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Report of State Convention in Daytona Beach

165 Receive State Farmer Degree

165 members of the Florida Association, FFA received the State Farmer Degree at the State Convention in Daytona Beach. The total labor income of these members from productive enterprises was $234,527.96. Each received at least $5 from the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company. The best in three districts received $10*, the best in two areas received $25 ** and the Star State Farmer received $50 *** from them. The State Farmer Keys were presented by Bradenton, Marianna, Monticello, North Florida, North East Florida, Gainesville, Florida Citrus and Lakeland Production Credit Associations. The three area winners received $75 (**) (***) from the Chilean Nitrate Education Bureau.

Name	Chapter	Grade	Age	(A)	(B)
	DISTRICT I				
Raymond Myron Lewis	Allentwn	11	16	4	582.82
Harvey Bass	Baker	12	17	5	1094.40
Jesse Eugene Medley	Baker	12	17	5	775.34
Carson Sasser	Baker	12	17	4	1344.37
Jimmy Austin	Bethlehem	12	17	5	516.36
Aaron Duriel Miller	Bethlehem	12	17	5	528.51
Earl Aubie Pitts	Bonifay	12	17	4	527.81
Lewis Clifford Baker	Chipley	12	17	4	673.68
Millard C. Sasser	Chipley	12	18	4	530.12
Orren Bryant Shumaker	Chipley	12	18	4	565.68
Joseph Merlin Edwards	Chumuckla	12	17	5	528.90
Roy Robert Burgess	DeFuniak Springs	11	18	3	946.37
Harvey Owen Ford	DeFuniak Springs	11	16	3	568.75
Robert C. Madden	Escambia Farms	11	16	4	504.07
Troy Joe Bledsoe	(Tate) Gonzalez	12	17	3	861.86
Wm. Robert Coleson	(Tate) Gonzalez	12	18	3	574.68
David Wayne Courtney	(Tate) Gonalez	12	18	4	1591.46
Johnny Kittrell	(Tate) Gonzalez	12	18	4	1077.83
Walter Harvey Sharron, Jr.	Graceville	11	17	4	1560.79
Cecil Tindel	Graceville	11	16	3	949.16
James Albert Ward	Graceville	11	16	3	1016.02
Billy Joe Williams	Graceville	12	17	4	2491.17
Dan Olive	Greenwood	11	16	3	1105.49
Ryals Baxter	Malone	12	17	4	998.47
Curtis Arlon Stephens	Malone	12	17	4	823.92
Wayne Malloy	Marianna	11	16	4	1394.18
Ernest Joe Padgett	Marianna	11	16	3	2233.09
Raymond Morris	Munson	12	17	4	919.00
Darrel Hobbs	Paxton	12	18	5	7878.67
Carlis Wayne Gilmore	Ponce de Leon	12	17	3	767.05
James A. Culbreth	Poplar Springs	11	17	4	840.57
Sonny Johnson	Poplar Springs	11	16	4	814.81
Jesse H. Tyre	Vernon	11	16	3	537.99
Ray Hodgen	Walnut Hill	12	17	4	1468.08
Vincent Milstead	Walnut Hill	12	17	4	1058.31
	DISTRICT I Total				$40,649.78
	DISTRICT II				
David S. Pippen	Blountstown	11	17	4	1151.10
Dsette Wallace Preacher	Bristol	12	18	4	745.60
Wayne Bowen	Greensboro	11	16	4	1581.46
Dwight Clark	Greensboro	12	18	5	3303.72
Winton Smith Suber	Greensboro	12	18	4	1171.56
Johnny Brady	Havana	12	17	5	805.00
Thomas Jos. Lambert, III	Havana	12	19	5	3414.50
Jack L. Pierce	Havana	12	18	5	717.67
Carlton Broward Brown	Jasper	11	17	3	2866.99
Randolph Eugene King	Jasper	12	17	4	4036.34
Edward Burnam	Jennings	12	17	5	902.81
Lamar Hill	Jennings	11	16	4	806.82
Manuel Folsom	Mayo	11	16	3	608.01
Curtis Koon	Mayo	11	17	3	634.50
Bobby McCray	Mayo	11	18	3	985.83
Hal McCray	Mayo	12	17	4	1028.80
Kenneth McCray	Mayo	12	19	4	560.80
Raymond J. Land	Mayo	12	18	4	1331.14
Barney Kenneth Starling	Mayo	12	17	4	908.22
William A. Connell	Monticello	12	17	4	679.38
Walter Edwards, Jr.	Monticello	12	17	4	628.70
Roy Hopson	Monticello	11	17	3	946.95
Vep LaVoy Hudson	Monticello	12	18	4	889.20
Isham Harvey Sheffield	Monticello	11	16	3	1311.86
Ben Betts	Quincy	12	16	5	810.01
Albert Cox	Quincy	12	17	5	508.08
James Craven	Quincy	12	17	5	527.77
Billy Parramore	Quincy	12	17	5	2017.56
Billy Poston	Quincy	12	18	5	10466.89
Stewart Suber	Quincy	12	17	5	725.59
Phillip Dean Langston	Sopchoppy	12	18	4	676.90
Earl Fraiser Martin	Sopchoppy	12	17	4	964.10
Leonard Bell	Tallahassee	11	17	3	612.75
Charles Benton	Tallahassee	grad.	19	3	679.85
C. C. Sellers, Jr.	Tallahassee	12	18	3	642.25
John D. Trotman	Tallahassee	12	17	3	856.77
	DISTRICT II Total				$51,495.58
	DISTRICT III				
James A. Cason, Jr.	(Santa Fe) Alachua	12	17	5	737.57
Gene Curls	(Santa Fe) Alachua	12	18	5	1432.01
Johnny Mack Imler	(Santa Fe) Alachua	12	17	5	616.00
Bobby Thomas	(Santa Fe) Alachua	12	17	5	2167.69
Billy H. Wells	(Santa Fe) Alachua	12	17	4	1437.86
Fitz Cain, Jr.	Bell	12	18	4	1165.66
Gerald Roberts	Bell	12	19	4	751.03
Billy Deen	Bunnell	12	17	4	798.45
James Louis Kendall	Bunnell	11	16	3	2924.85
Donnie Davis, Jr.	Callahan	12	17	5	2093.98
Herbert Royce Rowe	Callahan	12	17	5	1809.38
Charlie Finch Tanner, Jr.	Callahan	12	17	5	2773.21
Norman Russell Steadman	Ft. White	12	17	4	1435.42
Jerry Gordon Austin	Gainesville	12	18	4	1332.15
Thomas M. Koger	Gainesville	12	18	4	1845.56
Billy Beach	Hastings	11	17	3	1680.80
Jackie Crews	Lake City	12	17	3	2025.70
Harold Herndon	Lake City	12	17	4	2280.55
David Wendell Hogan	Lake City	11	16	3	649.89
Wayne Holliday	Lake City	12	17	4	528.34
Wm. Phil Clark, Jr.	(Wms.) Live Oak	12	17	4	2132.28
Thomas Jesse Godbold	(Wms.) Live Oak	12	17	4	2678.90
William Thomas Jackson	(Wms.) Live Oak	12	17	4	2344.00
Laure Bee Roberson, Jr.	(Wms.) Live Oak	12	17	4	1480.04
Clyde Dormon Thomas, Jr.	(Wms.) Live Oak	12	17	4	1337.13
Robert Burnsed	Baker Co. (Macclenny)	12	18	3	3352.97
Clyde Crews	Baker Co. (Macclenny)	12	18	4	522.61
Richard B. Lilly, Jr.	Melrose	12	19	5	9768.00
John Vance Powell	Melrose	12	21	3	888.91
Gene Stanley Alford	Palatka	12	18	4	3104.08
J. C. Pheil	Palatka	12	17	4	535.36
Lloyd W. Barry, Jr.	Starke	12	17	3	529.24
Clarence Rudolph Hutcheson	Starke	12	18	3	1066.95
Anthony Wayne Crawford	(Bradford) Starke	12	17	4	605.85
C. V. Jones, Jr.	Trenton	12	18	5	4830.90
Woodrow Horace Quincey	Trenton	12	17	5	2078.84
	DISTRICT III Total				$67,732.35
	DISTRICT IV				
Gilbert Franklin Beck	Bronson	11	17	4	1036.97
Patrick Reynolds Hamilton	Bushnell	11	16	3	888.97
Woodrow Oftis Beauchamp, Jr.	Chiefland	12	17	4	608.65
Tommy Warren Cason	Chiefland	12	17	4	500.33
James B. Ryals, Jr.	DeLand	11	17	4	620.11
William Oliver Lee	Groveland	11	16	3	1388.17
Wilbur Merritt	Groveland	12	17	5	689.89
Ray Lynn Rhodes	Ocala	12	18	3	4878.88
Carl Remusat	Sanford	11	17	3	639.40
Brock J. DeMuth	Umatilla	12	18	4	1185.27
Paul Akins	Webster	12	18	4	1283.25
Milton Ferrell	Webster	12	19	4	1290.95
Reginald Turner Priest	Williston	12	17	5	1102.63
Roy Leon Hagan, Jr.	Winter Garden	12	17	4	769.93
Sam Scott Vandergrift	Winter Garden	12	18	5	1079.50
	DISTRICT IV Total				$17,862.90
	DISTRICT V				
Robert L. Wiley	Auburndale	11	16	4	804.00
Donald N. Carlton	Bartow	12	17	5	1163.50
Gerald Jacob Cochran	Bartow	12	19	5	1106.97
W. Dudley Putnam, II	Bartow	12	18	5	3743.08
Andrew Cary Taylor	Bartow	12	17	4	1190.35
Virgil Russell Crosby	Bradenton	12	17	5	767.12
P. L. Keen	Bradenton	12	18	4	2494.02
Wm. Vowell Richardson	Bradenton	12	17	5	962.54
Albert George Wood	Bradenton	12	18	3	1105.74
Bill Horton	Brandon	12	18	4	543.56
J. B. Sampson, Jr.	Brandon	12	17	4	1748.86
Donald Turner	Brandon	12	18	4	2800.51
William Clyde Hall	Brooksville	12	17	4	921.58
Melvin Eugene Alford	Dade City	12	17	4	1077.60
Harold Wade Croft	Dade City	12	17	4	3316.54
Bob Northrup	Dade City	12	18	4	725.12
Michael John Kurish	Ft. Meade	12	17	4	541.17
Gillie C. Russell	Ft. Meade	11	16	4	602.87
Wiley A. Storey, Jr.	Ft. Meade	11	16	4	732.50
Richard Whitton	Inverness	11	18	4	2229.76
Jerry Lee Joyner	Lakeland	12	17	3	1305.26
Charles Keyland Morgan	Lakeland	12	18	4	1329.73
Jesse Ritter	Lakeland	12	19	3	690.58
Allen Crouse	Plant City	12	19	4	826.42
Nelson Hendrix	Plant City	12	17	4	512.60
Frank E. Evans	Sarasota	12	18	4	1973.56
Leroy Franklin Hawkins	Sarasota	11	18	4	787.21
Charles Damron	Turkey Creek	12	17	4	992.03
Wayne Hickey	Turkey Creek	12	18	4	1066.84
Bill Townsend	Turkey Creek	12	18	4	886.99
James Franklin	(East Bay) Wimauma	12	17	4	655.74
Donald L. Tabb	(East Bay) Wimauma	12	17	4	613.00
Rudy C. Beddingfield	Winter Haven	12	17	4	2078.07
	DISTRICT V Total				$42,395.48
	DISTRICT VI				
Perry Y. Ballard	(So. Dade) Homestead	12	17	4	1503.18
Jack Walker	(So. Dade) Homestead	12	17	4	1553.52
Lawrence Leveson	Miami-Edison	12	17	4	617.78
Donald Shaw	Miami-Edison	12	18	3	881.51
David Merritt Solger	Miami-Edison	12	17	3	861.17
Robert Carley	Miami-Jackson	12	18	3	1286.14
Arthur Steffens	North Miami	12	19	4	1003.16
James Edward Prescott	Okeechobee	12	18	5	3967.50
Edward Vertommen	Pahokee	12	18	4	2017.91
Joe Lynn Crawford	Wauchula	12	18	4	600.00
	DISTRICT VI Total				$14,291.87

STATE TOTAL — $234,527.96

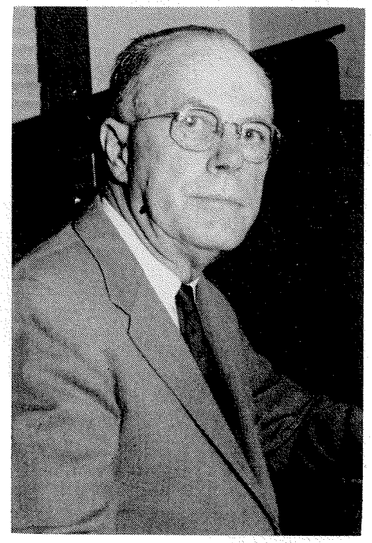
Also, the Star State Farmer (***) received $200 from the Future Farmer of America Foundation.
Column A shows number of years in Vocational Agriculture and Column B the amount of labor income.

