including 2 classes of hogs), Mayo Livestock Pavilion
10:25-10:30 A.M.	Address—Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction	1:00- 6:00 P.M.	Attending Auto Races: visiting Midway and Agricultural and Commercial Exhibits.
10:30-10:35 A.M.	Presentation of Honorary State Farmer Keys by State President and Officers of Florida Association, F.F.A.		

The following are rules of eligibility for the Future Farmer Livestock Show:

1. Any Future Farmer of Florida in good standing is eligible to enter one (1) animal in each classification, provided all requirements are complied with.
2. This show shall consist of animals from both beef and dairy breeds.
3. All animals entered must be a credit to the breed represented.
4. All animals will meet 1954 Florida State Fair Dairy and Beef Show health requirements, and certificates are to be furnished the Superintendent, or his representative, as evidence when animals arrive at the State Fair Grounds.
5. Every FFA entry is to receive a premium.
6. Not more than seventy-five animals in all classifications may be entered in this show each week.
7. Premiums will be paid through fourth (4th) place, plus additional compensation for each entry.
8. A project record book completed to date must be submitted with entry.
9. Animals must have been owned at least ninety (90) days by exhibitor before entering in show.
10. First and second place winners in each class may enter open competition.



At the Suwannee River show at Fanning Springs, top: Trenton FFA's champion Hereford bull with Aubrey Deen; bottom, Grady Colson, with champion female.



Many FFA Members Participate In Local Florida Livestock Shows

North Florida Fair at Tallahassee

TOP FFA boar was exhibited by Jimmy Register and Elton Taylor, also of Graceville, showed the top FFA sow.

In the dairy division, Ernest Sellers of Tallahassee had the champion Jersey and Bobby Ray Durden of Havana won the reserve championship.

Winners, in order in which they placed, by classes, were as follows:

FFA Breeder swine—Blues to: Jimmy Register, Graceville (grand champion boar junior champion boar); Elton Taylor, Graceville (grand champion sow junior champion sow); Register (reserve grand champion sow, senior champion sow); Graceville FFA Chapter (reserve grand champion boar, senior champion boar); Charles Blair, Jennings; Clifton Collins, Graceville; Robert Collins, Graceville; Pinetta FFA; Alton Blair, Jennings; Wayne Sullivan, Jasper; John Allen Scaff, Jennings; Billy Young, Jasper; Billy Joe Miles, Graceville; Payton Bembry, Jasper; Graceville FFA; Graceville FFA; Graceville FFA; Jennings FFA; Reds to: Carl Barber, Havana; James Fowler, Graceville; Early Gene Russell, Vernon; Lester Scaff, Jasper; Clayton Jones, Jasper; Donald Hammock, Vernon; John Fort, Graceville; Billy Blair, Jennings; Lester Scaff; Lester Scaff; Whites to: Jack Leonard, Havana; Lester Scaff; Lester Scaff; Franklin Smith, Jasper; Jasper FFA; Billy Joe Miles; Horace Royals, Jasper.

Suwannee River Tri-County Show—Fanning Springs

KEENEST COMPETITION was in the Hereford division with RHR True Domino 49th, exhibited by the Trenton FFA Chapter being selected as the champion of the breed. Champion Hereford female, also shown by the Trenton FFA Chapter, was AHF Baca Dominetta 4th.

Reserve champion Angus bull was shown by Thomas Corbin, Trenton FFA Chapter.

Champion milking Shorthorn female, Celia Premier, was shown by David Hipp, Trenton FFA member.

Snow Queen, shown by Williston FFA member Sammy Broady, was champion Brahman female, and reserve champion was shown by Emory Roberts, Bell FFA member.

FFA winners of blue ribbons, listed in order by classes, were as follows:

Brahman females one to two years—Broady;
Brahman females over two years—Emory Roberts, Bell;
Hereford bulls one to two—Trenton FFA Chapter; Frank Colson, Trenton;
Hereford heifers one to two years—Trenton Chapter (two);
Angus bulls over two years—Thomas Corbin;
Milking Shorthorn heifers under one year—David Hipp (two);
Milking Shorthorn cows over two years—Hipp;
Grade Angus females under one year—Brooks Bailey, Trenton;
Grade Hereford females under one year—Cecil Brock, Trenton; Frank Quincey, Trenton;
Grade Hereford females one to two years—Robert McPherson, Trenton.

