Erastus Shamblin Has Outstanding Program

In the fall of 1937, Erastus Shamblin entered the Gorgas High School, Tuscaloosa County, and was elected to membership in the FFA Chapter. At the end of his first year as a Future Farmer he was elected president of the Chapter. The training he received at the State Convention in 1938 helped him to become one of the best presidents the Gorgas Chapter has ever had. Under his leadership the chapter enjoyed a very successful year, climaxed with a 1,326-mile tour through Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Erastus is now serving his third year as president of his class. He is active in all school activities and is a good student.

Erastus has achieved unusual success in carrying out his supervised practice program. During his first year, he carried the following project program: two acres of cotton, two acres of corn, a registered Poland-China gilt, young orchard, and terracing. His second-year program was a continuation of the first-year program plus increased acreage in cotton and corn, 100 baby chicks, two acres of kudzu, two acres of peanuts, and the construction of a sanitary toilet.

This year he plans to continue the program that he carried last year, increasing still more the acreage of kudzu and corn. He also plans to add three acres of crimson clover for seed, to install a deep well electric pump, bathroom equipment, and hot water system for one of his neighbors.

Erastus has adopted as his creed part of the Green Hand initiation ceremony: "Without hard labor we can accomplish little. Unless our labor is directed by an intelligent brain we accomplish nothing."

Plows At Night

During the spring Erastus Shamblin frequently plows with his father's tractor until late at night. The tractor is equipped with headlights. The bottom photo shows Erastus with his registered Poland China sow and pigs.

Langley Makes Good On Return To School

Two years ago Cecil Langley, of Millerville, was just another farm boy who had dropped out of school. Today, at the age of 23, Cecil is a senior in high school with a supervised farm program consisting of 175 white Leghorn hens, one purebred Jersey heifer, two feeder steers, three acres of corn, one-fourth acre of kudzu seedlings, and five acres of improved pasture.

"You never get too old to learn that you are making mistakes," is Cecil's explanation of why he re-entered school at the age of 21.

In March Cecil bought 350 of the best white Leghorn chicks that he could buy in Alabama. He had unusually good luck with the chicks and raised 175 strong, healthy pullets that are now paying him $10 a week above feed cost.

Poultry is only a part of the long-time program that Cecil planned. There were several acres of potential pastureland on the farm, so plans were made for seeding the pasture and a Production Credit Association loan was secured with which to stock it. A purebred Jersey heifer was purchased from one of the best dairy herds in Alabama.

Cecil planned to repay the P. C. A. loan with the kudzu seedlings that he was growing out, but later decided to repay the loan with profits from his poultry flock and to use the kudzu seedlings on the farm. This change in plans was made to provide more hay for the dairy herd as it grows.

Cecil is an "A" student in school and takes an active part in all school activities. In addition to his farm and school work, he finds time to work Saturdays in one of the grocery stores in a nearby town.
This year I am a Senior in high school. I have had three years of Vocational Agriculture work. I am vice-president of our local F. F. A. and hold the State Farmer degree. Next fall, I plan to enter the State Agricultural College at Auburn and study agriculture.

**Profitable Program**

In the fall of 1936, I started my first project in Vocational Agriculture. I bought a purebred Poland China gilt for $10.00. She farrowed pigs slightly over a year later in February. I made $40.00 profit on this litter of six pigs. This sow later had another litter of six pigs. These two sows and three litters have netted me a total of $85.00.

Last winter I started a business which has proved very profitable. I butchered three of my hogs, and sold meat and sausage to a local merchant. I made $5.00 more per hog than if I had sold them at market prices.

Two years ago, I started what I hope to be my life's work. We have a fine, old, purebred Jersey cow and an excellent grade cow which furnishes the family milk supply. The purebred Jersey had a heifer in October, two years ago. I raised this calf partly on Purina Feed and partly on home mixed feeds. Since then in rapid succession, have been born three other calves, all heifers. I now have two bred heifers and two younger ones. They are sired, with the exception of one, by a registered Jersey bull whose mother gave over 600 pounds butterfat on a Register of Merit Test.

A steer was purchased this fall to be fed out for the Livestock Show in the spring. I have him on a ration of ground corn, cottonseed meal, and blackstrap molasses.

To provide feed for my livestock, I have had two corn projects, one peanut, one soybean, and two hay projects. This year my corn yielded 25 bushels per acre. I also planted vetch and oats for grazing.

