

# Today and Tomorrow

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

**FARMING** . . . Mr. Hunter's way After listening with a great deal of disgust to all the talk about farmers having no chance these days, I experienced somewhat of a thrill to read about David Hunter of Iowa, who has run \$4.88 up into \$30,000 in 20 years of farming.

Mr. Hunter is now 45 years old and he celebrated his birthday by burning paid-up mortgages for nearly \$26,000, the money he had borrowed to buy and equip the 160-acre farm. He also rents a 360-acre farm and says that he had made money every year but one since 1916, when he started farming. This, to me, is just another evidence that a good farmer can make a good living on good land, anywhere, any time.

**MOVING** . . . to fertile soil I have just sold my old, rocky hillside farm in Berkshire county Massachusetts and I am moving to a more fertile and prosperous agricultural region, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

After spending a large part of my summer looking over this region where generations of thrifty Quakers and "Pennsylvania Dutch" have made themselves rich from farming and their descendants are still making good money from the soil I am not surprised that so many generations of New England youth have left its rocky hills to go into farming in the more fertile regions lying between the Hudson River and the Great Plains.

There are still good farms and good farmers in New England, but most of them have a tough time of it. All New England is becoming a sort of a national playground. Like France, New England relies upon the tourist trade for an increasing part of its income. It will always be to me the most beautiful part of the world.

**PROXIMITY** . . . a factor

My main reason for moving, beyond the fact that I got more for my new England property than it was worth, is that I have to be in close touch with New York, and Pennsylvania is less than half as far away as Massachusetts. Few people realize how narrow the State of New Jersey is. It is only 60 miles from the Hudson to the Delaware, and both railway and highway travel is much faster east and west from New York than northward.

Another thing I like about Pennsylvania is that there is no state income tax and property taxes are the lowest I have heard of anywhere.

New Yorkers are just beginning to discover that Northwestern Pennsylvania is more accessible than Western Connecticut or even Northern Westchester County, and real estate prices have not begun to soar.

**ELECTRICITY** . . . low rates

Another thing I like about Pennsylvania is that the rate for electric current is lower than anything I know of in the East.

I am going to try heating my entire supply of domestic hot water

by electricity using a scheme called the "off peak" rate. The electric company installs an 80 gallon hot water tank with an electric heating unit, and charges me one cent a kilowatt hour for current, except between the hours of 4 to 10 p. m., when they have a demand for all the current they can produce.

I am told that this is the cheapest electric current rate anywhere in America, and that I can get hot water for all household purposes cheaper than by coal, gas or oil. Anyway, I am going to try it and will report progress. If it can be done in one place, I don't see why it can't be done everywhere.

**SPEED** . . . 'around the world Nearly 60 years ago Jules Verne, the French romantic novelist, wrote a book called "Around the World in 80 Days." It was pure fiction.

Forty-five years ago a New York newspaper woman who wrote under the name of Nellie Bly, set out to beat that time. She got around the world in 72 days, using only the regular means of transportation available to anybody.

Now two New York newspaper reporters have started to try to go around the world in 20 days, still using regular transportation lines all the way. They flew East on the big airship "Hindenburg" to Germany, thence they go by plane to Rome, a train across Italy to Brindisi, then a through plane to Hong Kong with a few stopover on the way, by ship from Hong Kong to Manila, and then back across the Pacific on the big new plane, the "China Clipper," to San Francisco, to catch the night plane which will land them in New York the following morning.

If nothing happens to disturb their schedule they will simply demonstrate that anybody who wants to and has \$3,000 to spend can go around the world in 20 days, a quarter of the time which it took Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg.

## Feed Too Costly For Low Producing Cow

The advancing cost of dairy feed means that only good producing cows will pay the dairyman a profit this winter.

Low producers will be an unnecessary expense and they should be sent to the butcher, said John A. Arey, extension dairy specialist at State College.

Consequently, he added, this is the logical time to improve the average quality of the herd by culling out inferior animals. There is no reason for keeping them.

The price of dairy feeds in North Carolina has risen more than 35 per cent since June 1, he pointed out, and there is possibility of still a further increase as a result of the mid-western drought during the past summer.

