

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Four meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the past year, President R. S. Edsall presiding as Chairman.

On January 16, 1953 in Winter Haven:

The By-Laws pertaining to the duties of the Auditing Committee were interpreted as follows: said committee to select a certified public accountant to audit the books and approve the report to the Treasurer for presentation at the annual meeting.

For safeguard against loss by fire, three sets of the Proceedings have been sent for storage at the Gulf Coast Experiment Station in Bradenton. An additional set will be stored at the Citrus Experiment Station in Lake Alfred.

Comments on the 1952 annual meetings of the Society in St. Petersburg indicated that emphasis should be placed on attendance at the business meeting. It was further suggested that the meetings close officially at noon on the third day. Those sections normally scheduling papers after that time should schedule a session on the afternoon of the opening day.

After considering invitations from Winter Haven, Orlando, Miami and Daytona Beach, it was moved and carried that the 1953 meetings of the Society be held at the Princess Isseña Hotel in Daytona Beach, November 3-5.

On June 5 in Winter Haven it was moved and carried:

That the Society contribute \$50 towards the cost of painting a portrait of Emeritus Provost and Dean H. Harold Hume.

That each sectional vice president at his own discretion might prepare mimeograph copies of abstracts of papers to be presented at his section, such abstracts to be available at the registration desk.

That this Executive Committee go on record as favoring the so-called "New Miller Bill" as introduced by Congressman Miller as HR-4277 and Senator Aiken as SB-1542, in principle as constructive legislation; copies of this resolution to be sent to the Florida delegation in Congress, Congressman A. L. Miller and Senator George D. Aiken.

On October 2 in Daytona Beach:

It was agreed that the policy of the Society prohibiting commercial displays and exhibits be continued.

The Nominating Committee as suggested by the sectional Vice Presidents was approved.

A committee, consisting of George M. Wedgworth, Frank L. Holland and Howard A. Thullbery, was authorized to consider possible legislation pertaining to the regulating of commercial operators dealing with the application of agricultural pesticides and to make such recommendations as it may see fit.

On November 3 in Daytona Beach it was moved and carried:

That the Treasurer be authorized to sell all U.S. Government Series F and G bonds in the Endowment Fund and reinvest said money in U. S. Government bonds Series K which bear a higher rate of interest.

That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase three \$1000 Series K bonds from operating funds, these bonds to be held in reserve until needed for operational expenditures.

That the Publication Committee be authorized to award the contract for printing the 1953 Proceedings to the Stuart Daily News, Inc. That this Executive Committee go on record as being opposed to the so-called "spot checking" of baggage for agricultural material as now followed at all points of entry into Florida from foreign countries.

Respectfully submitted

Ernest L. Spencer,
Secretary

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Daytona Beach, Florida

November 4, 1953

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 by President R. S. Edsall.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. L. Rogers McLain as printed elsewhere in the Proceedings was read and accepted.

The report of the Executive Committee by Dr. Ernest L. Spencer, Secretary was accepted as read.

Mr. G. Dexter Sloan reported on the activities of the Florida Agricultural Council.

The resolutions as listed elsewhere in this Proceedings were accepted as read by D. K. Richardson of the Resolution Committee.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Dr. M. K. Veldhuis, Chairman. The nominees as listed at the front of this Proceedings were unanimously elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society has been one of unusual pleasure and profit, and

WHEREAS: This has been made possible only by the untiring effort of those responsible for the local arrangements:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Florida State Horticultural Society, that the Society express its thanks and deep appreciation to:

1. President R. S. Edsall, Vice-Presidents J. R. Graves, Dr. Philip J. Westgate, D. W. Riestler, Joseph P. Biebel, R. Bruce Ledin, Secretary Ernest L. Spencer, Treasurer L. Rogers McLain for the excellent service they have rendered this organization during the past year,
2. Mr. John E. Leonard and the staff at the Princess Isseña Hotel for their services and ready cooperation,
3. Mrs. Ed Gresham, president of the Halifax Council of Garden Clubs for table decorations,
4. Mr. W. Scott Pearsol, general manager of the Convention Bureau of Daytona Beach for his assistance,
5. The City of Daytona Beach and particularly Mayor John Tamm for special courtesies extended,
6. Dr. Philip J. Westgate and Dr. Joseph F. Biebel for arrangements in connection with the annual banquet,
7. Representatives of press and radio for help in publicizing the meeting.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The accomplishments of scientific agricultural research have given produce farmers the equipment and knowledge to maintain vegetable production or potential vegetable production at rates greater than ever before in the history of agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Such production capacity for vegetables has proven to be greater than peace time economic conditions can always absorb at prices profitable to the farmers, and

