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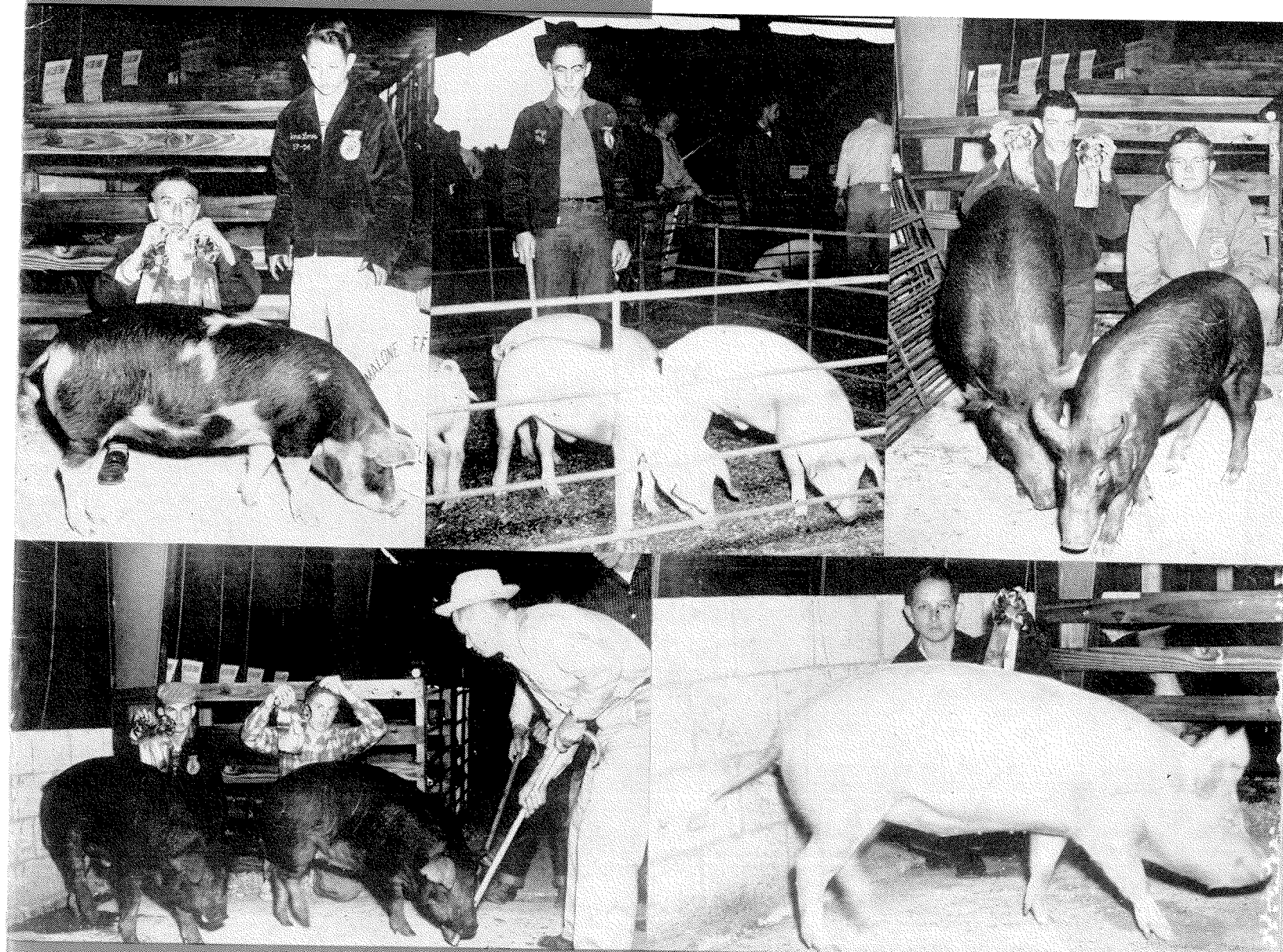
30th National Convention

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FFA Day Program at
Florida State Fair

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First Florida FFA Fruit
And Vegetable Meeting





Top photo shows George Talbott, Manager of the Production and Marketing Division of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, presenting a rosette to the members of the Lakeland Chapter (Robbie Weeks, Jerry Joyner, and Leland Morgan), the State winners in the Vegetable Judging, Grading and Identification Contest at Winter Haven. Mason Marvel, Assistant Vegetable Crop Specialist, handled the Contest; Bottom photo shows George Talbott presenting rosettes to Chuck McIntosh and Clavie Allen, State winners in the Demonstration Contest at Winter Haven, with their Adviser, John St. Martin.

First Florida FFA Fruit-Vegetable Meeting Held in Winter Haven

THE FIRST Florida FFA Fruit and Vegetable meeting was held in Winter Haven, November 9, to determine the State Demonstration Team and the State Judging, Grading and Identification Team to represent Florida at the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association Convention in Springfield, Illinois, December 8-12.

In the State Demonstration Team elimination, the Winter Haven team composed of Robert Homer and Ward Pewitt won the Production Division over teams from Miami-Edison, composed of Mike Michelson and Tommy Stephens, and Turkey Creek team composed of Drew Gifford.

In the Soil Fertility and Improvement Division, Eddie Drake, Miami-Edison, was the only entry and winner.

In the Use Division, Alvin Helm, Miami-Edison, was first, with Al Schmid of the Lake Weir Chapter at Summerfield, second.

In the marketing division, the Turkey

Creek team of Chuck McIntosh and Clavie Allen won, with David Solger, Miami-Edison, placing second. Rosettes were presented to each team winning their Division, and also a rosette to the State winner, and a ribbon to the other Division

winner.