Sumter All-Florida Breeders Show—Webster

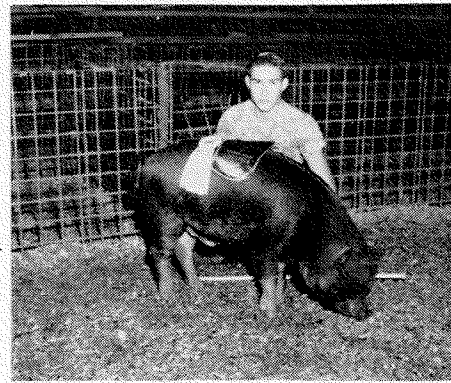
WINNERS in the judging contest listed in order were as follows:

Fort Meade (Joe Davis, J. W. Manley, Johnny Thomas); Kathleen, Anthony, Umatilla, Leesburg; high individuals: Arthur Clayman, Orlando-Edgewater Chapter and Matthew Sullivan, Frost-proof.

At the annual banquet for the Cattle-men, which was under the supervision of the Bushnell FFA Chapter, Herbert Simmons, Adviser, the Alachua and Wildwood Quartets, the Wimauma String Band and Verena Fogel, State FFA Sweetheart furnished the entertainment. Eugene Mixon, State President, appeared on the program and Mr. H. E. Wood, State FFA Adviser was Master of Ceremonies.



Shown above is the FFA champion Duroc sow pictured with, left to right, Owner Jimmy Register, Central of Georgia Railroad Livestock Specialist Jones Purcell, who judged the show, and Register's FFA adviser Guyton Williams, Graceville.



Franklin D. Smith with the Jasper FFA Chapter's FFA champion, a Duroc.

Swine Show Held at Live Oak

THE RESERVE grand champion and FFA champion barrow of the show was a duroc shown by the Jasper FFA Chapter.

Billy Gamble of Live Oak (Suwannee Chapter), showed the FFA reserve champion barrow and also the champion FFA pen of three, while Wallace Bembry of Jasper was the owner of the FFA reserve champion pen of three.

Winners, by classes, were as follows:

FFA Lightweights—Jasper FFA Chapter (reserve grand champion, FFA champion); Millard Guild, Live Oak; Michael Scott, Live Oak; Wendell Boatright, Live Oak;

FFA Middleweights—Billy Gamble, Live Oak (FFA reserve champion); Billy Gamble; Scott; Robert Brannon, Live Oak; Brannon; Harry Mosley, Live Oak;

FFA Heavyweights—Robert Barnett, O'Brien; Hugh Lee, Lake City; Barnett; Brannon;

FFA Lightweight Pens of Three—Wallace Bembry, Jasper (FFA reserve champion); Hubert Gamble, Live Oak; Scott; Brannon;

FFA Heavyweight Pens of Three—Billy Gamble (FFA champion); Barnett; Brannon.

Hubert Gamble of Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak won top honors in the FFA showmanship contest and was followed by Horace Royals, Robert Brannon, Billy Gamble and Bobby Mills.

Top FFA judging team was the Suwannee Chapter, composed of Billy Gamble, Hubert Gamble, and Robert Brannon. Other teams, in order, were Jasper, White Springs, Jennings, and Williams at Live Oak. Top individual was Hubert Gamble.

Many Entries at Plant City

ONE OF the highlights of the fair was the showmanship contest which saw young Freddie McCullers of Plant City coming out in first place. Second place went to Keith Simmons of Turkey Creek and Gerald Hooker of Plant City followed next in order.

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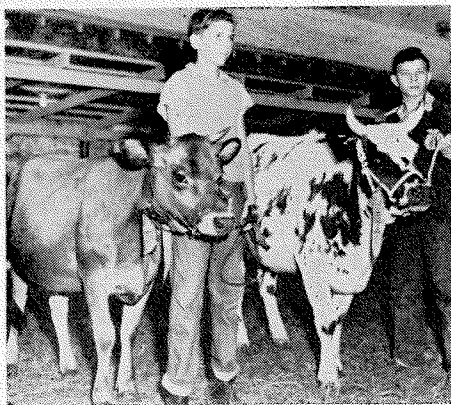
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Dairy winners at the Hillsborough Junior Agriculture Show are pictured above: Tommy Townsend, Wimauma FFA, with grand champion Jersey heifer, left, and John Griffin, Plant City FFA, with Ayrshire heifer which won showmanship contest.

