

Western Carolina Farmer Makes Good With FSA Loan

"I shore do thank God and the Government for this chance that has been given me," said Dan Cochran, Haywood county farmer as he showed a reported over his new Pigeon River farm, purchased with the proceeds of a tenant-purchase loan from the Farm Security Administration.

Three years ago Cochran borrowed money from the Farm Security Administration, under its rural rehabilitation program, to buy work stock, cows, and other things needed to work a share crop. He repaid his loans and succeeded so well under the rehabilitation program, the Farm Security Administration upon advice of the Haywood County Tenant-Purchase Committee, decided he was worthy and able to take a further step up the ladder—that of farm ownership.

"Three years ago my taxes were only \$2.65; my taxes this fall will be \$47.48," Cochran said. You see, when I started with the Farm Security Administration I wasn't worth anything much."

Records in the County FSA office show he was worth \$229 in the spring of 1936. When he made his application, a year ago, to buy a farm, his net worth, clear of all debt had increased to \$808.50.

But it took more than Farm Security credit. "Dan Cochran is a hard worker and a keen trader," says Wilfred Jackson, FSA County Supervisor, "and his wife and children are good workers too."

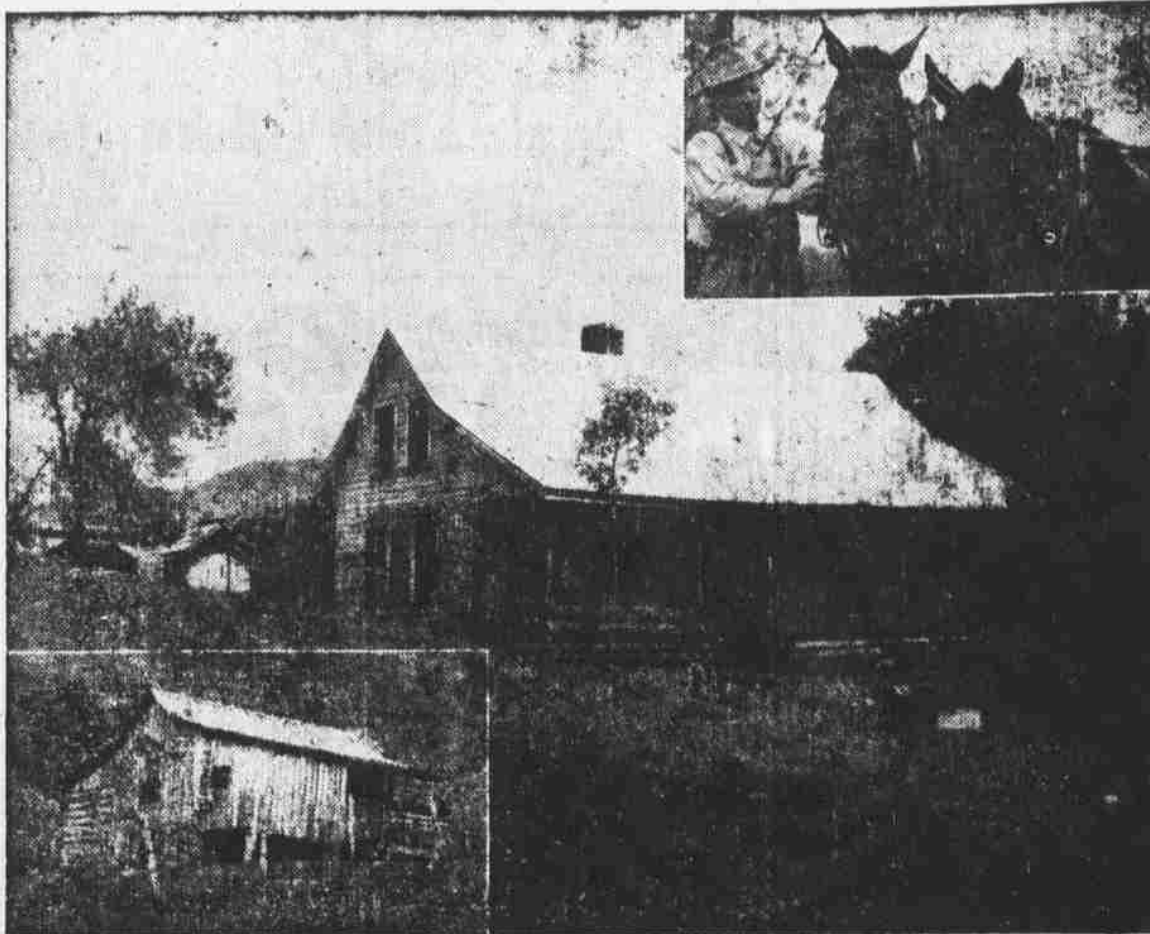
First, Cochran worked as a farm laborer. During the winter he cut pulp wood and saved enough to buy a \$65 mule. The FSA lent him money to buy another. Then he sold the mules and bought two

