

Tenant Family Given Lift By FHA Now Owns Three Farms Outright

Shorthorn Victory Smile



Once Emmert Hall of Dublin, Ga., got a start toward a farm of his own through the Farmers Home Administration, after 26 years of tenant farming, he not only paid out in five years, but went on to buy two additional farms.

A report of Mr. Hall's outstanding achievement was received last week by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from P. H. Stone, State agent in charge of Negro Extension work in Georgia.

"The secret," says Mr. Hall in the report, "is planning what you are going to raise, more than one crop, keeping yields high by taking care of your land and budgeting what you are going to spend."

And he gives credit to the Farmers Home county supervisor for getting him on the right track and to his county agent and his soil conservation district for helping to keep him there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall started out as sharecroppers in 1914. By the end of World War I, they owned a pair of mules and were cash renters. "But it seemed we could never save up enough to make the down-payment on a piece of land," says Mr. Hall. "Of course, we had children coming along all the time—eight of them—and it took a lot to keep them fed and clothed."

In 1939, the Halls applied to the Farm Security Administration (now the Farmers Home Administration) for a loan to buy a farm. The next year, they got their loan and bought a 150-acre hilly farm near Dublin. However, by carrying out the conservation practices recommended by a Soil Conservation Service technician assigned to the Central Georgia Coastal Plain District, they increased their yields of cotton, corn, and peanuts, and upped their earnings. Among the prac-

tices applied was the building of 30,000 feet of terraces to help halt erosion.

By 1945, they had paid off their loan from FHA, reducing their payment by 35 years. But 150 acres weren't enough thought Mr. Hall. After all, there were eight children, and most of them wanted to farm. So, he arranged to buy a 40-acre farm nearby. That paid for, he looked around for another buy. Two years ago, he bought a 150-acre farm in their community.

Already a partnership has been formed and the two married sons are farming with their parents. "I still need more land," says Mr. Hall, "for the other children who may wish to stay on the farm when they grow up."

And he feels like venturing again, since the family is out of debt with all three farms paid for. He is casting about for another piece of land. Says he thinks about 600 acres will be enough to split up among his children.

The Halls put their lands to good use, too. Last year, they planted 125 acres to corn, 30 acres to cotton, 20 acres to peanuts, three to sweet potatoes, two to sugarcane for syrup, and a half-acre in the home garden. The rest of their 340 acres are in woodland and kudzu and lespedeza pastures.

Their corn crop is not only a major cash enterprise, but it also provides for the eight head of workstock, five cows, 50 hogs, and 70 chickens. Another important source of income is their farm shop in which they repair their own tools and those of the neighbors.

"Our garden earns a lot for us, too," says Mrs. Hall. "We don't sell much out of it, but it saves us trips to the store and money in our pockets."

Lt. Sutton—

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with words or drugs. Said Sutton, "we gave them everything we had," and that was enough. The Negro soldiers saved the Hungnam beachhead from the Communists.

Before fleeing, the Red soldiers stripped the American dead of their warm Winter clothing, leaving only the bodies which bore the vicious gouges of long Communist bayonets.

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plans to spend New Year's Day with his parents in Lumberton . . . 10,000 white and colored fans applauded the 55th win of the Globe Trotters in the Coliseum . . . Lata Alston presented Buddy Johnson here Christmas nite, and will have Larry Darnell here Sunday night, five minutes past twelve . . . While smoking a pipe, the famous monkey, Cheeta of Tarzan movie fame, burned himself to death in South Carolina last week before his engagement here at the Regal in January . . .

WEAVER'S VALET SHOP doing good business on Fayetteville Street near the hospital . . . Complication Monkey Business and Operations TV explains that great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, and small minds discuss people, says Jingle Johnson . . . Cuz Frank . . .

Parenthood

of controlling birth to that of the public schools to bring sex education into the curriculum. There were 500 tuberculosis cases 20 years ago and now 2,000 tuberculosis in . . . he pointed out, . . . that there are now 500 control clinics in the U. S.

ate health department educational institution by authority or revolution by evolution," Dr. Haven Emerson told a St. Louis audience, according to a release this week by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Dr. Emerson, who is professor emeritus of public health administration, Columbia University, spoke on "Family Information: A duty of Public Health Departments" at the St. Louis Planned Parenthood Association's annual meeting. "Public health departments get so many requests for information on family planning that they will be compelled in time to give it," he said. "Whatever is acknowledged truth in human biology should be given to those who seek it. You cannot discuss freely the liver and kidneys and not the uterus." Dr. Emerson compared the struggle to introduce the subject

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