



Learning to do
Doing to learn
Earning to live
Living to serve.

PROJECT STORY AS TOLD BY JEROME VICK

One day last spring the Agriculture teacher talked to all the boys who would be entering high school in the fall, and who were planning to take Vocational Agriculture. He told us that the F.F.A. Chapter had eight pure bred Spotted Poland China gilts that would be given to boys for projects on certain conditions. He explained that these gilts were to be fed and cared for according to approved practices, and that, if we took one, we were to agree to do this and to later give the chapter two gilts from our first litter.

That afternoon I saw Mr. Howton, the teacher, and asked for a gilt. I was fortunate in securing one of the pure-breds for my project. Mr. Howton informed me I would get it in June or July. I immediately began to make plans for it. I made an agreement with my father whereby I was to have an acre of corn for a project and this would furnish some feed for my pig project. My father also helped me prepare the place for my gilt.

We got posts from our own woods lot and bought a roll of fence. The entire cost of the preparation was \$12.60.

On Saturday, July 12, Mr. Howton brought the pig to me, and we put her in the pen I had previously made. At first she was wild and would not eat, but by morning she was accustomed to her new home and was eating heartily. I fed her milk, and corn. There were Soybeans in the pasture that she had access to. There is a well near my lot; therefore, it is easy to keep plenty of water for her. Later I fed her a mixture of wheat, corn, cotton seed meal, fish meal, and minerals. She has gained rapidly; when I got her, she weighed only 75 pounds and now she weighs about 250 pounds. I have had her bred and she will farrow March 16.

I am enjoying this, my first livestock project, and I am hoping that it turns out well for me financially, for I am already looking forward to increasing my projects.

Protect farm machinery during winter.

Vick Plans Four Year Farm Practice Program

- I. 1 gilt and pigs
2 acres corn
1 acre soybeans
- II. 1 sow and pigs
3 fattening pigs
2 acres soybeans
1 gilt
- III. 2 sows and pigs
3 fattening pigs
1 acre wheat
1 acre s. potatoes
3 acres corn
- IV. 3 sows and pigs
2 acres wheat
1 acre soybeans
1 acre s. potatoes
1/2 acre I. potatoes
1 calf
5 acres corn

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FARM TIPS--PASSED ON

It's as important to farm for defense as it is to ARM for defense.

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Cultivated fields cry out most loudly for winter cover crops to shield them from winter's robbing rains.

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Even in defense programs let the motto be not more products at any cost, but BETTER products at LESS cost.

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Sell scrap metal, let us "Scalp the Japs with Scrap."