By Way of Editorial Comment:

Thirty Years With the Future Farmers of America

By J. G. SMITH
Area Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Gainesville, Florida

THE NATIONAL Organization of Future Farmers of America was established in 1928. At that time, there were only a small number of chapters, compared with the number of organized chapters in existence today. It is doubtful that the founders of the FFA program fully realized the potential of the program as a training device for rural youth.



In my early experience with the program, I thought of the Future Farmer Organization as a club, composed of vocational agriculture students, but it was soon apparent that it afforded the teachers a vehicle to hold interest and develop the students by letting them assume responsibility in solving the rural problems arising in connection with their chapter and supervised farming programs. The local programs of work are patterned after the national and state programs of work, offering a challenge to every member of the chapter, and serving to stimulate interest in seeking information to help solve the problems confronting the group.

Industry was quick to recognize the possibilities offered in the Future Farmer Program for developing local and national leadership, and have been liberal with contributions sponsoring FFA activities throughout the nation. Also, representatives from foreign countries recognized the value of this youth program, and many have set up organizations patterned more or less after the Future Farmers of America program.

Thousands of farm boys have participated in the FFA programs in the local chapters, and through this organization have gained confidence in their ability to intelligently think and speak on the problems of the state and nation, and as a result of participation in this program, many of the members have been elected as leaders of farm organizations, Civic Clubs, County, City and

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The Cover *State Champion Quartet of the Quincy Chapter sang to the new State Sweetheart, Sallye McSwain, Arcadia. Other contestants were (left to right): Quinn Flood, Live Oak: Shirley Wise. DeFuniak Springs; Linda Couch, Wimauma; 1957-58 State Sweetheart, Pat Cossin, Orlando; Yvonne Putnal, Mayo; Carolie Buck, Groveland. Accompanist at piano—Joyce Johnson, Quincy. J. E. Gorman, Managing Director, Florida Retail Federation, State Chamber of Commerce, presented the awards for the Belk-Lindsey Stores, sponsor of the Sweetheart Contest.*

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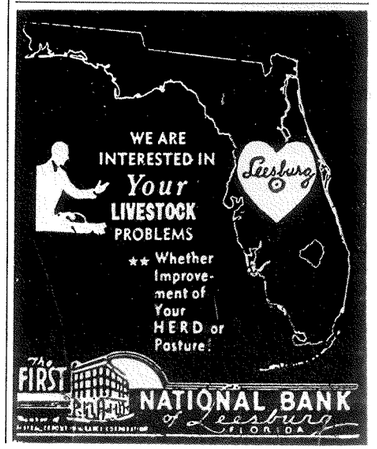


Thirtieth Convention Is History

THE 30TH Annual State FFA Convention and Leadership Conference of the Florida Association, FFA will be remembered by many in the coming years as the most outstanding meeting of its kind in the history of the organization. Friends and cooperators in attendance have expressed their approval in letters of congratulations to the Officers and members of the organization.

Again, the Princess Issena Hotel and the Peabody Auditorium were used as Convention Headquarters. Many guests were on hand during the week, including Royce Bodiford, Millsap, Texas, National Vice-President for the Southern Region; Stewart Bloodsworth, Georgia, and Jerry Lowery, Tennessee, Presidents of their State FFA Associations; and Gayle Norman, Tallahassee, National FHA President. They exemplified the theme of the Convention through their leadership in "Future Farmers Learning to Work Efficiently and Think Clearly."

MONDAY

REGISTRATION, housing, interviewing of candidates for state office, athletic contests, the tractor driving contest; as well as the Judging, Indentification and Grading and Demonstration Contests, which were held this year for the first time at the State Convention, had the spotlight during the first day. Future Farmers filled their headquarters, the Princess Issena Hotel, and many of the surrounding hotels.

The Bradenton chapter team won the state softball championship, defeating the Crescent City chapter team by a score of 8 to 3, and the state tractor driving contest was won by Royce Hasty of Marianna. The state championship in horseshoe pitching was won by the Monticello chapter team, composed of Craig Knight and Edward Register. The Lakeland team, composed of Eugene Horton, Sam Fasano and Dale Maler won the State Judging, Identification, and Grading Contest.

The three divisional winners in the Demonstration Contest were as follows:

In Soil Fertility and Improvement, the Winter Haven FFA Chapter. The Demonstration was "Building Up Soil Fertility", presented by Rodney Hammond. In Marketing, the Winter Haven Chapter. The Demonstration was "Prepackaging Tomatoes," presented by Jimmy Cox and Sonny Bradley. In Production, the Miami-Edison Chapter. The Demonstration was "Soil Fumigation of Plant Beds," presented by Mike Michelson and Alwin Helm.

Receiving the Honorary State Farmer Degree on Tuesday afternoon were: (front row) A. E. Bruner, President, Florida Swine Breeders Assn. Live Oak; John W. Cooper, Program Supervisor, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Naval Stores Program, Valdosta, Ga.; W. J. Crowley, (retired Vocational Agriculture teacher), Sarasota; Wm. C. Grainger, Sec-Treas., Bradenton Production Credit Association; Dr. Sam Hand, Ass't. Director for Adult and Veterans Education, Tallahassee; Arol Hudson, Member of State Advisory Committee, Agricultural Education, Vernon; (Second row) Tom Hughes, Agricultural News Editor, Florida Grower and Rancher, Tampa; N. J. Johns, Principal, Columbia High School, Lake City; L. A. Johnston, Sales Promotion Manager, Gulf Power Company, Pensacola; Louis T. Marsh, Daytona Beach; E. F. McLane, Principal, Brandon High School, Brandon; C. S. Miley, Editor, Fort Pierce News Tribune, Fort Pierce; (Third row) H. E. Nickley, Advertising Manager, Mid-States Steel and Wire Co., Crawfordsville, Ind.; Joseph D. Norton, Ass't. Vegetable Crop Specialist, Extension Service, University of Florida, Gainesville; Ed H. Price, Jr., Tropicana Products, Inc., Bradenton; and Guyton Williams, Poultry Marketing Specialist, Florida State Marketing Bureau, Jacksonville.

The Rotary Club Program was presented, with Royce Bodiford, Millsap, Texas National FFA vice president, as speaker and the Quincy String Band furnishing the music.

The Farm and Ranch Publishing Company of Nashville, Tennessee, were hosts at a Delegate's and Advisor's Dinner, held at Princess Issena Hotel at 5:00 p.m. The enjoyable event was attended by over 300 delegates, state officers, members and friends. The Paxton String Band furnished excellent music at various times during the program. The Invocation was given by Charles McCullers of Plant City, Sixth Vice-President, and a short welcome by Lloyd Dubroff of Altha, State President, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. H. E. Wood, State FFA Advisor, introduced the guests, and Dr. Walter R. Williams, Jr., State Director of Vocational and Adult Education, was guest speaker.

T. L. Barrineau, Supervisor of Agricultural Education for Area I presented the Softball and Horseshoe Pitching Awards. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmer Supply Service, presented the Florida Association with a United States Flag and a Future Farmers of America Flag.

R. W. "Duke" Stanley, circulation director, was a very genial host in welcoming the delegates and advisors to the dinner.

MONDAY EVENING

THE FIRST General Assembly of all delegates, advisers, and guests, was held in the Peabody Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The state officers occupied their respective stations for the official opening ceremony. After a few brief remarks State President, Lloyd Dubroff, introduced his fellow officers. Donald Smith, Fourth Vice-President, presided. W. T. Loften, associate professor, agricultural education, University of Florida, Gainesville, and Richard Kelley, student at the University, were in charge of the Parliamentary Procedure Contest. The judges were: Reynolds, Graduate Fellow in Speech Department, University of Florida, Dr. F. W. Parvin, Ass't. to the President, University of Florida, and M. E. Twedell, Ass't Florida State Fair Manager, Tampa.

Chapter teams and members in the order of their final placings in this contest were: 1st, Clewiston (George Tokieda, Sam Ellington, Don Sutton, Morris Ridgdill, Sermon Dyess, and Preston McGee), was awarded $25.00 and Pennant from the Florida Association, FFA, and a trophy from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation; 2nd, Havana (John Woodberry, Jack Pierce, Victor Butler, Max Smith, Russell Blackwood and Billy Brundidge)—$20.00; and 3rd, Ocala (Billy Peebles, Werley Darley, Franklin Burnett, Reezin Swilley, Mac Pons, and David Sims)—$15.00. W. T. Loften announced the results, and Mr. Reynolds presented the FFA Awards and W. R. Hancock, Secretary and Director of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation presented the Trophy.

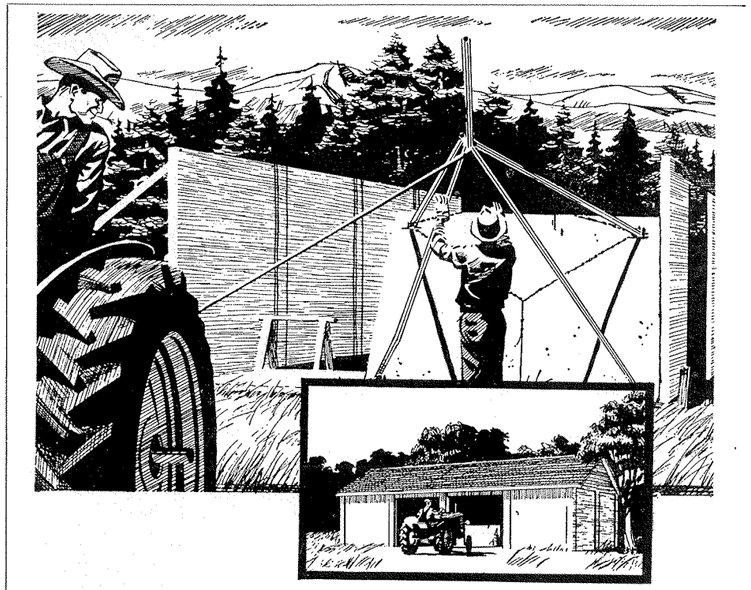
In the absence of J. G. Smith Supervisor of Agricultural Education for Area II, C. M. Lawrence, Area Supervisor from Wauchula conducted the Quartet Contest, after introducing the following judges: Holmes Melton, Mayo; C. H. Coulter, State Forester, Tallahassee; and Don Adams, Director of Agricultural Development, Florida Power & Light Company, Palatka.

The awards in the Quartet Contest, sponsored by the Florida Association, the following: Quincy (Harry McCall, Randall Kincaid, Ben Betts, Billy Poston, and accompanied by Miss Joyce Johnson)—$20.00 and Pennant; Santa Fe Chapter at Alachua (Bobby Thomas, Billy Wells, David Anderson and Larry Gonzales)—$15.00; Sebring (Harold Jackson, David Whatley, Errol Lanier, Ronnie Sauls, and accompanied by Jim Thompson)—$10.00; Kathleen (Orville Flowers, Randy Wall, Mike Mears, Jack Fletcher, and accompanied by Miss Lola Hofstetter) — $5.00; Webster (Charles Lewis, Billy Johnson, Royce Dias, Freddie Rodgers, and accompanied by Miss Janelle Locke)—$5.00; Bonifay (Earl Pitts, Toney Carroll, Phillip Kent, Gene Land, and accompanied by Miss Phyllis Yates—$5.00.

