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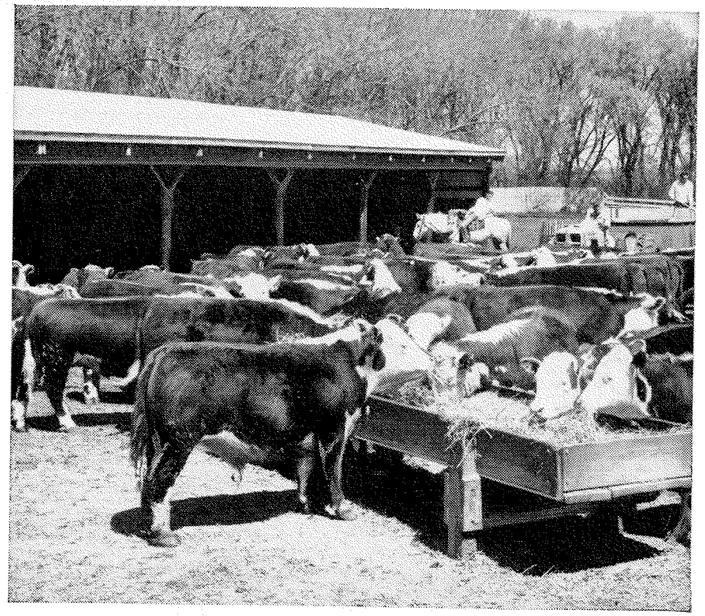

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Nathan Mayo—A Friend of Youth

A FIRM belief that an active youngster will lessen the possibility of juvenile delinquency and increase the potential of future leadership was the main reason that the late Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture participated in youth programs during his terms as Commissioner of Agriculture.

For a number of years the Commissioner sponsored many scholarships and premium awards that were given to members of the 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America and the New Farmers of America. These were mainly premiums given in various county, district and state fairs to those youngsters judged as having the best crops and livestock exhibits. A look at the premium book of any of the many county fairs listed the various premiums awarded by the State Department of Agriculture to these farm youngsters.

Another of the pride of joys of Commissioner Mayo was his participation in the annual Boys State and Girls State programs held in Tallahassee each summer. Here outstanding high school students selected from throughout the State were brought together to hear more about the government of Florida and to actively participate in political elections during their week-long study of Florida State government. Of course he was most interested in the young men and women who were elected Commissioner of Agriculture during their stay here in Tallahassee. Up until shortly before his death those fortunate enough to be elected to this position through the years continued to be in touch with him as they went on through life. It was a real delight to him to speak about those youngsters who had gone forth to bigger and better things after participating in Boys State and Girls State programs.

The school children of Florida gained a supplementary education from the hundreds of thousands of farm bulletins, tourist publications and historical leaflets sent to them by the mailing division of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Mayo was a firm believer in the fact that youngsters were always interested in learning something new. If such publications had something new then they should be distributed to the school children of Florida, according to the Commissioner. He felt that while it was difficult to teach an old dog new tricks it was fairly simple to acquaint the youngsters with new and better methods of farming, education, etc.

While it is true that in the last few years as Commissioner, Mr. Mayo did not travel as extensively as he would have wished, many are the fairs, ex-

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By Way of Editorial Comment:

County Fair—Your "Showcase"

by LEE MAXWELL
President Florida Federation of Fairs and Livestock Shows

PRIDE OF accomplishment is laudable and there is a need to have a "showcase" in which the end results may be displayed for all to enjoy.

The County Fair—the Sectional Fair—the State Fair—all offer a real "Show case" for Florida Farmers to display the results of their work—and, these Fairs are of special importance to our FUTURE Farmers to keep our communities abreast of your activities and accomplishments.

To be successful in any undertaking one must have FAITH, both in one's self and in the present and the future. One must have UNDERSTANDING of what is to be done, and the ABILITY to bring about the successful accomplishment of the undertaking—and then, the SHOWMANSHIP to present the accomplishment for the edification of the community.

LEE MAXWELL

It is a great tribute to the young men of Florida who have enrolled in Vocational Agriculture Training, and comprise the more than one hundred and fifty Chapters of FFA of Florida, so they can not only help meet the Nation's food requirements, but will have sufficient understanding and ability for proper farm operation to let them be financially successful.

The proper knowledge of advances, both in farm product production, and farm product distribution and merchandising, and to be able to adjust quickly to these changes, is most important.

The impact of marketing changes alone has created a complete new concept in food usages. These tremendous strides forward in marketing has created a new challenge for the farmer—and the FUTURE farmer—to gear production to new plant locations, new stream lined methods of "manufacturing" production methods, such as on-the-rail dressing, mechanical hide pullers, and unit coolers. Similarly, the trend toward meat-type hogs, tenderization of meats, improved preserving techniques and development of convenience products through improved refrigeration shipping methods, and packaging has created an entire new set of problems for the farmer—and the FUTURE farmer—and through Vo-Ag Training our FFA Boys are on the way to meet this challenge—and to meet is successfully and profitably.

We folks who operate the various Fairs across the State of Florida, do it without compensation, as our contribution to provide for you a "Show Case" for the display

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The Cover Nathan Mayo felt that encouragement of youth in agricultural fields was a highly important function of his office during his long term as Commissioner. He contributed to premium moneys at many shows, and tried to lend further support by attending in person. This photograph, taken about 1952 at Fort Pierce shows Mr. Mayo and three FFA members at the Fort Pierce FFA Show, from left: George Clark, Dempsey King, and Bob Haberlandt.

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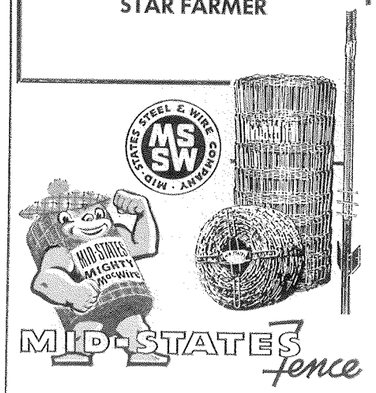

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Governor LeRoy Collins and State Superintendent Thomas D. Bailey talking over FFA Week with State FFA President Randy Kincaid, after which the Governor presented him the Proclamation for FFA Week.

Annual FFA Day at Florida State Fair Brings Out Record Attendance

A GRAND time was had by a record number of Florida Future Farmers at the Florida State Fair in Tampa during "F.F.A. Day". Opening the annual program was the Turkey Creek String Band; then came the Welcome by the Fair Officials, and praise for their work by State Superintendent Thomas D. Bailey and State Comptroller Ray E. Green.

Randy Kincaid, State President and Master of Ceremonies, with the other State Officers, presented the Honorary State Farmer Degree (see picture).

Nat Mayo, Supervising Inspector of the State Department of Agriculture, presented awards to members who had shown Champions in the Dairy and Fat Stock Show, and Sam Bush, Chairman of the Florida Egg Commission presented the Ocala State Champion Poultry Judging Team with the FFA Poultry and Egg Awards.

Jack Turner, Branch Assistant of Forestry Management, Florida Forestry Service, presented the second annual State Naval Stores Awards (see picture).

The officers of the South Sumter Chapter at Bushnell, and school officials for Sumter County, were present to be congratulated and presented a new Ford tractor as the State Winner in the Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Award by T. E. Hancock, Ass't Sales Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville. The Ocala Chapter placed second and received a $300 certificate. These awards were sponsored by the Florida Ford Tractor Dealers.

Others furnishing entertainment during the program were Harry Samol, State Champion Harmonica Player, Hialeah Chapter, and Carol Long, State FFA Sweetheart, Edgewater Chapter, Orlando.

On Friday prior to FFA Day the State Officers held their annual meeting and were the guests of the officals of the First National Bank of Tampa for lunch. That night, the Florida Retail Federation, James E. Gorman, General Manager, were dinner hosts at the Las Novedades.

