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# Florida 2000 symposiums help IFAS focus on shifting economy

BY TOM BENEFIELD

The first-of-its kind meeting was held at three locations around the state in late fall. These meetings were sponsored and provided by the administration of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Science at the University of Florida.

The focus of these meetings was consistent with its title. To provide input to IFAS on the direction the people of the state of Florida think IFAS should be going. A mission if you will as to how IFAS may change its current goals and programs to better serve the citizens of the state.

The necessity of these "town hall" meetings is prompted by the shrinking agricultural population of the state and the large urban sector which demands more attention. The original mission of IFAS was geared to agriculture and production of agricultural commodities. The new mission is likely to take on an entirely new outlook.

The audience in Broward County was immensely diverse with all fragments of urban and rural society represented. From Home Economics educators, to Sierra Club members to grove and nursery operators, everyone had time to state his case.

A recurring theme was the need for more programs to provide help for those who are helping people on the most basic level of subsistence. Nutritional educational programs and job training programs in both large and small communi-



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*Dr. Terril Nell, chair of the UF/IFAS environmental horticulture department, at the IFAS Florida 2000 Symposium in Fort Lauderdale*

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ties were asked for. Several of these speakers talked of the successful programs already coming through IFAS and the need to enhance and enlarge them. I learned quite a lot from listening to these people who in their own environment were on the front lines working hard to make a difference in their communities.

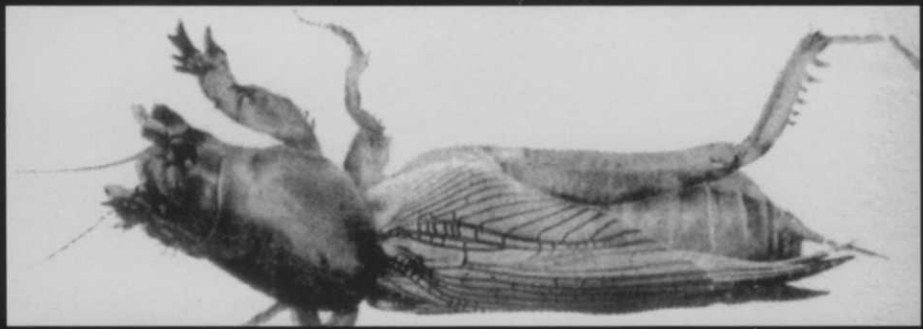
Other topics talked about were how IFAS could do better at their primary mission of helping agriculture. Issues of employee safety training programs echoed around the room as well as requests for IFAS to restaff field and research positions lost in the last three years.

The green industry spoke briefly on our relationship with IFAS through our funding activities. We stressed the need to keep this relationship ongoing and building on it. Our concerns on the much-talked-about IFAS Broward County Research Center land swap with Florida Atlantic University for a parking lot was discussed with UF President John Lombardi after the meeting.

We stated our case for the need to keep the Broward County IFAS research facility in its present location. As we talked, he listened to us and nodded his head in understanding. We left with the feeling that we had gotten our point across. All in all, it was a very positive meeting with everyone getting a chance to share his views.

My hat is off to President Lombardi and the administration at IFAS. Not every university has an outreach program like IFAS. Not every school has the ability to do the things IFAS can do. But the University of Florida has this unique ability with IFAS to develop programs for which their citizens can share. I think the university took a tremendous step in sponsoring these "town hall" meetings. Showing insight and foresight, they are sending a message to the people of the state, saying they plan on doing their job as best they can, but they need our input and we thank them for that.

