

## MITCHELL'S FARM IS ONE OF BEST IN RICH UNION CO.

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

When a man attains to the dignity of the ownership of a productive farm or more than 1,000 acres, on which are eight tenant farmers in good homes, one might conclude that things were coming that man's way. It is 10 to one that such a man will be found "diligent in his business." He will need to be. Nor are his, eight hour days. He is on the job as many hours as the season and conditions require.

Mr. Mitchell's Farm Operations. Asked as to how much land he had sown to wheat last fall, Charles Mitchell of Union county said: "We planted a total of 250 acres, 100 of which looks good, 100 only fair, and 50 acres is very poor. It has all been sown to clover and timothy and not an acre is to be plowed up."

Should the season finally turn out propitious, Mr. Mitchell can count on a whole lot of corn. He is preparing to plant 330 acres and has as fine a lot of seed as one could wish to own. As a student of seeds and culture it is safe to say that only the best and surest seed are given a chance to grow on the Mitchell acres.

Is A Large Feeder.

There is quite a bunch of live stock. For example, 70 brood sows were wintered, a cut of 50 per cent as compared with the winter of 1919-20. Then, too, there are a lot of feeders, and some young pigs, for his sows are just beginning to farrow, and there will also be an August-September crop to follow. There are also 80 head of cattle in the feed lots and soon to go on pasture. All the horses are needed to work the place, with tractors to help out. They are right smart busy on the farm just now.

An Old Time Mansion.

A large and well kept lawn, shaded by stately trees, forms the ideal setting of the Mitchell farm home, built by "grandfather Smith" more than 60 years ago, but so well preserved that it looks good for another century. It is a large brick, all the timber for which was cut and sawed on the place. "Men took more pride in their work in grandfather's days," said Mr. Mitchell.

Has Every City Convenience.

Among the conveniences seldom found, even in city homes, is an electric refrigerator, that need not be evened for five years. There is a thermodynamic regulation of the temperature as desired.

There is also an electric range in the kitchen and electric lights and running water all over the home place, supplied by a kiln, small and tank near the house. Like Professor Christie of Purdue, Mr. Mitchell insists that a farm home is more than a place in which to eat and from which to rally forth and do the feeding and chores and to return to sleep in.

Mrs. Mitchell is an enthusiast on poultry, her taste running to White Orpingtons, in her fine flock of which she naturally takes much pride. She wintered 100 hens and there are already 300 promising chicks on the place. Some of these arrived early and will weigh a pound.

Union Is A Rich County.

Union county is rich in fine farms and in the number of its progressive, up-to-the-hour farmers, men who keep abreast of the times, are well informed and eminently capable. Many farmers own from 200 to 600 acres, others hold still more land, and some families have holdings running well up to 2,000 acres, perhaps more. Good roads, fine schools and churches, neighborly communities and the wish

## The Farm and The Farmer

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In an interview with a Wayne county farmer printed in this column on Monday, the statement that one bushel of soy beans would sow one acre should have read 12 acres. The beans may be put in with a drill at the time of planting corn by adding a special attachment.

Wayne county Duroc hog breeders will meet to organize a Duroc pig club next Saturday evening. County Agent Murphy will be present to take a hand in the work and will lend assistance in getting members throughout the county.

Mr. Murphy reports interest in pig club work in two townships where clubs are being organized, and is to extend this work as fast as possible. Pig and corn clubs have been organized in Franklin and Washington townships, but no calf clubs anywhere in the county as yet.

With reference to the shortage of farm labor, a city man who signs himself as O. H. in the Chicago Tribune says: "As a matter of fact, the farmers have been short on help for years past, because they cannot keep their own offspring on the farm. How, then, can they expect that city people should go out and do their work? There is hardly a working place that

to make the best of all opportunities, are in evidence on every hand. The people of Union county are not given to personal boasting, but when it comes to praising their home county they can all tell flattering stories, and then go right out and prove their truth.

