

# OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Address Letters to "The Young People's Department", The Progressive Farmer

## TWO SCHOOL PROBLEMS SOLVED

(Boys' \$1 Prize Letter)

I LIVE five and one-half miles from a state high school and on account of the distance and the condition of the roads, it is all but impossible to drive to and from school during the cold wet winter months, yet paying board eight months of the year when food-stuffs are at the present prices is a problem well worth considering.

This is how three cousins and I solved the two problems mentioned above:

In the fall of 1915 we procured a four-room house from a friend. This house was three-fourths of a mile from the school. We furnished it with the things necessary for our comfort and convenience which we took from our homes. There were two boys and two girls, cousins, except a brother and a sister. We carried all the food that we used from our homes except a few little things which we did not raise on the farm. The girls did our cooking and my "Pal" and I cut wood, made fires, etc.

The plan was not only pleasant but we found that the expense (outside of what we carried from our homes) was almost unnoticeable. We kept an account of every item that we had to buy and at the end of the school we found that the expense had been less than \$1.25 for each of us per month.

Abbottsburg, N. C. J. C. EVANS.

## WANTS TO BE SOLDIER OR RED CROSS NURSE

(Girls' \$1 Prize Letter)

WE TAKE The Progressive Farmer, and I like to read "Pollyanna" and the Young People's page. We live in the country ten miles from town. We are on the Jackson Highway.

My little sister has a Shetland pony and she loves to ride him but I think I like books better. I don't like horses but I like to ride a bicycle.

I am interested in the war and I like to read about it. I'd enlist in one second if I were a boy. I'd like to be a Red Cross nurse if I couldn't be a soldier. There are a lot of terrible things about the war—living in trenches, the poisonous gases and the shells, but all the same I wouldn't mind, for—

"How can a man die better Than facing fearful odds For the ashes of his fathers And the temples of his gods?"

That's mighty fine sentiment and I certainly do admire Horatius.

We have lots of fun in summer. My sister and I both have gardens of our own. Hers is better than mine though. Next year I am going to have a large one. One thing that we enjoy is our trapeze. We have a see-saw, a swing and horizontal bar. We can do lots of tricks on the bar. Father has some great big cement troughs for the horses and a running well. We have been going in bathing. It's not deep enough to really swim in, but it's lots of fun.

Crawford, Miss. CATHERINE COCKE.

## A Canning Club Experience

IN THE spring of 1914 we organized a club in the southern end of Jefferson County. We had six members but only three of us sent reports to our County Agent at the close of the year. Each of us had one-tenth acre in tomatoes.

I gathered 2957 pounds from my plot. I used a great many at home, sold \$6.85 worth of fresh tomatoes, canned 135 No. 3 tin cans, 74 quarts, in glass, one gallon chili sauce, one gallon tomato preserves, four gallons chow chow and four gallons tomato pickle. When I made my report I didn't expect any prize at all, but to my surprise I won four prizes: Two canning outfits (one \$20 the other \$10), a check for one dollar and a Blue Ribbon.

The next year my yield was about the same as the year before but I didn't can very many tomatoes because I had a ready market for them at home.

I once thought I wouldn't send in a report because some of the other girls had gotten better results than I, but papa begged me to send one. I did, and received a check for \$4.50, a subscription to the Ledger and a scholarship to Montevallo the next summer.

Last year I joined the club again and my crop was almost destroyed by the heavy rains of June and July. I was almost discouraged but sent my report and history of my work anyway. I also sent an exhibit to the Alabama State Fair at Birmingham on which I won \$48 in money and several ribbons.

EUNICE COWLEY.

McCalla, Ala., Rt. 1.

## Hanging Baskets for the Porch

I AM a country girl and I am glad of it. I love the pleasures, fun and work of the farm. I delight especially in trying to improve our porch with forty cents; a mighty little cost, this seems, but we have gotten dollars worth of good from it.