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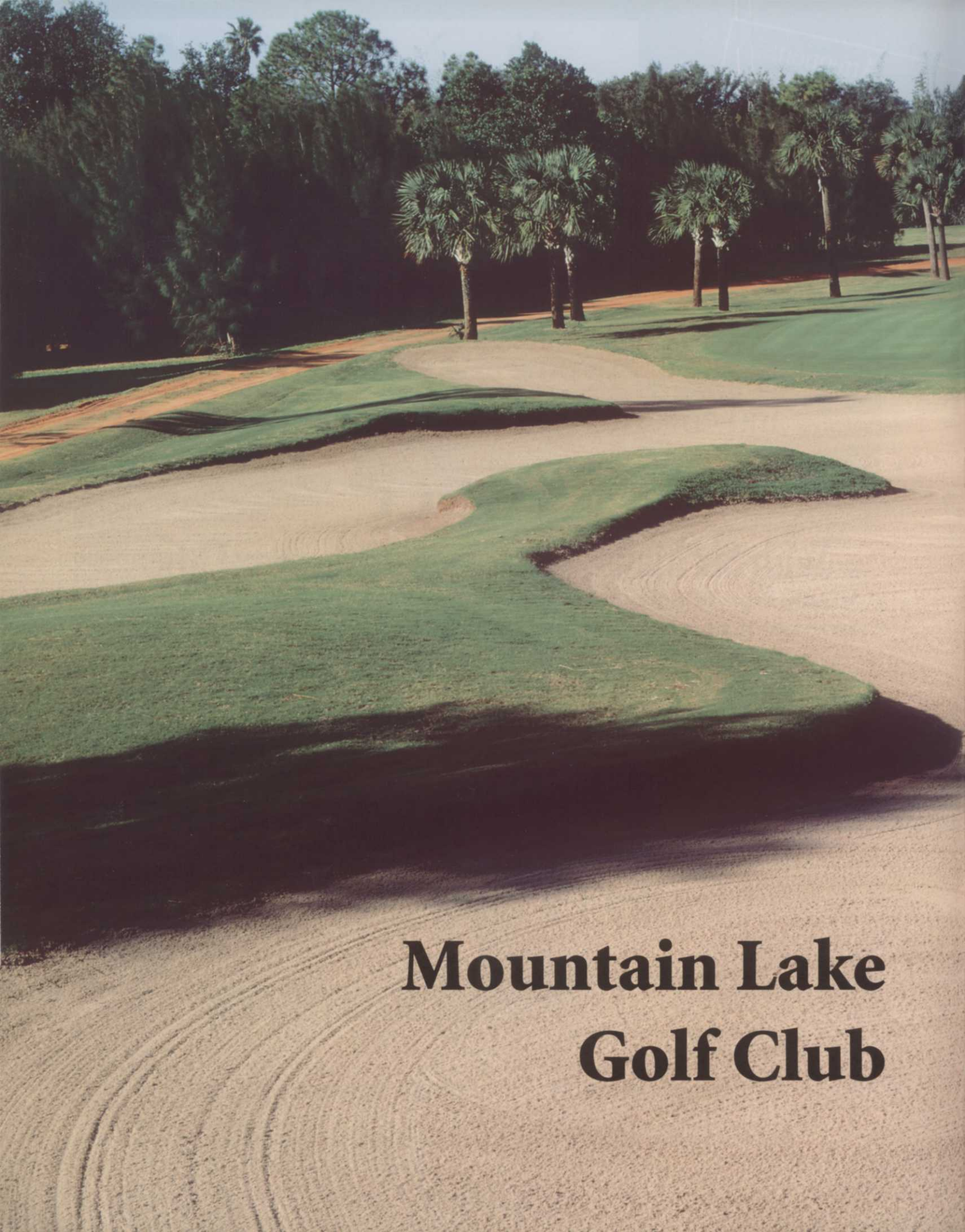
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**Mountain Lake  
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## *A living page from the history of golf in America*

BY JOEL JACKSON, CGCS

**V**iewing the Mountain Lake Golf Club is like looking at a history book of early golf course architecture in America. The men who fashioned the course from the wooded hills in Lake Wales — Seth J. Raynor, golf course designer, and Frederick L. Olmsted, Jr., landscape architect — were pioneering leaders in their respective fields. The book, *The Golf Course*, by Geoffrey S. Cornish and Ronald E. Whitten helps reveal Mountain Lake's unique place in golf's storied past:

“In reviewing the history of golf course architecture it is possible to divide those who practiced it into three groups: those who provided the functional, inexpensive, layouts demanded by their times; those who constructed attractive, enjoyable golf courses that advanced the state of the art; and those who created superior

