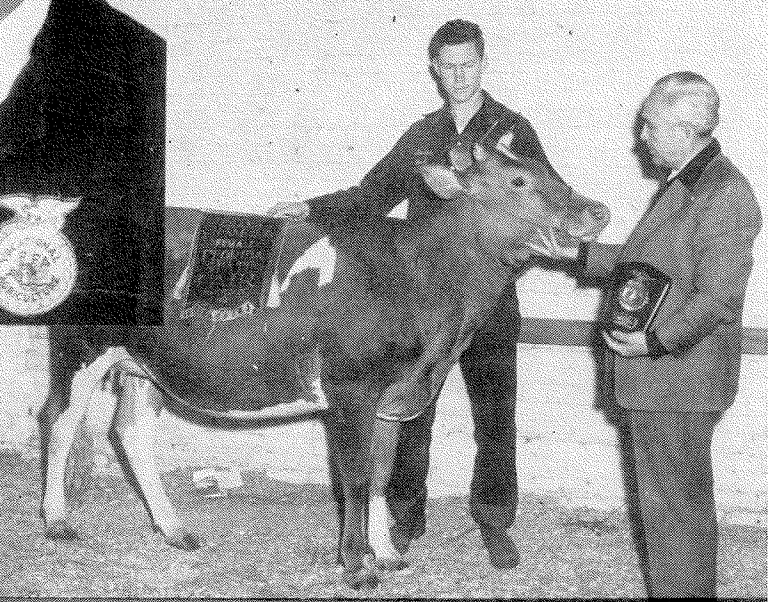
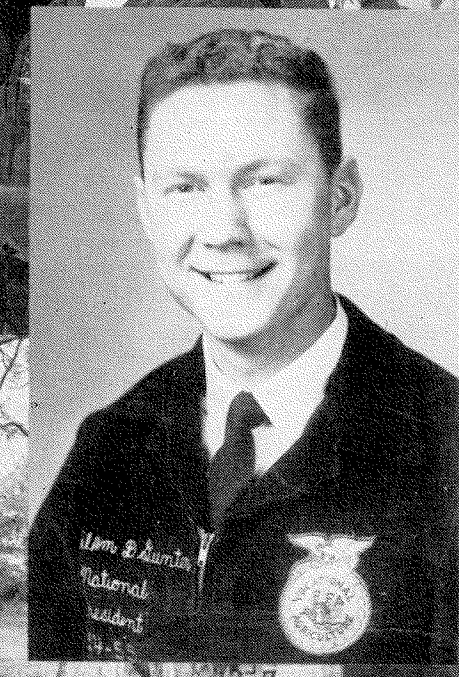
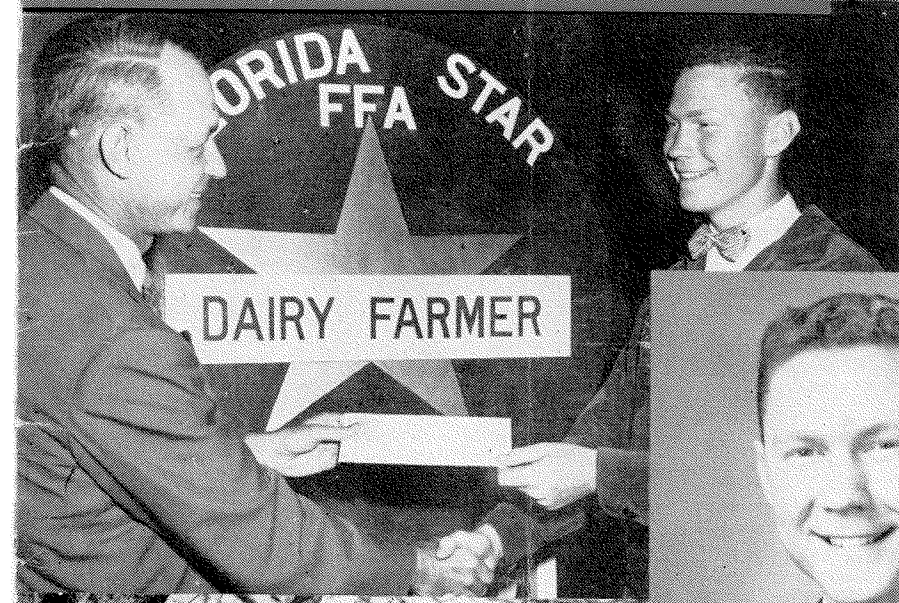


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**Eight Floridians Earn American Farmer Degree
National FFA Convention, Oct. 10-13, Kansas City, Mo.**

Florida Future Farmers of America Delegation to National Convention Headed by President Gunter

LEADING THE Florida delegation to the 28th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, October 10-13, will be Bill Gunter of the Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak, Florida, National FFA President; and H. E. Wood, State Adviser of the Florida Association, FFA, and a member of the National Advisory Board, FFA.

In the 100 piece National FFA Band, Florida will have three members—Fred Leitner of Brandon, Billy Adams of Kathleen, and Kenneth Lucas of Turkey Creek. These boys will stay until Saturday, October 15, since the Band will lead the American Royal parade.

In the 100 voice National FFA Chorus will be Billy Poston of Quincy and Artlee Lowe of Ocala. These boys will remain in Kansas City after the Convention as the Chorus sings during the American Royal Coronation Ball on October 14.

This year, Florida has eight Future Farmers to be recommended for the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree awarded any Future Farmer: Eugene Mixon of Bradenton, Harry Fuqua of Altha, Pete Gindl of Tate at Gonzalez, Mack Eubanks of Greensboro, William Timmons of Quincy, and the following three from Suwannee at Live Oak—Herbert Boatright, Thomas Hurst, Dewayne Lyons.

Official delegates representing the Florida Association, FFA, will be Eugene Mixon of Bradenton, State President for 1953-54, and William "Tucker" Aplin of Paxton, State President for 1955-56. Alternate delegates are the following Vice Presidents of the Florida Association for 1955-56: Jerry E. Smith, Poplar Springs; Richard Kelly, Inverness; Terry Martin, Newberry; Bobby E. Tyre, Blountstown; Danny Cowart, Bushnell; and Kenneth Cooley, Miami-Jackson.

The Eustis FFA Chapter in cooperation with the Lake County FFA Federation, has obtained an exhibit from the Florida Citrus Mutual, that will be on display in the exhibit room of Municipal Auditorium during the Convention.

Chilean Nitrate Leadership award winners to attend are: William "Tucker" Aplin, who will be in the Massing of the State Flags ceremony; Danny Cowart; and Dorian Williamson of Brandon.

The Sarasota Chapter, State winner of the Forestry Award sponsored by the St. Regis Paper Company, will be represented by Jack Strickland, President of the Chapter; W. J. Crowley, Adviser; and Douglas Boudier.

Clifford Dugger, formerly of the Sanderson Chapter which has now been combined with the Macclenny Chapter, State winner of the Forestry contest sponsored by the Seaboard-Airline Railroad Company, with his Adviser, Alan Harvey will

attend and appear on a Sertoma Club program, arranged by R. N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester for SAL Railroad.

The Florida Cattleman Award winner of the Feeder Steer contest, Tom Maxwell of the Quincy Chapter, accompanied by his Chapter Adviser, Grinelle E. Bishop, will attend.

Kenneth Moore of the Alachua Chapter, who won the State and Tri-State Public Speaking Contest, will be attending. He placed third in the regional contest.

Participating in the National FFA Judging contest in Kansas City will be the Wildwood team, who will judge livestock. Members of the team—Robert Alsbrook, Glenn Forester, and Jimmy Williams, with Clark Caruthers as alternate—will be accompanied by their Adviser Edgar W. Tomberlin. The State Department of Agriculture, through Commissioner Nathan Mayo, provided funds to help defray their expenses as well as those of the Dairy Judging Team which will participate in the National Dairy Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. This team, from the Hillsborough Chapter, is made up of Melvin Vernon, Jr., James McElveen, and Jack McClerman, with Joe Russo as alternate, who will be accompanied by their Adviser, Rolland V. Hill.

The Florida Times-Union is defraying the expenses of the Macclenny judging team to the American Royal Livestock Show, which will be held at the same time as the National FFA Convention, in Kansas City. The team is composed of Joe Mattox, Lloyd (Sonny) Register, and Jack Williams, with Billy Raulerson as

alternate accompanied by their Adviser, Alan Harvey. The team will judge Poultry and Meat Products.

The State Champion String Band from Plant City, composed of Dale Miley, Don Futch, Harold Hogue, Buddy Stephens, will play for the Officer-Delegate Luncheon on Monday, October 10, and during the Wednesday morning session, October 12. They will probably also play on Radio and TV Programs.

In the Florida Delegation will be many other members, advisers, parents, and friends. Mr. and Mrs. William D. Gunter, parents of Bill, will be given special recognition during the National Convention when Mr. Gunter will be presented with the Honorary American Farmer Degree and Mrs. Gunter with a Certificate of Merit.

Mr. J. C. Waldron, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Monticello will also receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree, and Honorable Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Florida, has been approved by the National Board of Student Officers to receive the degree.

Speaking at the National FFA Convention will be many prominent men in the United States—Harold E. Stassen, special assistant to President Eisenhower, working on world disarmament, the morning of October 12; Herschel D. Newsom, Master of the National Grange, Tuesday afternoon, October 11; H. Roe Bartle, the new Mayor of Kansas City, Tuesday morning, October 11; A. Z. Baker, President of Rotary International, Thursday morning, October 13.

Call for National Convention

TO MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

By the powers vested in me as National President of the Future Farmers of America, I am issuing a call for all State Associations, the Island of Puerto Rico and the Territory of Hawaii to send delegates to the National Convention which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 10 through 13, 1955.

All chartered State Associations in good standing with the National Organization are entitled to select and send two delegates and two alternate delegates from the active membership, and those candidates nominated for the American Farmer Degree by the National Board of Student Officers and approved by the National Board of Directors, also any members who have reservations in Kansas City, and wish to attend the National Convention.

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

William D. Gunter, Jr.
National President

Box 87, Live Oak, Florida
July 18, 1955

By Way of Editorial Comment:

Success

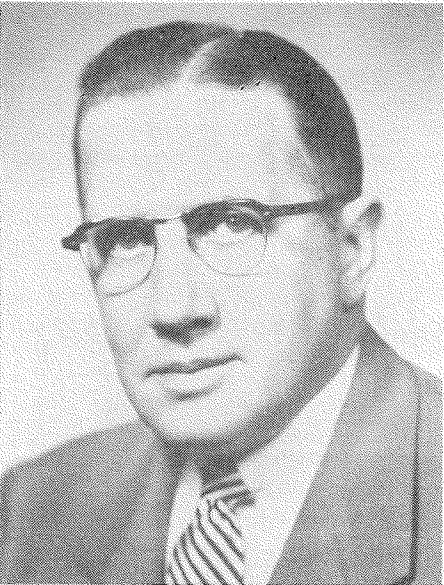
By J. P. O'DONNELL
District Manager, International Harvester Company, Jacksonville

THERE IS NO FUTURE in any job—the FUTURE is in the individual who does the job.

The Future Farmers of America, and especially the Florida Association can be proud of the fact that many of its members are doing a fine job carving out a future for themselves in farming, in industry and in the political field, and following in their footsteps are other members striving to do a better job.

Most every one wants to be a success, but not every one wants to pay the penalty or do the necessary things that make for success. Success is determined not by what we have but what we are. We can have accumulated a fortune, and have the highest position of influence, and still not be a success. On the other hand, we can hold a mediocre job, but in the eyes of the world be the biggest possible success.

Success is made up of many factors, but I believe enthusiasm is probably the greatest asset of a successful individual. Whatever your vocation, be enthusiastic about it and you will overcome all obstacles. Combine faith in yourself with initiative and you will make things happen. Without enthusiasm you will accomplish very little, if anything worth while. The individual who makes things happen couples with enthusiasm the habit of work. Success is brought about not by doing only what is required—but by doing more. Every one of us must realize that if we are to succeed we must give honest return for our pay. Unfortunately, in the world today there are too few people who will do more than is required of them but those few who do, stand head and shoulders above all the others and the finger of success points in their direction.



