### SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

of the

# FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



held at

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
October 30, 31, and November 1
1951

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### Constitution

Article I—NAME—This organization shall be known as the Florida State Horticultural Society.

Article II—OBJECTIVE—The objective of this Society shall be the advancement and development of horticulture in Florida.

Article III—YEAR—The year shall begin January 1 and close December 31.

Article IV—CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP—There shall be three classifications of membership, all of which carry voting privileges:

A-Annual

B-Sustaining

C-Patron

Nothing in this article shall be construed as operating against or cancelling the privileges of Life Members accepted as Life Members prior to the adoption of this constitution.

Article V—ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBER-SHIP—Any individual, firm or partnership interested in the development and advancement of horticulture in Florida shall be eligible for membership.

Article VI—DUES—Dues shall be paid annually according to classification at rate as prescribed in By-laws.

Article VII—ANNUAL MEETING—The Society shall hold an annual meeting each year in accordance with the By-laws unless prevented from doing so by causes beyond its control.

Article VIII — SECTIONS — The Society shall be divided into sections representing various horticultural interests as provided in the By-laws.

Article IX—OFFICERS—The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President from each section, a Secretary, a Publication Secretary, an Editing Secretary, and a Treasurer, which officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the annual meeting and shall assume their respective offices at the beginning of the new year.

Article X—SUCCESSION—In the absence of the President or his inability to serve temporarily the Vice President of the Citrus Section shall serve instead. If the position of President is vacated, the Executive Committee shall designate his successor.

Article XI—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than 15 persons including all Officers above named, the others to be elected at same time and in same manner as prescribed in Article IX. The President shall be chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have authority to act for the Society between annual meetings.

Article XII—MEETINGS OF THE EXEC-UTIVE COMMITTEE—The Executive Committee shall meet upon call of the Chairman at such time and place as may be approved by a majority of the Committee. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee may be canvassed by mail and vote by ballot in like manner.

Article XIII—COMMITTEES—The President shall with the approval of the Executive Committee appoint all standing or special committees as provided in the By-laws.

Article XIV—DUTIES OF OFFICERS—The *President* shall be the official head of the Society to preside at all Executive Committee meetings and at the general session of the annual meeting. He shall be directly responsible to the Executive Committee and may be removed from office for cause by an affirmative vote of a majority of the full Executive Committee.

The Vice Presidents shall be members of the Executive Committee. The Vice President of the Citrus Section shall assume the duties of the President in the temporary absence of the President. The Vice Presidents of the various sections shall preside over the particular sections of which they are representatives at the annual meeting.

The Secretary shall record all records of all meetings of the Executive Committee and shall be responsible except as may otherwise be designated in the By-laws for recording and keeping proceedings of the annual meeting. He shall likewise issue and mail out statements of dues to the membership, notices of meetings and perform such other duties as ordinarily accrue to that position.

The Publication Secretary and Editing Secretary shall perform such duties as may be prescribed and authorized by the Executive Committee.

The *Treasurer* shall be responsible for all funds paid into the Society and shall issue and countersign all vouchers paying bills or accounts against the Society. The Treasurer shall be placed under bond in an amount determined by the Executive Committee, premium on which shall be paid by the Society.

Article XV-AMENDMENTS-This Con-

stitution may be amended at any annual meeting upon the recommendation of a majority of the Executive Committee when approved by a majority vote of the membership present.

Article XVI—EFFECTIVE DATE—This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval by a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting in October 1951.

### By-Laws

- 1. The Society's year shall begin January 1 and end December 31.
- 2. Dues—dues shall be paid annually for the current year and shall be payable to the Treasurer of the Society. Dues shall be as follows:

Annual Membership \$ 4.00 Sustaining Membership \$ 10.00 Patron Membership \$100.00

- 3. Annual Meeting—the Society shall hold an annual meeting in the fall of each year at a place and time selected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The order of business at the annual meeting shall be determined in advance each year by the Executive Committee.
- 4. The meetings of the Society shall be devoted only to horticultural topics, from scientific and practical standpoints, and the presiding officer shall rule out of order all motions, resolutions, and discussions tending to commit the Society to partisan politics or mercantile ventures.
- 5. SECTIONS—The Society shall consist of the following sections:

Citrus Section

Vegetable Section
Krome Memorial Institute
(Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits)
Ornamental and Floriculture Section
Processing Section

Other sections may be added on recommendation of a majority of the Executive Committee when approved by a majority vote of the membership present at an annual meeting.

#### COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee - The President not less than thirty days before the annual meeting shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of not less than two persons from each section, which committee shall make nominations at the annual meeting of the Officers and other members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year; Provided that the members representing various sections shall seek advice of each section in open meeting concerning the nomination of Vice President for that section. Such nominations by the committee however shall not preclude nominations from the floor. Program Committee-The Vice Presidents of the various sections shall constitute a Program Committee of which the President shall be the Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex officio members.

Auditing Committee—The President with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint an auditing committee which committee shall confer with the Treasurer in preparing an audit to be presented by the Treasurer at the annual meeting. The President shall appoint such other committees as may be deemed advisable and approved by the Executive Committee.

#### DEPOSITORY

The Executive Committee shall have authority to select a depository or establish a trusteeship for funds of the Society as it may deem in the best interest of the Society. All Patron Membership dues and all donations, unless otherwise specified by donor, shall be invested by the Treasurer in United States Government bonds. The earnings from these bonds shall be left as accrued values or reinvested in the United States Government bonds unless it is ordered by the Executive Committee of the Society that such earnings can be made available for operating expense.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

All bills before being paid shall be approved by the President, Secretary or Treasurer, and vouchers drawn to pay such bills shall be signed by the President or in his absence the Vice President of the Citrus Section and countersigned by the Treasurer.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

Any individual who has rendered especially meritorious service to the Society and to the advencement of horticulture in Florida may be designated by a two-thirds vote of the full Executive Committee and approved by a majority vote of the Society as an Honorary Member of the Society. Such honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

These By-laws may be amended at any annual meeting by an affirmative majority vote of the membership present when such amendments have been approved and recommended by a majority of the Executive Committee.

These By-laws shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the membership at the annual meeting in October, 1951.

### Award of Honorary Membership



#### CHARLES A. GARRETT

Mr. Charles A. Garrett, one of the grand old men of the citrus industry, was born in Canton Illinois in 1867. He came to Florida in November 1913. That year Florida produced 8,000,000 boxes of citrus fruit. Mr. Garrett was convinced in his own mind that this amount of fruit constituted overproduction and decided to head back to Georgia and grow cotton.

On the way from the state, however, he got off the train to spend the night in Kissimmee, Florida. He liked the place so well that he hunted up a realtor who sold him a cold midseason orange grove on the Shingle Creek near Kissimmee. There he and his good wife have lived until this day.

Mr. Garrett joined the Kissimmee Citrus Growers Association of the Florida Citrus Exchange, as soon as they adopted a season pool. He was soon elected Vice President and later President of this Association. He was next elected to the sub exchange and to Vice President and then President of this body. Later he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Citrus Exchange in Tampa.

For years he has personally conducted, largely at his own expense, a service which has been both historical and statistical in nature. His releases have been so valuable and filled with such human warmth as to create keen anticipation by everyone from one issue to the next.

Mr. Garrett was one of the original members of the Committee of Fifty which organized the Clearing House, the forerunner of Florida Citrus Mutual.

From the start Mr. Garrett fought for "color added" and opposed limiting the wording on oranges so stamped. His foresight in this regard is just now being appreciated.

Mr. Garrett has been married for fifty-seven of his eighty-four years. He says he owes his life to the good care Mrs. Garrett has given him through all these years.

For thirty-seven years he has been a keen and helpful member of the Florida State Horticultural Society and an active and tireless worker for everything that tends to advance the citrus industry or the State of Florida.

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#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

### G. DEXTER SLOAN Tampa

During the past sixty-three annual meetings of this great Society you have had many outstanding Presidents, gifted as orators, who have brought you many worthwhile messages. I am not an orator and I am ill-qualified to follow many of those eminent men who have addressed you in the past. However, if I can in the few minutes I expect to talk, and I promise you it won't be long, say something that may cause you to think and take action on at least one vital issue affecting our agricultural industry, I shall feel you have not suffered in vain.