In the finals, teams placed in the following order: The Marketing Team from Turkey Creek, Production Team from Winter Haven, the Use Team from Miami-Edison, and the Soil Fertility Team from Miami-Edison.

The Turkey Creek team with their Adviser, John St. Martin, received a rosette and expenses in attending the N.J.V.G.A. Convention, where they will enter National competition.

In the Vegetable Judging, Grading and Identification Contest, the Lakeland Chapter composed of Keyiand D. Morgan, Jerry Joyner, and Robbie Weeks, was first. Placing in the following order were teams from Miami-Edison, Turkey Creek, Winter Haven, Hialeah, Auburndale, and Lake Weir. High individuals were: Don Hall of Turkey Creek; Ward Pewitt, Winter Haven; Robbie Weeks, Lakeland; John P. Samol, Hialeah; and Mike Michelson of Miami-Edison.

The Lakeland Team, with their Adviser, Richard Gavin, received a rosette and will receive expenses in attending the N.J.V.G.A. The other teams participating, and high individuals received ribbons.

George Talbott, Production Manager of the Fruit and Vegetable Association, was present for the Contest and presented the awards to the winners, which were sponsored by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association. Mason Marvel, Assistant Vegetable Crop Specialist, handled the Grading, Judging and Identification Contest, assisted by F. L. Northrop, Area Supervisor. Joe Norton, Assistant Vegetable Crop Specialist, was in charge of the overall program arrangements.

U of F Teams Place in National Competition

WORD HAS just been received from Joseph D. Norton, Assistant Vegetable Crop Specialist, University of Florida, who accompanied the Demonstrating and Judging Teams to the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association Convention in Springfield, Illinois, that the Demonstration Team placed 5th, and the Judging Team placed 19th in National competition.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK, Feb. 22 to March 1, 1958

The 144 FFA Chapters in Florida will observe National FFA Week, February 22 to March 1, in many ways. Suggestions appeared on page 10 in the 1956 Winter Issue of the Florida Future Farmer Magazine for participating and observing some special event during the week.

This year, Governor LeRoy Collins will issue a Proclamation for Future Farmer Week and present it to State FFA President Lloyd Dubroff, Altha FFA Chapter.

Now is the time for the Chapter and members to plan what will be done in their community to observe Future Farmer Week.

By Way of Editorial Comment:

"FFA and Achievement"

By DR. WALTER R. WILLIAMS, JR., State Director,
Vocational and Adult Education, State Department of Education,
Tallahassee, Florida

A familiar landmark for many Americans may be found in the Franconia Notch area of New Hampshire. There, reflected over the blue water of Mirror Lake, may be seen the old man of the mountains, which was immortalized in the story by Nathaniel Hawthorne under the title "The Great Stone Face."

The story beautifully portrays the experiences of Ernest, who was born in that valley and who daily looked upon the profile of the great stone face deeply etched upon the mountain which towered above the village. Expectantly Ernest hoped for the time when he, according to an old Indian legend, might be able to welcome a great, wise, and respected man who would someday come to the community and would be recognized because of his likeness to the great stone face. Meanwhile, Ernest devotedly pursued the important tasks of community life and wholesome contribution in an attempt to pattern his life goals to those of the great individual he so fervently hoped one day to meet. The years quickly passed and thus it was that in old age he was one day walking through the village street. His fellow townsmen suddenly recognized that Ernest's likeness was that of the Great Stone Face and proclaimed him for his goodness and his greatness in serving well the village of which he was a part.

Likewise, the Future Farmers of America achieve because their standards are high and their purposes are clearly defined and identified. They know not only what they intend to accomplish but also how it may best be achieved. Thus, the organization provides an educational program which is purposeful and realistic. It is one which makes practical applications for the pupil, the school, the home, and the community.

The Honorable Doyle E. Conner recently appeared before the Thirtieth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America held in Kansas City. In his address he commented that this training and



DR. WALTER R. WILLIAMS, JR.

experience derived through the FFA were important stepping stones to a position of leadership in Florida politics, for it was in this program that he had learned parliamentary procedures and had gained confidence by participating in its public speaking contests. This participation was to later project him into the national presidency of the FFA in 1948-49 and ultimately into the coveted role as Florida's Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1957.

The habit of doing well whatever one undertakes is both the secret and the pattern of worthwhile achievement. It is in the tradition of the Future Farmers of America.

The Cover

—FFA Champions at the North Florida Fair, Tallahassee. Top row center photo, George Talley, Malone FFA Chapter, with the champion young herd, produce of dam and get of sire. • Upper left, Tommy Hayes Everett and J. W. Jordan, Adviser, Malone Chapter, with the champion Beltsville No. 1 gilt. • Upper right, • Lower left, Jennings Chapter Duroc Boar exhibited by Bradford Wayne, and Sneads Chapter champion Duroc gilt shown by Jimmy Mercer. At extreme right is shown J. W. DeVane, Jennings Chapter Adviser. • Lower right, Charles Powell, Greenwood FFA Chapter, with the champion Yorkshire gilt.

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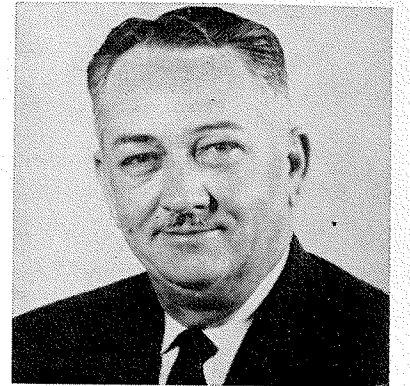
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Many Awards to FFA at State Fair

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

All dairy entries are expected to be in the barn by midnight Monday, February 3, 1958 as judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 4. The Guernsey and Jersey breeders in Florida will present a special Trophy to the exhibitors of the Champion male and female in their respective breeds. The dairy cattle will be released at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8th and must clear the fair grounds not later than 8:00 a.m. Sunday, February 9th, 1958.

