

KEEPING UP ON FARMING

With Uncle Walt

I been readin right much here lately about this new disease they are tryin to keep our hogs in North Carolina from gittin. Seems from what I can gather, they've put an embargo or somethin on hogs here. You probably know what they're talkin about. I'm afraid though I don't quite git it.

It seems that some hogs in other parts of the country have got somethin which is causin the fellers who look after such things right much worry. Lord knows, I can't tell you what the name of the stuff is. They called it somethin and I reckon they know how to pronounce it but they never learned this old codger anything like that in school.

I don't know how hogs look when they git whatever that stuff is. They must not look like anythin much for long, 'cause I understand that they sorta lay down and die pretty soon after they git it. Whatever it is, they say they ain't no danger of human bein a gittin it. That's one worry out of the way, but there's old Janie, my Poland China sow, who's just as apt to git it as any hog is.

Janie's due to drop us another bunch of pigs in about three more weeks and I'd hate for anything to happen to her now. She's been eatin and actin all right so I don't spect they's nothin wrong with her. I been feedin her sorta light here lately a tryin to keep her from gittin too fat. Soon as them pigs come though I'll start givin her a little more feed.

I started to sell old Janie not so long ago. Hog prices was gittin so cheap 'til it looked like I couldn't afford to keep her and raise another bunch of pigs. George Masters happened to stop by the day I was fixin to carry her to market and talked me out of it though. I been aimin to thank Old George for that ever since then but I jest ain't got around to it.

Looks like my pigs will be comin off at a pretty good time. I figger if they come when they're due, they'll be ready at a time when the market oughta be pretty good. I've been hittin it pretty lucky on the other bunches I've raised, but they's always a first time for anything. Prices ain't been too bad at all for the past few weeks. Practically all the markets are payin from 22.00 to 22.50. I'd like to have several nice shoats to sell along now. Maybe then me and the old lady might be able to take a little trip before the summer's over.

They ain't but one thing that worries me about my pigs that's on the way. I ain't sure yet what I'm gonna use to feed 'em. My corn crops mighty sorry this time. That dry weather jest in a manner ruined it. I planted this hybrid seed this year

too and throwed more seed to it than I've ever been talked into doin before. If we'd of jest had the rains, I believe I'd of made twice more corn to the acre than I've ever made before. I'll make a little bit yet, 'cause it ain't completely gone. But I won't make near enough to feed out no big bunch of pigs like old Janie usually brings. Guess I'll jest have to sell some of 'em and keep what I feel like I'll have enough feed to take care of. I can't forgit about my old mules 'cause they like corn too.

I did plant me three acres of this milo this year. It's the first I'd ever planted and to tell the truth I'd never heard of the stuff until last year. My county agent talked me into it and I'm glad he did too, 'cause that stuff didn't hurt none hardly during that dry weather. I don't have no idea how much it'll turn out when it gits ready to cut, but whatever it yields, it'll come in mighty handy this winter.

They say a lot of farmers is havin good luck a keepin their hogs on permanent pasture. I hear that it cuts down on their feed bill right much and it is a right good practice for keepin down disases too. I'm gonna discuss this with some of the experts and if they say it's so, I aim to fix a good pasture this fall for my hogs.

HAYSEED

By UNCLE SAM

IF YOU ARE FEELING blue, and don't know what to do. Don't be a grouch.

If it is hard for you to take it on the chin. Just look up and grin. Don't be a grouch.

If you have lost all you had. Just begin again. Don't be a grouch.

If you have been knocked down. Just get up without a frown. Don't be a grouch.

If nobody lends you a helping hand. Just get up and stand. Don't be a grouch.

If the other fellow passes you by. Just hold your head high. Don't be a grouch.

If the other fellow rides. And you are forced to walk. Don't be a grouch.

If in your hardest test. You have done your best. Don't be a grouch.

If people say you can't come again. Just wade right in. Don't be a grouch.

If the night is dark. And you have no place to park. Don't be a grouch.

If you can't be first. Don't be last. Don't be a grouch.

If the road is long. And nobody gives you a lift. Don't be a grouch.

If you can't understand. No matter how. Don't be a grouch.

If somebody does you wrong. Just move along. Don't be a grouch.

If you can't succeed. You can try again. Don't be a grouch.

If you want to quit. Just hold on a bit. Don't be a grouch.

If you never win. Don't give in. Don't die a grouch.

If the way is crowded. Just make

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Sooner or Later
"I'm telling you for the last time that you can't kiss me."
"Fine, I knew you would weaken sooner or later."
When men give up saying what is charming, they give up thinking what is charming.
—Oscar Wilde.

Production Of Wool Is Above Last Year

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—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Sunday School Lesson
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David to become king of all Israel and David accepted. He moved the capital to Jerusalem, where he made it not only the seat of government but also the center of the religious life of his people.
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