The Farm Safety Awards, a Certificate and check for $100.00 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation were presented to the Ft. Pierce Chapter by R. A. Miessen, Ass't. to the Division Manager, Florida Division of the Standard Oil Company. In the absence of John McCarty, Jr., Chairman of the Farm Safey Committee, Larry Jordan accepted the award. Other awards presented by Miessen on behalf of the Standard Oil Company were: $50.00 to the Tate Chapter at Gonzalez; $25.00 to DeLand; $20.00 to Bartow; $15.00 to Ocala; and $10.00 to South Dade at Homestead.

T. E. Hancock, assistant sales manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, presented the following awards to winners of the Tractor Driving Contest, which was sponsored by his organization: a 21 Jewel Wrist Watch to Royce Hasty of Marianna and a pennant as State winner; a 17 jewel watch to Larry Jordan of Ft. Pierce as second place winner; and $25.00 Savings Bonds to the following in their respective placings—Mitchell Rowan, Greensboro; Gene Alford, Palatka; Marcus Newberg, Ocoee; P. L. Keen, Bradenton. W. H. Parady, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville, D. M. Castator, International Harvester Company, Jacksonville, and John Hallowell, John Deere Tractor Company, Lake City, were the judges, and assisted in securing the necessary equipment. Gus Porter, City Manager of Daytona Beach arranged for laying out the course, the DeLand Ford Tractor Company furnished the plow and tractor, and the U-Haul-It Company of Daytona Beach furnished the trailer.

J. O. Pearce, president of the Florida Cattlemen's Association, presented the awards sponsored by the association. Jeff Daughtery of the Hardee Chapter at Wauchula, as state winner of the Beef Breeding award received $100.00 on the purchase of a pure-bred registered animal of the breed desired. Other winners—Robert A. Willis, Marianna; Vincent Milstead, Walnut Hill; Jimmy Davis, Mulberry; John Woodberry, Havana; and Ray Lynn Rhodes, Ocala, respectively—each received $15.00 to help defray their expenses in attending the State Convention. The state winner of the



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Together let us join hands and carry the ideals of our great organization across the state or even across the nation. Together let us work to make this coming year one of the most successful our organization has ever known. Together we shall win!

May we thank God that we are one of those who can proudly smile and say, "I am a Future Farmer."

Cecil Tindel

Feeder Steer award, Jimmy Thompson of Kathleen, was presented $100.00 to apply on expenses for him and his advisors to attend the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October 1958. Other winners, each of whom received $15.00 to help defray their expenses to attend the State Convention, were as follows: Milton McMillon, DeLand; Stuart Suber, Quincy; Lamar Smith, Walnut Hill; Walter Maxwell, Quincy; and Robert Wiley, Auburndale.

George M. Talbott, Manager, Production and Marketing Division, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Orlando, presented the awards in the State Judging, Identification, and Grading Contest, sponsored by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association. The contest was conducted under the guidance of Mason Marvel, Ass't. Vegetable Crop Specialist, and Bruce Barmby, both of the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Florida. Judges were: Don Adams, Dr. of Agricultural Development, Florida Power and Light Co., Palatka; Tom Hughes, Agri. News Ed, Fla. Grower & Rancher, Tampa; & M. E. Twedell, Ass't Fla. State Fair Mgr., Tampa; The Lakeland team composed of Sam Fasano, Dale Maler and Eugene Horton was winner of this award and will represent Florida in the Nat'l Junior Vegetable Growers Association Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi in December. The expenses will be paid by Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association. Other winners in their respective order were: Turkey Creek, Miami-Edison, Winter Haven, Alachua, South Dade at Homestead, Hialeah, Auburndale, Wauchula and Groveland.

Donald Smith then returned the gavel to the State President for the Closing Ceremony and Adjournment.

TUESDAY MORNING

BEFORE THE official opening on Tuesday morning, delegates and guests were entertained by the Santa Fe Chapter Quartet from Alachua, second place winner in the state contest. Bobby Thomas introduced the members of the quartet. The Devotional Service was given by Reverend R. Hugh Hawkins of the Stetson Baptist Church in DeLand, and J. Edward Langley, Director of Glee Clubs, Daytona Beach, led the group singing.

The 30th Annual State Convention then opened officially with State President, Lloyd Dubroff, presiding. All officers except Bill Thompson, Sanford, who was attending National Guard Camp, occupied their respective stations for the official opening ceremony.

Dr. J. Hart Long, Mayor of Daytona Beach extended a most hearty welcome to the Florida Future Farmers and wished for them a very successful convention. He also extended an invitation to them to return to Daytona next year for their convention. John H. Smiley, Volusia County Superintendent of Public Instruction, extended greetings and best wishes to the Future Farmers.

President Lloyd Dubroff introduced his fellow State Officers and H. E. Wood, state advisor of the Florida Association, FFA, after which the roll call of delegates by districts was made by the state vice presidents, and the entire delegation was seated.

After being introduced by Lamar Jenkins, first vice-president, Lloyd Dubroff gave the State President's Message.

The minutes of the 29th Annual Convention were read by Bill Land, second vice-president, and approved.

Two selections were rendered by the State Champion Quartet from Quincy, before the Annual Accomplishment Report of the Florida Association, FFA, for 1957-58 was given by Donald Smith, Fourth Vice-President. The report was approved by the delegates.

Gene Hudson, Fifth Vice-President announced that the following men were presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree during the past year:

Harry Boyles, farmer at Live Oak, and Joe Diaz, a rancher at Alachua, at the Southeastern Livestock Show in Ocala; J. C. Council, President of the Tampa Tribune, Tampa, E. E. Jeter, Principal of the Benjamin Franklin Jr. High School, Tampa, and Charles P. Lykes, Exec. Vice-President of Lykes Bros, Inc., Tampa, at the FFA Day at Florida State Fair; M. A. Schack, President of Florida Jersey Breeders Association, Greenwood, at the West Florida FFA Fat Cattle Show in Quincy; and Thomas B. Warlow, Exchange Student, Young Farmers of Great Britain, Pembroke, Wales, at the State F.F.A. Forestry Training Camp, at Camp O'Leno.

Bill Land read the names of those recommended to receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree during the Convention and they were approved.

At this time the State President read some fine telegrams and letters from Governor LeRoy Collins, U. S. Senator Spessard L. Holland, John Ford, Manager, Alabama Rural Electric Association, Montgomery, Ala.

President Lloyd Dubroff presented the nominating committee's selection for State President, Horace Quincey of Trenton, which was approved, and nominations were received from the floor for Gene Alford of Palatka, Jimmy Ryals of DeLand, Merlin Edwards of Chumuckla, Darrel Hobbs of Paxton, Billy Deen of Bunnell, Harold Herndon of Lake City, Virgil Crosby of Bradenton, Cecil Tindel of Graceville, Ray Rhodes of Ocala, Keyland Morgan of Lakeland, and Millard Sasser of Chipley. The twelve candidates for State President gave brief talks and the meeting adjourned with the official closing ceremony.

Two special luncheons were held at 11:45 a.m. in the Princess Issena Hotel. One was for the Farm Safety Winners (Chapter Advisers and Chairmen of the Committees) as guests of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, with R. A. Miessen as host. The other was for the District Sweethearts and their chaperones as guests of the Craig Hotels, with John E. Leonard, General Manager, Daytona Beach as host.

The Lions Club Program was presented, with William Aplin, Paxton, former State FFA President as speaker, and the Dade City String Band furnishing the music. The Kiwanis Club Program of the Halifax Area was also presented, with Joe Dan Boyd, Alexandria, Va., Associate Editor of the National Future Farmer Magazine, as speaker and the Quincy String Band furnishing the music.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Tuesday afternoon session was called to order by the President and opened with the official ceremony.

Seymour Henck, Consultant to the South's Regional Advisory Council on Nuclear Energy, and President of Henck Associates, Atlanta, Georgia, a public relations firm addressed the delegation on "The Agricultural Atom."

C. M. Lawrence introduced the judges for the Harmonica Contest as follows: Holmes Melton, Joe Dan Boyd, and R. A. Miessen.

Holmes Melton, a business man from Mayo, announced the results in the Harmonica Contest and presented the awards to the following in their order of placing: James Ray, Quincy—$10.00 and a Pennant; Rusty Garner, Arcadia—$8.00; Happy Roche, Vernon—$7.00; Willie Clemons, Bradford Chapter at Starke—$5.00; and James Rodgers, Ft. Meade—$5.00.

Allentown, Quincy, Gainesville, Ocala, Bartow and Okeechobee were presented bronze plaques with their Chapter name engraved on them, as well as $100.00, as district winners in the chapter cooperative leadership contest. The checks to the Chapters at Allentown, Quincy, Gainesville, and Ocala were from the Cotton Producers Association, a large Farm Supply and Marketing Cooperative, which has branch stores known as Farmers Mutual Exchanges located at various points in North Florida. James Hart, Public Relations Director of the Cotton Producers Association, Atlanta, Georgia, presented these checks. The other checks were presented by Aubrey Fowler, president of the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Live Oak, assisted by Al Whitmore, secretary-treasurer, Florida Citrus Production Credit Association, Orlando; Ed Dukes, Sec.-Treas. of Northeastern Production Credit Association, Palatka, and Dr. E. W. Cake, Economist, Marketing, Agricultural Extension Service, University of Florida, Gainesville. The Bartow Chapter as top Chapter in the State, was presented a plaque and check from the Council for $500.00, to help defray expenses for their advisors and five members to attend the annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation to be held this year at Pennsylvania State College, August 24 to 28.

The State President presented a Certificate of Merit to Miss Ann Wilder, News Director, Radio Station WIRA, Ft. Pierce, Florida, for her outstanding service, cooperation and interest in the FFA.

Charles McCullers and Gene Hudson gave introductory remarks regarding the candidates for Honorary State Farmer Degree, after which the State Officers awarded the Degree to the following: A. E. Bruner, President, Florida Swine Breeders Association, Live Oak; John W. Cooper, Program Supervisor, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Naval Stores Program, Valdosta, Ga.; W. J. Crowley, retired Vocational Agriculture teacher, Sarasota; Wm. C. Grainger, Sec.-Treas., Bradenton Production Credit Association, Bradenton; Dr. Sam Hand, Ass't. Director for Adult and Veterans Education, Tallahassee; Arol Hudson, Member of State Advisory Committee, Agricultural Education, Vernon; Tom Hughes, Agricultural News Editor, Florida Grower and Rancher, Tampa; N. J. Johns, Principal, Columbia High School, Lake City; L. A. Johnston, Sales Promotion Manager, Gulf Power Company, Pensacola; Louis T. Marsh, Daytona Beach; E. F. McLane, Principal, Brandon High School, Brandon; C. S. Miley, Ft. Pierce News Tribune, Ft. Pierce; H. E. Nickloy, Advertising Manager, Mid-States Steel & Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana; Joseph D. Norton, Ass't. Vegetable Crop Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service, University of Florida, Gainesville; Ed H. Price, Jr., Tropicana Products, Inc., Bradenton; and Guyton Williams, Poultry Marketing Specialist, Florida State Marketing Bureau, Jacksonville.

President Dubroff read telegrams of congratulations and best wishes from Danny Cowart, former FFA Vice-President from Leesburg and Edward Hunt, General Manager of Ft. Harrison Hotel, Clearwater., and after making announcements regarding committee work, the Committees received their assignments and recessed to Seabreeze High School and in Peabody Auditorium.

Singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" at the close of the Special FFA Bandshell Program, Wednesday night.

