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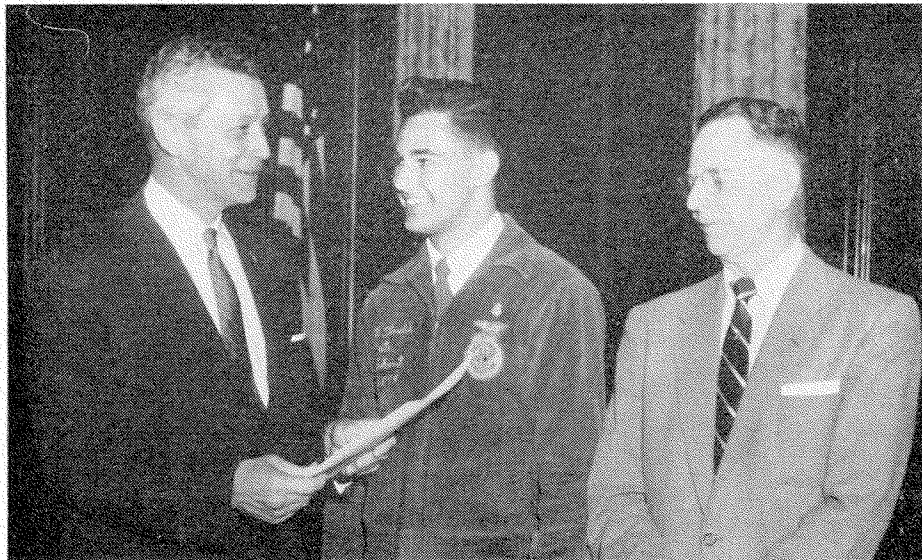
Florida State Fair FFA Day

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State Convention at Daytona Beach, June 9-13



Governor LeRoy Collins presenting the Proclamation for FFA Week to Cecil Tindel, Graceville Chapter, State President, Florida Association, FFA, with State Superintendent Thomas D. Bailey.

Sportsmen's Conservation Awards

FLORIDA SPORTSMEN'S Club's Conservation Awards, under the auspices of The Florida Wildlife Federation, sponsored by The Sears Roebuck Foundation, were presented at the annual dinner in Tallahassee.

The highest Governor's Award for Florida Conservationist for the Year

went to W. Turner Wallis, Tallahassee, Chief Engineer for the Central and South Florida Flood Control District, and State Internal Improvement Fund before entering private Consultant business.

State winners in the various categories were: Don Cullimore, Jacksonville, Outdoor Writer; D. E. Williams, General

Consultant in Instruction, Department of Education, Tallahassee, Forestry; John K. Lambe, Marianna, Soil Conservation; J. W. Sinclair, Lake Park, Game and Fresh Water Fish; Robert Gotttron Stuart, Adult Guidance and Junior Conservation Effort, D. C. Drawford, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Crystal River, Salt Water Conservation; Mrs. Finley C. Brooks, Leesburg, Club Public Relations; and Earl DeBarry, Ocala, (Continued on page 12)

CHARLES KEYLAND MORGAN

Charles Keyland Morgan, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Morgan of Springhead, and Hal Charles Ball, Jr., 20, of Miami Shores, both Florida Southern College students, were killed at 2:05 a.m. Saturday, March 7, when the car Morgan was driving crashed into the 52nd car of a phosphate train on the Drane Field Road two miles south of Lakeland. Last year Keyland received his State Farmer Degree and was elected 5th Vice-President of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America. He was a Freshman at the Florida Southern College in Lakeland, majoring in Citrus.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the Springhead Baptist Church, with burial in the Springhead Cemetery. Cecil Tindel, W. O. Beauchamp, Curtis Koon, Horace Quincey, A. R. Cox, C. M. Lawrence, D. A. Storms and J. K. Privett attended the services.

By Way of Editorial Comment:

Success Depends on Education

By HUGH ROBERTS
Regional Farm Engineer, Portland Cement Association Atlanta, Georgia

ONE OF the sad things about people is that most have to learn through their own experience. They simply refuse to benefit by the experience of others.

While it is true enough that experience is the best teacher, it is still not necessary to undergo every experience personally in order to learn from it. For example, it requires no great amount of sense to realize that a little cash on hand may someday be very beneficial.

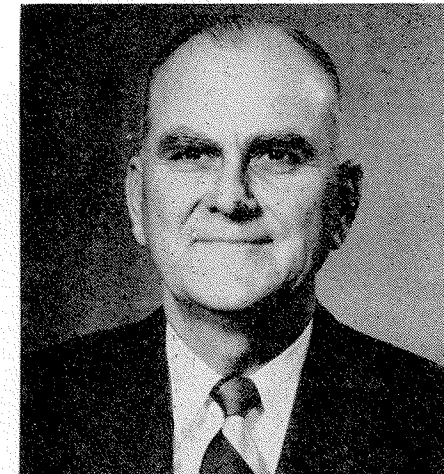
All the foregoing is by way of prelude. It bears on what I hope to say plainly out of my own experience.

We constantly are being admonished to build for the future. This is an all-but-worn-out phrase, which has become hackneyed through constant repetition.

It has been repeated so often because it is good advice. While we can't foresee everything that will arise in the future (and a dull life it would be if we could), we can plan to avoid some unnecessary tribulations.

The best planning any FFA member can do right now is to bend every effort toward acquiring an education. Not just an education in agriculture or some other specialized field, but a well-rounded education which will equip him to meet crises in his personal life. From a well-rounded education we learn that since the beginning of recorded time there have been threats to the future well-being of mankind. Nuclear warfare, as terrible as it can be, cannot hold much more terror for us than did the Black Death that used to depopulate cities, countries and whole continents. It cannot be more fearsome than a world in which disease stalked unchecked because so-called doctors were dependent on various witches' brews and incantations. It cannot be more fearsome than a place in which thousands of mothers died of childbed fever, a disease which resulted from the unwashed hands of the physician or midwife.

You can inherit a business, a farm, a vast sum of money and lose any of these



HUGH ROBERTS

because of ill fortune or ignorance. An education is something that cannot be taken from a wise man by any charlatan or cheat. Education someday will cure the ills of the world, I truly believe. It won't happen overnight—it won't happen in your lifetime or mine—but it will happen.

And when you consider that in terms of eternity our time is extremely brief, relatively no longer than a match flickers in a high wind, it is not to be wondered at that so little can be done by most of us. What makes living worthwhile is that the best people keep trying to make the world a little better for others than it is for them.

The Cover FFA Grand Champion Steer, 1959 Florida State Fair, which was owned and shown by Tommy McPhillips of Chipley and sold to Morrison's Cafeteria. Others shown are (left to right): John Adderhold, Advisor of the Chipley Chapter; Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, and Ralph Voss, Head of the Meat Department for Morrison's Cafeteria.

