

operates a 400 acre farm.Rents an additional 275 acres.A long time dairy farmer,he has sold his herd and now is experimenting with 75-80 head of beef cattle.They take only a fraction of care per day needed by milk cows.To feed them he raises hay,straw,and corn. Also oats.The rising cost of gas has caused him to close the dairy store he operated for 18 years.He may convert it to a meat store. Additional cash crops include cabbage.Plans to plant 16 acres this spring.

sees little prospect of new dairy farms in area.Looks to no new crops. Some prospects for raising beans on suitable soil.Sees principle impact of mill as raising value of farmers' land.

talks of changing role of farm wife.Keeps records and books.Answers phone.Runs errands for parts etc.Says family farm will survive only if there are son(s) willing to sacrifice.Harder and harder to interest boys today.

Questions

- 1.How does township form of government help the farmer (4 Of 5 members locally are farmers)
- 2.What is future of family farm--especially for sons/daughters of today's farmer

1. Jim Skelton, together with his sons, Terry and Brian, operates a 400 plus acre farm just south of Edinboro on Rt. 99. This particular view shows the house which the Skeltons built 34 years ago together with the barns, constructed 18 years ago, and what was a dairy store (19 yrs old) until this past year when Jim sold off his ~~herd~~ herd (Jul 78).

2. He has replaced them with 75-80 head of beef cattle, which he says take only a fraction of the care ~~that~~ that dairy cattle demand.

3. However, he is no gentleman of leisure ~~having~~ having planted this spring 120 acres of corn and 25 acres of cabbage. Here he is cleaning out a fertilizer spreader

4. and here repairing with his son Terry a 4 row corn planter.

5. Prior to planting the corn he and Terry, together with the ~~latter's~~ dog, Rady, were readying the soil with a cultimulcher

6. and in this particular picture we see Terry replanting a field with a 2 row planter.

7. ~~Among~~ Among the most appealing pictures we took were a series that show Jim, his son, and neighbor children planting cabbage

8. A job that the youngsters welcome

9. but don't always enjoy.

10. an experiment on the Skelton's part involves planting of some 6,000 strawberry plants. Here is Mrs. Skelton ~~in~~ in the act of separating the plants. Personally she says she separated over \$2,000.00 to be a farmer's wife in summer time.

10 + 11 BUT THE RESULTS ARE REWARD ENOUGH

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