

In These United States

They Like It! That's Why Farmers Stay on the Farm

KUTZTOWN, PA.—It was men's night at the Kutztown grange, and each man was asked by Mrs. Howard Baldwin, lecturer, why he became a farmer. There were 17 responses, with 16 men replying that they were born on a farm, liked it, and intended to stay.

Some of the replies, as recorded in the Kutztown Patriot, follow:

"I was raised on a farm," said Henry Rabenold. "I had 10 years in the city, but was glad to get back to the farm."

"You are your own boss," Ray Kulp pointed out. "You're independent, and the farm is the ideal place to raise children. Personally, I like livestock, especially the old cows."

"At the end of a year you have something to show for your work—straw, hay, grain, your cattle," added Thomas Merkel. "I like to see things grow. To the farmer, farming means more than any other occupation can mean to anyone else."

"I like the outdoor life," volunteered William Schulz, who spent 30 years in manufacturing. "It means your own roof, plenty of food, and time to look around, watch the sky and the clouds."

"I was away from it for seven years," said George Schaeffer, "but had to get out in the open, so started it again."

And so it was with all the rest, from the soldier just discharged to the youth still waiting his draft call. As Clarence Johnson put it:

"The farm is the best place, for it gives you the chance to make something out of it, not only for yourself but for other people."



SEA CALF . . . More arrived than expected. This picture, taken at Antwerp, Belgium, shows a calf born while its mother was crossing the Atlantic ocean. American heifers are being sent to devastated areas of Europe by the Church of the Brethren in order to provide food for Europeans and restock that continent with dairy cattle.

Sportsmen Plant Trees to Provide Shelter for Game

PERKASIE, PA. — Perkasio Sportsmen's organization has authorized Lester Frederick, head of the forestry committee, to purchase 6,000 transplants for the club's reforestation program. The agricultural class of Sell-Park high school, under the direction of D. Ker Endelow, will assist in the planting.

In 1938 the club began its reforestation program with an allotment of 3,000 trees, and a similar number were planted each year except in 1944. The planting of 6,000 this year will balance the annual program.

Dies at 102

LIVONIA, N. Y. — Jacob John Hasler, who would have been 102 years old May 18, died here recently. A native of Switzerland, he came to this country when he was 20 years old. He worked as a gardener, 9 years for one family and 43 years for another, before he retired.

Wood Burner Explodes

CARON CITY, COLO. — When a wood burner strapped on his back exploded, setting his clothes on fire, Frank Day, 60 years old, ran two blocks to a watering trough and jumped in to extinguish the flames.

'Soft' Basket for Potatoes

A rubber-covered potato basket to safeguard potatoes against bruising has been developed. The basket, made of steel wire coated with rubber, holds five-eighths of a bushel and is for use in field harvesting.



101 YEARS OLD

Starting on his second hundred years is Elias Brownfield, now living in Glendale, Calif. He still plays his accordion, and after looking back over more than a century he says he has only one thing to regret, that he "electioneered" against Abraham Lincoln. He has no prescription for longevity.

"I never smoked or took liquor," he admits, "but I don't think that had anything to do with it."

Manure Loader Used to Move Wyoming Snow

LUSK, WYO. — The new mechanical manure loader, designed to save back-breaking work for farmers and ranchers, was put to a new use by the town of Lusk recently when snow drifts filled the streets.

Councilman Joe Kuhn, also a farm machinery dealer, brought out the mechanical manure loader and set it to work loading snow into trucks to be hauled away. The snow was removed in one-fourth the time ordinarily required.

State Wishes It Had Bought Land From Ute Indians

DENVER, COLO. — Rangely oil field, in northwestern Colorado, is the most sensational oil find in years but the state of Colorado isn't happy about it. The Indians had the last laugh after all.

"When Colorado became a state, the Ute Indian tribe was given title by the federal government to a large section of land in western Colorado, including most of what today is the Rangely field," State Land Commissioner William Milliken explains.

"The federal government gave to the state sections 16 and 36 of each township in the state. But when it came to the Ute lands, it became necessary for the state to put up \$1.25 an acre."

"The state officials objected and bargained for other sections. As a result, the state was granted additional land in Rio Blanco, Garfield and Mesa counties. That's why we own so much land in those counties and none in the Rangely field."