TUESDAY EVENING

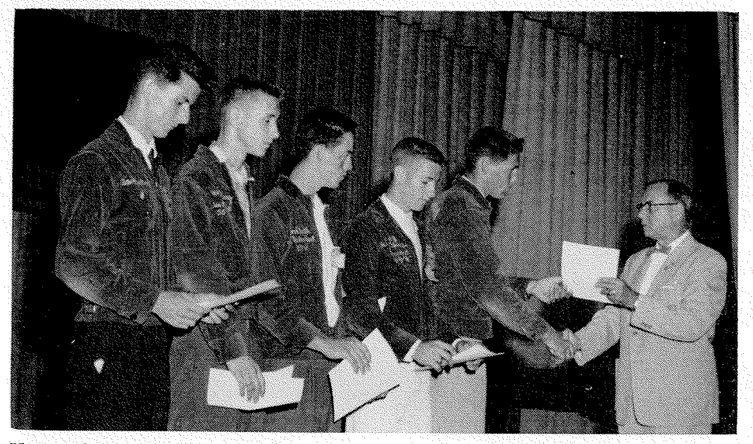
THE THIRD session of the Convention was called to order by President Lloyd Dubroff, who proceeded with the official opening ceremony, after introducing Happy Roche of the Vernon Chapter, who furnished music on the Harmonica prior to the opening. Gene Hudson, Fifth Vice-President, was introduced as Master of Ceremonies for the session.

W. T. Loften introduced the following judges in the Public Speaking Contest: Dr. George D. Thornton, Ass't. Dean, College of Agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville; H. G. Dasher, Ass't. Director State Soil Conservation Service, Gainesville; and Ed H. Price, Jr., Tropicana Products, Inc., Bradenton.

James E. Gorman, Managing Director, Florida Retail Federation, State Chamber of Commerce, presented the Future Farmers of America Foundation certificate and check for $100 and a pennant to Cecil Tindel of Graceville; and awards sponsored by Belk-Lindsey Stores to Billy Deen of Bunnell—$25.00 as second place winner and C. L. Cuthbertson of Pinecrest—$20 as third place winner. The titles of their speeches in their respective placings were: "What Can We As Future Farmers of America Do to Help Conserve the Soil", "The Conservation of Our Nation's Resources," and "The Dangers of Chemical Farming."

At this time a telegram of best wishes was read from J. G. Smith, Area II Supervisor. He also expressed his sincere disappointment at not being able to be present.

C. M. Lawrence introduced the follow-



Henry C. Coleman, President Commercial Bank of Daytona Beach, presenting Florida Banker Scholarship Awards. Left to right are: David Courtney, Tate at Gonzalez; Randy King, Jasper; Charlie Tanner, Jr., Callahan; Paul Akins, Webster; and Donald Turner, Brandon.

ing judges in the String Band Contest: Holmes Melton, Aubrey Fowler, and R. A. Miessen. After the Contest was conducted, the awards sponsored by the Florida Association, FFA were presented by C. M. Lawrence as follows: Dade City, as State Winner, received $20.00 and a pennant; Quincy, as 2nd place received $15.00; Paxton, as 3rd place—$10.00; Starke, as 4th place—$5.00; and Wauchula as 5th place—$5.00.

Vice-President Hudson introduced Joe Dan Boyd, Associate Editor of the National Future Farmer Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia, who spoke to the delegation at this time.

Darrel Hobbs of the Paxton Chapter was presented a Dairy Efficiency Plaque from Southern Dairies, Inc., a certificate and check for $100.00 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation as State Dairy Farmer by Ezra Yocum, Field Representative, Southern Dairies, Inc., Marianna. District winners receiving $25.00 each from Southern Dairies, Inc., were Billy Joe Williams, Graceville; Johnny Carter, Callahan; Dale Utter, DeLand; J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon; Donald Shaw, Miami-Edison; and T. J. Lambert III, Havana, Top District Winner, who also received a plaque.

Tom Rice, Ass't. Sales Manager, Thomasville, Georgia, presented the Corn Production awards sponsored by Greenwood Farms, Thomasville, Ga. to the following: Escambia Farms—$100.00 as State winner. The other winners in their order of placing were: Bonifay—$60.00; Pinetta—$40.00; and Lee—$25.00.

The meeting was then turned back to the State President for the Closing Ceremony and adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

THE ALPHA Gamma Rho Fraternity, University of Florida, sponsored a breakfast at the Princess Issena Hotel, at 7:00 a.m. for all State Farmer Candidates planning to attend College. Terry McDavid acted as Toastmaster. Special music was furnished by the Dade City and Starke String Bands.

Special music was presented by the Quincy String Band, and the fourth session of the convention opened with the devotional service given by Charles McCullers, Sixth Vice-President. State President Lloyd Dubroff called the meeting to order with the official opening ceremony, and A. R. Cox, Executive Secretary, Florida Association, FFA, gave the State Highlights for 1957-58. (Copies of this report are being distributed at the July 1958 Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference.)

Charles McCullers presented the treasurer's report for the year 1957-58, which was approved by the delegates.

Joseph D. Norton, Ass't. Vegetable Crop Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service, University of Florida at this time conducted the finals in the Demonstration Contest. The judges were Don Adams, Tom Hughes, M. E. Twedell, and G. C. Norman. George M. Talbott presented the award to the Miami-Edison Chapter as state winner. The title of their demonstration was "Soil Fumigation of Plant Beds", and the team was composed of Mike Michelson and Alwin Helm. This team will represent Florida at the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi, in August.

A telegram of congratulations was read from Austin Tilton, State President of Boys 4-H Council, Palatka.

The State Champion Dade City String Band furnished a few selections at this time.

The State Forestry Contest Awards, sponsored by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, were presented by R. N. Hoskins, General Forestry Agent. Randy King of Jasper, as State Winner received $125.00, as did his adviser, R. S. McMillan. Second place of $50 went to Kenneth Tanner, Callahan; third place of $30 went to Eugene Lewis, Tallahassee; and fourth place of $20 to Norval Tyre, Blountstown.

Fenwick Donald McCormick, former member of the Williston Chapter, and Gipson Frank Kingry, Jr., former member of the Malone Chapter were presented a $100 J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarship by H. E. Wood, State FFA Advisor. McCormick and Kingry are both planning to accept employment as teachers of vocational agriculture in Florida.

At this time Miss Gayle Norman, Tallahassee, National President, Future Homemakers of America, addressed the delegation.

For the past several years the Florida Association, FFA has invited the State Presidents from all FFA State Associations in the Southern Region, as well as Presidents of other youth organizations in Florida, to attend their State Convention. Those present this year were Jerry Lowery, State FFA President from Tennessee, and Stewart Bloodsworth, State FFA President from Georgia. Both were called to the platform and spoke briefly to the delegates. Also introduced at this time were past officers Terry McDavid, P. K. Beck, Richard Kelly, William T. Aplin, Jacques Waller, and Don Adams, who spoke briefly.

The 1958 State Farmer Degree Candidates were guests of Miss Elizabeth Copeland, The Custom Cal Company, Atlanta, Georgia, at a luncheon at the Princess Issena Hotel.

The Civitan Club program was presented, with Cecil Tindel, Graceville, State winner in the Public Speaking Contest as speaker, and the Quincy Quartet furnishing the music. The Kiwanis Club program was also presented, with James Quincy, Trenton, former National FFA Vice-President, as speaker and the Turkey Creek String Band furnishing the music.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

THE AFTERNOON session was called to order by the president and opened with the official ceremony.

H. E. Wood introduced 1957 American Farmers: Richard Alton Blair of Jennings and Samuel Tribble of DeLand; and 1958 applicants for the American Farmer Degree as follows: William Aplin, Paxton; Glen Shepherd, Bell; Thomas J. Lawrence, DeLand; and Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough—at Tampa.

Royce Bodiford, Millsap, Texas, National FFA Vice-President, Honored Guest of the Convention, addressed the delegates and guests.

A telegram was read from Chuck Schlakman of the Balmoral Hotel, Miami Beach.

State Farmer Degree was conferred on 165 Future Farmers by the State Officers (This listing is given on page 2). The Mid-States Steel and Wire Company of Crawfordsville, Indiana and Jacksonville, Florida, sponsored awards of $5.00 each, for members receiving the State Farmer Degree, with $10.00 going to the three top District Winners, $25.00 to the two top Area Winners, and $50.00 to the Star State Farmer. H. E. Nickloy, Advertising Manager, of Crawfordsville; L. J. Whitmarsh, Manager of the Florida Plant, and E. H. Nelson, Sales Director, both of Jacksonville, presented the awards.

The Bradenton, Florida Citrus, Gainesville, Lakeland, Marianna, Monticello, Northeast Florida, and North Florida Production Credit Associations presented a State Farmer Key to each member receiving the Degree. H. V. Lee, East Lake Weir, Sec.-Treas. of Florida Federation of Production Credit Associations; Wm. C. Grainger, Bradenton; Ed Dukes, Palatka; Paul Abersol, Gainesville; and Jack B. Salt, Gainesville, presented the keys.

James Quincey, Trenton, past National FFA Vice-President addressed the delegates and guests at this time.

The twelve candidates for 1958-59 State President were given two minutes each to present their qualifications prior to the balloting for president. Cecil Tindel of Graceville was elected on the first ballot.

"Pass-the-Chicken, Pappy" Awards, sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, were presented to 18 Chapters by Tommy Wetherell, manager of the Sears, Roebuck Store in Daytona Beach. First place winner in each district received $25.00, second place winner $15.00 and third place winner $10.00. Those who received awards by District in order of placing were as follows: I—Chipley, Poplar Springs Vernon; II—Monticello, Tallahassee, Grand Ridge; III—(Baker County) Macclenny; (Lake Weir) Summerfield; Ocoee; IV—Chiefland, Bushnell, St. Cloud; V—Bartow, Palmetto, Inverness; VI—Pompano, Sebring, (South Dade) Homestead.

James Edward Davis of Mulberry was presented a certificate and check for $100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a $100 Savings Bond from the Florida Ford Tractor Company, as State winner of the Farm Mechanics Award, by T. E. Hancock, Ass't. General Sales Manager of the Florida Ford Tractor Company in Jacksonville.

To each of the District Winners, he presented $50 Savings Bonds also from his organization: I—David Wayne Courtney, (Tate) Gonzalez; II—Frank Dunn, Quincy; III—Francis Ward, (Suwannee) Live Oak; IV—Ray Lynn Rhodes, Ocala; V—Donald Turner, Brandon; VI—Dale Cooper, Sebring. 40 County winners each received a $25 Savings Bond from their local Ford Tractor Dealer.

Recommendations of Committees were submitted during the remainder of the Session and were approved. These will be mimeographed and distributed to all teachers of vocational agriculture in Florida.

The session closed with the official ceremony for the annual fish fry sponsored by the Florida Ford Tractor Company. Six hundred Future Farmers, advisors and guests met on the beach at "Beach Rest", at 5:30 p.m., which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

AT 8:00 P.M., a special talent program, arranged by D. A. Storms, Sr., coordinator of agricultural education in Hillsborough County, was presented in the Band Shell on the beach, with over 3000 Future Farmers and guests in attendance. J. Edward Langley, Director of Glee Clubs in Daytona Beach was master of ceremonies for a full and very entertaining program. Special guests were introduced, and the Dade City, Quincy, and Turkey Creek String Bands played; Chuck McIntosh of Turkey Creek played the piano; the Santa Fe Quartet accompanied by Connie Strickland, and the Quincy Quartet accompanied by Joyce Johnson sang; vocal selections were given by Sallye McSwain, Arcadia, Yvonne Putnal, Mayo (accompanied by Sylvia Cofield), George Miller, DeFuniak Springs (accompanied by Shirley Wise), Linda Couch, (East Bay) at Wimauma (accompanied by Harry Martinez), Jeannie Guth, Plant City (accompanied by Chuck McIntosh); acrobatics by Quinn Flood, (Williams) Live Oak, and Rene LaFountain, Tampa; a musical skit by Carolie Buck, Groveland (accompanied by Mrs. Mack Mercer); harmonica selection by James Ray, Quincy; Song and dance by 1957 State Sweetheart, Pat Cossin, Orlando; baton twirling by Shirley Wise, DeFuniak Springs; music and songs by Wauchula String Band, accompanied by Donald Smith of Wauchula, Billy Poston of Quincy, and the

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A few additional guests were introduced, and the program closed with the unfurling of the Flag and the audience singing the National Anthem.