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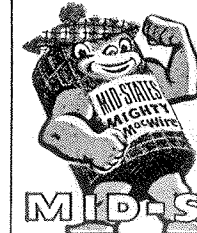
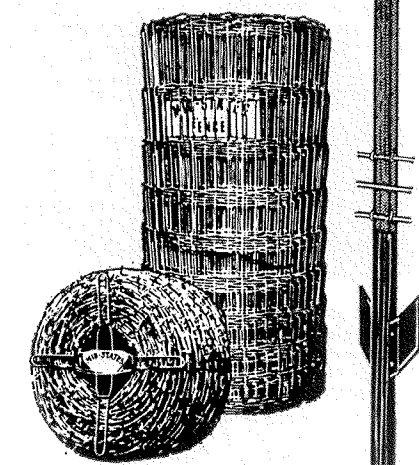
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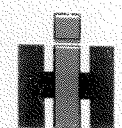
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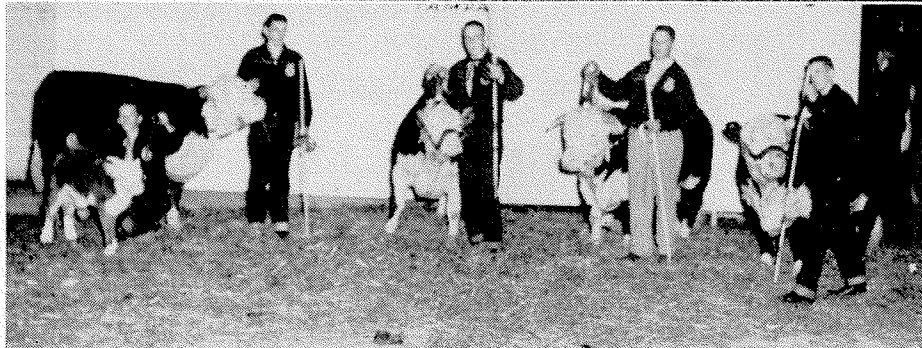
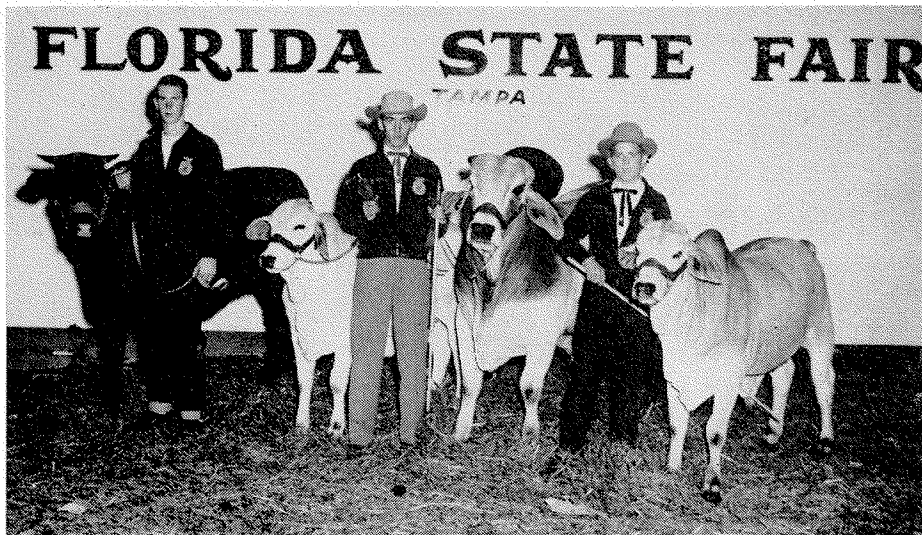
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Shown in top picture: Louis Colding with Pinecrest FFA Chapter's Grand Champion Santa Gertrudis female; Bartow FFA Chapter's Reserve Champion Brahman bull, Gary Jones with his Grand Champion Brahman female, and Rodney Hammond, Winter Haven, with his Reserve Champion Brahman bull. • Center picture shows Hereford Champions: Lawrence Smith of Franklin Chapter at Tampa with a calf that belonged to the Reserve Champion cow shown by Steve Houk of Arcadia; Clifford Dance, Lake Butler, with the Lake Butler Grand Champion cow; George Culverhouse, Ft. Pierce, with the Grand Champion bull; and Charles Harrison showing the Lake Butler Reserve Champion bull. • Bottom picture shows Angus Champions: Turkey Creek FFA Grand Champion female shown by Gary Henderson; Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough Chapter at Tampa, with his Reserve Champion female; Jeff Daughtry, Peace River Chapter, Wauchula, with his Grand Champion bull, and the Turkey Creek Reserve Champion bull.

Annual FFA Day at Florida State Fair Sets New Attendance Record

STILL ANOTHER attendance record at the Florida State Fair was established on the annual FFA Day this year. For the FFA members and guests, the Dade City String Band furnished entertainment at the

beginning of the program. After being made welcome by the Fair officials, several guests were presented and extended their best wishes to the members for another year. Honorable Thomas

D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, praised the Association for its continued success. Cecil Tindel, Graceville Chapter, State President and Master of Ceremonies, with the other State Officers presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree to George Harvey, Manager of the Tampa Tribune WFLA-TV; Gilbert Tucker, Manager of A. Duda and Sons Ranch, Cocoa; Ralph Sumner, Illinois Grain Corporation, Tampa; Roy Rogers, and Hon. Wm. C. Cramer, Representative in Congress. Dale Evans was presented a Certificate of Merit by the State President.

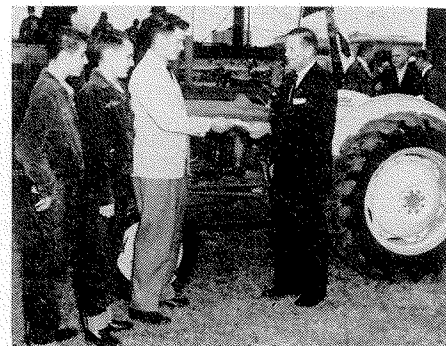
L. H. Lewis, Director of State Markets for the State Department of Agriculture, presented awards to the members who had shown Champions in the Dairy and Fat Stock Shows.

MacArthur Burnsed, Baker County Chapter at Macclenny, received the first State Naval Stores Award, along with his Adviser, Alan Harvey. The award of \$100 each will help pay their expenses in attending the National Convention in October. Eugene Lewis, Leon Chapter at Tallahassee, and Wendell Thomas of Macclenny each received a \$25 Savings Bond as District winners. Eugene and MacArthur also received \$5 each as Chapter winners.

The Officers of the Inverness Chapter, along with their Adviser, Henry E. Hewitt, were presented a new Ford tractor as the State winner in the Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Award by T. E. Hancock, Ass't. General Sales Manager of the Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville. The Munson Chapter received a \$300 certificate as second place State winner. The Florida Ford Tractor Dealers sponsor these awards.

Entertainment was furnished by Rusty Garner, Harmonica player from Arcadia, Sallye McSwain, State FFA Sweetheart from Arcadia, and the Florida Christian College Choir from Tampa.

The officials of the First National Bank of Tampa were hosts to the State Officers at lunch on Friday prior to FFA Day, which was held at the end of their annual State Officer meeting in Tampa.



Receiving a \$300 certificate as second place winner in the Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Awards from T. E. Hancock, Ass't. General Sales Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville are: Jimmy Cook, Advisor, Nicky Walker, and Billy Sexton of the Munson FFA Chapter, at the 1959 Florida State Fair.

