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W. P. HARRIS OF LAURENS COUNTY IS A MODEL FARMER SAYS HUNNICUTT

Editor of Southern Cultivator Writer Interestingly of a "Model Farm" Its Owner and His Household.

"Model farmers" are few and far between, but there is one at least in Laurens county who might well be an example to others. This is Mr. W. P. Harris who lives near Owings station. Recently, Mr. G. F. Hunnicutt, editor of the Southern Cultivator, visited Mr. Harris' farm; upon his return home, he wrote in the issue of Nov. 15th, the following article, concerning Mr. Harris' as a model farm:

We have not run out of examples of model farmers in Georgia, but this time we wish to shift the scene to South Carolina, to tell you of a farm and home that made a profound impression on us, and we trust that its influence may extend to thousands of our readers. Out five miles from Gray Court and six miles from Woodruff, just in the county of Laurens and close to the line of Spartanburg, lives Mr. W. P. Harris. Some twenty-five years ago, Mr. Harris sold a small farm down near Waterloo, that he had brought up to a high state of cultivation, and moved up into the section where he now resides, and bought a nine-hundred-acre farm at \$8.50 an acre. The land was poor and the section thinly settled. He was in debt for much of the land, but he went to work with a will, and while we can not follow him step by step as he climbed the strenuous ladder of successful farming, yet we will give you an account of our visit, and you can fill in the picture of the intervening years. We reached Mr. Harris' home about ten o'clock at night and we went immediately to our room and retired. About five o'clock next morning we were awakened by the ring of the farm bell that important and well-known factor on every well-directed farm. Soon we heard the sounds of those moving below as they began to discharge their routine of daily duties. About six o'clock we arose and dressed. Then accompanying our host we went forth to view the premises. First we found the homestead to be a very large and

elegant concrete house, with massive concrete pillars for the portico, and situated on a beautiful location, a retaining wall being built so as to level the front yard. Inside the house was elegant and substantial—with everything needed to make a home comfortable and attractive; we went to the lot—here Mr. Harris began to open stall doors and to let out his mares and colts. These, we admired very much. He has two barns, one for horses and one for mules. They are both built with a keen eye to convenience. His mares have roomy stalls and all front a central hall and feed way. One can go along this feed way and attend to every animal. Convenient shutters are arranged to bring down the hay from the loft above. The mule barn is still more convenient. It has a central feed trough some four feet wide. In this the corn is fed in the shuck. He says he never shucks his corn to feed. His stock eats all shucks and cobs. He puts the corn and hay in this center trough, and along each side at six feet intervals and alternating so one mule from one side can not get the corn given to another; on the opposite side, are cut openings into the wall, about 18 inches wide so the mules can put their head in to get their food. He got this idea from the barns of Col. James M. Smith. From the horse barns we went on the other side of the road to the cattle barn. Here we found a small barn for milkers, and stalls for some twenty cows. Then a large cattle shed for dry cattle that would accommodate 100 head. Here too he had racks and a central feeding trough and every convenience to simplify and lessen the work in caring for the cattle. We stood and saw over 50 heifers from 18 months to 3 years old let out and file their way to the pasture. The registered Jersey bull, was doing his chores on a tread mill, pumping up the supply of water for the ensuing day. Down at the horse barn a wind-mill

performed this part of the work. Back of this barn were tons and tons of peavine hay on a 50-acre field in large shocks and ready to be hauled in. Across the road was 50 acres of fine corn in the shocks ready for the shredder, above the house was cotton that would make a bale per acre in spite of the untoward seasons. Then we went out to see the pigs—then the tool shed, where every modern specimen of farm tool was found from a binder down to three or four kinds of fertilizer distributors and cotton planters. A large drove of turkeys and many chickens enlivened the scene. Then we went to see his fall Irish potato patch of some four acres, that were as fine as we ever saw. Then to his guano mixing house, and finally to the gin that was steaming away putting the fleecy staple into merchantable form. Mr. Harris grows some 200 bales but as you see he does not depend on cotton alone for his supply of money. He annually sells from two thousand dollars worth of other products. It is useless to say that all of these evidences of good farming filled our cup of joy to the full, but it was the home scene that made this cup run over. Mr. Harris has a wife that is a help-mate in every sense of the word. She is one of a few women whose husbands are able to farm, that does not desire to run off to town. She has the true conception of home building—the second highest function of mankind. The highest function of mankind is to build character the next highest a true home. These parents have reared nine children, four girls and five boys, and have given all a collegiate education. Mr. Harris told us he had paid out over \$18,000 in the last ten years for college expenses. As we returned to the house we were called into the sitting room for morning prayer before going in to breakfast. We never felt that we were more near true sanctuary, and knowing the two forms of prayer, that of petition and that of thanksgiving, we thought Brother Harris might daily offer a prayer in words, as follows:

"Thou our Almighty Father—the maker of the heavens and the earth—we thank Thee for Thy past favors to us. We thank thee for the grand scope upon which Thou has planned this earth of ours—for its mountains and its valleys, its rich resources of mineral, and the varied productions of the soil—we thank Thee for the skill with which mankind has wrought—building cities—railroads and all the intricacies of modern commerce. But Oh! Heavenly Father we desire specially to thank Thee for the country and for our home. That Thou didst put it into our minds and hearts to love our calling and has strengthened us in our purpose to improve our soil—to have a high conception of a farm and a home and that Thou has remained with us as we yearly and daily toiled to bring forth this embodiment of a home and home surroundings, that we now enjoy. We also specially thank Thee for our children—and that they are healthy and strong in purpose and in character. And while we now enjoy the full fruits of our labors may our example prove a blessing to our community and to our dear Southland—when so many of our rural population are deserting the place of their nativity and going away after false gods in the form of lower ideals. We most assuredly thank Thee for that steadiness of purpose and loyalty to our calling that has tided us over all the vicissitudes of life and has crowned our efforts with a sufficient degree of success. For these and all Thy blessings may we ever return unto Thee—the proper thanks, and bide the time when the country and country homes shall receive the appreciation they so richly deserve.—Amen." And may many of the readers of The Cultivator repeat "Amen."

