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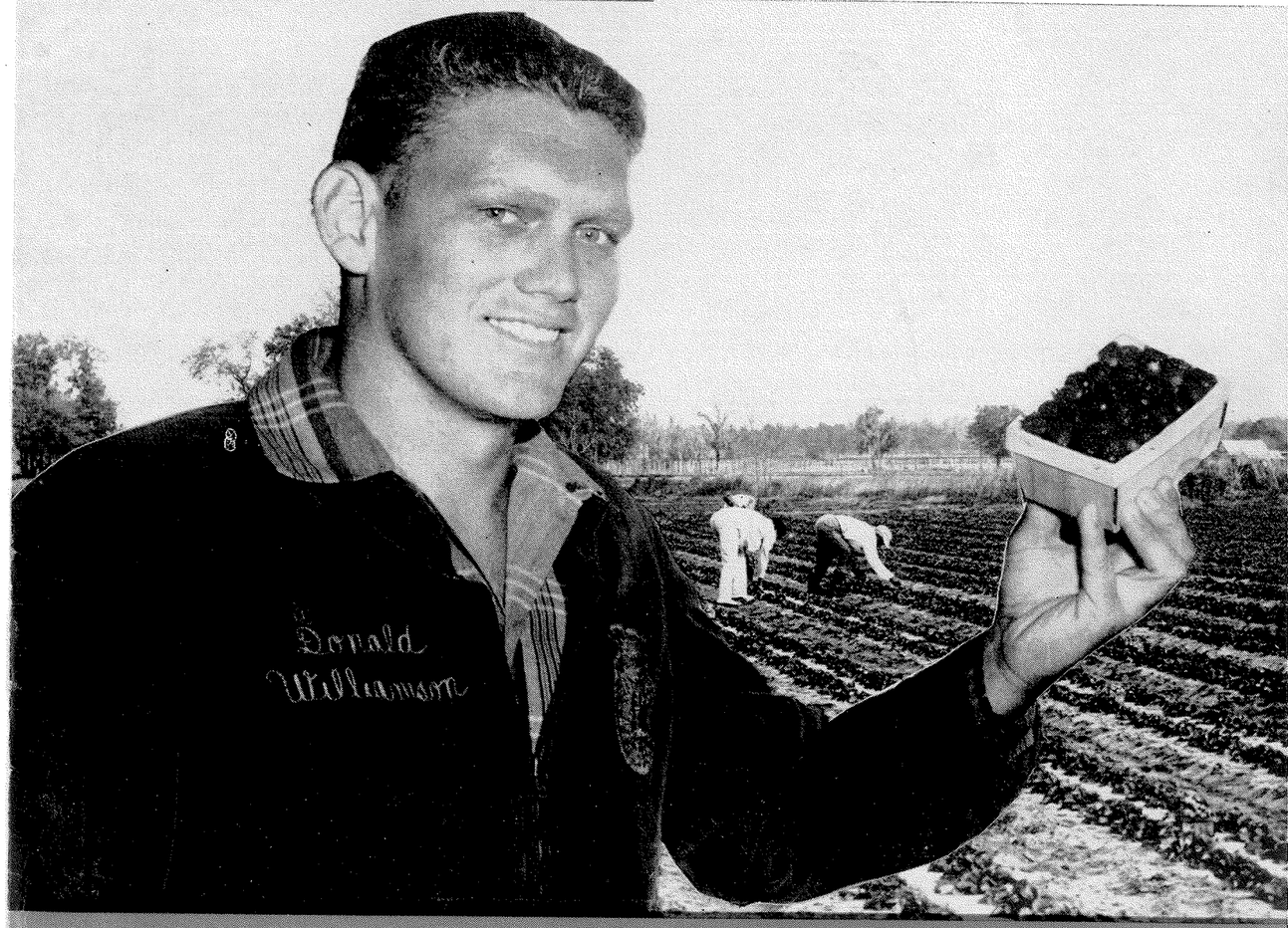
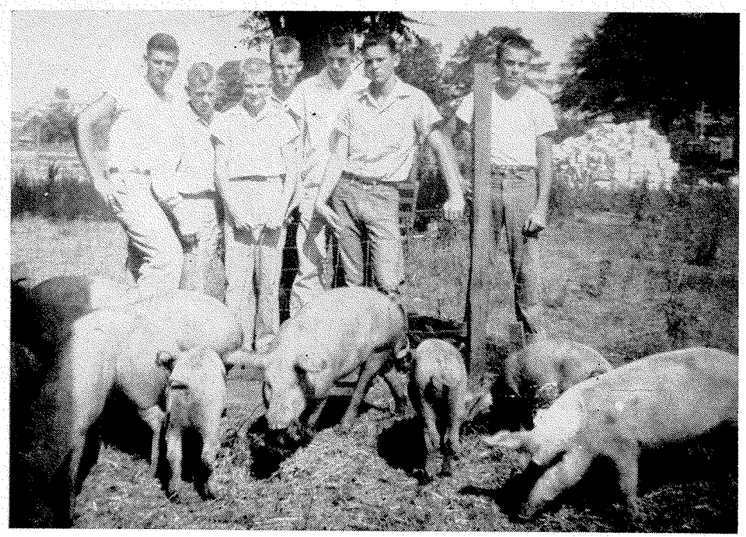
Cattle Show at Tampa



Highlights of Shows and Fairs



Some of the pure bred registered Landrace hogs received by the Florida Association, FFA, from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. All records indicate that most of these hogs were blue ribbon winners in different shows this fall.

Sears, Roebuck and Company Sponsor District FFA Swine Show

District F.F.A. Swine Shows, sponsored by Sears Roebuck and Company, were held in connection with the Pensacola Interstate Fair on October 16, and the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee on October 23.

Three chapters—Escambia Farms, Munson, and Milton participated in the Pensacola Show. The champion gilt was a Duroc exhibited by the Escambia Farms Chapter; and the reserve champion, a Landrace, was shown by Milton.

In the Tallahassee show, 8 chapters participated—Jasper, Chipley, Monticello, Bonifay, Graceville, Quincy, Greenwood and Campbellton—exhibited a total of 15 gilts and 8 boars. Three breeds were represented in the show—Duroc, Landrace, and Yorkshire. No champions were selected, but blue ribbon animals were exhibited by Bobby Bennett, Jasper; Bonifay FFA Chapter; Cecil Tindell, Graceville; Billy Jo Miles, Graceville; Albert Cox, Quincy; Stanley Pittman, Greenwood; Charles Croft, Greenwood; Lamar Yarbrough, Greenwood; and Ronnie Meyers, Campbellton.

A cash award of $10 was given to the exhibitor of each animal, regardless of placing, by Mr. H. F. Mueller, manager of the Sears Pensacola store; and Mr. D. L. Davis, manager of the Tallahassee store.

A showmanship contest was held at each show. At Pensacola, Gene McCoy of Munson won first place in showing gilts; and Adrian McCall first in showing boars. In the Tallahassee show, Wendell Taylor of Campbellton was the best showman in the gilt class, while Archie Walters of Jasper took first honors in showing boars. All boys entering the showmanship contest were awarded walking canes.

This is the first year that these special shows have been held. Plans are being made to increase the number of chapters participating in them next year. Chapters participating in the program may receive five gilt pigs and a boar from

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FFA Welding Awards are Told

(The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation presents $7,000 each year in awards and all Future Farmers who live on a farm or ranch are eligible. See your Local Adviser for more information concerning these awards, which are listed in the Florida Association, FFA, Contests and Awards Bulletin.