Competing in the various Judging Contests were 139 Chapters, with the Quincy Team composed of Walter Maxwell, Jack Ford, Fain Poppell, and Mike Munroe, with their Adviser, J. C. McCall, winning the State Championship and receiving the Florida Fair Association Trophy. The Reddick Chapter Swine Judging Team composed of Roland Thomas, Howard Pruitt, and Billy Butler, with their Adviser, Carl H. Rehwinkel, will represent Florida at the American Royal in Kansas City next October. The Bunnell Chapter Team composed of Thomas Minchew, Brice Hosford, and James Miller, with their Adviser, Omar Ergle, won the Beef Cattle Judging and will also go to Kansas City. These are sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture.

The Hialeah Chapter Dairy Team composed of Mike Whalen, Lee Watson, and

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Hillsborough Bankers Help FFA

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY Florida bankers are generous supporters of the Vocational Agriculture program of this large South Florida agricultural county.

Realizing the importance of agriculture to the economy of the area, they have not only been generous contributors to the Florida Bankers Association program but have assisted the twelve FFA and NFA chapters on the local level.

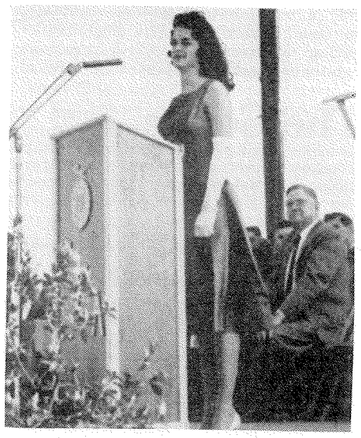
The First National Bank of Tampa, which is a donor to the National FFA Foundation Fund, has for many years encouraged and assisted in agricultural training in Hillsborough County. Several years ago one thousand dollars was contributed to FFA chapters to purchase purebred dairy calves. This year the First National Bank of Tampa and the Hillsboro Bank of Plant City are presenting to each of the twelve chapter Star Farmers a $25.00 savings account. These awards are presented by a bank official at the time of the Farmer and Son banquet. A Certificate of Merit is also presented to the Chapter Star Farmer from the Florida Bankers Association by one of the local bank officials.

For several years, the First National Bank of Tampa has used the picture of the County Future Farmer officers on their bank calendar. This bank also entertains the Florida Association FFA officers each year at a steak luncheon, and each year the Brandon FFA chapter officers are entertained by the bank.

The First National Bank in Plant City, the First National Bank of Tampa, and the Hillsboro Bank of Plant City invite the Future Farmer chapters to use the large air-conditioned conference rooms for any meetings and have made money available at low rates of interest for chapter and individual FFA projects.

The county banks are consistent bidders at county and state youth fat stock show sales and many an FFA member has received a fine price for his steer because an interested banker has bid a higher price.

The First National Bank of Tampa has on its staff a full time agricultural representative who spends much of his time assisting agriculture teachers in chapter and member projects offering financial aid when necessary and helping in the training of good farm management.



Carol Long, Edgewater Chapter at Orlando, State FFA Sweetheart singing at the Florida State Fair during the FFA Day Ceremonies—Bill Hodges Photo

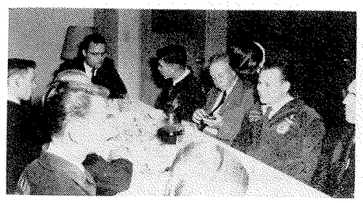
LaFayette Chapter Wins First State Land Judging

IN THE first annual State Land Judging event in Gainesville, April 1, 12 FFA Judging Teams participated. The Lafayette Chapter at Mayo composed of Leland Murray, Tim Murray, Ira Zipperer, and Ezra Folsom, coached by J. N. Davenport, Soil Conservation Service, and Johns Everett, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, with a total score of 423 points won the FFA Division. Second through 12th were as follows: Turkey Creek—414, Trenton—410, Chiefland— 397, Santa Fe at Alachua—393, Marianna, Peace River at Wauchula, Frink, Vernon, Green Cove Springs, Wewahitchka and Bradford at Starke. The first five teams received rosettes. The Clay County 4-H Team won in their division.

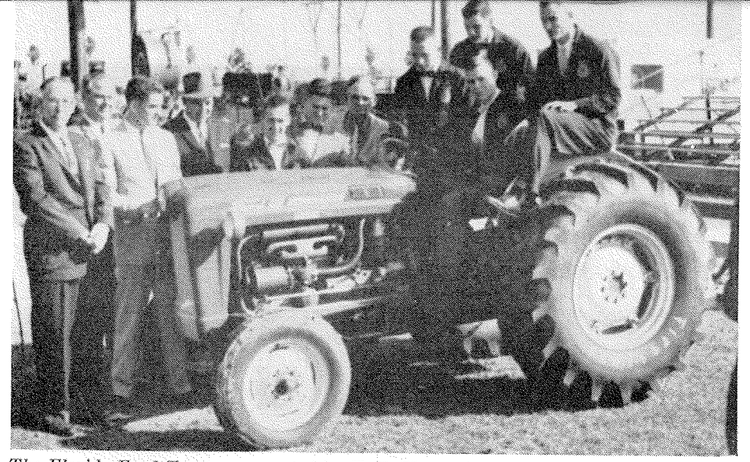
Herbert Brown, Jr. of the Trenton team was the high FFA individual.

The registration, instructions and presentation of awards were made in the Dan McCarty Auditorium on the University of Florida Campus. The actual Land Judging was held on the Haufler Farm near Gainesville. See article concerning their record corn yield in this magazine.

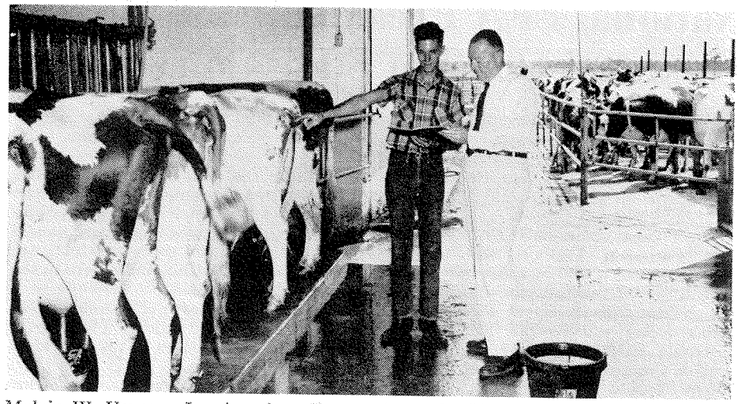
To represent the State in the National Contest in Oklahoma City, April 28-29, will be the two first place teams in the 4-H and FFA. These trips are sponsored by WTVT-TV, Tampa; Cartledge Fertilizer Company, Cottondale; and the Florida Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors.



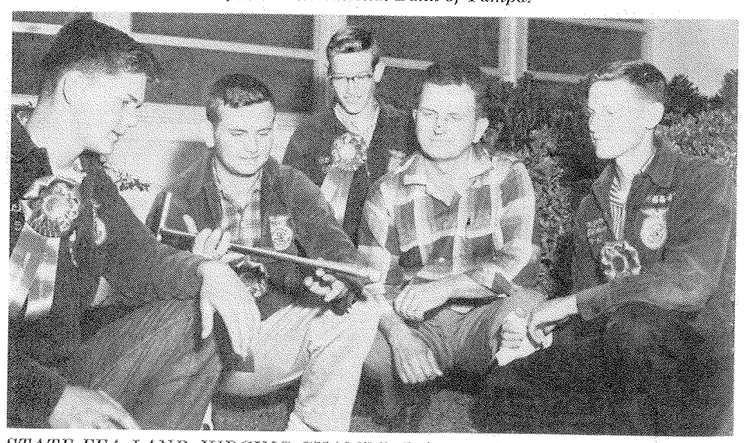
State Officer Luncheon given by the First National Bank of Tampa. Pictured are: Donnie Simmons, State Vice-President, Paxton; Ronald Nelson, State Vice-President, North Miami; Robert Morris, Agricultural Representative of First National Bank; Randy Kincaid, State President, Lake Wales; H. E. Wood, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education; Dr. W. R. Williams, Jr., State Director, Vocational and Adult Education; Carroll McElroy, State Vice-President, Chiefland; and C. M. Lawrence, Area Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Wauchula.



