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[Fortenberry, Latimore Q.]

FOR Farm Family of the Week

DATE Fri. Nov. 21, 1958

BY Howard Langfitt

TIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.

VIDEO

AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1
MAILBOX

SLIDE FARM-2
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-3
HOUSE

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO WALTHALL COUNTY AGENT, ANSELL ESTESS, ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT, SAM DYAR AND ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. JEAN FORTENBERRY FOR THEIR VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND ESPECIALLY TO MR. DYAR AND MRS. FORTENBERRY FOR GOING WITH ME TO THEIR FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. LATIMORE Q. FORTENBERRY WHO LIVE ON AND FARM 113 ACRES ABOUT SEVEN MILES EAST OF TYLERTOWN, MISSISSIPPI IN THE KNOXO COMMUNITY OF WALTHALL COUNTY. LATIMORE FORTENBERRY GREW UP ON THIS FARM AND IN THIS HOUSE, THOUGH IT HAS BEEN GREATLY REMODELED IN RECENT YEARS. HE ATTENDED SCHOOL IN THIS SAME COMMUNITY AND FINISHED AT QUITMAN AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL. MRS. FORTENBERRY GREW UP ON A FARM IN THE NEW ZION COMMUNITY ABOUT FIVE MILES AWAY. THEY MET AS YOUNG FOLKS ON THE BASKETBALL COURT. BOTH WERE BASKETBALL PLAYERS DURING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS. LATIMORE COURTED HER FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE THEY WERE MARRIED. LATIMORE STARTED TO BUSINESS SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS BUT IN THE SPRING OF 1927 HIS MOTHER GOT SICK AND HE CAME

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SLIDE FARM-4
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-5
CATTLE

BACK TO THE FARM TO HELP HIS FATHER AND HAS BEEN THERE EVER SINCE. HE AND HIS CHARMING WIFE WERE MARRIED THAT SAME FALL. LATIMORE FORTENBERRY FARMED WITH HIS FATHER OFF AND ON FOR TEN YEARS. HIS FATHER DIVIDED UP THE FARM BETWEEN LATIMORE AND TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER. LATIMORE'S SHARE WAS 48 ACRES AND HE HAS BOUGHT THE REST AS HE COULD OBTAIN IT OVER THE YEARS. HE STARTED OUT FARMING RAISING COTTON, CORN, POTATOES AND SUGAR CANE. THEY ALSO HAD A FEW DAIRY COWS AND SOLD BUTTER UNTIL THEY WENT INTO THE BEEF CATTLE BUSINESS IN 1950. BEFORE HE GOT INTO THE BEEF CATTLE BUSINESS LATIMORE STARTED BUILDING HIS PASTURES. WHEN HE HAD ESTABLISHED THREE ACRES OF PERMANENT IMPROVED PASTURE HE BOUGHT A REGISTERED HEREFORD BULL AND STARTED HIS BEEF PROGRAM USING HIS DAIRY COWS. OVER THE YEARS HE HAS BEEN SAVING HIS BEST HEIFERS, OF A BEEF TYPE, FOR HERD REPLACEMENT AND GRADUALLY GROWING OUT OF THE ORIGINAL DAIRY STOCK. TODAY HE HAS 25 HEAD OF BROOD COWS IN A COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM. HE GETS ABOUT A 98% CALF CROP AND CREEP FEEDS ALL HIS CALVES AND SELLS THEM MILK FAT OFF THE COW AT ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS

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SLIDE FARM-6
COW & CALF

HE CALFHOOD VACCINATES AND HAS BEEN DOING THIS FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. HIS HERD IS TB AND BANGS FREE . FOR INSECT AND PARASITE CONTROL LATIMORE FORTENBERRY USES BACKRUBS IN THE PASTURES AND SPRAYS IN THE FALL, SUMMER AND SPRING FOR FLIES AND LICE. HE WORMS ALL HIS CALVES. FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS MR. AND MRS. LATIMORE FORTENBERRY HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN THE EXTENSION SERVICE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM. WORKING WITH MR. SAM DYAR, ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT, MR. FORTENBERRY HAS CONCENTRATED ON UP GRADING HIS HERD, IMPROVING HIS PASTURES AND WORKING OUT A DEFINITE FARM PLAN. LATIMORE HAS 45 ACRES IN PERMANENT, IMPROVED PASTURE WHICH CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF BAHIA GRASS, DALLIS GRASS, BERMUDA GRASS, WHITE DUTCH AND CRIMSON CLOVER. HE FERTILIZES HIS PASTURES HEAVY AND HAS BEEN USING SOIL TESTS TO DETERMINE FERTILIZER NEEDS FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS. HE HAS FOUR PASTURE AREAS AND ROTATES HIS GRAZING FOR MAXIMUM PASTURE USE. FOR TEMPORARY SPRING AND WINTER GRAZING HE USES 10 ACRES OF OATS WHICH ARE GRAZED TILL MARCH AND THEN NITRATED AND CUT LATER FOR HAY. EACH YEAR HE PUTS UP ABOUT 500 BALES OF OAT HAY AND ANOTHER 500 BALES OF GRASS HAY FOLLOWING THE OATS