A team from the Turkey Creek FFA Chapter won first place for judging dairy cows in the FFA contest. Members of the team were Ronald Wetherington, Olin Shepherd and Keith Simmons. Second place went to Brandon, third to Pinecrest, and fourth to Hillsborough.

In the FFA beef judging competition, Plant City was first with a team composed of Charles Simmons, Paul Wilder, and Gerald Hooker. Following, in order, were Turkey Creek, Warren Allen, and Tomlin Junior High.

In the FFA tractor driving contest, Glen Summers, Franklin FFA Chapter won top honors. Leroy Turner, Brandon and Carroll Sink, Turkey Creek, taking 2nd and 3rd.

FFA Livestock winners, listed by classes, in the order in which they placed, were as follows:

Hereford bulls—Turkey Creek; Wimauma; Brandon;

Angus Heifers—Turkey Creek; Plant City FFA; Plant City FFA;

Angus bulls—Ronald Wetherington, Turkey Creek; Jerry Clemons, Brandon;

Brangus bulls—Jimmy Mays, Plant City;

Shorthorns—Gerald Hooker;

Brahmans—Olin Sheppard;

FFA Jerseys—Wimauma (grand champion); Tomlin Junior High; Benjamin Junior High;

Ayrshires—Tony Fernandez, Brandon; John Griffin, Plant City;

FFA Guernseys—John Aldmend, Turkey Creek; Jimmy Heldon;

Brown Swiss—Ted Carey, Brandon; Fred Leitner;

Holsteins—Ronald Fertic;

Many top exhibit booths at the fair were made by the different Chapters (Plant City, Plant City Tomlin, Pinecrest, Wimauma, Turkey Creek, Brandon, Tampa, Hillsborough and Franklin) in Hillsborough County.

Nassau Fair at Callahan

Tops in the FFA livestock judging contest was the Hilliard team composed of Bert Geiger, Vernon Duce, and William Hodges. Following in order were: another team from Hilliard and Baldwin.

In the FFA tractor driving contest, Ronnie Davis, Callahan Chapter, and Bert Geiger, Hilliard Chapter, placed first and second, respectively.

The Hilliard FFA Chapter Hereford bull and grand Brahman heifer shown by John Claxton, Callahan, were award winners.

Third Junior Show at Ocala

Buddy Frazee, Ocala Chapter, showed the FFA Champion 170 pound barrow which was bought by the Florida National Bank of Ocala for \$59.50.

Summerfield FFA Chapter Sears Roebuck Hereford Bull was selected as the champion in the FFA division and a grade Hereford heifer shown by Rodney Buchalla, Summerfield, was the female champion.

The best FFA dairy heifer was a Jersey shown by Elwood Marsh of Anthony.

Austin Tilton, Palatka Chapter, won the beef cattle showmanship.

FFA blue ribbon winners in the swine show were as follows:

Light barrows—Buddy Frazee, Ocala, FFA champion barrow;

Heavy barrows—Frazee;

Junior sow pigs—Wilfred Carrier, Reddick, FFA reserve champion sow;

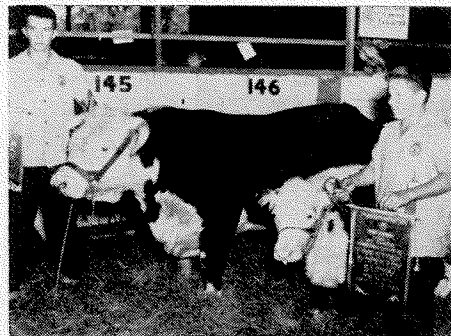
Senior sow pig—Frazee, FFA champion sow;

FFA blue ribbon winners in the beef cattle show were as follows:

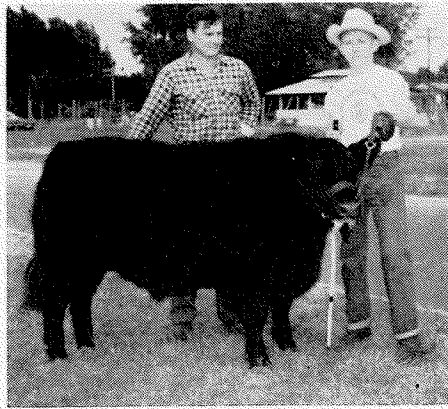
Heifer calves—Rodney Buchalla, Summerfield, FFA champion Hereford;

Yearling heifers—Woody Tilton, Palatka;

Beef showmanship winners, in order, were: Austin Tilton, Palatka; David Graff and Rodney Buchalla, both of Summerfield.



