

KEEPING UP ON FARMING

With Uncle Walt

The Good Lord has let me live a right long time and I git more thankful for it by the day. I jest wish I could of been about 40 years later a gittin here then maybe I could really enjoy all these new fangled things they've got for us farmers to work with nowadays.

I'd been thinkin for the past 8 or 10 years that me and Fannie would take off to Raleigh to this here Farm and Home Week they have ever year down there at State College. But it seemed like when the time came for it we had so much to do that we jest couldn't afford to go. The heat and dry weather sorta took care of it for us this year though, so we tore out and went down to it.

We didn't get to take in the whole thing but we saw and heered enough to last this old feller for a right long time. In fact, we didn't get down there 'til about dinner time on Tuesday. And no sooner had we driv up on the school ground some feller told us how to git over to the colluseum or some building to sign up and git us a room.

Well, when we got over to the colluseum and went in you could of knocked me over with a toothpick. I ain't never seen such a buildin. I jest stood there a gazin and turnin. It was really a sight to behold. Finally, Fannie grabbed my arm and said, "Walt, come on and let's git over to our room and see what it's like." I went on out without sayin a word and didn't say nothin til Fannie asked me what I was thinkin about so hard. I said, "I was jest thinkin what if we had a barn as big as that colluseum. Couldn't we stack a mess of hay in it though? She jest sorta laughed and said I was crazy.

The woman over there where we signed up told us how to git to our room, but I bet we asked a half dozen different folks 'fore we found it. We finally got there though and after we rested awhile, we got out and begin to mosey around. We 'lowed we'd jest look and see what we could see fore we got tangled up in the program.

Well, I'm here to tell you we saw a plenty. I ain't never seen the like of so many buildings. We was standin in front of one of 'em and some feller come walkin by. So I stopped him and asked if that was the school buildin we was lookin at. He must of thought I was crazy 'cause he sorta laughed and said, "Yessir, that's one of them and so is all these others you see right around here." I thought

he was jest bein smart but before the week was over I learned that he was tellin the truth. They teach one thing in one buildin and another in another. Where I went to school they taught everybody the same thing in the same buildin.

We was pretty well whooped down by supper time, but we went on over to the College eatin place and got us a good supper. Then we went out to the football field and set in on the doins there. I really got a kick out of that. They had a bunch of good singers, a whole bunch of funny fellers a cuttin up and they was some man asking questions to different ones. Ever time they'd answer one of the questions right, he'd give 'em a silver dollar. And, I might say, he give away right many too 'fore he sit down.

Next mornin after we eat breakfast Fannie lowed she'd go to one of the womens classes. So I figgered I'd go to one they was holdin for the men on fertilizers. Well sir, that was one of the interestinest meeting I've ever set in on. This feller Hall who was doin the talkin told us about how they had been usin this atomic material to learn where us farmers should place our fertilizer for best results. He not only told us about it, he showed us with some kind of contraption that found that stuff in a tobacco plant like a hound dog would a settin rabbit.

That evenin Fannie went to another class with the women and I went on a poultry trip with a bunch of others. We saw jest about everything they was to be seen in the way of chickens and a lot of things they use with 'em nowadays I didn't know they had.

We went back over to the colluseum that night and heered the Governor speak. He give a mighty good talk and said it in words that a feller like me could understand. After he talked they had a bunch of square dancin and what not cooked up, but me and Fannie went back over to the room and lay down.

Thursday bein the last day, they really put on the dog for us. They had a demonstration of all sorts of farm machinery and told us all about each piece of it. I'm a little too old to be messin around most of what they had there, but some of these young fellers a comin up, they showed 'em how to save a lot of back breakin work.

We didn't stay for the meetin Thursday night. We figgered we'd

had about as much as we could take in so we headed back home. I told Fannie a goin back that we'd sure been missin the boat by not comin to the Farm and Home Week afore now. She fully agreed with me and said she didn't know where we could have gone and seen and learned so much and had so much fun at the same time.

Folk Festival Set For Kenansville Sept. 12

First of Kind to Be Presented In This Part Of State

Preparations are going along at a fast clip for the presentation of the Eastern Carolina Folk Festival scheduled to be held at Kenan Memorial Auditorium at Kenansville on the nights of September 12-13.

The Festival, the first of its kind to be produced in this part of the state, will be under the direction of Bascom Lamar Lunsford, nationally known authority on folk-lore.

Some 600 participants ranging in ages from 10 to 80, and including both male and female, are expected to take part in the two-night performance.

Both performances will feature old-time singing and dancing, clog, buck and wing, and plenty of fiddling, banjo and guitar picking. There will be artists on the Jew's harp, the mouth harp, jug bands—there will be individual singers, playing their own accompaniment, duets, trios, quartets, string bands, harmony singers, several bagpipe performers and Scottish dancers, and competitive square dance teams.

The Festival here, which will be an annual event, is sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Associations of Duplin County, on a non-profit basis.

The new Kenan Memorial Auditorium, in which the festival will be staged, will seat approximately 4,000 persons. It is located on part of the "Duplin Story" site, the historic drama so successfully produced here in 1949 and 1950.

More Nutrients Saved By Using Grass Silage

Research and experience have shown that grass silage is a more effective way to preserve feed nutrients than field-cured hay, especially in humid regions, C. W. Overman, county agent for the State College Extension Service, reports. Saving feed nutrients is important at any time, but is of greater importance this year when defense production goals call for record farm output.