Wouldn't Mother enjoy a pair of our Comfortable Felt House Slippers? Remember her at Christmas time! R. E. Copeland.

DEATH OF MR. E. C. BRIGGS.

Influential Citizen of Clinton Succumbs To Brights Disease.

Clinton, Dec. 13.—The death of Mr. E. C. Briggs last Thursday night and his burial on Friday, following the burial on Tuesday afternoon of Miss Anna Boozer have made the past week a sad one in Clinton.

Mr. Briggs has been sick for some time of Brights' disease and it was generally known that he could not recover. The final collapse was, however, a shock to the community. His son, E. C. Briggs, Jr., who was pursuing a course in pharmacy in New York city, reached home after his father's death.

The interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery with Masonic ceremonies. The Rev. J. E. Mahaffey, pastor of the deceased, was the officiating clergyman.

Mr. Briggs leaves a widow, who was Mrs. Virginia Little of Alabama, a daughter, Mrs. T. J. Anderson of Waterloo, and a son, E. C. Briggs, Jr.

He was a popular and influential citizen and will be widely missed. His business connections were important.

NOTICE
— OF —
COUNTY TREASURER

The books of the County Treasurer will be open for the collection of State, County and Commutation Road Taxes for fiscal year, 1909, at the Treasurer's office from October 15th to December 31st, 1909. After December 31st, one per cent will be added. After January 31st, two per cent, will be added, and after February 28th, seven per cent, will be added till the 15th day of March, 1910, when the books will be closed.

All persons owning property in more than one township are requested to call for receipts in each of the several townships in which the property is located. This is important, as additional cost and penalty may be attached.

All able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years of age are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00, except old soldiers, who are exempt at fifty years of age. Commutation Road Tax \$1.00 in lieu of road duty. Road Tax to be paid by the 1st day of March, 1910. Other taxes to be paid at the time stated above.

Prompt attention will be given those who wish to pay their taxes through the mail by check, money-order, etc.

Persons sending in lists of names to be taken off are requested to send them early, and give the township of each, as the treasurer is very busy during the month of December.

The tax levy is as follows:

State Tax	54 Mills
Ordinary County Tax	4 Mills
Special Railroad Tax	1 Mills
Road Tax	3 Mills
Constitutional School Tax	3 Mills
Total	65 1/2 Mills

SPECIAL SCHOOLS.
Laurens Township.

Laurens No. 11	6 Mills
Trinity Ridge No. 1	4 Mills
Maddens No. 2	2 Mills
Narnie No. 3	2 Mills
Bailey's No. 4	2 Mills
Mills No. 5	2 Mills
Oak Grove No. 6	2 Mills

Youngs Township.

Youngs' No. 2	3 Mills
Fountain Inn No. 3b	10 Mills
Lanford No. 10	2 1/2 Mills
Ora No. 12	2 Mills

Dials Township.

Green Pond No. 1	3 Mills
Shiloh No. 3	2 Mills
Gray Court-Owings No. 5	2 Mills
Barksdale No. 6	2 Mills
Dials Church No. 7	2 Mills

Sullivan Township.

Princeton No. 1	3 Mills
No. 3	2 Mills
No. 4	4 Mills
No. 5	4 Mills
Tumbling Shoals No. 6	2 1/2 Mills
Brewerton No. 7	3 Mills
Sullivan Township Railroad Bond	4 Mills

Waterloo Township.

Waterloo No. 14	3 Mills
Mt. Gallagher No. 1	3 Mills
Bethlehem No. 2	2 Mills
Ekorn No. 3	2 Mills
No. 4	2 Mills
No. 5	3 Mills
Mt. Pleasant No. 6	2 Mills
Mt. Olive No. 7	4 Mills

Cross Hill Township.

Cross Hill No. 13	6 Mills
Cross Hill No. 1	2 Mills
Cross Hill No. 2	2 Mills
Cross Hill No. 4	2 Mills
Cross Hill No. 5	2 Mills
Cross Hill No. 6	2 Mills

Hunter Township.

Mountville No. 16	4 1/2 Mills
Hunter No. 2	2 Mills
Hunter No. 3	2 Mills
Clinton No. 5	3 Mills

Scuffletown Township.

Lanford No. 10	2 1/2 Mills
Ora No. 12	2 Mills

J. D. MOCK,
County Treasurer.

October 1, 1909.

Citation for Letters of Administration.
The State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

By O. G. Thompson, Probate Judge:

Whereas, C. W. Garrett made suit to me, to grant him letters of Administration of the estate and effects of W. H. Garrett;

These are therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said W. H. Garrett, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens C. H., S. C., on the 9th day of December, 1909, next, after publication hereof, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this, 29th day of November, Anno Domini 1909.
O. G. THOMPSON,
J. P. L. C.

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