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The Florida Retail Federation, James E. Gorman, Managing Director, were hosts for the Officers at dinner at the Las Novedades.

About 140 Chapters competed in the Judging Contests, with the Marianna Chapter winning the State Championship and receiving the Florida Fair Association Trophy. The Swine Judging Team composed of Royace Hast, Joe Padgett, and Willis Coulliette with their adviser, R. F. Toole will represent Florida at the American Royal in Kansas City next October, sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture. Wayne Malloy and Jerry Glass assisted the members of the Swine Judging Team in judging Dairy and Beef Cattle, in winning first place in the state.

The Santa Fe Chapter's (Alachua) Beef Cattle Judging Team composed of Charles Cain, Jim Busby, and Dean Nettles won first place and will represent Florida in Kansas City next October at the American Royal. Their trip is also sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture. Their advisors are Henry Lunsford and Leon Sims.

The Kathleen Chapter Dairy Team composed of Tommy Thompson, Charles Young, and Tommy Cave, won in the Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and the honor of representing Florida at the National Dairy Congress in Waterloo, Iowa next September. Sponsor of this annual trip is the Tribune (Tampa Tribune, WFLA and WFLA-TV). Their advisors are: R. L. Heath & W. W. Massey.

The Youth Poultry and Egg Show was considered the largest, best, and most successful this year. 519 birds, of which 166 were broilers, and 156 dozen eggs were entered by Future Farmer members.

The high teams with a combined score from judging live birds and eggs at the fair this year were Arcadia, Tampa-Chamberlain and Turkey Creek, respectively.

In Egg Judging, the top three teams were Arcadia, Ocala and Hillsborough Chapter. In Poultry Judging, Miami-Edison, Tampa-Franklin, and Turkey Creek. Grand prizes in the FFA Division of the Youth Poultry and Egg Show were:

Best bird and best cock bird in the show, Larry Reagan, Ocala.

Best cockrell in the show, Troy Hutchinson, Winter Haven.

Best pullet in the show, Bob Tidwell, Hillsborough Chapter at Tampa.

Premier exhibitor, John Kernhan, Brandon, who received the State Poultry Association Trophy and a \$10 cash prize from the State Fair.

DR. A. WEBSTER Tenney, former Vocational Agriculture Teacher and Assistant Teacher-Trainer for Florida, and who later served as Executive Secretary of the National FFA Organization while being Program Specialist for the Central Region, is now the Executive Director of the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

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Dairy Award Winners at the 1959 Florida State Fair: Dennis Diaz, Chamberlain Chapter at Tampa, Grand Champion Guernsey, Florida Guernsey Breeders Trophy; John Evans and Bruce Bowden, Bartow, Jersey Head Trophies in Grooming; L. H. Lewis, Director of State Markets, State Department of Agriculture, Winter Haven, who presented the awards during the FFA Day Program; J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon, Florida Dairy Association Trophy for having the outstanding FFA Dairy Cattle exhibit; J. C. Mitchell, Bartow, Jersey Head Trophy and Florida Jersey Breeders Trophy for Ed Cochran, Bartow, who could not be present; Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough Chapter at Tampa, Grand Champion Rosette for the Ayrshire Female.

Colliers' Receives 1958 Award

E. J. "JACK" Collier is the 1958 Outstanding Young Farmer for the State of Florida as selected by the Jayces. Governor Collins presented him the award at the Citrus Mutual luncheon in Win-

ter Haven.

Jack is a former member of the Ocala High School FFA Chapter, and a graduate of the University of Florida.

As winner of the State award, he will receive an all-expense trip for himself and wife, the former Jerri Bryan, to the National Jaycee Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

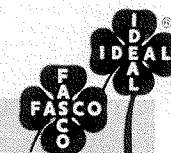
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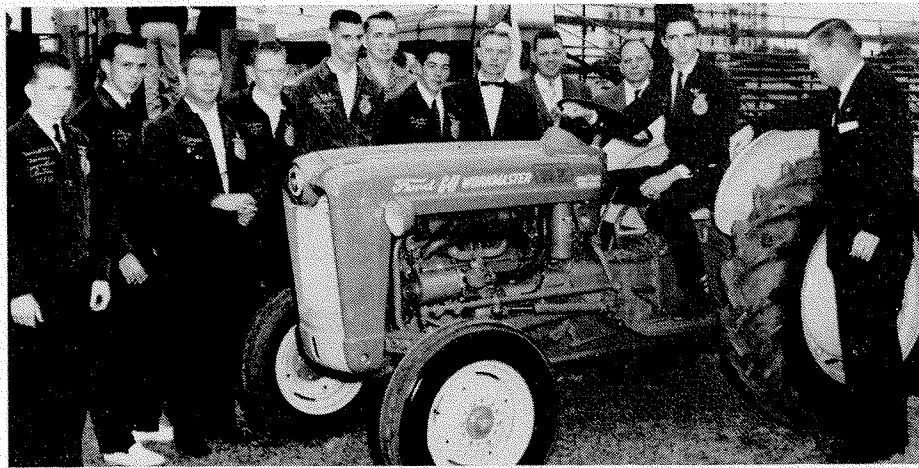
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T. E. Hancock, Ass't. General Sales Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville, and members of the Citrus FFA Chapter at Inverness, State winners of the Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Awards at the FFA Day Program at the 1959 Florida State Fair. Left to right: Marshall White, Treasurer; Bill Shellhorn, Reporter; Richard Whitton, Sentinel; Rudolph Barrett, Vice-President; Wayne Parmer, Chaplain Conductor; Dick Kaufman, Citrus County School Board Member; Leon Goodwin, Secretary; Delmar Montgomery, Supervising Principal, Inverness Schools; Henry Hewitt, Advisor; Harry Buie, Citrus County Superintendent; Charles Jones, President; and Hancock.

Judging and Livestock Show Results

IN THE fifth Florida Fat Stock Show and Sale in Tampa during the Fair, Tommy McPhillips, Chipley 970 lb. Choice Steer was selected as the Champion in the FFA Division. Morrison's Cafeteria paid him 51¢ per pound. Gary Hollingsworth, Arcadia sold his 824 lb. Prime Steer to Morrisons, also, for 65¢ per pound.

Winner in the steer show, listed in order by classes, with number of entries in parentheses, were as follows:

Heavyweights (11)—Tommy McPhillips (FFA Champion), Ronald Futch, Plant City; Jimmy Holben, Lake Wales; Carney Cameron, Plant City; Raymond Smith, Largo;

Mediumweights (13)—Frank Johnson, Tampa; Jack Smith, Pompano Beach; Lamar Jenkins, Live Oak; Ronald Padgett, Tampa; Allen Copeland, Arcadia;

Lightweights (29)—Gary Hollingsworth (FFA Reserve Champion), Arcadia; Dennis Ruffing, Dade City; George Ruis, Plant City; Maurice Brown, Jr., Lake Butler; Lamar Lindsey, Plant City.

