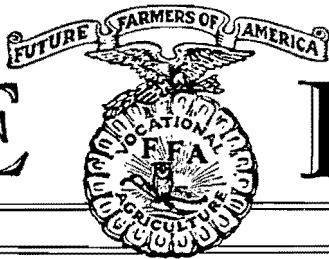


The ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER



Vol. VI

Auburn, Ala.

April 1937

No. 6

Largest Chapter in Ala.

Alabama's largest FFA Chapter is located at Vernon, where its membership of 78 energetic farm boys is carrying out one of the most comprehensive programs of work in the State, perhaps in the South.

Reason for this large membership is the result of the splendid programs which appeal not only to boys now enrolled in vocational agriculture but to others who have completed this course at Vernon.

Last September the chapter enrollment was 42 members, but with the reorganization of the chapter thrift program, the undertaking of a cooperative broiler project, the building of walks and drives, beautification of the school grounds, and the cooperative feeding of 25 hogs, the chapter took on new life.

At present the 78 regular members includes 56 who are studying agriculture and 22 out-of-school boys. The boys are practicing thrift by investing their earnings in school books, tuition, clothing, purchasing good seeds and fertilizer for their home supervised practice work, good breeding stock and poultry, land and workstock, and many other worth-while investments.

The first cooperative broiler project resulted in a profit of \$30.00, and the second is under way with 600 chicks. The sack-cement broiler house was constructed and equipped by members of the chapter. This work and the handling of the broilers gave the boys some very fine practical experience.

The FFA has fed-out and butchered 8 hogs to date, have sold a part of two litters of pigs, and have 6 hogs on hand. This work has given practical experience in feeding, managing, butchering and selling of pork. The

(Please turn to Page 5)

Reforestation

The Cedar Bluff FFA Chapter is cooperating with the United States Department of Agriculture in carrying out a soil conservation program in Cherokee County. Five pounds of black locust seed have been planted in beds on the laboratory area. Next fall the members will be given plants from the beds to plant demonstration areas in their respective communities. It is hoped that these areas will encourage the farmers to plant black locust and also serve as a source of seed for those in the community.

Prof. J. J. Young, adviser of the chapter, states that the boys are very much interested in this project and have set out 200 black locust trees in laboratory area for demonstration.

The Chapter has given several programs on prevention of forest fires.



—Courtesy The Progressive Farmer
Cedar Bluff Boys setting out black locust on the A. H. Trotter farm in Cherokee County.

PROGRAM OF WORK

As the end of the school year now draws to a close, C. W. Wells, Jr., Clanton, state president, suggests that all chapters devote at least a part of or one of their full meetings to a "check-up" on their 1936-37 Program of Work. This will be very valuable to the chapter, and, incidentally, a progress report on the chapter's program of work is due in the State office by May 1.

Thrift and the FFA*

By W. A. ROSS
*National Executive Secretary
Future Farmers of America*

A long time ago a wise old Chinese once said that, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with but a single step." This well-known truth applies in many ways to our daily life and habits and is a simple rule to follow when it comes to thrift.

Without doubt, there are almost as many conceptions of thrift as there are people. Naturally each individual must view the subject from his own angle and through his own spectacles, drawing upon his own experience. But in spite of the different ideas concerning it, there are several fundamentals which appear in the warp and woof of any thrift pattern.

It is particularly significant that in the foundation upon which the Future Farmers of America organization is built THRIFT appears as a cornerstone flanked by leadership and cooperation which are so dependent upon the wise and efficient use of time, labor, and money. With this point of view which represents the attitude of some 120,000 red-blooded American farm boys who are members of the FFA, let us consider a few of the problems.

Time Is Precious

Of all the gifts with which man is endowed, none is more precious than time. Every day, as it stretches out before us, has twenty-four golden hours of new material placed at our disposal to apportion and use in our daily activities. The most unusual and singular thing about this gift is that, regardless of whether it is wasted or well used, a-

*A radio address given over Station WAPI, Birmingham, March 26, 1937.

(Please turn to Page 5)

**Ingenious Ranburne FFA
Solves Traveling Problem
With Old-Fashion Ice-Box**

RANBURNE—An old-fashioned ice refrigerator has made it possible for young future farmers in this little Alabama town to travel and "see the world".

Three years ago, Prof. E. F. Fincher, teacher of vocational agriculture here, kept telling his students that travel is a vital part of one's education. But he, as well as the boys, realized that it cost real money to visit distant sections of the United States where they could witness at first-hand other methods of farming and at the same time see many of the sights they had read about in their school books.

As a result, he and the Ranburne Chapter of Future Farmers of America did some real thinking. The actual transportation was not beyond the reach of their pocket books, for Luther Moon, driver and owner of the local school bus, found his bus idle in the summer, being also fond of travel, he jumped at the idea of the chapter's chartering his bus for a trip, provided the boys "figured out" an economical arrangement for their food and lodging—the problem which worried them most of all.

At last the answer came. Although Professor Fincher's students have jokingly accused him of perhaps having "Scotch ancestry", the Professor's "bright idea" was immediately accepted.

It was this: He suggested that the boys construct a large ice-refrigerator in the vocational shop and install it in the school bus. This they did, and on the morning for departure on their first educational tour the boys placed in the refrigerator enough home-grown food products for a 10-day trip. The ice-box bulged with dressed chickens, eggs, country butter, and fine large hams, for which this section of Alabama is well known.