"If the state owned the usual sections in Rangely, our school finance problems would be solved for years to come."

Moreover, another question has come up: Who owns the land underlying the bed of the White river? There are 170 acres of land, potentially worth millions of dollars, to be considered. Oil men and state officials would like to know who owns it.

Black Setter Pulls Master from Creek

DAWSON, GA. — A black setter named Smoky is credited by his master, T. J. Donovan, with saving his life when the car in which they were riding plunged into a rain-swollen stream near Macon.

They were returning from a hunting trip when the accident occurred. Smoky, riding on the back seat, grabbed Donovan by the neck and swam with him to the bank of the stream. The dog was still on guard over his master and tried to fight off state patrolmen when they approached.

Examined at an animal hospital, the setter was found unharmed and later had a joyous reunion with his master.



GROUNDING . . . Two golden eagles, believed to be slayers of calves and squirrels, were caught in a coyote trap by ranchers living near Paso Robles, Calif. Sandy Sumner, owner of the Diamond D ranch, has offered the pair to the city or county, if the officials feel they want to give a couple of eagles a good home.



RED CROSS POSTER COMES TO LIFE . . . Pfc. Campbell Gordon Pyle, Lancaster, Calif., the wheel chair patient in the Red Cross 1946 poster, and Peggy Neel, Red Cross hospital worker, examine the winning poster, a photograph made of them at New Caledonia during the war. Peggy Neel is resting at her home in Searcy, Ark., and Private Pyle has re-enlisted in the army.



CHURCHILL TALKS WHILE TRUMAN LISTENS . . . Former British prime minister, Winston Churchill, told the audience at Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., that the United States and the British empire should form a military alliance to police the world and to provide a bulwark against encroachments of Communist ideals and ambitions from the East. He recommended that the atomic bomb be kept secret.



RIOTS DURING STRIKES CONTINUE . . . Representative of other strikes, two pickets and a policeman strike the pavement in the action-packed scene as they clashed in front of the Western Electric company's Kearney, N. J., plant. The police seem to have the situation well in hand. While some strikes have been settled, others have been announced to start during April. Violence has been reported in various parts of the country.



SPRING 'QUEEN OF BOVINES' . . . As a feature of the unique spring celebration held in the canton of Valais, Switzerland, cow fights are held to determine which one will be supreme and be crowned the "queen of bovine queens." Properly organized battle takes place yearly to mark the beginning of spring in Switzerland.



NEW NAVY COACH . . . Capt. Thomas James Hamilton, USN, Columbus, Ohio, who had been appointed head football coach at the U. S. navy academy. He will be aided by Edgar E. "Rip" Miller, who will serve as assistant coach.



MAY SUCCEED MANNERHEIM . . . Premier Dr. Juho K. Paasikivi, who is slated to succeed Field Marshal Carl Gustav Mannerheim as president of Finland, who recently resigned due to failing health. Mannerheim is 78 and served as wartime commander of all Finnish armed forces. He has been expected to resign for some time.



KEEPS CANDIDATE IN ARMY . . . Lt. Col. Harold G. Hoffman, former governor of New Jersey, and again a candidate, received set-back when army ordered him into hospital for observation. He wants to run as a Republican.



AGAIN AND AGAIN . . . This gentleman since 1894 appears in Washington on every occasion to voice his opposition to one and all measures before congress. Now he is against loan to Britain. He is "General" Jacob S. Coxey, leader of Coxey's army in 1894. He now wants to protest against the United States loaning any money to anyone in Europe.



SHARPSHOOTING CO-ED . . . A modern Annie Oakley is Eugenia Griffith, Yeadon, Philadelphia suburb, who as a member of the girls undefeated rifle team at Drexel Institute of technology is out to retain an undefeated record.

Kathleen Norris Says:

American Women Are Different

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By KATHLEEN NORRIS

WHAT is there in the American make-up that causes us to demand perfection, and be dissatisfied with anything short of it?

I don't mean just the domestic perfection of fine sheets and clean rooms, matching curtains and well-cooked meals. I mean something deep inside that destroys the peace of mind of 9 of our women out of every 10. Perhaps 99 women out of every 100.

