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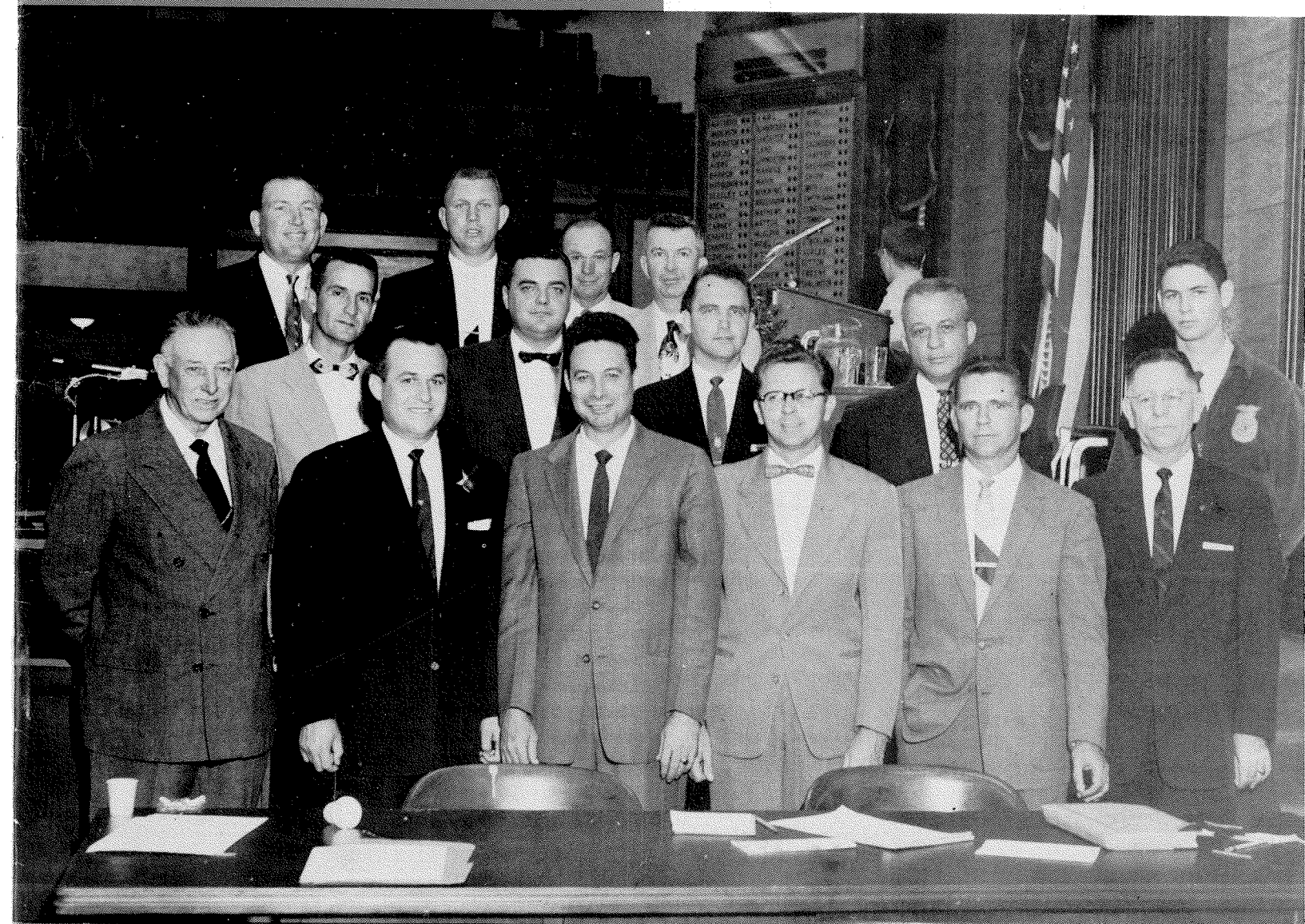
FFA Shows and Sales

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Florida State Fair FFA Day

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FFA Week



State Convention, June 10-14, Daytona Beach

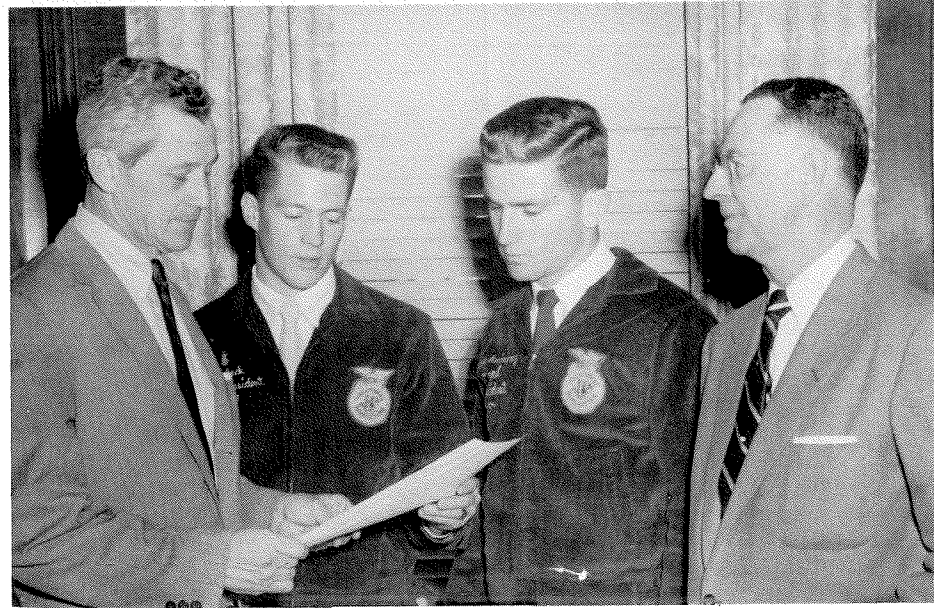
Gov. Collins Proclaimed FFA Week

GOVERNOR LEROY COLLINS proclaimed F.F.A. Week, February 16-23, by presenting a Proclamation to President P. K. Beck and James Quincey, National Future Farmer Vice-President.

During F.F.A. Week, James Quincey was guest of Representative Charles Bennett at a luncheon in Washington, D. C. The State Officers and other members of the chapters participated in many activities during the week. Mayor Crum, Bartow, issued a Proclamation, and the newspapers throughout the State gave splendid coverage to Future Farmer activities, with the "Havana Herald" and the "Tri-County Gazette" of Jay writing special editorials.

The Baldwin Chapter erected signs and started building a fish pond. Five Television stations in Florida (WDBO-TV in Orlando, WTVY-TV in Dothan, WFLA-TV and WCTV in Tampa, and WEAR-TV in Pensacola) had special programs which highlighted some phases of vocational agriculture.

Many special Future Farmer meetings were held during the week, such



Governor Leroy Collins presenting Proclamation for F.F.A. Week to President P. K. Beck and James Quincey, National Future Farmer Vice-President, with State Superintendent Thomas D. Bailey. P. K. presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree to Governor Collins in appreciation of his interest and support of the Future Farmers of Florida.

as; Chapter Banquets, Open House, and School Assembly Programs. Displays were put in several fairs and store windows and programs presented at Civic Club meetings.

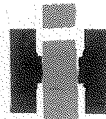
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By Way of Editorial Comment:

"Future Scientists and Leaders"

By DR. MARVIN A. BROOKER
Dean of College of Agriculture, University of Florida—Gainesville

A MUCH QUOTED remark is the one that "Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it." We might paraphrase that remark somewhat and observe that a great deal is being said these days, in the press and by other means of communication, about our shortage of scientists and leaders in agriculture, but who is doing anything about it?

Florida Future Farmers of America are taking steps to do something about this shortage of scientists and leaders. Through your individual activities and through your organizations on their various levels, you are in position to develop qualities of scholarship and leadership in your members and inspire them to prepare themselves to take their places in the future in positions of responsibility in their state and nation. Qualities of scholarship and leadership are developed through the cultivation of self reliance. Self reliance comes through the ability to do things and get them done. This is the type of training which is available to you in FFA.

Your objectives and interests are quite similar to those of the College of Agriculture. It is the function of the College of Agriculture, first, to train young men and women in such a way that they will be prepared to return to the farm, grove, or ranch for successful practice in their chosen work, or to take their places in specialized professions in many fields. A second important function is to train scientists and teachers who will in turn train the youth of the State to help solve the complex problems of tomorrow's agriculture.