brood mares. Since then he has made enough raising and selling colts to make his payments each year to the Farm Security Administration. "I worked the mule I paid sixty-five dollars for four years and then sold him for seventy-five," Cochran said.

He has worked as a sharecropper for the past seven years on the Connie Wilson farm in the Dutch Cove section. His new 50-acre river bottom farm is in the Bethel Section. He took possession of the new place last May and is now making arrangements to remodel the house and repair barns and outbuildings. He will move to the new farm later this fall. A new kitchen and dining room and screened-in porch will be added to the house and Cochran is hauling rock to build a rock cellar and milk house in the hillside near the kitchen door. Water will be pumped into the house from the well and electric lights will be connected from the new rural electrification line recently set up in that section. His children will go to school at Bethel High School. When the Cochrans move to their new place they will take with them two good mares and a colt, a 2-horse wagon, plows and farming implements, 2 good milk cows, 9 head of beef cattle, several shoats, fifty chickens and several hundred cans of fruits and vegetables.

With the assistance of the County Supervisor and the County Agent, Cochran already has laid off his hillside in convenient fields for strip-cropping and his plans call for a new pasture fence to separate his cattle from his row crops.

Farm Bought With FSA Loan



Dan Cochran, Haywood County farmer, shown top right with his team, lived seven years as a sharecropper in the Dutch Cove section in the little house shown in the inset at the left. He recently bought a good farm of his own over on Pigeon River. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran and their five sons and daughters will move into their new home, shown in the larger picture, as soon as a new dining room and kitchen and screened-in back porch are added at the back and a new coat of paint is applied. He bought his farm with a Tenant-Purchase loan from the Farm Security Administration. The loan also included money for improvements.

Monument Unveiled to Founders of Liberty



Gov. William Vanderbilt of Rhode Island, right, unveils a monument presented to the city of Newport by the Jewish congregation of the city which was first established in 1658 when 15 Jewish families arrived at Newport from the West Indies. Rabbi Morris Gustein, right, participated in the exercises, which were part of the colorful Newport tercentenary celebration.

President Has Wide Power For Preserving Neutrality

Andree Berding, of the Associated Press, in an article recently released, demonstrates that the President has a broad range of powers which he may exercise at any time to preserve American neutrality.

Some are remnants of the World war, some were put on the United States statute books before the World war. As a whole they give the president about as much power as does the neutrality act. All are designed to keep Americans from helping one side or the other in a conflict.

By virtue of a law of 1917 the president, in a war in which the United States is a neutral, may detain any armed vessel, American or foreign in an American port until it is proven to him that the vessel will not be employed against any nation with which the United States is at peace and that it will not be sold to a belligerent nation.

The president may order the ship searched, may even order its crew off the boat if his suspicions are aroused.

He may require the owner of a vessel to give an oath before departure of his vessel from an American port that his cargo will not be transhipped, or, if it is to be transhipped, to make a full statement as to whom, where, etc.

He may prevent the departure of a ship when he has reason to believe it will carry fuel, arms, ammunition, men, supplies, dispatches or information to any warship of a belligerent. This, however, is also covered by the neutrality act of 1937.

The president also enforces a wide variety of provisions of the United States penal code of 1909 relating to the maintenance of neutrality. The code covers many activities of Americans that might prejudice American neutrality. It forbids:

Accepting and exercising a commission to serve a belligerent by land or sea;

Enlisting in the service of a belligerent as a soldier, marine or seaman on board any warship;

Enlisting another person in such service;

Hiring another person to leave

the United States with the intention of enlisting;

Fitting out or arming and commissioning any ship to be employed in the service of a belligerent;

Increasing the guns of a belligerent warship or increasing their caliber;

Setting on foot or providing or preparing the means for any military expedition.