The boys solved the remaining problem of lodging by taking along blankets and sleeping in the open at night. Once it rained, so the boys stayed at a tourist camp.

In the Summer of 1935, 15 of the Future Farmers and Professor Fincher went to Chicago for the Century

**In Short Period of 42 Days
Ramer Chapter Earns \$101.90
In Cooperative Swine Project**

By Mildred Smith

Through a cooperative swine feeding project of 42 days the Ramer Chapter cleared \$101.90.

This is how they did it: On Feb. 3, the chapter purchased 15 hogs averaging 115 pounds each at a cost of \$79.50. At the same time, it bought 65 bushels of corn at \$1 per bushel and one-half ton of peanut meal at \$17.25. A local feed store made the chapter a gift of 750 pounds of peanut meal supplement. Chapter members constructed a self-feeder and used it to feed the hogs through the entire period. At the end of the 42 days, the pigs, averaging 201 and one-third pounds each, were sold; \$9 per hundred was received, the stockyards allowing a premium of fifty cents on the hundred because of the fine condition of the hogs. The gross return was \$271.80, and when yardage, hauling and other expenses, totalling \$169.90, were deducted, there was left a net profit of \$101.90.

Through analysis of the project, it was found that the hogs averaged two pounds of gain for each day and consumed 406 pounds of feed for each 100 pounds of gain. The feed cost, not counting the feed donated, was \$6.32 per hundred pounds, making the total cost of gain \$7.12 per hundred.

The chapter members are planning to use their profits for an educational tour this Summer to Washington, D. C.

If your chapter does not have a radio receiving set, be sure to consider the purchase of one as a chapter project. No wide-awake Future Farmer fails to keep in touch with the world's progress and news through radio and newspapers.

of Progress Exposition; last summer, 20 of them attended the Texas Centennial in Dallas. The average cost of each trip per student was less than \$10. En route to and from Chicago and Dallas the boys observed and studied farming methods in the states through which they traveled. They also visited agricultural experiment stations, and, with all, "had a whale of a good time" camping out at night and eating the wholesome food prepared for them throughout the trip in their "homemade" refrigerator.

**Linden Weekly Publishes
One And One-Half Pages
FFA Chapter Activities**

A first-rate job, and a big one at that, was done by the progressive young farmers of the Dixons Mills Chapter this month when they prepared and published—with the able assistance and cooperation of Editor R. E. Sutton — one and one-half pages of live, interesting FFA news in The Democrat Reporter at Linden. In the center of the page was an attractive two-column photograph of the Chapter officers, A. L. Boutwell, president; Clyde Autery, treasurer; Edward Dismukes, reporter; Aaron Philen, assistant reporter; Gray Hill, secretary; Bernard Green, vice-president; J. W. Walton, adviser and teacher of vocational agriculture.

There were 14 signed articles which showed the wide scope of activities undertaken this year by the Dixons Mills Chapter. In all there were more than 6,000 words of copy written by Professor Walton and these energetic FFA boys and carefully edited and published on this page and a half by Editor Sutton.

Auburn District

The largest of its kind was last weeks meeting, March 3, of 300 high school boys and girls and their vocational teachers with the Auburn District of Future Farmers of America. It was the first FFA assembly to which FFAers, the feminine gender, were invited. Formal ceremonies preceded a burlesque wedding presented by Auburn high school girls. Dances followed the wedding. The meeting was the regular monthly assembly of Auburn district FFAers. Reported on were beautification and improvement projects of FFAers, community health and cleanup campaign of FFAers. — *Reprinted from ALABAMA, The News Magazine of the Deep South, Birmingham.*

IMPORTANT! Every Chapter should have forwarded \$2 to the State Adviser by April 1, as its share in defraying the expenses of the 1937 State Convention to be held in Auburn this summer. Be sure not to let another day pass without this being attended to.

Auburn FFA and FHAers Go A-Picnicing



A biting March wind did not succeed in causing the Auburn FFA to change its plans to entertain the FHAers with a picnic at Chewacla State Park where a delightful outing was climaxed with supper in the open and a marshmallow toast for dessert. Professor H. F. Gibson, adviser, may be seen above in the act of doling out another marshmallow to Kenneth Kirkwood, chapter treasurer, who did a "man's work" in arranging the outing.

"All But Stood up and Cheered"

"Speaking of being inspired", said Stuart X. Stephenson, ace sports-writer and secretary of Montgomery Kiwanis, "the Club all but stood up and cheered last week when Frank Boyd, chairman of the Agriculture Committee, presented the FFA Chapter of Ramer. We saw that these future farmers have a definite objective, and we felt that these boys are turning their hands and plows toward a greater Alabama and America. Our club is batting 1,000 per cent in sponsoring the Ramer Chapter of the FFA."—From news letter of Montgomery Kiwanis Club.

will start a thrift program. The chapter is now planning on a Father and Son banquet and a long educational trip during the summer, visiting places of interest in Alabama, including the experiment stations and the Gulf of Mexico. Through the cooperative efforts of the club the boys will thus get a trip and educational advantages that they would not, in all probability, get otherwise.

Other projects, such as a nursery and pig project, are to be developed in the near future. The boys have already built a barn for the cow, with plenty of space for the storage of crops and any additional projects they hope to carry.

