

Weekly Picture Story FARM "BOSS" AT 15



A 15-year-old farm boy of Canandaigua, New York, is proving to his neighbors that the future of American agriculture is in safe hands. When his father died suddenly less than two years ago, young Dewitt E. Van Noy, then only 13, shouldered the job of running the family 65-acre farm and somehow finding time to keep up in his school work. With the encouragement and help of his mother he is building up the farm and installing new labor-saving electrical equipment. He won New York state honors in the Westinghouse-sponsored 4-H farm and home electric program. At left he works on an electric fence.

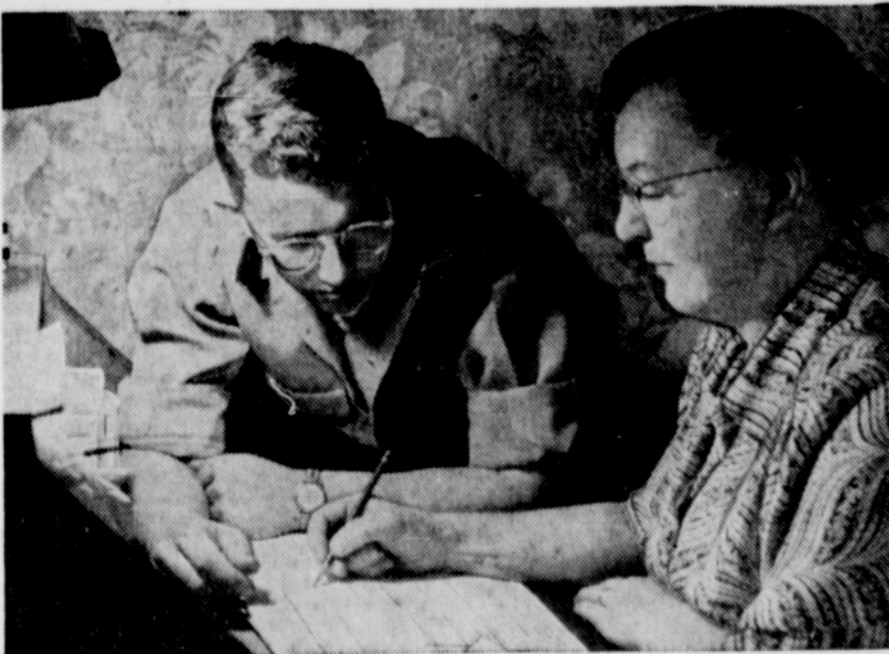


As his reward in the electrical equipment program, Dewitt received an all-expense trip to Chicago where he attended the recent 4-H club contest along with 39 other state winners. In high school, he studies a wide variety of subjects. Above, with industrial arts instructor Floyd D. Butler, he works on a "return call" wiring hook-up which is complete with battery and door-bells.



In Dewitt's farm electric program are many labor saving devices. He can complete the milking chore in about half an hour using the electric milking machine above. His chief hope for the farm's future is the dairy herd. At present he has seven cows producing. At left the youth gathers eggs which are sold to a local sanitarium as well as to neighbors. The flock numbers 41 hens.

After dinner, darkness outside doesn't end the work day. As if school didn't require homework, Dewitt sometimes helps his mother wrestle with the farm's necessary book-keeping. Most of this job, of course, is handled by Mrs. Van Noy who was elected town clerk this year. In this position she issues licenses to hunt, fish and get married, files mortgages, acts as secretary of the town board and receives a modest salary for some which helps to make ends meet.



The Washington Merry-Go-Round

DREW PEARSON

Churchill Supports Attlee
THERE is a certain vein of similarity running through the lives of the two men who conferred regarding the course to be followed by the British and American governments toward future war or peace.

Prime Minister Attlee and President Truman both are left-of-center liberals, both have spent much of their lives in government, both have tried to work for the less-privileged sector of the British and American people.

Neither is considered a strong man in his own country, neither is a man of much imagination, neither has the force, the flair, the genius of two others who conferred a great deal during the past decade—Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

And while these reforms were passed in the face of vigorous conservative opposition, nevertheless, Attlee today has one important advantage over President Truman. He has the support of his opponent, Winston Churchill, when it comes to foreign policy.

Furthermore, he has the support of most of the Conservative party. On the other hand, Truman of late has had the bitter, sometimes vitriolic opposition of a majority of Republican senators in regard to almost every foreign-policy move he has made.

Attlee not only was careful to get Churchill's support before he left London, but Churchill even advised him on how to force Truman's hand regarding the trip.