J. P. O'DONNELL

A successful individual is a useful person and remembers the world owes us a living *only* if we earn it. Capacity never lacks opportunity.

Successful individuals never forget that it takes people to make things happen and that no one travels through this world alone. To quote Thomas Hughes "Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts".

So if you would be successful, be enthusiastic. Put your heart into what you are doing and do it the best you know how. Be fair with all. Merit leads to success.

The Cover

Pictures show a few of the activities of Bill Gunter, Live Oak, Florida, 1954-55 National President of the F.F.A. Upper right shows Bill and his father, Mr. W. D. Gunter, checking registration records; center right Bill is receiving award for his Champion Guernsey Female from Nathan Mayo at the Florida State Fair in 1952; center left he is presented with the Star Dairy Farmer award; lower left shows a few of his young Guernsey heifers and in lower right is shown his Champion Guernsey Female. Mr. B. R. Mills, chapter adviser of the Suwannee F.F.A. holds a plaque presented by the Florida Guernsey Breeders Association.

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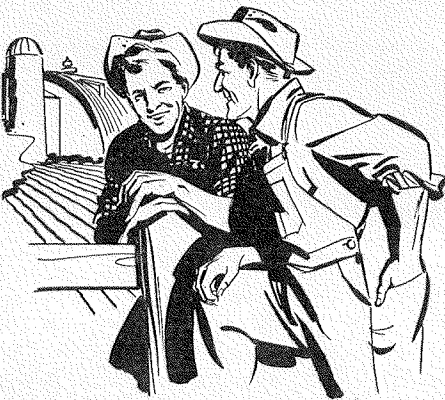
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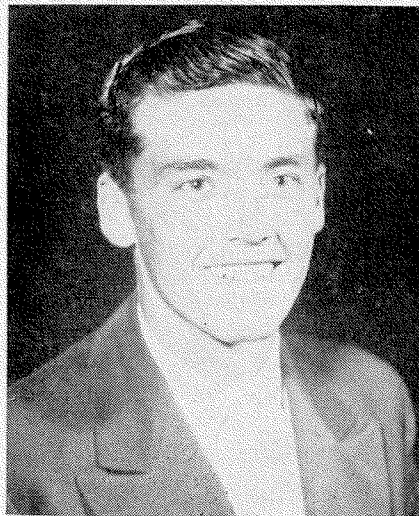
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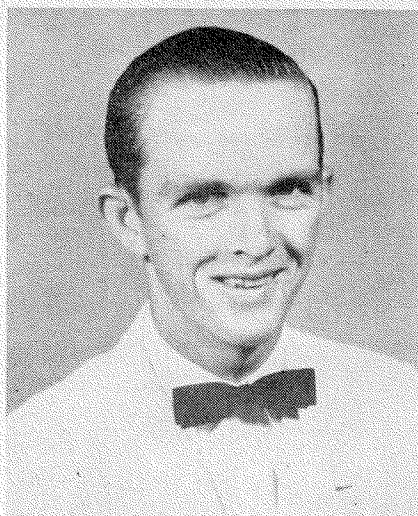
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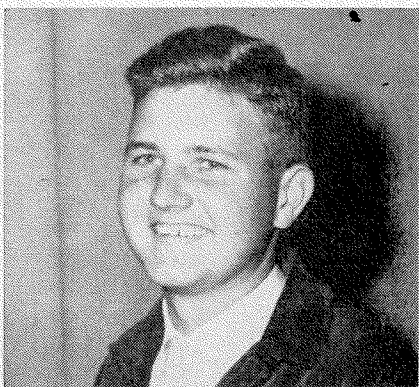


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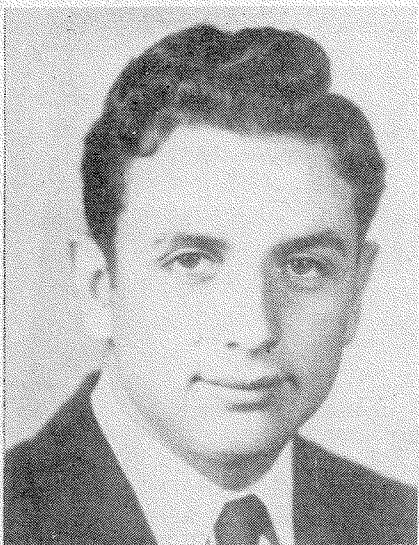


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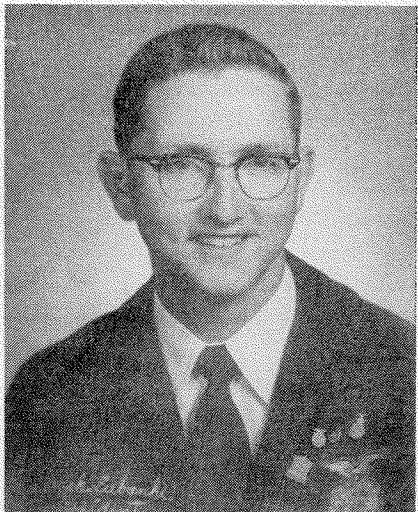
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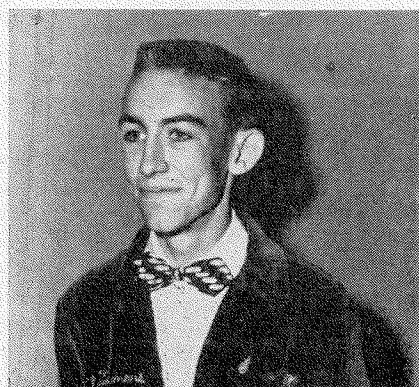
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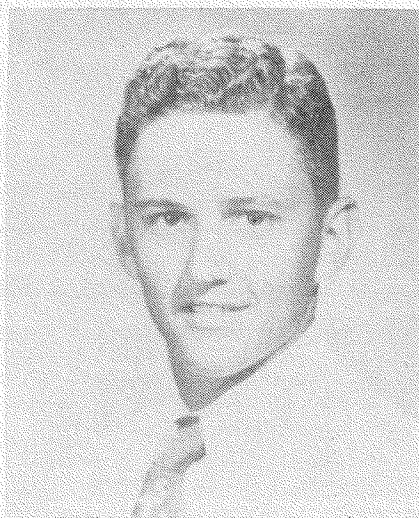
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Eight Floridians are Candidates for

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At FFA National Convention

Herbert Boatright

Suwannee Chapter

HERBERT BEGAN his Vocational Agriculture studies and Future Farmer activities in 1949 as a ninth grade student in Suwannee High School at Live Oak, Florida. He completed four years of Vocational Agriculture and in June of 1953, a short time after graduation, received his State Farmer degree at the State F.F.A. Convention held in Daytona Beach, Florida.

His project program has not varied very much during the past five years. The scope has increased steadily except for tobacco and watermelons. In 1949 he raised seven hogs...he has 51 on hand. In 1949 he planted 3 1/2 acres of crop. His 1955 crop will be 55 acres or more.

During these five years he has planted five acres to demonstrate various types of fertilizer for the Farmers Mutual Exchange Store in Live Oak. Last year, it was planted for the State Experimental Station and the State Extension Service. The results of these demonstrations have been used to show the value of spacing and fertilizing corn. In 1952 he made as much net profit from five acres of corn planted as a demonstration as he did from 10 acres planted under the old method.

Hogs have been his most dependable source of income. Many farmers in that community depend upon tobacco for their income...while it is a good cash crop. He planted a few acres to help in becoming established in farming, and is convinced it is better to make hogs, cattle and feed crops his basic enterprises.

Herbert's leadership program included two chapter offices; V-President in 1953 and Sentinel in 1952; chapter delegate to the National F.F.A. Convention in 1950 and one trip to a State Convention as a visitor. He was a member of the livestock judging team at the State Judging contests held at the State Fair in Tampa during F.F.A. Day. He was selected Star Chapter Farmer of his chapter in 1953 for having the best balanced program of chapter activities. He also served on many committees during these years and took an active part in the Community services and other cooperative activities.

Since early in his school work, he has had complete managerial responsibility for his enterprises. At this time he is farming on the home farm.

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Mack Eubanks

Greensboro Chapter

MACK EUBANKS, a graduate of the Greensboro High School has had the responsibility of the farm since his father died in 1953. Since his start in vocational agriculture as a greenhand in 1949, he has developed a project program which has helped him to become well established in farming. Starting with 1 acre of corn, he increased his project program so that the second year it included 1 acre of corn, 3 sows, 1 acre of sweet potatoes, and 9 head of hogs for meat. Since the year that he received the State Farmer Degree he operated the farm in partnership with his brother-in-law; his program included 50 acres of corn for grain, 6 acres of oats for grain, 3 1/2 acres of Shade Tobacco, 1 dairy cow, and 2 cows for meat, and 100 head of hogs. His present supervised farming program consists of 50 acres of corn and 5 acres of oats for grain, 11 acres of oats for grazing, 90 head of hogs, 3 1/2 acres of shade tobacco, 2 dairy cows and 3 cows for meat.

Mack's Future Farmer activities consisted of being president and secretary of his local chapter, a member of the parliamentary procedure team, livestock judging team, delegate to the State Convention and chairman and member of many committees within the chapter.

In chapter cooperation, he participated in farm tours, community clean-up and beautification, chapter pig chain, growing vegetables and hogs and chapter cooperative projects. He was very active as a class officer and also served as president and vice president of the Beta Club, captain of the basketball team, youth pastor of his church and secretary of his Sunday School Class.

Although Mack is a *Sophomore at Florida State University, he returns home on week-ends, holidays and during the summer to supervise and manage his farming program. Next year, he will enroll at the University of Florida where he plans to major in agriculture.

Harry Fuqua

Altha Chapter

HARRY FUQUA is a graduate of the Altha High School and member of the Altha FFA Chapter. He began studying vocational agriculture in 1950 and as his first project program had 3 dairy heifers, 5 acres of corn, 2 1/2 acres of peanuts and 100 head of poultry for meat. His pro-

gram increased and the year he received his State Farmer Degree it included: 10 acres of corn, 22 head of dairy cows, 2 head of hogs for breeding, 8 head of hogs for meat and 10 acres of soybeans. His present program consists of 15 acres of corn, 15 acres of soybeans, 15 head of dairy cows, 10 head of hogs for meat and 7 dairy heifers.

He has been an outstanding leader in his local chapter serving as President, vice-president and treasurer, has been a member of the parliamentary procedure team, livestock judging team, a member of many committees and a delegate to the State Convention for three years. In 1954, he was the Star Dairy Farmer for Florida.

In chapter cooperation, he participated in growing 4,000 head of broilers, cucumbers, truck crops and in a Farm and Ranch Subscription Campaign for his chapter. He has been a very active member of his school and community as well as his FFA Chapter, having served as class officer for 3 years, President of his Sunday School Class, and Youth Organization of his church, Youth Pastor of his church, was a member of the band, football and basketball teams, business manager of the school annual, and in addition to these activities is a member of the National Guard.

At the present time, Harry is a student at Chipola Junior College in Marianna, living at home so he can assume full responsibility for the operation of his supervised farming program. After completing his two years at Chipola, he will attend the University of Florida where he will major in agriculture.