Florida is not a wealthy state as compared with some of our other states. It does however have many advantages that cannot be statistically listed in the wealth column that cause it to stand out above any other state. We who are natives and those who through choice have made Florida their home recognize these many advantages. It is not my intention however, to talk about our advantages but rather some of our problems.

When we consider wealth we must consider those things which create wealth and the four wealth producing resources we have in Florida, in my estimation, are:

- Agriculture in its broadest phases including production of food, feed and our fisheries.
  - 2. Tourists
  - 3. Manufacturing
- 4. Forestry

We all recognize the importance to Florida of our tourist trade, and horticulture plays a most important part in this tourist trade. Beautiful flowers, shrubbery, palms, trees, lawns, parkways and the world's finest golf courses are some of the things which horticulture contributes to this important tourist industry.

Manufacturing in Florida adds each year many millions of dollars to our wealth. We want to see our manufacturing industry grow. We know however, because of our geographic location, we have some disadvantages that cannot be easily overcome. Therefore we want to use every means at our command to overcome those handicaps.

Forestry accounts for an amount in excess of 230 million dollars annual income to the State and with the reforestation of many of our cut-off acres this industry will grow.

Florida is an agricultural state and we are an agricultural organization. Our membership is made up of those dependent either directly or indirectly on agriculture for their well-being. Agriculture brought into Florida in 1950, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, an amount in excess of 498 millions of dollars which represents a substantial percentage of our total annual income. There are 56,840 farms in Florida with a population of 250 thousand. Our rural population in 1950 was 957,415 which represents approximately 34.5% of our total population. It is estimated, to operate these farms and process the agricultural products produced on them, employment is given to 192 thousand people. It is readily seen therefore we represent a very vital segment of Florida's economic life and because of that, we producers of agricultural products are responsible to a very large extent for the progress of our State.

We have seen the Florida citrus industry from a small beginning grow to the largest in the world. We have seen our winter vegetable industry grow to a point where it is equalled by no other state in the union. We. in recent years, have seen our floriculture develop in Florida to an extent a few years ago never dreamed possible. We have seen our cattle industry develop from a point of poor scrub cattle ranging over the land at large, infested with ticks and salt sick disease. develop to a point where we are now one of the first 12 states in cattle production, something a few decades back not dreamed of. Land that we then considered of no value whatsoever except to hold the world together now is seen in lush green pastures with herds of fine stock grazing on them.

This progress has not come without effort. It has not come without knowledge. It has not come without expensive research on the part of competent scientists, and it is going to continue to grow and prosper if we continue our research on sound lines. It is on that particular point that I wish to dwell principally.

Florida has invested in its Florida Agricultural Experiment Station system approximately 2¾ million dollars manned by some 420 personnel of which more than half are scientists engaged in research work, the others being non-scientific personnel. Its main station is located at Gainesville, staffed by well qualified executives and scientists, with 10 branch stations, at least 5 field laboratories and 4 mobile units, disbursed throughout the State covering agriculture in Florida from Pensacola to Homestead and from the east coast to the west coast.

I am not attempting to cover in this short address the entire field of our public agricultural organizations. I am not unmindful of the fine work the Florida Agricultural Extension Service is doing through its county agents and other personnel in disseminating to the agricultural producers of this State the findings of our research men. Neither am I unmindful of the fine job our College of Agriculture of the University of Florida is doing in training our young men and women to carry on where older men and women leave off. Also we would be guilty of a serious oversight if we failed to give credit to our own United States Department of Agriculture with their several stations and numerous personnel throughout the State at various points, working in many cases in cooperation with our own Florida Agricultural Experiment Stations.

The Society is pleased and proud that the United States Department of Agriculture's needs at Orlando have been met by the last session of Congress. The Society is among those that urged that their need be met for new buildings and facilities and we glory with them in securing these necessary facilities. We are most appreciative of the fine work done by other agricultural agencies throughout the State in this connection and we take our hats off to our Florida members of the Congress who successfully sponsored this project.