Twin brothers, Richard and Robert Ambrosek, who with their father and mother operate a farm near Haigler, Nebraska, shared top honors and the First Award of $600 in the annual, national arc welding competition sponsored for farm high school students by The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio. A duplicate award of $600, honoring the boys achievement was also made by the Foundation to their school, the Chase County High School in Imperial, Nebraska.

The Ambrosek brothers, in receiving the top award, were recognized by the Foundation as being among the best young farm mechanics in the country. The Foundation judged entries from 35 different states. A total of 100 awards was made to boys in 78 different schools. Ten schools also received cash awards to be used to improve their shop courses.

The Ambrosek boys received their recognition for a description of a livestock handling chute and how they made it with their farm arc welder. The chute is used for branding and handling their 100 head of stock cattle.

The Second Award of $400 was received by Jerry Gardner of Miltonvale, Kansas. As a student at Clay County Community High School, he made a power hack saw and a cattle squeeze, which he described in his winning entry. His school also received $400. Gary

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NATIONAL F.F.A. WEEK FEBRUARY 16-23, 1957

The 144 F.F.A. Chapters in Florida will observe National F.F.A. Week February 16-23 in many ways. A list of very good suggestions appeared on page 10 in the 1956 Winter issue of the Florida Future Farmer Magazine.

This year Governor Leroy Collins will issue a proclamation for Future Farmer Week and present it to the State President, P. K. Beck, Chiefland FFA Chapter, and National Vice President representing the Southern Region, James Quincey, Trenton Chapter.

Now is the time for you and your Chapter to plan what will be done in your community.

By Way of Editorial Comment:

"FFA and Public Relations"

By W. C. Greenway
Assistant Southern Director, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia

The Future Farmers of America not only stand for the things that are good and worthwhile but they are striving to improve on the things that make our American way of life better.

W. C. Greenway

It would be practically impossible to enumerate the many accomplishments that are conceived and cultivated in this great youth organization. Should I be assigned the job of naming three divisions that would include all the activities of the F. F. A. it would be thus: leadership, supervised farming program, and public relations.

The F. F. A. has trained and developed as many outstanding leaders in the short time it has been organized as any youth organization in the country today. All you have to do is run down the roster of the F. F. A. and check names. The F. F. A. members of yesterday are today's outstanding farmers, vo-ag teachers, county agents, doctors, lawyers, bankers, legislators, ministers, and on and on—you will find F. F. A. boys in all fields. This alone is proof of the F. F. A. as a leadership builder.

Supervised farming is another important division of F. F. A. in that this is where the F. F. A. puts into practice the many things that are studied in the classroom, shop, and field. This is the part of the program that makes it 'vocational-education'—learning by doing.

Public Relations is probably one of the most important phases of the F. F. A. program, yet would be of no value were it not for the leadership, and supervised practice phases.

Public Relations is not new. It is something that has been practiced as long as we have existed, although the term "public relations" was not used until the last few years. In this keenly competitive world, public relations is becoming more and more important to business, to organizations, and, yes, to the *F. F. A.*

F. F. A. is doing a superb job in building leaders and putting into practice the lesson learned in the classroom, but it is just good Public Relations to follow through and receive credit for it. If others do not know about your accomplishments, then the job is not complete.

One of the best methods of getting across to a lot of key people what you

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The Cover

$120 for first pint (October 26th) of strawberries of the season produced by Donald Duck Williamson, Turkey Creek FFA Chapter, son of L. G. Williamson. Wishnatzki and Nathel of Plant City purchased the berries and Donald gave the money to his Church. *(Photo by Bill Friend, Plant City.)*

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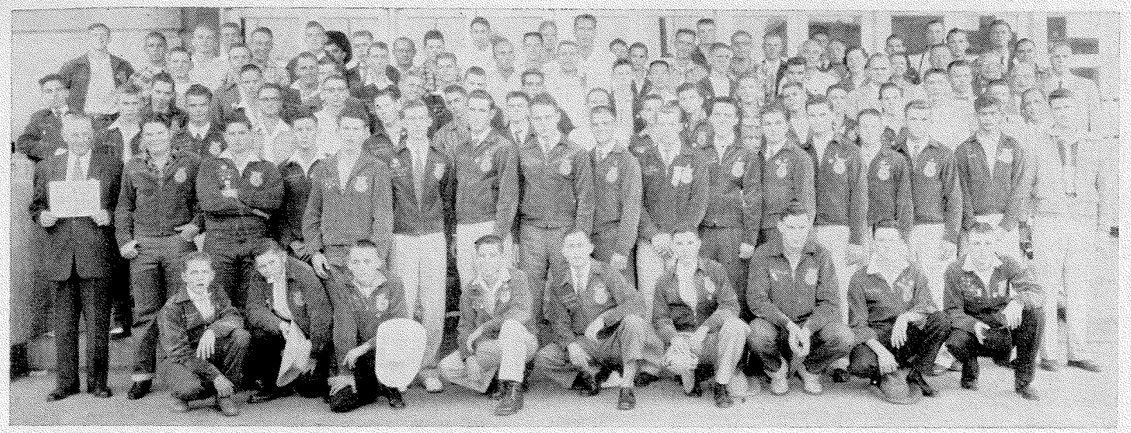


Some of the 165 members and friends in the Florida delegation who attended the 29th Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18, 1956.

29th Annual National FFA Convention Was Well Attended by Florida Members and Advisers

The 165 people in the Florida delegation to the 29th National FFA Convention, held at Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18, 1956, consisted of members, Chapter Advisers, Principals, a County Superintendent, and several parents and friends representing 56 Chapters in Florida.

The official delegates representing Florida were past State President William Aplin of the Paxton Chapter, and State President P. K. Beck of the Chiefland Chapter.

Artilee Lowe of the Ocala Chapter and Richard Gandy of the Havana Chapter were in the National Chorus. Robert Wiley of the Auburndale Chapter was in the National Band.

Lloyd Dubroff of the Altha Chapter, speaking on "What Soil Conservation Districts Are Doing to Conserve Our Natural Resources", won second place in the National Public Speaking Contest Monday night, October 15.

The Quincy, Suwannee and Williams (Live Oak) Chapters received Gold Emblem ratings in the National Chapter Contest; Quincy for the sixth straight year, Suwannee for the third year in a row, and Williams for the second successive year. This year, only 58 Chapters out of over 9,000 in the National Organization received a rating high enough to be presented the Gold Emblem Award.

Eldred Hollingsworth of the Walnut Hill Chapter, State winner in the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Forestry Contest, appeared on two Lion's Club Programs, arranged by Mr. R. N. Hoskins, General Forestry Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railroad, Norfolk, Virginia.

Ed Norfleet, Jr., of the Newberry Chapter, 1954 Star State Farmer, carried the Florida State Flag, and James Quincey of the Trenton Chapter carried the United States Flag in the Massing of the State Flags Ceremony during presentation of the Star Farmer Awards. The Star American Farmer for 1956 was Wesley Patrick of the Quitman Chapter in Southern Georgia.

Bobby Ray Durden of the Havana Chapter, and Ed Norfleet, Jr., of the Newberry Chapter, winners of the Chilean Nitrate Leadership Award, attended the Convention with their expenses paid by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau.

The Suwannee Chapter, winner of the Chapter Forestry Contest, sponsored by the St. Regis Paper Company, was awarded expenses which were used for several members and Mr. B. R. Mills, Chapter Adviser, to attend.