THURSDAY MORNING

THE SIXTH session opened with a few selections by James Ray, State Harmonica Champion of Quincy, followed by a Devotional by Reverend Glen Smith, Pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Daytona Beach. President Dubroff called the meeting to order, with officers at their stations taking part in the official opening ceremony.

$100 scholarship from the Florida Bankers Association to assist them in attending Fla. State Univ. or the U. of Fla. were presented to David Courtney, (Tate) Gonzalez; Randy King, Jasper; Charlie F. Tanner, Jr., Callahan; Paul Akins, Webster; and Donald Turner, Brandon, by Henry Coleman, President, Commercial Bank of Daytona Beach, representing the Florida Bankers Association.

At this time the retiring state vice presidents made their individual reports to the delegates and they were approved.

The top three Chapters in the State Contest were presented their awards by James E. Gorman and will be entered in National Competition. State winner this year was Quincy, which received $40.00 and a Gold Plaque; second—(South Dade) at Homestead, which received $25 and a Silver Plaque; and third, Mulberry, which received $15.00 and a Bronze Plaque. Increased interest was shown th's year by the Chapters as indicated by their Accomplishment Reports. Those having a Superior Rating (71) were presented with a gold seal and those having a Standard Rating (37) received a silver seal from the National Organization. The State Chapter Awards are sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Foundation and Florida Retail Federation of the State Chamber of Commerce.

The District winners received $25.00 for first place; $20.00, second; $15.00, third; and $10.00, fourth. They were, in order of their placings, as follows: I—(Tate) Gonzalez, Paxton, Escambia Farms, Chipley; II—Quincy, Tallahassee, Havana, Jasper; III—(Williams) Live Oak, Trenton, Newberry, Gainesville; IV—Ocala, DeLand, Reddick, Winter Garden; V—Mulberry, Bartow, Bradenton, Crystal River; VI—(South Dade) Homestead, Miami-Edison, Miami-Jackson, Miami-Hialeah.

H. E. Wood read a very interesting Editorial concerning the Future Farmers which appeared in the Daytona Beach Evening News Tuesday, June 10.

The Nominating Committee's selections for state vice presidents were approved for the following: 1st—Billy Poston, Quincy; 2nd—Jimmy Ryals of DeLand; 3rd—Robert Carley, Miami-Jackson; 4th—David Wayne Courtney, (Tate) Gonzalez; 5th—Keyland Morgan, Lakeland; 6th—Horace Quincey, Trenton. Nominations from the floor were made for the following: 1st—Randy King, Jasper; Curtis Koon, Mayo; 2nd—W. O. Beauchamp, Jr., Chiefland; Carl Remusat, Sanford; Ray Rhodes, Ocala; 4th—Darrel Hobbs, Paxton; Merlin Edwards, Chumuckla; Sonny Johnson, Poplar Springs; Millard Sasser, Chipley; 5th—Harold Croft, Dade City; Virgil Crosby, Bradenton, Wayne Hickey, Turkey Creek; Robert Wiley, Auburndale; 6th—Gene Alford, Palatka, Billy Deen, Bunnell, Harold Herndon, (Columbia) Lake City; Gerald Roberts, Bell; Charlie Tanner, Callahan; Bobby Thomas (Santa Fe) Alachua. Robert Carley did not have opposition.

Further recommendations of committees were submitted and were approved at this time.

The session closed with the official closing ceremony.

A special luncheon was held at the Princess Issena Hotel for the District State Farmers, their parents and advisors, and the office staff, by the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, Jacksonville, with H. E. Nickloy, L. J. Whitmarsh and E. H. Nelson as hosts.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

THE SEVENTH session was called to order by the President.

Vice-presidents elected were: 1st—Curtis Koon, Mayo; 2nd—W. O. Beauchamp, Jr. Chiefland; 4th—Darrel Hobbs, Paxton; 5th—Keyland Morgan, Lakeland; 6th—Horace Quincey, Trenton.

Presentation of Farm Electrification awards was made by J. C. Carroll, Service Representative, Tampa Electric Company, Tampa, as follows: to the State Winner, Randy King, of Jasper, a Certificate and check for $100.00 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a $100.00 Savings Bond from the cooperating electric organizations; and to each of the District winners a $50.00 Savings Bond from the Florida Power & Light Company of Miami, Florida Power Corporation of St. Petersburg, Tampa Electric Company of Tampa, and Gulf Power Company, of Pensacola: I—Robert Coleson, (Tate) Gonzalez; II—Mack Dunn, Quincy; III—Jesse Godbold, (Williams) Live Oak; IV—Sam Scott Vandergrift, Winter Garden; V—Donald Turner, Brandon; VI—Donald Frierson, Wauchula.

President Dubroff introduced Hon. Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, stating that he is the chief state school officer, an Honorary State Farmer of the Florida Association, FFA as well as an Honorary American Farmer member of the National Organization, FFA, State Director of the National Education Association and a member of the NEA Legislative Commission; always attends the FFA Programs at the Florida State Fair in Tampa and State FFA Convention and is ready at all times to assist Future Farmers and give unlimited time to help further the Future Farmer program in Florida. Mr. Bailey addressed the delegates and guests at this time.

The Miami-Edison Chapter, as State Winner of the Scrapbook Contest, received $25.00 and a Pennant. Other District winners were Vernon, Mayo, (Bradford) Starke, Winter Garden, and Mulberry, each receiving $10.00. These awards, sponsored by the Florida Association, FFA, were presented by G. C. Norman, Program Specialist, Vocational Agricultural Education, Tallahassee. Judges were Tom Hughes, Joe Norton, and G. C. Norman.

At this time Pat Cossin, Orlando, State FFA Sweetheart for 1957, gave some special entertainment, and the meeting adjourned with the official closing ceremony.

A special dinner was held at the Princess Issena Hotel for the Presidents and Advisers of State Chapter Winners, by the Florida Retail Federation, Florida State Chamber of Commerce, with James E. Gorman, Managing Director, as host.

THURSDAY EVENING

THE EIGHTH session of the Convention was called to order by the President after several selections by Happy Roche from Vernon on the Harmonica; the Quincy and Santa Fe Quartets. The meeting opened with the official opening ceremony.

L. J. Whitmarsh, manager of the Florida plant, Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, presented awards as follows: Billy Poston, Quincy, Star State Farmer—$50.00; Ray Rhodes, Ocala, and Donald Carlton, Bartow, Star Area State Farmers—$25.00 each; Darrel Hobbs, Paxton, Gene Stanley Alford, Palatka; Robert Carley, Miami-Jackson, Star District State Farmers—$10.00 each.

Parents and adv'sors of the winners who were present were introduced to the delegation.

Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau Leadership Awards were presented to Billy Poston of Quincy, Ray Lynn Rhodes of Ocala, and Donald Carlton, of Bartow, Area Star State Farmers of Florida for 1958, by J. F. Bazemore, State Educational Manager from Orlando. Each was awarded $75 toward his expenses for attending the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October, 1958.

Honorable Thomas D. Bailey presented a certificate and check for $200 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation to the Star State Farmer and Roy Mills, Reporter and Photographer of the Florida Times Union, DeLand, presented him with the beautiful Florida Times Union Trophy, after which the State President presented Billy's father and his Advisor, James C. McCall, with the Honorary State Farmer Degree and his mother with the Certificate of Merit.

The President turned the meeting over to Charles McCullers, Sixth Vice-President, who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Charles McCullers introduced the Judges and conducted the State Sweetheart Contest. Miss Sallye McSwain of Arcadia was selected State FFA Sweet-

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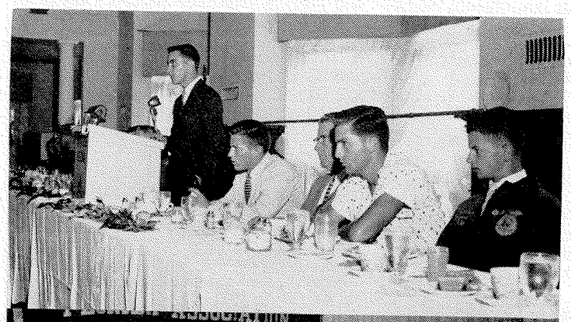
165 members received their State Farmer Degree at the 30th Annual Florida FFA Convention, above.



Terry McDavid emcees the Alpha Gamma Rho breakfast for State Farmer candidates planning to attend college. Others shown are (from left) P. K. Beck, former state president, Chiefland, T. L. Barrineau, area supervisor, James Quincey, former National FFA vice president, Trenton, and Ray Rhodes, Ocala.

James E. Gorman, Florida Retail Federation presented Duncan Gammage, president of the Arcadia chapter, with State Sweetheart pennant.

A special trophy was presented to M. R. Avery, Leesburg, (above) retiring vocational agriculture teacher.

Pictures in lower panel show (left) Tom Rice, assistant sales manager presenting the Corn Production Awards sponsored by Greenwood Farms, Thomasville, Ga., to State Winner James Posey of Escambia Farms. Other winners (from left) include Donald Ward, Lee, Jerry Bland, Pinetta, R. R. Denson, Pinetta adviser, C. Douglas Griffith, Escambia Farms adviser, and Earl Pitts, Bonifay • Picture at right shows some of the visiting past state officers on the convention stage: From left, Don Adams, 1943-44 president; Terry McDavid, 1956-57 fifth vice president; Lloyd Dubroff, 1957-58 president; Richard Kelley, 1955-56 second vice president; William Aplin, 1955-56 president; Jacques Waller, 1933-34 president; Jerry Lowrey, Tennessee state president; Stewart Bloodsworth, Georgia state president. At the mike is P. K. Beck, 1956-57 president.

1958-59 Officers

CECIL TINDEL

President

CECIL TINDEL, 16 year old Senior of the Graceville FFA Chapter, is the newly elected President of the Florida Association. He is also the Public Speaking Champion for the State.

His farming program consists of one dairy cow, 50 broilers, one sow, 3 meat hogs, 2 acres of truck crops, and 2 steers.

Some of his improvement projects included building and re-arranging fences, a home garden, beautifying the home, and soil conservation.

His supplementary farm practices included repairing and sharpening tools, repairing farm buildings, concrete construction, controlling rodents, culling poultry, building poultry and hog equipment, and improving fences and gates.

His outstanding leadership activities included winning 10 Public Speaking Contests out of 15, being Treasurer and Vice-President of his Chapter, serving on various committees, being a member of the Chapter Parliamentary Procedure Team and a delegate to the State FFA Convention. Also, class Treasurer, Vice-President of the Latin Club, member of the Student Council and Chapter Judging Teams.

CURTIS KOON

First Vice-President

NEWLY ELECTED First Vice-President, Curtis Koon, represents District II and is a member of the Lafayette Chapter at Mayo. Curtis lives on a 120 acre farm about 2 miles northeast of Mayo.

He began taking Vocational Agriculture in 1955 and became a member of the FFA Chapter the same year. His first projects were 10 acres of corn, 10 acres of peanuts, and 100 yards of tobacco bed.

Curtis's improvement projects which helped him to receive the State Farmer Degree included such items as building fence, growing feed crops and a home garden, planting a farm wood lot, beautifying the home, repairing and painting buildings, planting soil improvement crops and permanent pasture.

As President of his FFA Chapter, he demonstrated leadership ability. He was a member and Chairman of many committees, Parliamentary Procedure and Judging Teams.

W. O. BEAUCHAMP, JR.

Second Vice-President

W. O. BEAUCHAMP, JR., of the Chiefland Chapter is the newly elected Second Vice President, representing District IV. He began taking Vocational Agriculture in 1954. In 1955, he received the Chapter Farmer Degree and in 1958 the State Farmer Degree.

W. O. started his farming program on land rented from his grandfather. Last year, he and his younger brother bought a 70 acre farm six miles northeast of Chiefland. His program, this year, includes 20 acres of watermelons, 20 acres of oats, 5 head of beef cattle and 10 head of hogs.

His improvement projects included beautifying the home, building fence, installing modern conveniences, repairing and painting buildings, growing a home garden, improving land and planting permanent pasture.

His supplementary farm practices included concrete construction, rodent control, building hog lot equipment, repairing and sharpening tools and helping to landscape the school grounds.