In the FFA Dairy Show

Melvin Vernon, Jr., Tampa-Hillsborough, showed the Grand and Reserve Champion Ayrshire cows. Dennis Diaz, Tampa-Chamberlain, showed the Grand and Reserve Champion Guernsey cows. J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon, showed the Champion Holstein. Jersey champions were shown as follows:

Senior and Grand, Edward Cochran, Bartow; Junior, John Evans, Bartow; Reserve, Robert Lester, Tampa-Hillsborough.

Melvin Vernon, Jr. won first place in both the Fitting and the Showmanship Contests. Edward Cochran was second in both.

Receiving the Hillsborough County

Cattlemens Association Dairy Herdsmen Award and Florida Dairy Association Rotating Trophy, J. B. Sampson, Jr., Brandon.

The entries and winners by breeds were:

Ayrshires

Heifer calves (1)—Blue to Dixie's Clippy Nan, Melvin Vernon, Jr.;

Senior yearling heifers (1)—Blue to Dixie's Miss Lila (reserve grand champion, junior champion), Vernon;

Two year old cows (1)—Blue to Dixie Farms Sunny Gay, Vernon;

Cows three years and over (1)—Blue to Amanda Roseada 2d (grand champion, senior champion), Vernon.

Guernseys

Heifer calves (3)—Blue to K. Goddess, Charles Maskolunas, Jr., Bartow; Junior yearling heifers (2)—Blue to Main Line



State FFA Officers' Luncheon in the First National Bank of Tampa. Cecil Tindel, FFA President, standing beside Glenn Bullock, Vice-President, with Robert Morris, Agricultural Representative, of the Bank.

Dairy Farm's Elvira (reserve grand champion, junior champion), Dennis Diaz;

Cows three years and over (1)—Blue to Linda Lee Farm Shirley (grand champion, senior champion), Dennis Diaz.

Jersey

Junior yearling heifers (1)—Blue to Primate Mary Ophelia (junior champion), John Evans;

Cows three years and over (2)—Blues to Noble Bet's Queen Ann (grand champion), Edward Cochran; Stan Christie Rose (reserve grand champion), Robert Lester.

In the State FFA Beef Cattle Show

Jeff Daughtry, Peace River Chapter, Wauchula, exhibited the Champion Angus bull; whereas Turkey Creek Chapter owned the Reserve Champion bull and Champion female. Reserve Champion, Melvin Vernon, Jr.

Gary Jones, Bartow, owned the Champion Brahman bull; female Champion was owned by his Chapter.

Owner and exhibitor of the Champion Hereford bull was George Culverhouse, Ft. Pierce; Reserve Lake Butler FFA Chapter, Champion female, Lake Butler; Reserve, Arcadia Chapter.

Champion Santa Gertrudis female, Pinecrest FFA Chapter.

Milton McMillon, DeLand, won the Florida Cattlemen's Showmanship Award; Gary Jones won the Hillsborough County Cattlemens Association Beef Herdsman Award.

Southeastern Livestock Show—Ocala

THE GRAND Champion Fat Steer at the Southeastern Livestock Show in Ocala was shown by Bobby Lowery of DeLand, and sold to Winn-Dixie Stores for 87¢ per lb., grossing him \$862.60. The FFA Reserve Champion, a Shorthorn, was shown by George Ruis of Plant City. He also received a \$100 Mayo FFA Scholarship and the Florida State Veterinary Medical Association Showmanship Trophy.

The Haines City Chapter Livestock (Continued on page 12)

31st Annual FFA Convention Program Given

THE 31ST State FFA Convention will be held in the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach, June 9-13. As you will probably note, these are the same dates as last year, though the Convention will open on Tuesday and close Saturday noon. This, of course, has called for changing the presentation of several awards and the holding of several contests.

Lee Todd, from Bells, Tennessee, National Vice-President representing the Southern Region, will be the honored guest.

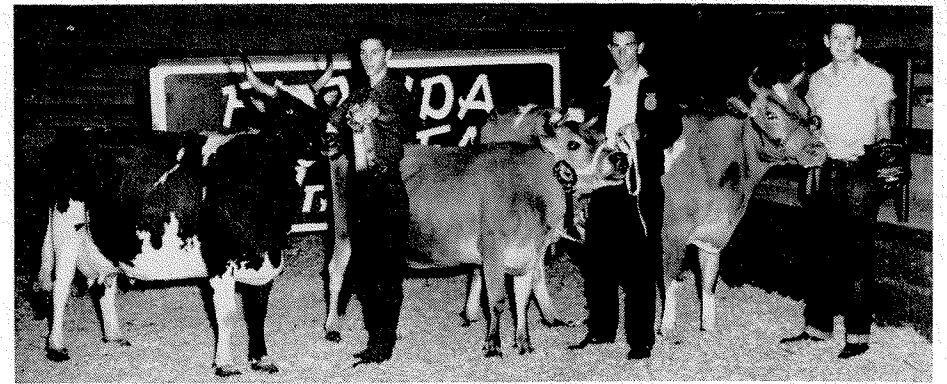
The regular first day features of the Convention this year will be Registration, Vegetable Judging, Identification and Grading Contest, Demonstration Contest, Tractor Driving Contest and Softball, during the day. Also, the interviewing of candidates for State Office. A review of talent for the Band Shell Program will be in the Princess Issena Hotel at 3:00 p.m. The Delegates and Advisers Dinner at 5:00 p.m., with the night session starting at 7:30, which includes the Parliamentary Procedure and String Band Contests, along with presentation of other awards.

Wednesday, June 10, the seating of delegates, and regular convention business during the morning. Sweetheart and Farm Safety luncheons at noon; Harmonica Contest, Farm Mechanics Awards, Committee Meetings, followed by the annual Florida Ford Tractor Company fish fry. Then, on to the Band Shell for the annual program there.

Thursday, June 11, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Breakfast for State Farmer Candidates going to college, convention business during the morning, followed by the State Farmer Candidates luncheon, this year sponsored by the Loncala Phosphate Company at High Springs. During the afternoon session, the State Farmer Candidates will receive their keys and awards from the Florida Federation of Production Credit Associations, and Mid-States Steel and Wire Company. The night session will contain the Public Speaking and Quartet Contests, along with other awards.

Friday morning, June 12, Florida Bankers Scholarship, and the Florida Retail Federation Chapter Contest Awards will be presented. Mid-States Steel and Wire Company is host to the top District State Farmers, their parents and advisers for lunch.

Hon. Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the delegates, after which awards for Farm Electrification and Scrap Book will be made. Friday night's program, presentation of the top District State Farmers' awards from Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, Chilean Nitrate (Continued on page 14)



Champion FFA Dairy Cattle shown by their owners at the 1959 Florida State Fair. Guernsey shown by Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough Chapter, Tampa; Jersey, by Edward Cochran, Bartow; Guernsey, by Dennis Diaz, Chamberlain Chapter, Tampa.

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State President's Call

By the power vested in me as State President of the Florida Association, Future Farmers of America, I hereby issue a call for our thirty-first Annual State Convention to meet at Daytona Beach, Florida, June 9 through June 13, 1959.

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

As a state association, we have accomplished many outstanding things this past year and at this, our thirty-first Annual Convention, plans must be made for still greater accomplishments during the year ahead. Regular business will be transacted, state contests held, and awards made.