Robert Maxwell of the Quincy Chapter, winner of the State Feeder Steer Award, and his Adviser, Mr. James McCall, attended the Convention, with their expenses being paid by the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

Mr. Ted Pendarvis from the State Marketing Bureau of Jacksonville attended, carrying with him some award winners and Chapter members.

American Farmer Candidates at the 29th Annual National FFA Convention October 15-18, 1956.

Receiving the American Farmer Degree were: Edwin Faglie of the Monticello Chapter, Jack Faircloth of the Bonifay Chapter, Donald Cason of the Chiefland Chapter, James Quincey of the Trenton Chapter, Kenneth Mills of the Suwannee Chapter, Jerry Holland of the Wimauma Chapter, Rudy Geraci of the Wildwood Chapter, and Bobby Griffin of the Bartow Chapter.

Jerry Holland, Lloyd Dubroff, and D. A. Storms, Hillsborough County coordinator of Vocational Agriculture, presented a special program to the West Side Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Dubroff, Lloyd's mother; Mrs. Geraci, Rudy's mother; and Mr. Griffin, Bobby's father, were some of the parents present to see their sons participate in the National Convention. Principals attending were O. H. Rutledge, Supervising Principal, Live Oak; Oliver Daugherty, Ocala; Paul F. Furr, Bartow; and Frank Commander of Trenton.

Receiving the Honorary American Farmer Degree were H. E. Wood, State Adviser, FFA, and M. C. Roche, Vocational Agricultural Teacher and Chapter Adviser, Ocala.

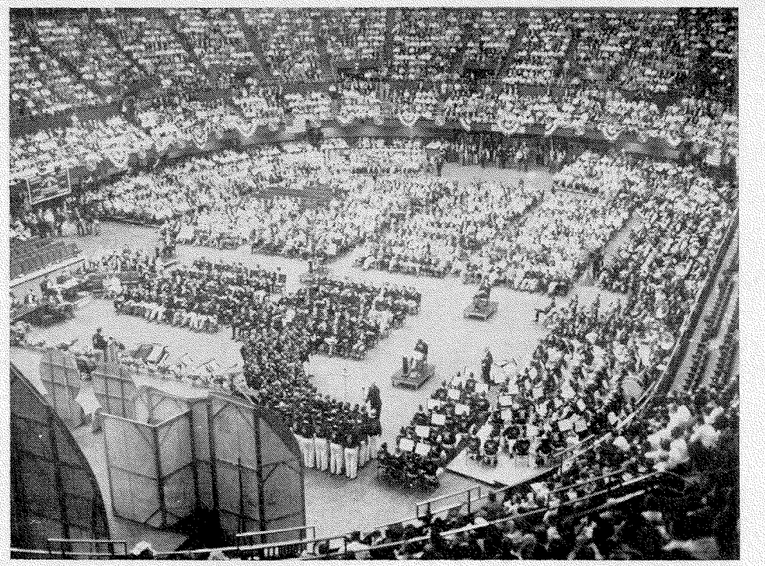
Other highlights of the Convention were: Some of the Florida delegation attended the Official Delegates Dinner on Monday, Ford Motor Company's dinner for Chapter Advisers attending the Convention on Tuesday, and meeting Wayne Poucher, Manager of Radio Station WCOS in Columbia, S. C., who was in attendance at the Convention with the South Carolina delegation. Wayne was National Public Speaking Champion from the Largo Chapter in 1939. J. E. McIntyre, former Vocational Agricultural Teacher at Trenton, also received the Honorary American Farmer Degree. At the present time, he is teaching Vocational Agriculture in Mars Hill, N. C.

The climax of the Convention for the Florida delegation came Thursday afternoon as the Nominating Committee recommended, and the delegates elected James Quincey as Vice President, representing the Southern Region for 1956-57.

Listed again as donors to the National Future Farmer Foundation this year, were: the First National Bank of Tampa, and the Pensacola Buggy Works, Inc.

Pompano FFA Secures Farm

One of the most important projects of the Pompano FFA Chapter is the twenty acre farm which was purchased for them by the County School Board. The boys have built a barn on it, and work will soon start on a twelve inch well for irrigating the farm. They have calves, one pig and forty chickens on the farm.



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Florida Winners Announced In National Judging Contests

The Winter Haven FFA Dairy Judging Team, composed of Eugene Smith, Jimmy Dixon and Robert Thornhill, with Bill Thornhill as alternate, their Adviser, L. W. Harrell; and J. K. Privett, Polk County Coordinator of Vocational Agriculture, represented Florida at the National Dairy Judging Contest at Waterloo, Iowa, October 1 and 2, 1956.

In "Dairy Cattle", the team won a Bronze Plaque and individual placings were as follows: Silver Medals to Eugene Smith and Jimmy Dixon.

In "Dairy Products", the team won a Bronze Plaque and individual placings were as follows: Bronze Medals to Eugene Smith and Robert Thornhill, and honorable mention to Jimmy Dixon.

The Livestock Judging Team of the Edgewater FFA Chapter at Orlando, composed of Jay Voss, John Gold, Paul Keen and Bobby Carter, with their Adviser, E. V. O'Neal, represented Florida in the National Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18, 1956.

In "Livestock Judging", the team received a Bronze Emblem and individual placings were as follows: Silver Emblem to Bobby Carter, and Bronze Emblem to Jay Voss.

The Marianna FFA Meats Identification and Poultry Judging Team, composed of James Pooser, Gordon Laramore and Wayne Malloy, with their Adviser, R. F. Toole, also represented Florida in the National Judging Contest at Kansas

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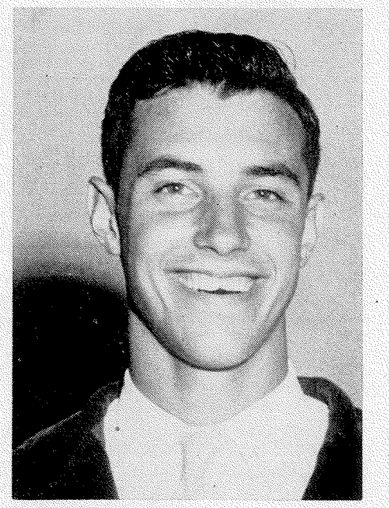

Lloyd Dubroff, Altha, second place winner in National Public Speaking Contest at the National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Missouri.

Paxton FFA exhibit booth in the Walton County Fair, of products grown by members of the Chapter.

Outstanding FFA Exhibits Are Highlights at Florida Shows & Fairs

Many outstanding Exhibits, Shows and Fairs were participated in by FFA members and Chapters during the last quarter of 1956.

In the Suwannee River Show, Herbert Brown, Jr., and Floyd and Lionel Rogers, of the Trenton Chapter won the Champions and Reserve Champions in the Beef Cattle and Steer classes. Other champions won by Trenton members were—Duroc boars, Carroll McElroy; Landrace boar and female, Jolyn Corbin.

At the All-Florida Breeders' Show, in the Judging Contests, a new Chapter, the Boone Pioneers, from Orlando placed first. Following in order, were teams from Winter Haven, Trenton, Ocala, and Turkey Creek. Members of the winning team were Maurice Shiner, Gerald Foxdower, Don Halcrow, and their adviser, H. H. Henley.

In Tallahassee at the North Florida Fair, the largest State FFA Swine Show was held with Milton Hitson of Jasper exhibiting the Champion barrow (Duroc) which was bought by the Florida Power Corporation at 50 cents per pound. Hayes Everett, Malone, exhibited the Reserve Champion barrow (Tamworth).