It is entirely possible that many of you have not stopped to think how well the field of agriculture in Florida is covered by our public agricultural organizations. These organizations are ours; they belong to the people of Florida—the tax-payers. They are of great importance to the well-being of all of us. It is through the work of the scientists

of these organizations that agriculture has been able to make the progress that it has made. It is through the work of the scientists of these organizations that we have seen land formerly considered waste-land transformed into cattle ranches, covered with nutritious grasses. It is through the work of these scientists that we have been able to combat disease and insects that otherwise might have made profitable production of many of our crops impossible.

Are we, as producers of agriculture, going to assume our rightful responsibility and see that this great agricultural system of ours is maintained at a level where it can continue to help us make further progress in our industry? I tell you our agricultural institutions are threatened, seriously threatened, and have been for the last several years. We like all other people in the United States have seen depression, prosperity and inflation. Business organizations operating successfully must be prepared to meet these situations as they arise. Likewise if we are to get the most out of our agricultural institutions they must be put in position to meet these situations.

During the past 21/3 years we have lost from our Agricultural Experiment Station system 41 top scientists. We have lost many other personnel. Personnel not in the scientific field can often be replaced without the loss of great efficiency but that is not the case with competent scientists. Something you may not realize is that because a scientist is extremely competent in another section of the country doesn't necessarily mean that he will be competent under Florida conditions until he has become familiar with conditions as they exist in Florida. I am told by those in whom I have confidence that when we lose a top scientist, no matter how competent the man succeeding him may be, it requires a minimum of two years for him to reach the point attained by the man he succeeded. If this is true then it holds that if we lose a man whose annual salary is \$6,000, we spend \$12,000 in getting another competent man up to the point where that man was when we lost him and we may have to pay more money to get a replacement. Is this economy?

It requires long years of study and hard work to become a competent scientist, just the same as it requires long years of hard work to become a competent physician. These scientists after their work becomes known are in great demand from institutions out of our state both public and private, and from industry. Their real value to us lies in our keeping them on the job in their scientific fields. We cannot do this unless we are prepared to meet a salary schedule at least equal to that of other agricultural institutions throughout the country.

During the last session of the Legislature there was appropriated for the operation of our State during the next biennium, or the next two years, from general revenue, \$270,-465,899 which does not include the road department. There was appropriated by the last Legislature from general revenue for the operation of our Experiment Station system, our Agricultural Extension Service and the State Plant Board in round figures, \$6,400,000. or 2.366% of the total appropriation. This is to cover the main industry in Florida-Agriculture, for the scientific research, dissemination of the findings of that scientific research and the protection of our horticultural investments and crops through our State Plant Board. I have not used the appropriation for the College of Agriculture because that appropriation is included in the University of Florida appropriation and is not easily separated from other colleges. Ι previously said have we  $2\frac{3}{4}$ million dollars in our Agricultural Experiment Station system; I did not include the amount we have invested in our Agricultural College of the University of Florida or our Extension Division, or our State Plant Board: neither did I include the percentages of turnover of valuable personnel in these branches of our agricultural institutions. I have used the Experiment Station system as an example of the cost and false economy.

Many of you members of the Society are engaged in business. The production of agricultural crops is a business. No business, be it manufacturing, agriculture or what-not, can exist successfully without each year reinvesting a part of its earnings back into its business. I have told you we invested during the last session of the Legislature in agriculture 2.366% of our total appropriation, in an industry that is vital to the economy of this State as well as to the Nation. CAN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS A BUSI-

NESS INSTITUTION AFFORD TO CON-TINUE THIS MISERLY MEETING OF THIS IMPORTANT PART OF ITS BUSI-NESS? THE ANSWER IS NO. BUSINESS PRINCIPLES DICTATE CLEARLY THAT THE LEGISLATURE OF OUR STATE MUST SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE WHICH THESE AGRICUL-TURAL SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONS GET OF THE TOTAL DOLLARS APPRO-PRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE. WE ARE NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE TAX BURDEN AND WE ARE NOT ADVOCAT-ING GREATER TAXES. WE ARE ADVO-CATING HOWEVER, MOST SERIOUSLY. BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF OUR TAX DOLLARS.