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

CECIL TINDEL
State President
Florida Association, FFA

Highlights at Convention

Demonstration and Judging Contests	Debate Dinner	Quartet and Harmonica Contests
Tractor Driving Contest	Softball Contest	Selection of State Sweetheart
Special Awards	Parliamentary Procedure Contest	Awarding State Farmer Degree
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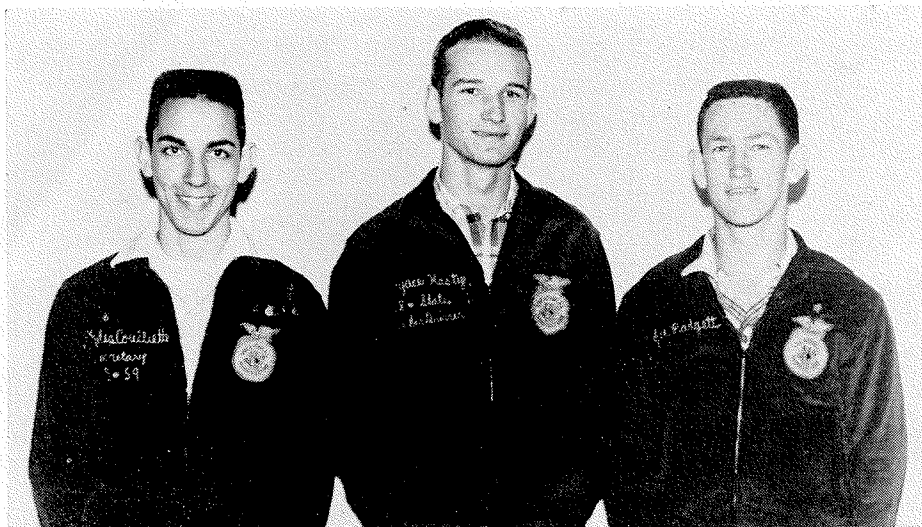
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Royace Hasty is 18 years old and a senior in the Marianna High School. In his five years in Vocational Agriculture and as an FFA member, he has won two or three Corn Contests and the State Tractor Driving Contest in Daytona in 1958. His main projects were corn, hogs for meat, and breeding horses. At the present time, he and his father have 10 head of horses. His highest yield on one acre in growing corn was 111.5 bu.

Willis Coulliette, 17 year old junior, is completing his fourth year in Vocational Agriculture with a very impressive record, having already won a scholarship, served on his Parliamentary Procedure Team at the State Convention, served as a delegate, and judged in several State Shows.

His corn yield per acre was high enough to place him in the top three for three years in succession. He also raises hogs for meat, along with growing steers. Also, he has two sows.

Joe Padgett, 17 year old senior, is in his fourth year of Vocational Agriculture. Through his project program of hogs, both for meat and breeding, and growing corn for grain, he earned the State Farmer Degree in 1958. At the present time, he has 7 sows and four bred gilts. He has judged in various shows in the State and served on his Chapter's Parliamentary Procedure team and was declared the Chapter Star Farmer last year.

Suwannee County Liming Program

By HARVEY SHARPE
Agricultural Extension Service

IN AN all-out effort to increase yields and boost net income, Suwannee County Future Farmers are aiding in a giant co-operative county-wide liming program. Up to 10,000 tons of dolomitic lime will be applied to Suwannee County farms, estimates Henry Folsom, Live Oak Agriculture teacher.

An extensive soil testing program showed the acute need for the materials. FFA and 4-H members have cooperated in the vast soil sampling program with the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, Gainesville, running tests on soil.

Most farmers are sold on the idea, because tests at the University of Florida Suwannee Valley Experiment Station show that lime applications will increase yields and up net income. Tests shows that proper liming increased corn yields 7 bushels per acre, says Folsom.

A special Agricultural Stabilization Conservation liming practice has been set up for the county, since it is a rural development pilot county. The federal cost share for this special practice is \$8.00 per acre, for 10 acres or less, provided the lime is put out according to regulations. The liming program enables farmers to put out lime in small quantities at the same price as larger orders, since the orders are consolidated.

The cooperation was possible because of the many local agencies and organizations. Farm organizations, banks, radio stations, press, community leaders, machinery men, church groups, ASC, FHA, PCA, FFA, Agricultural Extension Service, and experiment stations were among the backers of the program.

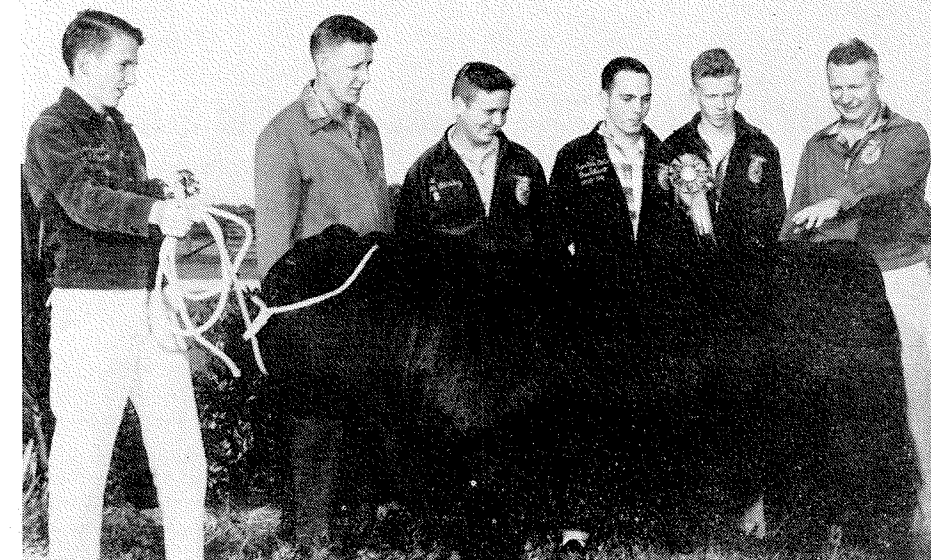
Santa Fe FFA Beef Judging Team

Jim Busby, 14 years of age and a freshman in the Santa Fe High School in Alachua, has as his project a Hereford steer and a cow, 5 acres of corn, 25 layers, a garden and a hive of bees. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Busby, Rt. 3, Box 442-C, Gainesville. His blue ribbon steer this year gained 3.11 pounds per day, placing second in the gain-in-weight contest. Last year, he was a delegate to the Forestry Camp, appeared on TV Shows for his Chapter and spoke before Civic groups.

Charles Cain, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cain, Rt. 1, Box 18 A, Alachua, is a Junior in the Santa Fe High School this year. His project this year consisted of one steer, 10 acres of corn, 14 head of beef cattle, 5 acres of millet and 8 acres of rye. He has represented his Chapter on many occasions and in several contests, as he is the Chapter President.

Dean Nettles, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nettles, Rt. 1, Box 43, Alachua, holds the Chapter Farmer Degree. His supervised farming program consists of a calf and two acres of sweet potatoes. He has participated in several livestock shows as a judge.