Eldridge Lyons, Mayo and Randy King, Jasper, exhibited the Champion and Reserve Champion pen of three barrows.

Champion boars: Duroc, Jasper FFA Chapter; Landrace, Graceville FFA Chapter; Yorkshire, Lamar Yarbrough, Greenwood; Beltsville No. 1, Leon FFA Chapter, Tallahassee.

Champion females: Duroc, Lamar Smith, Graceville; Landrace, Jimmy Register, Graceville; Yorkshire, Charles Croft, Greenwood; Beltsville No. 1, Leon FFA Chapter, Tallahassee.

Reserve Champion boars: Duroc, Norval Tyre, Blountstown; Landrace, Billy Miles, Graceville.

Reserve Champion females: Duroc, Jimmy White, Bonifay; Landrace, Miles, Graceville.

Top three Judging Teams were: Trenton, Greenwood, and Graceville.

Chapters with exhibits were: Monticello Sopchoppy, Crawfordville, Tallahassee, Havana, Quincy, Greensboro, and Madison County (Madison, Lee, Greenville and Pinetta).

At the Inter-state Fair in Pensacola winning blue ribbons were: Gay and Warren Cook, Escambia Farms FFA, Duroc; Waymond Barrow, Escambia Farms FFA; Lloyd Carroll, Joseph Bobb and John Broxson, all of Milton, Landrace; Billy Gindl, Barrineau Park, and John Henry Vaughn, Walnut Hill, Landrace; Kenneth Reamer and Floyd Reamer, Molino, Durocs; and G. C. Barrow, Escambia Farms, Duroc. The top exhibits by Chapters, in order, were: Escambia Farms, Walnut Hill, Baker, Tate at Gonzalez, Allentown, Milton, Chumuckla, Jay, Laurel Hill, and Munson.

At the Suwannee Valley Swine Show at Live Oak, Lamar Jenkins, Williams Chapter took top honors in the Show's Barrow Division by exhibiting Grand Champion and also the FFA Champion pen of three. The Reserve Champion FFA barrow was exhibited by Roland Lyons of Mayo, while George Ross of the Williams Chapter at Live Oak had the Reserve pen of three. The winning Judging Team was from Jasper composed of Sammy Miller, Clayton Jones, Randy King, Adviser, R. S. McMillan.

In the Northeast Florida Fair at Callahan, Ronnie Nettles of Callahan won the top prizes in beef showmanship with his young Angus bull and heifer. Winning Judging Teams in order were: Callahan, Hilliard, and Baldwin.

At the 6th annual Junior Livestock and Poultry Show in Ocala, Bill Forrester of the Wildwood Chapter; and John Parrish of the Anthony Chapter had the Champion and Reserve Jersey. Shelly Swift, Ocala, had the Champion Shorthorn heifer and bull, and the Seminole FFA Chapter had the Champion Angus heifer. Bill Thompson, Sanford, had the Champion Angus heifer. Champion Ayrshire heifer was shown by Dallas Shaw. Jimmy Moore had the Champion Junior Sow. The first Meats Judging and Identification Judging Contest was won by the Reddick team composed of Jimmy Moore, James Hunter and A. J. Alford, while the Anthony Chapter was top team in Dairy and Poultry Judging and Orlando (Boone) won Beef and Swine Judging.

In the Tri-County Show at Wauchula, Jeff Daughtry had the Champion Angus and Brangus heifers and bulls.

In the Putnam County Fair at Palatka, the Palatka Chapter won all the honors in Youth Berkshire Hog classes, while Austin Tilton had the Reserve Champi-

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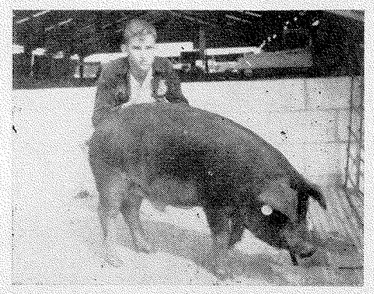

Milton Hitson showed this Duroc to FFA championship in the show.

Jeff Daughtry, Wauchula, shows his champion Angus Bull.

Many Awards To Be Given Florida FFA at State Fair

The FFA members and Chapters will be showing their beef and dairy cattle in the Florida State Fair at Tampa. The Florida State Fair offers awards: Blue $10.00, Red $7.50, White $5.00.

All dairy entries are expected to be in the barn by midnight Monday, January 28, 1957, as judging will begin at 9:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 29th. The Guernsey and Jersey breeders in Florida will present a special Trophy to the exhibitors of the Champion male and female in their respective breeds. The dairy cattle will be released at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 2nd and must clear the fair grounds not later than 8:00 a.m. Sunday, February 3rd, 1957.

Tuesday, January 29th, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce will be host to all 4-H Club and FFA dairy exhibitors in the Little Auditorium on the State Fair Grounds at noon.

Florida Dairy, Inc. is sponsoring a Fitting Contest with awards of $15.00 distributed on a $5, $4, $3, $2, and $1 basis to the top five (5) animals.

The West Coast Milk Producer's Association is sponsoring the Showmanship Contest with awards of $15.00 distributed on the basis as above.

The Florida Dairy Association Rotating Trophy will be awarded to the Future Farmer member making the best record in the Dairy Show at the Florida State Fair.

During the second week, the beef cattle

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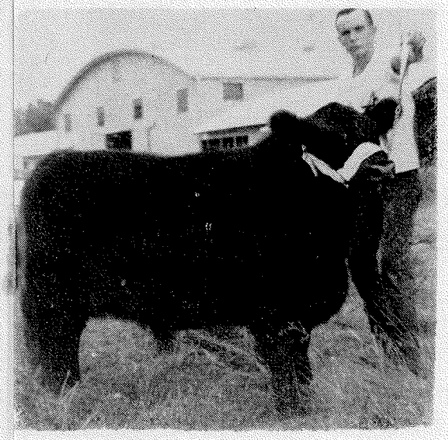

Floyd Rogers of Trenton showed this Angus to grand champion at the Suwannee River Show held at Fanning Springs.

48 YEARS OF GROWTH WITH FLORIDA

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

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

In the early 1930's the Company began manufacturing some feeds of its own and by 1940 it was manufacturing and distributing a complete line of poultry and dairy feeds under its now well known X-Cel brand. Growing rapidly with Florida the next 10 years the company found it necessary by 1950 to build a modern "push button" feed mill to meet the ever-increasing demand for its products.

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

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

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

After 48 years of service to the state, changing its operation to meet changing conditions, the Jackson Grain Company is today a Florida-owned and operated organization looking forward each day for better ways to serve the agricultural community of Florida.

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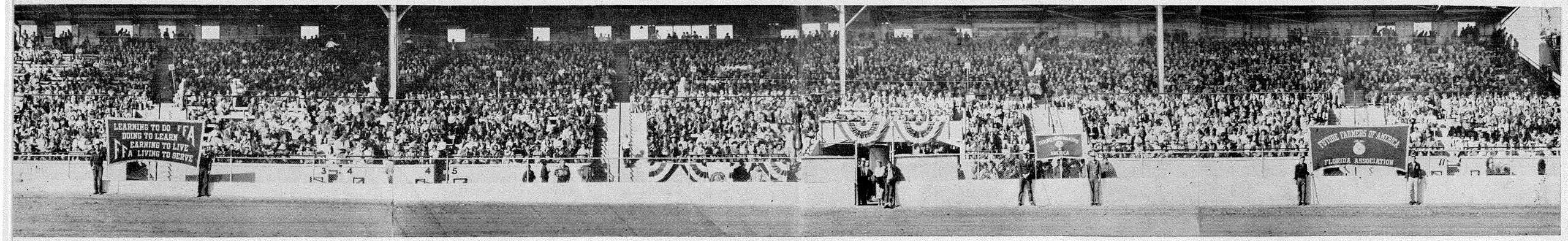

Here are pictured a portion of the thousands of young FFA and FHA members who attended FFA Day at the 1956 Florida State Fair in Tampa and saw several outstanding men receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

FINAL PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR FFA AND FHA DAY PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 2, 1957, AT FLORIDA STATE FAIR IN TAMPA

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

Upon entering the State Fair Grounds, everyone will go directly to the Grandstand for registration and the special FFA-FHA Day Program. As soon as the Program is over, everyone will clear the Grandstand except members of the Judging Teams.