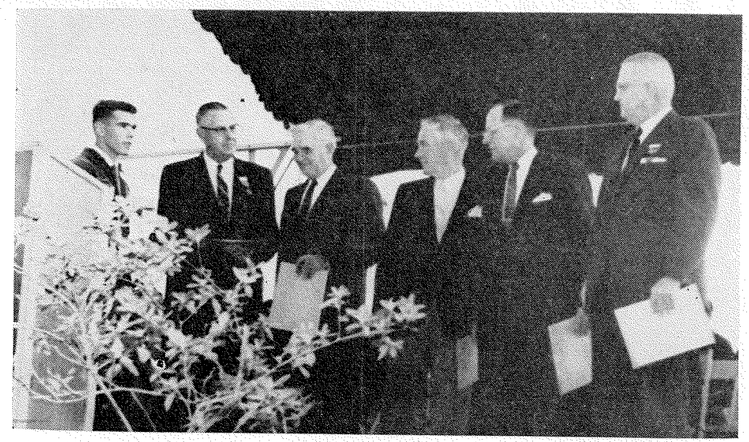
The Florida Ford Tractor presented by T. E. Hancock, Ass't. Sales Manager, Florida Ford Tractor Company, Jacksonville, to the members of the South Sumter FFA Chapter at Bushnell. State Winner of the Mechanizing Florida Agriculture Award at the FFA Day Program, 1960 Florida State Fair. (Left to Right): John Wallace, School Board Member; Herbert Simmons, County Superintendent; Howard Grayson, Ass't. Principal; Earnest Smith, School Board Member; E. C. Dobson, Chapter Treasurer; John L. Stephens, Chapter Adviser; Roy Caruthers, School Board Member; Bernard Sparkman, Chapter Vice-President; Ronnie Gentry (rear), Chapter Reporter; Carvin Brown, Chapter President; and Eddie McKee, Chapter Sentinel. —Bill Hodges Photo



Melvin W. Vernon, Jr., American Farmer from the Hillsborough Chapter, proudly shows the production records of his pure bred cows to Glenn C. Bullock, vice president of the First National Bank of Tampa.



STATE FFA LAND JUDGING CHAMPS—Lafayette County's winning FFA team members were: Ira Zipper, J. M. Davenport, Ezra Folsom, and Leland and Tim Murray.



Randy Kincaid, State FFA President, presenting the Honorary State Farmer Degree to: Messrs. Paul B. Dickman, President, P.B.D. Farms, Inc.; Howard Frankland, President, 1st National Bank; W. C. McInnes, President, Tampa Electric Company; E. A. Sindecuse, Director, Vo-Ag Service Division, Ralston Purina Co., St. Louis, Mo.; and Fred J. Woods, President, Gulf Fertilizer Company.—Bill Hodges Photo

National FFA President Will Be Honored Guest at State Convention

THE 32ND State FFA Convention will be held at the Princess Issena Hotel and Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach, June 14-18. Again this year, the Convention opens on Tuesday and closes on Saturday.

Jim Thomas, National FFA President from Patterson, Georgia, will be the honored guest.

Features on the program the opening day of the Convention at the Princess Issena Hotel will be the Registration, Vegetable Judging, Grading, and Identification Contest, Demonstration Contest, Talent Review for Bandshell Program, Interviewing Candidates for State Office in 1960-61, and Delegates and Advisers Dinner. At Indianville, Tractor Driving and Softball Contests will be held.

That night, at the Peabody Auditorium, the Parliamentary Procedure and String Band Contests are scheduled, along with the presentation of the Farm Safety Awards, Tractor Driving Awards, Cattleman Awards, and announcing the results of the Demonstration and Judging Contests.

On Wednesday morning, June 15, the Delegates will be seated, addressed and greeted by Officials of Daytona Beach and Volusia County, the State President's Message will be delivered, Minutes of the 31st Convention reviewed, along with the annual FFA Report. Then will come the presentation of the State Forestry Awards, nominations for the Honorary State Farmer Degree and President for 1960-61.

At lunch that day the Farm Safety Winners will be honored, as will the District FFA Sweethearts and their chaperones.

Dr. Alexander Nunn, Editor of the Progressive Farmer, Birmingham, Alabama, will address the delegates and guests after the Harmonica Contest; then will come the presentation of the Farm Mechanics Awards and the Honorary State Farmer Degree. Committee assignments will be made, some of which will meet in the Auditorium and others in the Seabreeze High School.

At 5:30 Delegates and Guests of the Future Farmers will enjoy a Fish Fry at Beach Rest and then go to the Bandshell Program at 8:00 p.m.

On Thursday, the members receiving the State Farmer Degree and planning to attend College will be honored at Breakfast. In the regular meeting during the morning will be the State Highlights, Treasurer's Report, summary of the Division winners in the Demonstration Contest, presentation of the J. F. Williams Memorial Scholarships, and introduction of the 1959 American Farmers and 1960 applicants that are present, and introduction of and greetings of visiting State Officers.

1960 State Farmer Candidates and their Advisers will be honored at a luncheon.

Jim Thomas, National President, will address the delegates and guests that afternoon, followed by the election and initiation of candidates for the State Farmer Degree. The first ballot for President for 1960-61 will be cast, Pass-the-Chicken, Pappy Awards and Chapter Cooperative Awards will be made during the afternoon session.

Thursday night, the Public Speaking and Quartet Contests will be held, along with the presentation of the Dairy Farming Awards.

Friday, June 17, the second ballot for President will be cast, the presentation of the Bankers Association Scholarships, Chapter Contest Awards and the nominations for the 1960-61 Vice-President's Offices will be made.

At lunch, the top District State Farmers, their parents and advisers will be honored. Honorable Thomas D. Bailey will address the delegates and guests that afternoon, after the first ballot for the Offices of Vice-President. Farm Electrification Awards will be presented and second ballot for Vice-Presidents will be made, along with the presentation of the Scrapbook Awards.

The Presidents and Advisers of the State Chapter Winners will be honored at dinner.

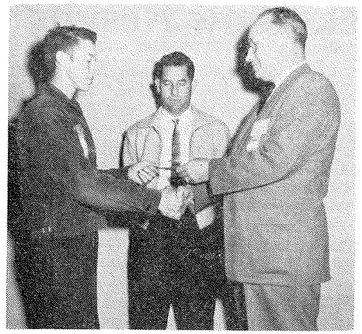
Friday night, after the presentation of the District, Area and Star State Farmer awards, the selection of the State Sweetheart for 1960-61 will be made.

In Saturday morning's session, the presentation of the Soil and Water Management Awards, presentation of special awards and installation of new Officers are the main items of business.

The incoming and outgoing Officers, Past State Presidents and others will be honored at a special luncheon.

That afternoon, the new State Officers will hold their first meeting.

Jim Thomas, 20, National President of the Future Farmers of America from Patterson, Georgia will participate in the Florida Association FFA Convention at Daytona Beach. Jim was elected to his position at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri last October. He served as Georgia State FFA President in 1956-57, was the State FFA Public Speaking winner, a four-year letterman in football, and an honor student. Jim operates 56 acres on the 485 acre home farm, raising improved pastures, hay, and grain crops for his 33 head of grade Hereford beef cattle. The program grew from a freshman project consisting of one steer, one milk cow, and one acre of oats.



At left, Bruce Alford, DeFuniak Springs, Fla., FFA state winner in the Broiler Production Contest sponsored by the Southeastern Poultry & Egg Assn., receives a $100 check from Norman Sanders, Columbia, S. C., at right, chairman of the Association's Youth Committee. Looking on is T. C. Campbell, also of DeFuniak Springs, who is Bruce's vo-ag instructor.

DeFuniak Springs Youth Is Florida Champion FFA Broiler Producer

A 16-YEAR-OLD DeFuniak Springs youth, Future Farmer Bruce Alford, was selected as Florida's champion F.F.A. broiler producer for 1959. Young Alford was selected by the State Department of Education, Vocational Agriculture officials to represent the Sunshine State in the regional contest sponsored by the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association.

He and his vo-ag teacher, T. C. Campbell, attended the Southeastern's annual Convention-exposition January 25-27 in Atlanta as guests of Oak Crest Hatchery and Henry Koerber Enterprises, DeFuniak Springs, Florida. There, Bruce, already winner of a $100.00 cash award for his Florida championship, competed for the $500.00 scholarship award.