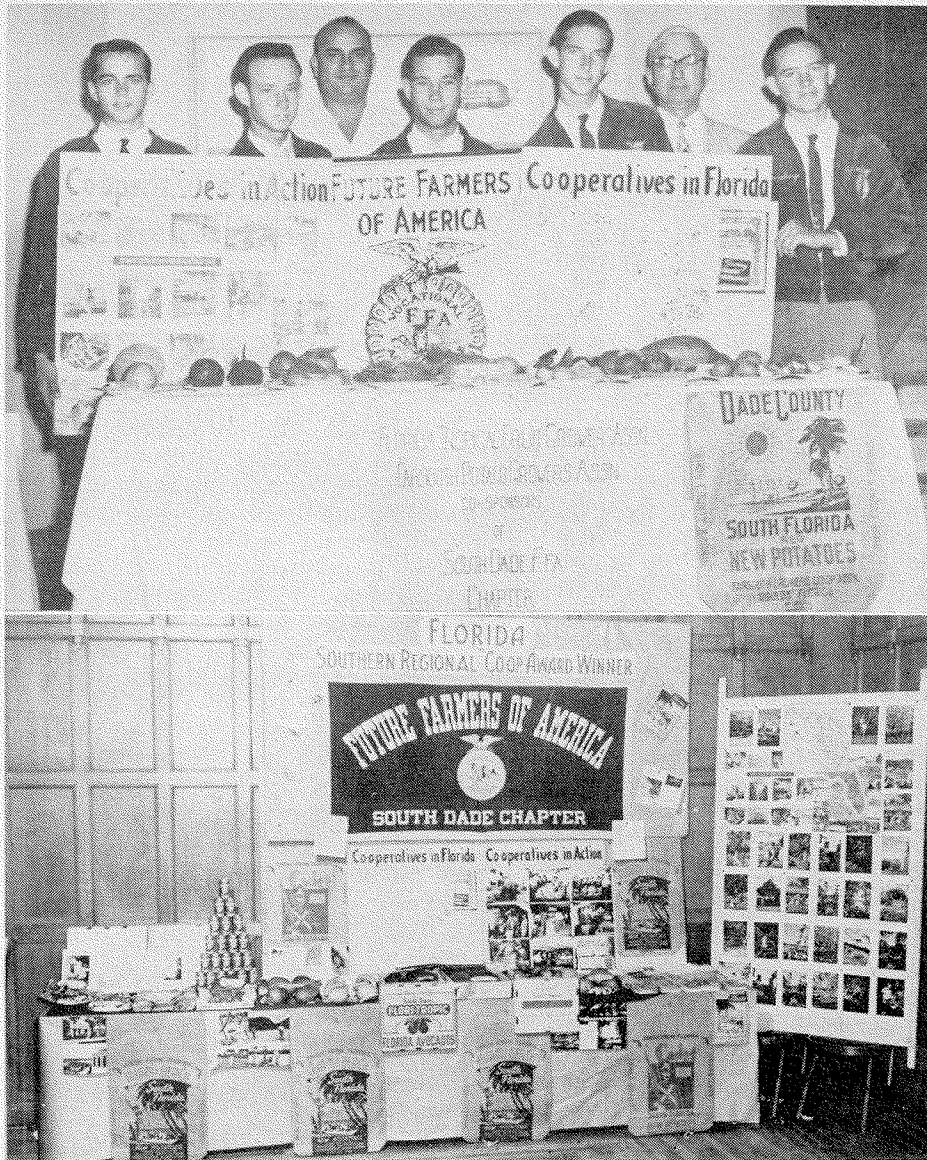
Upon graduation, he plans to return home and farm in partnership with his father and brother, Don.

Pete Gindl

Tate Chapter

PETE GINDL is a graduate of the Tate High School at Gonzalez, and a member of the Tate FFA Chapter. He enrolled in vocational agriculture and the FFA in 1949, and had as his first project a cow for meat. The next year, he greatly increased his program to include 5 acres of corn, 1 cow for meat, and 3 acres of soybeans. In 1953 when he received his State Farmer Degree, his program included 5 head of hogs for meat, 10 acres of corn, 5 head of cows for meat, and 10

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Two pictures of South Dade Chapter FFA. At top is shown from left to right, James Stanford, Donald Brown, Lansing Gordon (Teacher of Vocational Agriculture), David Rutzke, Neal Chambers, Howard McLarraen (AIC Youth Director), and Milton Lounsbury with part of their winning exhibit. • Below is shown the South Dade Chapter's exhibit, winner of the Southern Regional Co-op award.

South Dade Chapter is State Winner and Top Winner in Southern Region In Cooperative Activities

THE SOUTH Dade F.F.A. Chapter, Homestead, Florida, received \$500 from the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives as State winner for chapter cooperative activities, then they were selected as top winner in the Southern Region.

James Stanford, a member of the Chapter, accepted their portion of the \$2000 American Institute of Cooperation Award for outstanding activities, at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, on August 8. Following is the report he gave after the presentation:

"EVERYONE LIKES to claim that there's something a little different about what they have or what they do. It may sound a little like bragging to say that what we have is different, but at least it should add variety and interest because it is different. For example, it may be interesting

to you to know that our South Dade F.F.A. Chapter at Homestead, Florida, about 35 miles south of Miami, is not only the southernmost chapter in Florida, but also the southernmost in the United States. We are a little further south than

the bottom of Texas, so this is one thing on which we can out-brag Texas, and brother, that's going some!

So if I seem to have more southern drawl than any of these other southern boys, and you have difficulty understanding me, just remember that it's because I'm the most southern of any southerner up here. Maybe I shouldn't have mentioned this. Probably some Texas F.F.A. Chapter will start a branch office or something across the line in Mexico about 50 miles south of the border so that they can claim they're the furthest south.

Along the same line, we can claim there's something different about the co-operatives in South Dade County down below Miami. Not only are they located the furthest south of any cooperatives in this country, two of them have names to bring that out. One of our local sponsors is the Farsouth Growers Cooperative Association at Goulds, Florida, and another one that we worked with and sold some of our vegetables through is the Southmost Vegetable Cooperative Association at Florida City.

There is something else a little different about our cooperatives in South Dade. Some of them market certain products for their members which are probably not sold by any other cooperatives in this country. One of our famous sub-tropical products, avacados, is handled in large volume by a famous California Cooperative also, as well as by another of our local sponsors, Tropical Fruit Growers Cooperative Association of Goulds. But we don't believe that limes, mangoes, and lychees which are also handled by Tropical Fruit Growers Co-op are handled in any volume, if at all, by any California Co-op.

Of course, the potatoes, beans, squash, green corn, and other vegetables which are handled by some of our co-ops are sold by co-ops in many states. About the only distinction we can claim in connection with these vegetables is that our co-ops have them for sale at a different time of the year than co-ops in any other part of the country—right in the middle of winter when much of the country is covered with snow, when Texas is trying to irrigate from a river that has run dry, and when California is having those 10-inch dews.

So when you folks get tired of eating canned and frozen vegetables in the middle of winter and select a fresh vegetable for a change from your grocer's vegetable bins, it probably came from one of our vegetable cooperatives. Co-ops sell a sizable proportion of the vegetables produced in South Florida, about 40 percent according to specialists at our Ag. College.

I know that you are interested in how

our chapter participated in this cooperative contest. I would like to give you a brief summary of our activities. During the past year our chapter received a total of 188 hours of instruction on cooperatives and other organizations affecting farmers. We spent another 72 hours on field trips and 56 hours on demonstrations in connection with our projects. From our 12 chapter projects, we sold about \$2700 worth of products through our chapter co-op, and \$11,000 was realized on sales through farmers' co-ops. Some \$4000 worth of farm supply items were bought through our chapter co-op. We visited 20 cooperatives and other business serving farmers, many of them two or three times, and attended seven farm organization meetings, devoting an estimated 3500 member-hours to these tours and meetings. We worked with farm, school, and community organizations on another 75 projects devoting more than 4000 additional member-hours of work to these.

Our Chapter was also fortunate in being close to a number of good marketing co-ops in Dade County and we worked very closely with them. We are proud of our accomplishments. I wish that I had the time to tell you about the different types of cooperatives in our area, but they are all represented in the membership of our Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives. However, I want to thank that organization now, as well as the American Institute of Cooperation and the local Co-ops who sponsored our chapter in this Cooperative Awards Program for making this trip possible for those of us from the South Dade Chapter.

Florida FFA Represented at Leadership Training Camp

THE FUTURE Farmers of Florida were again represented at Camp Miniwanca, a Leadership Training Camp sponsored by The American Youth Foundation at Shelby, Michigan, overlooking Lake Michigan. Emory Weatherley, past state fifth vice president, and Eugene Mixon, past state president, were the two official delegates to the camp with Mr. M. G. Revell, Vocational Agriculture instructor from Hilliard, Florida, attending as the adult leaders.

It is a leadership training camp for boys selected to represent the various youth organizations from both the United States and foreign countries.

The camp is based on balanced four-fold living which includes the social, mental, religious, and physical aspects of one's life. While at the camp the boys practice this four-fold living by having classes on religion, vocational guidance, sports, social hygiene, and others pertaining to problems of boys from 16-21.

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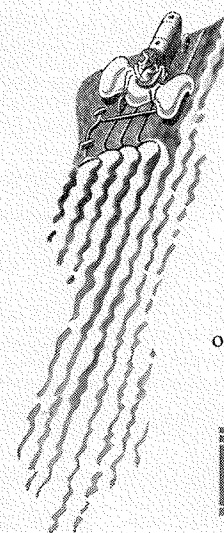
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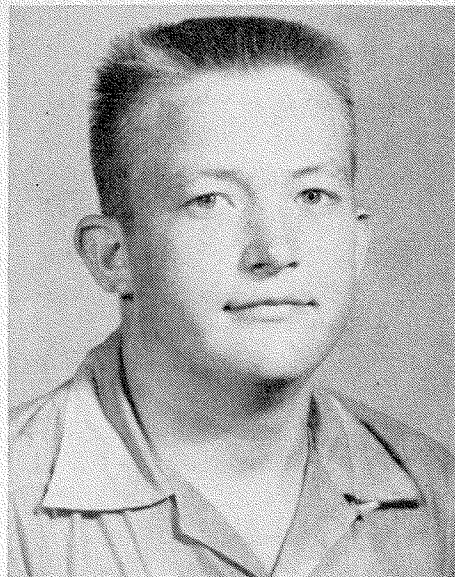
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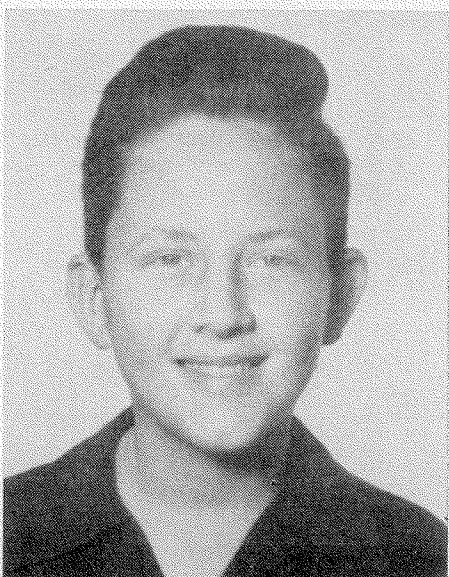


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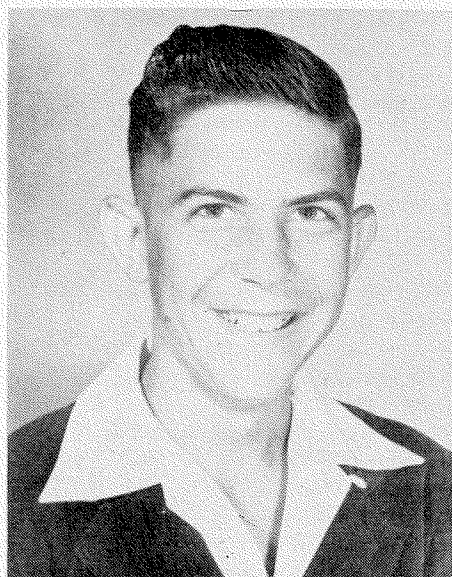


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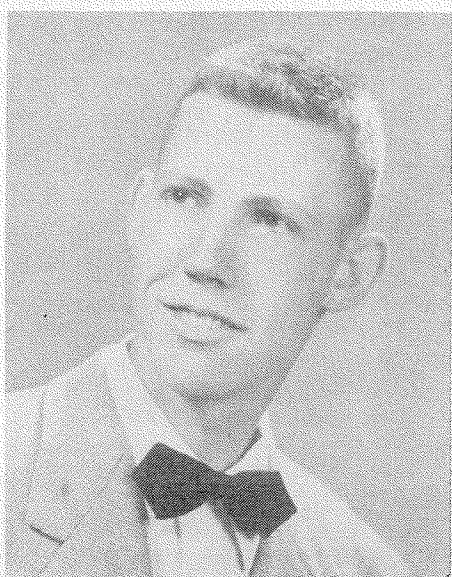
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National Band and National Chorus Florida's Five Members of the FFA

Billy Adams National Chorus

BILLY ADAMS of the Kathleen High School will be one of the National Band members from Florida at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City during October, 1955.