Group leaders will be labeled and stationed at intervals in front of the Grandstand, and members of the Dairy Judging Teams will be told when to move out to their respective groups, which will go directly to the Mayo Livestock Pavilion. Then group leaders for other judging contests (beef cattle, and hogs) will be stationed in front of the Grandstand and members of the Judging Teams will be told when to move out to their respective groups.

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

Honorable Nathan Mayo presenting George Casey of Largo and Harry Griffin of Bartow with Dairy Award Plaques.

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

F.F.A.—F.H.A. DAY PROGRAM—FLORIDA STATE FAIR—TAMPA—FEBRUARY 2, 1957
General Program Chairman—H. E. WOOD, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education
Master of Ceremonies—P. K. BECK, State President of Florida Association, F.F.A.

8:30— A.M.—Admission to State Fair Grounds and Assemble in Grandstand
8:45— 9:15 A.M.—Registration
9:15— 9:25 A.M.—LaBelle F.F.A. String Band
9:25— 9:30 A.M.—Invocation and Salute to the Flag
9:30— 9:35 A.M.—Welcome Address—Carl D. Brorein, President of the Florida State Fair Association
9:35— 9:40 A.M.—Introduction of Guests—H. E. Wood, Adviser
9:40— 9:45 A.M.—Greetings — Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
9:45— 9:50 A.M.—Presentation of Honorary State Farmer Degrees by State FFA Officers.
9:50—10:00 A.M.—Awarding Ribbons to Grand Champion Winners in F.F.A. Livestock Show —Honorable Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, State of Florida. Presentation "Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Awards" by Mr. G. H. W. Schmidt, Vice President, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville
10:00—10:10 A.M.—State F.F.A. Sweetheart—Miss Jeanette Bloodsworth, Ft. Meade
10:10—10:15 A.M.—Harmonica—Kinley Waters, Arcadia, 1956 State F.F.A. Champion
10:15—10:20 A.M.—Reddick Quartet—1956 State F.F.A. Champions
10:20—10:45 A.M.—F.H.A. Demonstration
10:45—11:00 A.M.—Organizing Judging Teams
11:00— 1:00 P.M.—Judging Contest
1:30— 6:00 P.M.—Attending Auto Races; visiting Agricultural and Commercial Exhibits

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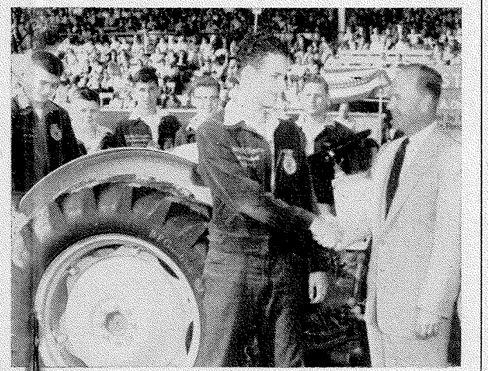
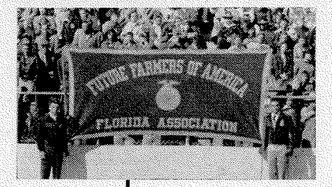


Alachua FFA Boys . . . represented by President Kenneth Moore, received a new Ford tractor from G. H. W. Schmidt, vice-president of the Florida Ford Tractor Company, at ceremonies during the Florida State Fair. The chapter was selected as the top chapter in the "Mechanized Florida" agricultural award. Second place, Groveland received $300 to buy equipment for the Ford tractor bought for them by the local Kiwanis Club.



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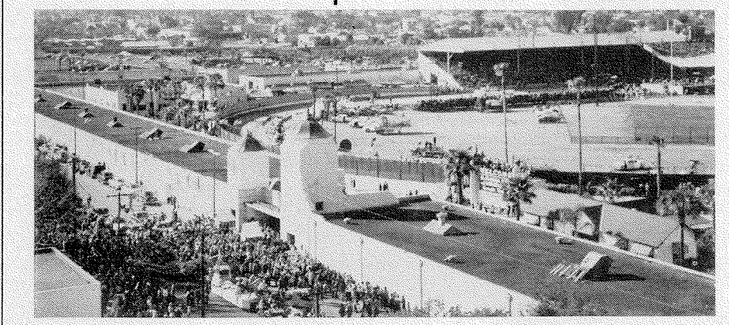

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FUTURE FARMERS

The Fair will honor the Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers of America on Saturday, February 2. Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, the Honorable Nathan Mayo, will make his annual awards for out-standing achievements in 1956 . . . Open events include:

Jan. 31—Youth Rabbit Show judging.
Feb. 1—10 A.M. FFA Teams judge poultry and egg shows.
Feb. 2—9 A.M. FFA Team judging of Dairy and Beef Cattle and of Swine.
9:30 A.M. FFA and FHA grandstand program.
Feb. 4—9 A.M. FFA Beef Cattle Show judging.

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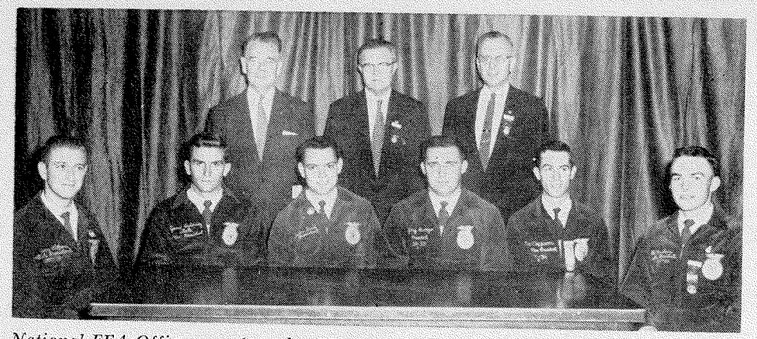

National FFA Officers 1956-57 elected at the 29th Annual Convention October 15-18, Kansas City, Missouri. Seated: Jerry Litton, Student Secretary, Chillicothe, Mo.; James Quincey, 4th Vice President, Trenton, Fla.; John M. Haid, Jr., National President, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Jerry Ringo, 1st Vice President, Rothwell, Ky.; Victor Cappucci, Jr., 2nd Vice President, Mehoopany, Pa.; Rogerric (Pete) Knutson, 3rd Vice President, Miles City, Mont. Standing: D. J. Howard, Executive Treasurer, Winchester, Va.; Dr. W. T. Spanton, National Adviser, Washington, D. C.; Dr. A. W. Tenney, Executive Secretary, Washington, D. C.

