

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 jes wish I could of been about 40 years 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 now-a-

days. I'd bee nthinkin for the past 8 or 10 years that me and Fannie would take off to Raleigh to this here Fern and Howe Week they have ever year down there at State College. But it seemed like when the time come for it we had

as 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 so it.

We didn't get to take in the whole thing but we saw and heard 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 colliseum or some such building to sign up and git us a room.

Well, when we got over to the

colliseum and went in you could of knocked me over with a tooth pick. I ain't never seen such a buildin. I jest stood there a gain and turnin. It was really a sight to behold. 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 colliseum. 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 hom 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 out 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 those 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 me thing in one buildin and another in another. Where I went to school they teach 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 too.

They had a bunch of good singers, a whole bunch of funny fellers a cuttin up and they was some man askin 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 figured I'd go to one they was holdin

for the men on fertilizem. Well, she, that was one of the informatin-est meetings 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 prices us farmers should place our fertilizem to 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 find 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 eat about every-thing they was to be seen in the way of chickens and a lot of things they use with 'em nowdays I didn't know they had.

We went back over to the colliseum that night and heard 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 when not cooked up, but me and Fannie went back over to the room and lay down.

Thursday bein the last day, they

jesly got on the bus for us. They had a commotion 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 for some of these young fellers a com-

mon sense, I bet you'll be here to see the Farm and Howe Week next year. The feller agreed with me and said the didin't know there was could have gone and seen and learned so much and had so much fun at the same time.



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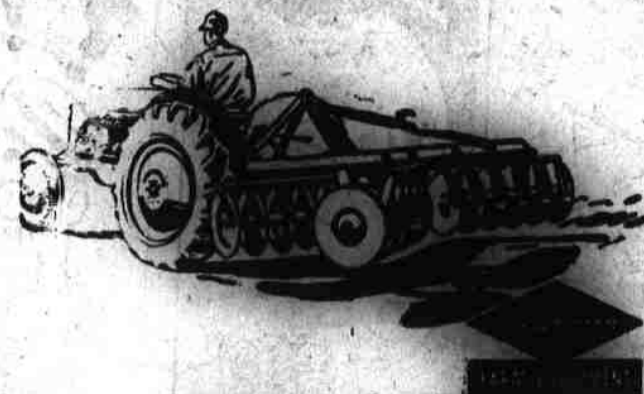


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