Young Alford, a junior in the Walton F.F.A. Chapter, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Alford of DeFuniak Springs. Poultry has been one of Bruce's cash enterprises for two years. His father has been a broiler grower for several years. They've proven a very suitable cash enterprise, with Bruce accounting for more than 40,000 broilers a year.

Each time a batch of Alford broilers are sold, the manure and litter is removed and spread on the farm. The house is disinfected and new litter placed. Feeding and drinking equipment is cleaned thoroughly. Bruce stores his feed in a bulk bin.

Young Alford's labor income per 100 boilers amounts to slightly more than $1.00 per hundred. He operates on shares with his father, who is a contract grower for Henry Koerber Enterprises, Inc., of DeFuniak Springs.

Bruce's livability never has been below 97 per cent. His feed conversion when sold between eight and nine weeks has been as low as 2.17 and this year aver-

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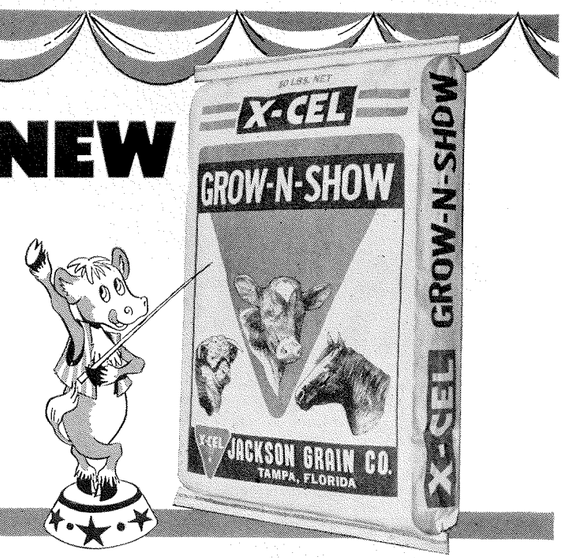

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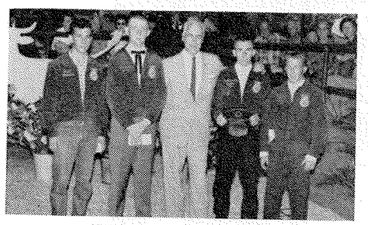
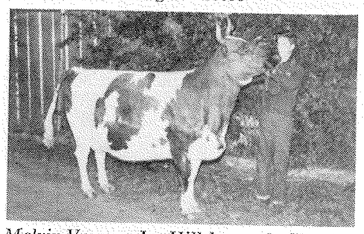
Judging & Livestock Show Results

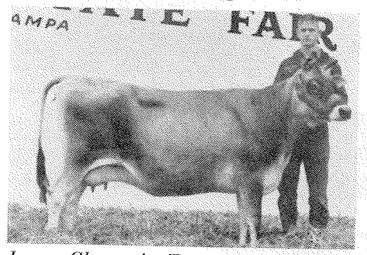
FFA Reserve champion at the State Fair was this entry—also an Angus—owned by Dennis Diaz.



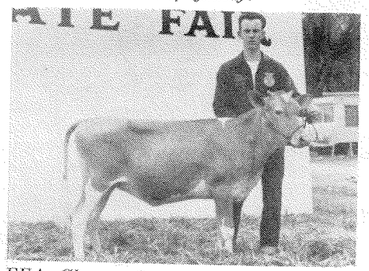
• FFA Winners in the Florida Table Beef Contest, with James E. Gorman, General Manager, Florida Retail Federation; Louis Massaro, East Bay Chapter at Wimauma; Charles Jenkins, Lakeland; Jack Smith, Pompano Beach; and Steadman Lott, Largo Chapter.—Bill Hodges Photos



Melvin Vernon Jr., Hillsborough Chapter, Tampa, with the Grand Champion FFA Ayrshire.—Bill Hodges Photo



Jersey Champ in Tampa FFA competition was this individual owned by Jack Ford of Quincy.



FFA Champ Guernsey at the Florida State Fair was this individual shown by Roy Walden of Plant City.

BOYS EXHIBITING Champion Steers in the Sixth Florida Fat Stock Show and Sale were: Tommy McPhillips, Plant City Chapter; the Grand Champion of the Show and the FFA Division. His 862 pound Angus Steer won first place in Class 3—Senior Division in the FFA. Howard Johnson's Restaurant bought the steer for $3.26 per pound. It cost Tommy $431.00 to raise the steer and he made a profit of $2,378.42.

Reserve Grand Champion Steer of the FFA Division was that of Dennis Diaz (Hillsborough-Tampa Chapter), which weighed 1179 pounds and was sold to Commercial Solvent Corporation, Tampa Division, at 57¢ per pound. His Angus Steer was the first place winner in the Class 1 Junior Yearling FFA Division.

In the third annual Florida Table Beef Contest at the Florida State Fair, Jack Smith of the Pompano Beach FFA Chapter exhibited the number 2 carcass in the Junior Yearling Class, which was also selected as the Reserve Grand Champion. In the Summer Yearling Class, second place was taken by Louis Massaro of the East Bay Chapter at Wimauma, third by Charles Jenkins of Lakeland, and third in the Junior Yearling Class was Steadman Lott of the Largo FFA Chapter.

Exhibiting Champion animals in the Dairy Show were:

Ayrshire

Ayrshire—Grand and Sr. Champion, Melvin Vernon, Jr., Hillsborough-Tampa. Reserve Grand and Jr. Champion, Don Jones, Chamberlain-Tampa.

Guernsey

Guernsey—Grand and Jr. Champion, Roy Walden, Plant City, Jr. Chapter.

Holstein

Holstein—Blue Ribbons, Charles Maskolunas, Bartow, and Buddy Hull, Gainesville.

Jersey

Jersey—Grand, Reserve, Junior and Senior Champion, Jack Ford, Quincy.

In Fitting; those who received the Florida Dairy, Inc. cash awards of $5, $4, $3, $2, and $1 were: Edward Cochran and Wayland Smith, Bartow; Jack Ford, Quincy; Eldridge Blanton, Chamberlain-Tampa; and Melvin Vernon, Jr.

Receiving Jersey Head Plaques in Grooming were Cochran and Ford.

Receiving the Showmanship Award given by the West Coast Milk Producers Association of $5, $4, $3, $2, and $1 were: Cochran, Vernon, Jones, Walden and Ford.

Receiving the Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association Dairy Herdsmen's Award: Edward Cochran, Bartow.

Florida Dairy Products Association Rotating Trophy—Jack Ford, Quincy, for the outstanding Dairy Exhibit of animals in the FFA at the Fair.

Exhibiting animals in the Beef Cattle Show were:

Angus

Angus: Bulls—Grand Champion, O. K. Alexander, Brandon; Reserve, Henry Allen, Turkey Creek. Females—Grand Champion, Eldridge Lowery, Jr., DeLand; Reserve, Billy Kinner, St. Cloud.

Brahman

Brahman: Bull—Grand Champion, Rodney Hammond, Winter Haven. Female—Grand Champion, Bartow FFA Chapter.

Hereford

Hereford: Bulls—Grand Champion, Ft. Pierce FFA Chapter; Reserve, George Culverhouse, Ft. Pierce. Females—Grand Champion, Ft. Meade FFA Chapter; Reserve, George Culverhouse.

Santa Gertrudis

Santa Gertrudis Female—Grand and Reserve Champion, Pinecrest FFA Chapter.

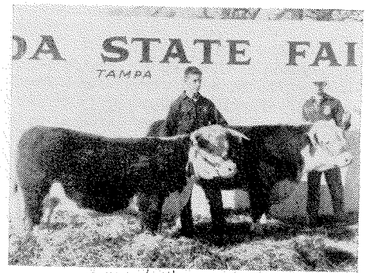
Florida Cattleman Showmanship Award—Eldridge Lowery, Jr., DeLand.

Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association Beef Herdsmen's Award: Don Weber, Ft. Pierce.

In the Youth Poultry and Egg Show at the Florida State Fair, there were a total of 551 birds and 344 dozen eggs. Of these, 222 birds and 246 dozen eggs were entered by Future Farmers.