FFA competition in the beef division of the Ocala Area Junior Livestock and Poultry Show. Photo above shows Rodney Buchalla, left, with top FFA bull owned by Summerfield FFA Chapter, and Reggie McWhite, holding Buchalla's champion FFA heifer.



Grand Champion steer at the Polk County Youth Fair was the Angus (bred by Walter Williams of Lakeland) photographed above with Kathleen Vocational Agriculture Instructor Bruce Howell and Owner Steve Sutton.

Polk County Youth Fair at Bartow Well Attended

WITH A large number of youthful exhibitors on hand, and many quality animals being shown young Steve Sutton, Kathleen FFA member, won the highly-coveted steer championship with his medium weight Aberdeen-Angus entry.

The steer was bred by Walter Williams, owner of Lakeview Farm at Lakeland, and the purchase of the animal for Sutton was sponsored by the Florida Aberdeen-Angus Association, according to Williams.

Sutton won some extra glory for himself by winning the British beef breeds grooming award, while Harry Hammond, Winter Haven FFA member, won the Brahman grooming top prize; with Billy Stuart, Bartow, placing second. He scored another second in the beef showmanship.

Herefords

Registered junior heifer calves—Blues to: Dudley Putnam, Bartow FFA; Morris Lunn, Fort Meade FFA;

Registered junior yearling bulls—Blue to: J. W. Manley, Fort Meade FFA;

Registered senior yearling bulls—Blue to: Carl Alderman, Kathleen FFA;

Grade senior yearling heifers—Blue to: Joe Davis, Fort Meade FFA;

Angus

Registered junior heifer calves—Blue to: Bill Griffin, Bartow FFA;

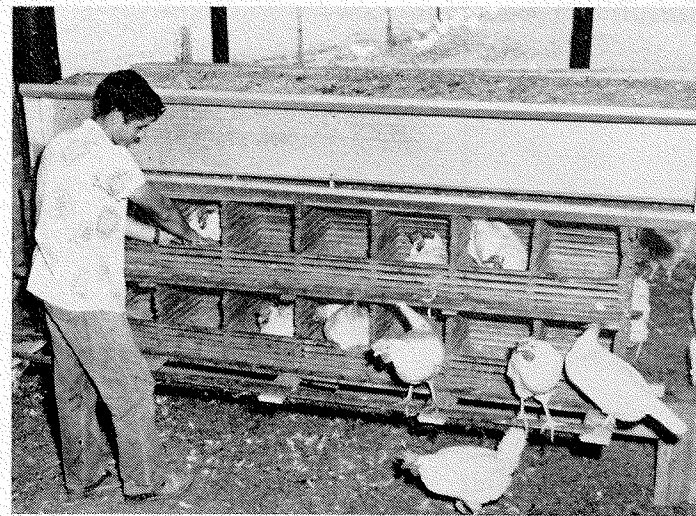
Brahmans

Registered junior heifer calves—Blue to: Bill Stuart, Bartow FFA; Harry Hammond, Winter Haven FFA;

Registered two year old cows—Blue to: Bill Stuart;

Registered junior bull calves—Blues to: Bill Stuart; Harry Hammond; Harrison Thornhill; Winter Haven FFA.

Registered junior yearling bulls—Blue to: Harry Hammond;



Phillip Gonzales, outstanding Alachua FFA Chapter member, shown at left gathering eggs from some of his 2000 laying hens and, at right, feeding grain to a flock of his young pullets.