Tuesday, February 4th, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce will be host to all 4-H and FFA dairy exhibitors in the Little Auditorium at noon.

Florida Dairy, Inc., is sponsoring a Fitting Contest with awards of \$15.00 distributed on a \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2, and \$1 basis (Continued on page 7)



Leon FFA Chapter, top Judging Team at the North Florida Fair, receiving the Florida Times Union Trophy from Frank Stoutamire, President of the Fair Association, with the State FFA President, Lloyd Dubroff in the background. Members of the team were Ray Powell, Leonard Bell and Dorman Lewis.

FFA Highlights at Florida Shows and Fairs During 1957

FUTURE FARMERS participated in many outstanding exhibits, shows, and fairs during the last quarter of 1957.

In the Junior Livestock and Poultry Show in Ocala, the Champion Ayrshire was exhibited by John Shaw of the Wildwood FFA Chapter. Dallas Shaw of Wildwood, Richard Floyd of Ocala, and John Parrish of Anthony exhibited the top Guernsey heifers. The top Jersey heifer was exhibited by John Parrish of Anthony. The Anthony FFA Chapter Dairy Judging Team composed of Willis Keen, Phil Pons, and Larry Lacy, was tops in Dairy Cattle Judging, with the DeLand FFA Chapter Team second.

The FFA Champion Hereford cow was shown by Hubert Oliver, and the Reserve Champion cow by Clayton Perry, both from the Lake Weir FFA Chapter at Summerfield.

Ray Rhodes of the Ocala Chapter exhibited the top Shorthorn heifers.

Buddy Hart of the Lake Weir Chapter at Summerfield exhibited the Champion Duroc sow and the FFA Champion barrow.

In the Suwannee River Youth Fair at Fannin Springs, Chucky Beck, Chiefland, exhibited the Champion Hereford bull, and William Roberts, Trenton, exhibited the Champion Hereford female.

In the Fat Steers, James Jones, Trenton, exhibited the Reserve Champion, with William Roberts and C. V. Jones, Jr., of Trenton, and Gunnell Campbell, of Chiefland, placing in that order.

William Roberts, Trenton, exhibited the top Landrace boar and female, with the Chiefland FFA Chapter exhibiting the top Hampshire boar and female.

In the Suwannee County Fair and Livestock Show, the Mayo Judging Team composed of Eldridge Lyons, Rudolph Deese, and Arthur O'Steen were first, followed by Jasper, Ft. White, Williams and Suwannee (Live Oak) and Branford.

The Hilliard FFA Chapter Team composed of Billy Bray, Floyd Gynn, and Cecil Betts won the Judging Contest at the Callahan Show and Fair, followed by Baldwin and Callahan.

At the Interstate Fair in Pensacola, the Tate Chapter at Gonzalez placed first in the exhibits, with competition from 12 other chapters in Florida and Alabama.

In a special District Sears, Roebuck Hog Show, Marlowe Farrish of Tate Chapter at Gonzalez won the Showmanship Contest, and Eugene Medley, Baker, and Jerry Arrant of Allentown placing in that order.

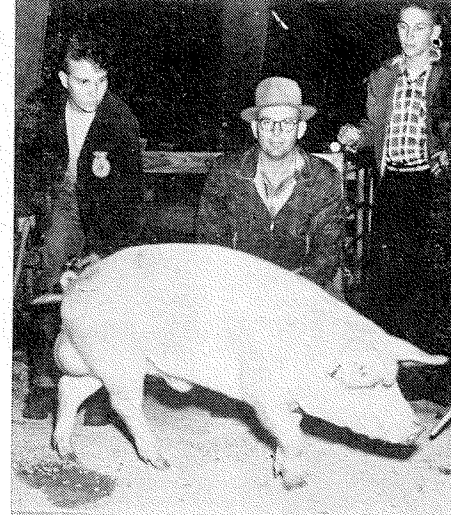
The largest and Best State FFA Hog Show was held in Tallahassee at the North Florida Fair, with 128 entries in the Breeder Show and 23 entries in the Barrow Show.

The FFA Champions in the Breeder Show are shown on the front cover, except for the Champion Poland China sow exhibited by the Quincy FFA Chapter.

In the FFA Barrow Show, a 235 pound Landrace exhibited by the Quincy FFA Chapter was the Champion, which was sold to the Tallahassee Federal Savings and Loan Association for 50¢ per pound. Also, the Quincy FFA Chapter exhibited the Reserve FFA Champion, which was a Landrace, and sold for 35¢ per lb. to the Lewis State Bank of Tallahassee. The Capital, Lincoln, Mercury Agency, Florida Power Corporation and the John E. Hunt Insurance Agency bought Coye Hiers' (Quincy) 207 pound barrow; second place heavy weight barrow exhibited by the Quincy Chapter, and Donald Nicholson's (Quincy) 191 pound barrow, in that order.

The Tallahassee Judging Team won the Livestock Judging Contest.

80' of exhibits were placed in the Fair by the following Chapters: Crawfordville, Havana, Madison County (Greenville, Lee, Madison, and Pinetta), Monticello, Quincy, Sopchoppy, and Tallahassee.



Don Nicholson and Chapter Adviser, J. C. McCall with Quincy Chapter Champion Landrace Boar in the North Florida Fair.

