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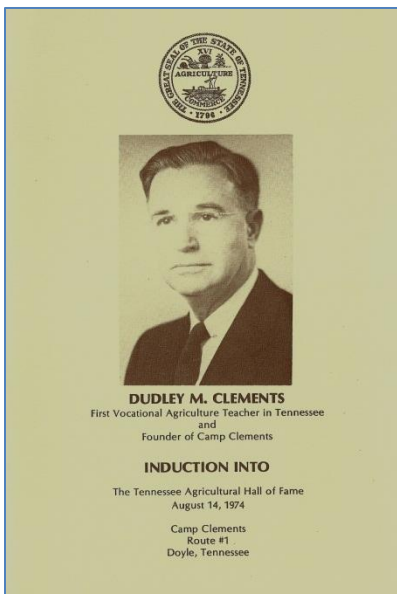
Creating Physical and Intellectual Control Over the Collection

One of the fundamental principles of archival management is to have physical and intellectual control over the records that are stored and protected. By sorting out the materials, categorizing items, and providing detailed labels for folders and boxes, archivists can gain an intellectual understanding of the overall scope and content of the collections. After the items are sorted, a finding aid is usually prepared so the archivist can physically know where specific materials are located.

Currently, Dr. Kevin Cason, archivist for the FFA archival project, is sorting the materials, grouping like items together, and labeling folders to provide easier access to the resources that have been saved over the years. Eventually, he will create a finding aid that will help provide better access to the records and other resources.

Archival Spotlight #1

Many people have played influential roles in the development of the Future Farmers of America in Tennessee. One example of an important figure in FFA history is shown with Dudley Clements.



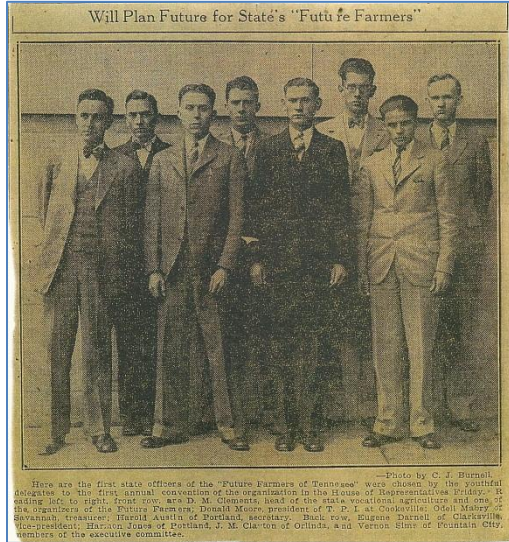
On August 14, 1974, Dudley M. Clements was inducted into the Tennessee Agricultural Hall of Fame. This program commemorates that distinguished achievement that was given posthumously.

Clements was a pioneer in the field of agricultural education in Tennessee and the United States. He was the first vocational agriculture teacher in Tennessee, the first state supervisor of agricultural education in Tennessee, and the first director of vocational education in Tennessee. Clements was also the first person from Tennessee to receive an Honorary American Farmer Degree.

In addition to his many agricultural roles, Clements helped develop a camping program for the students of vocational agriculture in 1931. In 1934, the Tennessee FFA honored Clements by naming the newly built camp, Camp Clements.

Archival Spotlight #2

Since 1928 officers have been selected from across the state of Tennessee to serve and represent the FFA on the state level. One example of a historic item in the collection that relates to FFA officers is this news clipping that features the first state officers in 1928.



In 1928, the first FFA State officers of Tennessee were selected. To commemorate that special occasion, the officers posed for a picture that was featured in a Nashville newspaper.

The people in the photo on the front row from left to right included D. M. Clements, head of the state vocational agriculture; Donald Moore, state president; Odell Mabry of Savannah, treasurer; Harold Austin of Portland, secretary. On the back row from left to right is Eugene Darnell of Clarksville, vice-president; Harmon Jones, of Portland, J.M. Clayton of Orlinda, and Vernon Sims of Fountain City who were members of the executive committee.

Archival Spotlight #3

Publications often serve as a good resource for understanding the activities of the FFA in the past.

In 1946, the Tennessee Association of Future Farmers of America changed the name of its publication from the "Rising Sun" to "The Tennessee Future Farmer." The first issue that appeared with the new name was on October 1946.

The issue featured a wide variety of images on its first cover. On the upper top right, James Mitchell's grand champion Duroc gilt at the Chattanooga fat hog show was illustrated. Below that image, was Don Roberts, FFA member at Trenton, with his grand champion Duroc barrow of the Mid-South Show.

The bottom left picture featured William Farley, Carthage FFA member, posing with his Hereford steer which was grand champion of the Smith County Junior Cattle Show. The bottom right photo depicted the winning FFA booth at the State Fair.

The largest image with the title logo showed the carnival at the State Fair that year.