Any farmer can make grass silage, even if he lacks silo space or silage-harvesting machinery, U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) specialists say. Grass can be ensiled in a trench or stack, and it need not be chopped.

While trenches and stacks are not as efficient in preserving silage as conventional upright types, they are satisfactory and offer more possibilities of saving labor in making and feeding silage.

Studies by the USDA's Bureau of Dairy Industry show that if careful methods are used in making and feeding silage, the amount of good silage for feed and winter feeding amounts to 60 or 80 per cent of the crop when stored in sealed stacks and from 75 to 85 per cent when stored in sealed

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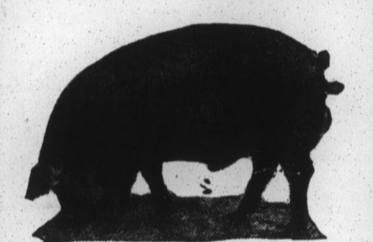


For town in summer or fall, this menswear cotton suit in a neat tailored look by Mollie Farnis answers the ladies' prayers for comfortable, yet chic clothing. A neat jacket with double-button trim flares its peplum over a full skirt.

trenches. On the other hand, the amount or good silage is 80 to 90 per cent when stored in properly reinforced conventional tower silos and 90 to 95 per cent in a gas-tight steel silo.

Mr. Overman suggests using siloing methods which will keep spoilage losses as low as possible when the crop is to be made into silage and carried over for feeding the following year.

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The marriage of Miss Mary Esther Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Saunders to George Edward Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Parrish took place August 9, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the People's Methodist Church. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. B. Cruise, pastor.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a ballerina length wedding gown of cloud white nylon tulle over taffeta with a shoulder length veil and a purple-throated

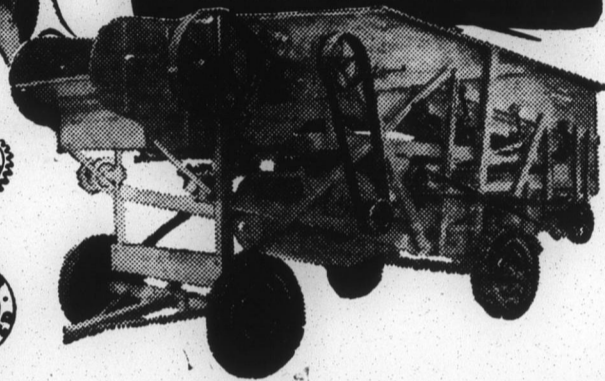
orchid. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nixon of Rocky Hock were the honor attendants. Later the couple left for a wedding trip in the New England section, after which they will reside in their home at Rocky Hock.

CLASS MEETS TUESDAY
The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at the church at 8 o'clock. The president, Mrs. Francis Hicks, urges all members to attend.

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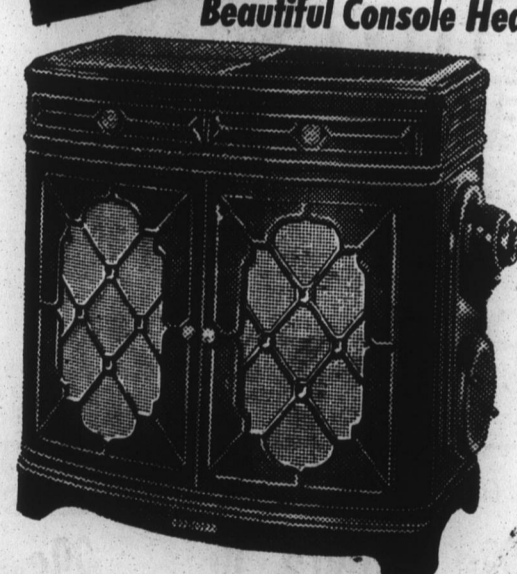
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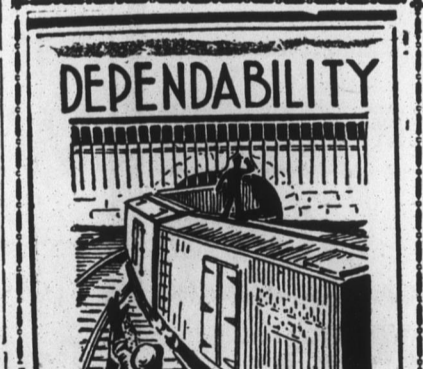
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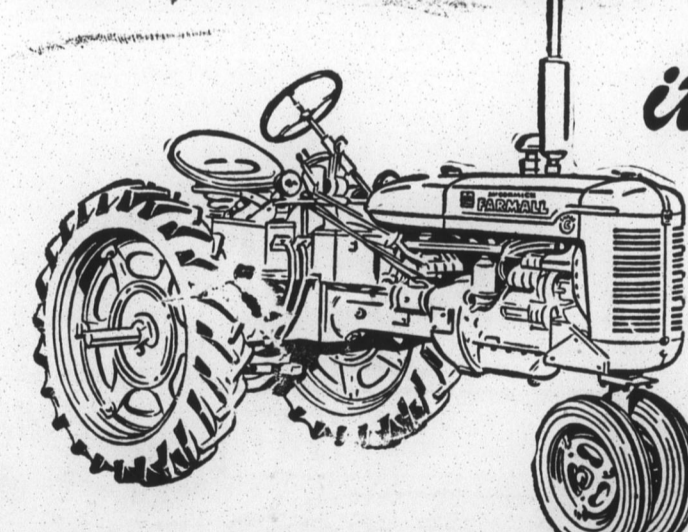


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