Billy, who is a sophomore in high school carried as a project program for his first year in vocational agriculture, 10 dairy heifers, 5 calves for veal, and 100 ornamental plants. Along with this, he has had a great variation of improvement projects, and supplementary farm jobs.

Fred Leitner National Chorus

FRED LEITNER, a senior in the Brandon High School and an active member of the FFA Chapter for over 3 years will be one of the Florida boys playing in the National Band at the National Convention in October, 1955. Last year he was drum major in the High School Band and plays the tenor and alto saxophone. His activities in the school and community keep him busy. He serves as secretary of the Hillsborough County FFA Federation, chapter reporter and vice-president of his local chapter, Vice-President of the Key Club and a member of the Church orchestra.

He has been an active exhibitor of poultry, rabbits, plants and swine in the Junior Agriculture Fair in Plant City and the Florida State Fair in Tampa. His first year in ag he had 1 acre of broccoli, 1 dairy heifer and 800 laying hens in partnership with his father. Since that time, his project program has grown to include 6 head of hogs for meat, 2 steers, 1 dairy heifer, 500 ornamentals, rabbits for meat and 5 acres of pasture.

Artilee Lowe National Chorus

ARTILEE LOWE, 9th grade student in the Ocala High School and a member of the Ocala FFA Chapter is one of the two boys selected from Florida to sing in the National FFA Chorus at the National Convention in October, 1955. He has been an active member for two years taking part in the FFA Quartet, Parliamentary Procedure, String Band, Softball, and Public Speaking Contests. He was county winner of the Farm Mechanics Award, Chapter reporter and alternate delegate to the State FFA Convention last year. He was in the Junior High

School Glee Club for three years and had a leading part in the school opera.

Artie has a great responsibility in helping operate the family farm since his father died 8 years ago. His project program consisted of a beef calf, rabbits for meat, laying hens and a Dairy heifer, for the first year, and increased to include a milk cow, 5 acres of improved pasture, poultry for meat and 1 acre of pine seedlings.

Kenneth Lucas National Chorus

KENNETH LUCAS of the Turkey Creek High School is one of the 3 boys that will be attending the National Convention as a member of the National Band from Florida. He has been a very active member and a leader in his high school band under the direction of Hugo Roberty. Kenneth is an active member of the Turkey Creek FFA Chapter, has helped in preparing booths for the Strawberry Festival and the Agriculture Fair in Plant City. He has been a member of the livestock judging team, quartet and attended the State FFA Convention as a representative.

His project program, which was started in 1952-53 included 3 dairy cows, 1 acre of broccoli for which he won several prizes, and brought him a total of \$700 profit. The next year his program included 1 acre of strawberries, carried along with his dairy cattle. This past year, he had 1 1/2 acres of peas, 3/4 acre of Irish potatoes and 8 acres of fruit which included grapefruit and a variety of oranges.

Billy Poston National Chorus

BILLY POSTON, 10th grade student in the Quincy High School and a member of the Quincy FFA Chapter for the past two years will be one of the two boys from Florida to sing in the National FFA Chorus at the National FFA Convention in October, 1955. Billy has been a very active member of the chapter, community and Church activities. He is soloist in the Senior High School Glee Club and has been a member of the Church Chior for 6 years. In the FFA he served as secretary of the chapter, member of the quartet, string band, livestock judging team, and represented his chapter at the State and National Conventions.

Billy's project program which began in the 8th grade with 11 hogs for meat, 1 dairy cow, 2 beef animals, 5 acres of

corn and grain; has increased, and last year included 12 hogs for meat, 2 for breeding, 20 acres of corn, 2 acres of sweet potatoes, 200 pullets, still carrying his animals for milking and beef.

Goals that Billy has set up for himself are the State and American Farmer Degrees and establishing himself in farming.

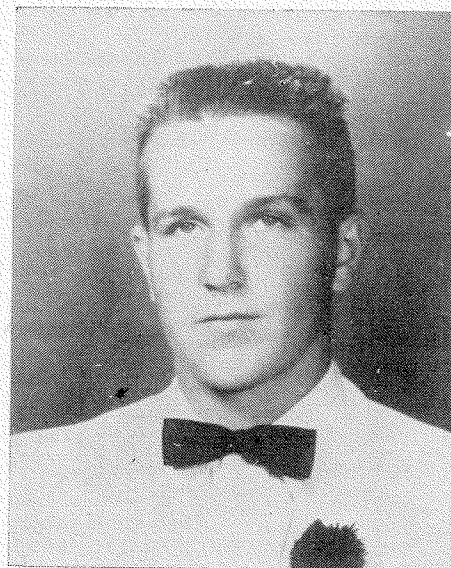
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Webster Member FFA Wins 1955 Florida Farm Bureau Scholarship

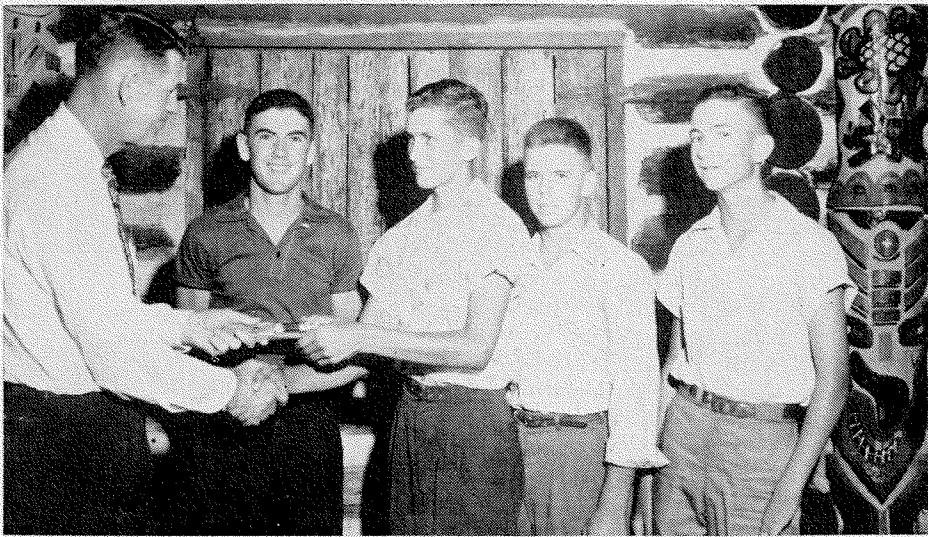
JOHN LOFTEN BROWN, Webster FFA Chapter, and a graduate of the Webster High School was the 1955 winner of the annual Winn-Lovett Florida Farm Bureau College Scholarship which is for \$1,000 to attend college.

He has been an FFA member for 5 years serving as secretary for 2 years and treasurer for 2 years of his local chapter. He was president of his sophomore class, student council, member of the 4-H Club and is considered a good athlete and an excellent leader in school, church, and community activities. John's family has been a member of the Sumter County Farm Bureau since it was organized.

John stated, "I want to go to college so that I can be a better citizen and thereby build a stronger, more progressive community—socially, economically, and spiritually."



John Lofton Brown, Jr., Webster, who won the 1955 Winn-Lovett-Florida Farm Bureau college scholarship for boys. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown, members of Sumter County Farm Bureau. (Courtesy Florida Agriculture)



• First week's outstanding campers: Shown with State Forester C. H. Coulter, who presented the awards, are outstanding campers (left to right) Billy Joe Bush, Campbellton Chapter; Durwood Ray, Walton Chapter; Curtis Hall, Hardee Chapter, and Duane Lanier, Malone Chapter. To each winner, a hunting knife with sheath, and a hearty handshake from Mr. Coulter.

21st Annual Forestry Training Camp Attended by 221 Florida FFA

TWO HUNDRED and twenty-one Florida Future farmers attended the state's twenty-first annual forestry training camp at O'Leno State Park in July.

During the first of two week-long sessions, boys from South and West Florida were on hand. After five days of fun and forestry beside the Santa Fe River, these four FFA members emerged as outstanding campers: Billy Joe Bush, Campbellton Chapter; Durwood Ray, Walton Chapter; Curtis Hall, Hardee Chapter; and Duane Lanier, Malone Chapter. The FFA's own State President William Aplin delivered the main address at the banquet closing the first week's session, and an inspiring talk it was, too, presented in a straightforward manner.

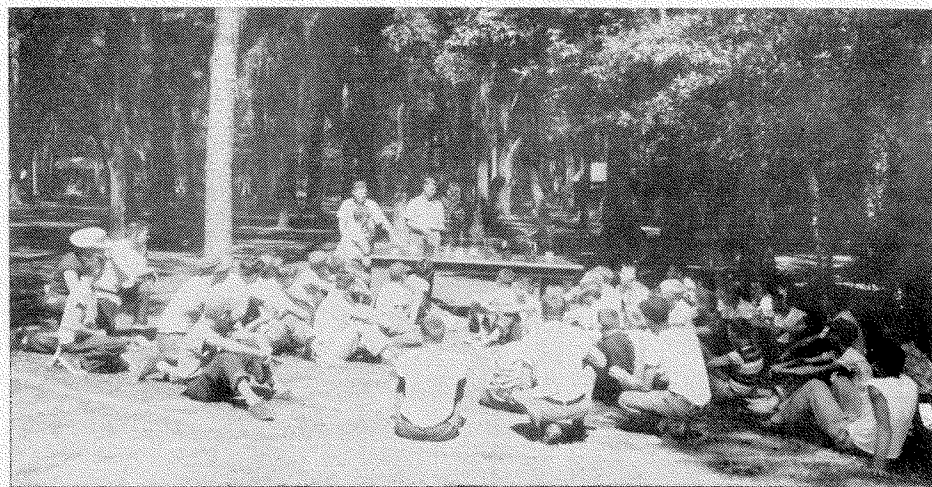
As usual there was a big place for athletics in this year's forestry camp, with perhaps most of the emphasis placed on swimming and softball. The first week's four teams (one from each "Forest", a group of four cabins) were so evenly matched that by Thursday night, they were all tied up with two wins and two losses each. But then playoffs narrowed it down to the Oak and Cypress Forest teams, and then the former took the deciding game.

During the second week, the campers came from Central and Northeast Florida. The best of that bunch (that is, the four outstanding campers selected on the basis of scholastic standing and popularity) are Johnny Brady, Havana Chapter (incidentally, Havana produced two outstanding campers in 1954); David Crapps and Douglas Bryan, Suwannee (Live Oak)

Chapter's two delegates (David is a brother of a 1954 outstanding camper, Claude Crapps, III), and Tommy Bruton, Reddick Chapter.

George B. Williams, vice-president of Turpentine and Rosin Factors, Jacksonville, high-lighted the second week's banquet, speaking to the boys as a former forestry camper (1935) himself.

Wood-using industries finance the camp and it is operated by the Florida Forest Service. The FFS's Information and Education Chief, J. Edwin Moore, is camp director. He, incidentally, was the pleasantly-surprised recipient of an Honorary Degree of State Farmer certificate presented during the first week's



This scene shows the Florida Forest Service's tropical forester, Elbert Schory, presenting his course in Forestry for South Florida. Schory says that tropical forestry could place the production of forest products near the top of that section's economy.

banquet by State President Bill Aplin.

Although the forestry camp is a true "summer camp" complete with all the fun that the term implies, it is also a summer school. Campers spent five and a half hours a day in classes, mostly in-the-woods instruction. The curriculum included tropical forestry, forests and game, and fence post treating—all added this year—and the old standbys of previous years—use of forestry tools, gum farming, tree identification, pine cone collection, farm forestry, forest fire prevention, and forest insects and diseases.

Mr. Moore says, "What we tried to give these boys was a practical knowledge of sound forest management; they were by no means foresters after their week here, but they are equipped to do a realistic job of conserving one of Florida's great natural resources."

The professional foresters who taught the boys, in addition to Florida Forest Service personnel, were, first week, Professor P. W. Frazer, University of Florida School of Forestry, and Jim Spiers, Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association; and second week, Professor Frazer and Bob Harling, International Paper Company.

