Member Notasulga FFA
Succeeding With Poultry

B. B. Darnell, vocational agriculture student at the Macon County High School, is making money on his poultry flock.

When Darnell enrolled in vocational agriculture three years ago he decided to enter the poultry enterprise in connection with his supervised practice program. His agricultural teacher—T. B. Posey, Notasulga—advised him to grow into the business, and he bought a few pullets and one rooster in the fall of 1934. His pullets went into production in

Free Script of FFA Play

Advisers may obtain copies of the FFA playlet, "The Family Talks It Over", without cost by writing W. A. Ross, national FFA executive secretary, Department of Interior, Office of Education, Washington, D. C. The playlet, which consumes 11 minutes, consists of a winter fireside scene depicting wholesome farm family relationships as presented in connection with the FFA National Radio Program given in January over NBC stations on the Farm and Home Hour. The playlet is suitable for presentation on chapel programs.

Gift Of $7,366 Provided
Greatly Needed Supplies

The convalescent home hospital, where many of Alabama's crippled children are being cared for, is now far better equipped and more comfortable because of the sacrifices, interest, and labors of members of the FFA and the FHA chapters of Alabama. These members, through their personal efforts during the school year 1935-36, raised $7,366.41 for the purchase of equipment to be used in hospitals and homes where crippled children of Alabama are sent under the state program of the

Electric Refrigerator—This new 20-cu. ft. refrigerator makes possible fresh and wholesome food and provides facilities for other sanitary services essential to the proper treatment of Alabama's crippled children.
Demonstration Program Shows Excellent Results

For the past three years the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc., has sponsored a cooperative demonstration program with FFA chapters throughout Alabama. These demonstrations were all supervised by the vocational teachers.

During this period a total of 165 cotton demonstrations were conducted, representing 63 of Alabama’s 67 counties.

Radio receiving sets were presented for outstanding demonstrations conducted in 1936 to the winning chapters as follows:

District I, Eva Chapter, L. G. McDonald, vocational teacher; District II, Vernon Chapter, M. G. Anderson, vocational teacher; and District III, Jackson Chapter, B. H. Walkley, vocational teacher.

According to M. H. Pearson, a total of 1,043 essays were written by FFA boys in the 1936-37 contest. Also sponsored by the Chilean Bureau.

Slocomb Chapter Sponsors Rat-Eradication Campaign

The Slocomb FFA Chapter conducted a rat-eradication campaign in cooperation with town officials. The Chapter ordered the necessary materials and made definite plans for the campaign which were approved by the town officials.

The date for the campaign and the plans were announced by the Chapter. On the day before the bait was to be distributed, a house-to-house advertising campaign was put on by the boys to instruct the people how to prepare for the use of the poison. The next day the boys were divided into the following squads: bait mixing, sacking, home delivery, and business house delivery. The bait was delivered to the homes with instruction for its use and the boys put out the bait in the business section.

K. V. Reagan, chapter adviser, states that a check up on the campaign showed that a large number of dead rats were found at each place and that the citizens were well pleased with the results of the campaign.

As I sat all alone in the moonlight
Forsaken by girls and all men
I murmured over and over
"I'll never eat onions again!"—Polaris.

In Store For Thrift Contest Winners

Camp Cosby, a scene at which is pictured above, has been selected for the three-day camp to be given the winning chapter in the FFA Thrift Contest sponsored this year by the Protective Life Insurance Co., Birmingham, according to C. W. Whitehead, supervisor of Thrift Club work. This camp is one of the most beautiful and best equipped in the State, offering opportunity for all types of sports. (Tune in on WAPI, Birmingham, for the Protective Life Thrift Club broadcasts every Friday evening at 6:45 p.m.)

'37 Public Speaking Contest

A total of 432 FFA boys have entered the 1937 public speaking contest sponsored by the Arcadian Educational Bureau in cooperation with the State FFA Association. The enrollment represents 70 chapters.

