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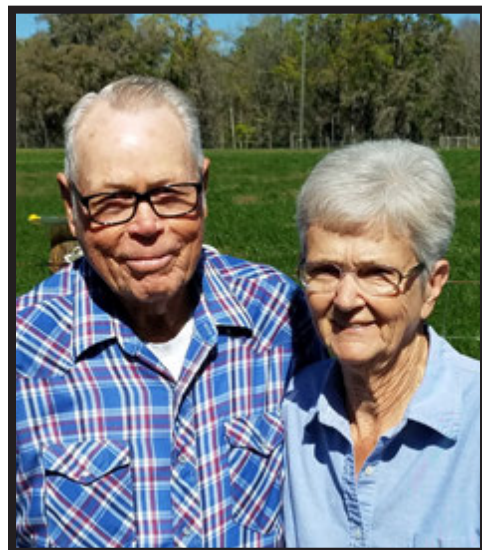
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## Air Force, Banking Backgrounds

# Hancocks Have Good Work Ethic

By Pauline Fletcher Cogdill

Life was simple in 1952 when Russell moved to Suwannee County and met Carolyn Kent. Russell thought he fell in love with a Suwannee County girl. Yet when they planned to get married, they learned Carolyn was born just across the line in Columbia County. Yes, life was very simple, no cell phones, no iPads, no facebook, no Twitter, and no social



**Russell and Carolyn Hancock  
wed 64 years.**

media groups. When they wanted to talk to someone they would go visit them. Even today, Russell does not want to be encumbered with a cell phone. And their communication must be working very well because they will celebrate 65 years of marriage this July. We talked about a recipe for the article, Russell looked over at his beautiful, petite wife with a smile on his face and sparkle in his eyes and said, "She can make a meal out of anything in just about half an hour."

Russell has always wanted to be a farmer; however, he could not afford to support himself or a family so he did odd jobs to support his family until he could work out the finances to be a full-time farmer. In January 1954, Russell joined the United States Air Force. After his basic training in Lackland, he was stationed in Denver, Colorado.

Carolyn decided she was not going to be separated from her husband so this young 16 year old bride decided to drive across the country to Denver, Colorado to join her husband with their young son, Phil. Her mother-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Hancock thought she needed to go along so that they would not be traveling alone.

Mrs. Hancock packed her things and went with Carolyn and her grandson, Phil to Denver, Colorado.

Russell's next duty station was in New Mexico, where the Hancocks celebrated the birth of their two daughters: Diane and Debbie.

When Russell finished his time in the U S Air Force, he and Carolyn and their three children returned to Live Oak.

**THE HANCOCKS** went to work right away with whatever work they could find. Russell was always good with woodwork so he found a job with Eileen Industry and learned a great deal about the grades of wood and how to use a rip saw. Carolyn found a job quickly with Winn Dixie. It is very interesting to note that while she was working as a cashier for Winn Dixie, Cliff Curry worked his way to her line and asked if she would like to come to work at the bank? She told him she did not know anything about the banking business. However, as a successful manager, he knew how to observe an individual with good work ethics so he insisted that she apply for a job at his bank. Carolyn showed up at State Exchange Bank the next day and has

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# Madison Livestock Show & Sale

For almost eight months students of Madison and Taylor Counties have been taking care of their livestock, preparing for the time to arrive to show their animals. Some participants have named their livestock such as Miss Piggy, Mr. Bacon, Hamhock, etc. In the past nine months, they have washed, fed and exercised their animals. Now it's time to present them to the buyers and plan what they are going to do with their money. Many will save for college while others will use their proceeds to invest in another steer or hog for next year to increase their investment funds. This year is Madison County's 64th year of celebrating their Livestock and Sale Show, and Madison's Manager, Eddie Curl's 28th year of purchasing the students livestock.