It is true, however, that the standards demanded of graduates in agriculture are continuing to rise. The graduate with a good scholastic record, coupled with a moderate record of extracurricular activi-



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ties, is in greatest demand. Your experience in FFA is valuable preparation for successful college work.

For the best possible preparation, careful attention to fundamentals is recommended. You cannot bring with you to college too much preparation in mathematics and english. Three or four years of these subjects in high school are almost essential. Next in order of priority are the basic sciences of chemistry, physics, and biology. Fundamental courses in economics also are desirable. With this training and background you should be well prepared for successful college work in the fields where scientists and other leaders are so much in demand.

The Cover

A picture made in the House of Representatives during the 1957 Session of the Legislature, showing one Senator and eleven Representatives who are former Future Farmers and former FFA Chapter Advisers.

H. E. Wood, State Adviser, Florida Association F.F.A., (Continued on page 13)

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FFA champion at Ocala's Southeastern steer show was shown by Minor Jones of Fort Meade, and sold at 40 cents per pound to Fairway Markets of Orlando. The 825 pound Hereford steer graded choice.

800 Expected to Attend 29th Annual Convention

APPROXIMATELY 800 high school students and their instructors of Vocational Agriculture will attend the 29th annual convention of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, in the Peabody Auditorium at Daytona Beach, June 10-14.

Those attending will have the opportunity to see and hear James Quincey, Trenton FFA Chapter, National Vice-President representing the Southern Region, and Wesley Patrick, 1956 Star American Farmer, from Quitman, Georgia. Also, they will probably have the opportunity to see the movie based

upon part of the life of Bill Gunter, Suwannee Chapter, Live Oak, former State Vice-President, and former National President.

A record number of members will receive the State Farmer Degree this year. Each member receiving the degree will receive at least \$5; whereas, three of the top District winners will receive \$10; two of the top Area winners will receive \$25; and the Star Farmer will receive a \$50 award from the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company. Also, the National Future Farmer Foundation has increased the Star State Farmer Award to \$200.

Plans are for coverage through Television, in addition to Radio and Newspaper this year. John Folks, Agricultural Engineer, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, will make a movie of the Convention, through the courtesy of his organization.

Plans should be made immediately to attend by securing hotel reservations.

Ag. Improvement and Leadership Awards Are Presented

THE FUTURE Farmer of America Foundation awarded \$1076.59 for Improving Agriculture and Leadership Awards in Florida for 1956-57. The award was divided equally by the following Chapters: Lee, Trenton, and Okeechobee.

The Lee Chapter will use its funds to help in purchasing a motor and irrigation system for their land laboratory.

The Trenton Chapter will purchase a feed grinder & mixer, so that the members of the Chapter can grind and mix their own feed to be used in their Steer Program.

The Okeechobee Chapter will use its funds toward the purchase of a grader blade, a 12' fertilizer spreader and a cultivator, as the County School Board has furnished them with a new 1957 International 300 tractor, bush and bog harrow, leveling disc harrow, mower, pickup truck, hand planter, fertilizer distributor and a school bus for transporting students from the school to the school farm.

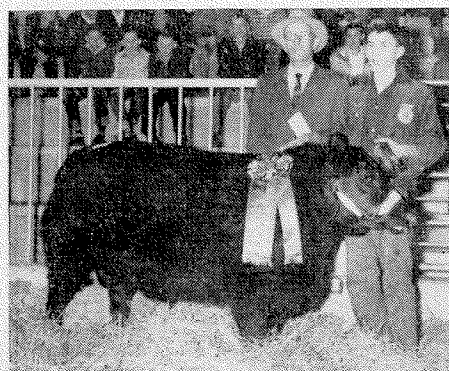
Reddick Chapter Member is Selected as Legislative Attache

RANDY BROWN, member of the Reddick FFA Chapter in the Reddick High School, was selected as an Attache for the Florida Legislature in Tallahassee. He is 17 years of age, a senior in High School, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brown of McIntosh.

The selection was based upon character, scholarship and leadership activities in the Future Farmers of America, school and community.

He has served a year as Sentinel of his Chapter, and now holds the office of Chaplain. He is also a member of Beta Club and Secretary and Treasurer of his Sunday School in the Presbyterian Church in McIntosh. This past year he was selected on the All-Conference football team and on the All Area-Conference basketball team. At the present time, he holds the Chapter Farmer Degree, and has applied for the State Farmer Degree.

Brief Reviews Livestock Shows and Sales



Jerry Perkins, Havana Chapter, exhibited the Grand Champion, which was sold to W. L. Williams, Planter's Exchange of Havana, at 95¢ per lb., to gross \$903.00, in the West Florida Fat Cattle Show at Quincy.

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR—Palmetto

Tony Strickland, Bradenton Chapter showed a Shorthorn to Reserve Champion. His Fat Steer sold at \$1.05 per pound, for a gross of \$897.00.

SUWANNEE RIVER VALLEY SHOW—Fannin Springs

Herbert E. Brown, Jr.'s Grand Champion was bought by Winn-Dixie—A.D. Davis, President, for 50¢ per pound.

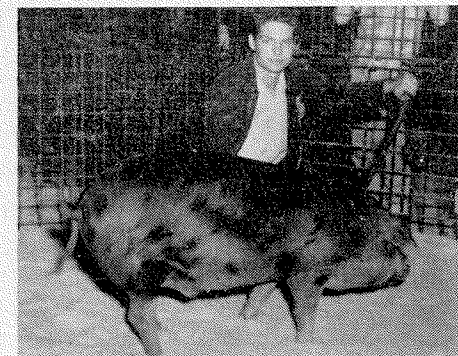
SOUTHEASTERN FAT STOCK SHOW—Ocala

The Ocala Chapter won the Meat Judging Contest. Team members were: Franklin Hamblen, Shelly Swift, and Billy Peeble. High individual score, Swift.

Tavares FFA Chapter Team of Carey Kirkley, Tommy Lee, and Crag Griffin, won the FFA Livestock Judging Contest.



Jim Gorman, Managing Director of Florida Chain Store Council, presented Bill Blake, Quincy Chapter, Florida Chain Store Council Award for the best gain record in the West Florida Livestock Show at Quincy.



Wayne Everett with his Reserve Grand Champion Barrow in the North Florida Livestock Show and Sale at Madison. Also, Wayne had the Grand Champion Pen of 3.

South Eastern and West Florida Fat Stock Show

THE TWO \$100.00 Nathan Mayo Scholarships were won by Craig Griffin, Tavares F.F.A. Chapter, and Dwight Stewart, Walnut Hill F.F.A. Chapter, as exhibitors at the Southeastern and West Florida Fat Cattle Shows and Sales, respectively.

Both have been President and Secretary of their F.F.A. Chapters. Also, they have been outstanding in participating in Cattle Shows and Chapter activities since joining the F.F.A. They plan to attend the University of Florida.

FFA Youth Show winners, listed in order by classes, with number of entries in parentheses, were as follows:

Angus bulls—Junior calves (2): Stardust Princess 9, Starke FFA Chapter; Eric Lusamere, Ronald Park, Plant City; Senior calves (1): Bradmar 99 (reserve champion), Tommy Williams, St. Cloud; Junior yearlings (2): Bardolmere SR (champion), Jeff Daughtry, Wauchula; Stardust Prince 4, Lakeland FFA Chapter;

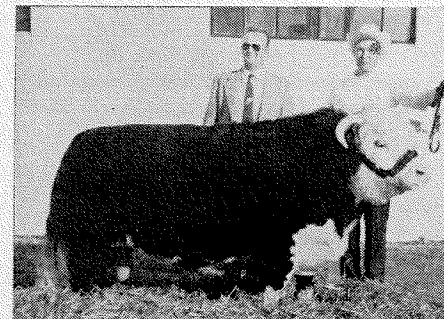
Angus females—Junior calves (2): Stardust Eisa T Erica 4th, Brandon FFA Chapter; Alice Erica of Palm Lake, Bradford FFA Chapter, Starke; Senior calves (3): Enchanting Miss Turkey Creek, Turkey Creek FFA Chapter; Stardust Queen Mother 2, Turkey Creek FFA Chapter; Palm Lake McHenry Barbara, Starke FFA; Junior yearlings (4): Black Empress MHS (champion), Williams; Eisa Trojan Erica 2SR (reserve champion), Daughtry; Kenacres Miss Evergreen, Herman Smith, Tampa; Kenacres Erica, Steve Chomack, Tampa;

Brahman bulls—Junior calves (1): OLP Sutton Burma Emperor (champion), Kenneth Sutton, Kathleen;

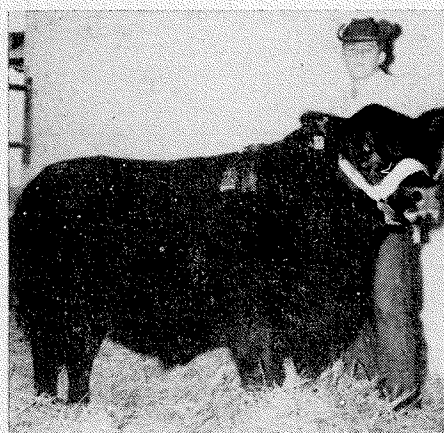
Brahman females—Senior calves (1): Miss Murphy's Imperator Manso 15th (reserve champion), Don Deadwyler, Cornwell; Two-year-olds (2): Miss Murphy's Manso 2, (champion), Deadwyler; Miss Murphy's Manso 14, Deadwyler;

Hereford bulls—Junior calves (5): Unnamed, Wimauma FFA Chapter; Unnamed, Sarasota FFA Chapter.