Steers

Middleweights (701 pounds through 999 lbs)—Blues to: Morris Lunn, Fort Meade FFA; Morris Lunn; Steven Sutton, Kathleen FFA; Earl Thompson, Fort Meade FFA;

Lightweights (1000 lbs. and up)—Blues to: Ralph Durrance, Fort Meade FFA; Winifred McMillan, Fort Meade FFA;

Dairy Cattle

Registered Jersey junior heifer calves—Harry Griffin, Bartow FFA;

Registered Jersey aged cows—Gerald Cochran, Bartow FFA;

Registered Jersey bull calves—Griffin; Grade Jersey junior yearling heifer calves—Bill Griffin, Bartow FFA;

Registered Guernsey senior heifer calves—Hugh Davis, Fort Meade FFA;

Grade Guernsey senior heifer calves—Bill Griffin;

Grade Holstein aged cows—Harry Griffin.

The Fort Meade team came out on top in the FFA beef judging contest with a score of 764, followed by Frostproof, Kathleen, Bartow, and Winter Haven. High-scoring individual was Joe Davis of Fort Meade with a score of 259.

In the FFA dairy judging contest, the Frostproof representatives won top honors with a score of 612, followed by Winter Haven, Auburndale, Kathleen, Fort Meade, in that order. Top individual was Charles Brogden; of Bartow with a score of 229.

Editorial

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a freshman Congressman to speak up for the FFA here in Congress. I shall continue to serve this great organization because I am convinced that it makes better citizens of tomorrow—Citizens who will not only make greater profits because of improved farming practices, but citizens who will also recognize the larger responsibilities to the America that we all love.

Investment in Poultry Proven to be Profitable Project in Alachua

In 1950, Phillip Gonzales, Sr. of Route 1, Alachua, made an investment in the future which has since proved to be as safe and as profitable an investment as he could have made. His investment was a loan of \$900 to his son Phillip, Jr. who used the money to set up the projects for his agriculture course at Alachua High School.

Phillip bought six hundred white leghorns with the money and with the help

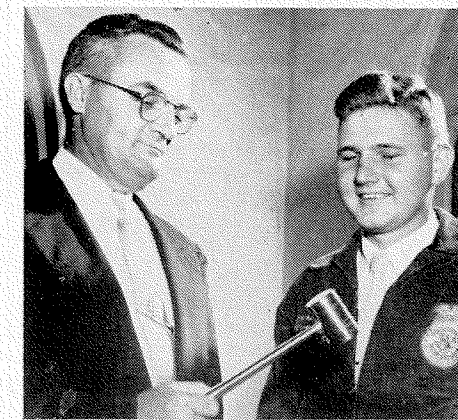
of his Dad built all of the buildings and equipment that he would need to care for his birds. Along with the chickens, Phillip also planted two acres of corn as part of his project. With the guidance and help of his father and Mr. Louis Leigh, his Agriculture Teacher, Phillip was able to increase his project by the next year to one thousand laying hens, ten acres of improved pasture, two Angus cows. During 1953 Phillip has increased his number of laying hens to two thousand and has three Angus cows. He has thirty acres of improved pasture and fifteen acres of corn.

Phillip paid back the loan from his father as soon as he could and then began to use his profits to increase and improve his stock and equipment. He has found his 80% production profitable enough to have bought himself a new car and is now making plans to expand his beef herd.

Phillip has been an outstanding FFA member for two years, serving as chairman of various groups and this summer he plans to apply for his State Farmer Degree. He has helped remodel his house and done much to improve the farm grounds on his family's farm. Not all of Phillip's work is in the agricultural line. He works hard in school because he realizes the value of good education to him not only as a Future Farmer of America, but also as a citizen.

Putnam Fair, Palatka

IN THE youth division, FFA member Tommy Motes of Palatka showed his Hereford bull, Echo, to the youth Hereford championship.



At the Annual Meeting of the Florida Chain Store Council at Wakulla Springs, Mr. Austin Davis, President of the Council, presented a special silver gavel to Eugene Nixon State President, for the Florida Association, FFA in honor of their 25th Anniversary. The Florida FFA presented a special program during the meeting, featuring the Quincy String Band, Hawaiian dances by Verena Fogel, State FFA Sweetheart, and a talk by Eugene Nixon, State FFA President on achievements of the Florida Association, FFA during the past year, and how the Florida Chain Store Council has contributed to these successes.

