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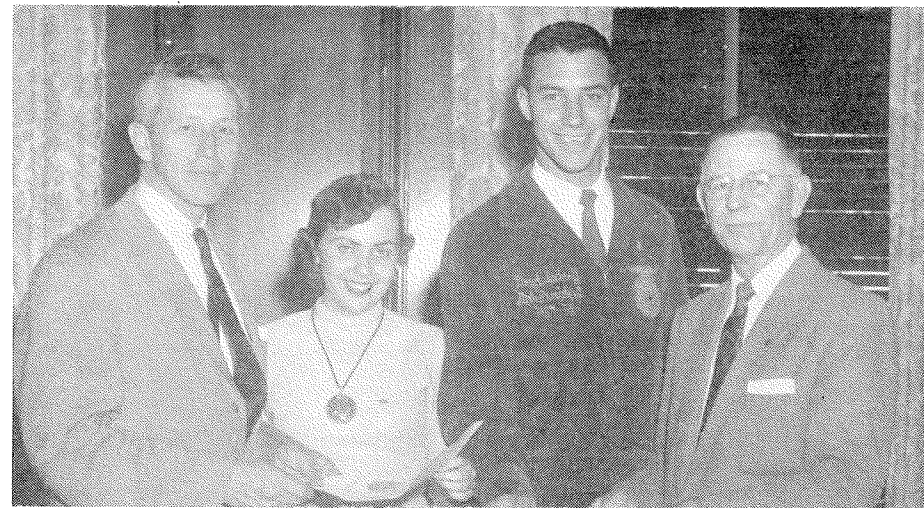
FFA Week Proclaimed By Gov. Collins

FUTURE FARMERS throughout the State of Florida observed Future Farmer Week Feb. 22-March 1 in many ways. Governor LeRoy Collins proclaimed FFA Week in the State by presenting Lloyd Dubroff, State FFA President with a Proclamation.

The South Dade FFA Chapter and members observed FFA Week by issuing a pamphlet, giving a short history of Future Farmer work in the southern part of Dade County. This included the record and history of the Redland and Homestead Chapters, which were combined to form the South Dade Chapter. Several of the members appeared on radio and Civic Club Programs.

The Macclenny Chapter made the final payment on their tractor and equipment and burned the mortgage. (Picture on page 14.)

The Hillsborough County FFA Federation (Brandon, Pinecrest, Plant City, Plant City, Jr., Tampa-Chamberlain, Tampa - Franklin, Tampa - Hillsborough, Turkey Creek, and Wimauma Chapters) was honored by a special FFA Section



Governor LeRoy Collins presenting the Proclamation for FFA Week to Gayle Norman, National FFA President, and FFA Week to Lloyd Dubroff, Altha Chapter, State President, Florida Association, FFA, with State Superintendent Thomas D. Bailey.

in the Plant City Courier. Any Chapter Adviser that would like to receive a copy of this can do so by writing the County Coordinator of Agricultural Education, D. A. Storms.

Many special Future Farmer Meetings were held during the week, such as: Chapter Banquets, open house, and school assembly programs. Displays were put on in several Fairs, in store windows, lobbies of banks, and programs were presented at Civic Club Meetings.

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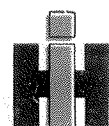
MR. HUGO RIEMER, President, Nitrogen Division, Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation, has been elected to serve as 1958-59 Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. He succeeds Mr. John L. McCaffrey, Chairman of the Board, International Harvester Company.

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By Way of Editorial Comment:

"Farm Money Management"

By FLOYD CALL
Executive Vice President, Florida Bankers Association—Orlando

HISTORICALLY, A piece of land and a crooked stick to stir up the soil were about all a person needed to start farming. Fifty years ago a team of horses, a plow, a harrow, and a wagon would let a person get started working a piece of land.

Today anyone working in agriculture has many, many dollars tied up in machinery and labor saving devices. With all this equipment, increased use of gasoline, fertilizer, electricity, and spray materials, a farmer is turning over a lot more dollars than he did years ago. A good many cost items are fixed, too.

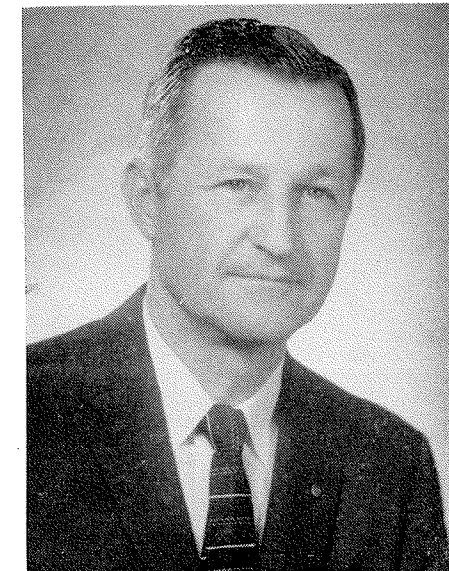
The key then, to successful farming, is money management, or how efficiently the dollars invested are managed.

It pays to manage money in exactly the same way that machinery is handled, that is, to protect it, keep it where it will work easily without squeaking, have a reserve supply of it on hand where it can be had quickly, and to plan ahead on money needs.

A wise farmer, or rancher, or grower, or dairyman, is the one who goes to his banker and finds out if he can get a loan before he needs it. Planning ahead gives a borrower an opportunity to do a good job of presenting his case to the bank in a way that will get the best possible consideration and service.

Keeping money where it will work easily "without squeaking" means putting it into a checking account at the bank and keeping track of income and outgo through the use of checks and deposits. This is a must in modern day farm money management.

A readily available financial reserve is one of the most comforting things a person can have. Agricultural folks have always laid up reserves in good times and drawn on them in bad times. But all too often those reserves have been in the form of land or livestock or machinery



FLOYD CALL

which could not be quickly turned into cash. One of the reserves a farm family accumulates is an equity in its land. Another is in U. S. Savings bonds or a bank savings account.

In summary, with the tremendous amount of dollars required to be invested in any kind of agricultural enterprise of today, the importance of sound money management is paramount. The local bank is the best place to go for assistance and counsel in money management problems.

The Cover Grand Champion 880 lb. steer at the Florida State Fair was a Shorthorn owned by George Ruis, Plant City FFA Chapter. Harold K. Gotthelf and Fred W. Scott, both of Howard Johnson's Restaurant, purchased the animal for a record price of \$3.85 per pound.