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New field representative for the Florida Hereford Association is Ralph Alberding, shown at the halter of the grand champion Hereford at the 1955 Florida State Fair. With him is his former employer, E. Reed Whittle of Emerald Acres Ranch at Orlando.



Don Deadwyler poses with his champion FFA steer at Tampa—an Angus.



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Champions in the FFA Beef Cattle Show at the Florida State Fair, Tampa: Jeff Daugherty, Wauchula Chapter, Angus bull; Tommy Hudspeth, St. Cloud, Angus female; Ken Sutton, Kathleen, Brahman bull; Don Deadwyler, Sebring, Brahman heifer; Dale Utter, DeLand, Hereford bull; Carey Kirkley, Tavares, Hereford female & Craig Griffin, Tavares, Shorthorn female. The picture was made immediately after the Parade of Champions, at which plaques were presented to each from the respective Breeders Association in Florida. Some of the orchids can be seen attached to the show halters of the females, along with some of the 10,000 that were used in the Parade of Champions.

Annual "FFA Day" at Florida State Fair is Huge Success

THE FLORIDA Future Farmers and Future Homemakers were blessed on their annual "FFA Day" at the Florida State Fair, with splendid Florida "Sunshine" weather. The grandstand was crowded for the program, which was opened by the La-Belle FFA String Band playing. After the welcome address by J. C. Huskisson, Manager of Florida State Fair and Gasparilla Association, many guests were introduced by H. E. Wood, State Adviser.

Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, praised the two organizations on their splendid goals and accomplishments. P. K. Beck, State President and Master of Ceremonies, with the other State Officers presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree to Mardi Lyles, Agricultural Program Director, Station WFLA-TV, Tampa, and M. E. Twedell, Assistant Manager, Florida State Fair & Gasparilla Association, Tampa.

The State FFA Executive Committee held a meeting on Friday prior to FFA Day in the First National Bank and were the guests of V. H. Northcutt, President and Robert N. Morris, Agricultural Representative, for lunch. That night they were the guests for dinner of the Florida Chain Store Council, with Vincent Fectel, President, and James E. Gorman, Managing Director, as hosts.

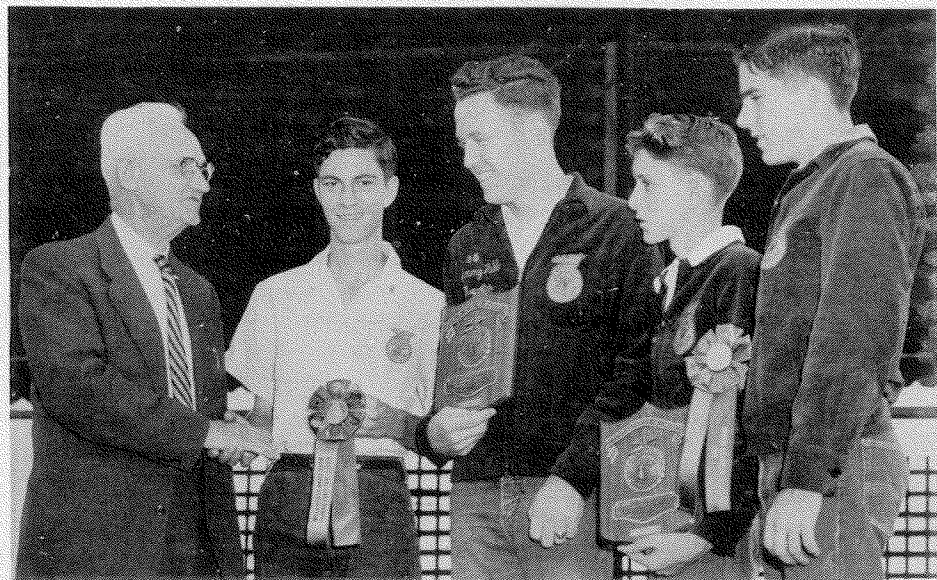
Mr. L. H. Lewis, Director of State Markets for the State Dept. of Agriculture,

presented awards to Melvin Vernon, Jr., of Hillsborough-Tampa Chapter, for showing the Champion FFA Ayrshire cow; Johnny Hebb of Bartow showed the Champion FFA Jersey cow; George Casey of Largo showed the Champion FFA Guernsey cow; Don Deadwyler, Sebring, showed the Champion FFA steer. Herb

and Casey received special plaques from the respective State Breed Associations.

G. H. W. Schmidt, Vice-President of the Florida Ford Tractor Company, presented the Vernon FFA Chapter with a new Ford tractor for being the second State winner of the Mechanizing Florida Agricultural Award. Also, the Crystal River Chapter received a \$300.00 certificate for the purchase of equipment, as second place state winner.

Miss Jeanette Bloodsworth, State FFA Sweetheart, along with the Reddick



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Quartet, furnished the entertainment for the program. The Future Homemakers gave a splendid skit on "Teen Age Consumer."

Over 140 chapter teams competed in judging contests, which followed the grandstand program, with the Gainesville Chapter winning the State Championship and receiving the Florida Fair Association trophy. The three teams to represent the Florida Association, F.F.A. in National competition next October are: Turkey Creek, Winter Haven, and Bradford at Starke.

The Turkey Creek Chapter won in beef cattle competition and will represent Florida at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Bradford Chapter team at Starke won in swine judging competition and will represent Florida at the American Royal in Kansas City.

The Winter Haven Chapter won the dairy cattle judging title and the honor of representing Florida at the National Dairy Congress in Waterloo, Iowa.

The trips and awards for the top 24 teams out of 140 in each contest were sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture.

Dairy and Beef Cattle Show

AT THE combined West Coast and Florida State Fair Dairy Show held in the Lykes Livestock Building; during the first week of the Florida State Fair in Tampa, Johnny Hebb of the Bartow Chapter won the Showmanship Contest; in the Fitting and Grooming Contest, Edward Cochran, Bartow Chapter, was first; in the Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, Bartow Chapter won, the team members being Johnny Hebb, and Edward and Gerald Cochran.

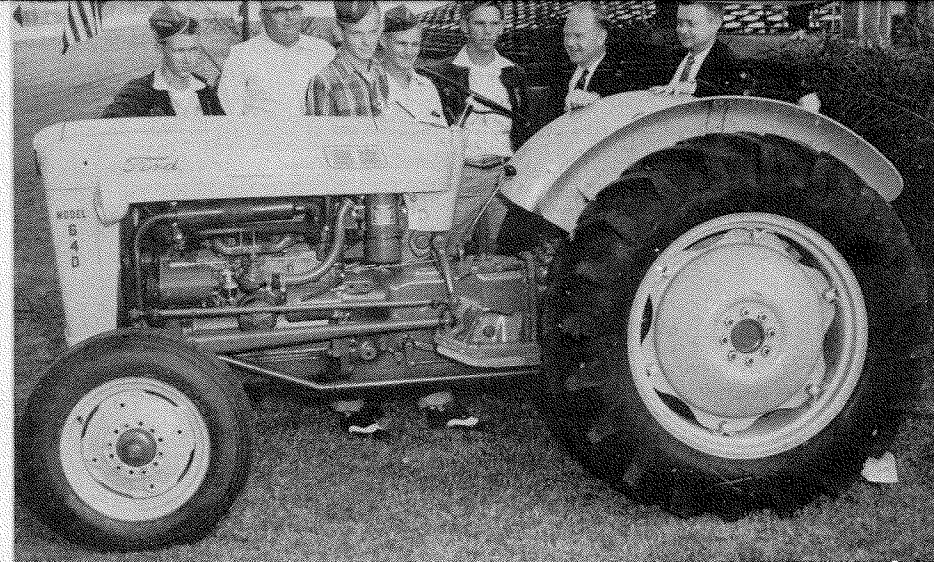
J. B. Sampson, Jr., of the Brandon Chapter won the Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association FFA Dairy Herdmen's Trophy and also was awarded the State FFA Revolving Trophy presented by the Florida Dairy Association for the best "individual record in the FFA Dairy Show."