April 1 is the date for final membership reports. The names of all members initiated since the last report should be sent together with dues to the State Adviser, making checks payable to Pete Turnham, State Treasurer.

Now is the time for chapters to plan their summer tours. It is not yet too late for a chapter to raise necessary funds for a tour through some well-planned chapter activity. Reports from all parts of the State indicate that more chapters will take educational tours this summer than ever before.

April 1 is the final date for the payment by each chapter of $2 toward defraying expenses of the State Convention at Auburn this summer.

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Purposes of the FFA

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership.
2. To strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
3. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
4. To create and nurture a love of country life.
5. To improve the rural home and its surroundings.
6. To encourage cooperative effort among students of vocational education in agriculture.
7. To promote thrift among students of vocational education in agriculture.
8. To encourage organized recreational activities among students of vocational agriculture.
9. To promote and improve scholarship.
10. To supplement the regular systematic instruction offered to students of vocational education in agriculture.
11. To advance the cause of vocational education in agriculture in the public schools of the United States and its possessions.

Clements to Broadcast

D. M. Clements, Southern regional agent, will speak over Radio Station WAPI on Friday morning, March 26, 10 to 10:15 o’clock. His message will be important and interesting.
Southern Star Farmer

Houston T. Ezell of Nashville, Tenn., is the winner of the Star Farmer award for the Southern region.

This 21-year-old farm boy is carrying on a supervised practice program consisting of 28 head of livestock, one four-year-old mule and 50 birds in a poultry flock, as well as crop projects of hay, barley, corn, orchard, pasture.

His plans for the future are to have dairy cattle and poultry as major enterprises and raise all his own feed.

During his seven years of conducting supervised practice he has earned $2,500 and has a total investment in the farming business of $8,975. He has made a number of managerial decisions, business arrangements, and successful changes in common farm practices on the farm, thus showing ability in managing a farm successfully.

Young Ezell has held the offices of secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president of the local FFA Chapter. He has also been vice-president of the District FFA Chapter, as well as having been secretary, vice-president and chapter leader in their State Camp.

Houston has been on the dairy and livestock judging teams and has participated in the livestock show at the State Fair.

He ranked 40th in the 1934 graduating class of 255 students.

Learning and earning” is the slogan of B. B. Darnell, Notasulga FFA.

Prominent men in your community who have aided your Chapter should be recognized with honorary membership in the FFA. Don’t neglect this opportunity to extend a courtesy to such men; it will place honor where honor is due, and it will help in furthering the work of your Chapter.

Has your Chapter added 10 books to the library this year?

Rogersville FFA Chapter


B. B. Darnell

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a very short time. In the spring of 1935 he custom-hatched enough of his eggs to bring his flock up to 50 hens and four roosters. Darnell has continued to increase his flock, and at the present time he has 135 hens and 15 roosters. These hens average well over 50 per cent production for the entire year.

The flock has been blood-tested annually by the State Department of Agriculture. He has also culled his hens for egg production as well as for excellent qualities of the breed. Due to the excellent conditions of the flock, he is permitted to sell his eggs to a local hatcheryman at 40 cents per dozen.

During the past year he has built a modern hen house and brooder house and averaged $20 profit per month. Darnell grows all of his grain and buys a supplement to balance his ration.

“Learning and earning” have been the leading factors in Darnell’s poultry project. He pays for his books, clothes, and has his own bank account. A weekly profit of $10 was made by Darnell during December, January, and February.

In addition to a successful poultry project, he has added to his home orchard and field crop units. He is proving to his neighbors that the farm can afford a splendid income plus a good living.
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THE FFA MOTTO
Learning to Do
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Earning to Live
Living to Serve.

Says The State Reporter—

The important thing for the Alabama farmer today is the Soil Conservation Program. Success of this program depends largely upon the knowledge our farmers have of its principles and operation. In order that the farmer may have this information, we, as Future Farmers, realize that we must do everything in our power to aid the farmer in becoming fully acquainted with its different phases.