In addition to my livestock project program, I have carried the home orchard as my horticulture project.

**Buys 40 Acres**

Rapidly becoming established in farming is Carl Skipper, a senior in the Robertsdale school, who has completed three years in vocational agriculture and is now in his fourth year as an active FFA member.

Through his projects, which have included corn, cucumbers, okra, cantaloupes, and sow and litter, Carl has made pronounced progress toward becoming permanently established in farming. His three-year supervised practice program brought him a profit of $625, part of which has been used to buy 40 acres of land.

For the past three years Carl has been in complete charge of his father's 40-acre farm and he is now familiar with farm management. The additional 40 acres will enable him to plant more truck crops. He also plans to increase the livestock and poultry on the farm. His three sows having just farrowed, he now has 32 pigs to feed on his corn.

Carl is serving his second year as secretary of the Robertsdale FFA Chapter, and he is also secretary of the Baldwin County FFA. In scholarship, he ranks in the upper 10 percent of his class. He was elected to the degree of State Farmer at the last State Convention; he will apply for the American Farmer degree next summer.

**NATIONAL EMBLEM**

One of the items of the State Activity Program calls for the purchase of a cut of the National Emblem by each chapter for the purpose of heading news letters submitted to local papers. Prices of these cuts may be secured by writing the French-Bray Printing Company, Baltimore, Md.
Hulon Ryon Succeeds With Poultry

Hulon Ryon, an outstanding FFA boy of Eva, is making great progress with the poultry enterprise which he started in 1933 by purchasing 100 white Leghorn day-old chicks. Of the 100 he bought, he raised 96. The flock was culled down until 40 good pullets were left for layers. In 1934 he purchased another 100 baby chicks and saved 45 pullets, thereby increasing his laying flock to 85. In 1936 with the income from his 85 hens, he bought 100 day-old chicks, culled out his old hens, and added enough pullets to increase his flock to 90. The income from this 90 enabled Hulon to buy and feed out 500 New Hampshire broilers and 200 day-olds. With proper management he was able to enlarge his flock to 225 hens in 1938. This year he enjoyed a profit of $325 from 1,500 New Hampshire broilers, $168.75 from the sale of 225 hens, and saved 481 pullets for his laying flock. Most of the work on the house was done by Hulond; however, he hired a carpenter to assist him in the toughest problems. He bought recently a 10,944-capacity incubator, from which he sold his first chicks October 10, 1939. He plans to hatch his own 2,500 broiler chicks for this year from his own eggs.

1,000 Shrub Plants

A project which had its beginning as a part of his work in vocational agriculture classes may develop into a full-time job for Geral Noe, of the Hamilton FFA Chapter.

Selecting a small nursery plot as his school project, Geral now has 1,000 shrub plants which are being raised under the supervision of his teacher, J. D. Thornton. Geral began with a few seedlings raised in a nursery plot owned by his brother, J. T. Noe, and he has been learning the best methods of cultivating and fertilizing such varieties as abelia, arborvitaes, roses, and willows.

Following in the footsteps of his father, who is a successful Marion County farmer, Geral is diversifying along other lines. He has a registered Jersey bull, a registered heifer of his own, and two acres of cotton, in addition to a number of other projects.

Profitable Sow

Austin McCarty, 19-year-old Future Farmer and student of vocational agriculture at Jemison High School, has made an enviable record with his Duroc Jersey hogs. In February, 1938, he became interested in growing some purebred hogs. With the assistance of his teacher of vocational agriculture, H. H. Denson, he borrowed $30 from the Production Credit Association and bought a purebred registered Duroc Jersey sow. His first litter of pigs, which were half Poland China, weighed 3410 pounds at the age of six and one-half months, an average of 341 pounds each, and won first prize at the ton-litter show in Montgomery. This litter brought Austin a profit of $170.

Austin is fortunate in having selected a sow that has proved to be very prolific. She has farrowed 54 pigs since Austin has owned her and 66 pigs in all of her five litters. Her six daughters in the Jemison community are valuable brood sows and all are farrowing large litters. Austin has shipped several pigs to other sections of the State to be used as breeders, and, in addition, has sold $562 worth of hogs and has three registered sows and 15 shoats subject to registration.