WHEREAS, One means to better coordinate vegetable production with consumer demand in a free economic system is better knowledge of crop conditions and marketing potentialities by all concerned, and

WHEREAS, Improved and increased national, state and local Crop Outlook information, encompassing all factors in the production and distribution system, may aid vegetable farmers to maintain planting schedules and production levels that will result in reasonable yet fair prices,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Florida State Horticultural Society in regular meeting at Daytona Beach this 4th day of November 1953 urges that the United States Department of Agriculture, the Florida State Department of Agriculture, the Florida Agricultural Extension Service and the Florida Agricultural Experiment Stations place increasing emphasis on providing the necessary factors which will enable farmers to be better informed and acquainted with market trends, competition, crop conditions and economic demand.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the attention of the Southern Plant Board has been directed to the fact that the Bureau of Customs has issued instructions to Customs districts to revise the present practices in the examination of passengers' baggage for a 6-months' trial period—May through October; and

WHEREAS, plant quarantine inspectors are enabled to effectively intercept plants and plant products carried in passengers' baggage only through the close cooperation of Customs inspectors; and

WHEREAS, the reason for the effort which is now being made to weaken or break down the entry procedures that interfere with free movement of traffic to and from other countries, with less interference from government officials, appears trivial in comparison to the security now provided by the services; and

WHEREAS, an examination of every piece of passengers' baggage is necessary in order to be certain no plants, fruits, seeds, or plant products of any kind are brought into the United States, which materials may possibly carry insects or plant diseases dangerous to the crops of this country; and

WHEREAS, the crops of this country constitute the foundation upon which the prosperity of the United States is based; and

WHEREAS, it is a matter of record that dangerous insects and plant diseases are frequently intercepted in passengers' baggage at the ports of the United States, and that some travelers will go to great lengths to conceal plants or plant products; and

WHEREAS, quarantine inspectors at various maritime ports of the United States have, within the past few months, intercepted many times fruits infested with dangerous fruit flies, including the extremely serious Oriental fruit fly, which has now become established in the Hawaiian Islands, and the Mediterranean fruit fly, which was introduced into Florida many years ago and eradicated from that State at a cost to Federal and State governments of several million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the discovery of the presence of such major plant pests as the Mediterranean fruit fly and other fruit flies, citrus canker, or citrus blackfly, with attendant publicity when eradication campaigns are launched, can present a serious threat to the economic structure of a State and also of larger areas; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY in regular session at Daytona Beach, Florida, this 4th day of November, 1953, that it go on record as being opposed to any relaxation or modification of baggage examination at any ports of the United States, since this will destroy one of the country's greatest defenses against threats to its economic security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Florida State Horticultural Society be and hereby is instructed to send copies of this Resolution to the Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, United States Department of Agriculture; to the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. J. Earl Coke, to Williard M. Fifield, Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Stations, Mr. H. G. Clayton, Director of the Florida Agricultural Extension Service, and Ed L. Ayers, Commissioner, Florida State Plant Board.

**FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 1, 1953**

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand January 1, 1953		\$ 6,952.65
Membership Fees:		
Annual—1952	\$ 40.00	
Annual—1953	1,832.00	
Annual—1954	20.00	
Sustaining—1952	10.00	
Sustaining—1953	1,470.00	
Sustaining—1954	30.00	
Total Membership Fees	\$3,402.00	
Proceedings & Miscellaneous	1,269.54	
Total Receipts		4,671.54
Total to be Accounted for		\$11,624.19

DISBURSEMENTS:

Proceedings expense 1952	\$3,242.36
Convention expense 1952	4.53
Convention expense 1953	72.88
Stationery, printing & Postage 1952	1,019.33
Stationery, printing & Postage 1953	86.90
Miscellaneous expense 1952	81.00
Miscellaneous expense 1953	93.65
Total Disbursements	\$4,600.65

CASH IN THE PENINSULA STATE BANK OF TAMPA, NOVEMBER 1, 1953 \$ 7,023.54

REPORT TO THE FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ON FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee appointed by you to represent the Florida State Horticultural Society on the Florida Agricultural Council, consisting of Mr. George M. Wedgworth of Belle Glade, Mr. Kingswood Sprott of Lake Wales, Mr. Frank L. Holland of Winter Haven, Mr. Charles Wedding of St. Petersburg, and myself of Tampa, as Chairman, is privileged at your request to report to the Society on the activities of the Council during the preceding year.

The Florida Agricultural Council is now composed of twenty-one agricultural organizations representing practically every phase of agriculture in Florida. All of these organizations are interested in agriculture in general but more particularly in some certain phase of it, and it is through the bringing together of representatives of these twenty-one organizations into the Council that we are able to fully appreciate the value of agriculture to the state. Certainly through such an organization much more can be and is accomplished for agriculture than would be possible if each of the twenty-one member organizations were working independently.

Agriculture brings many millions of dollars to Florida; agriculture pays many millions of dollars in taxes. Agriculture must continue to expand. The Council well recognizes this and the Council well recognizes in order for it to do so some of those millions paid into the State Treasury in the form of taxes must be plowed back to agriculture in the form of research, education and protection. That is the real function of the Council and your committee feels that the Council has functioned well in this direction. Your committee feels that 1953 was the most successful year of the seven years of the Council's existence.

The Council began work early in 1952 in cooperation with Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, Provost of Agriculture; Mr. Williard M. Fifield, Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Stations; Mr. H. G. Clayton, Director of the Extension Service and spokesman for the State Soil Conservation Board; Dr. C. V. Noble, Dean of the College of Agriculture; Mr. Ed L. Ayers, State Plant Board Commissioner; and representatives of Livestock Sanitary Board

and Veterinary Profession; and others, in an effort to determine first, the budgetary needs of agriculture, and second, what Florida could afford to spend for its agricultural industry.

Several meetings were held by the Council with the gentlemen above named. In at least two meetings Dr. J. Hillis Miller, President of the University of Florida and as such head of all the various departments contained therein, met with us. There were several executive meetings held by the Council representatives. As a result of these many meetings an over-all budget request was agreed upon. This budget was accepted by the Council and it was accepted by the various agricultural service organizations subsequently meeting with us. The portion relating to University of Florida agricultural units however, was not accepted by Dr. Miller, but Dr. Miller agreed to submit the Council's budget to the Board of Control along with his own.

It isn't necessary, Mr. President, to make this report long. We said in the beginning we felt 1953 was the most successful year of the Council. It was made successful by two outstanding events: First, was the fact that the late Governor McCarty called in January of this year, some ninety days before the convening of the Legislature, a combined meeting of the Budget Commission composed of the Governor and his Cabinet, and the Appropriations Committees of both the Senate and the House. Representatives of your Council were privileged to appear before this joint meeting and submit the Council's budget for agriculture. It is only fair to say that Dr. Miller, and this is no criticism of Dr. Miller because he had views different from the Council, submitted his own budget which would have materially reduced the amount of money spent in agricultural work by the University. The Council's budget was unanimously approved by the Budget Commission, the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House, and in that form was submitted to the Legislature.

From that point it was necessary to see that the members of the Legislature understood what agriculture was asking for and why it was asking for it. This responsibility fell on Mr. W. R. "Buster" Hancock, Chairman of the

Legislative Committee. It is fortunate we have young men of Buster's qualifications interested in the agricultural field. He did a magnificent job. The Legislature approved all of the operating budgets we asked for along with University buildings, plus \$110,000 for physical maintenance of the State 4-H Club camps located throughout the State.