Clinics on Farm Electrification For Ag. Teachers

A SERIES of clinics on Farm Electrification for teachers of vocational agriculture, was conducted throughout the State, from June 21 to July 31. These clinics were sponsored by the Division of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education; the Agricultural Engineering Section of the University of Florida; the Florida Power & Light Company, Miami; Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg; Gulf Power Company, Pensacola; Talquinn Electric Cooperative, Quincy; and the Suwannee Valley Cooperative, Live Oak.

The cooperating companies provided all the materials for the laboratory work; the agricultural engineering department at the University of Florida constructed 4 small framed rooms on which the teachers did their practice wiring. They learned to install the entrance switch, wire up for an electric range, install receptacles, switches, and special circuits. In addition to this, practical work and instruction was given on how to adequately wire a home and locate the load center for farmstead wiring.

The head instructor was Clarence J. Rogers, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering, University of Florida. He was ably assisted by John Folks Florida Power Corporation; Claude Smith, Florida Power & Light Company; Tommy Edwards, Suwannee Valley Cooperative; Bascome Mahaffey and Herschel Green, Talquinn Cooperative; and Ray Yarborough, Gulf Power Corp.

Vocational Education

TRAINED MANPOWER is fundamental to the future security of our nation. Vocational training and guidance play a vital part in our educational system.

We support in principle an increase in the authorization for federal appropriations for vocational education and suggest that the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors give consideration to developing a projected schedule for annual increases in this appropriation based on needs.

The expansion of vocational training should be the primary responsibility of state and local groups. Any federal grants-in-aid should carry minimum control.

Vocational agricultural training in our high schools should be available to all students who earnestly wish it where it can be effectively taught.

We support area vocational training schools where needed. We recommend that any increased federal appropriation be utilized through existing facilities insofar as possible.

Clarence Rogers, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering, University of Florida, giving instruction on how to install an entrance switch, at one of a series of electrical clinics for vocational agriculture teachers. Group to the right is installing receptacle. Pictured left to right: J. W. Brown, Sneads; Rogers; Hugh Semmes, Wewahitchka; Howard Moore, Grand Ridge; James McCall and Grinelle Bishop, Quincy; and J. W. Gordon, Malone, all vocational agriculture teachers.

Apopka Chapter Acquires New Tractor

THE APOPKA FFA Chapter has just acquired a new John Deere tractor, complete with disc, cultivator and plow attachments. The John Deere Company agreed to swap the tractor each year for a new model.

The Chapter is growing squash, lima beans, onions, English peas, and a special plot is being devoted to okra, in a test on the nematode problem.

Editorial

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are doing is the Father-Son Banquet. This gives you a chance to acquaint your friends, educators, and business people with your many activities.

Another of your best approaches is at your shows and fairs. Here you have a chance to show your finished product—be it animal, shop achievement, or produce. This is your show window—the same as when the merchant displays his wares. Proof of the pudding is in what people can see with their own eyes.

Of course, radio and television are becoming a popular media to use and are very effective. You may reach people through this that you cannot reach otherwise. And surely you wouldn't forget the newspapers. They need your story and you need the publicity.

Don't forget the mouth-to-mouth method of telling people about F. F. A. There is no substitute for this method—it just takes longer.

The highest awards and honors come from your state and national F. F. A. Association and it should be the ambition of every green hand to get his share of these. This gives state and national publicity as well as introducing a future leader to the public.

I issue to you this challenge:

In '57 put forth effort every day

To promote Public Relations in F.F.A.

Altha FFA Has Undertaken Plant Project

THE ALTHA FFA Chapter has undertaken plant production as one of its cooperative chapter activities.

Through the efforts of the advisor, a deal was made with Harrison Chemical Company of Marianna to handle and distribute the plants. Sales extend as far west as Pensacola. The chapter supplies the plants on a wholesale basis.

Chapter members planned and constructed special germinating beds in which the seed are sown. Each bed is 28½" wide and 20 feet long. The beds are heated with electric heating cable with thermostat control, and are covered with sun ray mesh to conserve heat. Each bed is elevated to a convenient working height. The bottom of each bed is made as slats covered with bronze screen upon which is placed about 2 inches of coarse gravel for good drainage and air circulation. A germinating material is a mixture of German peat, cow manure, and coarse builders' sand, to which is added 6-15-9 commercial fertilizer. About $\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{2}$ inches of fine vermiculite is spread on top of the bed and the seed are sown directly in this material. Before planting, each bed is treated with a commercial soil fumigant for the control of nematodes, weeds, grass, and some fungus diseases.

Soon after germination the plants are transplanted to special plant beds and allowed to grow to marketable size.

Throughout the growing period, the plants are regularly sprayed with insecticides, fungicides, and soluble fertilizer.

A variety of petunia, which according to Burpee Seed Company has a germinating period of 21 days, was germinated in 5 days in one of the beds. Some seed are worth *more* than their weight in gold.

The first season of production gave the chapter a net of $100,000 per bed with plants. In addition to the plants sold, many were given free of charge to chapter members to beautify their homes.

The chapter is planning to extend its plant production for the next season to include sales for individual members.

Picture at right shows Dr. Walter R. Williams, Jr., State Director of Vocational and Adult Education, Mr. H. E. Wood, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, D. E. Ryals, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Altha, and Don Fuqua, past State FFA President, examining special germinating seed beds built by members of the Altha Chapter.

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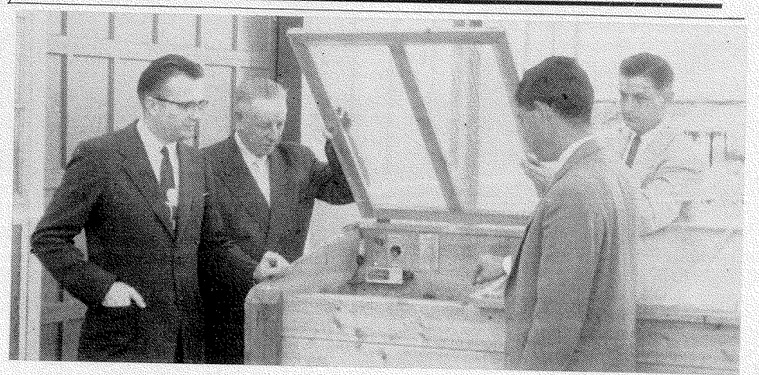
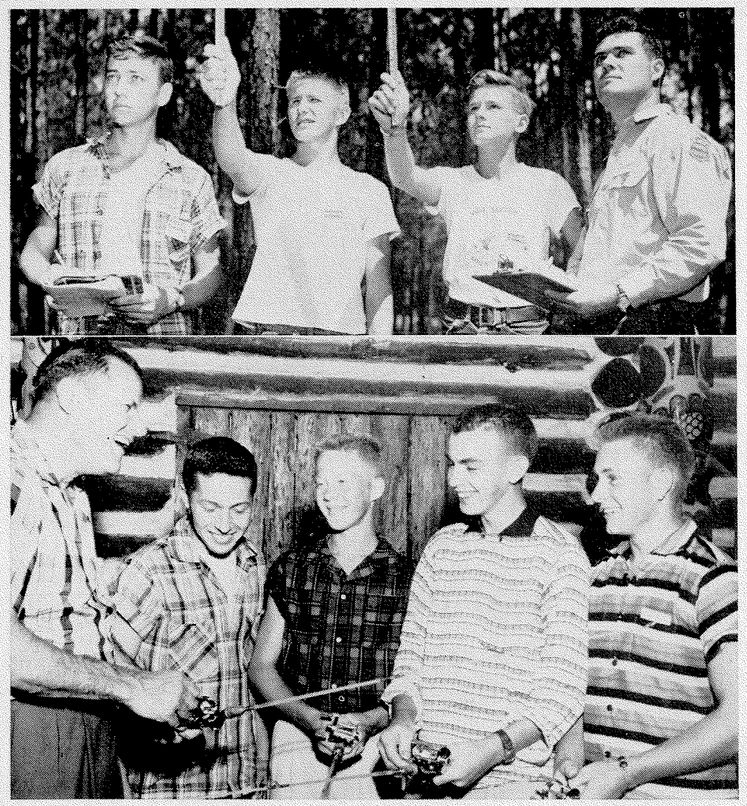