As the rising sun in our emblem represents a new era in agriculture, we realize that this new era is at hand, provided the Soil Conservation Program is carried out effectively.

Each Chapter should include in its activity program some definite responsibilities for informing the public on such phases of this program as soil-building crops and payments, soil-conserving crops and payments, soil-depleting crops, and minimum requirements for grants.

All chapters should make a careful study of this program and members should carry this information to the farmers in their communities. Members should cooperate also with advices in conducting evening schools for the further education of the established farmers. — RONALD SELLEBS, State Reporter.

Crippled Children
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National Social Security Act.

A bright chapter in the history of Alabama's service to crippled children filled with acts of thoughtfulness, kindness, and service to several thousand crippled tots of the State, was made brighter through the splendid work of the companion vocational organizations in rural high school districts, both in schools in remote and prosperous sections, as well as in those in cities and towns. It should be a source of great happiness and satisfaction to that fine group of high school boys and girls who undertook this state-wide project to help crippled children as they look at the pictures accompanying this article.

They represent some of the types of equipment for which the money raised was expended.

Bedsteads, mattresses, springs, rolling chairs, X-ray, surgical and laboratory equipment, and electric refrigerators were among the purchases made. The fund was used only to supply the kind of equipment the orthopedic surgeons needed in order that better service could be rendered the crippled children committed to the institutions.

Approximately 355 children have already benefited by the excellent equipment made possible by these boys and girls. The recovery of these children has in a measure been made possible and unquestionably hastened by the provision of these modern facilities. Particularly have the victims of the recent paralysis epidemic been the beneficiaries, since a large number of these children have been provided beds as emergency cases. Permanent crippled conditions in legs or arms have been prevented in many instances by proper care, making use of the facilities provided by the FFA and the FHA chapters of Alabama.

This splendid project resulted not only in raising the greatly needed funds, but in developing a public service-consciousness in the lives of those taking part which undoubtedly will be a fine force in motivating continued participation in humanitarian enterprises.

Those responsible for the crippled children's program in Alabama are delighted at the continued interest on the part of the teachers and the high school boys and girls, who, from time to time, show further interest in the crippled children of their communities. A future article will tell something of the continued activities of the above-mentioned group in this state—a piece of humanitarian work in which everybody is deeply interested.

Has your Chapter entered the Thrift Contest?

I LOVE TO PLOW*

*This poem was written by a vocational home economics teacher while watching an agricultural boy plow in preparation for a cotton project.
News From The Chapters

Addison—Three members entered Chilean nitrate essay contest; plans discussed for planting cabin for outings; chapter to be represented in Barrett Co. public speaking contest; donated $5 toward flood relief. Akron—Green Hands initiated; bringing enrollment to 25; entered three in both essay and public speaking contests; plans furthered to conduct another Cooperative Chilean Nitrate demonstration; F-S M-D barbecue to be held in April. Alexandria—District meeting held here; FFA laying cobble-stone walks around buildings. Aliceville—Play, “Children of Earth”, presented by FFA and FHA on Amateur Night; 10 entered essay contest; eight in public speaking contest. Arley—Raised $198.50 for relief of flood sufferers; plans to purchase an unheating electric appliances for homes served by TVA lines; beautification program to begin soon. Athens—Plans made to use profits from cotton crop to go to Green educational tour in summer; will present an FFA play.

Atmore—Landscaped City Hall; set out 2,000 plants; cast selected for FFA-FFA play; all boys enrolled in vocational agriculture entered essay contest; six members attended district meeting; purchased 1,000 lbs. feed from county farmer’s exchange. Auburn—Harold Pittman initiated as Future Farmer; Paul Dugger, district president, graduated from high school and entered college; attended district FFA meeting sponsored by Auburn College Chapter.