Project Story

By William Woods

The first thing I did upon enrolling in the first year agriculture class back in 1937 at Fayette County High was to plan my supervised practice program for the whole year. I selected the following projects: one acre of cotton, one acre of corn, and one sow.

These projects were carried to completion, and the next year my project included bees, sow and litter, baby chicks, and two acres of corn. I bought 250 baby chicks with the money I made on cotton the year before and had enough left to buy their feed. I borrowed money from my father to pay for the bee hives and necessary equipment with which to tend them. When I sold my roosters and had my pullets culled, I had 65 nice pullets left for laying purposes.

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ERS, or in any profession, we need to do a lot of the right kind of reading. The best advantage? Last year, the average number of books added to FFA libraries over the State of Alabama was seven. Forty-two chapters bought books out of their own treasuries, and 39 chapters had members to donate books to the chapter library. Other ways in which chapters reported getting books for their libraries are: FFA projects, joint FFA and FHA projects, and the purchase of library books to be used as text books. There are many ways we can get books if we try. A book list was mailed to each chapter last year. If it has been misplaced, another list may be obtained by writing Mr. A. L. Morrison, Auburn, Ala.

Fifty-six of the 98 chapters studied reported that they thought an FFA library worthwhile, and that much good is being accomplished through the libraries over the State. This year the chapters plan to add ten new books to the library. From the State survey we found that the most logical places for the FFA books are either in the classroom or in the adviser's office. Several systems of checking the books out are in use. The card system is being used by 50 per cent of all the chapters. Some chapters use the system of having one boy in each class check the books out; others make the FFA secretary responsible for them. In most instances, a committee sets the rules for checking the books out. It was surprising to find that 23 chapters reported that they did not have any definite system of checking books out of the library.

As a National organization, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve," we can do much toward learning how to live by starting with a good library in each local FFA chapter. Let all of us as FFA members in the future strive to increase our FFA libraries, increasing not only the number of books, but also the interest in and use of the library by members of the chapters in general.—Roy Fuller, State Secretary.

National Chapter Contest

In the past we have had some difficulty in getting sufficient entries in the National Chapter Contest, which is recognized by leaders as one of the outstanding FFA activities. This year the State Association substituted a State Chapter Contest for the Essay Contest in order that more emphasis might be placed on the local chapter program as a whole. The chapters entering this contest will display their programs of work, showing accomplishments, along with their scrapbooks of pictures and news articles, at the State FFA Convention. The rules for the Contest are being patterned after the National Contest; they will appear in the February issue of the Alabama Future Farmer. Those desiring immediate information about the Contest can write Mr. A. L. Morrison, Assistant State FFA Adviser, Auburn, Ala.—Hollis Smith, State Vice-President.

Promptness

Just a little reminder to you chapter reporters who are starting off the new year—congratulations to you who have been getting your reports in on time and a friendly reprimand to you who have been late in sending in your reports.

As you know, to make it possible for your reports to be published in the official state paper, you must have this information in by the fifth of the month.

Promptness is essential in the orderly running of any organization and should be one of our aims throughout the year, for no matter how valuable the information or how great your accomplishments, if they are not received on time they cannot be published.

Let's get busy, boys, and make this the best and most successful year Future Farmers of Alabama have had since their organization.—L. C. Fitzpatrick, State Reporter.

NEW BOOKS FOR FFA LIBRARY

The Interstate, Printers and Publishers, Danville, Ill., has just published a book entitled "Winning Future Farmer Speeches." This book contains a tremendous amount of valuable information for FFA chapters that can be used in their future training in speech writing and public speaking. The winning speeches of last year, together with Dr. Judson's comments on the speeches, will be found in this book. (List price, $2.00)

The French-Bray Printing Com-
Hartford Boys Busy

Fifteen members of the Hartford Chapter have recently purchased 15 two-month-old Duroc-Jersey gilts for breeding purposes to further the drive for more and better livestock in the Hartford district. By purchasing this many gilts at one time, G. W. Holmes, teacher of vocational agriculture, was able to buy them for the boys at $7.50 each. Two of the boys were able to pay for their hogs independently, while the remaining 13 financed their through the Production Credit Association at Ozark, thus gaining valuable experience in securing ready cash for financing their projects.

The boys who purchased gilts are Rex White, Howard Meadows, Paul Dean, Frasier Galloway, Hillman Ward, Paul Bailey, Paul Wills, George Sullivan, Felon Collins, Joe Edd Howell, Junior Gissendanner, Bill Peacock, Robert Dean, Earl Outlaw, and Henry Wills.