## Farm Federation

Ralph Test, Henry county agent, reports that the farmers of Henry county are signing up in the wool pool, all townships having been supplied with contracts. Membership in the proposed pool will be confined to members of the farm federation. John H. Meyers, J. B. Shively, Albert Ratliff, Wayne White and W. H. Keeling have been appointed a committee to obtain bids. It is stated that pool operators in Madison and Hamilton counties last year were profitable to the farmers.

Many large city dailies are printing accounts of the crying need for farm help, as reported by members of the federation and other well informed authorities in various states. These papers also quote farm labor wages as given by these correspondents, and mention many places where not only is there a shortage of ordinary labor, but also vacant farms.

GAMEKEEPERS STRIKE

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, April 27.—Agua Prieta's gambling houses were closed last night as the result of a strike of American game keepers, in an effort to gain a 50 per cent increase in wages. The gamekeepers demanded \$15 a day. They were getting \$10.

I have been in, in the last 15 years, where could not be found boys and girls raised on the farms."

If you haven't sprayed your fruit trees, or even if you did spray them a few weeks ago, this is a mighty good time to do so again, just when the buds are ready to open and a few days before the buds burst into bloom. There is no time for delay, and the work should be done thoroughly, if you would save the coming fruit. If in full bloom, don't spray until later.

Farmers in Giant Combine

It is reported from Kansas City that the National Wheat Growers' association, at their convention in that city, "voted unanimously to form a huge combine for the control of the cereal products of the nation. Agricultural experts in attendance said the organization would be the largest combine of farmers ever attempted."

It was stated that the elimination of the middleman was essential, "in order to assure the farmer a fair profit and at the same time reduce the H. C. L."

The plan tentatively provides for co-operative flour and milling associations, for local and national marketing associations, should the organization meet with favor and thus become a real factor in the handling of foodstuffs.

Sheep Owners Are Invited

A special meeting of farmers who own sheep is to be arranged for early in May, according to County Agent Murphy, who will present the wool pool plan as now being worked out in several Indiana counties, and which was a success in various states last year. The Henry county pool expects to handle nearly, if not all, of the coming clip.

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## Nothing Doing Much Good On Farms, Says Report; Too Much Rainy Weather

Pastures, rye and wheat are about the only things on Indiana farms that have done any good in the last three weeks, observes George C. Bryant, field agent of the co-operative crop reporting service. In his weekly summary of crop conditions in the state.

He says: "Exceptionally heavy rainfall on several days of the last week has caused practically all of the rivers and smaller streams of the state to overflow their banks and do considerable damage. No plowing or seeding has been done and farm work is now fully three weeks behind."

"The week has been favorable to wheat, but the condition is still very poor. There will not be a large plow-up because of the labor shortage, although some fields will make very low yields."

"Unless the weather settles the oats

acreage will be considerably short of intentions. Rye looks very good and has made some growth. Young clover is beginning to show growth and is a fair stand, although less seed than usual was used to the acre."

"Early fruit trees are in bloom and show but little damage from the recent severe weather. Farmers are offering good wages for laborers but can not obtain enough for the requirements. Live stock generally is in

good condition. Pastures made considerable growth during the week and are in splendid condition."

## ESCAPE WITH \$4,000

(By Associated Press)

ROCKVILLE, Maryland, April 27.—Seven automobile bandits shot and killed a director, locked all the employees in a vault and robbed the First National Bank of Sandy Springs, Md., of \$4,500 and escaped.

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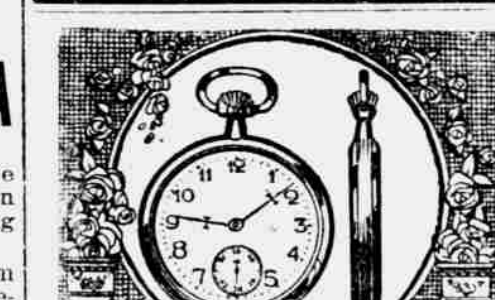
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