As well as profit from these projects, the boys learn to put into practice many lessons they are taught in the class room. They have an accurate account of each project and the books are left open for inspection by any one who wishes to see them.

The value of the projects to the community, as well as to the boys, has been proved by the duplication of the poultry house and the starting of other poultry projects in the community.

NOTICE, CHAPTER REPORTERS: If you have a member of your chapter who has done an important piece of FFA work, be sure that proper information is sent to **The Alabama Future Farmer**. The editor welcomes facts about which an interesting story can be written. He would also like to have a good picture of such Future Farmers, preferably a photograph showing the boy in the actual operation of the project.

Kate Duncan Smith Chapter Now Doing Excellent Work

Early last August the FFA chapter of the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School started a poultry project. The boys bought 50 white leghorn pullets at 85 cents each. The pullets were put on a range until the last week of September.

The chapter then built a cement-sack poultry house, cutting the poles for framing in the woods. Each boy donated two tow sacks. With the boys doing the work, a 20x20-ft. poultry house was built at a cost of \$28.10. The pullets were moved to the laying house the last week in September; They began laying October 1.

The hens were fed a laying ration of 26 per cent supplement, mixed with equal parts of corn meal, and given scratch feed of yellow corn. To February 1 the flock had consumed \$36.10 worth of feed and produced \$58.63 worth of eggs, or \$22.53 above feed cost.

The boys have now decided to increase their flock to 125 birds for another year. They have built a feather board brooder and bought 300 baby chicks in March, from which they expect to save 100 pullets.

When members of the D. A. R. vis-

ited the school and saw how interested the boys also were in dairying, the State Regent, Mrs. Val Taylor, said she would donate a fine Jersey cow, if they would send for it. So at the next FFA meeting a definite dairy project was started. A trailer was hooked behind a car and off on a 250-mile trip for a Jersey cow went the vocational teacher, Prof. S. C. Cook. From October 1 to February 1 the cow has produced \$55.65 worth of milk at a cost of \$31.27.

The boys are planting a three acre pasture, fertilizing it with basic slag donated by the T. C. I. Co., so that they may be able to reduce their feed bill and produce cheaper milk.

They are now thinking of buying another cow to supply present customers and meet the increased demand for milk.

The boys are responsible for the care of the poultry and dairy projects; two boys look after the work for a week, and each boy has to take his turn.

They have now five acres planted in vetch and crimson clover which will be turned and planted to field crops this spring. The boys have agreed to do the work of making the crop.

Profits from these projects will go into the Chapter treasury, then they

The Alabama Future Farmer

Published seven times a year in September, November, December, February, March, April, and June by

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The State Organization of Students of Vocational Agriculture

NATIONAL OFFICERS, 1936-37

Joseph H. Black, Wyo. _____ Pres.
Julian Pierce, Ky. _____ 1st Vice-Pres.
Carl Nicholson, Md. _____ 2nd Vice-Pres.
Roy Martin, Texas _____ 3rd Vice-Pres.
J. P. Malouf, Utah _____ 4th Vice-Pres.
Elmo Johnson, Tenn. _____ Student Sec.
J. A. Linke,
Washington, D. C. _____ Adviser
W. A. Ross,
Washington, D. C. _____ Exec. Sec.
Henry C. Groseclose, Va. _____ Treas.

STATE OFFICERS, 1936-37

C. W. Wells, Jemison _____ Pres.
William Crawford, Marion _____ Vice-Pres.
Roger Nance, Gurley _____ Sec.
Pete Turnham, Milltown _____ Treas.
Ronald Sellers, Ramer _____ Reporter
R. E. Cammack, Montgomery _____ Adviser
H. F. Gibson, Auburn _____ Asst. Adviser

Address all communications to
THE ALABAMA FUTURE FARMER
Alabama Polytechnic Institute
AUBURN, ALABAMA

Kirtley Brown _____ Editor

Subscription rate to members, 10 cents per school year.

Entered as second-class matter October 6, 1936, at the post office at Auburn, Ala., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

THE FFA MOTTO

*Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve.*

Programs of Work

After a careful study of programs of work projected this year by all FFA chapters in Alabama, the State officers have decided that those of Collinsville, Ramer, and Walnut Grove are among the best in the State. It was carefully explained by the officers that no attempt was made to rank each of the three best programs and that there are at least 10 other chapters which have undertaken programs in 1936-37 which rank exceedingly high. The officers also stated that their decision was based upon a study of the written programs of work without any check-up on the accomplishments of the chapters this year.

As typical of the better programs of work the officers suggested that the one of the Collinsville should be printed in this issue as an aid to all chapters in formulating their new programs this summer.

A. Conduct of Meetings

1. Hold regular meetings each Thursday.
2. Hold one meeting each month during summer.
3. Have a definite program each meeting.
4. Elect more honorary members.
5. Open and close all meetings as in manual.
6. Use parliamentary procedure at all meetings.

B. Recreational

1. Have banquet for parents and friends.
2. Attend annual District Camp.
3. Have three joint socials with FFA Chapter during year.
4. Send five delegates to Annual Convention at Auburn.
5. Sponsor a project tour.