Madison Manager, Eddie Curl is pictured with Conner Lavelle. Conner is the son of Joe and LaDonna Lavelle of Perry, Florida. Conner's hog, Rexa, was first in class at 265

lbs. Conner has been showing hogs since he was eight years old and this is his fourth year showing hogs. He was called back by the judges for his excellent showmanship at Madison's Livestock and Sale Show this February. Conner is an honor roll student and class treasurer for his sixth grade middle school class in Perry, Florida.

Madison Manager, Eddie Curl and Farm Bureau co-sponsored the purchase of Molly Buchannan's Blue Ribbon Hog Winner. Molly is the daughter of Randy and Kim Buchanan of Madison, Florida. Eddie Curl has been supporting FFA and 4-H youth participants for 28 years. Farmers Cooperative and Farm Bureau have teamed up to support the local youth for several years.



Left to Right Molly Buchanan, Farm Bureau Rep. Lance Braswell, Glen King Farm Bureau Rep., Jeffery Hamrick Farm Rep. and Eddie Curl.

## Where Are They?

Farmers Cooperative is trying to locate the following people whose patronage refund checks have been returned from the U. S. Postal Service as "undeliverable."

Rocky Nelms, Live Oak  
David Langston, Oakland Park  
Javier J. Maldonado, O'Brien  
Keith Bochnia, Madison  
Jimmy Smith, Perry  
Everett L Doyle, Madison



Madison Manager, Eddie Curl and Conner Lavelle.



## Jesse Lane is Our Featured Employee

# Lane Learns Gas Business

Jesse Lane is our featured employee this quarter. Jesse began his employment with Farmers Cooperative in May 2014. His first three years he worked in our warehouse, and about a year ago he asked about transferring to the LP Gas Department. Ronald Hewitt planned to retire in 2017, and Jesse wanted to train for his job. Jesse said Ronald is a very good teacher and he learned how to fill cylinders, work on the LP Gas tanks, repair gas appliances and in general take care of the gas department's equipment and yard. Jesse said, "I just hope I learn half of what Ronald knew about the gas business."

Jesse said all the gas department personnel has helped him be able to

do his job. After all, we are in different buildings, but we are all still part of one big Cooperative family. Jesse especially appreciates Don Aue, who has been a great mentor to him. Jesse has started working on his Qualifier's certificate with the State of Florida to learn all that he can about LP Gas rules and regulations.

Jesse is the son of Esther Harrell of Live Oak. Jesse will tell you he is a Suwannee County native who was born, bred and fed in Suwannee County. Jesse is married to Marissa Cupp. The Lane's have one daughter, Averie who will be three on September 10th, and she is already 3 feet tall. Marissa has two part-time jobs working with children. You will find her at First Baptist Church



Nursery on Wednesday and Sunday taking care of young children. Her other part-time job is at Riveroak Technical College working with their VPK Program.

Jesse, Marissa, and Averie really enjoy fishing at Suwannee Lake on their time away from work. The Lanes have been working on a small garden plot so they can have fresh vegetables for their family.

## For the Past Quarter

# NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

## LIVE OAK STORE

Michael Obdens, Live Oak  
Nancy Matheny, Live Oak  
Canine Services Training Center, Live Oak  
David Williams, III, Live Oak  
Avery Beth Crocker, Live Oak  
Winsupply Live Oak #12, Live Oak  
Billy J. Bass, Pinetta  
John H. Scharer, Dade City  
Michael Cox, Jasper  
Kathy & David Lee, Live Oak  
Robert D. Carter, Live Oak  
Troy Moseley, Ft. White  
Harvey Stevens, Live Oak  
Don W. Reynolds, Jasper  
Debbie Nagel, Live Oak  
Ryan Peters, Live Oak  
Gary L. Rice, O'Brien  
Paul W. Sedelmeyer, Jr. Ft. White  
Robin Sue Cathcart, Live Oak  
Mikel Koon, Live Oak  
Dale E. Collum, Live Oak  
David Greenman, Live Oak  
John Patten, Live Oak  
Mac Todd, Live Oak  
Gerardo J. Blanco, Live Oak  
Stephen James, St. Petersburg  
Betty Womack, Live Oak  
Halleigh-Ray Harris, Lake City  
Aubrey Lane Wood, Lake City  
Bill Reinau, Wellborn  
Mike Carson, Live Oak  
Patti Kerns, Live Oak  
James McGill, Branford  
Matt Scott, Live Oak