Early in the spring I invested 40 cents in four wire swinging baskets at ten cents each at the ten-cent store. I then took the baskets, together with my little brother and sister, to the woods and gathered the prettiest, greenest moss I could find. This I used to line my baskets, and the nice green side faced the world bravely through the wire openings, turning the dirt inside. I then filled the baskets with common wood ferns, and they are still living too! Of course I keep them well watered and maybe I shall have to change them before the summer is over.

Next year I hope to have the baskets planted in wandering Jew, or something that grows downward.

MATTIE SUE WAFFORD.

Laurens, S. C.

## Stegall Family Reunion

I AM 12 years old and live in the Black Belt of Alabama. Have just returned from a visit to Pontotoc, Miss., where I spent a month visiting my father's people. While there I attended a Stegall family reunion. It embraced all the connections that it was possible to assemble together on the 14th of July, when we had a nicely arranged program and an address by Representative Bill Stegall. He gave an account of the settling of the Stegall family in Mississippi 75 years ago when the country was inhabited by Indians. They had some good friends among the Indians and lived and farmed peacefully together as long as the Indians stayed there.

All that were relatives of Jeremiah Stegall were registered, and 205 names were enrolled. I came home well pleased with my trip and the fine country they live in. I had lots of nice car rides, and enjoyed every hour I was there. Will be ready to start to school in September to do a good year's work.

LOUISE STEGALL.

Emelle, Alabama.

## Valentine Day at Our School

I WOULD like to tell you young people about the pleasant time we had at our school on St. Valentine's day. A while before Valentine Day we prepared for a Valentine postoffice. The way we did this was to get a large cardboard box and cut a slit in one end of it. Then it was placed on the teacher's desk.

Then we set to work with great eagerness preparing the valentines. One hour of each day was devoted to this. We worked hard at it, and when the day came we had a large collection of valentines, some comic, some sentimental.

We selected our postmaster, and he distributed the valentines among us. It was lots of fun.

Afterward we rendered the program we had prepared for the occasion, and every one enjoyed it. Then our teacher treated us with cake and candy. She said she intended to keep the many valentines she received as mementoes of our happy days spent together.

We do not take The Progressive Farmer, but I get it from a friend every week, and greatly enjoy reading it. I find many helpful suggestions among its pages.

SUSIE B. TURNER.

Greenville, Ark., Rt. 3.

## To Keep You Guessing

READ these riddles aloud to the family, withholding the answers, and see how many can answer them:

When is butter like Irish children? When it is made into little pats.

If all the money in the world was divided equally, what would each person get? An equal share.

What is the difference between a life of leisure and a life of idleness? They are the same thing, only different titles.

What word of one syllable, if you take two letters from it, becomes a word of two syllables? Plague; ague.

Why is a young lady like a sheaf of wheat? First she is cradled, then thrashed, and finally she becomes the flour of the family.

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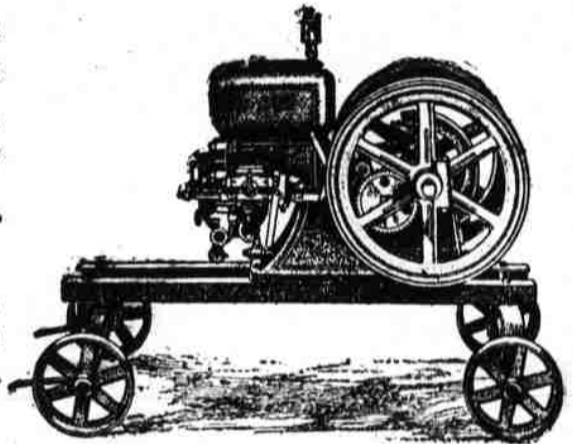
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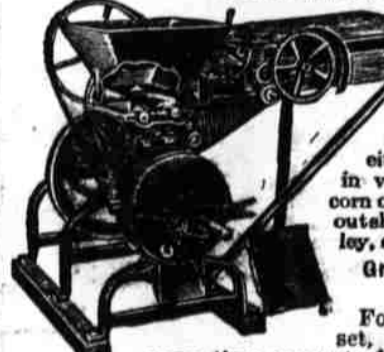
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