James Alligood, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Alligood, Rt. 1, Box 52, Alachua, is Vice-President of the Santa Fe Chapter. He will serve as alternate on the State Livestock Judging Team at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City.



The State Champion Santa Fe FFA Beef Judging Team. Left to right: James Alligood, Leon Sims, Adviser, Jim Busby, Charles Cain, Dean Nettles, and Henry Lunsford, Adviser.

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THE FOLLOWING concerns had the commission on their subscription to the Florida Cattleman assigned to the Future Farmers in Florida, which in turn was placed in the Scholarship Fund:

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THE SEABOARD Air Line Railroad Company increased FFA Forestry Awards this year so that the State winner will receive \$225 and his teacher \$125 to attend the National Convention. Second place, \$50; third, \$30, and fourth, \$20. The State winner will appear before the Traffic Club of Kansas City, and also the Lions Club. Other appearances during the special trip are being planned for Chicago, Ill., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Richmond, Va.

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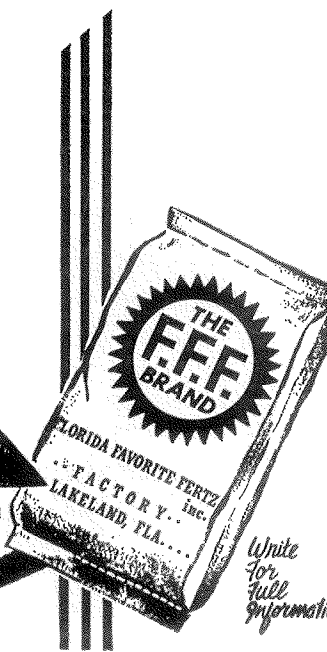
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Conservation

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Junior Conservationist.

Other Regional award winners who are either in Vocational Agriculture or Future Farmer work are: D. A. Storms, Sr., Plant City, Adult Guidance of Junior Conservation Effort; A. R. Cox, Tallahassee, Club Public Relations; Bobby Davis, Mulberry FFA Chapter, Cecil Tindel, Graceville FFA Chapter, and Ronnie Stokes, Miami-Jackson FFA Chapter, Junior Conservationists.

Dr. H. R. Wilber presided, while Governor LeRoy Collins presented the awards and congratulated the winners for their outstanding conservation work.

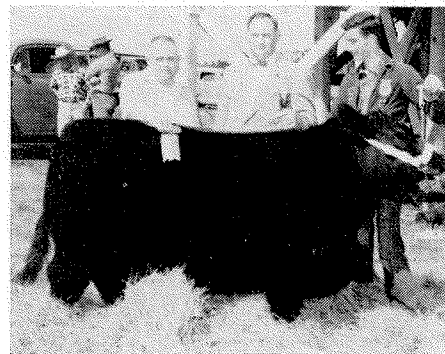
Livestock Shows

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Judging Team composed of Duke Martin, Larry Bradley and Charles Williams won first place. Second and third were won by Newberry and Lake City. The Meats Judging Contest was won by the Anthony Chapter (Crosby Yongue, Jimmie Sims and Gary Peters). Second and third were Santa Fe at Alachua, and Bartow.

Jackson FFA Steer and Barrow Show

THE FOURTH annual Jackson FFA Steer and Barrow Show was held in the Jackson Livestock Auction Market in Gainesville on March 3 and 4. 55 steers and



Charlie Woods and James Blanton of Publix Markets with the Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Herbert Brown, Jr. at the Gainesville Livestock Show.

11 barrows were exhibited and sold by Future Farmer members. The following Chapters exhibited one or more steers: Santa Fe at Alachua, Bronson, Chiefland, Gainesville, Hawthorne, Lake Butler, Newberry, Ocala, Reddick, Starke, Bradford at Starke, and Trenton.

Barrows: Santa Fe at Alachua, Gainesville, Hawthorne, Ocala, and Bradford at Starke.

Gainesville Chamber of Commerce and participating FFA Chapters, honoring the donors and buyers with a banquet.

The Grand Champion Steer of the show was exhibited by Herbert Brown, Jr., and bought by Publix Markets for \$1.40 per lb. The Reserve Champion was shown by Murray Teuton of Gainesville and sold to Setzer's Super Stores for 62¢ per lb.

Champion and Reserve Champion Barrows shown by Allen and Charles Crews, Bradford Chapter, were sold to Camp Packing Co., at 18¢ per lb.

The Lake Butler FFA Chapter retired the Show Trophy in winning it the third year in succession.

FFA Livestock Field Day and Steer Show, Fannin Springs

A 1,100 POUND Angus steer, owned by Herbert Brown, Jr., Trenton FFA member, won grand championship honors at the FFA Field Day and Fat Steer Show.

David Bryant, Trenton Chapter, showed the reserve champion, a black Angus in the heavyweight division.

The show, sponsored by the Florida Association, F. F. A., was participated in by 16 Chapters, with 37 beef animals entered.

Don Wakeman, Assistant Professor of Animal Husbandry, University of Florida, gave a talk on selection, feeding and grooming of steers. Ken Durrance, Extension Swine Specialist, gave a similar talk on swine selection. Proper and improper ways to show animals were demonstrated by Don Adams, Agricultural Representative, Florida Power and Light Company.

The Williston Chapter placed first in swine judging, Baker County Chapter at Macclenny second, and Santa Fe third.

First place in beef judging went to the Santa Fe Chapter. The Chiefland Chapter placed second, and the Baker County Chapter took third place.



MacArthur Burnsed showing one of his gum faces to John Cooper, Program Supervisor, U.S.D.A. Naval Stores Conservation Program, Valdosta, Georgia, and his Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Alan Harvey.

State Naval Stores Winners Given

MACARTHUR BURNSED, 16 year old Baker County high school student, was declared first State winner of the Future Farmers of America Naval Stores contest.

MacArthur, who hails from the Baxter community on the edge of the Okefenokee Swamp, worked 1,000 gum faces as one of his several FFA projects last year. He cleared \$459.18 or \$1.05 per hour for the part-time work spent on his gum farming operation. Both he and his Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Alan Harvey, received certificates in the amount of \$100 each to defray their expenses to the National FFA Convention to be held October 12-15 in Kansas City.

The 4-man judging team rated young Burnsed's turpentine operation at 96% of perfect. John Cooper, Supervisor of the Naval Stores Conservation Program and one of the judges, said, "I have never seen prettier turpentine faces anywhere."

Burnsed used 15 bark streaks with sulphuric acid in producing 21.57 barrels of gum on his 1,000 faces. He also used spiral gutters and double-headed nails as recommended by the Lake City Branch of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station. With this new type of hardware, the same gutters will be used with each raising of cups, and the faces left clean of hardware when the trees are worked out and ready for cutting.

Cupping was limited to trees 10" and larger in diameter. Jack Turner of the Florida Board of Forestry and also one of the judges said that the quality of the timber was about average for this section of the State.

Although Burnsed has a 20 mile bus ride to school each morning, he is a B student who in addition to gum farming also carried on hog and cow breeding projects and a corn project under the FFA program last year. His Vocational Ag Teacher, Alan Harvey of Macclenny, predicts a bright future for young Burnsed.