Sam O'Quinn, Superintendent of the Show, expresses his thanks to the Vocational Agricultural Teachers for the outstanding participation of the Future Farmers in making it the most successful show held at the Fair.

FFA Angus champions at Tampa are shown in this photo: at left, Bobby Lowery, DeLand, with Eldridge W. Lowery, Jr.'s heifer; at right, Bill Kinner, St. Cloud, with O. K. Alexander's top bull.



FFA Hereford champions at Tampa were: at left, Francis Hancock with Fort Meade FFA heifer; at right, Roger Miller is shown holding the Fort Pierce FFA Chapter's registered bull entry.

Grand Prizes in FFA Division

Best bird in show—Douglas Sipple, Hillsborough - Tampa, Best Cockerel—Harry Samol, Hialeah, Best pullet—Sipple, Best cock bird—Charles Waller, Bartow, Premier Exhibitor—Sipple.

(Douglas Sipple received the State Poultry Association Trophy and $10.00 cash prize from the State Fair)

FFA Poultry Judging

1st place—$25.00—Tie between Ocala (Warren Payne, Richard Perry, Jerry Arthur) and Plant City, Jr. (Jerry Humphrey, Charles Eldridge and Richard Hale); 3rd place—$15.00—Miami Jackson; 4th place—$10.00—Ocala-Silver Springs; 5th place—$5.00—North Miami.

FFA Egg Judging Contest

1st place—$10.00 and Egg Commission Plaque—Tampa-Franklin (Allen Boykin, Gregory Zeikus and Thomas Folsom); 2nd place—$7.50—Ft. Myers; 3rd place—$5.00—Hialeah.

The Ocala Chapter had the highest combined score in judging poultry and eggs and will represent the state in National competition at the National FFA

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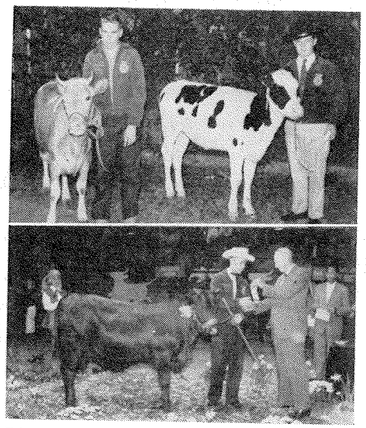
Champ FFA Brahmans at Tampa. John Lichenwalter holds Bartow FFA's cow, Rodney Hammondholds his bull.



Photos from top to bottom show Buddy Hull, Gainesville Chapter, with his Blue Ribbon Grade Guernsey Heifer, and Charles Maskolunas, Bartow, with his Blue Ribbon Grade Holstein. • Franklin Allen exhibiting Pinecrest FFA Grand Champion Santa Gertrudis Heifer and receiving rosette from H. E. Wood, State FFA Adviser, during the Parade of Champions.

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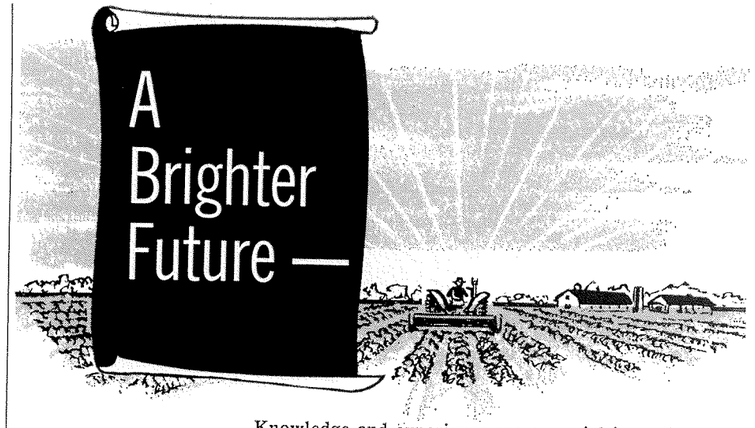

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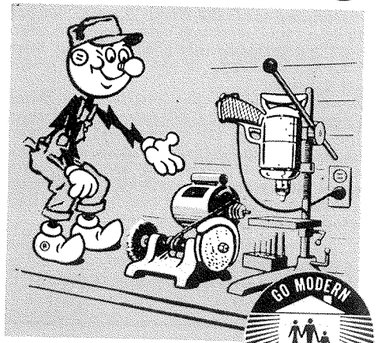

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State President's Call

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-second Annual State Convention to meet at Daytona Beach, Florida, June 14 through June 18, 1960.

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 accomplisehd many outstanding things this past year and at this, our thirty-second 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-second annual convention, a fitting climax for this year's activities.

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State President
Florida Association, FFA

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Livestock Shows

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Convention in October, in Kansas City.

Gainesville Livestock Show and Sale

THE GRAND Champion of the show, an Angus weighing 970 pounds, was led by Paul Bryant of the Trenton FFA, and sold to Publix Markets for the top price, $1.01 a pound, a total of $950. It was Bryant's first entry in any show. He also won the gain-in-weight contest, his steer gaining 330 pounds in 100 days.

Murray Teuton, Gainesville FFA Chapter won the showmanship contest.

Blue ribbon winners in the show were: Paul Bryant, Trenton; Tommy McFarland, Santa Fe Chapter at Alachua; Barry Green, Newberry; Murray Teuton, Gainesville; Victor Gago, Gainesville; Bronson FFA Chapter; Charlie Dowling, Gainesville; Bradford Chapter, Starke; Phil Pons, Ocala.

North Florida Livestock Show and Sale—Madison

THE RESERVE Grand Champion, a Hereford, weighed 843 pounds, and was shown by Phillip Odom, Live Oak FFA member. It was sold to Winn-Dixie Stores of Madison at 53 cents a pound for a total of $477.

Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Youth Champion was a Duroc shown in the 160-180 pound class by Chuck Butler of the Jennings FFA and sold to Swift and Company at 40 cents a pound.

FFA Blue Ribbon Barrows

Youth 220-240—Lee FFA Chapter; Gary Bryant, Greensboro; Dean Fenn, Greensboro; and Benny Fenn, Greensboro.

Youth pens-of-three — Delbert Blair (youth champion), Greenville; Lee FFA Chapter.

FFA Blue Ribbon Steers

Youth heavyweights — Delbert Blair (grand champion); Jimmy Cunningham, Tom Coody, Madison; Irwin Ulm, Madison; Eugene Williams, Pinetta; Jennings FFA Chapter.

Youth middleweights — Philip Odom (reserve grand champion), Live Oak;

Youth lightweights — Paul Braswell, Greenville.

Suwannee River Livestock Show—Fanning Springs

AN ANGUS shown by FFA member Larry Studstill of Trenton topped the list at 873 pounds in the middleweight division. It was bought by Copeland Sausage Company, Alachua, at 45 cents a pound, bringing $393. Second place went to an 858-pound Hereford led by Bob Johnson, also of the Trenton FFA chapter, and bought by Lancaster Oil Company, Trenton for $335, at 39 cents a pound.

Chiefland FFA member J. B. Griffith won first place in the showmanship contest. James Harper, Chiefland FFA, placed second, and Doyle Swilley, Bronson Chapter, third.

In the judging contest, Chiefland Chapter team took first place, Bronson second, and Trenton third. The three high individual judges in order of placing were James Harper, Eli Beasley and Otto Starling.

Allen Polk of the Trenton Chapter won first place in the gain-in-weight contest with a steer whose average daily gain was 2.08 pounds.

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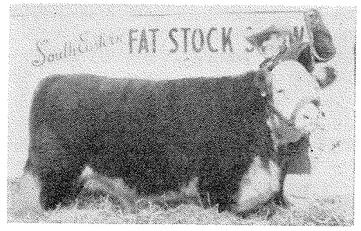
THE GRACEVILLE FFA Chapter Swine Unit Project was recommended to receive one of the Improving Agriculture and Leadership Awards for the amount of $365.76. Their total project will cost $1,087.00. The swine unit will consist of a farrowing house with pens and a pig parlor. The entire unit will have a concrete floor with a drain and automatic waterers. The value to the community will be through the improving of the breeding of hogs, demonstrating improved practices in handling breeding stock and finishing hogs for the market. It will also give better conditions and equipment for instructing Vocational Agriculture students (in-school and out-of-school) in handling and feeding hogs. This will strengthen the supervised farming programs of chapter members.