Top photo shows Information and Education Forester Jack Brodhage checking out these FFA students on their newly acquired skill of estimating timber with a tree scale stick. (left to right) Chester Keene, Ft. Myers; Johnny Hanner and Donald Weber, Ft. Pierce. ● At bottom, FFA students are shown with George Williams, vice-president of Turpentine & Rosin Factors, Jacksonville, selected as the top four campers of the first week of the 22 Annual Forestry Training Camp. (left to right) Bob Northrup, Pasco Chapter; Frank Guy, Greenwood Chapter; Bobby Lowery, Jay Chapter; and Adron Miller, Bethlehem Chapter.

for District I of the Florida Forest Service, who will assist the chapter in their management of the school Forest; Rex Harper, assistant chief of information and education of the Florida Forest Service; and R. A. Bonninghausen, chief of management of the Florida Forest Service.

Harper talked to the group on the responsibility of the forest the Chapter was to receive and of the value to them, educational as well as monetary. The group viewed slides taken on some of the other 59 school forests in the state.

Bonninghausen then presented the Land Use Agreement to Supt. R. M. Locklin, who stated that the people of Santa Rosa County appreciate the benefits from Black River State Forest.

Accomplishments Of SAL Forestry Contestants Listed

Total accomplishments for the top twenty-four forestry boys in the SAL Forestry Contest are listed below for 1956.

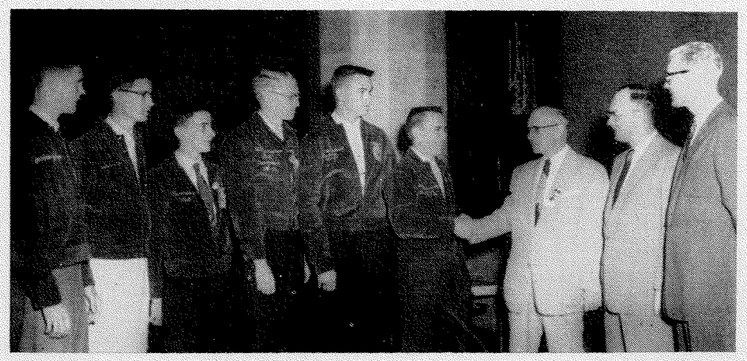
No. seedlings planted	631,250
No. acres thinned	371.5
No. acres pruned	100
No. acres improvement cut	234
No. acres hardwood control	259.3
No. miles fire break constructed	85.1
No. acres selectively cut	40
No. acres gum-farmed	1,220
No. acres control burned	130
No. bd. ft. sawlogs harvested	216,680
No. cords pulpwood harvested	1,004
No. peanut poles harvested	486
No. fence posts harvested	8,100
No. cords fuel wood harvested	348
No. cross ties harvested	140

80 Acre Forest Tract Given To FFA Chapter

The Florida Forest Service recently presented an 80-acre tract of land for use as a school forest to the Munson Future Farmers of America Chapter, at a special session of the Munson FFA Chapter held during the regular PTA meeting following a covered dish supper.

FFA President Wayne Turman and the Vo-Ag teacher, Elton Wallace, turned the meeting over to H. H. Simmons, principal of the Munson School, who introduced the special guest.

Phil Kaul, supervisor of Black River State Forest, introduced Jack A. Brodhage, information and education forester



Shown from left to right are State Winners of the Seaboard Forestry Contest, Parker Johnson, LaCrosse, Virginia; Wilson Lee, Bay Minette, Alabama; Leonard Robertson, Edgefield, South Carolina; Fletcher Pearson, Clinton, North Carolina; Gerald Boutwell, Bainbridge, Georgia; Eldred Hollingsworth, Walnut Hill, Florida, as they are welcomed to Kansas City by P. R. Medland, General Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Claude Housman, President Host Lions Club of Kansas City, and Jim McCollum, program chairman.

Osceola FFA Corn Growing Records

The highest yield in the Osceola County first Corn Growing Contest was produced by the Kissimmee FFA Chapter in a demonstration plot. The Chapter produced 121 bu. per acre, though they were not eligible to compete for an award in the contest.

Ed Partin, a member of the Chapter, topped other youth contestants with a 67.5 bu. yield at a low cost of $9.62 per ton. Larry and Barry Tindall placed second and third, respectively, with 62 bu. and 57 bu. per acre. All prize winners used DeKalb 1051 corn.

Ed's corn was grown on muck land. He spent $2.00 for discing, $1.00 for dragging, $2.50 for planting, $7.50 for mixed fertilizer (he used no side dressing), $2.50 for spraying, $2.50 for cultivating and $7.00 for picking, making his cost $25.00 per acre, or a cost of 37¢ per bu. A local feed mill estimated the lowest possible cost of imported corn at $1.25 per bu.

Cracker Breakfasts

F. F. A. String Bands have been spotlighted by furnishing music and entertainment at recent Cracker Breakfasts, given by the State Department of Agriculture.

The Ft. Meade F.F.A. Band at the National Plant Board Breakfast; Wauchula Band at American Association of Passenger-Traffic Officers' Breakfast; the LaBelle at the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and the American Farm Bureau Breakfasts.

Swine Show

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the foundation or the chapter may supply its own gilts and Sears will provide the boar. The gilts and boar must all be within a certain age group. The pigs are placed with individual chapter members to be grown out and fitted for showing. The chapter holds a local show in the early fall, selecting the two best gilts out of the five to be entered in the district show, along with the boar. The Sears Foundation provides cash awards and ribbons for the local and area shows and appropriate awards for showmanship. Each chapter participating is required to agree to continue the program from year to year by placing five gilts and a boar with chapter members having a local show, and entering the area show.

National Judging

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City, Missouri, October 15-18. In "Meats Identification", the team participated, with the individual members receiving Honorable Mention Certificates. Also, the team and members received Participation Certificates in judging "Poultry and Eggs".

The State Department of Agriculture, through Commissioner Nathan Mayo, provided funds to help defray expenses of the Judging Teams to Waterloo, Iowa and Kansas City, Missouri.

Welding Awards

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Lancaster of West Laramie, Wyoming and Wilbur Anderson of Hood River, Oregon, each received Third $200 Awards for descriptions of a land leveler and an orchard trailer, respectively. University High School in Laramie and Wy'East High School of Hood River also received $200 cash awards.

The Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation sponsors this competition annually for high school students living on farms or ranches, to encourage young farmers to develop self-sufficiency in mechanized farming. Awards are made for the best descriptions of farm tools and equipment made with welding in school or farm shops.

Shows and Fairs

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on Brahman female and Wallace Tomlinson the Reserve Champion boar pig.

At the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural and Industrial Fair, Don Deadwyler, Sebring Chapter, continued his winning ways by showing his Brahman heifer and bull to Grand Championship.