FFA members showing Dairy Cattle Champions were: George Casey, Largo Chapter, Guernsey; Johnny Hebb, Bartow Chapter, Jersey; J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon Chapter, Holstein; Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough Chapter in Tampa, Ayrshire.

Blue ribbon winners in the Youth Dairy Show, which was judged under the Danish system, were as follows:

Ayrshires

Purebred heifer calves: John Dallas Shaw (reserve champion) Inverness; Junior yearling purebred



The Vernon FFA Chapter received a new Ford tractor in the "Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Program." G. H. W. Schmidt (2nd from right), Vice-President and General Manager of the Florida Ford Tractor Company of Jacksonville, made the presentation for the Florida Ford tractor dealers in Florida during the "FFA Day" ceremonies at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. Representatives of the Chapter present to receive the award were Daris Owens, Chapter Sentinel; Jack E. Haddock, member of the Washington County School Board; Clyde Hood, Chapter Secretary; Leonard Cook, Treasurer; Daniel Rogers, Vice President; Schmidt; and Arol Hudson, Chapter Adviser. Second place award of \$300 for equipment, in the state-wide contest, went to Crystal River FFA Chapter.



Champion Females in the FFA Dairy Show at the Florida State Fair, Tampa: George Casey, Largo, Guernsey cow; Johnny Hebb, Bartow, Jersey cow; P. K. Beck, State FFA President, with one of the trophies presented by respective Breeders' Associations of Florida; J. B. Sampson Jr., Brandon, with his Holstein heifer; Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough-Tampa, with his Ayrshire cow.

heifers: Donald Shaw, Miami; Three-year-old cows: Melvin W. Vernon, Jr., (grand champion), Tampa;

Guernseys

Three-year-old purebred cows: George M. Casey (grand champion), Largo;

Holsteins

Grade heifer calves: J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon;

Jerseys

Purebred heifer calves: Bartow chapter of FFA; Two-year-old purebred heifers, Edward Cochran, Bartow; Three-year-old purebred cows: Johnny Hebb (champion), Bartow; Edward Cochran (reserve champion).

In the Beef Cattle Show held during the second week of the Fair, Carey Kirkley, Tavares Chapter, received the Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association FFA Beef Herdmen's Trophy and Tommy Hudspeth, St. Cloud FFA Chapter, won the FLORIDA CATTLEMAN'S Maga-

zine Showmanship Trophy.

Showing Champions in the Beef Cattle Show were: Jeff Daugherty, Wauchula Chapter, Angus bull and Reserve female; Tommy Hudspeth, St. Cloud Chapter, the Angus heifer and Reserve Champion bull; Kenneth Sutton, Kathleen Chapter, Brahman bull; Don Deadwyler, Sebring Chapter, Champion and Reserve Brahman heifers; Dale Utter, DeLand Chapter, Hereford bull; and Arcadia Chapter, Reserve Hereford bull; Carey Kirkley, Tavares Chapter, Hereford female; and Bill Foster, DeLand Chapter, Reserve Hereford female; Craig Griffin,

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The Trenton FFA Chapter's Annual Steer Show was held on the Court House Grounds, with Wesley Patrick, Star Farmer of America, from Quitman, Georgia, as the main speaker. Mr. Jim Pace gave a grooming demonstration and the University of Florida Judging team judged the animals entered. 15 steers were entered in the show by members of the Chapter. The Chapter Advisory Committee composed of Billy Colson, Chairman, Stacy Quincey, W. C. Rogers, J. W. Miller, and Z. G. Bryant, planned and made arrangements for the show.

Dairy Cattle Judging Team

JIMMY KIRKLAND, 17 years of age, Chairman of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team, helps to operate a small dairy. His present project program includes Forestry and commercial vegetables. After graduating from high school, he is planning on attending the Ranger School at Lake City, which is a division of the School of Forestry at the University of Florida.

FRED WEBB, 16 years of age, has worked at a dairy near his home for experience and training in the business. His present project program is commercial gardening, with plans to secure some beef and dairy animals.

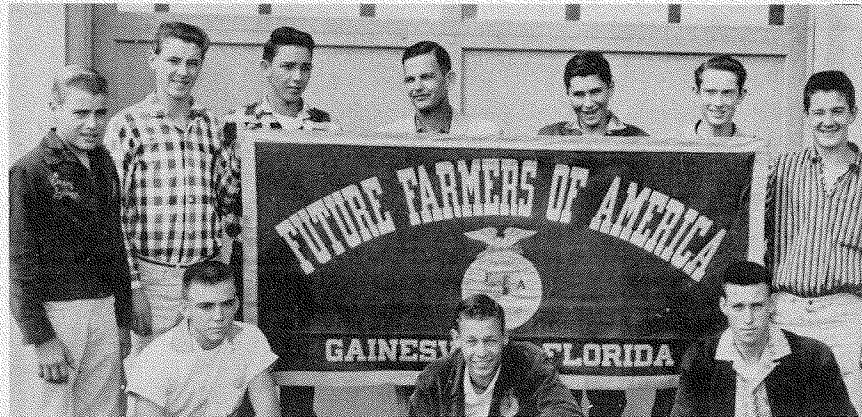
BILL ETHERIDGE, 15 years of age, is working at a local dairy near Gainesville. Bill is studying the dairy business, not only in the classroom but while he is at work, and has high hopes of some day owning a herd of dairy cattle.

Beef Judging Team

MURRAY TEUTON, 16 years old, Chairman of the Beef Judging Team, farms with his grandfather. He had two Angus steers which he sold in the J. D. Odom Livestock Show and Sale in Gainesville. Also, he grows corn, indigo and pangola hay for feed, which he uses to fatten his steers and to feed his 13 head of Angus cattle.

To utilize the peanuts which he grows with his corn, he fattens about 20 head of hogs each year, which are sold during the winter. He plans to attend college.

BILLY GRIGGS, another 16 year old member of the Beef Judging Team, buys day old calves to raise for market. After



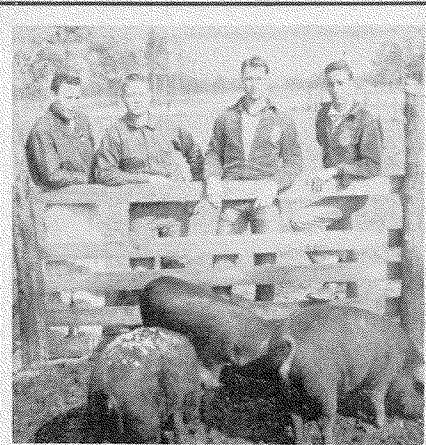
Members of the Gainesville Chapter's Livestock Judging Teams at the State Fair that won the State Championship, receiving the Fla. State Fair Trophy, Standing: Beef Cattle Judging Team, Billy Griggs, Richard Tillis, and Murray Teuton, E. B. Turlington, Chapter Adviser and Vocational Agriculture Teacher. Dairy Cattle Team: Billy Etheridge, Jimmy Kirkland, and Fred Webb. Swine Judging Team: In front, Jimmy Powell, Tommy Downs, and Jerry Austin.

keeping them on a small plot near his home, he later transfers them to pasture on his grandfather's place near LaCrosse. Also, he is planning on attending college, while building up his herd of pure bred Hereford cattle.

RICHARD TILLIS, 15 years old, showed a Hereford calf in the Odom Show. In the show last year he took two seconds with a steer and in the record book competition. He farms about 30 acres of corn and peanuts, besides growing hay for his cattle. Also, he has added a new feeding barn with storage facilities to the buildings at his home.

TOMMY DOWNS, 16 years of age, is raising hogs on his father's 100 acre farm and by farming with his father, he has use of a tractor and equipment to raise feed for his swine project.

JIMMY POWELL, 16 years of age, says that his brother-in-law, Harold McCullars, an auctioneer at the livestock market, got him interested in swine, even though he does not have any place in which he can raise hogs. Besides being interested in working at the livestock market Jimmy has shown great interest in cooperating with the Chapter in many of its activities



State Champion Swine Judging Team, Bradford Chapter at Starke: P. C. Hutchins, Adviser, and members John Allen Shadd, T. J. Mann and J. T. Parrish.