Baker Hill—Had all dogs owned by members treated for rabies; raised $25 for flood relief; entertained E. M. Baker, president of Auburn College Chapter; won championship in Wiregrass Tournament by defeating Headland. Beigreen—Essay and public speaking contests entered; tennis and planting discussions attended by large number of fathers. Berry—Entertainment in city party; 20—each member allowed to bring extra person; 11 entered public speaking contest. Billingsley—One new member; improvements made on sanitary toilets. Blountsville—35 boys entered essay contest; outstanding papers written by Reaside Corvin, Morris Murphree, and William Bowles; six in public speaking contest. Blue Springs—Entered both public speaking and essay contests; discussed plans for educational tour; entered Eastern Wiregrass Basketball Tournament; pruned shrubbery on campus; placed 500 cuttings in propagation bed. Brilliant—One Green Hand initiated; plans made for negro minstrel; plan to order several hundred for Wadion trip in summer; all members entered essay contest; shrubbery ordered to landscape Vocational Building and to sell; 100 additional peach trees ordered; garden and flower seed purchased to sell—portion of seed given for improvement of school playgrounds. Butler—Because of unfavorable weather, school discontinued during January.

Cameron—Set out cuttings in FFA nursery; shade trees planted; social given at home of F. M. Barnett. Camp Hill—Plans made for summer educational tour; committee appointed to work out way whereby each boy can save certain amount per week for the tour—system adopted is similar to that of thrift bank. Cedar Bluffs—For FHA club account; money spent for purchasing shrubs and grass seed for beautification of campus; James Jordon, H. P. Garrett, and James Antwerp, FHA officers; John Ingram entered essay contest; eight members attended essay and public speaking contest. Citronelle—Plans made for combined FFA and FHA barn dance, Feb. 25. Cold Springs—Entertained by FHA; reception underway for negro minstrel. Collinsville—Host to DeKalb District FFA, Jan. 11—after business session, basketball game played with Valley Head basketball team; social given for 25 visiting delegates and five advisers; proceeds from basketball game $13; plan devised for purchasing shrubs and grass seed for beautification of campus; Jack Ingram entered essay contest; eight in public speaking contest.

Danneville—Four meetings held; with cooperation of Charlie Sandlin, a black locust demonstration will be held. Daviston—Host for district FFA; essay contest completed; three entered public speaking contest; assisted farmers in securing fruit trees; six boys beautified homes. Dixon’s Mills—Planned beautification program; entered essay and public speaking contests; made careful study of Ala. Highway Code. Eva—Cleared $48.53 on FFA entertainment; won radio set in Chilean Nitrate contest; 7,500 black locust plants.

Fairview—Landscaped Baptist church and residence of Min Taylor; raised $116 worth of produce for flood sufferers; ordered seven bushels of Mosby Prolific seed corn.

Flora—Entire chapter entered essay contest; Oris Tucker is painting the FFA emblem of rising sun; article published in local newspaper. Five Points—Plans completed for district basketball tournament here—rabbits will follow; 75 shrubs transplanted from nursery to school campus and homes of students. Flora—Three applied for Green Hand membership; chapter host to Andalusia district Jan. 11—50 present; six essays submitted in contest; ordered 110 peach trees for members and farmers. Foley—27 in essay contest; two Green Hands initiated; “women-
less wedding" presented on chapel program; chapter rented two acres on which to grow Irish potatoes—proceeds from sales will be used to finance educational trip. Fort Payne—Ten Green Hands raised to Future Farmers: Calvin Jones, Phillip Bokley, Leon Fannin, Bryce King, Roy Burt, Leo Grimes, Dewey and Clyde Hardeman, Edwin Burgess, R. E. Stone; presented second 30-minute radio program over WJBY, Gadsden, Jan. 28; 10 books added to library; nursery bed constructed for rooting of shrubs to plant around homes of FFA boys. Fyffe—Two Green Hands initiated; carried five eligible members to special district meeting for Future Farmer initiation; five delegations at regular monthly meeting of DeKalb County District; essays submitted in contest; district barbecue to be held; constructed new cement floor and walls in bath house for athletic department.