And these Vocational Agriculture teachers contributed a week of their time to help out with the camp: first week, Richard L. Heath, Kathleen High School; Wade B. Shivers, Moore Haven High School; and William B. Oelslager, Franklin Junior High School, and second week, Dave Gay, Frink High School and Carr Junior High School.

Alton Blair Wins Four-Year Forestry Scholarship

ALTON BLAIR of the Jennings Chapter F.F.A. won the Gair Woodland's Corporation's \$2,000.00 4-year Forestry Scholarship for 1955 to the Forestry School at the University of Florida.

Alton was selected as outstanding from among a total of eleven candidates from the counties of Hamilton, Nassau, Baker, Columbia, and Suwannee in which Gair Woodlands operates.

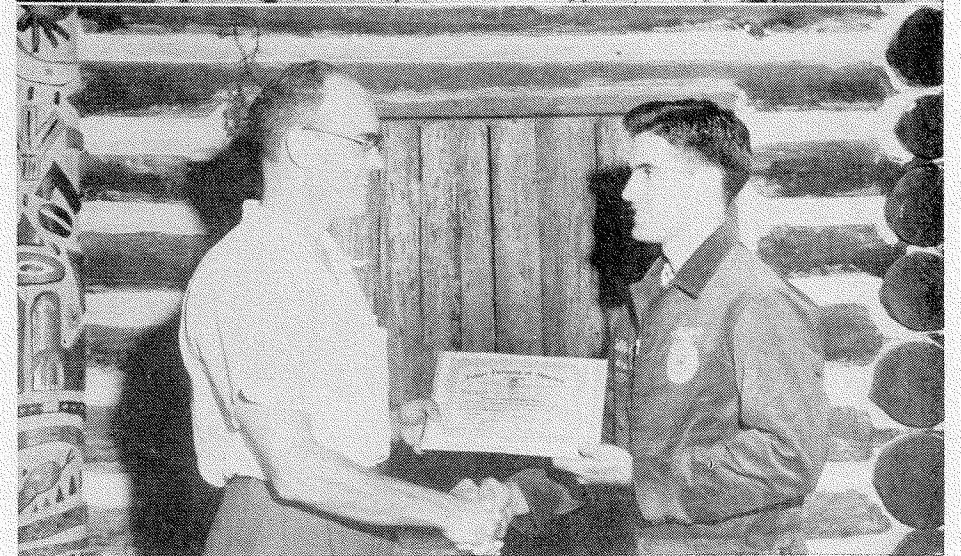
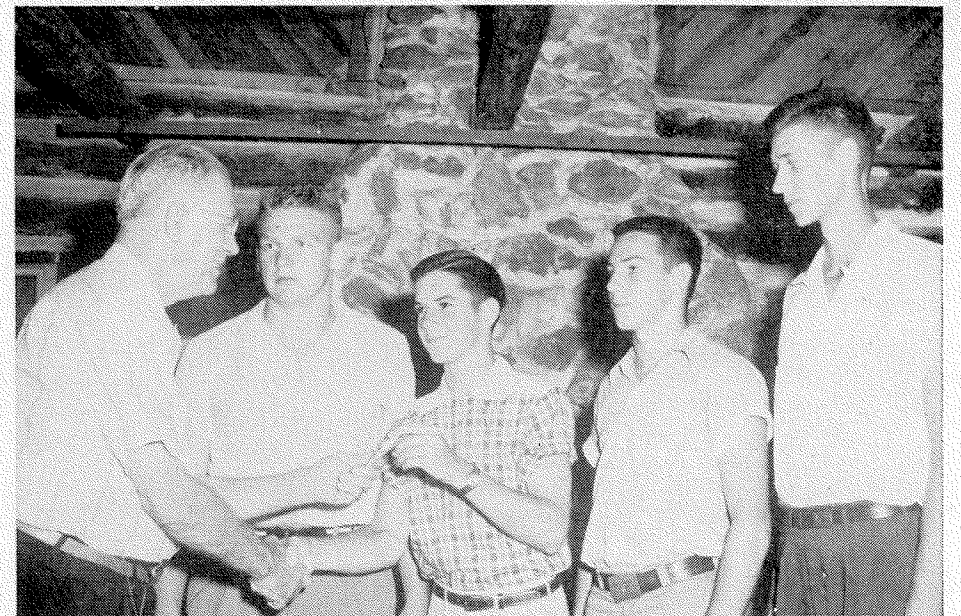
The candidates were judged on leadership ability, extracurricular activities in the field of forestry, scholarship achievement records, and personality traits.

Alton has been very active in Future Farmers work, having attended the State Convention twice, receiving his State Farmer's Degree and serving his local chapter as Vice-President and President.

Valuable Good Will Tour Made by Florida Association Officers

A GOOD-WILL tour of several industries in Jacksonville was arranged by the Florida Chain Store Council and conducted by their Managing Director, Mr. James E. Gorman. The group was made up of Bill Gunter of Suwannee Chapter at Live Oak, who is National President; the 1955-56 State Officers; William "Tucker" Aplin, of Paxton, President; and Vice-Presidents: Jerry E. Smith of Poplar Springs, Richard Kelly of Inverness, Terry Martin of Newberry, Bobby E. Tyre of Blountstown, Danny Cowart of Bushnell, Kenneth Cooley of Miami; Mr. H. E. Wood, state adviser; the Executive Secretary of the Florida Association, A. R. Cox; and two Chapter Advisers who are serving as members of the State Advisory Committee—Nat Storms of Brandon and Marion Bishop of Newberry.

These representatives of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, were the guests of the Florida Times-Union for a dinner Sunday evening, at the Roosevelt Hotel and the Greater Jacksonville Fair Association for breakfast on Monday morning, after which they inspected the Gator Bowl and place for an FFA exhibit being planned for the Greater Jacksonville Fair to be held November 10-19. A special Rotary Club luncheon was held that noon, during which Bill Gunter was the main speaker with the State Officers presenting the Honorary State Farmer Degree to Mr. S. E. Lorimer, Secretary of the Greater Jacksonville Fair Association; and Miss Joan Van Arsdall, State FFA Sweetheart, pantomimed "I'm in Love With a Boy of the FFA," with the assistance of the State Officers. Twelve Honorary State Farmers were also present for the luncheon: Messrs. Orville Calhoun, Director of Finance, Duval County, Jacksonville; A. D. Davis, President, Winn-Lovett Grocery Company, Jacksonville; T. A. Delegal, Paxon Field School, Jacksonville; Gorman; Thomas E. Hancock, Educational manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville; Grover Henley,



From top to bottom photos show, Mr. J. G. Smith, FFA District Supervisor, making the presentations to the second week's outstanding campers. They are, left to right, Johnny Brady, Havana Chapter; David Crapps, Suwannee Chapter; Tommy Bruton, Reddick Chapter, and Douglas Bryan, also of Suwannee Chapter. • Forestry Camp Director J. Edwin Moore was the pleasantly-surprised recipient of an honorary degree of State Farmer Certificate during banquet concluding first week-long session of camp. State FFA President William Aplin (Paxton Chapter) does the honors, later delivered the main banquet address.

Staff Photographer, Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville; E. T. Lay, Executive Secretary, Florida Dairy Association, Inc., Jacksonville; E. M. Niix, Agricultural Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Jacksonville; F. W. Risher, Florida State Marketing Bureau, Jacksonville; G. H. W. Schmidt, Vice-President and General Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville; G. B. Williams, Vice President, Turpentine and Rosin Factors, Jacksonville; and Honorable Emory L. Price of Jacksonville. Mr. Gorman was Master of Ceremonies for the program.

After the luncheon the touring party visited Mayor Hayden Burns' office and he arranged for them to see the Jackson-

ville waterfront the next morning from one of the City fire boats. They went on to the Florida Ford Tractor Company and were their guests at the Sea Turtle Restaurant for dinner.

On Tuesday, the group were guests of the Florida County Agents Association for breakfast at the Roosevelt Hotel, toured the International Harvester Company and were their guests for lunch at the Lobster House. Then they inspected the National Container Corporation's plant, and were their guests for dinner.

The Standard Oil Company was their host on Wednesday morning for breakfast after which they visited the Company's facilities. As guests of the Greater

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In picture at top Sarasota chapter members are shown preparing barbecue for the Cattlemen's Tour. Reading from left to right, James A. Hightower; Leroy Putnal; Carl Sircy; Alvin Wilhelm (Jim Edwards standing behind him); Murdock Hancock; Fred Pauli and Junior Godwin. • Below is shown Mr. W. J. Crowley with some of the exotic tree species from South America.

Sarasota Chapter Wins First Place in Annual Forestry Contest

THE SARASOTA Future Farmers of America Chapter won the first place prize of \$125 in the annual Chapter Forestry Contest, sponsored by St. Regis Paper Company.

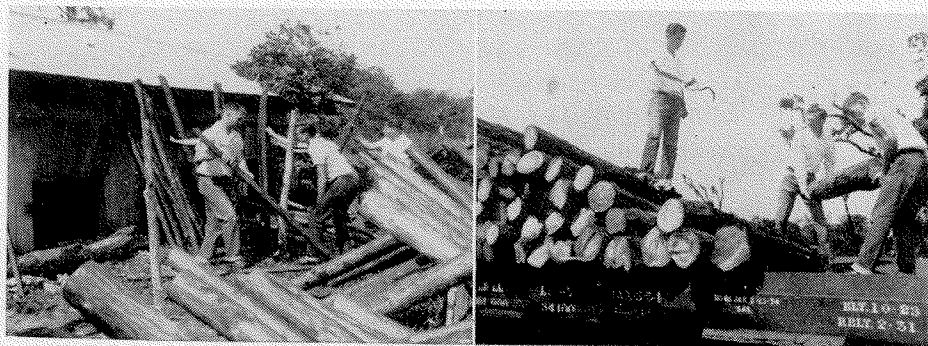
Second, third and fourth places were won by Suwannee Chapter, Live Oak—\$25.00, Allentown—\$15.00, and Ft. Pierce—\$10.00.

The awards were presented during the Sarasota High School assembly September 28th by Justin R. Weddell, vice president of St. Regis Paper Company.

This is the first time that the State award has been won by a FFA Chapter in South Florida—certainly an indication of increased interest in forestry in the southern part of our State.

Sarasota members worked hard, under

Chapter adviser W. J. Crowley, to win the coveted first place this year.



Picture at left chapter members are shown with fence post that have been treated and also with a number of posts waiting to be treated. • At right FFA members are shown loading pulpwood.

Activities on the 340 acre chapter forest has included such projects as planting pines, thinning and treating fence posts, fireline plowing, timber estimation, cutting pulpwood, and loading it. These 14-18-year-old boys will realize a \$600 profit for their chapter during 1955 from pulpwood thinnings alone. Their planting activities have resulted in 10,000 pine seedlings having been planted each year since the project was started in 1947.

Actually, the chapter forest is two pieces of land—widely separated. The tract nearest Sarasota High School is 100 acres in size and is partly managed as an improved pasture and partly as a forest. On this tract, members have elected to develop a recreational area—a swimming pond is already available and is being improved. Outdoor hearths are planned for this area along with trash receptacles.

The larger of the two tracts is the 240 acre area—donated on a long term lease basis by the State of Florida. When taken over, this area was mostly wire grass with some pine reproduction. Under the management of the Sarasota Chapter, this area has been completely planted in pine except for a small area of large pines. This area will be thinned next year in order to affect a faster growing stand. Lumber produced from this thinning will be used in constructing a new barn for the chapter livestock and farm machinery.

Exotic tree species are also being experimented with on the chapter's land. Plans for next year call for 800 Melaleuca trees to be planted in hopes that this fast growing tree can be grown on otherwise unusable land.

Other farm projects carried on by the Sarasota boys include beef raising, honey production, and nursery production. The Chapter is in charge of a complete nursery—containing hundreds of exotic trees, shrubs, and flowers.

The Florida Forest Service works closely with the State Vocational Agriculture Department in promoting the school forest program. At present, there are 56 of these FFA forests in Florida—totaling over 3,000 acres.