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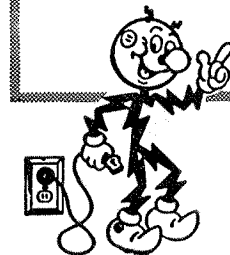
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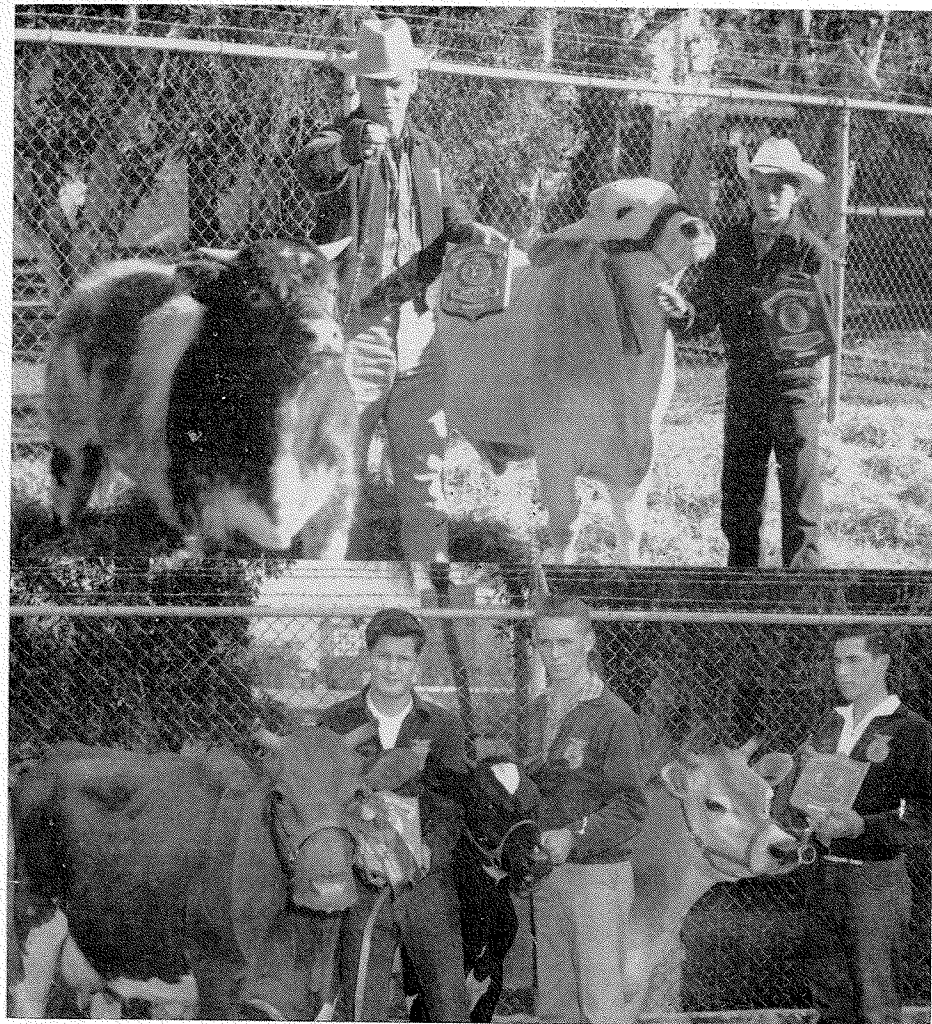
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Top picture shows Gerald Hooker, Plant City Chapter, with the Grand Champion Shorthorn Bull and Francis Hancock, Ft. Meade Chapter, with the Grand Champion Brahman Bull at the Florida State Fair. • Bottom picture shows the Grand Champion Guernsey Cow in the FFA Division at the Florida State Fair as shown by Dennis Diaz, Chamberlain FFA Chapter at Tampa, and J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon Chapter, with the top Holstein Cow, and Ed Cochran of Bartow showed Johnny Hebb's Grand Champion Jersey. Plaques were presented by the respective Breed Associations in the State.

Annual FFA Day at Florida State Fair in Tampa Sets New Record

ANOTHER ATTENDANCE record at the Florida State Fair was established on the Annual Florida Future Farmers' and Future Homemakers' "FFA Day" this year. With the grandstand filled with FFA and FFA members and guests, the Kissimmee FFA String Band furnished entertainment at the beginning of the program. After the Invocation and Salute to the Flag, J. C. Huskisson, Manager of the Florida State Fair and Gasparilla Association gave the Welcoming Address, and H. E. Wood, State Adviser introduced many of the guests present. Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction gave an excellent talk, praising both organizations for their continued success.

Lloyd Dubroff, Altha Chapter, State

President and Master of Ceremonies, with the other State Officers, presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree to Charles P. Lykes, Executive Vice-President of Lykes Brothers, Inc., E. E. Jeter, Principal of Benjamin Franklin Junior High School, and J. C. Council, President and Publisher of the Tampa Tribune, all of Tampa.

L. H. Lewis, Director of State Markets for the State Department of Agriculture presented awards to: George Ruis, member of the Plant City FFA Chapter, for showing the Grand Champion Steer in the Fat Cattle Show at the Florida State Fair; Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough Chapter at Tampa for showing the Grand Champion Ayrshire Cow, and Dennis Diaz, Chamberlain Chapter, Tampa, for

showing the Grand Champion Guernsey Cow in the FFA Division.

Earnest Revels, Ford Tractor Dealer in Winter Haven presented the Mayo FFA Chapter with a new Ford Tractor, as the State winner of the Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Award. The Escambia Farm Chapter received a \$300 certificate as second place State winner. These awards are sponsored by the Florida Ford Tractor Dealers.

After several splendid demonstrations and entertainment by the F.H.A. girls, Pat Cossin, State FFA Sweetheart from Orlando, Frank McDonald, State Champion Harmonica Player, from Kissimmee and the State Champion DeFuniak Springs Quartet furnished entertainment for those present during the program.

On Friday, prior to FFA Day, Howard Frankland, President and Bob Morris, Agricultural Representative of the First National Bank of Tampa were hosts for the State Officers at lunch. The Florida Retail Federation of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, represented by James E. Gorman, Managing Director, and Colin Lindsey, Director, were hosts for the Officers at dinner.

About 137 Chapter teams competed in the Judging Contests, with the Starke Chapter winning the State Championship and receiving the Florida Fair Association Trophy. The swine judging team was composed of Tom Smith, Bobby Norman, and Buddy Jones.