Arey also stated on many dairy farms it is advisable to grow winter hays as well as summer hays to insure an adequate supply throughout the year. Winter hays are not affected by dry weather as are those grown in summer.

He recommended that the following mixture for winter hay should be sown during the early part of October on well fertilized soil:

Two bushels of winter oats, one bushel of beardless barley, one-half bushel of beardless wheat, and either 20 pounds of Austrain win-

# Everyday Cooking Miracles

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Ask the man of the family what he'll have for dinner and likely as not he'll say "pie!" Apple pie, peach pie, custard pie—they're all on the list, but come a breeze off the backyard grape arbor this time of year, and he's likely to reminisce—"grandmother used to make a luscious grape pie—thick, pulpy

ture-controlled process as pies and cakes are baked; whole complete meals are baked in the electric oven while Mrs. Homemaker may be downtown selecting her new fall outfit; delicious soups may be made in the Thrift Cooker overnight while the family sleeps peacefully on; double boilers for surface cook-



This grape pie tastes "like grandmother's."

filling with criss-cross pastry on top.

What we're getting at is this—we've unearthed a grape pie recipe which is traditionally "grandmotherish" as well as authentically "grandmotherish." And, seeing as how the markets and grape arbors are filled with this Bacchic fruit right now, we thought you might like to have this delicious recipe.

### A Modern Recipe

But, no, this recipe isn't exactly like grandmother's—she'd even say it was better—not so far as the taste is concerned, but in the way this pie is baked. This grape pie starts to bake in the cold, unpreheated oven of the modern electric range.

It's true—grandmother didn't have a moisture-controlled insulated oven which she could "forget" to preheat; nor was her oven equipped with accurate temperature control with which she could standardize her bakings. And while she arrived at her goal with a gloriously baked grape pie in a troublesome roundabout way, we moderns can arrive at ours the scientific "miracle" way.

The new automatic electric range paves the way for all kinds of cooking miracles—meats are roasted by the same simple one-step tempera-

ture-controlled process as pies and cakes are baked; whole complete meals are baked in the electric oven while Mrs. Homemaker may be downtown selecting her new fall outfit; delicious soups may be made in the Thrift Cooker overnight while the family sleeps peacefully on; double boilers for surface cook-

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ter peas or 15 pounds of hairy vetch.

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crop is more mature.

Permanent pastures can also be seeded in most parts of the State up to the middle of October. Seed mixtures for various sections are given in extension circular No. 202, which may be secured free from the agricultural editor at State College.

## Treat Small Grain To Free From Smuts

Smuts in wheat and barley can best be controlled by treating the seeds with fungicides or hot water to kill the fungus organisms.

Planting seed that has never been infected also is good, said Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College, but sometimes it is hard to get seed perfectly free from disease.

A few smutty heads in a field are capable of infesting a large percentage of the seed produced on the farm, and threshing machines can spread the spores from one farm to another.

Oat smuts can be controlled either by planting a disease-resistant variety or by treating the seed with a fungicide, Dr. Shaw added.

The treatment recommended differs with the type of smut and the kind of seed.

Treat loose smut by immersing the seed in hot water. Keep wheat 10 minutes in water that has been heated to 129 degrees Fahrenheit. Barley should be left 13 minutes in water with a temperature of 128 degrees.

A fungicide dust will kill the covered smut spores. Treat wheat with 1-2 ounce of ethyl mercury phosphate dust to each bushel of

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Both covered and black loose smuts in barley may be eradicated by dusting each bushel of seed with 1-2 ounce of ethyl mercury phosphate dust or three ounces of formaldehyde dust.

This last treatment will also kill covered and loose smut in oats.

The simplest and most effective home-made machine to use in treating seed with fungicidal dust is the barrel mixer. It should not cost more than \$5 to make and with proper care it should last indefinitely.

A diagram showing how to make such a duster, together with a detailed discussion of smuts and smut control methods may be secured free from Dr. Luther Shaw, State College, Raleigh.

Gulford farmers have made requests for over 200 acres of land to be sub-soiled by the terracing outfit.

Terraces recently constructed in Moore county will make good fields out of land that would have been

worthless in a few years at the rate it was eroding.

Mecklenburg farmers are getting ready to turn to poultry production with a large number of laying houses being constructed this fall.

## Beware Coughs That Hang On

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