Quincy Member Top Dairy Farming Winner

GEORGE FORD, 19 year old member of the Quincy, Florida, Future Farmers of America Chapter, was named winner of the nation's top award for dairy farming by a member of the FFA.

He received a \$250 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation during a presentation ceremony at the National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo.

Three other farm boys received FFA Foundation checks of \$200 each as regional winners of Dairy Farming awards. They are J. W. Foster, 17, Route 2, Monett, Missouri; Sterling Griffiths, 16, Beaver, Utah, and Eldred Hitchcock, 17, Route 4, Montrose, Penn.

Each of the four winners previously had received \$100 awards in state competition, and they shared a \$250 travel fund to pay their travel expenses to Waterloo. More than 5,000 Future Farmers received medals during 1955 as dairy farming award winners in their local chapters, and the Foundation gave 46 of the \$100 state awards. The four honored at Waterloo were judged most outstanding of the entire group.

The national winner, George Ford, was graduated from the Quincy High School in Florida last spring. Through farming programs carried on as a part of his course in vocational agriculture, he developed a dairy herd of 32 cows and 19 young stock of his own, and farmed 110 acres of rented land where he raised pasture and hay groups, and corn for silage and grain.

His senior year program also included 5 acres of truck crops, 175 chickens, and 8 hogs. He owned about \$1,900 worth of dairy equipment, and a tractor with implements valued at \$1,750.

Following his graduation last May he entered into a full 50 percent partnership on the 260 acre home farm with his father, W. L. Ford. Dairying is the principal enterprise on the farm, and they rent an additional 200 acres to grow feed crops for the cattle. They have about 100 cows producing milk at the present time, out of a total herd of 200 animals.

Modern equipment is used for producing Grade A milk. George initiated the use of milking machines and milk coolers on the farm. He started the use of artificial insemination and proven sires to build up the quality of the Jersey herd, and he has been responsible for much of the work of developing a year-round grazing program through planting im-

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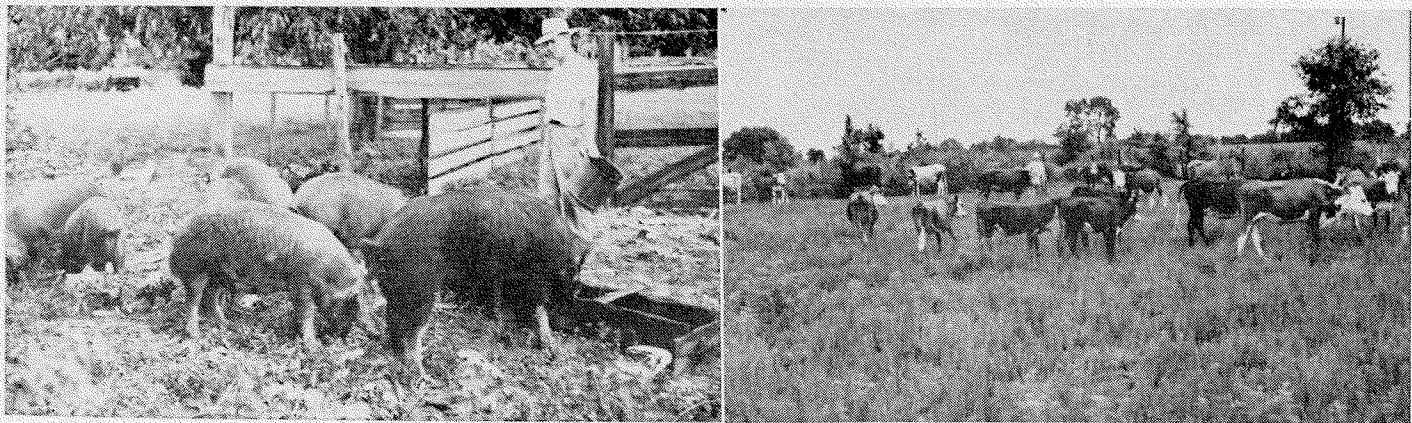


Photo at left shows Eli Read feeding some of his Duroc sows which he crosses with sires of the Berkshire breed to produce extra fine feeder pigs. • At right photo shows some of Eli Read's grade cattle with Hereford characteristics.

Gilchrist County Farmer Gives FFA Credit For Inspiration

ELI READ is successfully operating a livestock farm near Trenton and the high price of labor is not a problem on his farm since he and his wife do all the work in connection with the farm operations except occasional help at harvest time.

He started his farming operations in 1939 upon graduation from high school, and in 1940, purchased 160 acres of land with the idea of developing a livestock farming program. Since that time, he has acquired 440 additional acres giving him a farm of 600 acres. He used modern equipment and does practically all the work of planting, cultivating, managing his livestock, etc.

Eli was born in Levy County, April 26, 1919, and moved to Gilchrist County with his parents, Mr. W. L. Read and his mother, Mrs. Nora Clyatt Read, when he was about two years old. They settled in the Judson Community, about four miles southeast of Trenton where Eli grew up on the farm. He attended Trenton High School where he was a member of the local FFA chapter.

Eli was elected vice-president of the State Association, FFA in 1937, and went to Kansas City to attend the National Convention the fall of 1937, and again in 1938, where he received his American Farmer Degree.

While a member of the Trenton chapter, he served on chapter livestock judging teams in the state contest and was active in all FFA activities in his chapter throughout the four years while he was enrolled in vocational agriculture.

In June, 1940, he married Miss Dollie Stone of Morriston, and moved his bride to his newly acquired farm where they have lived since that time.

Upon graduating from high school in 1938, he attended the University of Florida during the summer, but did not matri-

culate for the fall term. He served two years in the armed forces and upon returning from service, taught veterans on-farm-training classes in Gilchrist County from 1946 to 1950, reentering the University in 1949 and graduating with a B. S. degree from the University of Florida in 1953. Continuing his education, he received his Masters degree in agriculture in 1955. While completing his education he managed to continue caring for his farm with the assistance of his wife, and at the present time, he has a fine herd of grade beef cattle and also a good herd of hogs. In 1953-54 he taught science and biology in the Bell High School, but since that time, he has devoting his full time to his farming operations.

In addition to his livestock, he grew on his 600 acre farm this year, 240 acres of corn, 130 acres of improved pasture grass, 15 acres of watermelons, 30 acres of Hegari, 12 acres of peanuts, and 5 acres of Hairy Indigo and Alyce Clover for hay.

Eli started his beef cattle herd with three head of grade dairy cows and through the use of pure bred beef sires, he has built a herd of grade cattle, the majority of which have the characteristics of the Hereford Breed. For a quick cash crop, he has used swine in his program and has a good herd of hogs using pure bred sires of the Berkshire breed crossed with the Duroc sows which produces fine feeder pigs. He averages a little better than two litters of pigs per sow annually, and has hogs for the market at all seasons of the year, with the majority of the salable animals coming in early fall since, at this time, he has the greatest amount of feed available. He practices creep feeding of the pigs until weaned, allowing the pigs and the

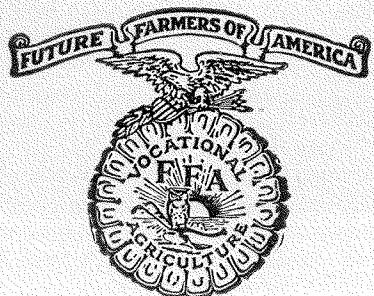
sow to graze oats or some other graze-crop while the pigs are being nursed. He has a feeding program which includes corn and protein supplement of animal origin, and necessary minerals.

Eli says that the Future Farmer organization inspired him to become an active farmer. He stated that while in high school, he felt that he would like to enter some other field of work rather than farming, but after being elected a State Officer and visiting the National Convention, he realized the opportunities in farming as a vocation that he had not visualized previous to this time, and then decided that he would make farming his life vocation.

Young Mr. Read is, in the near future, planning to build a new farm home.

FFA Urges Activities During Farm-City Week

As ONE of the 300 organizations cooperating in the first Farm City Week (October 23-29), the Future Farmers of America is urging each of its approximately 9000 chapters to initiate Farm-City Week activities in their communities and cooperate with local Kiwanis clubs and other organizations which are sponsoring Farm-City Week projects. Says Bill Gunter, of Live Oak, Florida, National President of the Future Farmers of America: "The idea of Farm-City Week—building better relations and increased understanding between rural and urban life—is something that we Future Farmers are very much interested in."



Partin Wins FFA Rodeo's Top Honors

DOUG PARTIN of St. Cloud, took charge of THE FLORIDA CATTLEMAN AND LIVESTOCK JOURNAL's rotating trophy as the overall champion cowboy of the third annual rodeo for Future Farmers held at Kissimmee, August 12-14.

Right behind the 1955 F.F.A. "Championship Cowboy" came Bud Clemons of Kissimmee, last year's runner-up, and a repeater at that spot again this year. Young Partin came off with somewhere in the neighborhood of \$80 in prize money to establish his right to the title. Clemons also took a healthy cut of the cash awards as he posted his second straight second place standing.

In all, something like 40 youthful cowpokes representing some 17 communities around the state, supplied the action in the three performance event. They did battle for more than \$450 in prize money spread out over the various events.

Others who scored high in the overall competition, and thereby claimed their share of the prizes, were: R. L. Hall, Jr., of Bushnell; Ernie Wynn of Sarasota; Clay Whaley, Jr., St. Cloud; and Dallas Townsend, Felda.

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

Bareback Bronc Riding—Wynn, Partin (tied), Hall;

Bull Riding—Partin, Whaley, Wynn; Saddle Bronc Riding—Hall, Grady Parish of Groveland, Bill Waldron, Brooksville;

Steer Wrestling—First go-round: Hall, Townsend, Waldron; Second go-round: Clemons, Townsend, Larry Cowart, Center Hill; Average: Townsend, Clemons, Hall;

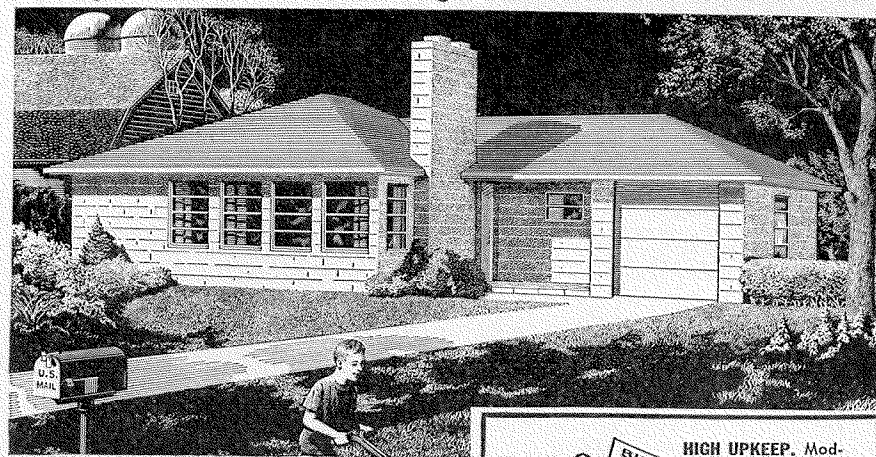
Calf Roping—First go-round: Clemons, Cecil Whaley, St. Cloud, Perry Smith, Hastings; Second go-round: Clemons, J. W. Matthews, Kathleen, Smith; Average: Clemons, Smith, Gene Teany, Lakeland;

Steer Decorating—First go-round: Clemons and Smith, Cowart and Hall, Lucas and Bronson; Second go-round: Lucas and Bronson, Clemons and Smith, Spiess and Partin; Average: Clemons and Smith, Lucas and Bronson, Cowart and Hall;

Relay Race—Team of Partin, Godwin, Whaley and Spiess; Team of R. Smith, P. Smith, Wynn, James; and Team of Sutton, Partin, Mays and Lucas;

Girls' Relay Race—St. Cloud girls defeated Kissimmee girls two out of three races.

