

A Strong Mule Pulls At His Heart Strings



Greene harnesses a beauty of muledom.



In front of his parents' house, G.C. Greene plows as his father did.

Let whoever wants it have a tractor that can out-pull a locomotive, and a combine with an airconditioned cab. G.C. Greene is a happy man because last weekend, he got him another good mule.

Now he's got a good team of mules. And a patient, plodding little horse. With them, he works the garden on his parents' old farm, in Flint Hill community about the same way his father worked it half a century ago.

"There's a tractor sittin' right there," he says, "but I don't use it to plow. I don't believe I could make a garden with a tractor."

He has made a fine one, with his horse and the one mule he's had a while. "Which ever one of 'em comes to the fence, that's the one I work that day," he says.

But he kind of prefers Jim, the horse, because he's twelve years old and a little slow, except on the way back to the barn. The

mule, at six, is a smart stepper. She is also a beauty queen of muledom, brindly gray and slick as grease, and the envy of all of those other people who love mules.

"Been offered a thousand dollars for her," Greene says, "Course, she's not worth it. But I couldn't let 'er go, anyway." Especially now that he's found a pretty red and white companion for her and plans to work them

as a team.

The place is an idyllic holdover from another time. A nanny goat grazes part of her day in the summer weeds

Greene will not let her stand long in the sun because goats, he says, are very sensitive to heat. Guineas run at large, pecking at beetles in the garden. A great family of pigs wallow in their lot beside the barn, and in the hay, a mother cat sleeps with one of a

multitude of kittens in her arms.

Greene, father of six grown sons and daughters, works at Cleveland Tech, in the lunch room, part of the day, but the rest of his time he spends on things he loves the most. He trades horses and mules and goats and makes his crops.

He rests some, in the heat of the day - if I can get him in the house," says his wife Ruth.

Many mornings, early, and

evenings, though, will find him in the field behind the plow.

"There's a lot of people pass on this road and look at me like I was crazy," Greene says. "Then, there was a fellow come by, one time, I was out here with the planter, and he stopped and watched me for a while, then he got out, and he said, 'You mind if I do that for a little bit?'"

"I said all right. And he took up the lines, and I guess he went for about an hour..."

The Foothills View

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They Gathered By The River —By Surrey And Wagon



The Saturday afternoon wedding of Sharon Hamrick and Chris Jones at Honey Haven Farms was a horse-drawn step back in time. The groom and best man arrived on horseback. The bride and her family came in a surrey and the bridesmaids in a covered wagon. The ceremony under a huge oak tree was followed by a reception in the barn. Where the crowd of about 300 dived and celebrated to the music of an old-time band.

Sharon is the daughter of farm owners Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hamrick. Chris is farm manager. The couple will live on the farm.

Nuclear Waste

Broyhill: 'Don't Lose Sleep' Over Cherryville

Reports that a nuclear waste repository might be constructed in Cherryville or High Shoals, North Carolina are "very premature, highly misleading, and not totally factual," according to Congressman James T. Broyhill (R-N.C.), who represents these two areas in the United States Congress.

"In two days of meetings with Department of Energy officials, we have been unable to discover any actual list of specific cities or towns where the repository might be built," Broyhill said.

Broyhill emphasized that no area of North Carolina qualifies as the location for the first nuclear waste depository. The decision on where to locate the facility must be made by 1987.

Recent publicity has to do with the possible location of a second facility, which the Congress has not even authorized, according to Broyhill. "The President, whoever he or she might be, will make a recommendation by March 31, 1990."

"The report responsible for the misleading publicity was merely an inventory of areas which possess certain chrystalline rock formations. This is only the first step of the long and complex procedure established for site selection. The list is not related to the suitability or un-

suitability of any of the areas," the Lenior Congressman said.

He added, "The preliminary report was based on a search of the geological literature. This was all that was involved. For any specific area to be selected, many other criteria must be met. Population density, water supplies, hydrology, location of national parks, and many other factors must be analyzed in future studies."

Broyhill pointed out that "the ball is now in state government's court." A letter was sent to Governor Hunt in February giving him information about the application of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, and detailed information was sent to Stephen Conrad, State Geologist, in early May. Again, Broyhill said, this applies to geological considerations only and not to the other criteria.

"The site selection process is way down the road. The process will be lengthy, and the states will be very much involved in the selection. It would be very premature to say that those kinds of decisions are being made at this time."

He concluded, "No one in North Carolina should be losing any sleep over new reports that a nuclear waste repository might be built in their backyards."

Nursing Class Runs From Summer To Fall

The Continuing Education Department of Cleveland Technical College has scheduled the following courses:

Nursing Assistant begins July 11, from 6-10 pm at campus room 871. The class will meet each Monday and Wednesday

until October 24. The instructor will be Dianne Clyde. Total hours will be 120. The registration fee is \$8.00

All persons 65 years of age and over can register free. For further information, call Cleveland Tech 484-4015