His leadership activities included being President and Vice-President of his Chapter, Public Speaking Contestant, member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team and delegate to the State Convention.

His other leadership activities in school included President of the Senior Class, Student Body and Baptist Training Union. He is a member of the Beta Club, Student Council, and Secretary of the Sunday School class.

ROBERT CARLEY

Third Vice-President

ROBERT CARLEY, recently elected Third Vice-President representing District VI, is a member of the Miami-Jackson Chapter.

As District VI Star State Farmer, he received $10 from the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company.

During the last year, he had 260 laying hens and raised 100 pullets. His improvement projects were: Growing home garden, beautifying the home, improving roads, repairing and painting, and building houses. Also, he did such supplementary farm jobs as: Repairing and sharpening tools, plumbing, controlling rodents, and concrete construction.

Robert has been Reporter and Secretary of his Chapter, representative at State and National Convention, participant in many programs on radio, TV, and at Civic Clubs.

DARREL HOBBS

Fourth Vice-President

REPRESENTING THE Florida Association, FFA as Fourth Vice-President during the coming year is Darrel Hobbs, who lives on a dairy farm in the northern part of Walton County. He is 18 years old and a member of the Paxton Chapter. Also, at the Convention he was honored by being acclaimed the top Dairy Farmer in Florida and received $100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and the Southern Dairies, Inc. Dairy Efficiency Plaque.

As District I State Farmer, he received $10 from the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company. His labor income for the past five years in vocational agriculture was $7878.67. Darrel's supervised farming program last year consisted of: 100% ownership of 25 head of cows, 27 head of hogs, and 50% ownership of 55 acres of corn and 9 acres of peanuts. He carried out numerous improvement projects which helped with the family's food and improved the farm. He has performed thirteen different supplementary farm practices. During the past year, Darrel has undertaken the job of remodeling the family home, working mostly at night after completing the milking and other farm work.

He was rated excellent in his leadership activities in high school work and made vast improvements in the farming program through improved practices, crop rotation, soil and water control, and buildings.

KEYLAND MORGAN

Fifth Vice-President

REPRESENTING THE Florida Association, FFA as Fifth Vice-President from District V is Keyland Morgan of the Lakeland FFA Chapter. Keyland began taking Vocational Agriculture and became a member of the FFA in 1954.

His Supervised Farming Program included 2 acres of field peas, 8 steers and 5 head of beef cattle.

Some of his improvement projects included draining land, growing feed crops, planting soil improvement crops and permanent pasture, repairing and painting buildings. His supplementary farm practices included propagating fruit trees, repairing and improving fence and gates, testing, treating and improving seed varieties, repairing, painting and storing farm machinery, and first aid to animals.

He served as President of his local Chapter and the County FFA Federation. He also represented his Chapter in various contests, such as Judging, String Band, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure. Also, he served as member and chairman of many committees and Secretary of his Sunday School class.

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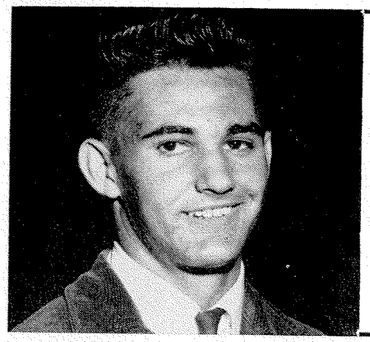

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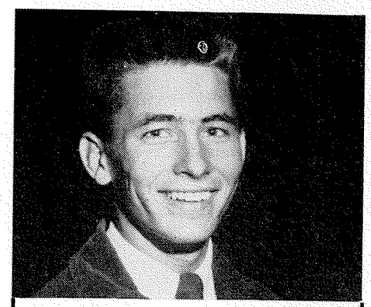

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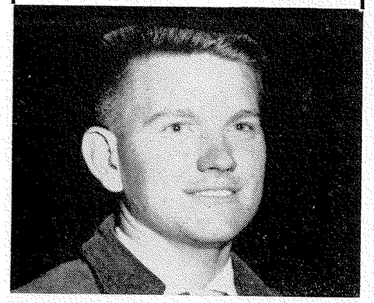

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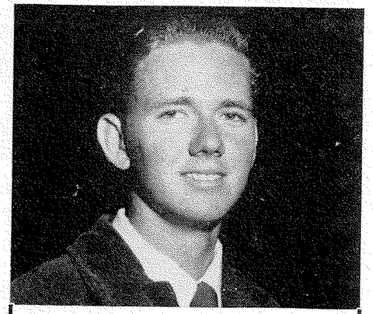

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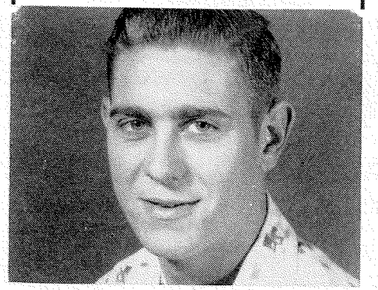

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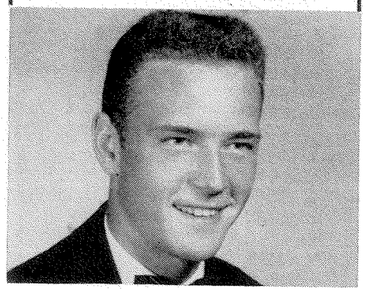

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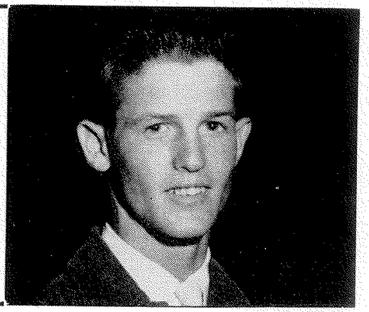

Seymore Henck, public relations consultant in the field of atomic energy, Atlanta, addresses the delegates at the Tuesday afternoon session.

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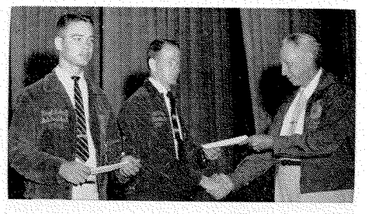
HORACE QUINCEY

Sixth Vice-President

HORACE QUINCEY, Sixth Vice-President representing District III, a member of the Trenton Chapter, plans to make farming a career. He started in Vocational Agriculture and the FFA in 1953. His projects for 1957-58 were 30 acres of watermelons, 2 acres cucumbers, 20 acres corn, 15 head of hogs, 2 steers, and 4 cows. His improvement projects included building fence, constructing farm buildings, growing feed crops, growing home garden and crop rotation. His supplementary farm practices included constructing equipment, concrete construction, repairing farm machinery and buildings, controlling diseases, home plumbing, testing and treating seed varieties and improving feed for livestock.

Horace is past President and Treasurer of his Chapter. He has participated in various FFA Contests, such as Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

Other leadership activities include being class officer for four years, and President of his Church organization.



H. E. Wood, State Adviser, presented the J. F. Williams Memorial $100 Scholarships to Gipson Frank Kingry, Jr., Malone; and Fenwick Donald McCormick, Williston.

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State Governments, as well as members of U. S. Congress. As a matter of fact, in all professions, you will find former members of the Future Farmers of America holding important positions of leadership.

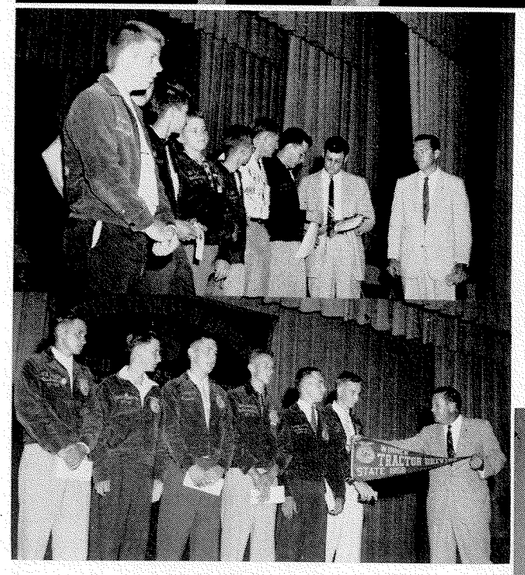
A visit to the campus of any State University will reveal many former members of the Future Farmers of America in positions of leadership in student organizations.

The Future Farmers of America has also served to stimulate interest of farm boys in remaining in school to complete their high school education, and hundreds of them will frankly admit if it were not for the FFA, they would have dropped out of school.

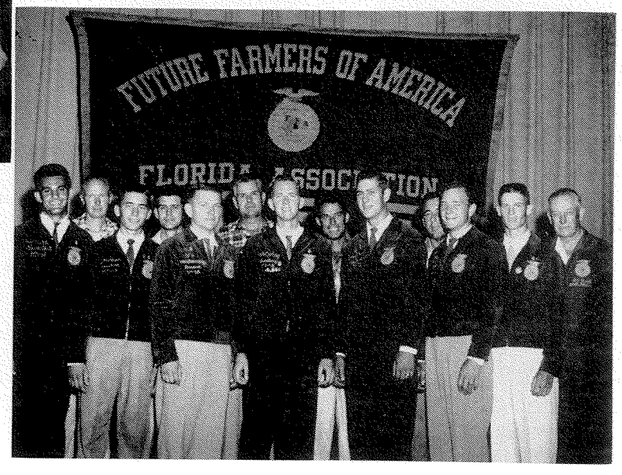
Law enforcement officers state that Future Farmer members are seldom involved in juvenile crimes, and they are free to admit that the challenge of the Future Farmer program keeps its members out of bad company and tends to develop a sense of moral responsibility.

It may be said that the Future Farmer Organization has been and is serving the youth of this country in a manner designed to develop initiative, clear-thinking and the ability to assume leadership responsibilities, as no other phase of the high school program is prepared to do.

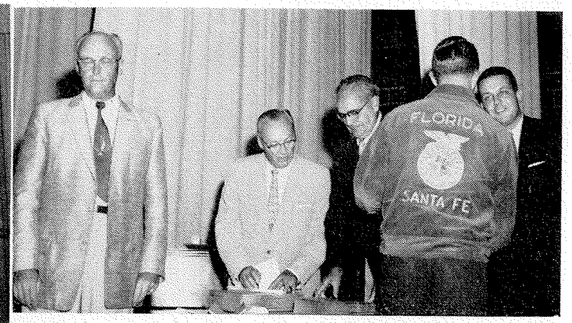
CURTIS ELDRED, Vice-President of the Fort Pierce FFA Chapter, represented the Florida Association, FFA at the Southern Safety Conference held in Richmond, Virginia. He participated in the school, home, youth, and rural section part of the program.

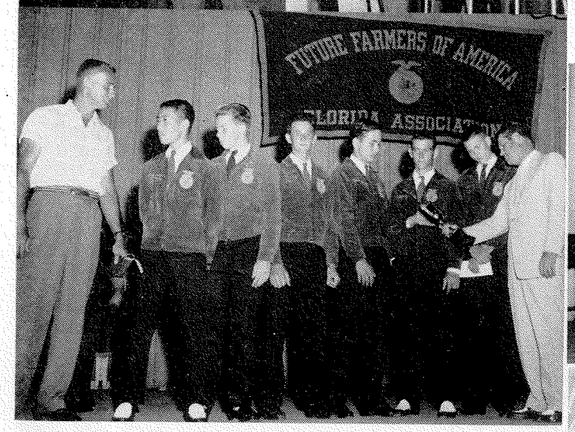


Tommy Wetherell, manager of Sears in Daytona Beach presented the Pass-the-Chicken-Pappy awards (above) sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation • Picture at left shows George M. Talbott, manager of production and marketing division, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Orlando, presenting awards in the demonstration contest. From left are Rodney Hammond, Adviser L. Warren Harrell, Jimmy Cox, and Sonny Bradley, all of Winter Haven; Alwin Helm, Adviser B. G. Cromer and Mike Michelson, all of Miami-Edison; Talbott; and Joseph D. Norton, assistant vegetable crop specialist, Agricultural Extension Service, University of Florida, Gainesville. • Lower left shows winners in tractor driving contest presented by the Florida Ford Tractor Company's T. E. Hancock. From left are P. L. Keen, Bradenton, Marcus Newberg, Ocoee, Gene Alford, Palatka, Mitchell Rowan, Greensboro, Larry Jordan, Fort Pierce, and Royce Hasty, Marianna, who placed from sixth to first, respectively.