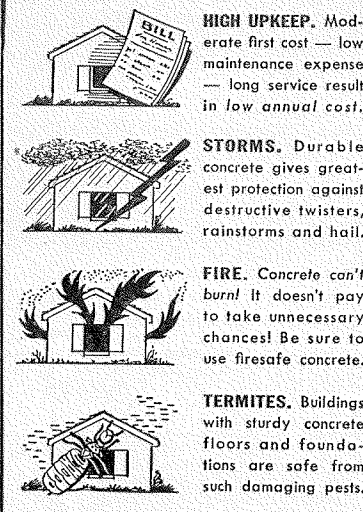
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Good Will Tour

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A & P Tea Company they inspected the Greater A & P Tea Company Bakery, lunched at Abood's Steer Room, and then toured the A & P Produce Warehouse and were their guests at dinner in the George Washington Hotel. This brought to a close a very educational tour in Jacksonville for the State Officers.

Tuesday morning, the "tourists" went on to St. Augustine, where Mr. P. R. McMullen, Agricultural Agent of St. Johns County, had arranged for them to tour the Old Fort and the Wax Museum. At Marineland, William and Jerry were guest feeders of the porpoises during one of the afternoon shows.

The State Officers began their State Executive Committee and Leadership Training Meeting at the Princess Isena

Hotel that afternoon and were the guests of the Princess Isena Hotel and the Convention Bureau of Daytona Beach for dinner on Friday night.

On Saturday, the entire party went to Orlando, where they appeared on the first of a series of vocational agriculture programs over Station WDBO-TV. Sunday morning, they attended church and were the guests of Ralph's Diner for dinner.

At the close of their stay in Daytona Beach, the group visited the Sea Zoo and the Museum of Speed.

Monday, the touring Future Farmers presented a special Rotary Club Program with William as the Main speaker and the other State Officers assisting in presenting the Honorary State Farmer Degree to Henry C. Coleman, a former vocational agriculture teacher and at present President of the Commercial Bank of

FFA Calendar of Events

(Post on bulletin board in Chapter or classroom.)

Event and Type*	Place and Date	Event and Type*	Place and Date
OCTOBER, 1955		FEBRUARY, 1956	
National Dairy Congress (N).....	Waterloo, Ia. 2-4	State Fair Barrow Carcass Judging (S).....	Tampa 2
Harvest Fair Assn., Inc. (C).....	Crestview 3-8	Fla. State Fair (Fat Stock Show & Sale) (S).....	Tampa 2-4
Holmes County Livestock Show (C).....	Bonifay 8	FFA Day, Florida State Fair (S).....	Tampa 4
Fire Prevention Week (N).....	Local Chapter 9-15	Fla. State Fair (Beef Cattle Week) (S).....	Tampa 5-11
National FFA Convention (N).....	K. C., Mo. 10-13	Highlands County Fair (C).....	Sebring 12-25
American Royal Livestock Show (N).....	K. C., Mo. 11-14	Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show (S).....	Kissimmee 15-18
Gadsden County Tobacco Festival & Fair (C).....	Quincy 13-15	Central Florida Fair (A).....	Orlando 20-25
Junior Livestock & Poultry Show (A).....	Ocala 17-18	Florida Gladioli Festival & Fair (S).....	Delray Beach 20-25
Jackson County Fair (C).....	Marianna 17-22	Florida Strawberry Festival (S).....	Plant City 20-25
Bay County Fair (C).....	Panama City 17-22	FFA Week (N).....	Local Chapter 20-25
Suwannee Valley Hog Show (C).....	Live Oak 17-22	Madison County Livestock Show (C).....	Madison 27-28
Pensacola Interstate Fair (C).....	Pensacola 17-23	Pinellas County Fair (C).....	Largo 28-Mar. 3
Suwannee River Youth Fair (O).....	Fannin Springs 18-19	Hardee County Strawberry Festival (C).....	Bowling Green
Northeast Florida Fair (S).....	Callahan 19-22	Eastern Imperial Brahman Show & Sale (O).....	Bartow
Bradford County Fair (C).....	Starke 24-29	MARCH, 1956	
North Florida Fair (S).....	Tallahassee 25-29	Deadline—American Farmer Degree Appl. (S) Dist. Sup.	1
Deadline—Chapter Program of Work (S).....	Dist. Sup. 31	Deadline—Farm Mechanics Applications (S).....	Dist. Sup. 1
Deadline—Membership Dues (S).....	Tallahassee 31	Deadline—Chap. Leadership A. on Coop. (S) Dist. Sup.	1
Sumter Breeder Show & County Fair (S).....	Webster 31-Nov. 5	Volusia County Fair (C).....	DeLand 5-10
Union County Youth Fair (C).....	Lake Butler	Southeastern Fat Stock Show & Sale (O).....	Ocala 6-10
NOVEMBER, 1955		Pasco County Fair (C).....	Dade City 7-10
Deadline—Improving Agriculture & Leadership		Lake County Fair & Flower Show (C).....	Eustis 12-17
Applications (S).....	State Adviser 1	Deadline—Farm Elec. Award Application (S) Dist. Sup.	15
West Florida Dairy Show (S).....	Chipley 5	Deadline—Soil & Water Managem't A. App. (S) Dist. Sup.	15
Citrus County Fair (C).....	Inverness 7-11	Levy County Fair (C).....	Williston 20-25
Putnam County Fair & Youth Show (C).....	Palatka 7-12	FFA & Vets Egg Show (S).....	Gainesville
Hardee County Cucumber Exposition (C).....	Wauchula 8-15	APRIL, 1956	
Tri-County Fat Stock Show (A).....	Wauchula 9-10	Deadline—State Farmer Application (S).....	Dist. Sup. 1
Hernando County Fair (C).....	Brooksville 9-12	Deadline—Star Dairy Farmer Award Appl. (S) Dist. Sup.	1
Walton County Fair (C).....	DeFuniak Spgs 10-12	Deadline—State Forestry Contest (SAL) (S).....	Dist. Sup. 1
Greater Jacksonville Ind. & Ag. Fair (A).....	Jackson 10-19	Headmen's Short Course (O).....	Gainesville 12-14
Safe Driving Campaign (N).....	L. Chapter 20-Dec. 1	Deadline—Nat. Band & Chorus Appl. (N).....	State Adviser 15
U. of Florida Nutrition Conference (S).....	Gainesville	Copies, Public Speaking (S-D).....	Chairman 15
DECEMBER, 1955		Florida Tomato Festival (S).....	Ruskin 26-28
Safe Driving Day (N).....	Local Chapter 1	Sub-District contests (S-D).....	Chairman 27
Hillsborough County Junior Ag. Fair (C).....	Plant City 1-3	MAY, 1956	
Polk County Youth Show (C).....	Bartow 1-3	Deadline—Farm Safety Award (S).....	Dist. Sup. 1
N. J. V. G. A. Convention (N).....	New Orleans, La.	Deadline—Cattlemen Contest entries (S).....	Dist. Sup. 1
JANUARY, 1956		Deadline—Chapter Accomplishment Report (C) Dist. Sup.	1
Santa Fe Hereford Sale (O).....	Alachua 6	Copies, Public Speaking (D).....	Chairman 1
Melton Hereford Ranch Sale (O).....	Gainesville 7	District Contests (D).....	11
DeSoto County Fair (C).....	Arcadia 9-14	Copies, Public Speaking (S).....	Chairman 15
Charlotte County Fair (C).....	Punta Gorda 16-21	Deadline—Banquet Chick Contest (S).....	Dist. Sup. 15
West Florida Fat Cattle Show & Sale (S).....	Quincy 17-19	Florida Council of Farmer Coops.	Miami Beach 21-22
Suwannee River Fair & Livestock Assn. (O).....	Fannin Springs 18-20	Selection of Delegates to Forestry Camp (C).....	Dist. Sup. 31
Indian River Area Youth Show (A).....	Fort Pierce 20	JUNE, 1956	
Palm Beach County Exposition (C).....	W. Palm Beach 20-29	Deadline—Entries Improved Breeders Cont. (S) Dist. Sup.	1
Manatee County Fair (C).....	Palmetto 23-28	Chapter Scrapbook Entries (S).....	State Convention 11
Sarasota County Ag. Fair (C).....	Sarasota 23-28	Special—Delegates Dinner (S).....	State Convention 11
Sugarland Exposition (O).....	Clewiston 24-28	State FFA Convention (S).....	Daytona Beach 11-15
Southeast Fla. & Dade County Youth Show (C) Miami 25-29	Annual Fish Fry (S).....	Daytona Beach 15
West Coast Dairy Show (A).....	Tampa 28	Bandshell Program (S).....	Daytona Beach 15
Florida State Fair (Dairy Cattle Week) (S).....	Tampa 28-Feb. 1	Entries Chapter Forestry Contest (S).....	Dist. Sup. 30
State Fair Barrowing Judging (S).....	Tampa 30	JULY, 1956	
Southwest Florida Fair (A).....	Ft. Myers 30-Feb. 4	Voc. Ag. Teachers Conference (S).....	Daytona Beach 9-13
Brangus Show & Sale (O).....	Plant City	State Forestry Camp, Dist. I, V, and VI (S).....	Camp O'Leno 13
Martin County Fair (C).....	Stuart	State Forestry Camp, Dist. II, III, and IV (S).....	Camp O'Leno 13
Far Reach Shorthorn Sale (O).....	Mt. Dora	Tri-State Contests (Pub. Speak. & Quartet) (TS) Georgia	
Florida Citrus Exposition (S).....	Winter Haven		

* (N)—National, (C)—County, (A)—Area, (S)—State, (O)—Open, (SD)—Sub-District, (TS)—Tri-State

Daytona Beach. On their way home, they visited Camp McQuarrie for the opening of the 1955 Poultry Institute. As one of the Officers said, "This brought to a close the first good-will tour for Officers of the Florida Association, which proved to be a very valuable experience both educationally and as an inspiration to them for the future."

American Farmers

(Continued from page 5) acres of soybeans. His present program consists of 35 acres of wheat, 50 acres of oats, 150 acres of soybeans, 80 acres of corn, 50 head of cows for meat, and 10 head of hogs for meat.

He served as reporter and sentinel of his local chapter, as a member of the Parliamentary Procedure team, softball, livestock, hay grain, and forage judging

teams, as a member of numerous committees, and as his chapter's delegate to the National Convention.

In Chapter cooperation, he participated in County Educational Tours, was a member of the chapter buying and selling co-op, and served as chairman and a member of the Exhibit Committees at the Escambia County Fair.

His activities outside the FFA included reporter, vice-president and president of the 4-H Club, member of the Teenage Club, member of the football team, vice-president of the Beta Club, President of the Junior Farm Bureau, and in 1954 he was chosen Farm Boy of the Year in Escambia County.

He attended Pensacola Junior College which was close enough to his home so he could carry out his program in partnership with his father. He is now enrolled in the A.P.I. at Auburn, Ala., majoring in Agricultural Education.

Thomas Hurst Suwannee Chapter

ONE of the subjects chosen when he entered Suwannee High School in September of 1950 was Vocational Agriculture.

When the time came to select enterprises, he selected meat hogs, corn, turkeys and peanuts. He had some hogs and turkeys as his parents had given him a start while still in the elementary grades. His father had agreed to let Thomas use 10 acres of land without cost. He also furnished equipment free. In return for this help Thomas agreed to help him when needed. To make extra money for his future project program Thomas worked for his neighbors gathering tobacco.

He increased his project in 1951-52 by adding five acres of watermelons and purchasing 5 beef heifers from his brother. What money he had was used

to purchase these heifers. The chapter adviser gave him enough Argentina bahia grass to sprig out one acre. This was planted to start a seed patch for later use when he needed more permanent pasture. He also bought a registered duroc gilt to start an improvement program in his hogs.

For his last year in high school, and making plans to marry, he added 1.6 acres of tobacco as a cash crop, and increase his corn acreage. His older brother joined the Marines and sold his beef cows at a reasonable price. His father had decided to add a small dairy to their farm so Thomas arranged for the financing of 10 dairy cows, with the understanding that he would operate the dairy after he graduated.

In 1954, after he graduated from high school he and his father entered a partnership. They combined all livestock and are sharing equally from their income. He sold most of the beef cattle and invested in more dairy stock. They also purchased 300 head of White Leghorn pullets for egg production.