SLIDE FARM-7
BULL

SLIDE FARM-8
PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-9
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SLIDE FARM-10
CORN CRIB

FOR TEMPORARY SUMMER GRAZING MR. FORTENBERRY USES TEN ACRES OF MILLET. LAST YEAR HE PUT OUT 20 ACRES OF CORN. HE USED TO PLANT 35 ACRES BUT IS GETTING ALL THE CORN HE NEEDS NOW FROM LESS ACREAGE. IT ALL STARTED WHEN HIS SON, JAMES HERMAN HAD A 4-H CLUB CORN PROJECT AND WON THE COUNTY CONTEST FOR THREE YEARS WITH NEARLY A 100 BUSHEL AVERAGE. LATIMORE FIGURED IF HIS SON COULD DO THAT ON A FEW ACRES HE COULD DO IT ON THE WHOLE FARM. TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW GOOD HIS JUDEGMENT HAS BEEN HE USED TO AVERAGE ABOUT 26 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE....THIS YEAR IT WAS BETTER THAN 80 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. HE ALSO TREATS ALL HIS CORN IN THE CRIB WITH LINDANE AND COTTONSEED HULLS FOR WEEVIL CONTROL. HE STORES HIS CORN IN CRIBS WHICH HE HAS BUILT NEAR THE PASTURE AREAS. HE FEEDS ALL HE NEEDS AND SELLS THE SURPLUS.

SLIDE FARM-11
TIMBER

LATIMORE FORTENBERRY ALSO HAS 20 ACRES IN PINE TIMBER. IMPROVEMENT ON THIS HAS BEEN ANOTHER OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM OF THE EXTENSION SERVICE. HE HAS SET OUT ABOUT 9,000 SEEDLINGS, PUTTING OUT 2,000 A YEAR UNTIL LAST YEAR WHEN HE PUT OUT 1,000.

SLIDE FARM-12
TIMBER

THIS YEAR HE IS GETTING STARTED ON TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT WORK. IN OFF SEASONS HE SUPPLEMENTS FARM INCOME BY MEASURING COTTON IN THE SPRING AND

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SLIDE FARM-13
GARDEN

SLIDE FARM-14
FREEZER

SLIDE FARM-15
EGGS

WORKING WITH THE FORESTRY COMMISSION ON FIRE CONTROL IN THE WINTER. LATIMORE FORTENBERRY PLANS TO BUY A TRACTOR. HE HAS BEEN FARMING WITH MULES UP TO NOW BECAUSE HE HAS FELT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO EDUCATE HIS DAUGHTER, BUNNY JEAN, AND FARM WITH MULES THAN TO BUY MACHINERY AND NOT BE ABLE TO EDUCATE HIS CHILDREN. THERE'S MUCH MORE TO THIS FARM STORY BUT I'LL ASK MR. FORTENBERRY ABOUT IT A LITTLE LATER. RIGHT NOW I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE EQUALLY IMPORTANT HOMEMAKING PROGRAM BEING CARRIED OUT HERE BY MRS. FORTENBERRY FROM HER ACRE AND A HALF GARDEN, AN ACRE OF WHICH IS YEAR ROUND, SHE RAISES ENOUGH FOOD TO FILL HER FREEZER. SHE ALSO KEEPS 50 LAYING HENS AND RAISES ABOUT 50 FRYERS FOR THE FREEZER. FROM MILK SUPPLIED BY TWO JERSEY COWS SHE HAS MILK FOR THE FAMILY NEEDS AND TO CHURN THEIR OWN BUTTER. ALL TOLD, SHE FREEZES ABOUT 1,200 POUNDS OF FOOD EACH YEAR AND PUTS UP ANOTHER 125 QUARTS OF FOOD IN JARS. BESIDES HAVING ENOUGH EGGS FOR THE FAMILY'S NEEDS SHE HAS SOME SURPLUS TO SELL EACH WEEK. BY THE WAY, SHE USED TO CHURN ABOUT 25 POUNDS OF BUTTER PER WEEK FOR THE LOCAL MARKET THEY USED TO MAKE SYRUP FOR MARKET AND FOR FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY TOO. THEY STILL RAISE ABOUT