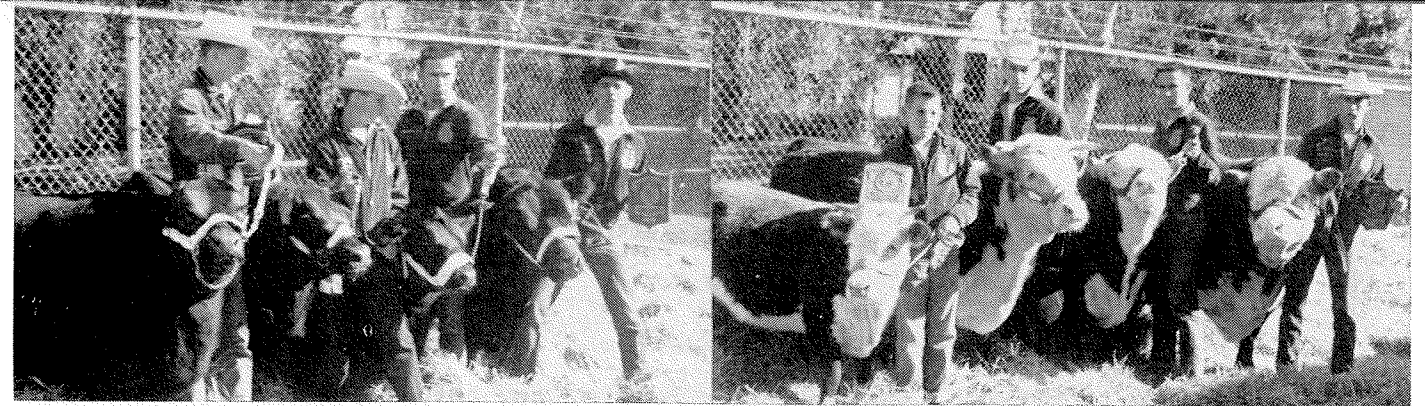
The Gainesville Chapter team composed of Murray Teuton, Richard Tillis, and Tommy Koger won in the beef cattle judging competition.

The swine and beef cattle teams will represent Florida at the American Royal in Kansas City next October and are sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture.

The Ocala Chapter team composed of Richard Lloyd, Dennis Anderson, and David Simms won the dairy cattle judging title and the honor of representing Florida at the National Dairy Congress in Waterloo, Iowa, next September. The Tribune (Tampa Tribune, WFLA and WFLA-TV) is sponsoring the team this year.



Ed Dean of the DeLand Chapter receiving the Hillsborough County Cattleman's Association Beef Herdsmen Trophy for the FFA from Ralph Sumner, Superintendent of the Fat Stock Show at the Florida State Fair.



Pictured at left: Angus Grand and Reserve Champion females, Turkey Creek FFA Chapter, shown by Charles Damron and Ronald Allen, Turkey Creek • Angus bulls (Reserve and Grand Champion), Turkey Creek, shown by Eddie Lee, and Brandon, shown by Ronald Padgett at the Florida State Fair • At right: Hereford Grand and Reserve Champion Females shown by Terry Mock, Mulberry, and Ed Dean, DeLand. Reserve and Grand Champion Hereford bulls shown by Allen Peacock, Plant City, and Jimmy Lanier, Arcadia, at the Florida State Fair. Plaques were presented by respective Breed associations in the state.

Improvement and Leadership Awards are Given

THE FFA Foundation awarded \$1,093.88 for Improving Agriculture and Leadership Awards in Florida.

The Malone Chapter will use its funds to help build a pig parlor to fatten approximately 200 head a year. A parlor designed to hold 50 head of hogs at a time, starting at a weight of 50 to 75 pounds and to sell them as soon as they are No. 1's. The Groveland Chapter will use its funds to purchase a motor and irrigation system for their land laboratory. The Crystal River Chapter will use its funds for a well, and equipment for their 65 acre land laboratory.

The State Executive Committee met February 7th, and voted to use the interest from the two savings accounts of the State Association in awarding \$250 to the second place Chapter in each Area.

The Jay Chapter will use its funds on their land laboratory in demonstrating the different methods of fertilization, cultivation and varieties. The Bell Chapter will use its funds toward the purchase of a tree planter and cultivation equipment to be used on the land laboratory plot. The Mulberry Chapter will use its funds toward the purchase of irrigation equipment, which will be used on the land laboratory and school grounds.

Boys 12-17

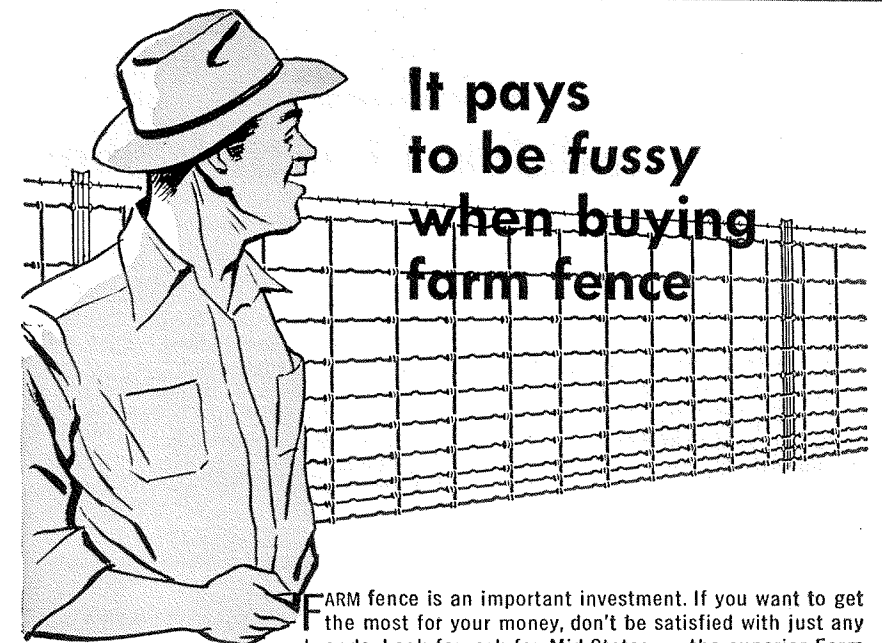
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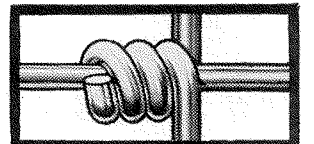
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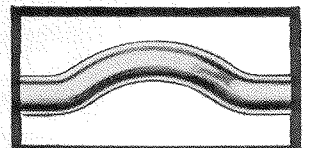