C. Publicity

1. Keep scrap book of all published articles.
2. Submit regular news articles to county papers and State news letter.
3. Submit regular news articles to District FFA news letter.
4. Present local chapel programs during year.
5. Broadcast three radio programs over Station W. J. B. Y.
6. Chapter members to assist vocational teacher in night schools.

D. Money Raising Activities

1. Sponsor Halloween carnival.
2. Sell drinks and candies at Football games.
3. Present a minstrel during year.

E. Educational

1. Add at least 50 books to FFA library.
2. Enter essay and public speaking contests.
3. Listen to all radio programs pertaining to FFA work.

F. Community Service

1. Carry out fertilizer demonstrations.
2. Sponsor pruning demonstration for farmers.
3. Add 600 shrubs to FFA nursery.
4. Each FFA member start small nursery plot at home.

G. School Ground Beautification

1. Landscape grounds of new school and vocational building.
2. Provide walks and drives around new buildings.

H. Supervised Practice

1. Each member carry out a long-time supervised practice program.
2. Each member keep project records up-to-date at all times.

I. Earnings and Savings

1. Organize a Thrift Bank.
2. Each member earn and invest at least \$25.
3. Each member pay FFA dues out of project earnings.

J. Cooperative Activities

1. Cooperate with District, State and National organizations in all activities.
2. All members planting legumes on project or on farm.
3. All members join beef cattle club and own at least one beef calf.
4. Have vocational agricultural honor roll.

K. Achievements

1. Have at least three members qualified for State Farmer Degree.

L. Miscellaneous

1. Lessons to be continued in first-aid for all members.
2. All members purchase pins or caps.
3. Continue our FFA String Band.

Chapter Reports

Twelve chapter reporters and their advisers are in line for top honors in promptness for submitting monthly activity reports to the editor this year. Including August, the first month after the practice was started, these chapters have mailed reports on time each month.

These reporters and their chapters are as follows: Elmer Neighbors, Lineville; James Rich, Rockford; Wallace Davis, Hale County High; Herbert Morgan, Lee County High; Dean Rainey, Berry; Coolidge Logan, Brilliant; Homer Leach, Foley; Ethridge Horsley, Holly Pond; Vibert Forbes, Millerville, Jack Brock, New Brockton; Stanley Jackson, Phil Campbell; Leon Graham, West Point.

For second honors there are 25 chapter reporters who have submitted their activity reports for each of the seven months, although they were late on one or more occasions, arriving at Auburn after the fifth of the month. These reporters represent the following chapters: Athens, Jackson, Chambers County High, DeKalb County High, Lamar County High, Ramer, St. Clair County High, Blue Springs, Camp Hill, Cedar Bluff, Cold Springs, Daviston, Dixon's Mills, Fyffe, Gaylesville, Goodwater, Gorgas, Hanceville; Pell City, Pine Hill, Ranburne, Town Creek, Uriah, Wadley, and Weogufka.

Soil Conservation

In recent months the Red Level Chapter has been studying how pine trees planted on a worthless hillside can earn a profitable income and prevent soil erosion. These trees in about 10 or 12 years can be used in the manufacturing of paper and other things.

As an experiment, the boys planted 1,600 pines on a barren hillside at the Jackson Farm three miles north of Red Level. This land would have been practically washed away in a few more years; therefore, if the trees serve no other purpose than checking erosion, the project will be worthwhile.

The Red Level FFA has constructed a sign which was erected on the plot, calling attention to the necessity of preventing fires and checking erosion.

Home Orchards

Utilizing their expert knowledge gained in vocational agriculture, FFA boys at Notasulga have gone a long way toward establishing excellent home orchards for every member.

In the fall of 1935 the chapter collected a supply of peach seed and planted them in the laboratory area. These seedlings were budded in June by the members of the chapter under the direction of Prof. T. B. Posey, adviser. During the past winter a sufficient supply of peach trees of recommended varieties was given to each FFA boy to start a home orchard.

At the present time the boys are propagating grapes, figs and plums for the future use of the chapter.

This plan has proven very popular among the FFA members and many excellent home orchards are being produced at little cost.

Largest Chapter

(Continued from Page 1)

entire chapter has taken part in the managing of these projects. The proceeds will be used largely for financing the beautification programs, the FFA is sponsoring on the school grounds.

FFA entertainments, and inter-scholastic basketball games have added their part to the recreational side of the programs of the Vernon chapter.

Many Alabama FFA Chapters have already undertaken definite steps to send large delegations to the National FFA Convention next fall in Kansas City. In some parts of the State this has been adopted as a district project. It is not too early right now to begin plans for the trip. Some of the chapters are planning for the Kansas City trip to serve as its annual educational tour.

One evidence of a progressive FFA chapter is the list of well-chosen honorary members on the chapter roll. One of the best ways to show the chapter's appreciation for the valuable assistance in vocational agriculture given by prominent citizens in the community is to elect them honorary members, announcing the honor with a well-planned ceremony.

All applicants for State Farmer Degrees this summer should reach the State office by May 15.

Thrift at the FFA

(Continued from Page 1)

another supply is forthcoming each day we live and each person receives the same amount of time.

But how many people over the period of a life time actually learn to use effectively the time at their disposal? How many even learn how to keep from encroaching on the time which belongs to the other fellow? We all have friends who do certain things well, however. Advancing by stages through years of effort they have formed time habits which are "thrifty". This is especially true of the personal routine jobs as well as those about the farm and the farm home. I shall never forget an uncle of mine who made such a process out of the removal of the beard from his face that it assumed the proportions of a religious rite, while a close friend whom I have known long does this job well and completely in three minutes.