What happened was that immediately after the Prime Minister heard of Truman's atom-bomb statement, he called on Churchill. Though political opponents, the two served in the same coalition war cabinet together and are personal friends. At one time Attlee was Churchill's deputy prime minister, and handled British domestic affairs while Churchill was busy with the war.

With this background of friendship, it is not hard to understand why Attlee should have consulted Churchill or that Churchill advised him that he should take the trip to Washington. Furthermore, Churchill suggested that inasmuch as Truman might be opposed to the trip, Attlee should make a premature announcement of his plan—thus making it impossible for Truman to decline. This was why news of Attlee's plans prematurely leaked from London.

Churchill also promised Attlee that no effort would be made to overthrow the Labor government while he was away.

Attlee's Tory Background
Though Truman and Attlee have much in common politically, Attlee came from more conservative surroundings. His father was a Tory lawyer and president of the British equivalent to the American Bar Association. After studying at England's ritziest schools and being admitted to the bar, however, young Attlee suddenly became a social worker. At the age of 24 he went to work and lived in Limehouse, one of London's workmen's districts, and he has made his life with labor ever since.

Unlike Mr. Truman, who frequently lapses into Missouri mule-driver's language, Attlee's diction is cultured, sometimes poetic. In fact, he has written some widely quoted poems, one of them regarding his own workmen's district, which reads:

"I hear the feet of many men who go their way . . . Through streets that have no pity, and streets where men decay."

Repairs Own Pipes
Attlee is married to Violet Helen Millar, and for many years they lived with their four children in a modest house in a London suburb where Attlee did a little gardening and repaired his own pipes in his own carpenter's shop.

Unlike Truman, Attlee is a halting, none-to-forceful speaker. When he speaks impromptu, he hesitates and repeats. The President, on the other hand, is at his best when speaking off the cuff. In conferences, Attlee tries to win his point by charm and persuasion. The President sometimes gets impatient and petulant.

When Foreign Minister Molotov visited Truman a few days after Roosevelt's death while en route to the San Francisco conference, the new President spent 45 minutes bawling him out. There have been many occasions when Molotov deserved such a scolding.

In Europe, Attlee and his government are considered among the most vigorous of all opponents to communism, and it is sometimes predicted that, in case the Russians overrun Europe, the Attlee cabinet would be the first to suffer.

HOGMANAY St. Andrews' Day Touches off Scots' New Year Doings

The celebration of St. Andrew's Day touches off a series of Scottish celebrations that reach their peak at New Year (Hogmanay) and continue with little respite to Burn's Day on the 25th of January.

Few national festivals occasion more uninhibited gusto over more of the world's face. From Houston to Hong Kong, Scots of all vintages and the skirl of bagpipes, indeed, they spare no effort to make the dream come true. The Illinois St. Andrew's Society, for instance, have been known to "fly-in" their supply of haggis and heather direct from Scotland, and to have "piped it" all the way from the airport to the dinner table.

One of the most engaging customs of Hogmanay is the ancient rite of "first-footing" in the "wee sma' hours" of New Year's morning. A "first-foot" is literally the first person outside the family, to cross the threshold of the home after the clock has ushered the Old Year into history. For the best of portents, the visitor, if a man, should be dark and handsome; if a woman, she must be fair. In either case, the visitor should carry "handsel," which may be anything from an orange to a bottle of whiskey. You don't have to ask a Scot his preference, but an empty-handed "first-foot" will bring poverty and privation, so even an orange is worthwhile.

Assuming that the "handsel" is in liquid form, the head of the house takes the first drink and then passes the bottle round the family. Thus fortified, all attack the traditional Hogmanay fare; round shortbread cake nipped round the edges to simulate the sun (the Druids were responsible for this); and Black Bun, a superior sort of mince pie containing fruits, almonds, spices and brandy.

What happens after this is your own responsibility, but the Scots themselves ward off indigestion with music and dancing (with a capital D). Sometimes "first-footers" appear as "guizards" (a mummer or a strolling player) and the greater the number of first-footers, the more honored is the household. So nobody need be shy.

Those "not to the tartan born" may wonder why the Scots lay such stress on the New Year, rather than Christmas. To find the answer you have to flick back a page or two of history. The Vikings probably started the Yuletide festivities and the Christian reformers merely took it over and invested it with the dignity of the Feast of the Nativity.



HANDS ON THE TIME . . . Ceelia Bialy is lighting the old year out and the New Year in and making sure the hands of the clock get safely to midnight at the Old Sturbridge Village museum and crafts center in Sturbridge, Mass. The clock collection at the museum is one of the largest in the country.