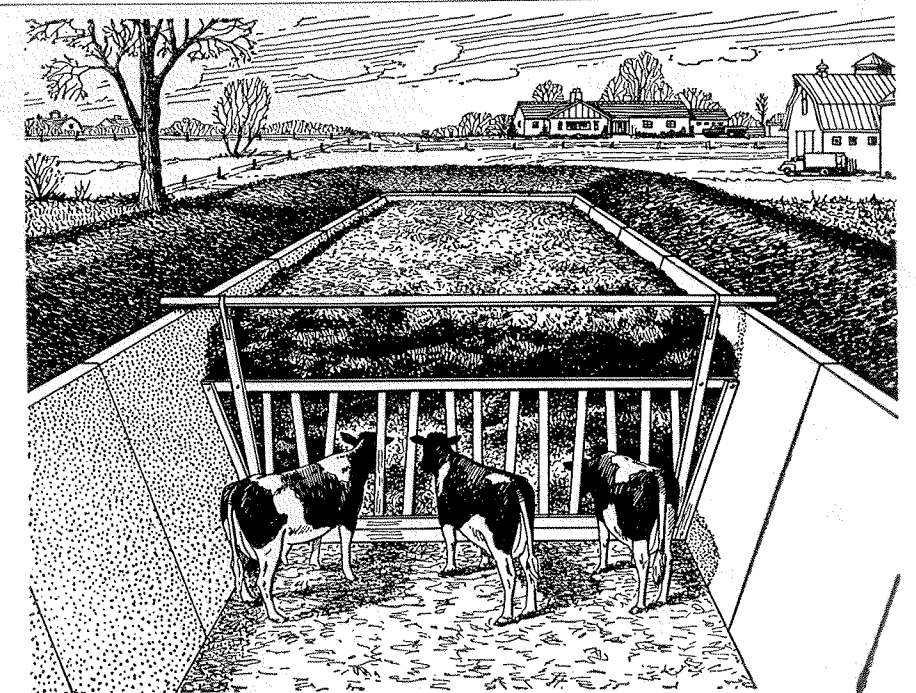
The judges asked Burnsed what he had done with the money from his Naval

Stores project. His reply was that he had bought his school clothes and had an undisclosed amount in the bank with which he plans to go to a forestry college after finishing high school.

When asked about insects in the 20 acre tract of turpentine faces, Burnsed stated that lightning had struck one tree which had attracted the Ips beetle to it and 3 adjacent trees. He had taken correct control action in salvaging these 4 trees and spraying the stumps with benzene hexachloride. He knew the

difference in control measures for Black Turpentine beetle and the Ips and also gave the correct answers on several other technical forestry questions asked him by the judges. This detailed knowledge of forestry is a credit to Ag Teacher, Alan Harvey and also to MacArthur's father, Nathan F. Burnsed, who has been a gum Naval Stores producer for many years.

A total of 11 FFA members entered the Naval Stores contest last year. Eugene Lewis of Woodville, a student in



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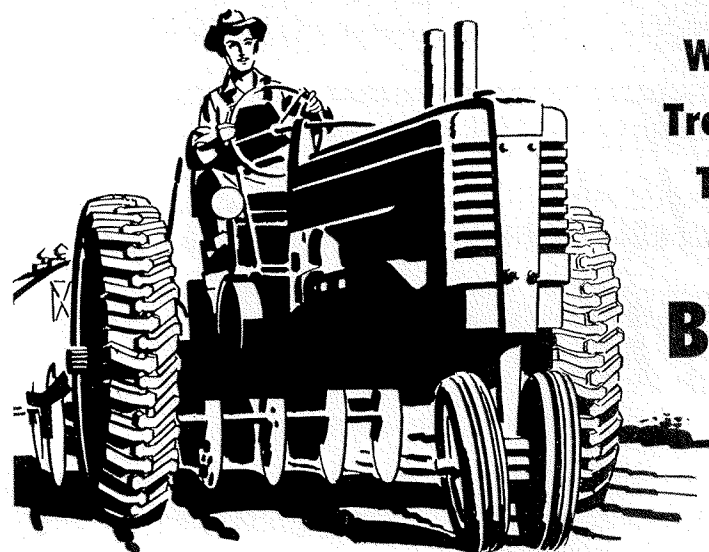
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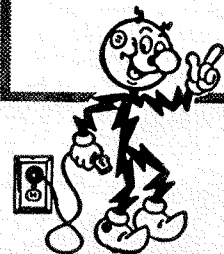
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the Leon County High School at Tallahassee, was declared the District 2 winner, and Wendell Thomas of Macclenny, the District 3 winner. Each of the District winners received a \$25 Bond, and the several Chapter winners \$5 Each.

The contest is made possible through the courtesy of the following organizations:

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State judges in addition to Turner and Cooper were Ralph Clements, Naval Stores specialist Lake City Research Center, and A. R. Cox, FFA Executive Secretary, Tallahassee.

Present indications are that the number of FFA participants in the second year of the contest in 1959 will be considerably greater than in the first year. Entries are due in the state office by May 1.

State Convention

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Educational Bureau Leadership Awards, Florida Times Union Trophy and FFA Foundation Award to the Star State Farmer. Then, the FFA Sweetheart Contest will close the program that night.

Saturday morning, June 13, the International Harvester Dealers Soil and Water Management Awards will be presented, installation ceremony, along with special awards will be made. The annual International Harvester luncheon for new and past State Officers will be held as the closing part of the Convention Program.

The 1959-60 State Officers will hold their first meeting at 2:00 p.m. to make plans for the coming year. July 15 calls for them to meet in Daytona Beach again for their annual planning meeting, leaving there July 18 for Washington, D.C., where they will attend the National Leadership Training Meeting, returning to Jacksonville on the 26th to start their annual State Officers Goodwill Tour. Tentative plans call for this tour to start in Jacksonville, go on from there to Tallahassee, Panama City, and Pensacola.



Former Future Farmer Sees Son Receive American Farmer Degree

IT WAS a very special occasion to the parents of one of the Future Farmers at the 31st National FFA Convention. Their son Melvin was receiving the American Farmer Degree. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Vernon, Sr. had traveled more than 1500 miles between their home in Tampa, Florida, and Kansas City, Missouri, for the occasion. Being a former Future Farmer, he knew what it meant to his son to be a Future Farmer and to receive such a high award even though he never received it himself.

He enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in 1933 in Plant City in one of the Charter Chapters in the Florida Association, and his Instructor was J. G. Smith, retired Area Supervisor and an Honorary American Farmer. It was at this Convention that the Honorary American Farmer Degree was bestowed upon his former Advisor.

During his years of Vocational Agriculture, he was Vice-President of the Chapter, a member of the State Softball winning team and a member of the second place Livestock team. Also, he was a Sub-District Public Speaking winner at that time, using the subject "Horsepower Versus Tractor Power."