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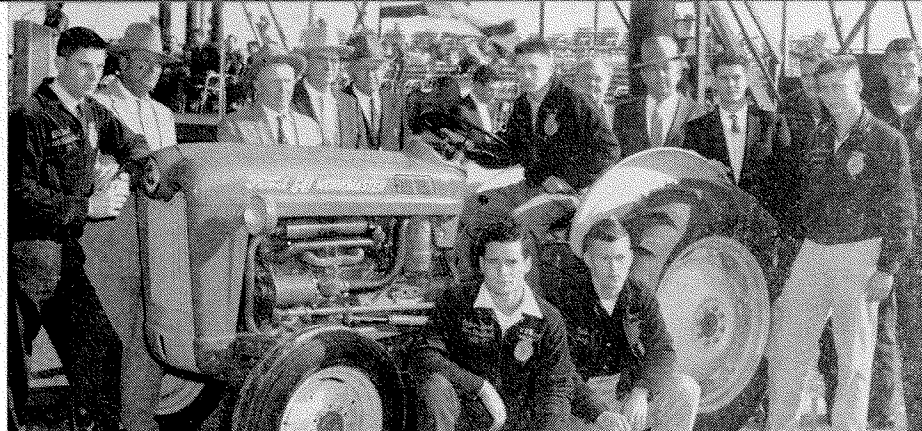
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The Mayo FFA Chapter received a new Ford Tractor in the "Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Program." Earnest Revels, Ford Tractor Dealer of Winter Haven, made the presentation for the Florida Ford Tractor Dealers during the "FFA Day" ceremonies at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. Representatives of the Chapter present to receive the award were Bill H. Land, State FFA Vice-President; Marvin Sullivan, W. M. Cothran, Herman Friar, and Thomas Bell, members and Chairman of LaFayette County Board of Public Instruction; Curtis Koon, Chapter President; J. Donald Cates, Principal; Phil Clark, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Johns Everett, Chapter Advisor, Chapter Officers, Bobby McCray, Reporter; Rudolph Dees, Secretary; Johnny Hewitt, Sentinel. Seated are Raymond Land, Vice-President, and Ken Starling, Treasurer.

Results of Judging, Livestock Shows

IN THE combined West Coast and Florida State Fair Dairy Show, in Tampa, George M. Casey, Largo, won the Showmanship Contest, sponsored by the West Coast Milk Producers Association, receiving \$5. Other winners and awards were: Ed Cochran, Bartow \$4; Dallas Shaw, Wildwood \$3; Ed Cunningham \$2 and Dale Utter \$1, both from DeLand. In the Fitting and Grooming Contest, sponsored by Florida Dairy, Inc.,

Ed Cochran won \$5, Dale Utter \$4, Dennis Diaz, Chamberlain in Tampa, \$3, Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough in Tampa \$2, and Ed Cunningham \$1. Dale Utter also won the Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association FFA Dairy Herdsmen's Trophy.

T. J. Lambert, Havana, won the State FFA Revolving Trophy awarded by the Florida Dairy Association for the "best individual record in the FFA Dairy

Show at the Florida State Fair."

The entries and winners by breeds were:

Ayrshire

Blue Ribbons: Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough Chapter (Tampa) (2), one was Jr. Champion and the other was Sr. and Grand Champion; John Dallas Shaw, Wildwood; White Ribbon: Eddie McFarland, Brandon;

Brown Swiss

Red Ribbon: Benjamin Franklin, Jr., Miami-Jackson;

Guernsey

Blue Ribbons: George Casey, Largo (Jr. and Reserve Champion); Dennis Diaz, Chamberlain (Tampa) (Sr. and Grand Champion); Ed Cunningham, DeLand; Red Ribbons: George Casey (4); J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon; Kenneth Powell, Bartow; T. J. Lambert, Havana; White Ribbons: T. J. Lambert, Havana (3); James Kellum, Brandon; Sampson, Largo chapter;

Holstein

Blue Ribbons: Sampson; Buddy Hull, Gainesville (2); Benjamin Franklin, Miami-Jackson (Grand Champion); Dale Utter, DeLand; Red Ribbons: Sampson; Lambert; White Ribbons: Brandon Chapter (2); Sampson (2);

Jersey

Blue Ribbons: Larry Twomey, Bartow; Lambert; Johnny Hebb, Jr., Bartow (Sr. and Grand Champion); Red Ribbons: Danny Williamson, Bartow; Lambert; Bartow Chapter, and Donald Maxwell, Bartow; Lambert; Cochran; White Ribbons: Robert Watson, J. C. Mitchell and Ben Bedell, Bartow; Brandon Chapter;

In the State FFA Beef Cattle Show

Ed Dean, DeLand FFA Chapter, won the Hillsborough Cattlemen's Association Beef Herdsman Trophy, and Charles Damron, Turkey Creek, won the Florida Cattlemen's Magazine FFA Showmanship Trophy during Beef Cattle Week.

Angus Bulls

Blue Ribbons: Brandon Chapter (Grand Champion); Turkey Creek (Reserve Grand Champion); Red Ribbons: Turkey Creek Chapter; Jeff Daughtry (2), Wauchula; Bill Dampier, Starke; Jack Freeman, Hillsborough; Lakeland Chapter;

Angus Females

Blue Ribbons: Turkey Creek Chapter (3) (Grand Champion); Ronald Allen, Turkey Creek (Reserve Grand Champion); Red Ribbons: Lawrence Smith, Franklin (Tampa); Brandon Chapter; White Ribbon: Steve Chomack, Brandon;

Brahman Bulls

Grand Champion: Francis Hancock, Ft. Meade; Red Ribbon: Gary Jones, Bartow;

Hereford Bulls

Blue Ribbons: Jimmy Lanier, Arcadia (Grand Champion); Allen Peacock, Plant City (Reserve Grand Champion); Red Ribbons: James Edward Davis and Bob Barnes, Mulberry; Gerald Baker, Bartow; Sarasota Chapter; Zack Tribble, DeLand; A. L. Lindsey, Plant City; Belle Glade Chapter; Wauchula Chapter; Arcadia Chapter; White Ribbon: Pahokee Chapter;

Hereford Females

Blue Ribbons: (Grand Champion) Terry Mock, Mulberry; Ed Dean, DeLand; Red Ribbons: Francis Lee Lewis, Bartow; Charles Damron, Turkey Creek; Paul Bass and Ronnie Godwin, Ft. Meade; Wauchula Chapter (2); A. L. Lindsey, Plant City; Jimmy Ryals, DeLand;

Santa Gertrudis Bull

Red Ribbon: Donald White, Tavares;

Shorthorn Bulls

Gerald Hooker, Plant City (Grand Champion); White Ribbon: Ray Rhodes, Ocala;

Shorthorn Female

Red Ribbon: Rhodes.

