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(EDITOR'S NOTE -- John L. Marsh and Karl E. Nordberg, both on the faculty at Edinboro State College, have borrowed from a collection of old photographs of farming in the immediate area to help tell their story of agriculture's golden age in southern Erie County.)

A day-long program focusing on farming, yesterday, today and tomorrow, in southern Erie County will be held in the auditorium of Miller Learning Center at Edinboro State College on July 25.

The program is the result of a study by two faculty members at Edinboro State College, John L. Marsh

and Karl E. Nordberg. They spent the winter and spring photographing an old farm, sponsored by a grant from the Public Committee for the Humanities in Pennsylvania.

Program participants will be able to visit area farms and see a fine collection of old photographs, many taken by L. V. Kupper, a turn-of-the-century photographer, which will be on display in Edinboro's borough building. With this display, Marsh and Nordberg attempt to tell the story of agriculture's golden age in southern Erie County.

The collection of old photographs centers on the old

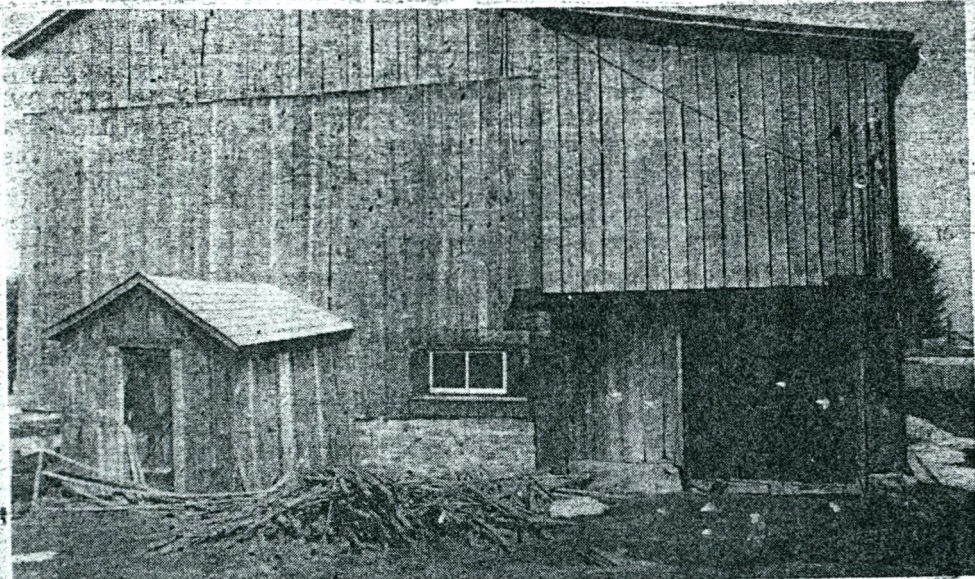


John Marsh (left) and Karl Nordberg are organizers of the rural experience program which is slated July 25 starting at 10 a.m. at Edinboro State College.

Goodell farm, purchased by George Seymour Goodell, an Edinboro merchant, in 1875. George's son Todd, operated the farm from the time of his marriage in 1907 until his death in 1956.

The property then passed to his daughters, Carrie and Margaret, who have preserved the property much as it was when they were growing up in the period between the two world wars.

Persons wishing to attend the program may contact the borough office by mail or phone for registration materials. Charge for the day-long event, including lunch, is \$6.



(ABOVE) — Todd Goodell's interest, of course, centered around the barns. Originally the barns stood much closer to the house but in 1885 Todd's father had them moved further from the house to their present locations.



(LEFT) - In Todd Goodell's youth, horses were both scarce and expensive. Hence farmers used teams of oxen for many of the heavy farm chores. In this old photo it shows the oxen waiting patiently as the farmer pitches hay from the wagon to a stack in the field.



(ABOVE) - The house on the Goodell homestead reflects a number of additions, the first in 1870 and the last, a glass-enclosed porch, in the 1950's. Carrie and Margaret Goodell continue to use wood or coal burning stoves for heating and cooking that date from their parents' era.

(LEFT) - This is the stable area of one of the barns. Todd stabled his three teams at this ground level. The harnesses seen here are just as he hung them for the final time early in the 1950's.



## Rural experience . . .

Conference organizers for the rural experience are Karl Nordberg, left and John Marsh, right. In the background is the horse barn on the Todd Boodell farm, portions of which may date as early as the 1840's.