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SLIDE FARM-16
KITCHEN

SLIDE FARM-17
SEWING

SLIDE FARM-18
TWO WOMEN

SLIDE FARM-19
PICTURE

SLIDE FARM-20
LIVING ROOM

FOUR OR FIVE ACRES OF CUCUMBERS FOR MARKET EACH YEAR. MRS. FORTENBERRY LOVES TO COOK AND IS A GOOD COOK AS I WELL KNOW. I ESPECIALLY KNOW THAT HER PECAN PIE IS OUT OF THIS WORLD. SHE HAS ALL THE NECESSARY MODERN CONVENIENCES IN HER KITCHEN TO MAKE HOMEMAKING A PLEASURE.. SHE ALSO LOVES TO SEW AND DOES MOST OF THE SEWING FOR HERSELF AND SOME FOR HER DAUGHTER. SHE ALSO MAKES HER OWN CURTAINS AND DRAPES AND HAS A VERY ARTISTIC SENSE ABOUT THEIR USE IN HER HOME. SHE WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH MRS. JEAN FORTENBERRY, NO RELATION, THE ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT OF WALTHALL COUNTY. TOGETHER THEY HAVE WORKED OUT PLANS FOR A NEW UTILITY ROOM AND FINISHING OF THE CLOSETS. THEY ARE ALSO MAKING PLANS FOR OUTDOOR LANDSCAPING WHICH THEY HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH SOON WITH THE HELP OF MR. HENRY JA SMITH, EXTENSION ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURIST. I MENTIONED THAT MR. AND MRS. LATIMORE FORTENBERRY HAVE TWO CHILDREN. JAMES HERMAN, AGE 24, LIVES AND WORKS IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. BUNNY JEAN, WHO IS 19, IS ATTENDING SCHOOL AT MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN IN HATTIESBURG. THIS IS THE PICTURE OF HER THAT SETS ON THE MANTLE AT HOME. MR. AND MRS. FORTENBERRY HAVE DONE A MARVELOUS JOB OF REFINISHING AND RE-DECORATING THEIR HOME. I

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CAMERA ON FAMILY

ESPECIALLY FELL IN LOVE WITH THIS, THEIR BEAUTIFUL LIVING ROOM. THEY HAVE ALSO ADDED A DEN AND PATIO AND RE-FINISHED THE REST OF THEIR HOME. IT'S HARD TO REALIZE IT'S THE SAME HOME WHERE LATIMORE GREW UP AS A BOY. MR. AND MRS. FORTENBERRY BELONG TO THE KNOXO BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE LATIMORE IS A DEACON AND JUNIOR DEPARTMENT SUNDAY SCHOOL ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ TEACHER AND WHERE MRS. FORTENBERRY IS MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR THE CHURCH AND ACTIVE IN WORK WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN TRAINING UNION.. SHE IS ALSO SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, BELONGS TO THE W.M.U. AND LEADS THE SINGING IN THE COUNTY W.M.U. ASSOCIATION. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE KNOXO HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB AND SAYS SHE HAS BEEN SINCE SHE WAS A GIRL. SHE IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE WALTHALL COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL AND IS A MEMBER OF THE EXTENSION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE COUNTY. THEY ARE FARM BUREAU MEMBERS AND LATIMORE IS A MEMBER OF THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY AND A PAST A.S.C. COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMAN. HE SERVES ON THE COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM PROJECTION COMMITTEE FOR CORN AND LIVESTOCK. BOTH CHILDREN WERE 4-H CLUB MEMBERS WHILE GROWING UP. THE EXTENSION AGENTS TELL ME THEY ARE ALWAYS READY AND WILLING TO

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HELP WITH ANY COMMUNITY OR COUNTY ACTIVITY. MR. AND MRS. FORTENBERRY TOLD ME THEY REALLY BELIEVE IN THEIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND THAT THEY HAVE REALLY COME TO THEIR RESCUE IN TIME OF NEED. I COULD GO ON AT GREAT LENGTH TELLING YOU OF THIS FINE FAMILY BUT I'D RATHER THEY TELL YOU THE REST IN THE TIME THAT REMAINS, SO HERE THEY ARE.

1. HAVE YOU EVER RAISED COTTON? DO YOU PLAN TO RAISE ANY AGAIN?....WHY DID YOU QUIT?
2. DO YOU PLAN TO INCREASE YOUR HERD ANY?
3. WHAT PASTURE WORK DO YOU PLAN YET?
4. WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN GOALS FOR FUTURE?
5. MRS, HOW DOES YOUR HOMEMAKING TODAY DIFFER FROM 30 YEARS AGO?
6. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR HOME NOW?
7. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF 4-H AND HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB WORK?
8. WHAT ARE YOUR DAUGHTER'S PLANS FOR FUTURE?