The Apopka FFA Chapter is given one of the Improving Agriculture and Leadership Awards to assist in building and completing a $4200 Fernery and Ornamental Slat Shed. The Nurserymen of the community financed the building of the $2400 shed; donations from other businesses and individuals amounted to about $500; with the Chapter financing the remainder of the cost. The value to the community will be in giving training and experience to Vocational Agriculture students in nursery work and fitting them for gainful employment in agriculture; giving them a background for the study of horticulture in college and helping them to grow into a business. They will test new methods and materials which will help to improve supervised farming programs of Vocational Agriculture students and improve public relations between school and community.

The Lake Wales FFA Chapter was awarded one of the Improving Agriculture and Leadership Awards to be used toward the establishment of a propagation shed and equipment, which will cost approximately $1,000. The Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee, the Lake Wales High School and FFA Chapter are financing the difference between the award and the total cost.

It will enable land laboratory practices to be done after proper classroom instruction. Then the chapter will be able to carry out a plan of landscaping in the city, including the six schools in the area. Also, the members will have some shrubs with which to beautify their homes.



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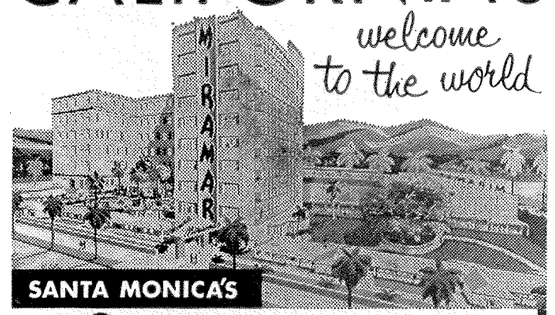

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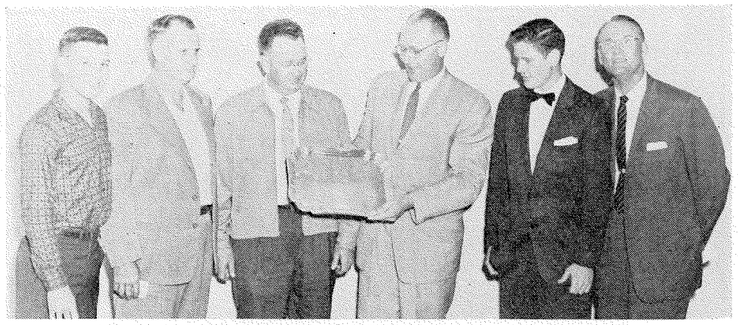

Corn Growing Contest Award Winners Roy Haufler; brothers Ernest and Eugene Haufler; Finley Cannon, C. of C. President, who presented the Grand Prize, a Silver Tray; Raymond Haufler, and Congressman D. R. Matthews.

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Alachua C of C Honors Corn Growing Winners

At a recent Banquet in Alachua, the Chamber of Commerce honored the Haufler brothers, Ernest, Eugene and Oscar, for producing 161.98 bushels of corn per acre. Ed Turlington, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Gainesville noted that the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, H. E. Wood, had taught Ernest, Charles and Eugene back in 1932-33. In checking his Vocational Agriculture Notebook, he noted that the average yield of corn in Florida was 8-1/4 bushels per acre, with the note that one of the specific practices that pay included planting peanuts in every other row. As you can see, they have made great changes in the business of farming as proven through their corn yield.

The Haufler Brothers were dairymen, farming on the edge of Payne's Prairie when in school. Immediately after World War II, they purchased a 2,000 acre plantation on the Glen Springs road extension. They divided the work. Oscar, home from the War drove the bulldozer and cleared the land. Ernest and Eugene prepared and cultivated. All worked at the harvest.

The Hauflers have their own sawmill, purebred cattle, and this year are putting in a feed and mixing mill. Raymond Haufler, Eugene's boy, is an 11th grader in Gainesville High School. Roy Haufler, Ernest's son, is a 10th grade student. The boys had Hereford steers in the Gainesville Show and both have received cash awards for corn yields of 143.65 and 143.11 bushels per acre.

Naturally, the Teacher was proud to see the Haufler brothers win these high awards, but probably his greatest satisfaction comes from knowing that they are successfully established in farming and are respected citizens of their community today. Where should Raymond and Roy as present day students set their goal for corn production? They will have to be creative in their ideas and procedures to find another "break through" that would equal their Dad's.

The record corn crop was planted on clay loam and loam soil, broken fairly deep. 400 pounds of 4-7-5 fertilizer was applied at planting. Coker 811 and Florida 200 seed were used. Highest yield was from Florida 200. The rows were 42" apart and seeded 14" in the drill (corn had suckers that produced well). Planting started March 20th, with the first cultivation when the plants were 6" high and side dressed with 160 pounds of ammonia nitrate. It was later cultivated at 18"-24" high and 125 pounds of a mixture of 4-12-16 was used to side dress it.

Sportsmen's Clubs Awards

Florida Sportsmen's Clubs Conservation Awards, State Winners in various categories were: Adult Guidance and Junior Conservation Effort—D. R. Allen, Director of Instruction, Alachua County, Gainesville; Game and Fresh Water Fish Conservation—Hon. Bob Sikes, Crestview; Junior Conservationist—Walter Yonge III, Anthony; Soil Conservationist—E. E. Carter, Vero Beach; Forestry Award—J. C. "Buddy" Camp, Jasper; Outdoor Writer Award—Church Schilling, Jensen Beach; Salt Water Conservationist—Maitland Adams, Key West; Club Public Relations—Wild Life Conservation League, Palm Beach County.

Other Regional Award Winners who are either in Vocational Agriculture or Future Farmer work are: Fresh Water Fish and Game Commission Award—Eugene Doss, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Mulberry; Club Public Relations—W. E. Moore, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Largo; Junior Conservationists—State FFA President Randy Kincaid, Lake Wales, Charles Beck, Chiefland, Gary Hue Cook, Escambia Farms, and Claude Daigle, Jr., South Dade Chapter; and Forestry Award—M. C. Roche, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Ocala.

Governor LeRoy Collins presented the awards and congratulated the winners for their outstanding work, while Dr. H. R. Wilber, DeLand, presided over the annual dinner in Tallahassee. The awards are under the auspices of the Florida Wildlife Federation and sponsored by Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Nathan Mayo

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positions, agricultural meetings, contests and conventions that he attended throughout the state. He was always ready, willing and able to be on hand where youngsters got together and competed against each other in one phase or another of agriculture. He was particularly interested in the livestock shows where beef and dairy cattle, hogs, chickens, rabbits and other farm animals were exhibited by their proud owners. It was hard for him to leave such an affair without talking personally to every youngster that he could. Incidentally, he kept this same attitude all during life and always made such young folks feel right at home whether he met them in the street or in his office in the State Capitol.

While he'll be known more for the many progressive programs that he has put into effect for agriculture, and the work that he has done on behalf of the development and attraction of new industries, the building of a permanent population and the fostering of a constantly increasing tourist trade, in the hearts of the many youngsters that he has helped throughout the years, he'll always be remembered as their "Friend."