Gaylesville—Host to Gadsden district Jan. 11; bestowed honorary membership degree upon W. L. Little for eight years Cherokee county superintendent of education; prominent guests at enjoyable social were Senator and Mrs. Webb Chesnut, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Broom; Mr. Broom is the new county superintendent of education; thrift bank organized; $20 made in FFA store to be used by lining-out stock for nursery plot. Gevaline—Twelve in essay contest; six in public speaking; Twelve members to borrow money from Production Credit Association to finance projects; 35 initiated as Future Farmers from DeKalb district. Glenncoe—Entered essay contest; Secretary Robert Goode has recovered from an appendix operation. Goodwater—Landscaping is chief activity; two FFA boys built new homes; additional rooted shrubs added to nursery. Gorgas—Sponsored musical program by Frank Cunningham and Dixie Owls, radio entertainers—clear $75.25; conducted first-aid demonstration in public speaking contest; beautification of school grounds planned; 2,000 cuttings started.

Hackleburg—Chicken fry given with FHA; organized basketball team.

Hanceville—$14 worth of shrubbery planted around vocational building; active enrollment is 12; ordered 200 baby chicks; cooperation with high school in raising funds and in constructing fence around football and baseball field; put on exhibit of shop work in cooperation with FHA.

Headland—Vaccinated 60 hogs for cholera; terraced 400 acres; pruned and sprayed 10 orchards; landscaped church grounds and two homes; entertained with weiner roast; planted and fertilized lawn; organized basketball and touch football teams; conducted broadcast over WAPI, Birmingham, and presented two chapel programs.

Leighton—Sponsoring better-seed program for East Colbert County; qualified six Green Hands for Future Farmer degree—initiation planned for April.

Magoffin—Redy attended F-S M-D banquet; profit on candy store conducted on campus to be used for educational tour in summer; put out 3,000 cuttings; membership increased to 55; 12 homes and grammar school landscaped during beautification drive; 300 free trees; FFA has column in school paper.

Lexington—Promoted four members to Future Farmer degree; presented play, "The Green Hand"; elected five honorary members and presented them with Green Hand pins; Edison Ritter elected president; chicken stew held. Liberty—Sponsored Fiddler's Convention—netted $181; initiated 13 Green Hands; made educational trip to cheese plant in Columbus, Miss.; sponsored pie walk; added $80 worth of equipment to shop; purchased mounted owl for club room; entered public speaking and essay contests.

Lineville—Four Green Hands initiated; exchanged classes with Home Ec. for one week; plans for banquet underway; 40 essays in contest; 13 boys in public speaking contest; during Christmas holidays won basketball tournament at Millerville for out-of-school FFA boys.

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L. I. Sellers

Effective in early February, Mr. Sellers has been appointed assistant supervisor of agricultural education with headquarters at Auburn. Mr. Sellers, who is a native of McKeen, Ala., graduated at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1929, taking his degree in agricultural education. He first served as teacher of vocational agriculture at Foley, then at Citronelle, and later at Albertville where he developed one of the outstanding FFA chapters in the State. At Albertville he also made an excellent teaching record. His appointment was announced by R. E. Cammack, state supervisor of agricultural education.

Rainburne—Set out 12 pecan trees along border of school grounds; FFA cotton patch raised $70 to buy shrubbery for school grounds. Rawls—New charter to be ordered, framed, and hung on wall in meeting hall; three homes beautified; FFA quartette organized; will broadcast over WSFA.

Basketball games played. Red Level—Within two weeks 27 members contributed $19 to thrift bank; supplied 17 homes with shrubs; laid 250 cu. ft. concrete—$41 profit; 31 in essay contest; first place, John G. Foshee, second, J. C. Longmaid, third, Byron Lee; definite plans made for summer educational tour. Reform—Landscaping grounds of new high school building; Boykin, Barnette, Brazeal, McArthur, Lowe, Moore, Graham, Shirley, Shepherd, Watson, Windle, H., Whitt, R., McArthur, F., entered essay contest; Moore, Barnette, Lowe, Windle, Alexander, Brazeal, Boykin, McArthur, Williams, Self, and Orr in public speaking contest. Riverton—Work begun on PWA project of sandstone veneering vocational agricultural and home economics building. Robertsdale—Fishing trip taken on Magnolia River Jan. 22; crotalaria seed distributed to 10 boys; 34 in essay contest; chapter starting advertising program with purpose of making one-variety community for corn; recent broadcast presented.