State Fair Awards

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to the top five (5) animals.

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

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

During the second week, the beef cattle will be on exhibit. The beef cattle must not be brought to the State Fair Grounds until after 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 9th, and must be in place not later than midnight, Sunday, February 9th. Award Plaques will be presented by the State Breeders' Association as in the past to the FFA member showing the Champion male and female of the following breeds: Aberdeen-Angus, Brahman, Hereford, and Shorthorns. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 10.

These animals will be released after 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 15th and must clear the fair grounds not later than 8:00 a.m. Sunday, February 16.

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

THE FLORIDA CATTLEMAN magazine will present a trophy to the top FFA Showman during Beef Cattle Week.

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

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

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

In the Youth Rabbit Show a rotating trophy will be presented by the Department of Agriculture of Florida.

TAMPA BAY AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

The Vocational Agriculture programs are to be seen on Saturday morning, 8:30 to 9:00 on RFD FLORIDA over WFLA-TV, Channel 8, Tampa. The programs on this station are on a bi-weekly basis. Mardi Lyles, Farm Service Director, has scheduled the following chapters for the first part of 1958:

Date (1958)
January 18
February 1

February 15
February 29
March 15
March 29
April 12

| Teacher | Place |
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| William B. Howell | Lakeland |
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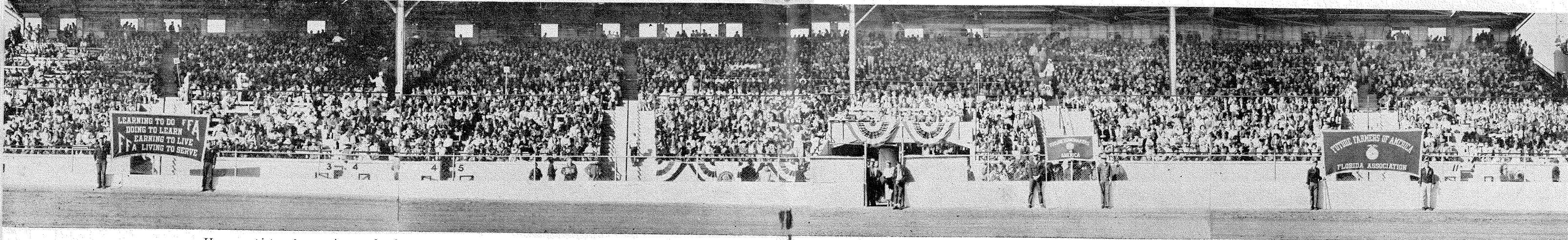
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Here are pictured a portion of the thousands of young FFA and FHA members who attended FFA Day at the 1957 Florida State Fair in Tampa and saw several outstanding men receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

FINAL PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR FFA AND FHA DAY PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 8, 1958, AT THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR IN TAMPA



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

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

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

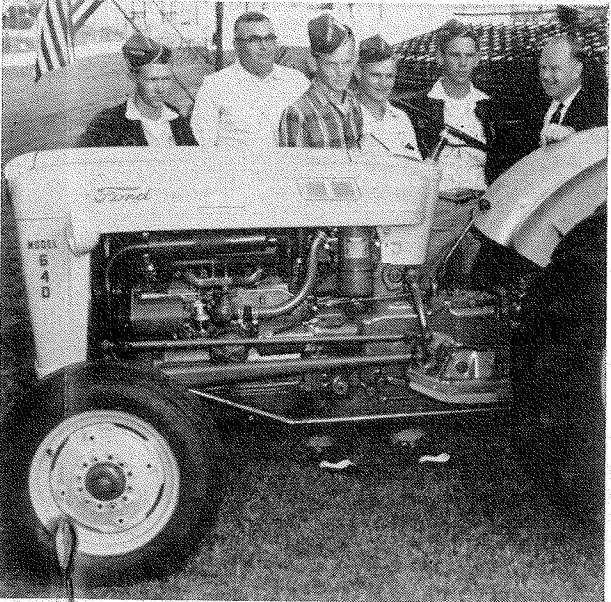
General information for Judging Teams: for each Chapter, three boys will compose a team in livestock judging. Substitutions are permissible for beef cattle and hogs, but there will be no



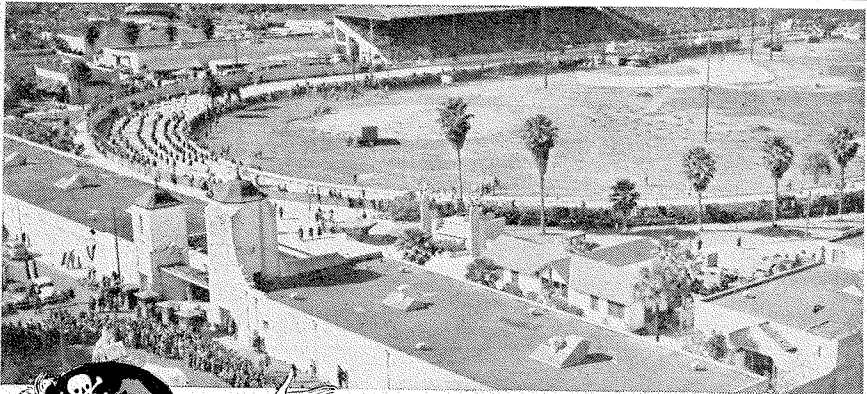
L. H. Lewis, Director of State Farmers Markets, State Department of Agriculture, presenting awards to Melvin Vernon, Jr., of Hillsborough-Tampa Chapter, for showing the Champion FFA Ayrshire cow; Johnny Hebb of Bartow showed the Champion FFA Jersey cow; George Casey of Largo showed the Champion FFA Guernsey cow; Don Deadwyler, Sebring, showed the Champion FFA steer. Hebb and Casey received special plaques from their respective Breeder Associations.

substitutions in any of the contests after judging begins. The substitute must report to the group leader and turn in his membership card until the contest ends. Each group will be given a total of ten minutes for general inspection and official placing of each of the four entries in each class. Explicit instructions will be given group leaders in Tampa before the judging begins. These instructions will be followed by all contestants.