J R Akayoy Forte, Live Oak  
John Sowell, Jr., Jasper  
Fred Garley, O'Brien  
Louis E. Wiegand, III, Jennings  
Cynthia E. Hawkins, Brown, Live Oak  
James B. Fleming, Thonotosassa  
Lisa Copeland, Lake City  
Betty Williams, McAlpin  
Paul Collins, McAlpin  
Daniel A. Wirick, Jr., Live Oak  
Al Vermont, Live Oak  
Marsha Lynn Walsh, Live Oak  
Wesley Williams, Live Oak  
Tracy & Chris Monk, Live Oak  
Julian & Carol Pearce, Mayo  
Kathryn Behrens, Live Oak  
Erin Wilcox, Lake City  
Scott L. Dingman, O'Brien  
Katie Jeffriesa, Mayo  
American DairyCo, Ponte Vedra  
Steve Lacey, Branford  
Laura L. Brown, Live Oak  
Aubrey D. Bailey, Lake City  
Linda Bunn, Wellborn  
Rhonda C. West, Lake City  
Connie Mickler, Live Oak  
Reuben H. Thomas, Lake City  
Jim Sproul, Live Oak  
Brian Courtney, Lee  
April Smith, Lake City  
Justin Lashley, Live Oak  
Walter Clement, Live Oak  
Jarrett & Jane Griffin, O'Brien  
Alan Steiner, Lake City  
Sheila Davis, O'Brien

Feleasah Brown, Seffner  
Curtis Petersen, Live Oak  
Michael Pridgen, Lake City  
Christopher D. Durden, McAlpin  
Reynaldo Morales Semidey, Lee  
Celia Evitt, Live Oak  
Imogene Kent, Branford  
River Bend Products, LLC, O'Brien  
Larry Tomlin, Live Oak  
Brooke L. Kirkpatrick, Live Oak  
Tammy Carlisle, Live Oak  
Brandon Hendrix, Bell  
Charles Barrett, Jennings  
Mark Trumbull, Live Oak  
Kevin Neil, Live Oak  
Jill Gailene Rogers, Live Oak  
Andrew Maseo, Ft. White  
Deborah Bailey, Wellborn  
Carolyn Mozo, Live Oak  
Jim Norris, Lee  
Stephen Revels, Mayo  
Jeannette Chambers, Live Oak  
Sarah Boles, Live Oak  
Henry Mendoza, Wilkes Barre, PA  
Jerome Hodgson, Live Oak  
Russell Carson, Wellborn  
William Bering, Live Oak  
Darrel Padberg, Live Oak  
Charles Hermonson, Live Oak  
Eugene M. Howard, McAlpin  
Barandah Taylor, Live Oak  
Richard Godwin, Live Oak  
Chris Gaaiette, Live Oak  
Larry Jenkins, Live Oak  
Dustin Cole Driver, Live Oak  
Shirley Futch, McAlpin  
Nicholes Michael Burnett, Jasper  
Suwannee Valley Resort, LLC, White Springs  
Alan Carroll, Live Oak  
Thomas Mann, Lee