At right are the 1958-59 State FFA Officers and their advisers. From left, are Cecil Tindel, Graceville, state president and Adviser Hugh Woolley; Curtis Koon, Mayo and Adviser Johns Everett; W. O. Beauchamp, Jr., Chiefland and Adviser P. T. Dicks; Robert Carley, Miami-Jackson, and Adviser R. C. Bishop; Darrel Hobbs, Paxton, and Adviser John Baldwin; Keyland Morgan, Lakeland; Horace Quincey, Trenton, and H. E. Wood, State Adviser.





Snapshots at Daytona (starting immediately above and going counter-clockwise) • Presentation of five-dollar bills (above) to State Farmer Candidates from Mid-States Steel and Wire are L. J. Whitmarsh, E. H. Nelson, H. E. Nickloy and Jack B. Salt • Upper left panel shows G. C. Norman, program specialist of agricultural education, presenting Scrapbook Awards (from left) to Jesse Tyre, Vernon, Rudolph Dees, Mayo, Ralph Martin, Bradford-Starke, Raymond Williford, Winter Garden, Claude Eason, Mulberry, and Tommy Stephens, Miami-Edison, state winners • James E. Gorman of Florida Retail Federation presents State FFA Chapter Contest Awards. From left are Jimmy Davis, and Adviser Eugene Doss, Mulberry; Walter Butler, South Dade-Homestead; James Craven, Quincy, Advisers Grinelle Bishop and James C. McCall, Quincy, and Gorman • W. R. Hancock, secretary of Florida Farm Bureau Federation, presents the Farm Bureau trophy to the Clewiston Chapter, state winner in Parliamentary Procedure. From left are Adviser Richard Pape, George Tokieda, Preston McGee, Donald Sutton, Morris Ridgdill, Sermon Dyess, and Sam Ellington • Ed Dukes, secretary-treasurer of the Northeast Production Credit Association in Palatka, presents Percy Duke of the Bartow Chapter the Chapter Cooperative Award. Others pictured are (from left) James Hart, public relations director of Cotton Producers Association, Atlanta; R. B. O'Berry, Bartow chapter adviser; Al Whitmore, secretary-treasurer of the Florida Citrus Production Credit Association, Orlando, and Aubrey Fowler, president of the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Live Oak.

At right, L. J. Whitmarsh, manager of the Florida plant of Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, Jacksonville, is shown at the Mid-States luncheon for District, Area, and Star Farmers of Florida.

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heart of the Florida Association FFA for 1958-59. The judges were: Fred Karl, Daytona Beach, Volusia County; Charlie Usina, St. Augustine, St. Johns County; and Mac Cleveland, Sanford, Seminole County, members of the Florida Legislature.

Sallye was crowned by Pat Cossin, 1957 Sweetheart, and James E. Gorman presented her with a trophy and for her Chapter a pennant, from the Florida Association, FFA. The cash awards, sponsored by the Belk-Lindsey Stores of Florida were: $100.00 to the State Sweetheart and $20.00 to each of the other contestants, who were: Carolie Buck, Groveland; Yvonne Putnal, Mayo; Linda Couch, (East Bay) Wimauma; Shirley Wise, DeFuniak Springs; and Quinn Flood, (Williams) Live Oak.

FRIDAY MORNING

THE NINTH and final session of the convention was called to order by the president. The Devotional Service was given by Reverend Paul Edris, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach. The president then proceeded with the official opening ceremony.

M. F. Holahan, Jr., District Manager of the International Harvester Company, Jacksonville, assisted by A. O. Knox, Utility Tractor Representative, and D. M. Castator, Zone Manager, presented the winners of the Soil and Water Management Awards. The State Winner, Carlis Wayne Gilmore, of the Ponce de Leon Chapter received a certificate and check for $100 from the Future Farmers of America Foundation and a $100 Savings Bond from the International Harvester Dealers of Florida. To each of the District winners was given a $50 Savings Bond for first place, $25 Savings Bond for second place, and $10 check for third place also from the International Harvester Dealers of Florida. These winners in their respective placing by districts were as follows: I—Gary Hue Cook, Escambia Farms; Darrell Hobbs, Paxton; Joseph Merlin Edwards, Chumuckla; II—Sammy Miller, Jasper; Kenneth Fuqua, Altha; Roger Webb, Mayo; III—Billy Beach, Hastings; Fitz Cain, Jr., Bell; Laure Bee Roberson, Jr., (Williams) Live Oak; IV—Milton McMillon, DeLand; Wilbur Merritt, Groveland; Dale Utter, DeLand; V—Bobby Davis, Mulberry; Durwood Avery, Auburndale; David Glisson, Crystal River; IV—Dennis Carpenter, (South Dade) Homestead; Perry Ballard, (South Dade) Homestead; James Larry Jordan, Ft. Pierce.

Miss Jessie Clark, Acting Manager, and Harry Marshall, Electrician for the Peabody Auditorium were introduced at this time.

A telegram of best wishes was read from Edward Hunt, General Manager, Ft. Harrison Hotel, Clearwater.

Letters of congratulations were read from U.S. Senator George Smathers, and Congressmen Bob Sikes, Charles E. Bennett, Paul G. Rogers, and Billy Matthews.

A motion was approved to express appreciation to the Daytona Beach Journal for the fine write-ups given us during the Convention.

A Constitutional Amendment of Article VIII, Section F of the FFA Constitiution was approved to read, "The State Officers, for any given year, must be elected from the High School Juniors or Seniors of the group receiving the State Farmer Degree at that year's current Convention."

The State President presented M. R. Avery, Vocational Agriculture teacher of Leesburg, who is retiring after 34 years of teaching vocational agriculture and serving as adviser of FFA Chapters, with a trophy in appreciation of his loyalty and outstanding service.

H. E. Wood, State Advisor, received a boat chair and cushion from the State Officers as a token of appreciation for his outstanding guidance and leadership during the past year.

On behalf of the Florida Association, FFA, boxes of candy were presented to Mesdames Autie McCallum and Caroline Langston, and Miss Joye Malone, Secretaries, and Miss Jessie Clark, Acting Manager for Peabody Auditorium, for their assistance during the Convention.

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Lloyd Dubroff, State President, who has served as State Chairman of "Teens Against Polio," from the Na-

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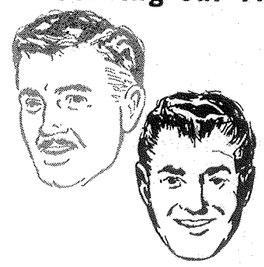

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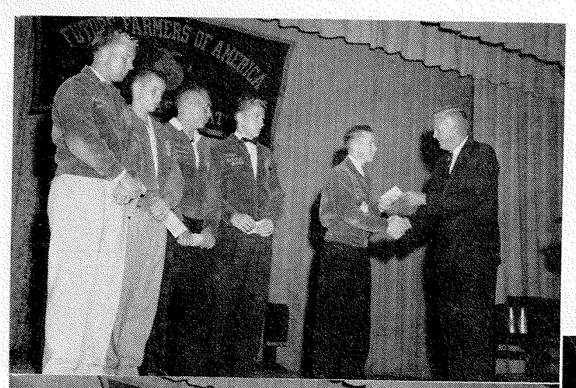
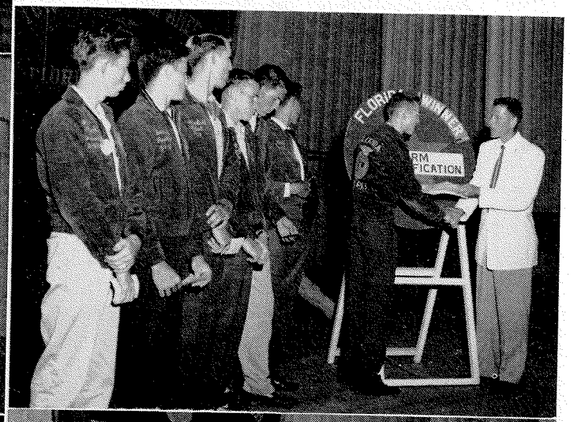
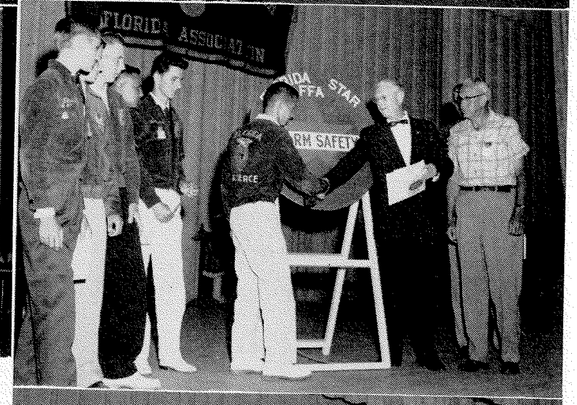




Pictures at left (from top) show Jimmy Thompson, Kathleen, receiving the state award of $100 from J. O. Pearce, president of the Florida Cattlemen's Association. Other winners (from left) include Robert Wiley, Auburndale, Lamar Smith, Winter Haven, Stuart Suber, Quincy, and Milton McMillon, DeLand • Jeff Daughtry, Wauchula, receives the State Beef Breeding Award of $100 from Pearce, with other winners (from left):Ray Rhodes, Ocala, John Woodberry, Havana, Jimmy Davis, Mulberry, Vincent Milstead, Walnut Hill, and Robert Willis, Marianna • R. N. Hoskins, general forestry agent, presents the Seaboard Airline Railroad State Forestry Awards: from left are Norval Tyre, Blountstown, Adviser Lamar Jones; Eugene Lewis, Tallahassee; Adviser O. Z. Revell; Kenneth Tanner, Callahan; Adviser Arlan Gay; Randy King, Jasper (state winner) and adviser R. S. McMillan.



Pictures at right (from top) show J. C. Carroll, service representative of Tampa Electric Company, presenting the Farm Electrification Awards, sponsored by Florida Power Corporation, Florida Power & Light Company, Gulf Power Company, and Tampa Electric Company. From left, are Robert Coleson, Gonzalez, Mack Dunn, Quincy, Jesse Godbold, Williams-Live Oak, Scott Vandergrift, Winter Garden, Donald Turner, Brandon, Donald Frierson, Wauchula, and Randy King, Jasper (state winner) • Larry Jordan and Adviser M. B. Jordan of the Fort Pierce chapter, receive the Farm Safety Award of $100 and a certificate from the FFA Foundation. R. A. Miessen, Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, sponsored other awards presented to (from right) David Courtney, Gonzalez, Jimmy Ryals, DeLand, Percy Dukes, Bartow, Ray Rhodes, Ocala, and Walter Butler, South Dade-Homestead • The Farm Mechanics Awards sponsored by the FFA Foundation and the Florida Ford Tractor Company are presented by T. E. Hancock, assistant general sales manager. From left are district winners: David Courtney, Gonzalez, Frank Dunn, Quincy, Francis Ward, Suwannee-Live Oak, Ray Rhodes, Ocala, Donald Turner, Brandon, Dale Cooper, Sebring, and Jimmy Davis, Mulberry, state winner.

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tional Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, was made by Miss Margaret Ann Dinkins of Starke.

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to the Future Farmers of Florida, for their contribution of effort and enthusiasm in the fight against polio, from the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, was made by Miss Gaie W. Denn, State Representative, Jacksonville.

Recommendations of committees were submitted and approved.

Motion was made and approved to refer "Program of Work" Committee Report to the new Executive Committee. A motion was also made and approved that the date of the 1959 Convention be left up to the incoming Executive Committee.

The delegates recommended William Aplin, Paxton, as a candidate for the Star Farmer of America and a National Office.

The new State Sweetheart entertained with several selections and the 1st vice-president introduced President Dubroff who gave his retiring report, which was unanimously approved.