New Year, 452 B.C.

Celebration of New Year's Day on January 1 began in Rome in 452 B.C. and therefore, contrary to logical reasoning, had nothing whatsoever to do with the birth of Christ.

The Julian calendar, effective by decree of Caesar in 46 B.C., was adjusted to the Christian era in 516 A.D. by Dionysius who meant to begin the era from the year of Christ's birth.

However, an error in chronology figured the event four years later than it actually occurred. Therefore, the latter half of the 20th century should have begun four years before 1950, and 1950 should have been 1954, really!

Gayest Day in Canada Is the 'Jour de l'An'

The famous "Jour de l'An"—New Year's day—is probably the gayest day in the calendar of the French-Canadian. That is the time of family re-unions and of exchanging of gifts.

It is a religious celebration also, with the city churches conducting midnight mass on New Year's eve, but in the rural areas there are no church services to celebrate the arrival of another year.

THE HOME TOWN REPORTER IN WASHINGTON

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President Stands Alone

DESPITE THE fact that President Truman is in almost hourly conference with his cabinet, with top military advisors and with leaders in Congress, there is probably no man who is more alone than the man in the White House.

For under our constitution, the President of the United States is solely responsible for the foreign policy of this country.

As one writer phrased it, "The fate of the civilized world may well hang on the soundness of the decisions which Harry Truman will have to make, and in the last analysis, he will have to make them alone, in consultation with his God and his heart and his conscience. He will have the sympathy and support of all thinking people, but there will be none to envy him."

And as the President goes through his lonely Gethsemane, there is a hue and cry from many sources that Mr. Truman should seek and follow the advice of members of the congress in this time of national crisis. This reporter has jotted down some of the opinions in the senate to which the President should listen as he seeks a solution of the problems which beset the nation.

Here they are: Senator Wiley, Wisconsin, thinks we should build up our spiritual armament to take an offensive against the Russian government.

Senator Capehart, Indiana, believes if the situation is serious, and it is serious, why doesn't the President consult with the congress?

Senator Chavez, New Mexico, believes this country, the executive department, the house of representatives, the senate of the United States, must once and forever tell the world that we will not recognize Communist China.

Senator Eastland, Mississippi, thinks we should arm the anti-Communists in China.

Senator Knowland, California, believes we should place, in conjunction with the navy of the Republic of China, an immediate naval blockade against the entire China coast and should not permit the entry or exit of a vessel of any nationality.

Senator Kern, Missouri, believes Secretary Acheson must go; congress should take whatever steps are required to bring about this result.

Senator Malone, Nevada, thinks we must let General MacArthur use every means and every weapon against the enemy, or endeavor to entirely remove the U.S. forces from Korea.

Senator Connally, Texas, thinks the security council should be called upon to take appropriate action to bring about a quick showdown in Korea.

Senator O'Mahoney, Wyoming, thinks we should serve the Russians with an ultimatum to get the Chinese troops out of Korea.

Senator Brewster, Maine, thinks General MacArthur should be given full authority to use the atom bomb if he thinks it necessary.

Senator Bridges, New Hampshire, believes the same thing. Senator Cain, Washington, demands that General MacArthur be given authority to send troops and planes across the Manchurian border.

Senator Ferguson, Michigan, says MacArthur should be given authority to wage all-out war.

Senator Smith, New Jersey, believes the Chinese troops of Chiang-Kai-shek should be thrown into the fight.

Diversity of Opinion

This diversity of opinion is much like Joseph's coat and the chances are will not be very helpful to the President in making his fateful decision. So as President, he must make his own decision, and as a nation we should stand back of him to the limit of our endurance as a people.

Washington Silhouettes

Washington Silhouettes—The old Belasco theatre on Lafayette park may be back in service as a recreational center for service men. During World War II it was a stage door canteen and stands next to the historical home of Dolly Madison. In peacetime it serves as a storage house for the treasury. . . . quiet 56-year-old Senator Ernest McFarland of Arizona, farmer-banker-schoolteacher-lawyer, likely compromise senate majority leader, a middle-of-the-roader, has one creed—he tries to get along with people. . . . If he is elected it will be a Democratic unity move.

It seems almost sacrilegious to watch workmen dig a sewer trench across the velvety green lawn of the White House in the refurbishing process. . . . state officials may obtain original seals of their states painted on glass in the 1850's, now removed in favor of sculptured seals in the new house chamber, by writing to David Lyhn, Capitol architect. Crisis in international affairs has so changed thinking there is a chance the excess profits tax may pass this lame-duck session despite opposition of business interests.

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