

Modern Farmer Is No Longer A "Hayseed"; Farm Life Improved

Highways, Autos, Tractors And Other Things Make His Life Brighter.

(By R. W. Shoffner, Cleveland County Farm Agent.)

Not so many years ago the farmer was often spoken of as "a rube" or a "hayseed." He and his family were supposed to be different from their relatives in the big cities.

That, of course, was in those good old days of dusty turnpikes, toll-gates and rubber-tired buggies. It was when a drive of 15 miles to spend the day was quite a trip.

Today all of this has been changed. The rural free delivery mail, smooth wide highways, fast automobiles, the telephone, the radio, the gas engine, the truck and the tractor give the farm family leisure and an opportunity to travel. These newer things are bringing the whole world to the farm home or allowing the farmer and his family to go quickly and easily out into the world.

There are others besides the county agent who believe that there are golden opportunities to have a real home on the farm. Well, here is what the Southern Agriculturist has to say in part on this subject:

"The rural community today is in every way favorable to the development of the home. As a matter of fact the development of the home in this country is essential to success on the farm. Under these natural conditions all essentials to home life are present, and the home will develop itself if given a chance.

"The fact that the great masses of the poor people have turned their backs on the one great life opportunity that was in their reach, and taken up their abode in crowded, unattractive sections of cities is a very positive proof that the great educational need of this day is education in life values. In a measure many of these country people were excusable for leaving the rural sections of a generation ago. But today the country offers so much more to the poor man in the things that really count, it is difficult to understand why these people should prefer the city.

"It is the natural and worthy ambition of every typical American to own his own home. Home ownership carries with it an important moral quality. Men who own their homes, other things being equal, are recognized in law as being superior in character and citizenship to the men without property. In the rural sections of the South home ownership is within the easy reach of every normal man, however poor. The great masses in the cities are of necessity renters. The demand is so great on their earnings, many of them do not even attempt to own a home."

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Pleasant Hill Community News

Rev. Lawrence Roberts Preaches. Crops Looking Fine. Personals.

(Special to The Star.)

July 14.—The farmers of this community are very busy with their crops. Everything is growing and looking fine since so much rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Ivester and children were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gantt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Kendrick had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Kendrick of Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Kendrick and baby of Charlotte.

Master Grover Lowery spent the day Sunday with Johnnie Kirkendale.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. Kendrick had as their dinner guests Sunday Mrs. D. G. McCarter and son, Durbo of the Antioch community and Mr. Bob Wesson of Gaffney. Also Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kendrick and family of near Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kendrick and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neal and children spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beam.

Mrs. Odus Prady reports a cabbage head from her garden which measured 31 inches around it one way and 30 inches the other. It weighed 9 3/4 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dycus and children who live near Gaffney visited at the home of Mrs. Dycus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Francis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Guffey and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Blanton and babies visited Mr. and Mrs. Green Blanton Sunday.

There was a good crowd at Sunday school and preaching Sunday. Rev. Lawrence Roberts of the Elizabethtown community preached a fine sermon for us. Mr. Roberts has been away in school and he with his family are spending their vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and children were the dinner guests Sunday of his sister, Mrs. Odus Prady and Mr. Prady.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dover, Jr. and Mr. Graham Whisnant were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dover and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lowery and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dover Sunday afternoon.

Misses Mary and Lucentia Bird of Blacksburg are visiting at the home of their aunt, Mrs. J. C. Lowery this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Allen and children visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. Kendrick Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lowery and family and Misses Mary and Lucentia Bird visited Mr. and Mrs. John Black near Boiling Springs Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham Camp and baby spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Olive Moore and children of Shelby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harrill also Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hamrick of Poplar Springs.

Mrs. D. E. Bostic of Morganton is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Rollins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Padgett and children of Beaver Dam spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Miller Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben McSwain's guests Sunday included: Mr. and Mrs. Berry McSwain and two daughters, Polly Gene and Betty Wray of Lattimore, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Blanton and children of Earl.

Misses Virginia Wood and Norine Rollins of Gaffney spent Sunday with Miss Bua Rollins.

Mr. and Mrs. Aray Weaver and son of Flint Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Peggie Weaver and children of Sharon visited Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Weaver Sunday.

Messrs. Gordon Ellis and Elmo Bridges left Sunday for Alexandria, Va. where they will be engaged in highway construction.

Miss Rena McSwain is visiting relatives near Lattimore.

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Mt. Sinai News Of Current Week

Regular Preaching Service Saturday and Sunday, Personal Items.

(Special to The Star.)

Shelby, Route 2, July 14.—Regular preaching services will be held at the church Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hunt of Shelby, Miss Queen Runyans and Mr. J. C. Runyans of Earl were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Ellis and children visited Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Green near Cheese, S. C., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Rollins and son, Max, and Mrs. J. H. Rollins spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Philbeck of Mooresboro.