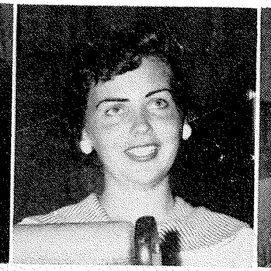
The following parents were presented to delegates and guests by the State Officers, after which President Dubroff presented each father with the Honorary State Farmer Degree and each mother with a Certificate of Merit: Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Dubroff, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. Land, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. James C. McCullers.

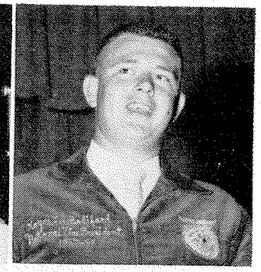
At this time Cecil Tindel, State President for 1958-59 was introduced.

The new officers of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America for 1958-59 were officially installed with the appropriate Future Farmer Ceremony and escorted to their respective stations by the retiring officers. Retiring President Lloyd Dubroff turned the gavel over to President Cecil Tindel, who then assumed his duties as president. President Tindel talked to the delegation briefly and presented outgoing President Dubroff with a gavel, on which was engraved the names of the 1957-58 Officers.

H. E. Wood, State Advisor, presented each of the retiring officers with a past state officers pin and after a few announcements, the 30th Annual Convention, Future Farmers of America, was declared adjourned by President Tindel.

International Harvester Company of Jacksonville has sponsored a luncheon for the past several years, which is a most enjoyable climax to a very eventful week. The 1957-58 and 1958-59 State Officers, several past State Presidents and special guests, members of the supervisory staff and guests attended this luncheon which was held at the Princess Issena Hotel. M. F. Holahan was Master of Ceremonies.





Pictures above (from left) show Joe Dan Boyd associate editor, National Future Farmer Magazine, addressing the delegates at the 30th annual State FFA Convention • Miss Gayle Norman, national FHA president addressing delegates at the convention • Royce Bodiford, national vice president from Millsap, Texas, another speaker on the program.

49 YEARS OF GROWTH WITH FLORIDA

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Pictures at left (from top) show H. V. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Florida Federation of Production Credit Associations, East Lake Weir, Wm. C. Grainger, secretary-treasurer of Bradenton, Production Credit Association, Paul Abersol, secretary-treasurer of the Gainesville Production Credit Association, and Ed Dukes, secretary-treasurer of the Northeast Production Credit Association, Palatka, presenting State Farmer Keys sponsored by associations in Bradenton, Gainesville, Lakeland, Marianna, Monticello, Northeast Florida and North Florida, as well as the Florida Citrus Production Credit Association • Ezra Yocum, field representative of Southern Dairies, Inc., Marianna, presents the State Dairy Farming Awards to Darrel Hobbs, Paxton. District winners (from left) include Billy Joe Williams, Graceville, Johnny Carter, Callahan, Dale Utter, DeLand, J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon, and T. J. Lambert III, Havana, top district winner. • 600 guests enjoyed the fish fry sponsored by the Florida Ford Tractor Company • Annual delegates and advisers' dinner sponsored by Farm and Ranch l to r. Steward Bloodsworth, Georgia, Jerry Lowery, Tennessee, Gayle Norman, Tallahassee, Royce Bodiford, Texas, H. E. Wood, state adviser, R. W. "Duke" Stanley, circulation director of Farm and Ranch, and Dr. Walter R. Williams, Jr., state director of vocational and adult education • Dinner presented for the President and adviser of state chapter winners in the Florida Retail Federation of the State Chamber of Commerce, of which J. E. Gorman is managing director.

Pictures at right show John E. Leonard, general manager of Daytona Beach Hotels, giving the welcome at the Sweetheart luncheon. Shown are Gayle Norman, Tallahassee, national FHA president, Pat Cossin, Edgewater-Orlando, 1957 State FFA Sweetheart, and D. A. Storms, Hillsborough county coordinator of agricultural education • John McCarty of Fort Pierce presented Mrs. Miessen with a gift from the winning chapters in Farm Safety at the luncheon sponsored by the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky. Standing is R. A. Miessen, assistant to the division manager; seated is H. E. Wood, state adviser.

Pictures at right (from top) show James Ray, Quincy, being presented with the State Harmonica Pennant by Holmes Melton of Mayo; other contestants are James Rodgers, Fort Meade, Willie Clemons, Branford, Rusty Garner, Arcadia, and Happy Roche, Vernon • James E. Gorman, managing director of Florida Retail Federation, state Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville, presents State Champion Public Speaking Pennant to Cecil Tindel, Graceville; others (from left) are C. L. Cuthbertson, Pinecrest, third place; Billy Deen, Bunnell, second place; H. H. Woolley, Graceville, chapter adviser; and at right Dr. George D. Thornton, assistant dean, college of Agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville • Lower picture shows T. L. Barrineau, area supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, presenting State Champion Horseshoe Pitching Pennant to Edward Register and Craig Knight, of Monticello.

Dr. Walter R. Williams, Jr., state director of vocational and adult education, addresses the delegates and advisers at their annual dinner by Farm and Ranch Publishing Company, Nashville, Tenn.

Panel at left, (from top) shows the Bradenton Chapter State Champion Softball Team • Don Williams of the Dade City State Champion String Band receiving pennant from C. M. Lawrence, area supervisor of vocational agriculture as others look on: Don Surrency, Harold Croft, Jerry Smith and Bob Northrop • C. H. Coulter, state forester, presents State Champion pennant and check to the Quincy Quartet: Randall Kincaid, Harry McCall, Joyce Johnson, accompanist, Ben Betts and Billy Poston.

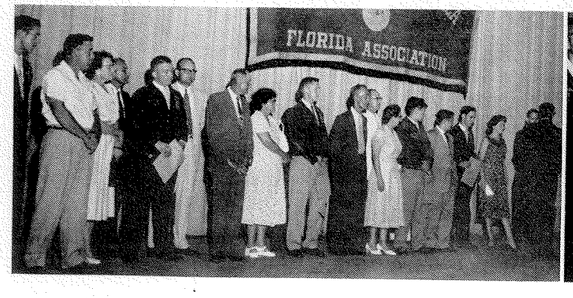
Thomas D. Bailey, state superintendent of public instruction, presents Future Farmers of America Foundation award to Billy Poston, Quincy, state Star Farmer. Others pictured are Billy's mother, Adviser G. E. Bishop, Billy's father, and Adviser James C. McCall.

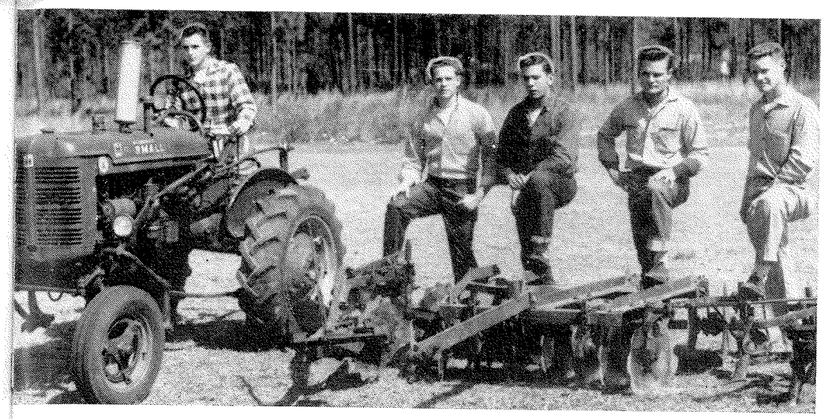
Edward J. Hawkins, manager of Future Farmer Supply Co., Alexandria, Va., presents the state association with American and FFA flags, with standards.

J. F. Bazemore, state educational manager for Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Orlando, presents the Chilean Nitrate Leadership Awards to Billy Poston, Quincy, Donald Carlton, Bartow, and Ray Rhodes, Ocala (right).

At left are Stewart Bloodsworth, president of Georgia Association, Gayle Norman, Tallahassee, national FHA president, Jerry Lowery, president of Tennessee Association, H. V. Lee, secretary-treasurer of Florida Federation of Production Credit Associations, H. E. Wood, state Adviser, and Lloyd Dubroff, state FFA president, at annual State Farmer Candidate Luncheon sponsored by Custom Cal Company, Atlanta.

Below (from left) is shown presentation of Mid-State Steel and Wire Company District State Farmer Awards by H. E. Nickloy, advertising manager. Pictured are Darrel Hobbs, Paxton, Adviser John Baldwin, Billy Poston, Quincy, his mother, Advisers James McCall, G. E. Bishop and Poston's father, Gene Alford, Palatka, his mother and father, Ray Rhodes, Ocala, his adviser, M. C. Roche, his mother and brother; Donald Carlton, Bartow; Robert Carley, Miami-Jackson, and his wife • At right is M. F. Holahan, Jr., district manager of International Harvester Co., Jacksonville, assisted by A. O. Knox and D. M. Castator, presenting the Soil and Water Management Awards to State Winner Carlis Wayne Gilmore, Ponce de Leon. Other winners were: Gary Hue Cook, Escambia Farms, Darrell Hobbs, Paxton, and Joseph Merlin Edwards, Chumuckla (District I), Sammy Miller, Jasper, Kenneth Fuqua, Altha and Roger Webb, Mayo (District II), Billy Beach, Hastings, Fitz Cain, Jr., Bell, Laure Bee Roberson, Jr., Williams-Live Oak (District III); Milton McMillon, DeLand, Wilbur Merritt, Groveland, Dale Utter, DeLand (District IV), Bobby Davis, Mulberry, Durwood Avery, Auburndale, David Glisson, Crystal River (District V), and Dennis Carpenter, South Dade-Homestead, Perry Ballard, South Dade, James Larry Jordan, Fort Pierce (District VI).





The Baker County FFA Chapter celebrated National FFA Week by making the final payment, and burning the mortgage, on their $2,000 tractor and equipment. Pictured above with the equipment are Clyde Crews, President; Charles Rowe, Vice President; Jimmy Rodgers, Secretary; Virgil Rhoden, Sentinel; and their Chapter Adviser, Alan Harvey.

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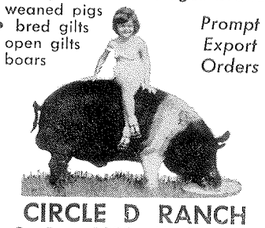

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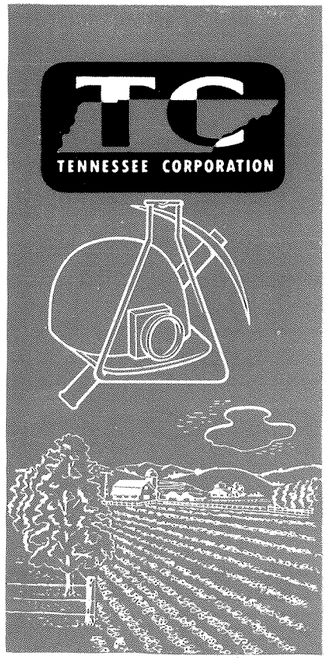

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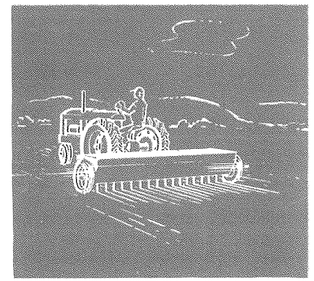

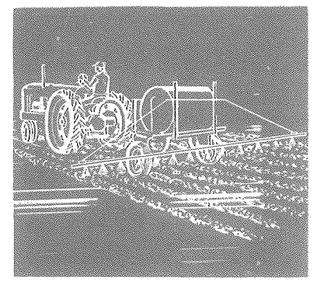

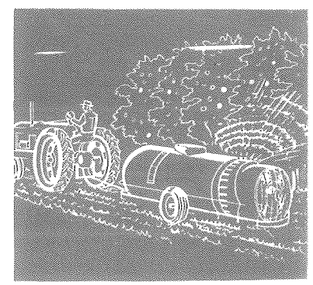

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