Swine Judging Team

JERRY AUSTIN, 17 years of age, Chairman of the Swine Judging Team, lives on an 118 acre farm and raises Duroc hogs.

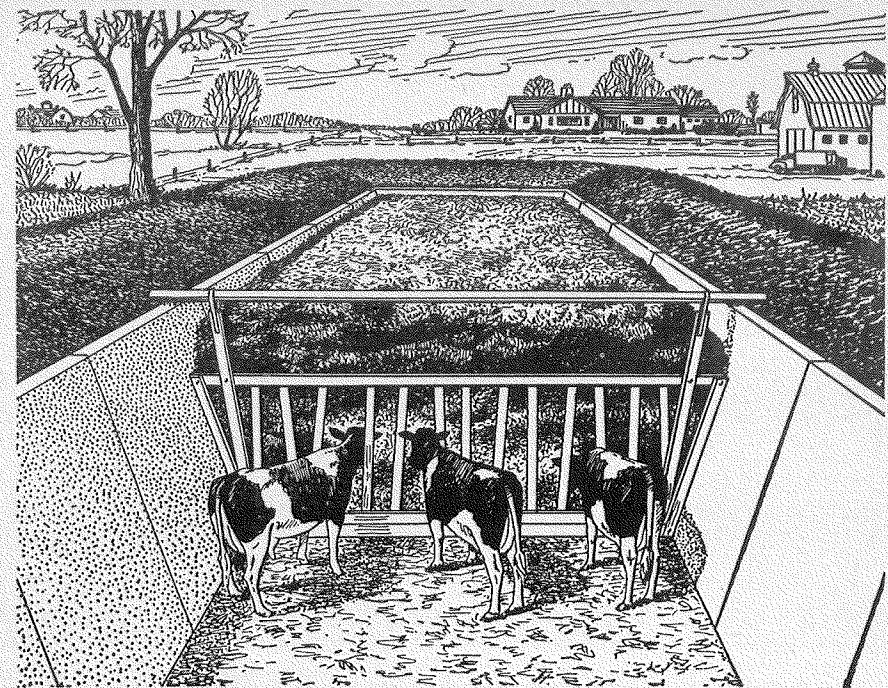
His project program includes six brood sows, one registered boar, and corn grown for feed. Also, he helps in growing vegetables on the truck farm at home.

He hopes to see a Swine Show established in Gainesville on the same order as the Fat Steer Show.

T. J. MANN, 17 years of age and a Junior in High School, has as his main project six sows and 4 barrows. Also, he grows 20 acres of Dixie 18 corn. Since becoming a member of the FFA, he has been greatly interested in making improvements on the family farm and around his home. Also, he has shown a great interest in repairing equipment and machinery.

J. T. PARRISH, 17 years of age and a Junior in High School, is Vice-President of the Bradford Chapter and has been very active in Chapter activities since becoming a Future Farmer. His project program includes two head of dairy heifer calves, three head of gilts and 27 head of swine, along with 12 acres of corn and peanuts, 5 acres of peas, 2 acres of pasture, and a home garden. J. T. has done most of the improvement projects and supplementary farm practices that a Future Farmer usually achieves in four years, though he has only been in the Future Farmers for two years. His plans are to attend the Forestry School at Lake City, after graduating from high school.

JOHN ALLEN SHADD, JR., 15 years of age, a sophomore in High School, is a Green Hand, since this is his first year in the Future Farmer Chapter, but has a very excellent project program which includes one steer, 8 head of beef cows, 5 acres of improved pasture and 1/2 acre of home garden. His plans are to get established in the cattle business and in doing so, is doing many of the supplemental farm practices and improvements that a Future Farmer does to learn during school.



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State President's Call

By the power vested in me as State President of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, I hereby issue a call for our twenty-ninth Annual State Convention to meet at Daytona Beach, Florida, June 10 through 14, 1957.

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

As a state association, we have accomplished many outstanding things this past year and at this, our 29th annual convention, plans will be made for another very important year ahead. Regular business will be transacted, state contests held and awards made.

On behalf of the state officers, I wish to welcome all the delegates, state farmer applicants, and all participants in the various contests, to the state convention and invite all of you to contribute your part in making this, the twenty-ninth annual convention, a fitting climax for this year's activities.

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One of the first stops in Chicago for touring FFA officers on their goodwill tour of American cities and industry was to visit John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board of International Harvester Company and recently-elected Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. As Chairman of the Committee, Mr. McCaffrey will be responsible for soliciting contributions from business, industry, and organizations to make up the National FFA Foundation's 1957 budget of nearly \$200,000. These funds provide prizes and awards to young farmer members in recognition of outstanding achievement in some phase of FFA work. National President, John Haid, Jr., wishes Chairman McCaffrey success in his fund drive for FFA.

Left to right: James Quincey, Vice-President from Trenton, Fla.; James Brandt, State FFA President from Pearl City, Ill.; John Haid, Jr., Siloam Springs, Ark.; Wesley Patrick, Star Farmer of America from Quitman, Ga.; Pete Knutson, Vice-President from Miles City, Mont.; Mr. McCaffrey; Jerry Ringo, Vice-President from Rothwell, Ky.; Victor Cappucci, Jr., Vice-President from Mehoopany, Pa.; and Jerry Litton, Student Secretary from Chillicothe, Mo.

McCaffrey Is Elected Chairman Of FFA Sponsoring Committee

JOHN L. MCCAFFREY, Chairman of the Board of International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois, has been elected Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., an organization which provides an award program to recognize the achievements of outstanding farm boy students of vocational agriculture.

He succeeds Clark W. Davis of E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware. As Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee, Mr. McCaffrey will be responsible for soliciting funds to continue the FFA Foundation's award program during the coming year.

Representatives of 89 donors to the FFA Foundation attended the meeting at Washington, D. C., in which Mr. McCaffrey was elected.

A 1957 budget of \$193,690.00 was adopted by the Foundation's Board of Trustees, according to a report made at the meeting by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Director of the Agricultural Education

Branch in the U. S. Office of Education, and Chairman of the FFA Foundation



G. K. Patrick, Manager of the General Electric Company's Educational Relations and Corporate Support Service, presents the Company's 1957 contribution to the Future Farmers of America Foundation to John Haid, President of the F.F.A. Haid accepted the check on behalf of the Foundation at a luncheon held by General Electric, one of the charter sponsors of the Foundation. . . . At left is G. A. Reitz, Manager—Educational Program Development for General Electric and at right is Dr. W. T. Spanton, U. S. Office of Education, the national advisor to F.F.A.

Board of Trustees. A review of 1956 included information that contributions totalling \$181,374.00 from 277 donors were received during the year. Miscellaneous income and interest on reserve funds brought the total income to \$190,511.87.

Foundation expenditures during the year amounted to \$170,036.84, of which \$146,905.51 was for Future Farmers of America prizes and awards, \$14,378.00 for New Farmers of America awards, and \$8,753.33 for printing and other administrative expenses.

Best known of the awards sponsored by the Foundation is the Star Farmer of America prize of \$1,000.00 given each year at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, to the Future Farmer who is judged the nation's most outstanding in farming and leadership. Wesley Patrick, Quitman, Georgia, winner of the Star Farmer award last year, appeared as a speaker before the donor group in their Washington meeting. Many other State and national prizes are provided by the Foundation in such fields as public speaking, farm mechanics, farm electrification, soil and water management, farm safety, and livestock judging. Included, according to Dr. Spanton, are about 45,000 medals awarded each year to boys who are most outstanding in their local FFA chapters.

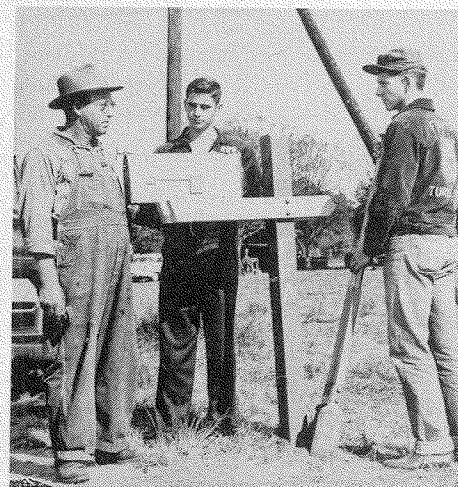
The FFA Foundation is administered by a 15-member Board of Trustees composed entirely of men who are working in the field of agricultural education. The business and industrial concerns, organizations, and individuals who contribute to the Foundation have organized

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Some of the applications of spray equipment on farms were demonstrated and others were discussed when the nation's star farmer and national student officers of the Future Farmers of America visited The DeVilbiss Company in Toledo, O., recently.