Thomas' leadership activities in the F.F.A. included serving as reporter and vice-president of his local chapter. He attended district and state meetings where he participated in and observed F.F.A. activities. He was a member for two years of the parliamentary procedure team, and was active in sports such as softball and horse shoes. Other activities included membership and chairmanship of community service and cooperative activities carried on by the Suwannee chapter.

He participated in school athletics; community sponsored recreational activities; his Church and the County Farm bureau.

Farming is Thomas' life ambition. He especially wants to operate a dairy and poultry farm and is off to a good start in both.

Dewayne Lyons Suwannee Chapter

DEWAYNE ENTERED Suwannee High School in September of 1950, and enrolled in Vocational Agriculture and F.F.A. He selected agriculture as one of his freshman subjects and was initiated into the chapter early in September as a Green Hand.

His first year project program included: meat hogs, field corn, peanuts for hog feed and two milk cows, which gave him a labor income of \$879.64.

For his sophomore year he added tobacco as an additional cash crop. He also planted seven acres of argentina bahia pasture for a seed production enterprise since seed was selling at a high price. The chapter had a small patch of

this grass and they allowed him to dig enough sprigs to plant his acreage. In addition to these he again had cows, corn and meat hogs. These enterprises produced a labor income of \$411.89. His third year program was much the same except he planted 10 acres of feed peanuts which he had previously carried in his first year program. From the six enterprises carried he made a labor income of \$611.20. For his fourth year program he carried as productive enterprises 10 acres of corn, 20 acres of sweet lupine, 7 beef cows, 8 meat hogs and 20 acres of oats for seed.

This is his first year out of school. For his first crop as a full-time farmer he is in partnership with his brother in 165 acres of corn and 3.4 acres of tobacco. He rented a 165 acre farm and equipment which he planted in corn.

His leadership activities were varied. The presidency of his chapter was the highlight. Other leadership activities included trips to the State Fair and State FFA Convention; parliamentary procedure, chapter executive committee, chapter farm safety committee and others. His cooperative activities included the county fair, Suwannee Valley Hog Show, Civic club activities, buying and selling cooperatively and others. Last year as a cooperative activity, he planted oats and lupine for the chapter with his father's equipment. This year he is taking part in the county rat eradication program and the corn contest being sponsored by the chapter.

Eugene Mixon Bradenton Chapter

EUGENE MIXON has made an outstanding record as a member of the Future Farmers of America. His interest in agriculture as a vocation has been evident since his first contacts with the FFA, and his devotion and loyalty to the Future Farmer organization is the best. His supervised farming program his first year in vocational agriculture consisted of 4 acres of bearing citrus trees and a citrus nursery of 687 trees. That program has steadily increased and now consists of 44 acres of bearing citrus trees, 20 acres of non-bearing trees, a nursery of 225 trees, 2 head of cows for milk and 6 head for meat. He is very active in the management, production and marketing activities connected with the citrus and cattle on his home farm. The Mixon family has a citrus fruit gift box business owned jointly by Mr. William P. Mixon and Eugene.

Two sons, William P. Jr. and Eugene. Standard approved practices are used in their citrus program. The equipment is modern and well kept. The fruit cleaning and packing facilities are orderly and efficient.

Eugene's FFA activities are numerous and include serving as president for 2 years, vice-president and secretary of his local chapter, a member of the parliamentary procedure, livestock judging and softball teams, quartet, chairman and member of many committees within the local chapter, president of the Florida Association, and delegate and chairman of the Program of Work Committee at the 1954 National Convention.

Leadership activities outside the FFA include serving as: class officer, treasurer and president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, president of his Sunday School Class, Student Council, Junior Rotarian, member of his church choir, Florida Citrus Mutual, Associate Inter-Fraternity Council at the University of Florida, and the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He was selected as the outstanding High School Senior Boy at Manatee County High School in 1953-54.

Eugene is now attending the University of Florida, majoring in citrus production. He goes home frequently during the school year on weekends and holidays so he can keep up his farming program. After graduation, he expects to continue as a partner in their citrus operations.

William Timmons Quincy Chapter

WILLIAM TIMMONS, began his program in vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America in 1948. He operates in partnership with his brother 372 acres of land which they cultivate, use for pasture and woodland. The main productive projects in William's supervised farming program are: Poultry for meat and eggs; cattle—both beef and breeding; corn; and purebred hogs for meat and breeding. Since first enrolling in vocational agriculture, William has earned a labor income of \$8,794.62.

William has carried on an outstanding farming program but he also excelled in the leadership activities of the Quincy Chapter. Some of his leadership activities were serving as Secretary and president of the local Chapter and vice-president of the State Association. He participated in many of the FFA contests and won many honors in them. Among them are: Star Farmer of Florida, State winner in Public Speaking, Member of the State Champion Parliamentary procedure team and String Band, member of the Chapter quartet and softball team that placed second in the state; delegate to the State and National Conventions for three years; sang in the National Chorus, was a member of the livestock judging teams, chairman of several committees, and many others.

William was very active in school and community activities serving as a mem-

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ber of the high school band for two years, president and secretary of his Sunday School class, announcer for the local radio station; Junior Exchange; President of the National Honor Society; Glee Club, and Senior Class, and was a member of the basketball team. For several years, he has been a member of the DeMolay.

He is now a student at the University of Florida, and a member of the National Guard and church.

Dairy Winner

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proved grasses, legumes, and small grains. Use of silage for economical feeding was another practice that George introduced

to his home farm.

The youth had the backing of Mr. Ford to get a running start in farming. His father, who also had been a member of the FFA during his high school days, gave George a heifer calf when the boy was in the fourth grade. George has plowed all his profits, natural increase, and borrowed capital, plus a lot of hard work, into the expansion of his program.

His achievements have won wide recognition. In 1954 he was named Florida's Star State Farmer, (best in farming and leadership); his room is filled with ribbons and trophies won exhibiting his cattle at fairs and shows. George was elected vice president of the Quincy FFA chapter for two successive years and has been a member of the school's livestock judging team for the past four years.

ORLANDO AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

THE VOCATIONAL agriculture programs on WDBO-TV in Orlando are receiving praise. The credit for this belongs to the boys and girls and teachers and their coordinator J. B. Johnson.

Programs for the next three months are as follow:

Date	Subject	School	Teacher
Oct. 1	Culling Hens	Groveland	Campbell
Oct. 8	Budding Citrus Stock	Ocoee	Badger
Oct. 15	Outdoor Cooking	Inverness	Hewitt
Oct. 22	Hunting & Fishing Safety	Bartow	Jackson
Oct. 29	The National F.F.A. Convention	Eustis	Freely
Nov. 5	Testing for T.B. & Bangs	Edgewater	O'Neal
Nov. 12	Skit on Parliamentary Procedure	Umatilla	Milligan
Nov. 19	Thanksgiving Program	Winter Haven	Harrell
Nov. 26	Rat Control	St. Cloud	Stalvey
Dec. 3	Shop (welding)	Reddick	Rehwinkel
Dec. 10	Soil Testing	Auburndale	Gunson
Dec. 17	Planting Pines	Leesburg	Avery
Dec. 24	Christmas Program	Boone	Wilson
Dec. 31	Selecting Beef Cattle	Wildwood	Tomberlin
Jan. 7	Home Beautification	Ocala	Roche

TAMPA BAY AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

THE VOCATIONAL agriculture teachers in the Tampa Bay Area of Florida attended a TV clinic in Tampa, the last of August, conducted by H. E. Moreland of the Library School at Florida State University in Tallahassee. They accepted the offer of WFLA-TV in Tampa to present a 15 minute show on vocational agriculture each Thursday, starting October 13. The time of the programs will be 12:30 p.m. D. A. Storms and J. K. Privett were elected by the teachers as Chairman and Vice-chairman respectively. The first three months programs will be as follow:

Date	Teacher	School	Subject
Oct. 13	Nat Storms	Brandon	Introducing Vo-Ag
Oct. 27	R. V. Hill	Hillsborough	National FFA Convention
Nov. 10	J. C. Lane	Brooksville	Culling Hens
Nov. 24	John St. Martin	Turkey Creek	Thanksgiving Program
Dec. 8	C. M. Lawrence	Lakeland	Pruning Citrus
	R. F. Lee	Bradenton	Outdoor Cooking
Dec. 22	D. M. Nifong	Plant City	Christmas Program
Dec. 29	W. S. Fletcher	Arcadia	Selecting Livestock
Jan. 5	Jack Haltiwanger	Pinecrest	Soil Testing

In Memoriam

MRS. MARY BARRINEAU

Mrs. Mary Barrineau, mother of Mr. T. L. Barrineau, Area I Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Florida, passed away in Pensacola on July 21. Deepest sympathy and regrets are expressed by the members of the Florida Association, F.F.A.

MR. T. J. BROOKS

A well-known friend and Honorary member of the Future Farmers in Florida passed away July 20. He was Mr. T. J. Brooks, Assistant Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture for many years. His contributions to agriculture, interest, cooperation and support will long be remembered.

MRS. JANICE C. NORTHROP

It was with regret we learned of the passing of Mrs. Janice C. Northrop, on July 13, after a lingering illness. She endeared herself to all who knew her and was indeed a true friend of the Future Farmers in Florida. She composed the official song "Florida, F.F.A." for them and made a recording of it, with the lyrics being sung by Mr. J. Edward Langley, Director of Glee Clubs, Mainland High Schools, Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Northrop was well known by the members, advisers, and staff, and was always on hand for the State FFA Conventions to play the piano, as she could so well do, since she was their official State F.F.A. pianist. We shall always cherish her memories in our hearts.

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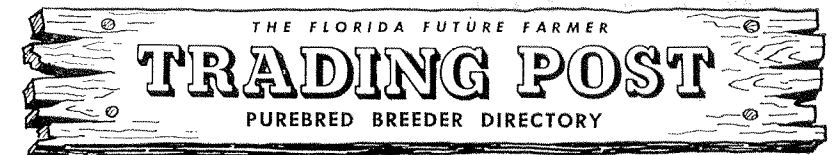
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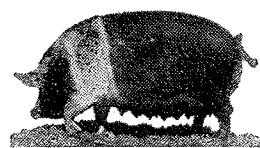
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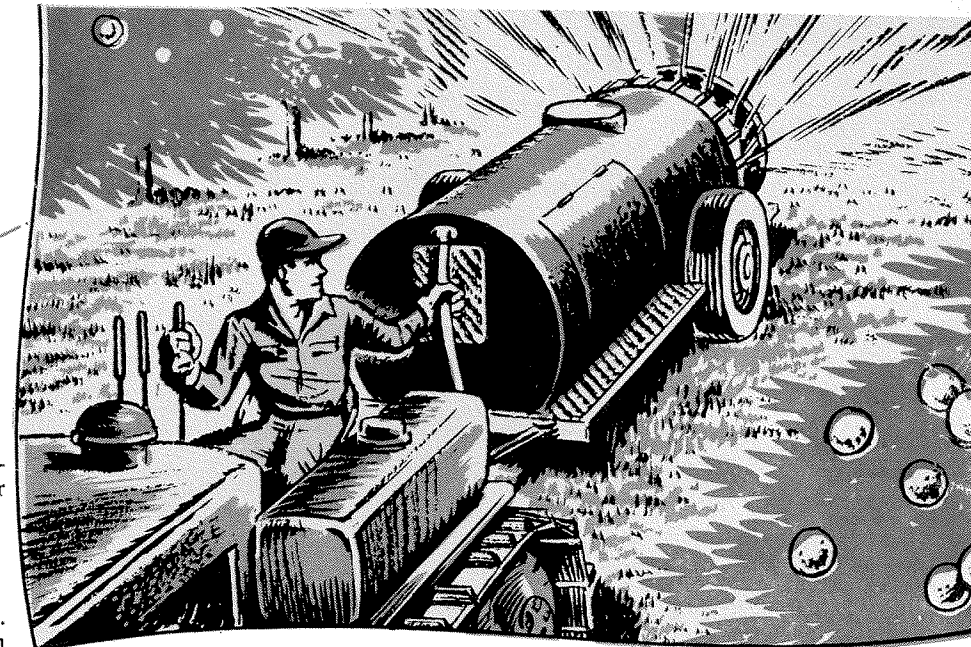
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