Mr. Ruben McSwain spent Friday in Spartanburg, S. C. on business. Miss Evelyn Evans of the McBrayer section was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hardin.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Joe Harding and wife, Laura Harding to the undersigned trustee, said deed of trust being dated March 27th, 1929 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cleveland County, N. C. in Book No. 157 at page 19, securing an indebtedness to the Shelby and Cleveland County Building and Loan Association, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness and being requested to sell said property I will on

MONDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1937 at 12:00 o'clock, noon or within legal hours at the Court House Door in Shelby N. C. sell to the highest bidder for CASH at public auction that certain lot of land, lying and being in No. 6 Township, Cleveland County, N. C. and bounded as follows:

Situated in the north eastern square of the town of Shelby, located in what is known as "Freedom" and fronting on Bridge street and designated as lot No. 17 and beginning at 1 1/2 sticks on the south side of Bridge street on alley, Jackson Burchett's corner and running east with said Bridge street about 115 feet to Hwy's corner thence south 152 feet to Holmes line; thence west 115 feet to an alley; thence north 152 feet to the beginning of Bridge street.

This July 9th, 1937. JNO. P. M'ILL, Trustee. 4-17-10c

Just Ten Years Ago

From Issue of The Star July 1, 1921.

Over 200 guests were at Cleveland Springs new hotel last night at the first meal which formally opened this beautiful hostelry to the public under the management of Mr. R. T. Rosemond, one of the most experienced and widely known hotel men in the south. The bed room furniture and refrigerator which were delayed in transit and therefore delaying the opening of the hotel for five days, arrived the early part of the week and were installed for the opening yesterday. The new building for the garage has been completed and will be in charge of Mr. Rush Thompson, while C. R. Doggett and Company will supply riding horses for the guests.

Misses Ruth Mundy, Mae Kendall and Mabel Quinn left Tuesday for Raleigh to attend a house party given by Mrs. A. Duckett.

Many friends all over Cleveland county will be interested to learn of the wedding of Miss Tessie Dellinger and Mr. Thomas Cline which occurred at Fallston Wednesday.

The members of Miss Milcent Blanton's house party who have been the recipient of numerous social attentions during their visit here, enjoyed a most delightful outing to Blowing Rock this week, going up in cars Tuesday morning and remaining until Thursday.

The community singing held at the auditorium Tuesday evening was enjoyed by a large audience. Singers came from all parts of this county and many sections of South Carolina and under the leadership of Mr. Ben Logan, a delightful program was rendered.

Pulling Fodder Is Wrong Thing To Do

Spartanburg Herald.—The cotton country farmer has a habit that costs the South a fortune. It's the fodder pulling habit—and old Southern custom that's not only the hottest and dirtiest job on a farm but one that reduces the yield of corn to an extent far greater than the farmer has ever realized.

Pulling fodder is absurd. It's unnecessary. It's costly. Fodder is better on the stalk than in bundles and slashing it down and shocking it is far easier than pulling and handling. Out of the cotton growing South pulling fodder is unknown. Other agricultural regions cut and shock.

Realizing all this, together with the fact fodder is the most expensive forage crop, the more intelligent farmers in the cotton country are growing cowpeas, soy beans, sorghum and other such products and leaving the corn to mature unmolested.

R. W. Hamilton, extension agronomist for Clemson College, said: "Several experiment stations have carefully tested the matter and have found that pulling fodder reduces the yield of ear corn by 10 to 20 per cent, which amounts to three bushels per acre on the average. Frequently the loss to ear corn is worth as much as the fodder saved, and the farmer has his work for nothing."

When the cotton country stops pulling fodder and grows other forage crops while the corn matures, it will have taken another step towards self-sustaining agricultural system.

Perhaps the modern girl is too much wrapped up in herself, but she doesn't overdo it otherwise.—Brooklyn Times.

Professor Piccard found a zone of depression ten miles up. This thing is more extensive than we imagined.—Tampa Tribune.

Have Not Had Time. Podunk—When your wife starts to talk does she know when to stop? "Coohee—I don't know. We've been married only five years.

Fertilizers were purchased cooperatively for cash by the Midway Grange in Davidson County this season at a substantial saving to the members.

Two Trust Funds Are Held To Be Exempt From J. B. Duke Estate.

Washington, July 14.—Two trusts aggregating \$30,634,000, created by the late James B. Duke for his daughter, Doris Duke, today were held exempt from federal estate taxes by the board of tax appeals.

The board overruled the commissioner of internal revenue who included the trusts in Duke's gross estate and sought to collect a \$9,040,000 deficiency tax. It allowed a deficiency of \$500,000 which was admitted by the executors of Duke's will.

Duke died in October, 1925, leaving an estate valued for tax purposes at \$101,606,000, exclusive of the trusts established for his daughter in 1917 with the Farmers' Loan and Trust company of New York city.

Petitioners in the tax action were the three executors: Duke's widow, Mrs. Thelma H. Duke, George G. Allen and William R. Perkins.



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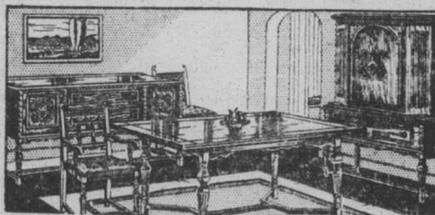
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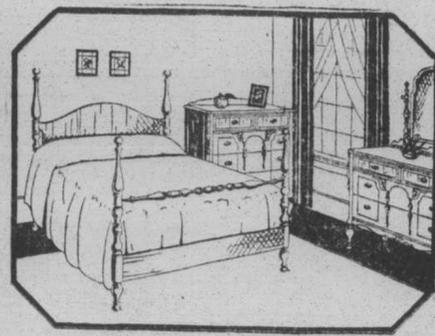


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