On a month-long national tour, Star Farmer Wesley Patrick, of Georgia, was accompanied by John M. Haid, national president of FFA from Arkansas; Jerry Ringo from Kentucky, Victor Cappucci from Pennsylvania, Pete Knutson of Montana and James Quincey of Florida, all vice presidents, and Jerry Litton, secretary, from Missouri. In Toledo, they were joined by John Toppe, Ohio State FFA president, D. R. Purkey and James Dugan of the Ohio State Department of Agriculture.



M. R. Scofield, Rt. 1, Dover, purchased a mail box from the Turkey Creek FFA Chapter. Wayne and Audrey Smith, members of the Chapter, assisted him in setting up posts. Photo by Bill Friend, Plant City.

The Cover

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Honorary State Farmer Degree 1930. Honorary American Farmer Degree 1956.

Doyle E. Conner, Starke, Speaker of the 1957 House of Representatives; 1946-47 State FFA President; 1948-49 President, National Organization.

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B. D. (Georgia Boy) Williams, Columbia County Representative, Lake City; former member of the Bonifay Chapter.

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Allison R. Strickland, Citrus County Representative, Inverness; former member of the Citrus Chapter.

Henry W. Land, Orange County Representative, Apopka.

Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Honorary State Farmer Degree 1949;

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Randy Brown, Reddick FFA Chapter, Future Farmer Attache in the Legislature.

Not shown: Richard Yates, Member of Clewiston FFA Chapter, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, House of Representatives.

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While visiting The B. F. Goodrich Company Research Center in Brecksville, Ohio, on their goodwill tour recently, eight representatives of the Future Farmers of America were shown the first tire ever vulcanized by atomic energy. Here, Dr. Charles Stockman, who is in charge of nuclear vulcanization for B. F. Goodrich, explains that the tire is the first large commercial item ever processed by nuclear radiation and represents the first basic change in the "curing" of rubber products since the discovery of vulcanization in 1839. Standing, left to right: Jerry Litton, national FFA student secretary, Chillicothe, Mo.; John M. Haid, Jr., national FFA president, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Dr. Stockman; James Quincey, Southern Region FFA vice president, Trenton, Fla.; Victor Cappucci, Jr., North Atlantic Region FFA vice president, Mehoopany, Pa.; John Poppe, Ohio FFA president, New Bremen, Ohio; Wesley H. Patrick, Star Farmer of America, Quitman, Ga. Kneeling, left to right: Jerry Ringo, Central Region FFA vice president, Rothwell, Ky.; Rogerric Knutsen, Pacific Region FFA vice president, Miles City, Montana.

McCaffrey

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a donors' "Sponsoring Committee" for the purpose of raising funds. It is this committee that Mr. McCaffrey will head during the remainder of 1957.

In general, the Foundation program for 1957 will remain similar to last year's. Significant changes include increasing the amount of Star State Farmer awards from \$100 to \$200; providing funds to help State Public Speaking winners with transportation expenses to Regional contests; and adopting a five-zone system for figuring American Farmer awards so that boys will receive \$75 to \$175, depending upon distance travelled to Kansas City, instead of the flat \$100 prize, that has been provided in the past.

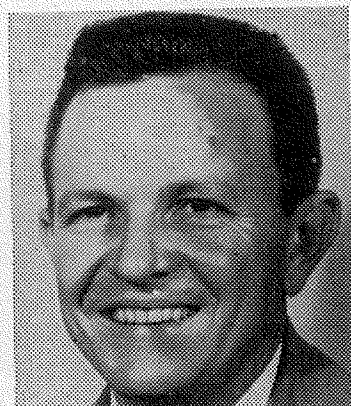
Several increases also were made in the amounts of awards provided for the New Farmers of America.

Donald Adams Appointed Director of Development

DONALD ADAMS, former State FFA President in 1943, and winner of the State and Tri-State Public Speaking Contest, was

recently appointed Director of Agricultural Development for the Florida Power and Light Company of Miami, as announced by President and General Manager, Robert H. Fite.

He will work closely with those interested in agriculture in helping to build Florida's agricultural economy. He and Mrs. Adams, with their two children, Donnie and Bennett, plan to live in Palatka, where his headquarters will be, because of its location to the agricultural area served by the company.



DONALD ADAMS

O'Steen Credits Vo-Ag Program and FFA For His Success

CARLTON O'STEEN recently purchased his own farm, 160 acres, near High Springs and Alachua in Alachua County. Prior to this time he was in partnership with his father, Mr. W. A. O'Steen, of Alachua, Florida.

He began his farming career while a young boy in vocational agriculture in High Springs High School. He was active in FFA work and took vocational agriculture for four years in high school. It was in 1948-49 that he really became established in farming. This year, he farmed 300 acres on a 50-50 basis with his father. This was a continuing operation for the next four years, or until 1952. In 1952, Carlton was drafted for military service. He served for two years in the U. S. Army and saw action in Korea.

While a member of the High Springs FFA Chapter, Carlton served on judging teams and was very active in all phases of the chapter's program of work. He held various offices in the local chapter. His keen interest in farming and his desire to become a farmer are attested to by his list of FFA activities and achievements. In 1948-49, he received the State Farmer Degree and the State Farm Mechanics Award. In 1952, he received the American Farmer Degree from the National FFA Organization at their National Convention in Kansas City.

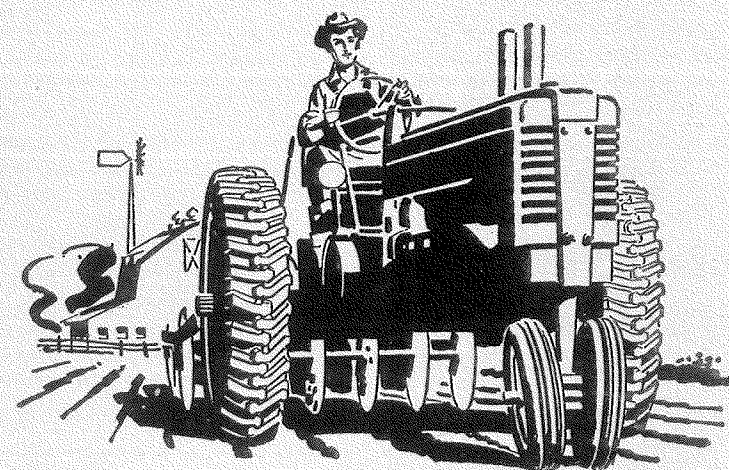
During the first four years in partnership farming, Carlton accumulated considerable farm equipment and some reserve capital. However, during his tour in service he had some unfortunate financial trouble. This trouble caused the delay of purchasing his own farm until 1957. After returning from service in 1954 he again farmed in partnership with his father. Their operation was general farming consisting of row crops of corn and peanuts for feed and many crops of tobacco, watermelons, cantaloupes, and allotted peanut acreage. His major livestock herds were hogs and cows. Grazing crops planted were millet, rye, oats, wheat and sweet lupine. For winter feed 200-250 tons of corn silage were produced and stored in a trench silo.

In April, 1955, he married Miss Jean Green of Alachua and moved his bride to his brother's farm of 160 acres. He rented this 160 acres and farmed it on his own in addition to the partnership operation of 200 acres with his father. He uses modern equipment and does practi-



Carlton O'Steen, former FFA member, feeding his pure bred Durocs.

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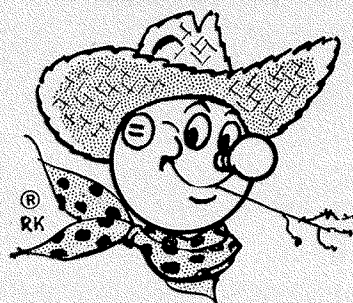
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cally all work of planting, cultivating, managing his livestock, etc. Additional help is used during harvest periods of tobacco, etc.

He moved on his own farm in February of this year. In addition to the 160 acres in his own farm he has rented an additional 160 acres. His plans for the 1957 crop year are to grow 3.5 acres of tobacco, 20 acres of millet followed by peanuts, 25 acres of watermelons followed by alyce clover for hay, and 232 acres of corn. He has 40 acres of permanent pasture.