Page Kelley and Hartwell Hatcher, also members of the Hartford FFA Chapter, already own registered sows. Several other members plan to buy Duroc-Jersey pigs in the near future.

Aim of the Chapter is to place at least one Duroc-Jersey hog on the farm of every member. These young farmers are to be congratulated on this move toward increasing the number of registered sows in Geneva County.

Project Story

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After they began laying, I sold hatching eggs and cleared from four to six dollars a week above feed costs.

In the spring, when eggs were at rock-bottom prices, I sold all except 10 of my hens. I had 400 eggs hatched from which to grow out my laying hens for the next fall. My sow costs.

I sold to boys in my community for April 27. ___ Samson

When I totaled up all profits, I lacked Mar. 30 ___ Goshen

Mar. 16. Clio

Feb. 17. Abbeville

Feb. 24. Clayton

Mar. 2. Kinston

Mar. 9. Newville

Mar. 16. Clio

Mar. 23. Louisville

Mar. 30. Goshen

April 6. Dale-Henry District

April 13. Centre Chapter

April 20. Geneva

April 27. Samson

May 4. Geneva District

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company, Baltimore, Md., has published a book entitled "Forward F. F. A." by W. A. Ross. This book is designed for the use of American farm youths and their leaders. It contains a series of talks used by the author over a period of years and can be used as a reference for preparing talks and addresses for various occasions. (List price: Stiff-back binder, $1.00; Flexible Binder, $ .50)

Station WJBY, Gadsden

Time: 10:30-11 A. M., Wednesday.

Jan. 10. — Cedar Bluff Chapter

Jan. 17. — DeKalb District

Jan. 24. — Gaylesville Chapter

Jan. 31. — DeKalb District

Feb. 6. — Sand Rock Chapter


Feb. 20. — Centre Chapter

Feb. 27. — Spring Garden Chapter

Mar. 6. — DeKalb District

Mar. 13. — Cherokee County District

Station WAGF, Dothan

Time: 10-10:30 A. M., Saturday.

Jan. 13. — Slocomb

Jan. 20. — Brundidge

Jan. 27. — Ozark

Feb. 3. — Bakerhill

Feb. 10. — Enterprise

Feb. 17. — Abbeville

Feb. 24. — Clayton

Mar. 2. — Kinston

Mar. 9. — Newville

Mar. 16. — Clio

Mar. 23. — Louisville

Mar. 30. — Goshen

April 6. — Dale-Henry District

April 13. — Hartford

April 20. — Geneva

April 27. — Samson

May 4. — Geneva District

Chapter News

Akon — Had "mixed" social in form of weiner buffet supper; host to organization meeting of Hale County FFA; selected members to enter the Public Speaking Contest; added $10 to treasury. Albertville — gave Thanksgiving football dance; attended FFA Thanksgiving dinner. Alexander — Planted F-S, M-D banquet to be given this month; assisted in preparation of football banquet; appointed social committee; decided to have entertainment after Green Hand initiation. Alcoa — Initiated 21 Green Hands; sold popcorn at football game; planned F-S, M-D banquet. Arley — Initiated 14 Green Hands and 28 Future Farmers; built one chicken brooder and designed another. Ashford — Initiated 5 Green Hands; held shooting match; sold chances on turkey. Planned FFA-FHA Christmas party. Ashland — Initiated one Green Hand and 5 Future Farmers; completed cementing floor in school cafeteria. Ashville — Initiated 2 Green Hands and 9 Future Farmers; made quilling frame; entertained FFA with weiner roast; bought eight basketball suits; cooperated with FHA in giving dinner for Farm Bureau; paid electric bill for school; put on radio program for assembly; made plans for Christmas party.

Beatrice — Set out shrubbery around school building; constructed and decorated float to enter in Hog Festival Parade, with assistance of FHA girls; started potted pig program; set out fruit trees for 2 farmers; established 2 lawns. Berry — Initiated 36 Green Hands and 22 Future Farmers; had two socials and presented one radio program; building brooder; repairing farm machinery. Brantley — Initiated 20 Green Hands; started beautifying school grounds; helped organize district FFA; held FFA-FHA social. Brundidge — Initiated 8 Green Hands; limed out shrubs in nursery. Butler — Initiated 4 Green Hands; made arrangements with local theater manager to sponsor shows; practicing play; planned FFA-FHA party.