James Straba, Live Oak  
Frank Reno, McAlpin  
Atlas Bustion, O'Brien

## MADISON

Sally M. Jones, Madison  
First Baptist Church, Madison  
Mae Francis Davis, Madison  
Robert M. Lawson, Mayo  
Margret S. Wolfer, Lee  
William Martin, Jr., Lee  
New Canan MB Church, Greenville  
Laura Fowler, Perry  
Ann Prator, Lee  
Kenneth C. Chandler, Madison  
Monticello Police Dept., Monticello  
Katie Hodge, Greenville  
Frank Carlisle, Greenville  
Bobby Lightfoot, Lee  
B M & Washington Gallon  
Norma J. Brennan, Greenville  
Jennings Missionary Baptist Church  
Charlie Akers, Monticello  
Edna Pride, Madison  
J D James, Greenville  
Lee McGuire, Greenville  
Clyde Hendry, Perry  
James F. Vanhorn, Madison  
Steve Hastings, Lee  
Nora L. Jones, Greenville  
John J. Jackiewicz, Lee  
Flippin Bee Company, Jennings  
Jaime Sessions, Perry  
Martha Jean Hosti, Pinetta  
Stephen M. Joiner, Madison  
David Margulis, Madison  
Reynaldo Morales, Lee  
Alyson Peters, Monticello  
Mark W. Colviun, Madison  
Janice Schafstall, Tavernier

# Co-op Can Cover Your Head

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Doctors recommend wearing Sunscreen and a hat for maximum sun protection. This information is provided by SkinCancer.org. Farmers Cooperative is your supplier for Goldcoast Sunwear. Goldcoast Sunwear uses the highest quality materials from around the world, and are made only from the top grade of hand-woven straws. Many of their hats include detailed finishes and features that are not common to most headwear

brands. For example, Goldcoast one size elasta-fit stretch band is designed to fit most heads... small to large, with its comfortable elastic stretch material. An added feature, if you like to travel, Goldcoast hats come in many styles and are durable and hassle-free when it comes to packing. Just roll them up and take them along with you. Additionally, you can create your own unique style with our shapeable wire brim feature.

Goldcoast even has a collection of extra large brim hats that have 6" and 7" wide brims. This feature gives you added



benefit of even greater sun protection. Yes, up to UPF 50+ Certified Headwear Program. So stop by your Live Oak Cooperative and decide which hat fits your needs.

## Hancocks

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worked in the banking industry almost 50 years. Yes, Mr. Curry certainly knew how to spot a good employee.

In fact, Carolyn retired from Barnett Bank in Lake City after 30 years of service and continued working part time another eight years with Barnett Bank. Additionally, First Federal Bank offered Carolyn a job she could not refuse, and she worked part-time another twelve years with First Federal Bank in Lake City and Live Oak.

Russell did get his dream fulfilled with a wonderful family and now he has his farm and cattle as he thought of many times when he was in FFA in Columbia County where he had the honor of being FFA President in high school. The Hancocks have everything they need because they were careful with their income and paid off their farm on a ten year note because they were both willing to work and sacrifice when they needed to. Additionally, Russell built most of his house except for the masonry and electrical work.

**RUSSELL HAS** been a loyal patron with Farmers Cooperative since the 1960's and has taken advantage of our 5% advance deposit to stretch his money even further. At the beginning of the year, you will see our Crop Specialist, Robert Sapp and Russell get together and work out his farming plans for the new year.

The Hancocks are indeed, very proud of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their son Phil is a Captain with Southwest Airlines, and he is married to Pamela. They have a blended family with two daughters: Cassie and Callie. Phil and Pamela have their home base near their mom and dad in Live Oak.

Daughter Diane and husband Mike Smith reside in Columbia, South Carolina with their daughter, Brandy. Brandy has two children, Cameron and Cole.

Daughter Debbie is married to Ronnie Reynolds and they live in

Gainesville, Georgia. The Reynolds have two daughters: Amy and April. Granddaughter Amy is the proud mother of Michael and Matthew.

Granddaughter, April is quite proud of her two sons: Ty and Colton.

The question was posed to Russell about his work in the U S Air Force and all he could say is, "Our Mission then was the same as it is today, to protect America." A family favorite recipe we are sure you are going to enjoy.

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## Pecan Pound Cake

2 sticks butter or margarine  
 2 cups sugar  
 2 cups all purpose flour  
 1 teaspoon butter or lemon  
 flavoring  
 2 cups chopped nuts  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 5 eggs

Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beat well after each one. Beat in flour and flavoring and pecans. Pour into greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325 degrees 1 hour. Remove immediately from pan.