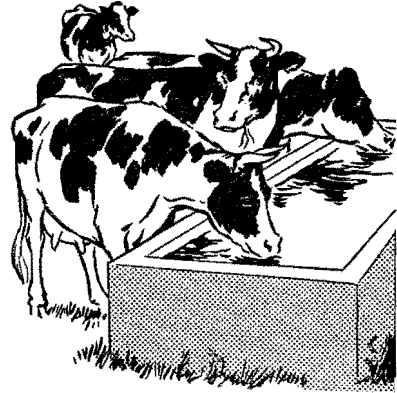
Twenty-Five Hours Wasted

Have you ever attended a meeting scheduled to start at 8 o'clock sharp? Suppose you arrived on time along with a hundred others. But suppose one person whose presence was required before the meeting could start was 15 minutes late. Who loses? The answer is 100 people lose 15 minutes of time each which totals 25 hours utterly wasted. Startling! Yes, indeed, and it is merely one example of how the habits of individuals with respect to time force themselves on an entire group.

But closely allied with time is labor. We have all seen the boy who concentrated on his lessons and prepared them in half the time used by his chum in accomplishing the same task. Again we know of people who "flutter" and "buzz" and dissipate their energies on even a simple undertaking while others, making every move count, and outwardly unhurried accomplish their work with good results and apparent ease. We know farmers as well as business men who are constantly driven by their work. On-coming duties hang like the "Sword of Damocles" over their heads. Work always drives them. They never drive it.

Granting that we differ in our abilities, thrift in labor, the saving of energy, taking fewer steps, conserving

**WATER WHEN
THEY WANT IT**



**WITH
CONCRETE
TANKS and TROUGHS**

Concrete tanks and watering troughs are a big help on any farm—yet they cost little. No leaking, rusting or rotting; no patching; easy to keep clean; will last for generations.

Our booklet "Concrete Tanks, Troughs and Cisterns" shows how to build water tanks, milk cooling tanks, storage tanks, well curbs and spring linings.

You can do the work yourself. Or ask your cement dealer to recommend a good concrete contractor.

One set of forms well built at school or farm shops can be used to make a dozen concrete troughs. Write for clear drawings and complete instructions.

Paste list on postal and mail for literature on other subjects you can build best with concrete.

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION

Dept. Q4-11, 1202 Watts Building
Birmingham, Ala.

- "Concrete Tanks, Troughs and Cisterns"
- Concrete Improvements around the home
- Dairy Barn Floors
- Hog Houses
- Granaries
- Foundations
- Fence Posts
- Silos
- Tanks, Troughs
- Feeding Floors
- Firesafe Homes
- Concrete Making.

time, exerting a minimum of effort to get a job satisfactorily done, and so on, depend largely on thinking and planning ahead. Even in these somewhat disturbing times it means a wiser division of labor and a better chance to really live. The more complicated our social and economic life becomes the greater the necessity for intelligent use of time and labor becomes—its thrift in the truest sense of the word.

Thrifty Appearance of Farm Home

"Not what you make but what you save" is an old adage. But it applies to more than money. As I travel over

the country, from coast to coast, I am impressed in certain sections with the thrifty appearance of the farm homes and their surroundings. It is evident that wherever money has been expended to provide equipment that provision has been made to take care of that equipment, protect it, keep it in working order and get value received from it. In other sections I am equally impressed with the unthrifty appearance of the farmsteads. No system of repairing is followed; costly machinery is left exposed to the weather and the hand of thrift is not in evidence.

And now thrift as it applies to money. Man's chief concern in life is said to include character building, health protection, education, earning and accumulating to meet needs, and service to society. How essential money is to progress, both as medium of exchange and a measure of value. It is one means by which man's lofty purpose may be accomplished.

Life is often likened to a battle, the success of which depends largely on your reserves. One of these reserves is money and credit. With such a reserve one is better able to command his situation. While many of us have rather definite plans and goals for most of our life and work, our financial plans are often indefinite. Not so with you boys who are members of the Future Farmers of America. In addition to your experience in the organization, learning to deal effectively with yourself as well as with others, making time count for the most and learning the value of labor, many of you are also laying a basis which may mean financial independence in the coming years. I refer especially to the development of your individual farming programs and organized systematic Thrift activities.

Chapter Thrift-Individual Thrift

The Future Farmers of America organization is noted for paying its own way as it goes. In the 4500 local chapters scattered from Main to Hawaii and from the State of Washington to Puerto Rico two distinct types of thrift work are carried on by the members who are farm boys of high school age; these are: (1) chapter Thrift and (2) individual thrift.

Working together as a group the boys pool their energies in chapter thrift. Certain activities to make money are set up in the annual program of work. The proceeds then, for example, from prizes secured from an exhibit at the county fair or a picture show, perhaps, are placed in a chapter thrift fund to be utilized in building a better service program for the community.

The other type of FFA thrift is the Thrift bank where through the influence of the chapter the member is encouraged and aided in building up his financial standing. He saves not to hoard but for a specific purpose. This is a wise use of money.

