

"Pete" Davis Tells Own Story How A Boar Hog Almost Cost Him His Life

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"If I had a chance to go through that experience again, without knowing how it would come out, I wouldn't do it for a deed to every thing on the face of the earth," C. L. "Pete" Davis, or Beautancus declared a few days ago when he revealed a close call with death from an enraged boar hog.

The experience came one night when Mr. Davis went to feed his hogs and found his stock hog out of the pen. When he attempted to drive the animal into the pen, it escaped into a field, and it was there, hundreds of yards away from help, that his narrow brush with death occurred.

As best we can, we give you here, in Mr. Davis' own inimitable style, the story:

"About two years ago I purchased Joe, a high-head, registered little boar pig. I recall he was put in a pen all alone, and when I would go around him he was so excited he would tremble and squeal. So, in order to tame him down I would get in the pen and

catch him and scratch him on his back.

"It wasn't very long before Joe was just another pet of mine, and as he grew he began to love me. I could pat him on the head and he would lie down and appear to be asleep.

"So, time passed on, and pretty soon Joe had grown to be a hog, and one of the finest stock hogs I have ever had. He was easily handled under any circumstances. I never had to strike him, before the night of the battle. He was as mindful as a pet puppy.

"On this particular night I went to feed the hogs, and when I arrived at the barn I found Joe had broke out of his pen, and was fighting another hog through the fence, so I attempted to get him back in his pen. He paid no attention to me at all, so I picked up a good hoe handle and tried to make him get in, but he would run by the door and wouldn't go in. Finally, he decided to go down in the pasture.

"I ran on ahead of him to drive

him back, but to my surprise there Joe came at me like an African lion. I started backing up, using the hoe handle with all my might, but Joe kept coming, and pretty soon the hoe handle was broken in pieces, leaving me empty-handed in the middle of the fight.

"He ran under me, throwing me over his back. And from then on I was under, over, sideways, crossways, endways, bear hugging, with his mouth all in my face. He tore my glasses off with his tusk in one of his swipes out a small gash under one of my eyes and filled my face with hog slobber, dirt and blood.

"His head was going back and forth across my face so fast, trying to hit me with his tusks that I could hear the wind whistling through his teeth. He was trying his best to murder me. He wanted to scatter my gizzard all over that pasture. It won't nothing but fast moving on my part that saved me from being cut to pieces with those sharp tusks. He'd swing his big old head and hit where I had just been.

"I knew the fence was my only hope. I was working hard in that direction every chance I could get, and was getting closer and closer to the fence. Finally I had a chance to run for it, and I did, with his nose bumping my settee. When I got to the fence I didn't climb it, or crawl over it—I just fell over it. If it had been three inches—not yards, but inches—further away, I'd never have made it.

"When I hit the ground on the other side the first thing I saw was his mouth sticking through the wire. He was hitting the fence with such force I thought he would break through and finish me. He had the wire screeching through

Wake Family Plans New Water System North Carolina Now Has Over One-Half Million Acres Permanent Tree Farms

Washington, D. C. (Special) — More than half a million acres of privately owned North Carolina Tree Farm land is now dedicated to the continuing production of timber crops according to American Forest Products Industries.

North Carolina began the new year with 70 certified Tree Farmers, who together own 596,858 acres of woodland. This acreage total places the Tar Heel state eighth in the South and fifteenth in the Nation, according to the AFPI report.

The state's Tree Farm program preservation, room improvement, and health when he begins work on the system he will have everything he needs on hand. He plans to do the work himself.

was launched in 1944 under sponsorship of the North Carolina Forestry Association. The Southern Pine Association cooperates in the program sponsorship.

Nationally the Tree Farm program is coordinated by AFPI in the interest of encouraging wise woodland management and forest protection. Since the American Tree Farm system began 11 years ago, it has spread to 33 states.

