

Machines Will Revolutionize Life On Farms

More Power For The Farmers Will Change Old Ways Of Doing Things

Life down on the farm will never be the same.

A postwar revolution in American agricultural methods will introduce thousands of "mechanical hired hands" to take over most of the heavy tasks and many of the chores. The volume production of these efficient robots awaits that day when materials and industrial manpower become available.

General farming will never reach a stage of "push-button operation," but new machines, new methods, new chemicals and new ideas are on the way to ease long days of back-straining labor in the fields and help the farmer achieve a far higher degree of efficiency.

New Farm Products

The farmer reads the papers and listens to the radio as his city cousin does, so he's looking forward to that postwar world of television, helicopters, and other off-promised miracles. But in addition, the farmer awaits with even more anticipation a world of new and improved agricultural products—for ahead lies a golden age which will crowd greater progress into a few years than the total advancement during thousands of years man has worked the soil.

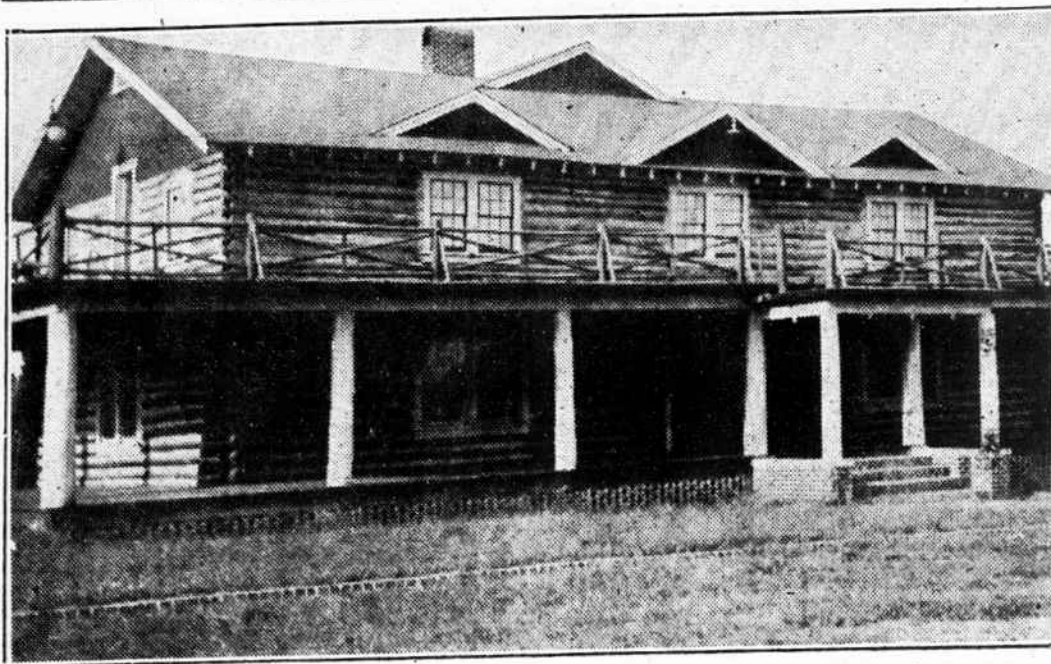
More power to the farmer—power he can utilize to do the work quicker and better than ever—is the chief factor in the modernization of the American farm. In 1936, only one farm in 10 had electricity; today four farms in every ten have it. And immediately after the war the Rural Electrification Administration plans to establish 100 new cooperatives, build 6,000 miles of transmission lines and 170,000 miles of distribution lines, furnishing power to perform more than 300 useful tasks for the farmer—from lighting his buildings to the killing of bacteria in hen house and water supply by ultra-violet rays.

Harnessing power, instead of the horse, will drastically conserve manhours and improve production quality. There are still 13 million horses and mules on United States farms, though their numbers are declining at the rate of 300,000 every year. In the days when there were twice as many animals at work it took 19 farmers to feed one city person, while today the same number of farmers can feed 66 city people. Major reason: wider use of the tractor and other mechanized implements. Yet, less than a third of the six million American farms are adequately mechanized.

Low-Cost Tractors Coming

New low-cost tractors are on the way, and "deluxe" models equipped with air-conditioned cabs and radios. Thousands of mechanical pickers will replace human hands in the cotton fields, at probably a fifth of the cost. The flame-weeder, country cousin to the army flame-thrower, will substitute economically for manual hoeing in the cultivation of cot-

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ton, corn, sugar cane and other crops, burning weeds yet leaving the crops miraculously unharmed and with "chop," or thin, cotton plants at a cost of only 37 cents an acre compared with \$6.50 for manual chopping. One-man balers and improved harvesters, new combines and other robot workers will roll from production lines to important jobs in the fields. New methods, and the tools to apply them, will make poor land more fruitful and keep good land where it should be—on the farm and not far out at sea where so many millionaires of topsoil have needlessly been washed. The Soil Conservation Service estimates that 122,000,000 more acres of farm land must be contoured to prevent further erosion. Better bulldozers and earthmoving equipment have been designed to complete this tremendous job of filling, terracing and drainage which will save the country the four billion dollars a year lost in soil depreciation and reduced yields.