Why is it that American women enjoy real happiness only in brief snatches that are interspersed with long stretches of discontent and restlessness, frustration and sometimes despair?

French women, Italian women, women of the Scandinavian countries know no such misery. Each one of these accepts her destiny, lives in it and with it contentedly, mixes her good salads, simmers her good soups, mends and washes and airs the same old linen year after year, wears for years her substantial dress and warm shawl, chats with her neighbors in the market place, savors to the full all the simple joys of living.

Humbly Content.

So much for the European women. As for the Orientals, they live on so different a scale that there simply is no comparison. I knew one Chinese woman who carried with her wherever she went a fur rug and a three-legged iron pot.

"With these Chen Ling at home anywhere, Missy," she said. "I put 'em down, I no see 'em again."

How old the fur rug was I do not know. The cooking pot was more than 100 years old.

Families in Europe live in the homes their ancestors established, often with as many of those ancestors as are living. Chairs and tables and tea-pots last for generations. A deep inner content in family life makes these things sacred. The domestic group shifts, enlarges, changes; it is all good living to the busy, beloved, important woman of the house, whether she is hanging out snowy linens, gathering wind-fall apples, welcoming the new baby, robing herself in sepulchral black to follow the coffins of the dead. It is her life, and she likes it, and lives it to the full.

Even the English are much less demanding of circumstances and fate than we are.

"I've had my husband's mother with me since I was married," said an English woman whose children are almost grown. "Bob had three boys when I married him," said another, "so although I was only 18 I've never been to a real dance." "Because my mother and father were invalids Joe and I waited 11 years before we could marry," a third said cheerfully. Incidentally, this patient woman has now a very high position, and she and Joe are an example of happy married life. But she had to wait for it!

Contrasted with all these women are some in this country who write me letters about conditions that are not only perfectly normal, but temporary. Our women seem unable to endure any burdens or inconveniences at all!

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

This is the richest country in the world. There is more of everything here than anywhere else. Even people considered poor by American standards live on a scale that is the envy of most Europeans, and of all Orientals. Every American knows all this. Yet American women are the most discontented in the world. Those who are most favored often seem the most unhappy.

In Europe women have become accustomed to acceptance of their lot. Hardships, poverty, illness, crowded conditions, governmental oppression — all this they accept as part of life. They try to make the best of it, and are thankful for any good fortune. They bear up under difficulties that would send an American woman to the insane asylum. Oriental women have almost unbelievable endurance. They are poor beyond our conception, and must struggle hard for mere survival. Yet they are generally cheerful and uncomplaining.

Seeking the Unattainable.

Many a woman cheats herself out of happiness, dignity, success as a human being by an impatient sense that she must always be struggling for something unattainable. She must get rid of this piece of furniture and have those others re-covered. She must tear down the curtains and send the dessert plates to the rummage sale. Her dining room is actually repulsive to her because of the old-fashioned light fixtures.

She never thinks of a family as a great all-embracing institution, where an older woman and a very much older man of right belong; where two small motherless sisters may find refuge, and visiting cousins be cared for in a general joyous scramble of made-up cots and extended dinner-table. To be offered the part of a matriarch, in the movies, would seem to her delightful, but to play that part in real life offers her no attractions.

So each family splits into separated units; each newly married couple entertains only its own few selected friends; each bride feels that every hour her husband's mother spends in her house is a distinct concession on her part. She fights her fight alone, cooks the company dinner single-handed, scrambles the children to bed, rushes upstairs to change her gown; the old gracious hospitality, shared by old and young, with grandfather in his own chair, and the children coming downstairs for dessert, is a thing of the past.

Less stress on material things, more cultivation of the spiritual values in human relationships, would make for us all a deeper, fuller sort of living, a surer safeguard in home ties, less danger—far less danger, of those constant cure-all trips to Reno, which are the gateway to a more intense unhappiness.

Comfort While Ironing

Home management specialists at Cornell U. say there's no rule-of-thumb method you can use to select a comfortable ironing board height. That's just something you have to work out for yourself. But their study shows you'll be less tired if you do adjust your ironing board to a height that's comfortable for you. And if several members of the family are using the ironing board . . . you need one that can be adjusted to different heights. Adjustable boards are now being made.



She doesn't want to be a matriarch.