His livestock consists of 37 head of cattle and 110 head of hogs. In addition to this livestock, he moved on his new farm with two tractors and equipment, plus special equipment, such as corn picker, tobacco transplanter, hammer mill, two rubber tire wagons, one two-ton truck, one pick-up truck, personal automobile and miscellaneous hand tools. Also, he and Jean have enough household furniture for very comfortable living.

Carlton's livestock herds are high grade dams and purebred sires. He has a purebred Angus bull and a purebred Duroc boar. He is following a close and successful grading-up breeding program.

One of the first jobs on his new farm was to build a trench silo for storage of winter feed. He has rearranged and constructed new fences so that he can start a crop rotation program the first year. Also, he has constructed new farrowing pens and remodeled equipment storage sheds and other farm buildings.

In planning his farming operation, Carlton is very careful to plan a year-round feeding program for his livestock. He practices approved methods in caring for his sows at farrowing time and his cattle at calving time. His sows give him a little better than two litters of pigs per

year. He says, "To make money on hogs never let them get hungry and never let them see a birthday (one year)." He plans his feeding program so that he can put his hogs on the market at approximately six to eight months of age. His grazing program is supplemented with corn, protein and necessary minerals.

Carlton says that FFA and vocational agriculture training have inspired him on many occasions. He says that his vocational agriculture training furnished him with a foundation for farming—a foundation that taught him the value of good management, soil and water conservation, and the importance of following and keeping up with approved practices and changes in the field of agriculture.

To keep up with the latest in agriculture and to increase his technical and managerial knowledge and ability, he is enrolled in the Veterans Farm Training Program. He attends classes weekly at the Santa Fe High School.

Carlton has great plans for his new farm. He has in mind a new farm home, new crop and equipment storage facilities, and an irrigation system.

Although he leads a busy farm life of long hours, Carlton finds time to be a good community man. He is a member of Alachua County Farm Bureau, American Legion, and an active member of Forest Grove Baptist Church and Sunday School.

Carlton's most recent achievement came this year. He was chosen by the Gainesville Junior Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Young Farmer of Alachua County for 1957.

To the Vocational Agriculture Program and the Future Farmers of America, Carlton says—THANKS FOR AN OPPORTUNITY!

ORLANDO AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

THE VOCATIONAL Agriculture programs over Station WDBO-TV in Orlando will be completing their second continuous year and are receiving National recognition. The credit for this belongs to the boys, girls, teachers, and their Coordinator, J. B. Johnson of the Orlando Boone High School. Programs for the next three months on Saturdays at 12:00 noon are as follows:

Date (1957)	Subject	Teacher	Place
April 20	Selecting Plants for Home Beautification.....	P. T. Dicks.....	Chiefland
April 27	Diseases of Citrus.....	Elmer Badger.....	Ocoee
May 1	Voc. Home Economics.....	Mrs. Belle Brooks.....	Voc. School, Orlando
May 4	Voc. Home Economics.....		
May 11	District FFA Winners.....	J. Bates Johnson.....	Boone
May 18	Protecting Game and Wildlife.....	H. L. Fagan.....	DeLand
May 25	Fertilizing Bearing Citrus.....	Jack Millican.....	Unatilla
June 1	Water Safety.....	C. L. Varner, Orlando Rec. Dir.	Orlando Rec. Dept.
June 8	Constant Mist System of Rooting.....	C. M. Lawrence.....	Lakeland
June 15	FFA State Convention.....	A. R. Cox.....	Fla. State Ex. Sec. FFA
June 22	Variety Show.....	Lloyd Stalvey.....	St. Cloud
June 29	Highway Safety.....	R. H. Hargrave	Lakeview, Winter Garden
July 6	Breeds of Beef Cattle.....	James C. Northrop.....	DeLand
July 13	Stocking Lakes With Game Fish.....	M. R. Avery.....	Leesburg
July 20	Civil Defense.....	Vern Wilson.....	(Boone) Orlando
July 27	FFA Forestry Camp.....	H. A. Henley.....	(Boone) Orlando

Fat Stock Show

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Chapter; Ernie Ford Rupert, Carey Kirkley, Asta-tula; CL Zento Rupert 55, Clewiston FFA Chapter; SH Publican Lad 4, LaBelle FFA Chapter; Senior calves (2): CL Zento Rupert 46, Wauchula FFA Chapter, SCF Larry Domino, Zack Tribble, DeLand; Junior yearlings (3): SL Trumodel Domino (champion), Dale Utter, DeLand; SH Zato Mixer (reserve champion), Arcadia FFA Chapter; CMR Mischief Domino 138, Bobby Sallette, Fort Pierce;

Hereford females—Senior calves (6): AES Larry-eta 340 (champion), Tavares FFA Chapter; DC Miss Larry Domino 79, Allen Peacock, Plant City; FFA Princess, Jack Sassard, Jr., DeLand; FFA Star Maid 3, Frank Tatum, DeLand; FFA Rotary Ann 6, DeLand FFA; Junior yearlings (3): FFA Princess Return (reserve champion), Bill Foster, DeLand; FFA Rosemere Jewel 2, DeLand FFA; FFA Princess Brum, DeLand FFA.

Shorthorn bulls—Senior calves (1): Royal Hi Ho Victory (champion), Ray L. Rhodes, Ocala;

Shorthorn females—Junior calves (3): Mina Peg 7th, Shelly G. Swift, Ocala; Broadhorns Maid 29th, Swift; Welshman's Jealousy 2d, Ocala FFA Chapter; Senior calves (1): Broadhorns Rose 6th (champion), Craig Griffin, Tavares; Senior yearlings (1): 4N Broadhorns 24th, Swift; Two-year-olds (1): R. V. Royal Lady, Rhodes.

Dairy & Beef Show

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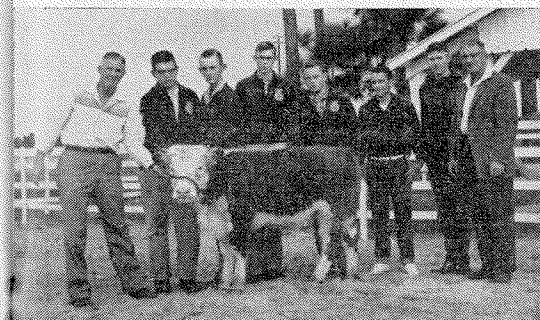
Tavares Chapter, Shorthorn female.

Receiving bulls through the Sears Roebuck Foundation's Improved Breeding Program were: Wimauma, Sarasota, Clewiston, Belle Glade, and Starke Chapters.

Receiving heifers through winning the Sears-Roebuck Improved Breeding Program were: J. F. Williams Chapter, Live Oak, Brandon Chapter, Fort Meade Chapter, Turkey Creek Chapter.

In the Fat Steer Show at the Fair, Don Deadwyler, Sebring Chapter, showed the heavy and middle weight Champions and Milton McMillan, DeLand Chapter, the light weight Champion, in the FFA Division.

In the first state wide Poultry Judging Contest the Lee Chapter, team members Alvin Henderson, Lynndon Pickles, Edward Almond, won first place.



One of Leesburg FFA's purebred Hereford heifers poses here with school officials and chapter officers. Shown, left to right, are: M. R. Avery, chapter advisor; John Lee, president; H. C. Connell, treasurer; Charles Kenner, sentinel; Ralph Twiss, reporter; Carman Miller, vice president; Billy Parrish, secretary; and Ray Hayes, supervising principal of Leesburg High School. The animal is a daughter of Publican Domino BRT, herd sire at Spring Hammock Farms, Leesburg.

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VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

THE VOCATIONAL Agriculture programs over Station WTVY-TV in Dothan, Alabama are in their second year of continuous operation. Teachers of Alabama, Georgia and Florida are cooperating in presenting a 15 minute program each Saturday. The time of the program will vary and advise that you consult the Vocational Agriculture teacher, your TV Station, or your local newspaper. The first five months of the second year's program will be as follows:

Date (1957)	Subject	Teacher	Place
April 6	Controlling Flies.....	J. S. Bass.....	Wicksburg, Ala.
April 13	Irrigation.....	Clarence Duke.....	Attapulgus, Ga.
April 20	Odd Projects.....	C. M. Cook.....	Ft. Gaines, Ga.
April 27	District Winners, Ala.....	B. L. Martin.....	Ozark, Ala.
May 4	Farm Machinery Maintenance.....	Arol Hudson.....	Vernon, Fla.
May 11	District Winners, Fla.....	R. F. Toole.....	Marianna, Fla.
May 18	Breeds of Dairy Cattle.....	W. C. Revell.....	Poplar Springs, Fla.
May 25	District Winners, Ga.....	Ben Strickland.....	Climax, Ga.
June 1	Food Preservation.....	G. D. Ward.....	Cottonwood, Ala.
June 8	Vocational Agriculture Program.....	D. E. Treadwell.....	Bonifay, Fla.
June 15	State FFA Winners, Ala.....	L. E. Porter.....	Abbeville, Ala.
June 22	State FFA Winners, Fla.....	J. W. Brown.....	Sneads, Fla.
June 29	Fitting Dairy Cattle.....	Charles Bailey.....	Bainbridge, Ga.
July 6	Operating Farm Machinery.....	G. D. Ward.....	Cottonwood, Ala.
July 13	Breeds of Beef Cattle.....	B. A. Johnson.....	New Brockton, Ala.
July 20	Variety Program.....	M. H. Roney.....	Rehobeth, Ala.
July 27	Care of Farm Tools.....	Lloyd Palmer.....	West Bainbridge, Ga.