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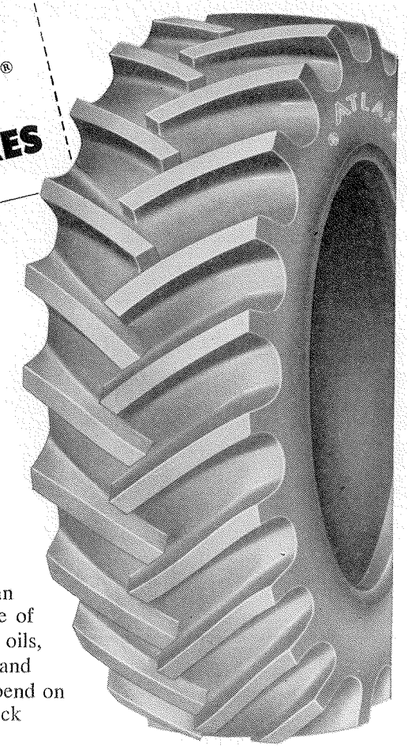

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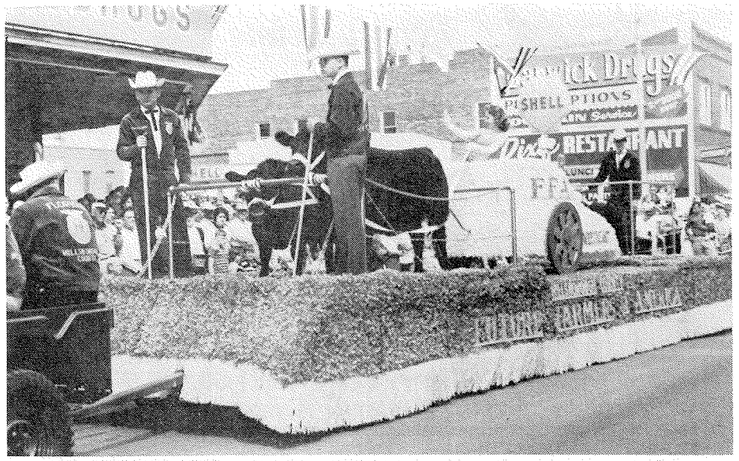
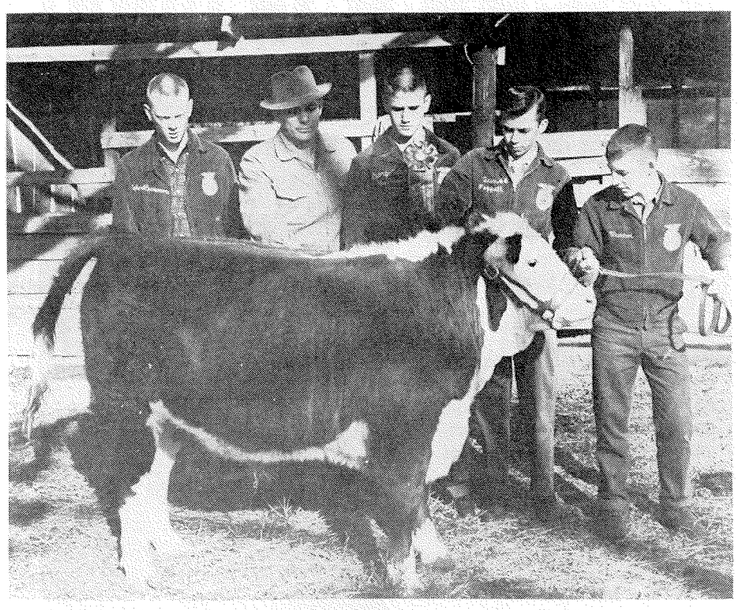


Hillsborough County Future Farmer of America Float which was in the WTFJ Florida Strawberry Festival Parade at Plant City and the Lakeland Diamond Jubilee Founders Day Parade. Riding in the Chariot is Carol Ferlita, County FFA Sweetheart and 1959 Sweetheart of the Hillsborough High School FFA Chapter.

Congratulations to the Quincy FFA State Champion Livestock Judging Team



The State Champion Quincy FFA Livestock Judging Team at the Florida State Fair. Left to right: Walter Maxwell; J. C. McCall, Adviser; Jack Ford; Fain Poppell, and Mike Munroe.

Quincy State Champion Livestock Judging Team

Walter Maxwell, 16 years of age and a junior in Quincy High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maxwell, Gretna, Florida which is a town about five miles from Quincy. He has shown six steers at the Northwest Florida Fat Cattle Show and has a good record in the gain in weight contests each year. He has been a member of the Quincy Chapter judging team for three years which has made a good showing several times. He was treasurer of the chapter one year. He is also interested in Landrace hogs and has won some ribbons. Walter is very much interested in football.

Jack Ford, 16 years old and a sophomore in Quincy High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ford of Rt. 2, Quincy. He has shown three steers at the North West Florida Show. Dairy Cattle are Jack's first love and his major project; he has a small herd of high quality Jerseys. He entered five cows and heifers at the Florida State Fair and won the Grand and Reserve Champion in the FFA division, also the Florida Dairy Trophy for the outstanding FFA Exhibit of dairy cattle.

Mike Munroe, 14 year old freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Munroe. He has as his project: ½ acre of shade tobacco, ½ acre sweet potatoes, 10 acres of corn and one show steer. He is a member of the parliamentary procedure team for the second year. He has won several ribbons in the Beef Cattle Shows. He was a chapter delegate to the National Convention in Kansas City this year.

Fain Poppell, age 15 and a freshman at Quincy High School has 20 head of steers and five acres of corn for his project. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Poppell. He was a member of the Quincy Parliamentary Procedure Team that competed at the State Convention in 1959, and he is looking forward to this years Convention.

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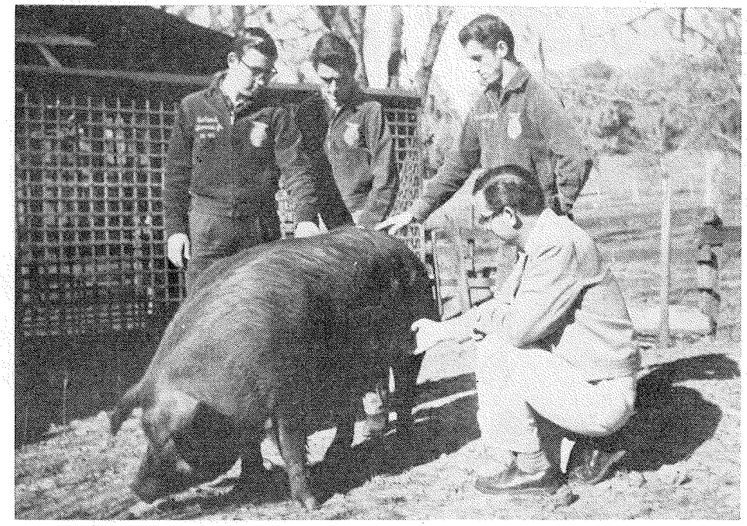
Reddick State Champion Swine Judging Team

Roland Thomas, 17-year-old Junior in the North Marion High School at Reddick includes in his supervised farming program this year a Duroc gilt, steer, beef heifer, and poultry. He has been active in Future Farmer work and attended the Forestry Camp at Camp O'Leno.

Howard Pruitt, 17-year-old Junior, has 4 cows now as a result of starting with one in his first year of Vocational Agriculture. He lists participation in Parliamentary Procedure and being a Beef Judge as being the two most important items in his Future Farmer activities.

Billy Butler, 17-year-old Senior, has two acres of vegetables. He is a member of the FFA Quartet.

Ed Leitner, 16-year-old Freshman, is the alternate on the Judging Team.



The State Champion Reddick FFA Swine Judging Team. Left to right: Roland Thomas, Howard Pruitt, and Billy Butler. Alternate not pictured: Ed Leitner.

Congratulations to the Reddick FFA State Champion Swine Judging Team

Hialeah State Champion Dairy Cattle Judging Team

Lee Watson, 17 years of age, is a senior at Hialeah Senior High School. In three years, he has had two steer projects and worked on a dairy farm during the summer. The first steer sold for 33 cents a pound at Tampa. The other placed third at the Dade County Fat Stock Show and sold for $1.00 a pound. Lee also had projects in nursery and crops.

Mike Whalen, a 17 year old senior at Hialeah Senior High School. is completing his third year in Vocational Agricdlture. He has been judging livestock for three years. At the Dade County Youth Fair one of his Angus steers was Grand Champion, selling for $2,400. Mike raised 500 nursery plants, had two laying flocks of 200 Leghorn hens, and had several crops on projects. He worked with dairy cattle most of his life until he moved to Hialeah four and one half years ago.

Richard Byrd, 17 year old senior at Hialeah High School. This year Richard had a steer which brought him the honor of receiving an award from the American Shorthorn Breeders Association for having the top Shorthorn steer, and a dairy heifer which received honors as Reserve Grand Champion at the Dade County Youth Fair. Other projects he has had are: a 3,000 plant nursery project; 350 laying hens; and a garden. Richard is Vice President of his chapter and has represented his chapter in many contests.

