

## KEEPING UP ON FARMING

With Uncle Walt

I declare it sure has been dry lately. In fact, I believe it's about as dry around my neck of the woods as I ever remember it.

Me and Fannie was talking about it just last night. I was tryin' to figger when it was the last rain we had and dog if I don't believe it's been nigh on to six weeks. We did have a little sprinkle here a few days ago but it weren't enough to even lay the dust.

You oughta see our garden. Our beans looks like they've been sprayed with 2, 4-D and it seems like all of our tomatoes are gonna rot on the vine.

And our roasin' ear patch, which we were really countin' on this year, is just plum pitiful lookin'. Them little old stalks of corn out there are twistin' up and gittin' browner lookin' by the day. I'd give a yankee nickel if I had some way to git some water on it, but Lord knows my poor old back won't 'low me to tote or haul water to do that corn any good. I just keep hopin' tomorrow will bring us a shower of rain, but it seems like it's been mighty slow gittin' here.

And just as if it weren't dry enough, it's been so bloomin' hot too. I looked at our little old gauge out there on the pump house yesterday evenin' and the red was up to 98—and that was in the shade. Fannie said she read it one day this week about dinner time and it was settin' on a 101 then.

I reckon we all complain too much about the weather. We ought to be mighty thankful that we've been blessed as good as we have. All of us, pretty nearly, have right good prospects for crops this year and we'll git some rain. We'll just have to be a little more patient and be thankful for it when it comes.

Actually, they's some good to this kind of weather we're havin' now after all. I been havin' my oats cut this week and the weather's been just ideal for combinin' grain. Course it's

been awfully hot, but I don't ever remember cuttin' grain when it weren't hot.

These combines are really the tricks. They do a good job of cleanin' your grain as they cut it. And just think how much work it saves.

Me and Fannie was settin' out in the shade this mornin' watchin' Sid Melons cut a little patch of our oats down back of the house. He'd make a round with that combine and come back to the corner nearest the house and out would dump three and four bags of oats every time.

I looked over there toward Fannie and she was just smilin'. I said, "What you laughin' at, Fannie?" Then she said, "Walt, I was just thinkin' about the times me and you had to take a size cradle and cut that same field of grain out there. You'd be swingin' the cradle and I'd be comin' along behind tyin' up the bundles. Then we'd both pitch in and shock it up. I declare it just makes me feel good that somebody was smart enough to fix up a machine that would do all that work and then some in less than a third of the time. The biggest pleasure though is that I know you don't have to be bothered with swingin' that old heavy cradle any more."

I said, "Yessir, Fannie. We've got a mighty lot to be thankful for, so while we're thankin', how about you goin' in the house and fixin' us up a pitcher of lemonade. I'd like to carry them fellers on the combine and tractor a little somethin' to help cool them off."

### Resident Of Merry Hill Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Minnie J. White, 77, died at her home in Merry Hill at 9:55 o'clock Thursday night after a long illness. She was the wife of the late John T. White.

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Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Capehart's Baptist Church, of which she was a member. The pastor, the Rev. J. O. Walton, officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Pallbearers were R. E. Bass, Jr., L. B. Tadlock, Jr., Rudolph Smith, Alton Evans, Henry Ward Evans, Rupert Barnacassel.

## This Week's Poem

By WILBORNE HARRELL

### THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

Note: From time to time this column will publish a poem for children.

#### SIR HONEY-BEE

'Twas early on one summer morn  
Sir Honey-bee went questing,  
And every flower that fields adorn  
He sweetly found arresting.

He deeply quaffed from flower cups  
That grew in fields of clover,  
And like a king who richly supps  
He drained them over and over.

### Vets' Question Box

Q—I expect to complete law school this spring under the GI Bill. May I enroll in a bar review course, also under the GI Bill?

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Q—I'm training under Public Law 16, and I've just had some large medical expenses, which my subsistence payments won't cover. Is there any source where I can borrow money for a short time?

A—Yes. Under the law, VA may lend you up to \$100 from a revolving fund. No interest will be charged. But the money must be paid back.

#### Too Much Service

A good little girl was hurrying to school in a state of extreme agitation. "Please, God, don't let me be late," she murmured as the school bell began to ring in the distance.

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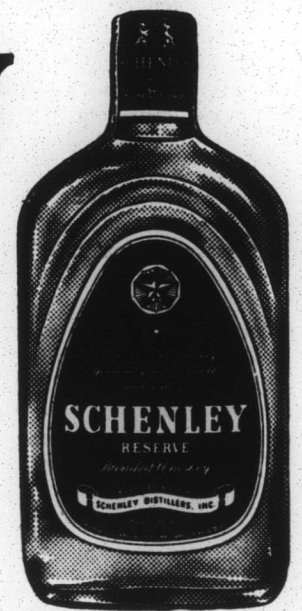


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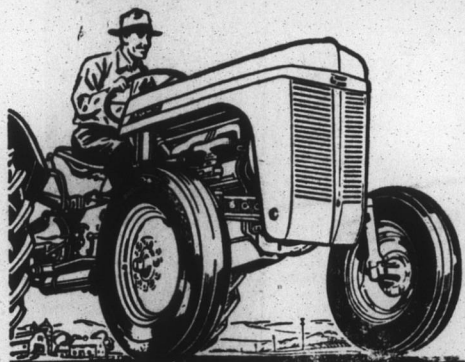
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