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Dr. Bernard Lester Scrapbook
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Historical/Biographical Sketch:

Dr. W. Bernard "Bernie" Lester is a former Executive Director of the Florida Department of Citrus (FDOC) as well as a former President of Alico, Inc. He earned his Bachelor's in Agricultural Economics and Poultry Sciences at the University of Florida, from where he later also earned his Master's in Agricultural Economics in 1962. In 1965, he earned his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University. Shortly after, in 1966, he joined the FDOC as a Research Economist. In 1979, he had been named Executive Director of the FDOC. In 1986, Dr. Lester left the FDOC for Alico, Inc. where he became Deputy Executive Vice President. He would later become Executive Vice President in 1988 and then President of the Company in 1997. From 1987 to 2005, he also served as a member of the Alico Board of Directors. After 18 years at the company, he retired in 2005. In 2012, Dr. W. Bernard Lester was inducted into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame.

Scope and Content Note:

The scrapbook contains photographs from Dr. Bernard Lester's farewell from the Florida Department of Citrus in 1986 as well as newspaper articles about him and his later induction in the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame in 2012.

Restrictions:

None

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The Dr. Bernard Lester Scrapbook was donated in 2012 by Gerry Wilson, one of Lester's former employees during his time at the Florida Department of Citrus.

Notes to Researchers:

Acid-free sheets of paper have been interleaved between the pages.

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