Camp Hill — FFA and FHA Chapters entertained district organization, served punch and cookies to 350 persons present; participated in school "stunt night," added books and magazines to library; seven members secured a group loan for the purpose of buying goats. Carolina — Subscribed to $10 worth of magazines; secured new nursery area; assisted in
planning hot house. (Carrilional—

Wrote story on blacksmith shop, Consette—
bought fiddlers at stock show in Aliceville; had joint insti­tional, FFA: initiated 3 Green Hands; planted winter grass on 150 breeding projects; built feeder chicken fry; cleaned out nursery area and planted lab area. Central—Initiated 15 Green Hands; published three articles in local paper; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Fielder, of Florence, donated the chapter an O.I.C. registered boar; repaired farm machinery and tools in shop. Centre—

Initiated Green Hands; organized string band; attended FFA social; working on school beautification project. Chatom—Elected initiating team; initiated 13 Green Hands; went on picnic with FFA; operated book store; added books to FFA library. Cherokee—Initiated 20 Green Hands; entertained new members at picnic. Cokes—Initiated 18 Green Hands; FFA and FHA Chapters sponsored carnival and cleared $10,000. Cullman—Made basketball back boards for schools; went on county meeting and social. Curry—Initiated 3 Green Hands; cooperated with occupations class on educational tour during Christmas vacation. Eclectic—Entered exhibit in Elmore County Fair, and won $25 prize. Made six members buy feeder chickens; helped organize district meeting; planning FFA-FHA social. Curry—Initiated 3 Green Hands; enlarged FFA-FHA nursery; purchased owl, which completes chapter story. Dixon’s Mills—Attended meat-cutting and canning demonstrations; donated plans for fiddlers’ convention; planned athletic program; cooperated with occupations class on shop program; planned program for monthly community meetings; making plans for Public Speaking Contest. Eclectic—Entered exhibit in Elmore County Fair and won $25 prize. Six members bought feeder chickens; helped organize district meeting; planning FFA-FHA social. Elba—Organized string band; made basketball back boards for school; held joint meeting with FFA and FHA; started cleaning in repair jobs; planned radio broadcast; helped with coffee County teachers’ meeting. Eva—Helped send district president to National Convention; built concrete forge for blacksmith shop; completed new blacksmithing shop, with 12 new manuals and secretaries’ and treasurer’s books; took individual picture of each member for scrapbook; published articles in local papers; showed educational films in agricultural classes. Felix—Initiated 4 Green Hands; cooperated with Future Farmers; practicing for FFA-FHA play, proceeds from which will be used for F-S, M-D banquet. Five Points—

Initiated 18 Green Hands: completed short-term loan through FFA for 16 supervised practices; completed school beautification plans: assisted in bringing vocational shop up to State recommendations; placed garage car about town. Foley—

Initiated 2 Future Farmers; gathered magazines and newspapers to ship to Mobile paper mill; purchased an emblem cut for newspaper articles; made individual tool lockers for shop; members purchased felt emblems for large, metal, full-size vocational building; installed new equipment. Foley—

Attended joint meeting of Baldwin County FFA and FHA organizations; made plans for entertaining group of FFA members from Illinois who will visit Alabama on an educational tour during Christmas holidays; built hog house for housing project pigs. Gaylesville—

Grossed $32 on cake walk sponsored in cooperation with FHA; worked out a fund-raising program for the student body; helped organize district string band; published chapter year book; sent news articles to county paper. Georgiana—

Secured money for library books; helped place seven purebred registered pigs bought by Lions and Rotary clubs; fertilized school lawn; published news articles in paper; provided a FFA evaluation team. Goodwater—Cooperated with FFA in giving chicken barbecue; organized local and county string bands; attended county and national social. Gordo—Initiated 12 Green Hands and 24 Future Farmers; ordered six manuals; elected Col. D. M. Pay to honorary president; stationed in county-wide program by teachers; gave chicken roast after initiation. Gorgas—Started chapter scrapbook; planted crimson clover on school grounds; sent chapter news to Tuscaloosa News; donated $12.50 to crippled boy; another chapter member. Goshen—Elected officers; had FFA-FHA party, where refreshments were served and games played. Grand Bay—