In the Florida Fat Stock Show

George Ruis, Plant City FFA Chapter, had the Grand Champion of the FFA Division and the Show. Howard Johnson's Restaurants paid \$3.85 per pound for the 880 lb. Shorthorn Steer. Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough Chapter (Tampa) had the Reserve Champion FFA Steer (762 lbs.) which Publix Markets bought for 75¢ per pound.

Heavyweight FFA Winners (Top 5)

Gerald Hooker, Plant City—Shorthorn Steer; Jimmy Holben, Lake Wales—Hereford Steer; Tommy Lee Douglas, DeLand—Hereford Steer; John Woodberry, Ha-

Outstanding FFA Farmers To Be Honored

THE 30TH State FFA Convention will be held in the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach, June 9-13. New features of the Convention will be a Vegetable Judging, Identification and Grading Contest, and a Demonstration Contest, scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m., Monday, June 9. Three members of a Chapter will make up the team in the Judging Contest, but it will only take one or two boys to participate in the Demonstration Contest.

Royce Bodiford, National Vice-President from Texas will be the honored guest.

A record number of members will receive a State Farmer Key from the Florida Production Credit Association, and \$5.00 from Mid-States Steel and Wire Company. The Mid-States will also give \$10 to the three District State Farmers; \$25 to the two Area Farmers and \$50 to the Star State Farmer.

The Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau will present \$75 to each of the Area State Farmers to help pay their National FFA Convention expenses.

The Florida Bankers Association will award a \$100 scholarship to five of the top State Farmers to help pay the expenses in attending college.

Many outstanding Future Farmers and men in Florida will be honored during Convention week. Chapter Advisers and members planning to attend should secure hotel reservations immediately.

vana—Angus Steer; Jimmy Thompson, Kathleen—Angus Steer.

Other Mediumweight FFA Winners Besides Ruis and Vernon

Randy Kincaid, Lake Wales—Hereford; Steve Chomack, Brandon—Angus.

Light Weight FFA Winners (Top 5)

Ervin Hudson, Brandon—Angus; Jimmy Eason, Mulberry—Angus; Tommy Koger, DeLand—Angus—Hereford; John Thomas O'Quinn, DeLand—Angus; Billy Peebles, Ocala—Angus.

In the Carcass Contest

In the Carcass Contest sponsored by the Fla. Retail Federation Division of the State Chamber of Commerce, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the Florida State Fair, Tommy Thompson, Kathleen, and Ernest Hemingway, Dade City had the 2nd and 3rd place Medium Weight Class Carcass.

In the Second Statewide FFA Poultry Judging Contest

On February 7th, 13 teams participated with the following results: The Miami-Jackson team, composed of Robert Ellis Carley and Jack Wormack, won top award of \$25 with a score of 294.

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State F.F.A. Officers Lloyd Dubroff, State President, Bill Land, Donald Smith, Bill Thompson, and Lamar Jenkins, presenting Honorary State Farmer Degree to J. C. Council, President and Publisher of the Tampa Tribune; E. E. Jeter, Principal of Benjamin Franklin School, and Chas. P. Lykes, Executive Vice President of Lykes Brothers, Inc., all of Tampa.

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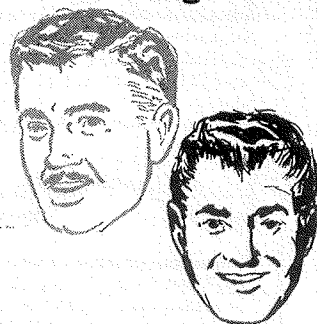
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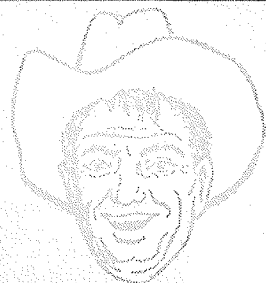
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Bandshell Program
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Election and Installation of Officers
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ford Steer; Tommy Lee Douglas, DeLand
—Hereford Steer; John Woodberry, Ha-

The Florida Future Farmer

ROBERT, Route 3, Gainesville, Florida, is a consistent producer of high quality steers. He studies his feeding program and balances the diet according to his own judgement.
Tommy has two Hereford steers ready for the Gainesville show and thinks he will win. He fed out the Champ at the first show in 1956.
Tommy, a senior at GHS, hopes to enter the University of Florida, after a tour of duty with Uncle Sam, and study animal husbandry. He has been growing into the beef production by saving his high quality heifers. He thinks beef production in Florida has a real future.

The following salute the State Champion Gainesville FFA Beef Cattle Judging Team

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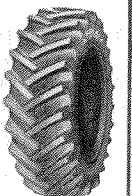
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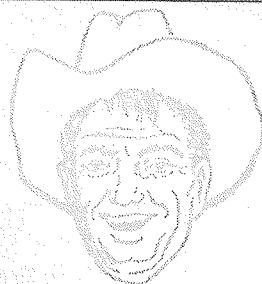
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The Starke Chapter, FFA State Champion Livestock Judging Team at the Florida State Fair. First row: Buddy Jones, DeRitch Greene, Jerome Griffiths. Second row: Tombo Smith and Bobby Norman. Members of the beef cattle and swine judging teams were Smith, Norman, and Jones. Dairy cattle, Green, Norman, and Griffiths. Chapter Adviser, Joe Wood. Team will represent Florida at the American Royal \$2 and Land. In the Fitting and Grooming Con- Florida Dairy Association for the "best test, sponsored by Florida Dairy, Inc., individual record in the FFA Dairy



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Starke FFA Chapter Judging Team

DERITCH GREEN, 16 years of age and a junior in high school, is chairman of the swine judging team. His project program for this year consists of 15 head of beef cattle, 2 head of hogs, and 5 acres of field corn. He is primarily interested in beef cattle production and has been gradually increasing the size of his beef herd. He has made many improvements around the family farm since enrolling in vocational agriculture. DeRitch has many interests outside the field of agriculture, but sports seem to be his favorite. He has already lettered in both football and track.

BUDDY F. JONES, 15 years of age and a sophomore in high school, has as his projects a dairy cow and calf, 3 acres of rye, 2 head of hogs, and 4 acres of field corn. Since becoming an FFA member, he has been greatly interested in committee work and various other activities within the local chapter. He has been interested in making improvements on the family farm and around his home. Also, he has shown a great interest in the repair of farm machinery and equipment.