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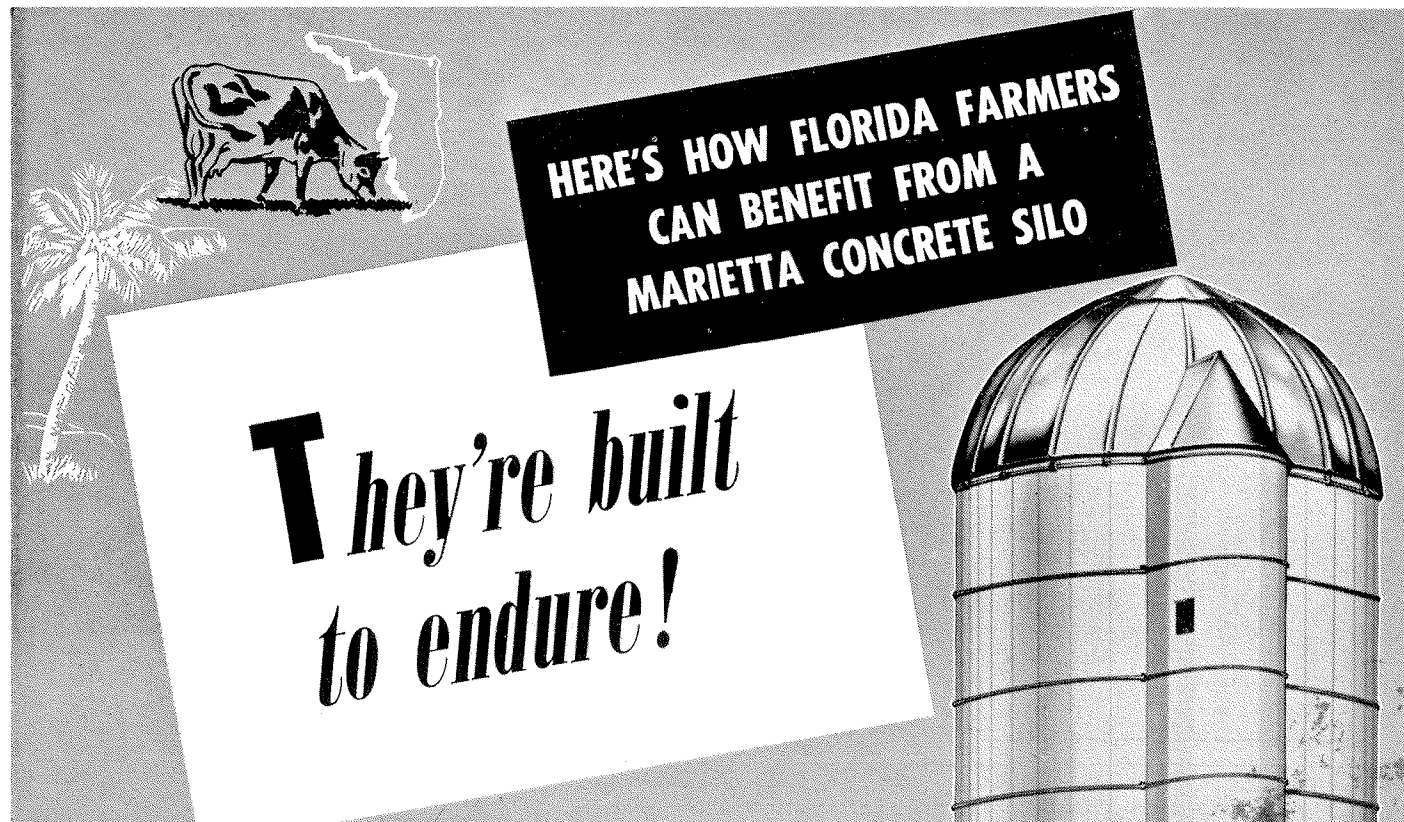
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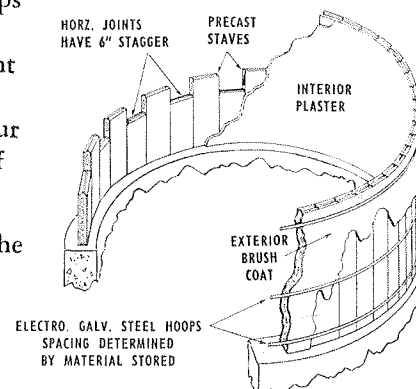


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