Rockford—Selling magazines to raise money; entertained at social Jan. 21; planted small orchard. Sarvis—McDougual, McDonald, Uptain, Daniel, and Whitt in public speaking contest; $5 for flood relief; 30-minute program over WJBY, Gadsden; Whitt and Drummond in essay contest; plans outlined for cabin. Straughn—Active in drive for funds; fiddler’s convention; beauty contest; an excellent stringed band. Sulligent—Plans made for basketball team and social; radio set installed in vocational building; five in public speaking contest. Sweet Water—Chapter room completely equipped; five acres rented for Chilean Nitrate demonstration; 30 in essay contest; 4 in public speaking; working with inexperienced basketball team. Tanner Williams—FFA and FHA joint social held; “The Ghost Parade” a play, presented Jan. 14. Town Creek—Donated $5 to flood sufferers. Uriah—Thrift bank organized; $21.25 on deposit; 10 new books added to library; 16 in essay contest; 6 in public speaking. Valley Head—14 initiated Future Farmers; wide awake basketball team; radio program over...
WJBY, Jan. 7; 20 essays written; eight entered public speaking contest.

Vernon—Membership raised to 77; 6 Green Hands initiated; basketball team organized; feeding 360 chicks for broilers; installed radio; 60 in essay contest; 7 in public speaking; sponsored donations for flood refugees in school—raised $65. Wadley—Sponsored rabbit hunt and barbecue; 60 guests present—31 rabbits killed; two pigs bought to raise and sell; each member to donate one bushel corn or its equivalent in cash to treasury for next summer's trip.

Sweet Water—Initiated five Green Hands from Butler (new chapter) on Nov. 18; Chapter meeting devoted to highway safety; average attendance, 45. Town Creek—Five Green Hands initiated; plans made for library; parliamentary procedure stressed in meetings; average attendance, 10. Uriah—Mr. Whitehead of Protective Life addressed Chapter on Thrift Program; Chapter voted to have each member on program at least twice and attend 80 per cent of meetings to be eligible for recreational activities; 10 books selected for library; ordered spray tank and 5 lbs. dry lime-sulphur for spraying peach trees; attended District meeting; circulating District library started. Valley Head—Operating Chapter store; organized basketball team; made nice sum on musical; PURCHASED RADIO RECEIVING SET; sold subscriptions to farm magazines to raise funds for purchase of athletic equipment. Vernon—Bought $20 worth of winter lawn grass—made money by feeding lunch scraps to hogs; construction of desks and tables for county schools brought $75; gave party for FHA girls; entered Thrift Contest; completed cooperative broiler house equipped with feather-duster brooders—350 broilers growing nicely; sponsored and assisted in building drive ways and walks on school grounds. Wadley—20 Green Hands initiated; landscaped home; host to East Ala. District where nine Future Farmers were initiated—basket ball games followed; gave joint Christmas social with FHA; supervised practice projects improved and enlarged; nursery increased to ½ acre; organized basket ball team. Walnut Grove—Held F-S M-D banquet; organized Thrift Bank; conducted chapel program; magazine campaign successful. Ward—Editor C. S. English gave boys holiday from school to work on camp house, completed by John D. Ezell and Charles Allen, former members; Arch MacDonald is new member. West Point—Sponsored rabbit hunt and barbecue; 60 guests present—31 rabbits killed; two pigs bought to raise and sell; each member to donate one bushel corn or its equivalent in cash to treasury for next summer's trip.

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