Here are other provisions the president will enforce:

A warship must leave within 24 hours after its entrance into an American port except in case of bad weather or of requiring provisions for its crew or of needing repairs. But it must leave as soon as possible after 24 hours without taking on supplies beyond what may be necessary for her immediate use. The same warship may not again fuel in an American port until after three months have passed.

If there are several vessels of belligerents in an American port, they must leave alternately, first a vessel of one side, then a vessel of the other.

No person within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States may take part, directly or indirectly, in the war.

The president also can proclaim that American ships may not carry arms or soldiers to belligerents or attempt to break any blockade which may be lawfully established and maintained.

He may also proclaim that Americans who claim protection of this government and misconduct themselves toward a belligerent will do so at their own peril.

SILAGE VALUABLE

Anson county dairy farmers who have been feeding silage consider it one of the most economical and valuable feeds for winter months, says Farm Agent J. W. Cameron.

GREATER

Tenants, including sharecroppers, operated 42 per cent of all farms in the United States in 1935, as compared with only 25 per cent in 1880, according to a recent AAA report.

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By MISS HAZEL BRADLEY

The members of the Asbury Epworth League enjoyed a well attended social Saturday evening at 7:30 with Miss Bernice Cabe acting as hostess.

Mrs. Julius Curtis visited her daughter, Mrs. Ed Keener, in Clayton the past week-end.

Mrs. George Elliott, of Franklin, visited at the home of her brother during the past week-end.

Wilson Curtis went Sunday to Hiawasse, Ga., where he plans to spend some time.

Ira Cabe, of Barrett, West Virginia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cabe, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Conley, of Salem, N. J., and Lawrence Conley, of Bridgeton, N. J., recently visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Conley.

About 400 descendants of the late Jimmie Bradley and other Bradley families enjoyed a day at the home of Lawrence Bingham. Abundant picnic lunch was added to by a delicious barbecue of pig.

Clippings

"THE MOST ALARMING SYMPTOM"

(From The State, Columbia, S. C.) Ernest K. Lindley, one of the most sagacious and withal best informed of the Washington political writers, says after a study of all the various indexes to public opinion, that "the most alarming symptom in the United States is the fatalistic notion that we cannot stay out of war in Europe." This notion, as all the several popular polls have indicated, has grown steadily during the last year. We need consciously to cultivate the will to peace. If this defeatist feeling of the inevitability of our participation is allowed to grow, more or less by default, the likelihood of our being sucked into an overseas war will be proportionately increased.

SHOW INTEREST

Cabarrus county farmers are showing interest in seeding rye grass and crimson clover over the top of temporary lespedeza pastures, reports R. D. Goodman, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Drop In Farm Loans Taken For Good Sign By Officials

A decline in the volume of federal loans for financing farm purchases was interpreted by farm credit administration spokesmen as a healthy indication.

Such a decline, they said indicated that funds of individuals and private financial institutions once more were turning to agricultural lands for sound investment.

The FCA reported a decline of 14 per cent in the number of farm purchases financed and 10 per cent in total funds used for the first half of this year, compared with the same period in 1938.

It financed purchase of 8,697 farms in the first six months of 1939 compared with 10,056 in the first half of 1938.

The FCA agencies require a down payment of at least one-fourth of the appraised value of a farm. Federal land banks can loan one-half the value and the land bank commissioner an additional one-fourth.

Spokesman said there was "no overlapping" between its operations and those of the federal farm tenancy program under which a tenant, approved by a committee of farmers, is loaned the full value of the farm. These tenant-purchasers are unable to qualify for the FCA loans, it was explained.

FCA officials said the bulk of funds for farm purchases normally comes from individuals who regard farm mortgages as a sound investment. Insurance companies and similar institutions also are heavy investors in farm mortgages.

More than 71,000 farm purchasers have been financed through the FCA in four years under the farm credit act of 1935. Of these, 69 per cent were farms that had been acquired by the federal agencies under previous mortgages, chiefly through foreclosures.