Perhaps the greatest changes in farming methods will take place in tillage. The usefulness of the plow in seed bed preparation has been challenged by Edward Faulkner in his provocative book, "Plowman's Folly," and his theories on shallow tillage have won many supporters. A few years of experimentation will determine in what types of soils this method may be effective. Meantime, a revolutionary implement known as the Rototiller is scheduled for mass production by Graham-Paige Motors Corporation. This unique Swiss-invented machine prepares the ground for planting in a single operation, compared with several operations by plow, disk and harrow. It thoroughly crumbles the soil with rotating steel tines which mix fertilizer and cover crops uniformly into the seed bed, and is used as cultivator, furrower, compactor, field mower and power plant.

A "tool" which will increasingly serve the postwar farmer is the airplane. Its vinder use in cropdusting is a certainty, and the air, transport of tomorrow, as indicated by preliminary experiments of Wayne University, may carry tons of perishable fruits and vegetables to distant

Azier Simmons Award Winner

Azier Simmons, valedictorian of the graduating class at Williams Township High School, has been given the Sixth Annual Award of The Reader's Digest Association for students who by their successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community. It was announced today by F. A. Ficquett, principal.

Mr. Simmons will receive an honorary subscription to The Reader's Digest for one year and an engraved certificate from the editors, "in recognition of past accomplishment and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come."

The award to Mr. Simmons, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Simmons of Clarendon, was made possible through the cooperation of Mr. Ficquett and his teaching staff. They selected Mr. Simmons to receive the award, designed to stimulate scholarship, citizenship, and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

NEW WAREHOUSE ONE OF LARGEST IN ENTIRE BELT

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and lot will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Mr. Garrell stated, but, it is believed, the new house will prove of tremendous benefit to the farmers of this section of the Carolinas who market their tobacco and produce in Tabor City.

La Paz, capital of Bolivia was founded by the Spaniards in 1548.

for the war jobs to industry do not want to return to the fields; they say they will like it better where they are.

Thousands of servicemen who plan on careers in agriculture are thoroughly familiar with mechanized warfare, and that's the way they'll want their farms—mechanized. Electric eyes, electric brains, mechanical hands and legs will help tomorrow's farmer achieve the highest degree of efficiency in agriculture the world has ever known.

Roscoe Coleman's Company Stood As Guard Of Honor

Editor's Note:

Pfc. Roscoe C. Coleman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Coleman of Tabor City, is a member of Company E, 110th Regiment, about which the following story is told.

WITH THE 28th INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—While 22 top-ranking generals including General Omar Bradley and Lieutenant General George Patton observed the unfurling of the American flag over Fort Ehrenbreitstein, Rhine valley fortress that served as headquarters for the US Army of Occupation after the last war, men of Company E, 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th "Bloody Bucket" Division, stood as the Guard of Honor in recent ceremonies in observance of Army Day.



As the caravan of big cars bearing some of the most important officers on the Western Front swung into the massive stone gateways of the ancient fort, they were greeted by the dressed ranks of Company E standing stiffly at attention.

After being inspected by Gen. Bradley, one of the division's former commanders, and General Norman D. Cota, its present commander, the company stood guard during the brief and impressive ceremonies in which the same flag that was hauled down at Fort Ehrenbreitstein 23 years ago was again raised over the fortress.

Chosen as the "spearhead company" of the 110th Infantry's 2nd Battalion, Company E has led many of the division's drives since it first broke the path into Percy, France, first major objective after hitting the Normandy beaches on July 23, 1944. From then on the veteran rifle company paced the hard driving advance across France, Belgium, and Luxembourg to the bastions of the Siegfried Line. St. Sever Calvados, St. Quentin, the key citadel of Bastogne, which the 28th later helped defend against von Rundstedt's last drive, all fell to E Company's driving spearhead.

As adept at dress ceremonies as at fighting, it was Company E that led the 28th Division through Paris on August 28, 1944, in the "tactical parade" that symbolized the liberation of the French capital even as the troops continued their pursuit of the retreating Germans. Despite its fighting record, the

company still has with it over 20 of the men who landed with it on the Normandy beachhead. At present the company is commanded by Captain Floyd K. McCutcheon of Indianapolis, Indiana.

WRIGHT AT HOME

TABOR CITY, July 30.—Sgt. Willie Wright arrived Saturday, July 21, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Britt) Wright near town from Germany where he had spent 10 months in service. He has had three years with the armed forces. At the end of a 30-day furlough on August 27, he will report to Ft. Bragg for either new assignment or separation for Military service. Clifton Wright, a second son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright, is in England awaiting transportation back to the states. Clifton, too, has had a long run in the army.

BILLY DORMAN PROMOTED

TABOR CITY, July 30.—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Dorman sometime ago were advised that their son, Billie G. Dorman, has recovered from illness in a hospital in Belgium and is now in Germany. Billie not long since was advanced in rating to that of a First Class Private.

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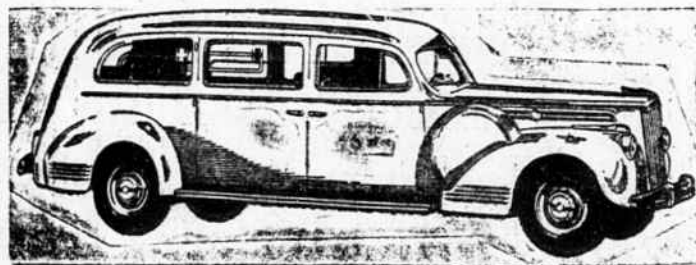
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