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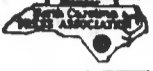
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**Farm Ownership**

The Farm Security Administration's activities in making farm owners of tenants is one of the brightest spots in the New Deal category of government agencies.

According to a news article carried by this newspaper Thursday, there are 24 farmers in Wilkes county who have become farm owners through low cost loans from the FSA. And the report indicates that they are doing well as farm owners.

Not every farm tenant can be a farm owner. Not all of them are capable of farm ownership. Many of them would lose their farms in a short while if they were given farms, to say nothing of having to pay for them.

But among farm tenants are many capable families handicapped by financial difficulties. It takes capital to go into farming. To buy everything necessary to go into farming, including land, houses and equipment, would take more capital than would be required to establish a modest mercantile business. There are few farm tenants who can start from the bottom without some financial advances from some source.

The FSA plan of loans for farm purchases is sound for several reasons. One big reason is that the persons helped are not given anything. They are loaned money with which to buy the necessities to start with. When you go into boondoggling, giving right and left, you only create a class of people perpetually looking for handouts. They lose their initiative and everything else of character value.

But when you advance to a sound person a sum of money to enter farming, and you make it clear that it is up to him to make good and pay the money back, you challenge the best that is in him, provided that he is going into what he wants to do.

Like other government activities, the cost of administration of the FSA is far too high. But here we are discussing the subject of loans for purchase of farms, for farm ownership. It is the people's money. But it must be paid back to the government, with interest, and the loans are secured.

Farm owners feel that they are a more integral part of their respective communities than farm tenants. They have an interest in public affairs which they did not have as tenants. They pay more county taxes and as a general rule are more interested in county affairs. Farm owners have a capital investment they want to protect. They strive to see that conditions are as good as possible in their communities for their children. They take more interest in their churches and schools and the social and civic life of the community.

Farm tenancy has never been a major problem in Wilkes county, where the percentage of farm ownership is very high. But in the so-called cash crop sections of the south you can find counties where less than half the farmers own the land on which they toil. They are tenants, share croppers, working all the year with a part of the crop going to an owner who cannot assure them that they will be on the same farm six months ahead.

Such people cannot be expected to have pride in their temporary places of abode which are owned by some capitalist in a nearby or distant town. They do not care much for the church or school, because they do not know whether they will be in the same community the next year.

But the farmer who owns his land, who lives in his own house, can be a real factor in promoting the upbuilding of his community to higher standards of a more abundant life.

**Ration Tokens**

Hastily admitting that we do not know very much about ration tokens, we are reprinting the following interesting editorial comment from the Elkin Tribune:

"A new kind of coin, or token, will soon be put into use by the Office of Price Administration to be used in making change for ration stamps.

It seems probable that these tokens, which are scheduled for use within a matter of days, will make the handling of rationing easier for both store keepers and consumers. The paper coupons continue to be confusing to many people, what with their different values, and are a great nuisance to store keepers, being difficult to handle, easy to lose, and present a time-consuming recording job for all stores.

"Chester Bowles, head of the OPA, predicts that the token plan will save the retailers of the country \$35,000,000 worth of man hours annually in time now spent in counting and sorting stamps.

"As we understand it, with the use of tokens, all coupons in the ration books, regardless of the number they bear, will be worth 10 points each. Thus if a purchase is made which requires six points, tokens in the value of four points will be returned to the purchaser as change. These tokens may be spent by the customer in buying rationed goods.

"Let's hope the plan doesn't backfire and cause the stores greater confusion than the paper stamp plan by having to hand out token change as well as change for money.

You'll be behind barbed wire with a machine gun every 50 yards and if you so much as stick a finger through that wire you won't get it back!—Pvt. Odie Reed to captured German in Italy who had ideas about prisoner life in America.

Japan does not mind if America's invasion forces move farther, because in that case it can severely trounce them at one stroke at the right moment.—Adml. Tanetsugu Soso on Tokyo radio.

You've got to teach youngsters the difference between right and wrong, but you shouldn't try to poke it down their throats. Let them ask questions and then give them the answers.—Henry Ford.

The utter destruction produced by modern war is so obvious to every people that the determination to keep the peace will be overwhelming if it can be properly organized.—Sen. Robt. A. Taft of Ohio.

**LIFE'S BETTER WAY**  
WALTER E. ISENHOUR  
Hiddenite, N. C.

**THE COUNTRY CHURCH**  
It's of the country church today  
Of every land and clime,  
Where saintly people meet to pray  
I write this truth sublime;  
And may our hearts be stirred and thrilled  
To know what God has wrought  
Among the people whom He filled  
By truth that's soundly taught.