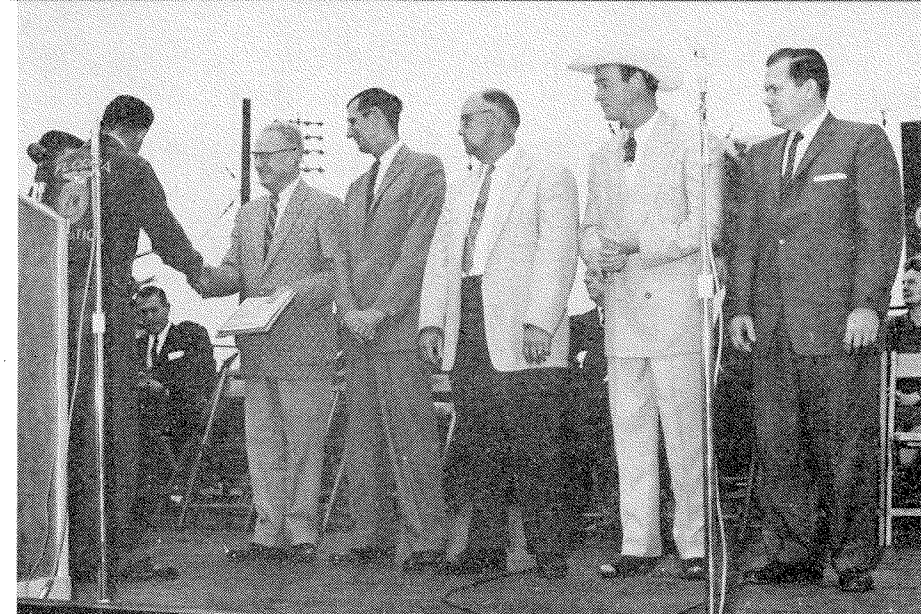
His Supervised Farming Program of a dairy heifer, citrus seed bed and 1/2 a. of onions led him to a full time dairy farming business. After graduation, he entered the dairy business with 10 cows and rented land and barns at the start. He laughs and says that his first profit was used to buy two shirts. Today, his 500 acre farm is producing feed for 200 dairy cows; 100 beef cattle, of which 30 head are registered Aberdeen-Angus.

At the age of 38, he has three daughters, besides a son, who after finishing college will be in partnership with his father. Though he is a busy man in his farming operations, he is a member of the Methodist Church, Sunday School Teacher, Manager of the Church Softball Team and a member of the State and National Ayrshire Associations, American Angus Association, Hillsborough Democratic Executive Committee, and Florida Dairy Association.

At the last State Fair, his entries were top in two, three and four year old cows; first place Sr. Get of Sire and Reserve Champion Cow, his son and daughter's cattle have placed at the top in every Youth Show where they have been shown.

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Picture at left shows Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Vernon, Sr. and son Melvin talking to Robert N. Morris, Agricultural Representative of the First National Bank of Tampa. In background is one of their pastures and part of their dairy herd. (Also see page 7 for picture of Vernon)



Cecil Tindel, State FFA President, Graceville, presenting Honorary State Farmer Degree during the FFA Day Program at the 1959 Florida State Fair to George Harvey, Manager of the Tampa Tribune WFLA-TV; Gilbert Tucker, Manager of A. Duda and Sons Ranch, Cocoa; Ralph Sumner, Illinois Grain Corporation, Tampa; Roy Rogers, and Honorable William C. Cramer, Representative in Congress.

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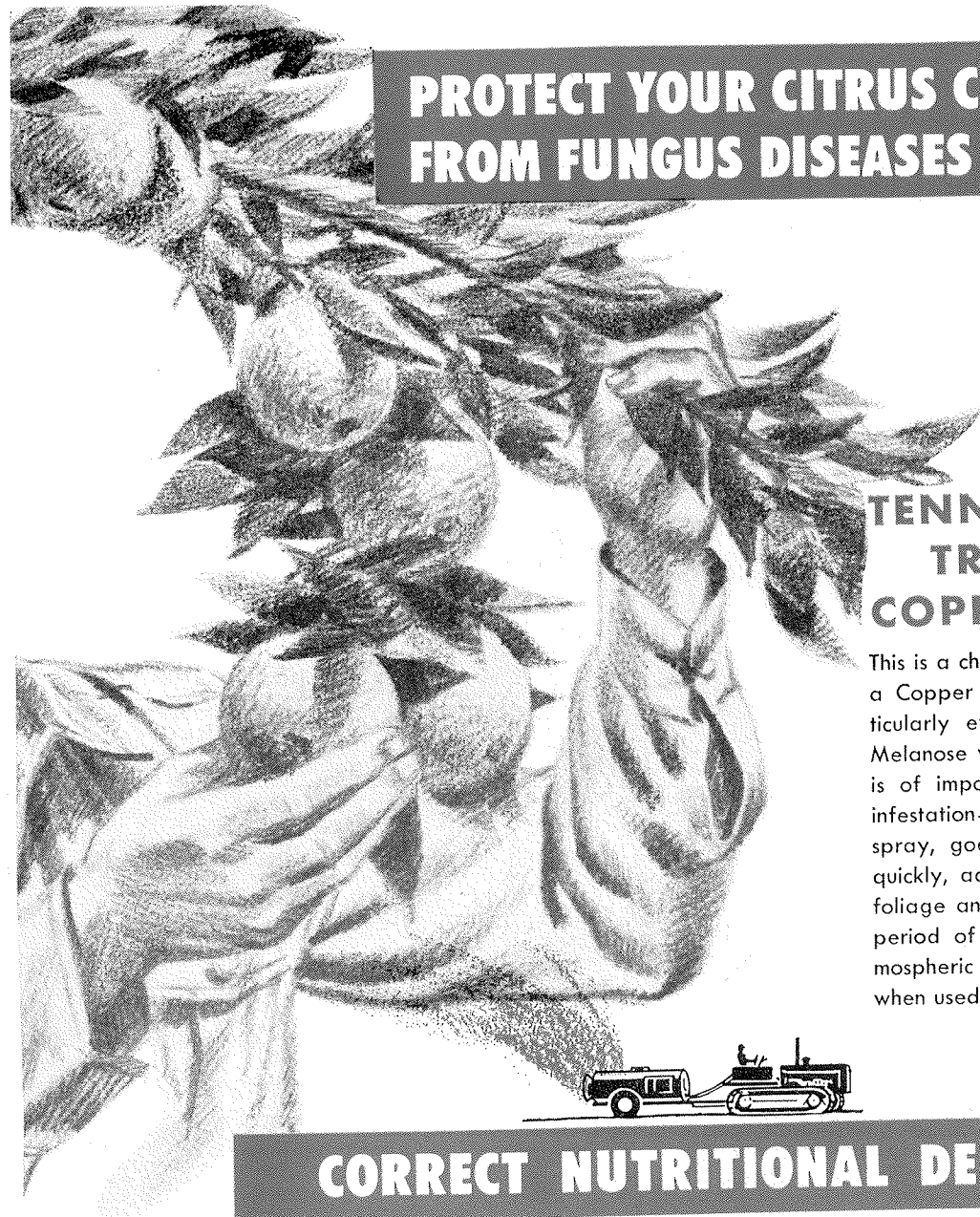
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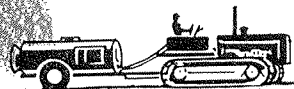


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