Initiated 2 Green Hands; host to Gulf Coast District at regular meetings and helped in purchasing barbecue; to be held with district FFA; initiated 5 boys from the Baker Chapter; set up standards for year. Greensboro—

Had 87 members present; cleared $7.00 on sale of peanuts at football games; sold cheese at fair; on Tuesday by letting people guess at the grains of corn it would eat after being off feed for 24 hours; completed $13.00; purchased large banner for classroom, six manuals for the officers, and official treasurer’s and secretary’s books. Ordered 100 membership cards which will be given to members; started chapter country project with 30 White Giant turkeys, and another elk; 25 baby chicks; helped organize Hale County FFA; bought 2 calves. Haleburg—Gave FFA-FHA play; attended district meeting; booked a program for December 15 with radio stars: working on plans for landscaping campus; organizing string band. Hamilton—

Initiated one Green Hand and one Future Farmer; landscaped two homes and made plans for landscaping church and another home; helping organize county band. Hanceville—

Initiated 12 Green Hands; went on "possum hunt; began landscaping elementary school building; assisted with sale of football tickets; helped the benefit play. Foley—

Initiated 10 Green Hands; chartered bus and attended Houston County Fair; made activity calendar; purchased 100 baby chicks; started chapter library. Hatton—Made $22 on FFA-FHA play. Headland—

Initiated 13 Green Hands and Future Farmers; pruned shrubbery around school building and treated for cotton cushion scale; lined off basketball court, volleyball court, and tennis courts; treated peach trees for peach tree borer; worked in lab, area; organized string band. Heflin—Initiated 6 Future Farmers: host to Chessa District FFA. Highland Home—

Initiated 10 Green Hands; presented radio program; band played at Thanksgiving party; published news articles. Isabella—Making propaganda bed; planning to stage play with FFA; ordered 300 baby chicks to feed out for broilers; planning to sell zucchini seed after the first of the year. Jackman—

Initiated 8 Green Hands and 20 Future Farmers; planned FFA and FHA Christmas party. Jacksonville—

Initiated 24 Green Hands; bought mounted owl; lined out 650 shrubs in lab. area; attended district meeting; presented chaplet program; members donating books to FFA library. Jemison—

Initiated one Future Farmer; sowed permanent pasture in lab. area; started FFA scrapbook; sowed Italian rye grass on campus. Leighton—

Initiated 10 Green Hands; conducted chapel program; attended district organization meeting; sponsored livestock improvement campaign. Leroy—Planted oats, set up, peas, onions, and turnips in lab. area; set out home orchards; practicing for FFA-FHA play. Liberty—Presented each new Green Hand with Green Hand button; cooperated with County Bank, putting on a program at the County Teachers’ meeting. Mr. Ward, County Superintendent, was presented honorary State Farmer Degree and
pin; added new books to the FFA library; sent weekly articles to county; discussed plans with FHA chapter for F-S, M-D banquet; Sumter County FFA had tough meeting; sent news articles to local papers. Louis­ville—Organized basketball team; made work benches for workshop; held repair work at school. Luverne—Had joint program with FHA; FFA quartet appeared before five county groups; sent weekly article to school and local paper; elected three honorary members. Lyeffion—Joined new district association; conducting landscaping program. Magnolia—Completed installing waterworks in vocational department; built cabinets, tables, and benches for home economics department. Marbury—Initiated 14 Green Hands; painted kitchen for home economics department; bought 2 pigs for chapter; entertained FHA at marshmallow toast. Ma­dory—Practiced Parliamentary procedure; held joint meeting with FHA; gave Thanksgiving program; added to FFA library; have good fall and winter garden. Midland City—Held district meeting; ordered book for library. Millerville—Initiated 4 Green Hands; working on handbook; helped paint inside of grammar school. Milltown—Held F-S, M-D banquet; secured registered gilts for three boys; ordered Future Farmer pins; bought new flag and picture of Washington; re­terraced lab. area. Moundville—Sent delegates to first meeting of newly organized FFA and FHA county association. New Brockton—Attended district meeting; participated in FFA-FHA radio program. New Hope—Established thrift bank. New Market— Sold candy to buy chapter equipment; planned chicken stew for district meeting. Newville—Initiated 6 Green Hands; enjoyed 'possum hunt and weiner roast given by FHA girls; raised off turkey. Notasulga—Initiated 17 Green Hands; planned FFA play; purchased 10 manuals; planned Christmas social. Odenville—Cleared $25 on FFA­FHA program; published news letter for district. Oneonta—Initiated 22 Green Hands; attended district meeting; held regular meetings. Orrville—Initiated 13 Green Hands; planned F-S, M-D banquet; president made report to P.-T. A. on educational tour. Pell City—Organized chapter; thrift bank; added 5 books to library; planned to stage variety show and use proceeds to purchase a film strip machine; sent three articles to county newspaper; added to FFA recreational facilities; activity calendar set up for year; bought official secretary's and treasurer's book; a pennant of A. P. I. placed in chapter room; rearranged chapter room in accordance with instructions in manual; added new material to scrapbook. Phil Campbell—Initiated 4 Green Hands and 9 Future Farmers; discussed plans for building a floor in shop; attended district FFA-FHA meeting. Pleasant Home—Initiated 12 Future Farmers; gave F-S, M-D banquet. Princeton—Initiated 11 Green Hands; set up activity program; helping in organization of district association. Ranburne—Sponsored fiddlers' convention, took in $107 at gate and FFA received $38.50 of this and balance went to school. Red Level—Co­