Harry Samol, 17 years of age, is the President of the Hialeah FFA Chapter, and in his third year of Vocational Agriculture. He has had numerous projects: three projects of chickens, totaling about 500 hens; half interest in a ten-head herd of beef cattle; and 1/5 acre of beans. Harry has been very active in chapter activities and won the State Harmonica Playing Contest at Daytona Beach, Florida in 1959.

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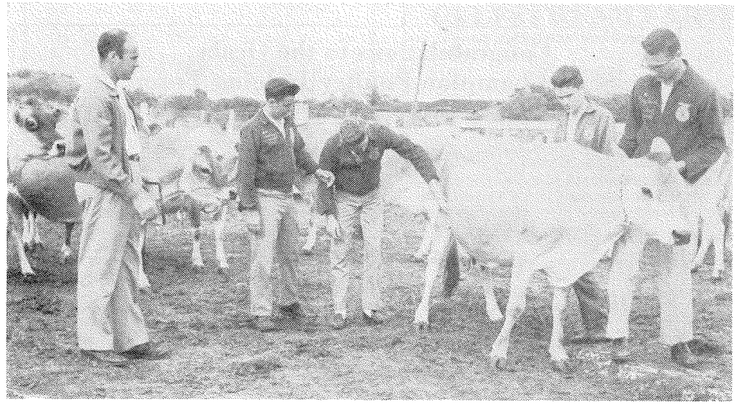

State Champion Hialeah FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Team. (Left to right): B. G. Cromer, Adviser; Richard Byrd; Lee Watson; Mike Whalen; and Harry Samol, alternate.

Nathan Mayo's Best Known Joke

POPULARIZING fever tick eradication, which decimated Florida's herds in the late 20s and early 30s, led to the repetition at many cattlemen's meetings of what probably became Nathan Mayo's best-known joke:

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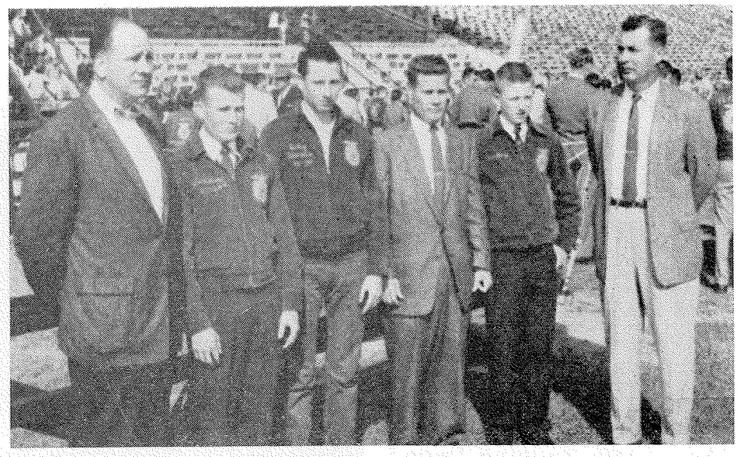
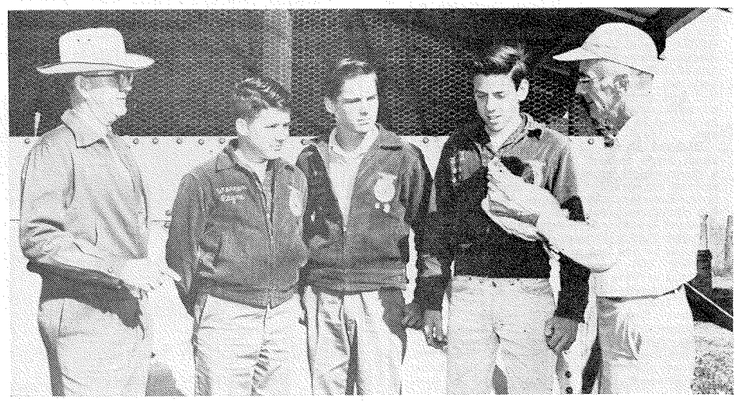


Jack Turner, Branch Ass't. of Forestry Management, Florida Forestry Service, who presented the State Naval Stores Award of $125 to John A. Williams, and a $25 Savings Bond to District Winner Billy Thomas, Baker County FFA Chapter at Macclenny, and their Adviser, Alan Harvey. Houston Taff of the Crawfordville Chapter received $5 as Chapter Winner and $25 Savings Bond as District Winner, and his Adviser, E. Shepard Young. Now is the time to submit 1960 Naval Stores entry.—Bill Hodges Photo



The State Champion Ocala FFA Poultry Judging Team: Left to right, Adviser M. C. Roche, Warren Payne, Richard Perry, Jerry Arthur, and Roy Arthur, Manager, Sunnybrook Poultry Farms.

Congratulations to the Ocala State Champion Poultry Judging Team

All members of the State Poultry Judging Team are sixteen years old and Sophomores in the Ocala High School. Pat Harrison will be the alternate on the trip to Kansas City to participate in the National Contest during the National FFA Convention. They are active in various FFA Contest and Activities, participated in the Egg Show at the Florida State Fair and have poultry in their Supervised Farming Program.

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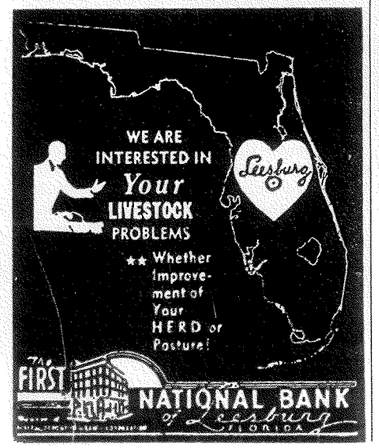

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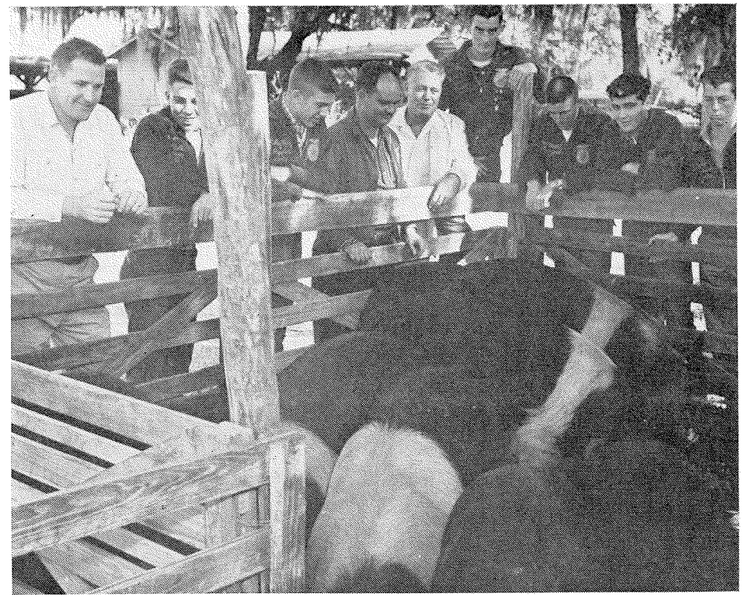

Pictured are some of the ideal, certified meat type boars of excellent quality that were distributed to farmers in the Bell and Trenton communities by Lykes Brothers through Leonard Cobb, Gilchrist County Agent and Herbert Brown, Vocational Agriculture Teacher in Trenton.

Bruce Alford

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aged 2.22 with the broilers sold almost exactly at three pounds.

Other enterprises in his supervised project program include a beef steer, a Tamworth boar and five acres of corn. He's a member of the Walton F.F.A. parliamentary procedure, livestock, poultry and hay, grain and forage judging team.

Bruce follows the customary approved safety measures in his broiler houses and gas-fired brooders. He burns any dead birds to reduce the hazard of diseases.

FFA Day

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Richard Byrd, with their Adviser, B. G. Cromer, will represent Florida at the National Dairy Congress in Waterloo, Iowa, under the sponsorship of the Tribune Company (Tampa Tribune, WFLA and WFLA-TV).

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