The writers of our sacred songs  
And poets, not a few,  
Can well be classed among the throngs  
That worshipped in her pew;  
And presidents have worshipped there,  
And statesmen by the score;  
Yes, mighty men have knelt in prayer  
God's mercies to implore.

Vast multitudes of preachers great,  
And teachers of the truth,  
Whose lives have blessed both church and state  
From early days of youth,  
Were saved from sin and all its blight  
At some dear country church,  
And then went forth to be a light  
And for lost sinners search.

Mankind of every class and clime,  
Of every race and creed,  
Who've blessed the world through years of time,  
And helped supply her need  
Of love and courage, peace and grace,  
Have been among the band,  
Who in some country church and place  
Found God's salvation grand.

Oh, how we love the country church,  
—And saints who worship there;  
Who would not stoop their souls to smirch,  
Nor do the things unfair;  
Who love to walk with God each day  
And hold communion sweet,  
And for each other watch and pray  
That none from God retreat!

**ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES**  
By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

**TAKE YOUR CHOICE**

People are always having laughs at the expense of deaf people. There is the story of the Episcopal minister who wished to introduce some new hymn books, and asked the clerk to give out a notice about them immediately after the sermon. The clerk, however, had another notice to give about the baptism of infants. Accordingly, at the close of the sermon, he announced: "All those who have children they wish baptized please send in their names at once". The clergyman, who was deaf, supposing the clerk was giving out the hymn book notice, immediately arose and said: "And I want to say for the benefit of those who haven't any, that they may be obtained from me any day between three and four o'clock; the ordinary little ones at fifteen cents, and special ones with red backs at twenty-five cents each". For the benefit of any who think the above yarn is too risique, we must say we borrowed it from the Biblical Recorder.

**MORE OF THE SAME**

One man said he was going to talk to the doctor because he didn't like the looks of his wife. His friend said he would go along too because he didn't like the looks of his, either. . . . Another yarn involving a doctor was the garage man telling an attendant how to handle a flat on the doctor's car. "Diagnose the case as flatuency of the perimeter and charge

him accordingly. That's the way he does me" . . . It takes only a fraction of a second to wink at eye and hours to explain . . . The strongest heads are not heads strong.

**MORNING YARN**  
Mary had a little lamb,  
Given by a friend to keep,  
It followed her around until  
It died from lack of sleep.

**FIRST AUTO DRIVING**

All of us have "first" experiences which we are not likely to forget, and one of these is the first driving of an automobile. And that, in our case, was a model T.

Our brother had a model T and one day it went haywire, so model T's would do at times. The field coil, in case you know what we mean, was broken. The field coil in a model T was, the funny shaped thing which made electric spark for the plugs and lights. Now, cars have generators.

Changing the field coil meant "pulling the motor", and pulling the motor means taking the motor out in order to install the little piece which they called a field coil. It took two men about all day to do the job. We went to the garage to help the mechanic install a new field coil, and when the job was completed we had the car on our hands, two miles from home, and had never tried to drive anything bigger than a home-made coaster wagon.

Ashamed to admit that there was anything we could not do, we told the mechanic we would take the car home rather than wait for our brother to walk the two miles and come after it. We started the contraption o. k. and drove down the highway. Gee, it was fun. It was even easier to steer than our coaster wagon. But there is always bitter with the sweet. There was the narrow road we had to turn off into from the highway. It was easy to drive along the old crooked highway, but it took a long time to make up our head that we could hit that little side road in leaving the highway.

So up and down the highway we drove that model T. About a mile on each side of the little road

which went from the highway to our farm were places where we could turn it a circle without backing up. Changing gears was simple. All you had to do with a model T on a hill was to push it up the hill with your left foot, if you got what we mean.

After about so many trips up and down that highway we got by nerve enough to try turning into that side road without hitting the bank on either side and inside it, and that, dear 12 readers, we thought was a major accomplishment.

**News Of Boomer The Past Week**

(Intended For Thursday's Issue)  
Rev. S. I. Watts filled his regular appointment at Liledown and Lebanon Sunday.  
Mrs. W. D. Watts is a patient at the Wilkes Hospital. We anxiously hope she will soon be better.

Mr. Don Howell Jr., and Vernon Carlton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ennis, Kings Creek, Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Walsh, Lenoir, visited Mr. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walsh, over the week-end.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harp, business visitors to the Wilkesboro, Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jarvis Sunday evening.  
Miss Other Barlow, of Lenoir, and Mrs. Hill Parsons visited Mrs. T. G. Davis, Sunday.

Though Sunday was an unpleasant day so far as the weather goes, yet there were a goodly number at church and Sunday school. Did you go?

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