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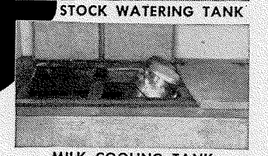

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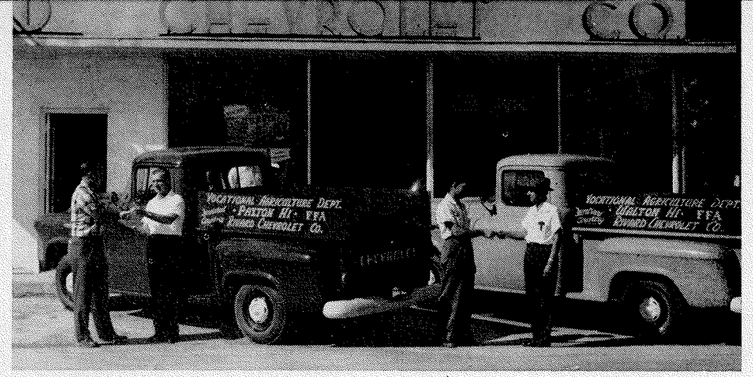

Rivard Chevrolet Company, DeFuniak Springs, presented the DeFuniak Springs and Paxton FFA Chapters each with a new truck which are to be exchanged each year for a new model. Pictured above are John Baldwin, Adviser of the Paxton Chapter receiving the keys from Ormond Rivard, and T. C. Campbell, Adviser of the DeFuniak Springs Chapter receiving the keys from Adrian Rivard.

ORLANDO AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

The vocational agriculture programs over Station WDBO-TV in Orlando are still receiving praise. The credit for this belongs to the boys and the girls and teachers and their coordinator, J. B. Johnson.

Programs for the next three and a half months on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. are as follows:

Date	*Subject*	*Teacher*	*School*
Jan. 5	Safety in the Home	FFA & FHA	Boone
Jan. 12	Identifying Citrus Varieties	Elmer Badger	Ocoee
Jan. 19	Voc. Home Economics	Mrs. Geo. Rendulic	Edgewater
Jan. 26	Planning a Spring Garden	Bill Perry	Kissimmee
Feb. 2	Vocational Home Economics	Mrs. Belle Brooks, Voc. School, Orlando	
Feb. 9	Pruning Shrubs	E. L. Douglas	Tavares
Feb. 16	FFA Week (Geo. Washington Birthday)	K. M. Eaddy	Sebring
Feb. 23	Voc. Home Economics	Mrs. Helen Watson	Boone—Orlando
Mar. 2	Care of Lawns	H. A. Henley	Boone—Orlando
Mar. 9	Citrus Insects and Pests	R. A. Hargrave	Lakeview-W. Garden
Mar. 16	Mulching Plants	Ed Harris	Apopka
Mar. 23	Feeding Broilers	Henry Hewitt	Inverness
Mar. 30	Parliamentary Procedure Practices	Emory O'Neal	Edgewater
Apr. 6	Voc. Home Economics	Mrs. Ernie Starr	Lakeview-W. Garden
Apr. 13	Making Ornamental Cuttings	R. A. Gunson	Auburndale

TAMPA BAY AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

The vocational agriculture programs over Station WFLA-TV in Tampa are still receiving praise. The credit for this belongs to the boys and girls and teachers and their coordinators, D. A. Storms and J. K. Privett.

Programs for the next three months on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. are as follows:

Date (1957)	*Teacher*	*School*
January 5	C. M. Lawrence	Lakeland
January 19	William Oelslager	Tampa
February 2	F.F.A. at the Florida State Fair	Tampa
February 16	Dempsey Thomas	Sarasota
March 2	T. P. Winters	Palmetto
March 16	E. L. Hinton	Turkey Creek
March 30	R. L. Heath	Kathleen

WEST FLORIDA AND SOUTHERN VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

The vocational agriculture programs over Station WEAR-TV in Pensacola are still receiving praise. The credit for this belongs to the boys and girls and teachers and their coordinator, V. T. Sewell.

Programs for January on Saturday at 1 p.m. are as follows:

Date	*Subject*	*Teacher*	*Place*
Jan. 19	Tractor Maintenance	Gordon Walther	Baker
Jan. 5	Planning Home Gardens	Purvis Baxley	Munson
Jan. 12	Variety Show	T. C. Campbell	DeFuniak Springs
Jan. 26	Propagation of Fruit Trees	Alvin Davis	Allentown

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State Fair Awards

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will be on exhibit. The beef cattle must not be brought to the State Fair Grounds until after 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 3rd and must be in place not later than midnight Sunday, February 3rd. Award Plaques will be presented by the State Breeders' Association as in the past to the FFA member showing the Champion male and female of the following breeds: Aberdeen-Angus, Brahman, Hereford, and Shorthorns. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 4th.

These animals will be released after 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 9th and must clear the fair grounds not later than 8:00 a.m. Sunday, February 10th.

The Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association will present a trophy to the outstanding FFA herdsman during Beef Cattle Week.

The Florida Cattleman magazine will present a trophy to the top FFA Showman during Beef Cattle Week.

Also, many Future Farmers are preparing their fat cattle to show in the third Florida State Fair Fat Cattle Show.

The Florida Power Corporation presents a permanent trophy for the best barrow exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member, determined in carcass competition.

The Florida State Poultrymen's Association will award a trophy to the exhibitor with the best exhibit in the FFA Division, Youth Poultry Show. FFA Poultry Judging Contest will be held with team awards of $75.00 in cash.

In the Youth Rabbit Show a rotating trophy presented by the Department of Agriculture of Florida to the member with the highest number of points on first prize winnings.

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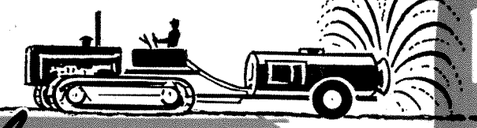

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The essential mineral elements . . . Contains Manganese, Copper, Iron, Zinc, Boron and Magnesium, all essential to healthy, productive soil. Fruits and vegetables rich in vitamins cannot grow in soil poor in minerals. For soil application. ES-MIN-EL in spray or dust form for direct application to the plants is also available . . . Contains nutritional Manganese, Zinc and Copper.

WE WILL CUSTOM MIX MINERAL MIXTURES TO YOUR OWN SPECIFICATIONS IN LARGE OR SMALL QUANTITIES.

For Information on These Nutritional Products, Write, Wire or Phone Us.

Correct NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES

NU-IRON

(Nutritional Iron)

A neutral Iron compound containing 30% Iron as metallic. Chelated Iron 10% as metallic — applied to foliage of plants for correction of Iron deficiencies.

NU-Z

(Nutritional Zinc)

Nu-Z contains 52% metallic zinc . . . Can be applied directly to the plant in spray or dust form . . . Stimulates plant growth and corrects zinc deficiencies.

NU-M

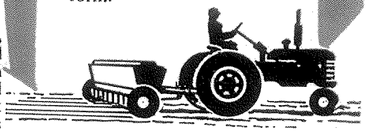
(Nutritional Manganese)

A nutritional manganese compound to be fed to the plants through direct application in spray or dust form . . . To correct manganese deficiencies and to stimulate healthier plant growth.

NU-MANESE

(Manganous Oxide)

An extremely effective nutritional manganese product for correcting manganese deficiencies due to low manganese content of the soil . . . Applied in spray or dust form.



DUST MIXTURES

Tennessee's Nu-Z, Nu-Iron, Nu-M and Tri-Basic Copper Sulfate are especially suited for use in preparing nutritional and fungicidal spray and dust mixtures.

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