WEST FLORIDA AND SOUTHERN ALABAMA AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

THE VOCATIONAL Agriculture programs over Station WEAR-TV, Pensacola, are being continued for the second continuous year. The credit for this belongs to the boys and girls, teachers and their Coordinator for Florida, L. T. Sewell, Tate High School in Gonzalez, and for Alabama, B. C. Nix, Foley, Alabama. The programs on Saturday at 10:15 A.M. C.S.T. until April 28, when they will be viewed at 9:15 A.M. C.S.T. are as follows:

Date (1957)	Subject	Teacher	Place
April 6	Rural Mail Box Program.....	Glynn Key.....	Walnut Hill
April 13	Selecting Beef Type.....	C. W. Grant.....	Fairhope, Ala.
April 20	State Farmer Candidates.....	Gordon Walther.....	Baker
April 27	Corn Production.....	B. H. Nall.....	Bay Minette, Ala.
May 4	District Winners—Alabama.....	B. C. Nix.....	Foley, Ala.
May 11	District FFA Winners—Florida.....	J. E. Baldwin.....	Paxton
May 18	Protecting Game and Wildlife.....	M. J. Beard.....	Frisco City, Ala.
May 25	Farm Mechanics Program.....	Glynn Key.....	Walnut Hill
June 1	Pines as a Money Crop.....	Edward Morse.....	DeFuniak Springs
June 8	Food Processing.....	Alvin Davis.....	Allentown
June 15	Alabama FFA Convention.....	B. C. Nix.....	Foley, Ala.
June 22	FFA Convention (Meet your new FFA Leaders).....	O. R. Farish.....	Gonzalez
June 29	Highway Safety.....	A. P. Hughes.....	Milton
July 6	Stocking Lakes with Game Fish.....	O. R. Farish.....	Gonzalez
July 13	To Be Announced.....	H. W. Green.....	Alabama
July 20	To Be Announced.....	T. L. Barrineau.....	Florida
July 27	Farm and Home Safety.....	McArthur Hines.....	Flomaton, Ala.

TAMPA BAY AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

THE VOCATIONAL Agriculture programs are to be seen on Wednesday morning, 6:30-7:00 on RFD-Florida over WFLA-TV, Channel 8, Tampa. The programs on this station are now on a bi-weekly basis and are completing their second year in operation. Mardi Lyles, Farm Service Director, WFLA-TV, is cooperating in presenting programs. He visits the Chapters and some of the members and makes film of what they are doing one week and it is presented the following week, as scheduled:

Date (1957)	Teacher	Place
April 24	W. E. Moore.....	Largo
May 8	Hiram Green.....	Wimauma
May 22	Willard L. Anderson.....	Brooksville
June 5	Eugene Doss.....	Mulberry
June 19	Lake K. Boyer.....	Pinecrest
July 3	D. M. Nifong, Jr.....	Plant City

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Florida's Efficient Corn Growing Program Award winners on trip to Memphis, Tennessee, Courtesy of Spencer Chemical Co. Front row, C. V. Jones, Jr., Trenton FFA Chapter; Advisers on trip were (Robert A. Campbell, Groveland and Henry Lunsford, Alachua; and Herbert E. Brown, Trenton); Back row, Charles Emerson, Santa Fe FFA Chapter, Alachua; Ronnie Merritts, Groveland FFA Chapter.

Florida FFA Boys Honored For Corn Growing Ability

Three Florida boys were honored by Spencer Chemical Company for their corn-growing ability and received an award of a three day, all-expense trip, to Memphis, Tennessee. They were: (C. V. Jones, Jr., Trenton; Charles Emerson, Alachua; Ronnie Merritts, Groveland), accompanied by their Vocational Agriculture instructors Herbert E. Brown, Henry C. Lunsford and Robert A. Campbell, respectively.

To qualify for the trip, each participant in the contest was required to grow at least two acres of corn. On one plot he followed usual corn-growing practices employed on his farm. On the other he used practices which, in his own judgement, would contribute to a more efficient and more profitable yield. The aim of the contest was to increase the participants' knowledge and use of efficient up-to-date practices. Efficiency was stressed above maximum yield.

C. V. Jones' average yield on plots where new practices were employed was 114 bushels as compared to 74.6 from the usual practice plots. Despite greater expenditures for seed, fertilizer and herbicides, the increased yield by employing the new practices caused a 20-cent average reduction in per-bushel production costs from 82 cents to 62 cents. This made the average profit per acre \$68.09 for the new plot as compared to \$39.36 for the old.

The chief practices which were added or intensified in establishing the new practice plots were use of fertilizer and additional corn plants per acre. The average stand per acre was increased from 9,600 to 13,800 plants per acre. Average fertilizer application per acre was increased from 27.5 pounds to 97.7 pounds for nitrogen; 27.3 to 65.8 pounds for phosphorus; and 23.9 to 65.1 pounds for potassium.

Charles Emerson's average yield on the plot where new practices were employed was 59 bu. as compared to 17 from the usual plot. Despite greater expenditures of \$30.97 per acre on the new plot as against \$17.33 for the old, he made \$32.83 for the new plot as compared to \$3.07 for the old.

The average stand per acre was increased from 2,180 to 6,400 plants per acre. Though he did not use any fertilizer in the old practices, he applied a fertilizer of 16 pounds nitrogen, 28 pounds phosphorus and 28 pounds of potassium to the new plot.

Ronnie Merritts' yield on the plot where new practices were employed was 132 bushels compared to 113 bushels from the old practice. His cost per acre for the new practices increased from \$74.48 to \$111.84, though his profit from the usual practice was \$61.12 to \$70.56 under the new practices. The plant population was increased from 16,100 to 19,300 per acre. His fertilizer application was increased from 92 lbs. to 238 lbs. for nitrogen; 126 lbs. to 140 lbs. phosphorus; and 114 lbs. to 196 lbs. potassium.



The Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Orlando, sponsored an all expense trip for the State FFA demonstration Team to the NJGVA in Atlanta, Georgia. Theron Bostick, Turkey Creek FFA Chapter, placed second in the production section and 8th Nationally, receiving a beautiful Benrus watch, gold pin, rosette, and NJVGA jacket. He is shown above with John St. Martin, his Chapter Adviser, and Joe Norton, Assistant Vegetable Crop Specialist, also, he is State Exec. Sec. for the NJVGA. Buddy Lariscy, and Ronald Dyal accompanied Theron and participated in the National Judging, Grading and Identification Contest.

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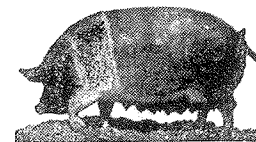
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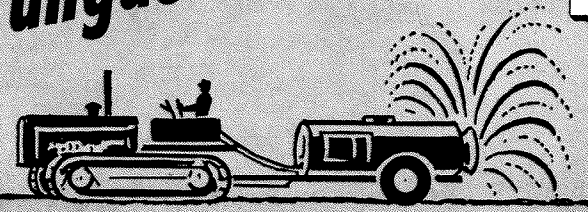
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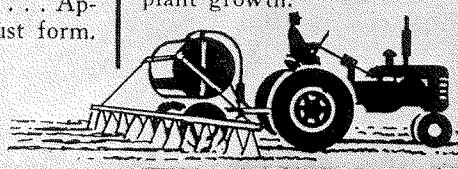
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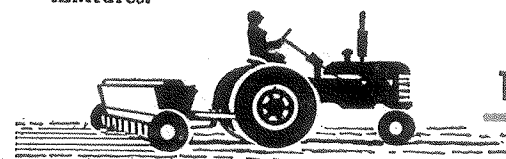


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