The bulk of this mortgage refinancing and farm purchase loans is handled through a system of 12 regional land banks.

Egg Label Law To Be Enforced

RALEIGH, Sept. 13.—Enforcement of North Carolina's new egg law requiring cold storage eggs to be labeled and advertised on menus when sold will be placed in effect immediately, Randal B. Etheridge, chief of the state department of agriculture's markets division, announced today.

C. W. Sheffield, senior marketing specialist and R. B. Kelly, poultry marketing specialist, both of the markets division, will have charge of the enforcement activities.

The law, entitled an act to regulate the sale and distribution of eggs, states that:

1. Any person, firm or corporation offering cold storage eggs for sale "shall cause crates containing eggs or any other type of container to be stamped or printed with the words 'cold storage eggs'."

2. Any hotel, restaurant, inn or other establishment serving cold storage eggs to the public shall cause to be written on their menu, or printed on a card, "cold storage eggs."

3. Final determination as to whether eggs are "cold storage" shall be determined by the candling method.

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By MRS. D. M. ROWLAND

Mrs. Ida Anderson Rowland died at the home of her father-in-law, W. R. Rowland, Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1:15 a. m. She had been in ill health for more than a year, but her condition became serious a month ago. She was a member of the Iotla Baptist church. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Jesse Rowland; one son O'Neill Rowland; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Anderson; one sister, Mrs. John Rowe, of Mars Hill; four brothers, Harley, Lyle, Verlin and Vester Anderson, all of Franklin, and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted in the home, Sunday at 1 o'clock p. m., by Rev. R. F. Mayberry, her pastor. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dehart announce the arrival of a ten-pound girl, Maggie Sue, on September 7.

Miss Lura Mae Fouts, who is employed in Asheville, is spending a week's vacation with her mother, Mrs. C. H. Fouts.

Carl Flemmons, of Asheville, spent the week-end with Nyle Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rowe and children came over from Mars Hill Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rowe's sister on Sunday.

We are glad to see Mrs. Robert Welch out again after being ill for a few days.

Clark Burrell, from the CCC Camp at Aquone, spent the week-end with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Burrell.

Gwendolyn Morgan To Graduate At Brevard

It is announced by the authorities of Brevard college that Miss Gwendolyn Morgan, of Franklin, will be among the graduates of the summer session who will receive their diplomas on September 15. There are 10 graduates besides Miss Morgan.

SMALLEST

At the beginning of this year, the number of horses on farms was the smallest in 60 years and the number of mules was estimated to be the smallest in 30 years.

TO START HERD

V. G. Taylor and W. O. Abbott, Martin county farmers, will seed several hundred acres of land to permanent pasture this fall and buy foundation stock for beef cattle herds.

Specialist Offers Hint To Meet Rising Prices

Sharply rising food prices as a result of the European War has brought a suggestion from Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, extension economist in food conservation and marketing at State college, to can unprofitable hens.

When a hen's production of eggs declines, she may be just right for canning. Repeated tests have shown that the best chickens to put in jars or cans are plump hens two years old or a little older. Thousands of these "boarder" birds will be culled from North Carolina flocks this fall.

The canning of chicken should be in line with other measures of the farm family to get as much food and feed on hand as possible, both for the winter and for protection against rising prices.

In canning chicken, Mrs. Morris says it is most important that a steam pressure canner be used. Only with one of these is it possible to maintain a temperature that is above boiling inside a can or jar. This heat is necessary to kill the bacteria that may cause dangerous food poisoning.

The canning expert warned that it is not safe to can poultry or any meat in water baths, steam canners without pressure, or in the even, because in none of these does the temperature ever get above boiling.

Containers for canning chicken may be either glass or plain tin. Pint jars and No. 2 or No. 2½ plain tin cans are generally considered the best sizes. Larger containers are not recommended because they need extremely heavy processing.

For the most part, Mrs. Morris explains, it is best to put up the chicken by itself and then combine it later in the same ways as freshly stewed chicken. Complete directions for canning poultry may be obtained free by writing to the Home Demonstration Department at State college.

SOYBEANS INOCULATION

Where soybeans were inoculated before planting on the farm of J. A. Breedlove, demonstration farmer of Swain county, the growth is almost twice as much as where beans not inoculated were planted.

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