Will Your Chapter Receive The Ford Tractor in 1958?



Vernon FFA Chapter received new Ford Tractor from G. H. W. Schmidt, Vice-President of the Florida Ford Tractor Company at ceremonies during the 1957 Florida State Fair. The Chapter was selected as the top chapter for the "Mechanizing Florida Agricultural Award." Second place, Crystal River Chapter, received \$300 to buy equipment.



Florida State Fair

and Gasparilla Pirate Invasion and Festival
TAMPA FEB. 4-15

It's Florida's greatest annual attraction! Spectacular! Come for fun! Come for thrills! See elaborate colorful arrays of products of Florida's farms, groves and ranches. See interesting industrial, educational and commercial displays, art show, women's exhibits, horticultural displays, and the 12th annual Florida Electrical Exposition. See ALL of this Great Show Window of The Sunshine State in '58! You'll enjoy exciting hours at action-packed auto races, thrill shows, grandstand attractions; carnival fun on the World's largest midway. Plan several visits to the Fair during its 11 big days and nights!

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FUTURE FARMERS

The Fair will honor the Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America on Saturday, February 8. Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, the Honorable Nathan Mayo, will make his annual awards for outstanding achievements in 1957 . . . Open events include:

- Feb. 4— 9:00 A.M. Youth Dairy Cattle Show Judging.
- 10:00 A.M. Youth Egg Show Judging.
- Feb. 5—10:00 A.M. Poultry Judging, Youth Show.
- Feb. 6—10:00 A.M. Youth Rabbit Show Judging.
- Feb. 7— 7:00 P.M. FFA Poultry Team Judging.
- Feb. 8— 9:00 A.M. FFA Team Judging—Dairy, Beef and Swine. FFA and FHA grandstand program and achievement awards.
- Feb. 10—9:00 A.M. Youth Beef Cattle Show Judging.

See it often! See it all!

| F.F.A.—F.H.A. DAY PROGRAM—FLORIDA STATE FAIR—TAMPA—FEBRUARY 8, 1958 | | | |
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| General Program Chairman—H. E. WOOD, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education Master of Ceremonies—LLOYD DUBROFF, State President of Florida Association, F.F.A. | | | |
| 8:00— | A.M.—Admission to State Fair Grounds and Assemble in Grandstand | | missioner of Agriculture, State of Florida |
| 8:15— 8:45 | A.M.—Registration | | Presentation "Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Awards" by Mr. G. H. W. Schmidt, Vice-President, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville |
| 8:45— 9:15 | A.M.—Organizing Dairy Judging Team | | 9:40—10:05 A.M.—F.H.A. Demonstration |
| 8:45— 9:00 | A.M.—Kissimmee F.F.A. String Band | | 10:05—10:10 A.M.—Harmonica—Frank McDonald, Kissimmee, 1957 State F.F.A. Champion |
| 9:00— 9:05 | A.M.—Invocation and Salute to the Flag | | 10:10—10:20 A.M.—DeFuniak Springs Quartet—1957 State F.F.A. Champions |
| 9:05— 9:10 | A.M.—Welcome Address—Carl D. Brorein, President of the Florida State Fair Association | | 10:20—10:30 A.M.—State F.F.A. Sweetheart—Miss Pat Cossin, Edgewater, Orlando |
| 9:10— 9:15 | A.M.—Introduction of Guests—H. E. Wood, State Adviser | | 10:30—10:45 A.M.—Organizing Judging Teams |
| 9:15— 9:20 | A.M.—Greetings — Honorable Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction | | 10:45—12:30 P.M.—Livestock Judging Contest (including 2 classes of hogs) in Mayo Livestock Pavilion |
| 9:20— 9:25 | A.M.—Presentation of Honorary State Farmer Degrees by State Officers of Florida Association, F.F.A. | | 1:00— 6:00 P.M.—Attending Auto Races; visiting Agricultural and Commercial Exhibits |
| 9:25— 9:40 | A.M.—Awarding Ribbons to Grand Champion Winners in F.F.A. Livestock Show—Honorable Nathan Mayo, Com- | | |

Outstanding Farm Families Given Banquet at North Florida Fair

AT THE recent Banquet given by the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce in honor of outstanding farm families attending the North Florida Fair, it was interesting to note the number who had been touched by Vocational Agriculture. They are as follows:

C. C. Sellars, local dairyman, who taught Vocational Agriculture for many years at DeFuniak Springs, and for a short time in Tallahassee. He was also a former vocational agriculture student

at Altha.

Fred Gatrell, Duroc Jersey and general farmer of Fairfield, Florida, former member of the Reddick High School FFA Chapter.

Austin Campbell of Laurel Hill, and a member of the High School FFA Chapter during the years of 1932, 33, 34, and 35. He served as Secretary and Treasurer of his Chapter during those years. Mrs. Campbell is now the local Home Economics teacher.

W. S. Smith of Marianna, Route 4, was not a student in Vocational Agriculture, but his four sons were members of the Marianna High School FFA Chapter for the entire length of time they were in High School.