BOBBY NORMAN, 18 years of age and a junior in high school, has demonstrated a keen interest in both livestock and truck farming. He has as his projects this year 2 duroc gilts, 2 acres of field corn, 1 acre of sweet pepper, and one acre of greens. As a result of his livestock work, he is now interested in a crossbreeding program which he hopes may eventually lead to the development of a better meat type hog. He has helped his father make many improvements in their home on the farm.

TOM SMITH, 15 years of age, a freshman in high school, and a Greenhand, is mainly interest-

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The Florida Future Farmer

Gainesville FFA Beef Judging Team

MURRAY TEUTON, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Teuton, Route 2, Gainesville, is a beef producer in his own right. His grandfather, Mr. W. M. Cassels, works with Murray as they clear pasture land, select cattle and grow feed. He helped Murray get a really good bull calf to raise as a new herd sire, and continually inspires Murray to do his job of raising beef well.

Murray is a Junior in Gainesville High School and Vice President of his FFA Chapter. He has shown beef in several shows in this area, and had the steers that placed 2nd and 3rd in the Gainesville show last year. Murray does all of the jobs related to growing beef, and helps other members do a better job in trimming the feet, clipping the heads and grooming. Murray won the Showmanship trophy at the Gainesville FFA show last year.

RICHARD TILLIS, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tillis, Route 2, Gainesville, has often shown his superiority in growing out good steers. He took 2nd place in the Gainesville FFA show as a 9th grader, and now in his junior year is grooming a steer he hopes will win. Richard has learned to handle beef, feed and groom. His ability to select a good animal has been sharpened as he watched the progress on his own steers.

Richard is secretary of his FFA Chapter and placed 1st in FFA judging competition at the Southeastern Livestock show in Ocala this year.

Richard is growing his feed for next year and thinks a good beef program in Alachua County is educational and profitable. He has shown beef in several shows in the area and hopes to have a steer in the Tampa show in 1959.

TOMMY KOGER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Koger, Route 5, Gainesville, Florida, is a consistent producer of high quality steers. He studies his feeding program and balances the diet according to his own judgement.

Tommy has two Hereford steers ready for the Gainesville show and thinks he will win. He fed out the Champ at the first show in 1956.

Tommy, a senior at GHS, hopes to enter the University of Florida, after a tour of duty with Uncle Sam, and study animal husbandry. He has been growing into the beef production by saving his high quality heifers. He thinks beef production in Florida has a real future.

The following salute the State Champion Gainesville FFA Beef Cattle Judging Team

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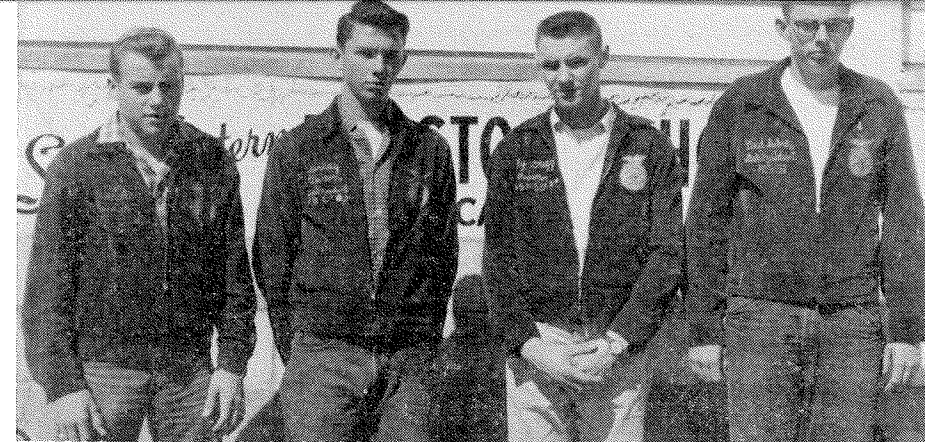
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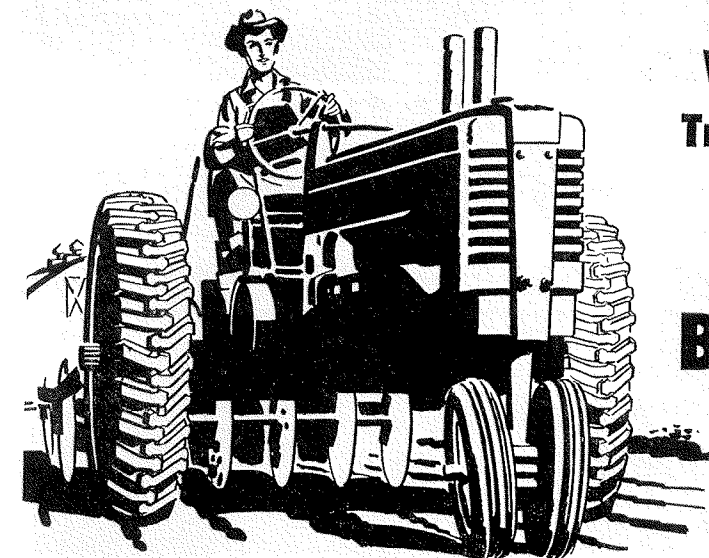
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The State Champion Gainesville FFA Beef Judging Team. From left to right: Billy Griggs, alternate; Murray Teuton, vice president; Richard Tillis, secretary; Tommy Koger, member.



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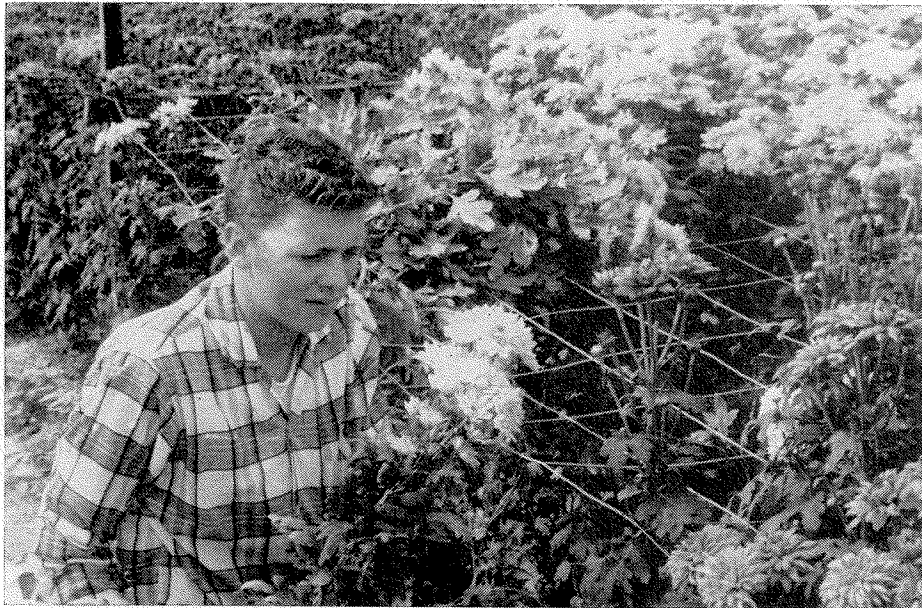
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Stage background arrangements were made by Mrs. L. A. Arbogast, at the Stuart Garden Club Annual Flower Show. Depicting the Officers' stations, the President-Rising Sun in the center; at the right is the Secretary's station; at the left is the Treasurer's station—bust of Washington; with the plow and wheelbarrow for the Vice-President. In the foreground is a miniature chrysanthemum farm made by Dave Weston, a member of the Sailfish FFA Chapter, for which he received a special blue ribbon. This farm also won top award in the Indian River Area Youth Show.



