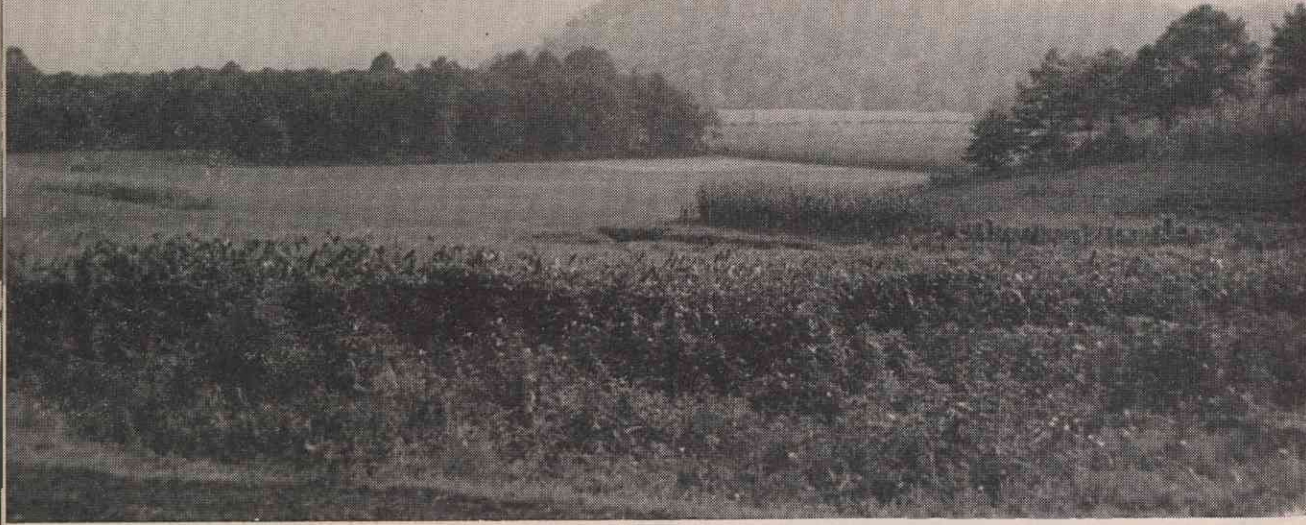


# PART-TIME FARMING PAYS OFF



*Part of Carl Bryson's farm as seen from Elm Bend Road. His garden is in the foreground, grass at center and his eight acres of corn are at upper right.*

To be classed as a part-time farmer a person has to earn \$300 each year, and Ecusta has about 1200 employees who are making this amount or more in their spare time. One fellow, proving that part-time farming pays off, is Carl Bryson of the Machine Room.

When Carl bought his 54 acre farm five years ago, some people told him he was throwing his money "down a rat hole." Others told him that the soil had worn out, and that a decent crop of corn hadn't been produced in years. Carl listened to all comments, but he didn't pay very much attention to them. He went to work—spreading fertilizer, planning rotation of crops, clearing woodlands for pasture, building fences.

Today Carl is getting one of the best returns from his farm per acre of any farmer in Transylvania County. Last year he was a member of the 100 bushel corn club of the County, with an average of 109.4 bushels per acre with a cost of 13½ cents per bushel for fertilizer. Although the hail has hit his corn twice this year, he will again average over 100 bushels per acre on 8 acres. He has 33 acres in crop land and pasture, one acre in home grounds and barn lot and 20 acres in woodland.

In an old meadow of two acres he has harvested 20 tons of hay during the past five years valued at \$1600 in addition to pasturing 40 head

of hogs. In his hill pasture of ten acres he is grazing 12 to 16 head of cattle each year, and planning to add more. In the poultry line he has 30 hens, 30 pullets, 40 broilers, 12 ducks and 11 turkeys.

Carl's farm, Poplar Hollow, is on the Elm Bent Road. He has a five room house with all modern conveniences. The convenience that caught our eye was the 750 pound capacity home freezer—and that is where Mrs. Bryson comes into the picture. She has filled it to overflowing with beef, pork, chickens, turkeys, corn, beans, greens, okra, peas, squash, blackberries, strawberries and peaches. She also has an ample supply of canned and dried fruits and vegetables, and canned meats.

Carl and Mrs. Bryson are not the only ones who work on their farm. Their two children, Marita Jane—five years old and Charles Joseph—three years old, come in for their share of the work.

When members of the International Institute of Farm and Home Planning from eight foreign countries came to Transylvania on July 29, Carl's farm was singled out as the one farm they would visit. After the tour of his farm, the group visited Carl in the Machine Room. There is no better summary than a remark made by one of the group from the Philippines, "I do not see how he does it, but it's a job well done."