The Goodlettsville, Tenn., Chapter has a unique Thrift Bank Organization. There are 28 member depositors and the last Wednesday in each month is banking day. Fifty cents or more on such occasions is required of the depositor. If a boy fails on his deposits for three months he is dropped and only his original deposits returned. Then, of course, there are penny days, nickle days, egg days and the like to further fill the coffers. What's the motive? Well, each member having an account exceeding \$18 will be taken to Kansas City next October to attend the Tenth Convention Celebration of the FFA.

Dividing their chapter into senior and junior groups, the Ames, Okla., FFA group has two thrift banks. The purpose is threefold: to form habits of regular savings; to acquaint members with the work and responsibilities of a financial organization; and to give a feeling of self-respect which grows out of created savings.

The West Virginia boys seem to be another especially thrifty and cooperative lot. Among other interesting things they do, we find that the State Association has commodity chairman designated for seed potatoes; chemicals; fertilizers; seed; and equipment. Local chapter members communicate with the State Chairman in charge of these commodities and their needs are supplied by pooling orders on a cooperative basis and at a *saving* for the members.

Time does not permit further reference to FFA thrift in other states but in closing I wish to say that the thrift plan adopted by the Alabama Association and which is now in operation should be a source of satisfaction to those who are interested in the welfare of the farm youth of this state. The four points upon which the activity is pitched, namely: farm improvement, personal improvement, life insurance and savings are fundamental in progressing toward economic security. The encouragement given by the Protective Life Thrift Club gives added impetus to this undertaking.

In the 1936-37 national program of work of the Future Farmers of America organization this item appears "Encourage the establishing of Chapter Thrift Banks and the development of long-time farming programs." Through such activities the youthful members are taking steps in this thousand mile financial journey guided, aided and encouraged by responsible adults. Experience, after all, is only teacher and the FFA offers a golden opportunity to its members to secure first-hand experience with Thrift.

IMPORTANT! All chapter dues should have been sent to the State Adviser by April 1. If this has not been done, be sure to do it now.



Enroll Now in the PROTECTIVE LIFE THRIFT CLUB

In your supervised program of vocational agriculture you study the scientific principles of agriculture in the class room, then go out in the field and put them into practice.

In the Protective Life Thrift Club you study the fundamental principles of thrift and then put them into practice through the life insurance plan of saving.

Neither is worth much to you unless **you** do something about it.

The Protective Life Thrift Club provides:

1. A definite, systematic plan of saving.
2. An unselfish plan of saving.
3. A quasi-Compulsory plan of saving. You are not allowed to forget your good resolutions to practice thrift.
4. It removes the temptation to spend your savings unnecessarily.
5. It is a long-time program of thrift that sets the forces of time and compound interest to work in your favor.
6. Today is "Bargain Day" for you. The longer you delay the more you will have to pay.
7. It builds character at the same time that it builds your estate.

For further information about this unique thrift training plan write to C. W. Whitehead, Protective Life Insurance Company, Birmingham Ala.

News From The Chapters

Alexandria—19 Green Hands initiated; FFA district tournament to be held here. **Aliceville**—Plans for beautification of school grounds completed with cooperation of P.-T.A.—with each student contributing at least one shrub, high hopes are held for prettiest campus in West Alabama. **Arley**—Shrubs planted on school campus; made 4,000 shrub cuttings. **Athens**—District meeting held here; agricultural moving pictures shown; plans continued for two-acre cotton project; trees pruned and sprayed.

Bakerhill—Basketball team, champions of Eastern Wiregrass Tournament, defeated Ozark, champions of Western District, in Headland; \$10.00 made from sale of wagon bodies. **Belgreen**—By using 600 lbs. of fertilizer given us by experiment station on 2½ acres of cotton we plan to finance our trip to Washington next summer. **Berry**—Chapter entertained at home of instructor of Vocational Agriculture Feb. 25; shrubbery to be used to landscape new Vocational Building and Baptist Church; in finals of Public Speaking Contest are Charles Cannon, Lloyd Pruitt, John Kimbrell, Dean Rainey, Henry Oscar Garrard, John L. Yerby. **Billingsley**—Basketball team defeated Clanton quintet, 12-1 and lost to Jemison 4-3; plans made for soft-ball team. **Blountsville**—FFA to sponsor Rat Eradication campaign with cooperation of W. A. Ruffin, of Auburn. **Blue Springs**—Had dogs vaccinated for rabies; planned educational tour, chapel program, and radio broadcast; sponsored Public Speaking Contest. **Brilliant**—100 peach trees sold at profit; 2,000 cuttings added to nursery; chapter appreciates the aid of Alabama papers which have rendered valuable assistance in the chapter's success. **Butler**—Delegate to represent chapter at opening of Ward Chapter's Log Cabin; sponsoring movement for one variety (D.P.L. 11 A) cotton for community; treatments given for hog cholera; Poland China pigs purchased by several members; sponsoring womanless wedding in near future with Senior II; beautification program underway. **Camp Hill**—75 evening school men and FFA boys to work on corn-improvement program.

Carrollton—One-half acre Irish potatoes planted to finance summer tour; 175 fruit trees bought cooperatively; 12 entered Public Speaking Contest; fattening a pig for F-S M-D banquet. **Cedar Bluff**—J. L. Liles, Jefferson County agent, principle speaker at F-S M-D banquet on Feb. 5—over 100 present; attended monthly meeting of Gadsden District; with \$10 of chapter money and \$20 given by county, purchased \$30 worth of books for library; to ex-

change books with Gaylesville. **Cold Springs**—Two basketball games played; native trees and cuttings set out.