Frank Khein, top producer of chrysanthemums in the Sailfish FFA Chapter, picking some of his Blue Chip chrysanthemums, for which he was a blue ribbon winner.

FFA-Jackson Steer Show and Sale Reported Most Successful

AT THE Cooperative FFA-Jackson Steer Show and Sale in Gainesville, Bobby Thomas, Santa Fe Chapter at Alachua exhibited the Grand Champion, which was bought by the Setzer Stores at 70¢ per pound. Richard Tillis, Gainesville, exhibited the Reserve Champion and sold it to Piggly Wiggly Stores for 49¢ per pound.

The Show and Sale was very successful, as 60 animals were shown and sold for a price ranging from 30¢ to 70¢ per pound. At a later date, the chapters participating will receive a dividend from the sale, through the courtesy of Lovette Jackson, owner of the Jackson

Livestock Market in Gainesville.

12 teams competed in the FFA Judging Contest, with Newberry (Barry Green, J. L. Watson, Tom Martin), Hawthorne and Palatka placing first, second and third, respectively.

In the Record Book Contest, Murray Teuton and Richard Tillis of the Gainesville Chapter, and Tom England of the Bradford Chapter at Starke were the winners, of the 26 entries.

Robert McClough's (Reddick) steer gained 3.13 lbs. per day, to win the gain-in-weight contest. Placing second through fifth were John Allen Shadd, Bradford Chapter at Starke; Paul Mat-

'Green Hands' Given by Stuart Garden Club

THE GARDEN CLUB of Stuart, at their Annual Flower Show presented "Green Hands," a salute to the youth of Martin County High School. Artistic Arrangements was a salute to the Future Farmers of Martin County High School.

The President's symbol, the Rising Sun, was a composition featuring the curved branch using colors to interpret the rising sun.

The Vice-President's symbol was the Plow. Land before the plow was an arrangement featuring wild plant material characteristic of virgin land. Land after the plow was an arrangement using products of the land, fruit and/or vegetables and flowers.

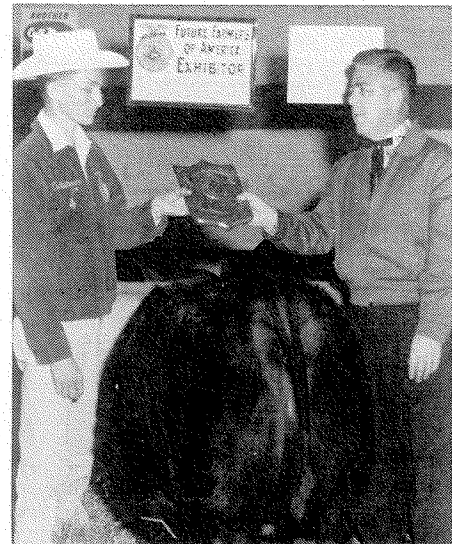
The Treasurer and Reporter's symbols were the Flag and Washington's picture. The composition was made up of a candle and colors Red, White, and Blue.

In the lighted Niches, there were personal interpretations of the theme "Green Hands" without any restrictions.

Mrs. Hugh Nesbitt was awarded Tricolor Ribbon for her special arrangement of the President's symbol of the Rising Sun, which featured Hickory, Greviella, and brilliant red Anthuriums, dramatized by an Ebony Urn. A President's gavel completed the setting.

tox, Gainesville; Barry Green, Newberry, and Tommy Koger, Gainesville.

Mellaine Clyatt, Lake Butler won the showmanship contest. Maurice Brown, Jr., Lake Butler, and Gene Curls, Santa Fe Chapter at Alachua were runners-up.



Charles Damron, Turkey Creek, being presented the Florida Cattleman's Magazine FFA Showmanship Trophy during Beef Week at the Florida State Fair by the Magazine Editor, Bob Cody of Kissimmee. They are with the Grand Champion Turkey Creek Angus Female.

Former Allentown FFA Member Proves out Successful Farming Program

HANKINS MATTHEWS, a former member of the Allentown FFA Chapter and holder of the American Farmer degree, has carried out a general farming program since his graduation from high school in 1947. He "grew" into this program by starting with a small project during his first year in vocational agriculture and gradually expanding his program each year. Hankins is married to the former Miss Virginia Bush and they have two children. His farm is located on Route 3, Milton, Fla., in the Allentown Community.

As an FFA member, Hankins served as Reporter of the local chapter and participated in many other activities. In 1948 he received the American Farmer Degree.

He is now farming 262 acres. Part of this is farmed in partnership with an uncle; part is rented, and some land he owns. In addition to this, he and his brother Matt (a former State FFA Vice-President) own 200 acres of timberland, 80 acres of which has been planted to slash pine.

In 1957 Hankins grew 49 acres of peanuts, 90 acres of oats and wheat, followed by 90 acres of soybeans, 65 acres of corn and has 35 acres of Pensacola Bahia Grass pasture. He marketed 120 head of hogs and 25 steers last year. He owns 18 head of registered Angus cattle.

Young Matthews used a pre-emergence herbicide to control weeds on his peanuts this year and figures that it saved him at least \$150 in labor; and perhaps his entire crop because heavy rainfall made it next to impossible to cultivate when necessary. He owns a home food freezer and butchers his own beef and pork.

He owns 2 tractors with equipment, a new type peanut picker, a combine, a truck and trailer that he has made into a seed dryer, a grain drill, feed crusher, corn picker, and other items of equipment.