Ralph Stoutamire of Hosford was enrolled in Vocational Agriculture from 1933 to 1936 in the Bristol High School. He is engaged in general farming, depending on caged layers for his major income.

Mrs. Viola Shephard (a widow and family) from Bell in Gilchrist County received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Citation in 1956, due to the fact that she has had five of her sons enrolled in Vocational Agriculture. Four were Chapter Officers and two received the State Farmer Degree; while one is a Greenhand now in the Bell High School FFA Chapter.

Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Doke of Monticello were both enrolled in the Institutional On Farm Training Program in Jefferson County, and the class was taught by William Scruggs, Sr.

Royce Agner of Perry graduated with a degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Florida and taught in the Veterans Program in Taylor County for several years under the supervision of Mr. G. C. Norman. He is a general farmer, with his main source of income from layers and flu cured tobacco.

All of the above named personnel have a profound respect for the program in Vocational Agriculture and attribute part of their success to the training received in our program.

This represents eight farm families who were selected as outstanding farmers during the 1957 year in their home counties. The total number of outstanding farm families at the Banquet was eleven.

Fla. FFA Teams Win in Judging

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tion to Mike.

The Turkey Creek Livestock Judging Team received honorable mention. The team was composed of Bobby Gallagher, Ronald Dyal, Charles Damron, and Paul Mabry as alternate, with their adviser, James L. Simmons, which represented Florida in the National Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City, Missouri. Bobby received a silver emblem, and Ronald a bronze emblem.

The Starke FFA Meats Identification and Poultry Judging team composed of J. T. Parrish, John Allen Shadd and T. J. Mann, with Ronald Sterns as alternate, with their Adviser, Paul C. Hutchins, also represented Florida in the National Judging Contest in Kansas City. The team in Meats received honorable mention, with the same going to J. T. and John Allen.

The State Department of Agriculture, through Commissioner Nathan Mayo, provided funds to help defray expenses of the Judging Teams.

Tavares FFA Chapter Meeting

THE TAVARES FFA Chapter in their second meeting after school had started, in October, approved the Chapter Program of Work and Yearly Budget, after it had been presented at the meeting. Initiation of Greenhands was set and carried off on October 29th.

The Chapter voted to assist Ralph Alberding and Sons in the sale of purebred Hereford heifers at Webster, with the money to be received going to the Chapter Treasury. Also, two committees were appointed, one for selecting books for Vocational Agriculture, and the other one to care for the Chapter Scrapbook. After approval by the chapter to have a float in the American Legion's November "Veteran's Day Celebration," the President appointed a committee to take care of this item.

It was also brought out at the meeting that Carl Lanier, a junior in high school and Vice-President of the Chapter, had been a member for three years and carried on a very good project program. During his freshman year, his Brahman bull won for him the grand championship at the Lake County Fair in Eustis, then during his sophomore year as Chapter Chaplain, his program consisted of another beef animal which was killed accidentally enroute to the Florida State Fair in Tampa. This year, Carl plans on showing a beef steer and a heifer in different shows. During the summer he attended the State FFA Convention and has been a member of the Beef Cattle Judging Team.

He is also a member of the Beta Club, Key Club, Future Teacher Club, a member of the Growler Staff and president of the junior class.

Chapter Forestry Awards Revised

THE CHAPTER Forestry Awards sponsored by the St. Regis Paper Company have been revised as follows:

First place—\$250 (for the Adviser and member of the State winning chapter to attend the National FFA Convention)

Second place—\$100

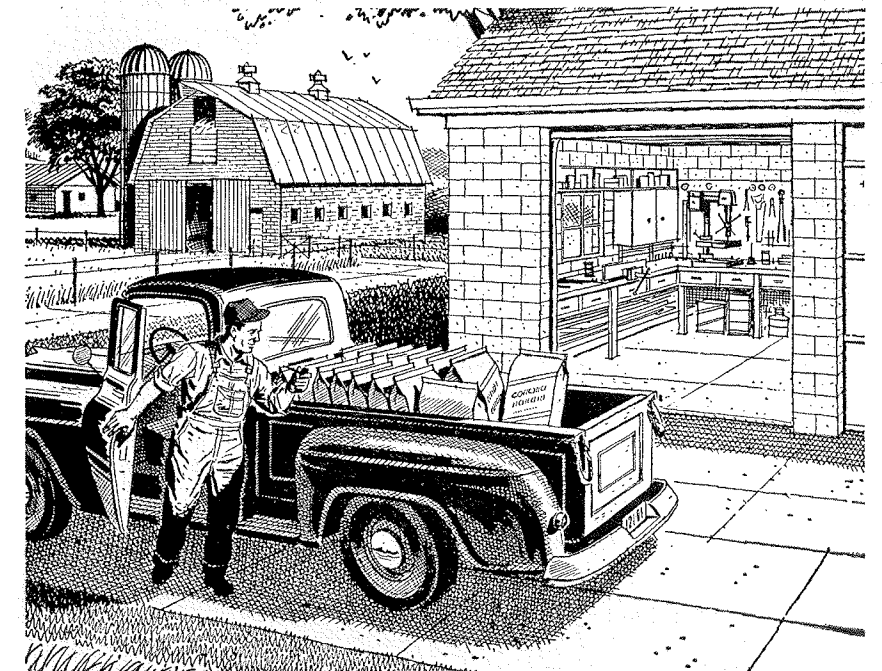
Third place—\$75

And three other District awards of \$50 each. This will assure that there will be a District winner from each of the 6 Districts for the year 1957-58.

The Chapter Forest reports should reach Area Supervisor by June 1, and the Forests will be judged by a committee during the last part of June 1958. Be sure to mark the above dates on your calendar.