G. D. SLOAN
Chairman



NECROLOGY

CARL C. WILLIAMS

1878-1953

Born in Porter County, Indiana on March 30, 1878.

Wife, Mabel Bates Williams, died in 1949.

Career included newspaperman, speaker of note, economist, governmental official and civic leader.

Educated in public and normal schools.

Williams was engaged in newspaper work from reporter to editor in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Denver, Colorado, from 1899 to 1905.

1926 appointed to United States Board of Mediation. In 1929 appointed to membership on Federal Farm Board serving until 1933.

Served on and as: Asst. Secretary of Colorado State Commercial Association; Asst. Secretary of Colorado State Realty Association; Editor of Scientific Farmer; Asst. Secretary International Dry-Farming Congress; Editor Oklahoma Farmers' Stockman's 1913-1932.

Director, Oklahoma Cotton Growers Association; Director, Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association; Director, Oklahoma Publishing Company; Director, Liberty National Bank of Oklahoma City; President, Southwest Wheat Growers Association; President, American Cotton Growers Exchange; President, American Agriculture Editors Association; Vice President, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives Marketing Association; Member World Trade Commission; Oklahoma War Finance Corporation; Executive Council of National Wheat Committee.

Cited for public service by Presidents Harding, Coolidge and Hoover and by State Legislatures of Oklahoma and Texas.

Passed away in Fort Pierce, Florida, on June 7, 1953.

CHARLES CLEMENTS COMMANDER

For more than a quarter of a century Charles Clements Commander has been properly ranked as one of the outstanding leaders in the citrus industry of the United States, and generally recognized as the foremost figure in Florida citrus industry.

Mr. Commander was born January 23, 1886, at Dawson, Terrel County, Georgia, and was educated in the public schools of Enigma, Georgia.

Entering the business world at the very early age of thirteen, his first job was that of water-boy, and next as a sawmill hand at Heartease, Georgia. It was not long before his inherent capabilities for marketing and merchandising began to manifest themselves. His first work in this field was as a clerk in a general store at Macon, Georgia, from which he transferred into the fruit and vegetable business in Arkansas and Missouri.

In 1903 he came to Terra Ceia, in Manatee County, Florida, where he began his career in the State's most famous industry. In 1906 he enrolled at the Richmond Business College in Savannah, Georgia, where he completed a course in business administration in 1907. In 1909 he became connected with the Florence Citrus Growers Association, at Florence Villa, Florida, where he worked in every department of packing house operation from grader, packer, and foreman on up to the position of manager.

In 1923, Mr. Commander was made Manager of the Polk County Citrus Sub-Exchange, a member of the Florida Citrus Exchange, and his work in that position so established his executive and administrative ability, as well as his knowledge of citrus marketing and merchandising, that he was appointed General Manager of the Exchange in 1925, a position which he held until 1951 when he was retired under the Exchange's retirement plan. No greater tribute to or recognition of his outstanding ability could have been paid Mr. Commander than that evidenced by the action of the Board of Directors of the Exchange in retaining him as Advisory Counsel to the Exchange. The head of one of the largest fruit auction companies in the country once referred to Mr. Commander as the outstanding "brain" in the National citrus picture. During his long service as General Manager of the Exchange, he was the recipient of many honors and honorary appointments, both at the State and National level. He rendered outstanding service as a member of the American Fruit and Vegetable Association, serving as its Vice President and member of its Ex-

ecutive Committee and Trade Relations Committee.

Throughout his life Mr. Commander has been recognized as a keen and noted sportsman and what little spare time he had was devoted to the sports he liked best, which were swimming, fishing, bird hunting, and golf. His particular hobby was hunting and hunting dogs.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge,

Egypt Temple Shrine, B. P. O. Elks, Palma Ceia Golf Club, Tampa Yacht and Country Club, and Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla.

Mr. Commander was married to the former Rose Bailey, of Tampa, Florida, on June 11, 1917. They have one daughter, Betty Rose, the wife of Colonel Lucius D. Clay, Jr., son of General and Mrs. Lucius D. Clay. Colonel and Mrs. Clay have two sons. The family is affiliated with the Episcopal Church.