This is the ninth crop that Hankins has completed since graduation from high school, and he plans to continue in the farming business. His 1958 program is similar to the one he carried out in 1957.

Lakeview Wins Honors

THE LAKEVIEW FFA Chapter at Winter Garden handles the local community exhibit at the Central Florida Exposition in Orlando. This year, their booth won more blue ribbons than any other exhibit.

First: Best decorated booth, palms, dairy products, indoor plants, and landscape plants, and vegetables.

Seconds: Meats and citrus.

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Hankins Matthews examines his rows of weed-free peanuts

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Florida FFA Boys Receive Special Recognition in Corn Production

FOR DEMONSTRATING their ability to grow corn both efficiently and profitably, three Florida high school youths were honored in Memphis recently.

The youths, Gene Curls, Santa Fe Chapter, Alachua, Carlis W. Gilmore, Ponce de Leon Chapter, and C. V. Jones, Jr., Trenton Chapter, went to Memphis for special recognition as State winners of Spencer Chemical Company's Fourth Annual Efficient Corn Growing Program. They were among a group of

43 top participants in the Spencer program, carried out this year in 17 states by more than 2,000 young corn growers.

Activities for the Southern group included tours of industrial plants, sight-seeing, and a banquet, held on the final evening of their 3-day visit. Each boy was accompanied by his vo-ag instructor.

To qualify for the trip each participant was required to grow two one-acre plots of corn side by side. On one plot he followed the usual corn-growing practices

and on the other he used practices which, in his judgment, would contribute to a more efficient and profitable yield.

Although increasing efficiency and use of up-to-date practices were stressed above an attempt at maximum yield, the national average of all the "new practices" plots harvested by the winners was 99 bushels as compared with 77 bushels for the "old practices" plot. Profits increased from \$39.39 per acre to \$50.61 per acre with improved methods.

The "new practices" plot cost per bushel was 65 cents as compared to the "usual practices" cost of 67 cents, in spite of the increased expenditures for fertilizer, seed, herbicides, and pesticides.

Basic reasons for the improved profits and efficiency were increased in the number of plants per acre (11,480 "old" and 13,110 "new") and the use of fertilizer. Average applications of nitrogen went from 26 to 69 pounds and phosphorus from 27 to 53 pounds per acre.

1957 Corn Production Awards Are Announced

IN THE 1957 FFA Corn Production Program sponsored by Greenwood Farms, Thomasville, Georgia, Escambia Farms Chapter was first place winner with 89.5% of the members participating. An average yield of 38.7 bu. per acre gave them a total of 128 points and \$100.

The second place winner was Bonifay with 76.78% participation, 30.8 bu. average yield, points 107.58, receiving \$60.

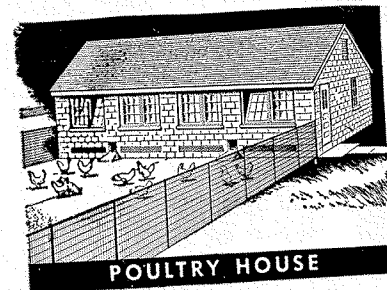
Third place was Pinetta with 81.2% participation, 26 bu. average yield, 107.2 points, receiving \$40.

Fourth place, Lee with 66% participation, average yield of 38.17 bu., scoring 104 points, receiving \$25.

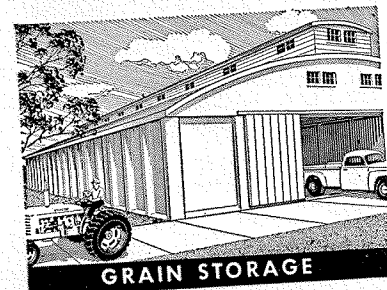
Poplar Springs, Quincy, Graceville, Baker, Vernon and Malone Chapters placed fifth to tenth, respectively.



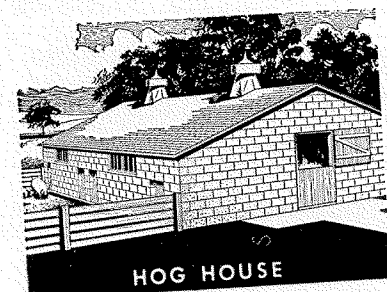
These three Florida high school students helped set an average yield of 80 bushels per acre in a corn growing demonstration among Southern youths in eight states. Shown above with their Vocational Agriculture instructors, they are Carlis W. Gilmore, Ponce De Leon High School, Ponce De Leon, Florida; Gene Curls, Santa Fe High School, Alachua, Florida; and C. V. Jones, Jr., Trenton High School, Trenton, Florida. Instructors are Wayne O. Manning, Ponce De Leon High School and Herbert E. Brown, Sr., Trenton High.



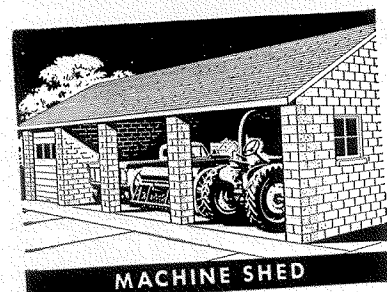
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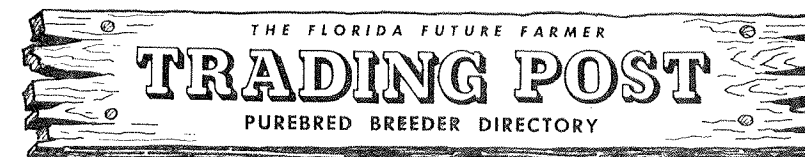
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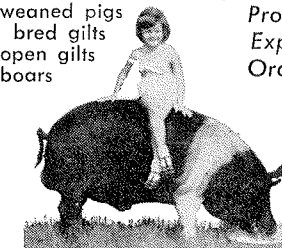
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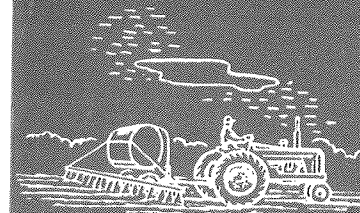
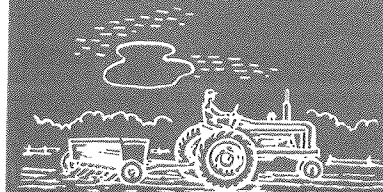
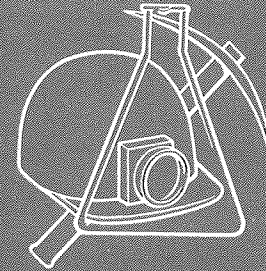
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