ORLANDO AREA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TV PROGRAMS

The Vocational Agriculture Programs over Station WDBO-TV in Orlando have been changed to bi-weekly on Friday at 1:00 p.m. J. B. Johnson, Coordinator of the TV programs is reworking the schedule and will notify those that will present programs during the first quarter of 1958.



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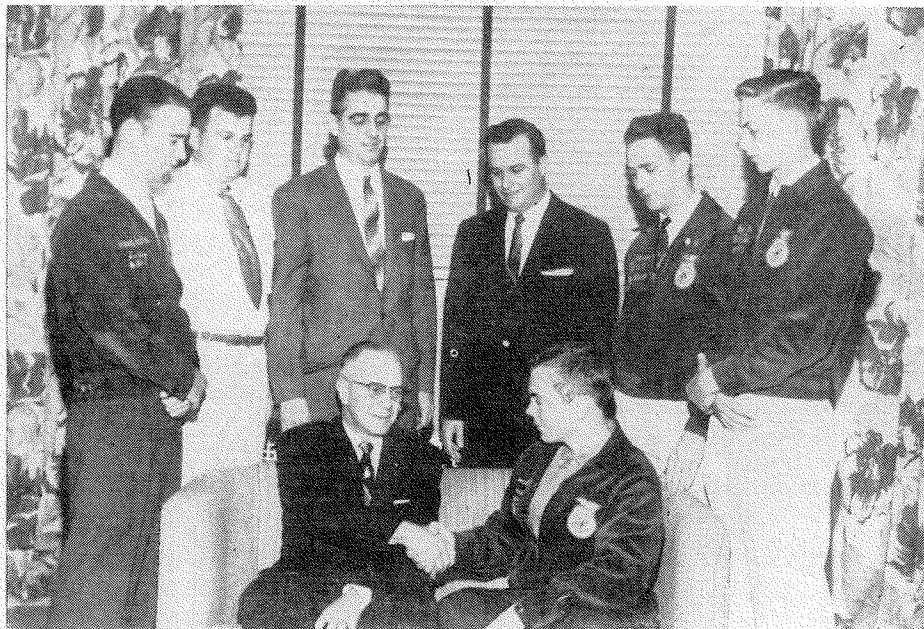
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SAL Forestry Projects Noted

TOTAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS for the top twenty-four forestry boys in the SAL Forestry Contest are listed below for 1957.

Planted 540,000 pine seedlings, constructed 59 miles of fire breaks, selectively cut 55 acres, made improvement cuts on 395 acres, hardwood control on 220 acres, thinned 212 acres, pruned 13 acres, control-burned 15 acres, and gum farmed 3,300 acres.

They harvested 219,400 board feet of saw logs, 6,000 veneer blocks, 8,790 fence posts, an additional 1,900 electric fence posts, 1,100 cords of pulpwood and 110 cords of fuel wood, 600 poles and 250 cross ties.

At left: Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company's special breakfast for the Southeastern States Forestry winners at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. (Seated) P. R. Medland, General Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Kansas City, congratulates Howard Curtis, 14-year old state forestry winner of Pendleton, S. C. FFA Chapter, as Virginia's state forestry winner Lee M. Fisher, Jr. (1 to r), Raphael Williams, North Carolina's state forestry winner, Richard L. Rowley, president of the Traffic Club of Kansas City, Doyle E. Conner, Florida's Speaker of the House, Bobby Burnsed, Florida's FFA forestry winner, and Bobby Cone, Georgia's state forestry winner, look on. The winners spoke at luncheon meetings with the Kansas City Traffic Club and Cosmopolitan Club.

NAVAL STORES FORESTRY AWARDS

The Naval Stores Forestry Awards are to develop interest of FFA members in Forest Conservation by:

1. Providing a practical means for members to earn a good financial return for time spent on a project.
2. Providing scientific guidance in application of the latest techniques of the Naval Stores practices as developed by research.
3. Beginning proper training for young men who may later find a livelihood in a commercial Naval Stores operation.

These awards are made available by the following firms: ATFA-Valdosta, Georgia; Turpentine & Rosin Factors, Inc.—Jacksonville, Florida; Newton Naval Stores Co., Inc.—Lake City, Florida; Boynton & Son—Tallahassee, Florida; Langdale Naval Stores Co.—Valdosta, Georgia; Taylor-Lowenstein & Co—Mobile, Alabama; Stallworth Pine Products Co. Mobile, Alabama; Jacksonville Processing Co.—Jacksonville, Florida; The Lerio Co., Inc.—Valdosta, Ga.

The awards will be \$5 cash for each Chapter winner, a \$25 Savings Bond for each of the six District winners, and \$100 each to the State winner and his Adviser for expenses to the National FFA Convention. Complete information concerning awards and application has been given local Chapter Advisers.

Frank Lubbers First Poultry Program Winner

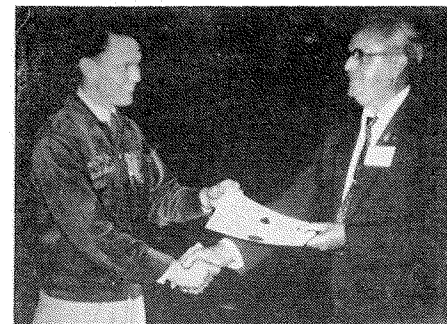
THE FIRST State Winner in the Poultry Production Program (broiler section) was Frank Lubbers, DeFuniak Springs FFA Chapter.

Frank helps to operate the home farm with his mother, Mrs. Berta Lubbers, Rt. 3, DeFuniak Springs.