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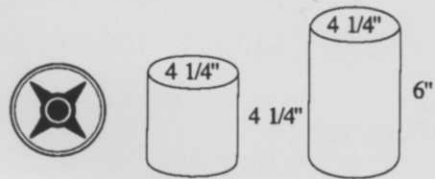
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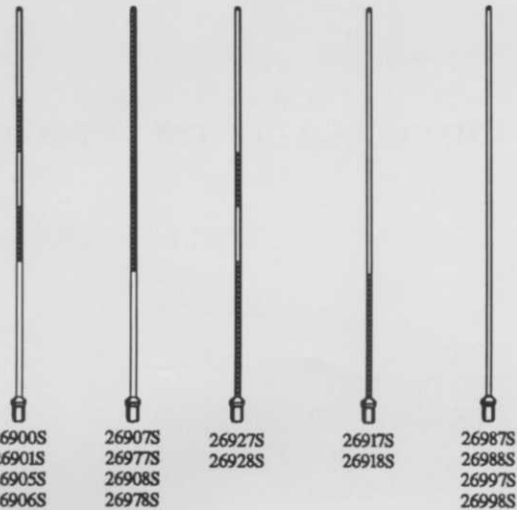
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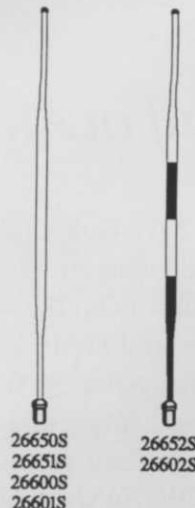
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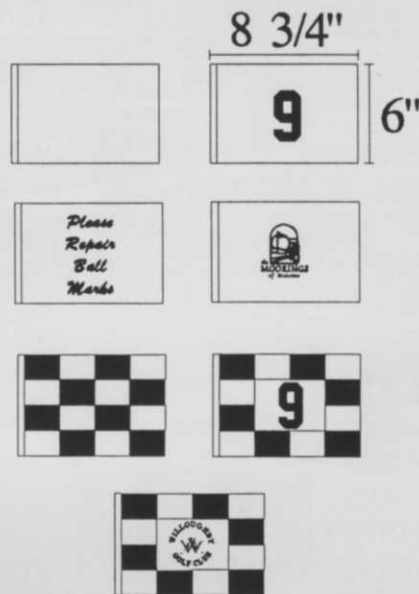


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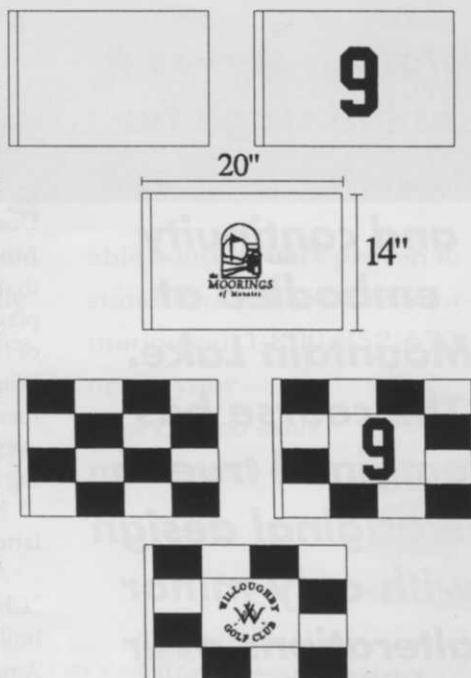
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*Landscaping at Mountain Lake was done by Frederick L. Olmsted, Jr. whose father laid out New York's Central Park. Note the use of native vegetation to frame the hole.*

**History... serves to set the stage for the rich traditions and continuity embodied at Mountain Lake. The course has remained true to the original design with only minor alterations over the years.**

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designs, often pioneering trends in the process.

“Little credit has been given to the first group, the functional designers like Tom Dunn of Britain and Tom Bendelow of America. They provided scores of courses that enabled legions of newcomers to play the game. The second group consists of the accomplished designers, men like Wayne Stiles and Seth Raynor. They were masters of their craft, creating above-average courses and occasional outstanding layouts...”

Mountain Lake certainly falls into the latter category.

According to Cornish and Whitten, “Charles Blair Macdonald is credited with building the first ‘classical golf course in America (at Southampton, on New York’s Long Island... -ed.), one which would eventually compare favorably with the championship links abroad and serve as an incentive to the elevation of the game

in America.’ Before undertaking the project, he made careful studies of the site and demanded that only experts in their field be involved in the construction of the project. He hired local surveyor Seth Raynor to serve as construction engineer. After eight years of planning and two years of actual construction, The National Golf Links of America was completed. Raynor proved to be so invaluable that he would construct all the courses later laid out by Macdonald.”

“Raynor constructed not only all of Macdonald designs, but he did some 60 designs of his own. He became a designer in 1915, but was most prolific after World War I... He played the main role in remodeling the Chicago Golf Club, which had been credited entirely, but incorrectly, to Macdonald. Other Raynor originals include (Mountain Lake in 1917), the Country Club of Fairfield and the Greenwich Country Club both in Connecticut, and the Yeaman’s Hall Club of Charleston, S.C.... Raynor was respon-