Danville—Black locust project planned with cooperation of Charlie Sandlin; boys sold fattened calves on Parent's Day, Feb. 26. **Daviston**—Shrubbery, fruit trees, and garden seed sold. **Dixon's Mills**—Attended Dixie Four District Meeting at Magnolia; secured purebred boar to be used by community; landscaping vocational building; several thousand cabbage plants sold; received cuts of chapter officers for publication and of National FFA emblem.

Eclectic—35 attended weiner roast given for FHA girls; building sack-cement house on campus; 20 boys entered district field meet, participated in basketball, volley ball, horseshoes; in basketball defeated Holtville and Marbury, lost to Wetumpka in volley ball, defeated Holtville and Marbury, lost to Ramer. **Elba**—Landscaping Vocational Building; basketball team competed in tournament in Slocomb; all boys in Public Speaking Contest; several work benches completed; each boy in the Chapter has started a personal library.

Falkville—Terraced campus; plans made to raise money for chapter by selling farm magazine and presenting play. **Foley**—Basketball team entered finals in Robertsdale Independent Tournament by virtue of their wins over Summerdale, 26-0, Daphne, 23-12, Robertsdale FFA, 21-7, and Robertsdale Independents, 17-14; lost final game to Robertsdale, 16-14; two outstanding players—Helton, guard, and Thompson, forward. **Fort Payne**—Four new members initiated: Bill Thornbury, Ralph Holcomb, Alex James, Roy Wright; trip planned to Muscle Shoals by chapter and Science Club of DeKalb County High; summer trip planned to gulf coast; Leon Fannin, Calvin Jones, Charles Kershaw, Dewey Hardeman, Lewis Buttrum in Public Speaking Contest; \$35 cleared from concessions during basketball tournament. **Frisco City**—27 attended

over-night fishing party; eight registered Poland China gilts and three boars purchased for use in supervised practice programs; handled cooperative order of over 300 fruit trees for boys and farmers of community. **Fyffe**—Exchanged classes with FHA girls for two weeks; most successful radio broadcast, Feb. 4, over WJBY, Gadsden; five delegates sent to meeting of DeKalb County District.

Gaylesville—All officers attended meeting at Glencoe, Feb. 8; our chapter adviser, Mr. Thorn, elected to succeed Mr. Sellers, district adviser; Mr. Thorn was one of principle organizers of Gadsden chapter four years ago; \$30 worth of books purchased—will exchange with Cedar Bluff Chapter; Vocational Banquet held March 16; FFA store financial help to chapter. **Goodwater**—Many homes landscaped; sponsored rose-pruning demonstration at recent meeting of Civitan Ladies Club. **Gorgas**—Sponsored FFA-FHA play, "Treasure Farm"; 234 shrubs planted around school building; 1,000 cuttings added to nursery. **Hamilton**—County meeting held March 1; chicken stew served; Superintendent of Education R. V. Ford spoke on "Evolution of Agricultural Enthusiasm"; business discussed; advancement made in landscaping. **Hanceville**—Sponsored Clean-up Week; initiated three honorary members; boxing match netted \$6 for chapter; helped organize Hanceville Stoneville No. 5 Cotton Improvement Association—over 200 attended meeting.

Headland—Sponsored fiddler's convention; landscaped church grounds; put out 1,000 hardwood cuttings. **Holly Pond**—Chapter's first F-S M-D banquet held; gave shop demonstration. **Houston County High (Columbia)**—Selling *Progressive Farmer* to raise money for banquet; membership drive underway; radio program and picnic social. **Isabella**—Party held March 5 in honor of four new Green Hands; pruned 1,200 peach trees for community; beautifying campus. **Jackson**—Agricultural advancement of South stressed in meeting; County Agent O. C. Helms discussed many interesting and helpful facts in his talk, "Agricultural Conditions of

FFA JEWELRY

PINS - RINGS - FOBS - BELTS and BUCKLES - MEDALS
CUPS - PLAQUES and TROPHIES

WRITE FOR OUR CATALOG

Official Jeweler by Contract to the Future Farmers of America

L. G. BALFOUR COMPANY

Manufacturing Jewelers and Stationers, Attleboro, Mass.

Clarke County"; extensive beautification program underway.

Lexington—Four Green Hands initiated; Braley elected to represent chapter in district Public Speaking Contest; selling *Progressive Farmer* to raise funds; banquet planned.

Lineville—Several Green Hands advanced; had cows and dogs vaccinated; won Clay County District FFA Basketball Tournament; F-S M-D banquet held in March; Campus (clean-up) Committee headed by Carl Parker, who is doing good work.

McKenzie — At district meeting medal awarded district president for healthiest boy in Butler County; sponsored agricultural moving picture; won district Basketball Tournament. **Millerville** — Bought 400 shrubs; annual F-S M-D banquet, March 2. **Milltown**—600 cuttings and 325 rooted shrubs planted; ordered 350 fruit trees; 28 books ordered for library. **Moundville** — Three meetings held; money for summer educational tour being earned through operation of campus candy store; spraying and pruning "rings" organized; cooperating with town's improvement project of highway beautification—will set out crepe myrtles and roses along highway.