He is 16 years of age, enrolled in the second year of vocational agriculture, and has an A average in school. Besides his poultry projects Frank supervises and cares for 29 head of beef cattle. Last year he fed out 9 steers; this year he has 10 heifers, 17 cows, 1 steer and a pure bred polled Hereford bull.

In winning the State FFA Poultry Production program (broiler section), Frank had 50% ownership in 6,000 broilers during the year of 1957. His expenses were \$1523.00, and his income \$1895.00, which gave him \$371.97 as labor income, for a profit of 6.2¢ per broiler. With the first 4,000 it took 2.358 lbs. of feed to produce a pound of broilers; with the last group of 2,000 broilers it took 2.012 lbs. of feed. His share of buildings, equipment and land on the home farm is valued at over \$12,000.

Frank will receive \$100 from the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association, along with a trip for him and his Adviser, T. C. Campbell, to the Association Meeting in Atlanta, Ga., January 27-29, 1958.



H. E. Nickloy, Advertising Manager of the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, receiving the Honorary American Farmer Degree from John Haid, Jr., President. This degree is awarded to those men whose leadership, hard work, and devotion to the F.F.A. have been outstanding. Mr. Nickloy has attended the National Convention for seventeen years and was a member of the Committee that formed the Future Farmers of America Foundation in May of 1944. Donors to this Foundation, of which the Mid-States Steel and Wire Company was one of the original twelve, now number over 300. Last year, he was one of the Company's representatives at the Florida Convention and presented \$5 to each member receiving the State Farmer Degree.



Picture showing some of Frank Lubbers, DeFuniak Springs, prize winning broilers.

48 YEARS OF GROWTH WITH FLORIDA

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

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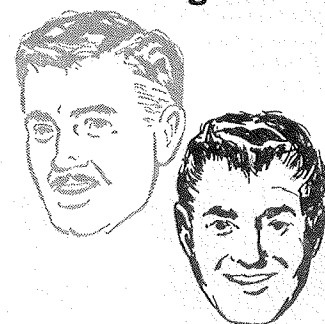
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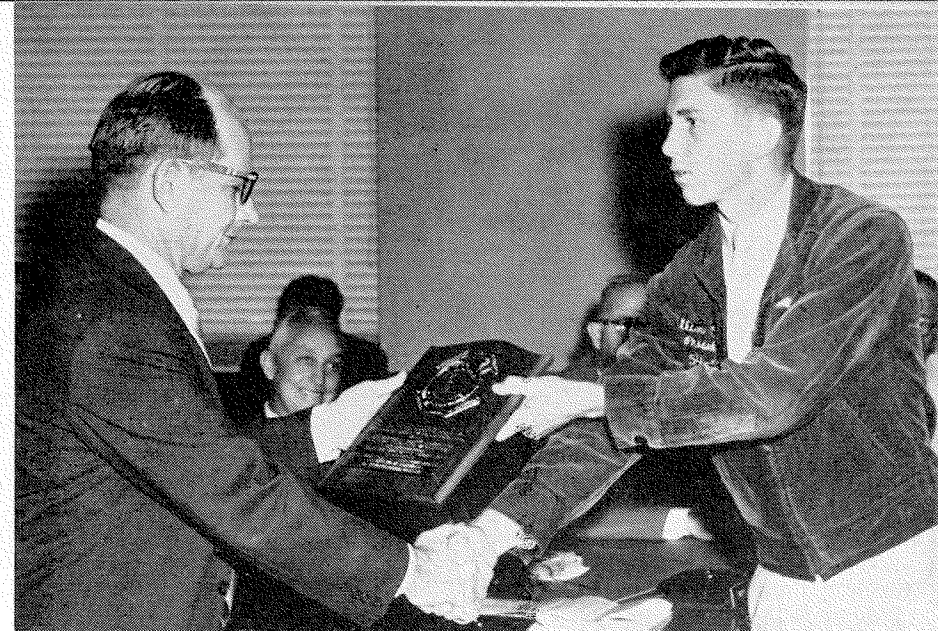
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Allen Crouse (right) presenting plaque to Mr. Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioners Receive Plaque

OFFICERS of the Hillsborough County Federation Future Farmers of America presented the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners a plaque at their regular meeting in the Court House in appreciation of the financial assistance the county commissioners have given each year in sponsoring the vocational agriculture training in the eleven high schools

of our county.

Funds are approved each year for financing training in stock improvement, training in farm shop, defraying expenses of judging teams to state and national stock judging contests, transportation to forestry training camps and training in many other areas of vocational agriculture. Several of the school farms have been purchased by the county commissioners as well as a county-owned tractor and truck available to all departments for farm training use.

Hillsborough County was one of the first counties in the state to give agriculture training in high schools under the Smith-Hughes Act of Congress in 1917 and the economic importance of agriculture to this county is no doubt partly due to the training thousands of boys have received since then.

The Future Farmers of America is the organization of boys studying agriculture in the high schools of our nation. Hillsborough County has the largest program in the state with approximately 900 boys in eleven high schools with vocational agriculture departments.

Allen Crouse, president of the County Federation, made the presentation of the plaque. Allen is also president of the Plant City Chapter Future Farmers and president of the Hillsborough County Junior Agricultural Fair. Other officers present were—Wayne Hickey, vice president of the County Association and president of the Turkey Creek F.F.A., J. B. Sampson, county reporter and president of the Brandon Chapter. Donald Tabb, treasurer of the County Association and president of the East Bay High School F.F.A., Randall Thompson of the Hillsborough High School F.F.A., and county secretary; Randolph Hogue, sentinel of the County Association and member of the Pinecrest Chapter. D. A. Storms, County Coordinator, is adviser for the County Association.

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