This is a question that is vital to all of us, the State and every citizen in it, and we, as members of this organization, should assume the responsibility of knowing that our law makers, the members of the Legislature, are acquainted with the honest facts as to the needs and particularly as to the business principles involved which are basic to the State's economy. This is the responsibility of each of us, as individuals, as members of this Society, and as members of other agricultural organizations engaged in, connected with or affected by agriculture.

There is another matter of great importance to Florida agriculture. During and since World War II you have seen developed and put into use many new pesticides. I don't need to go into the economic importance of these pesticides; you as growers know what they have accomplished for you. Take just one example—sweet corn. In 1945 practically no sweet corn was produced in Florida, not a sufficient amount to even list it among our agricultural crops. As a direct result however of the work done by the Entomology Department of the Experiment Station commercial control of corn ear worm was found possible through the use of DDT. DDT, plus new varieties, has resulted in the production of sweet corn that last year brought into this State in excess of 6 million dollars. That is a new industry and new income that we would not have had it not been for the use of one of these new pesticides. There are other instances as to crops and pesticides equally as outstanding.

It should be apparent to anyone that we

want no question as to the safety to consumers of the crops and other food products we raise. We, our families, our associates and neighbors all eat them, as well as people in other sections of the country. During the last year or two there have been and still are competent individuals and agencies in the Federal Government, State institutions and industry, working on the important matter of toxic residues. These qualified people and agencies can and undoubtedly will meet this situation both properly and adequately if given the chance to do so. Unfortunately, however, there are a few people in Washington and other points in the country who are so obsessed with their grand-standing and trying to get into the limelight that they, to accomplish their scurrilous and nefarious aims, would be willing to bankrupt many farmers and growers by making it impossible to use numerous pesticides which are now considered essential and safe to profitable agricultural production.

Some of these questionable individuals have even resorted to publicity on a nation-wide basis with the apparent hope of misleading Mrs. American Housewife and the general public to where they would question the safety of our vegetables, fruit, milk, meat and other items produced in Florida and other states. It is extremely important that all of us watch this effort; that we keep ourselves informed on the facts; that we see to it that our neighbors and friends are not misled by unwarranted half-truths or lies; that our law makers are furnished the facts so that you as typical farmers and growers may be free to use, with safety, these commodities which are essential to your economic wellbeing.

### ACTIVITIES OF THE 82ND CONGRESS IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO AGRICULTURE

HON. SPESSARD L. HOLLAND

United States Senator

PRESIDENT G. DEXTER SLOAN: Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure and honor to present to you a man I have known for many years, more years than either of us want to admit. We were boys together back in Polk County, where we played together, hunted and fished; worked together, boys worked back in those days, we didn't have much else to do. I often enjoy thinking back to the many good times we had. Since those days, Polk County and Florida have honored him in many ways; he served as County Judge of Polk County, as State Senator from Polk County, as Governor of this great State, and is now serving as our senior United States Senator. No man has ever assumed and discharged the responsibilities placed on him by his people with greater credit to himself and the people he represents.

It is now my great pleasure and honor to give you a man who is a fruit grower, Lawyer, Statesman, our friend—The Honorable Spessard L. Holland, our Senior United States Senator.

SENATOR HOLLAND: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Members of the State

Horticultural Society, Friends: I think everyone of you knows how grateful I am to Dex for that more than gracious presentation. It is a fact that we were boys together, it is a fact that we had lots of good times together with a lot of other boys whom I like to think of as I like to think of Dex, my brother, Frank, who is here tonight, Jim Van Fleet, who was one of the boys who hunted and fished in that crowd and who is leading so gallantly our three hundred thousand men over in Korea tonight along with a hundred thousand others from sixteen nations who stand with us there. Those were fine days, simple days, humble days, days that I am tremendously grateful to have spent in this State when it was younger and when the men who have helped to make this State were growing up together, thousands in various communities throughout the State. Many of them are here tonight.

For fear you may think I take too seriously all these kind words that Dex has said about me, I want you to know that this business of being in public life is not always this way, sometimes you get the other kind of treatment. I recall some years ago having made the speech at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting at a very small town, and