New Brockton — Basketball team won second place in West Wiregrass Tournament; set out \$100 worth of shrubbery; put out 3,500 cuttings; chapter working toward getting electricity in nearby rural community. **New Hope**—One Green Hand initiated; landscaped gymnasium.

Odenville—Attended district meeting at Lincoln; gave joint radio program with Pell City; held mock trial. **Pell City**—Entered district basketball tournament at Alexandria; Thrift Bank established — committee in charge: Charlie Watson, Gilbert Barber, Harry Roland; gave two radio programs; cleared \$24 from school store; began landscaping school grounds; plan spring barbecue on river with other chapters in district; initiated one Future Farmer and three Green Hands; presented program before Civitan Club. **Phil Campbell**—Discussed plans for making summer tour and ways of raising money. **Pine Hill**—Set out shade trees throughout town.

Ramer—Presented radio program over WSFA, Montgomery; placed 2,000 cuttings in nursery; chapter aided in beautification of homes. **Ranburne**—Rooted 1,000 additional shrubs; with FFA cotton-project funds set out \$31 worth of shrubbery. **Riverton**—Four meetings held during month; field stones gathered to veneer Vocational Building; won 7 out of 4 basketball games. **Robertsdale**—Two Green Hands initiated; shrubbery set out throughout town; chapter has 32 active members. **Rockford**—Put on Farm Bureau program; set out six apple trees, eight peach trees, six grape vines; selling magazines; sponsoring "live-at-home" program throughout community.

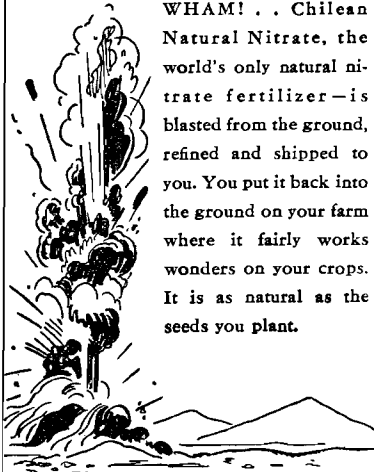
Slocomb — Purchased lining-out

stock for nursery; host to Wiregrass District Basketball Tournament; installed radio; 100 per cent of membership in Essay Contest. **Straughn**—Large propagation bed built; more cuttings set out. **Sulligent**—33 present at F-S M-D banquet—army style Brunswick stew served; 3,000 cuttings planted; trip made to University of Alabama; district basketball champions; delivered fruit-tree orders amounting to \$50; summer tour planned. **Sweet Water**—Two basketball games with Dixon's Mills; two registered Poland China pigs purchased by chapter. **Town Creek** — Sponsoring candy sales at school. **Uriah**—District meeting held here.

Valley Head—Presented radio program; initiated four honorary members; landscaped vocational school grounds. **Vernon**—Butchered four hogs—proceeds used for buying shrubbery; sold at cost 1,500 fruit trees to farmers; played three games.

Wadley—Sold peanuts and candy at basketball tournament; practically every member carrying on orchard improvement project; fiddler's convention planned. **Walnut Grove** — Landscaped Baptist Church; around 75 shrubs given to boys. **Weogufka** — Social given Feb. 25; chapter giving members practice in parliamentary procedure; Principal James P. Floyd is new honorary member. **West Point**—One Green Hand initiated; gave marshmallow toast; Leon Graham, chapter reporter, spoke at Cullman County Teacher's Curriculum Meeting on the purpose of chapter and district FFA activity program. **Wetumpka** — Box supper planned; goal of \$100 set to be used on trip to Florida—a large part of money to come from entertainments, as the recent "Cotton Blossom Minstrels"; committee appointed for F-S M-D banquet; winners in district basketball tournament.

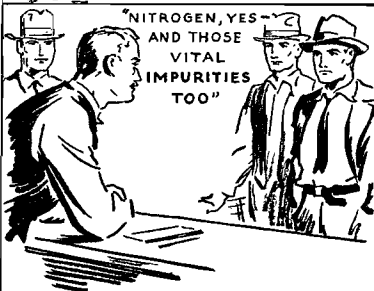
Fascinating Facts of NATURE —



WHAM! . . . Chilean Natural Nitrate, the world's only natural nitrate fertilizer—is blasted from the ground, refined and shipped to you. You put it back into the ground on your farm where it fairly works wonders on your crops. It is as natural as the seeds you plant.



GEN. ROBT. E. LEE GRADUATED FROM WEST POINT (2ND IN HIS CLASS OF 46) THE YEAR BEFORE THE FIRST SHIPLOAD OF CHILEAN NITRATE SAILED INTO A VIRGINIA PORT—1830



"NITROGEN, YES—AND THOSE VITAL IMPURITIES TOO"

CHILEAN NATURAL NITRATE IS NITROGEN PLUS—NITROGEN, PLUS THE NATURE—GIVEN "IMPURITIES" SUCH AS IODINE, CALCIUM, POTASSIUM, SODIUM, BORON, MAGNESIUM, ETC. EACH OF THESE IS PLANT FOOD IN ITSELF.

Chilean NATURAL NITRATE

The only nitrogen that comes from the ground.