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operated with FHA in giving F-S, M-D banquet, constructed six dining tables for school cafeteria; constructed concrete walk and porch to school cafeteria. Riverton — Attended district meeting; sponsored joint Halloween Carnival with FHA, cleared $76; bought trailers to be used in carrying out agricultural program. Rockford — Attended district FFA-FHA weiner roast, helped organize district string band. Rogersville — FFA and FHA chapters presented Negro minstrel; sent articles to weekly paper; worked in nursery; attended district meeting; drew landscaping plans for three homes; planning to spray orchards.

Samson — Initiated 13 Green Hands; had joint social with FHA; completed dressing room and bath house for football boys. Slocum — Initiated 6 Future Farmers; gave chapel program on State parks and CCC camps; sent weekly article to paper. Spring Garden — Initiated 20 Green Hands; appointed committee; made arrangements to buy a chapter gilt; applied for charter. Sulligent — Initiated 12 Green Hands; purchased 10 pigs for growing out project; landscaped 4 homes; improving school grounds—filling in, excavating, grading, planting shrubbery; improving agricultural department by painting and varnishing classroom; presented musical program at evening school.

Susan Moore — Initiated 11 Green Hands; sponsored a program by the Melody Boys and made $17; joined district FFA; had FHA-FFA social; made plans for nursery.

Sweet Water — Ordered 15 new books for library and each member is donating one book to the chapter.

Thomasville — Initiated 6 Green Hands; bought FFA banner for classroom; started landscaping vocational building. Valley Head — Initiated 17 Green Hands and 3 Future Farmers; drew plans for landscaping 10 homes; plan to set out eight new orchards; cleared $47.03 on FFA-FHA Harvest Festival. Vernon — Rooting cuttings for nursery; received 5 more FFA gilts; feeding out 20 FFA hogs with school scraps, tankage, and cottonseed meal; exchanged classes with home economics girls; another FFA sow farrowed 8 pigs.

Wadley — Graded cemetery; put 30 loads of compost on cemetery and terraced it; sowed $14 worth of Italian rye grass seed; helped build rock wall around cemetery. Walnut Grove — Initiated 5 Green Hands; sponsored motion picture; presented short play in chapel; attended FHA party; voted to erect flag pole for school; constructed sand table for elementary grades.

West Point — Elected FFA athletic committee; plan to buy jerseys for FFA teams. Wetumpka — Gave annual FFA dance; secured 6 hogs and feed from chapter members; organized string band of 7 pieces; pruning 5 acres of pecans; planning chapel program. White Plains — Initiated 4 Green Hands; had joint social with FHA; planned FHA-FHA activity program.

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2 — It also contains in natural blend, small quantities of other plant food elements.

Many of these elements such as iodine, boron, calcium, zinc, copper, iron, manganese and magnesium, in addition to phosphorus, nitrogen and potassium, are necessary to plant life for normal good health, growth, quality and yield.

Therefore, Natural Chilean Nitrates is valuable both as a source of nitrate nitrogen, and to furnish, or build up a reserve of other plant food elements naturally blended with it.

Take advantage of Chilean Nitrates' quick-acting nitrogen plus its many protective elements. It is well suited to your crops, your soil, your climate. It costs no more. You can get it anywhere.