A total of 3,485 tree farmers, who together won 24,812,416 acres

"There's no point in having good crop years unless some part of it shows up in good home living," says Eugene Johns, Negro farmer of Rt. 2, Raleigh.

In telling why he is putting in a water system on his place, John says that "we've walked too many miles already, and the older we get the farther away that spring seems."

Johns recently attended a one-day farm institute, arranged by W. C. Davenport, Wake Negro farm agent for the State College Extension Service. The group spent considerable time discussing the advantages of farm water systems and how they might be installed.

Johns left the meeting and got busy right away. The family had never had a well, but has been bringing water up the hill from a natural spring some 500 or more feet away.

Agent Davenport visited the farm and helped the family figure out how to clean out the spring, put in curbing, install a pump, and lay pipe from the spring to the house.

Johns bought a shallow well pump and the necessary pipe from a dealer in Raleigh. At present he is getting other materials such as cement, wire, and posts, so that

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STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: How much will the value of an acre of pine timber increase each year?

ANSWER: A one-acre crop of 13-year-old slash pines, owned by Hen-

ry Well of Goldsboro, was marked recently for thinning. Of the living pines on the acre, 415 were marked for cutting and 420 were left for future growth.

According to John L. Gray, the marked trees yield 6.21 cords of pulpwood. The trees left for future growth would make 14.67 cords. Thus the acre has grown a total of 8 cords of pulpwood in the first 13 years of its life. This is 1.6 cords per acre per year.

At today's average prices the standing trees would bring about \$3 per cord. Therefore, if all the trees were sold on the stump for pulpwood the acre would be worth approximately \$62.64.

If the owner did his own cutting, the entire stand would bring about \$167.04 (at \$8 per cord). The value of only those trees that should be cut now would be \$49.68.

QUESTION: What materials are recommended for treating peanut seed?

ANSWER: According to J. C. Wells, plant pathology specialist for the State College Extension Service, the best materials for treating peanut seed are Arasan, 2 per cent Ceresan, Yellow Cuprochide, and Spergon. For each 100 pounds of seed, use three ounces of Arasan, or four ounces of any of the other materials.

Seed treatment, says Wells, pays off in the form of better germination, improved stands, and higher yields. For more information, see your county agent.

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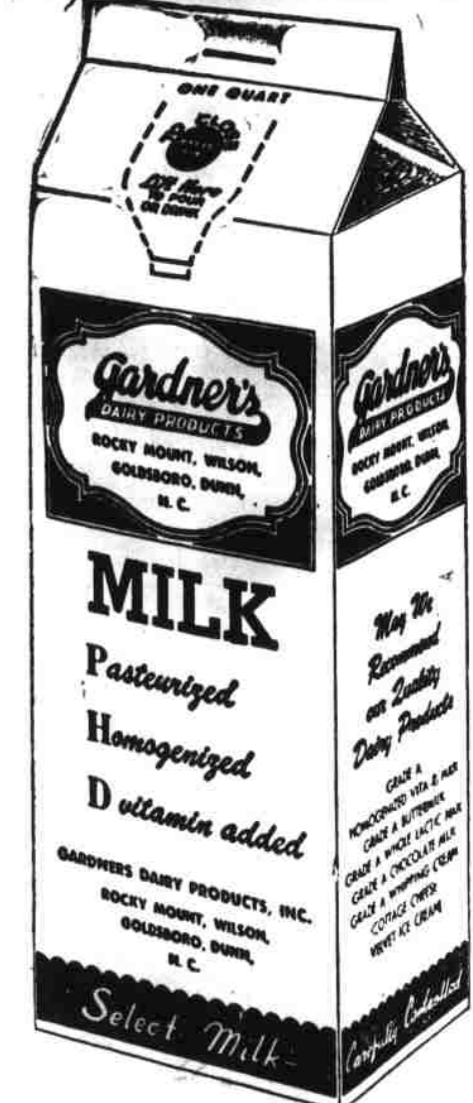
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