

Goodman News

By Rowena Hill

Goodman Methodist Guild Have Meeting

Mrs. Powell Hale was hostess to the Methodist Guild Monday night, June 4.

Mrs. Bill Donald presided over a short business session after which Mrs. Hale presented the program entitled, "Ecumenical Eaconell and Missionary," a panel discussion. Those on the panel were Mrs. E. B. Parker, Mrs. Herbert Browning, Mrs. Belva Lawrence, Mrs. Bill Donald, and Mrs. Charles Donald.

The hostess served ice cream and cookies.

Mrs. Bill Cooke and children of Mobile, Alabama are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Browning.

The J. H. Boyette family spent the weekend in Memphis.

Lt. Col. Elton C. Young left Monday to return to his duties in Ismer, Turkey.

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Miss Linda Albin has enrolled as a student at the Mercy Hospital in Vicksburg in order to continue training for technician.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray and children of Jackson were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Schrock Wednesday night and Thursday.

The Goodman community welcomes Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Haining and sons as newcomers. Mr. Haining will be associated with Taylor's Grocery and Market.

Mr. Lige Parker and sons of Yazoo City visited in the Mollie Schrock - E. B. Parker home Sunday.

Mr. Walter Young went to Jackson Sunday to visit his brother, Charles, who is a patient at the Baptist Hospital.

Those graduating from Delta State College from Goodman are Sarah Jane Browning, Peggy Lusk and Bettye Branch. Those attending the graduation exercises were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Browning, Mrs. A. C. Autry, Miss Mary Browning, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Browning, Mrs. David Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCain, Mrs. Ras Branch, and Mrs. S. W. Lusk.

Pvt. John Tyson of the U. S. Army was home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Knight of Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Neaves Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. W. S. Selman are sorry she is ill and wish for her a rapid recovery.

Miss Shirley Jean Killebrew is visiting in Clarksdale this week as guest of her sister, Miss Nancy Faye Killebrew.

Mrs. Jimmy Donald is convalescing at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. D. Neaves after her recent stay in the District II Hospital in Durant.

Mrs. John Knebrew shopped in Jackson Thursday.

Mrs. Ouida Ellis and daughter, Jackie are visiting Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boyette.

Mrs. A. A. Derrick, Sr and Mrs. N. H. Derrick went to Jackson Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Derrick and family and attended the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Ras Branch was called to Jackson Monday to be with her mother who is seriously ill.

Mrs. J. D. Neaves returned home from the hospital in Jackson last Friday after having eye surgery.

REHABILITATION DIVISION ASSISTS HOLMES COUNTY POULTRY PRODUCER

Courage and hard work have, in eight months time, changed a one-armed Holmes County Poultryman's economic status from near destitution to a net income of approximately \$400 monthly.

He is Bennie Thweatt, of the "Horseshoe" community, on the edge of the Delta, three miles northwest of Tchula. Thweatt, 51, is a client of the Vocational Rehabilitation division, State Department of Education.

Although his right hand is amputated below the elbow, Thweatt, with the aid of a nephew, cares for approximately 6,000 chickens, working on an egg percentage basis with the Greenwood Egg Production Company.

Thweatt's pampered, healthy Babcock Bessie leghorns are so well cared for and content, they lay, lay, lay to make their caretaker the No. 1 man in egg production in his area!

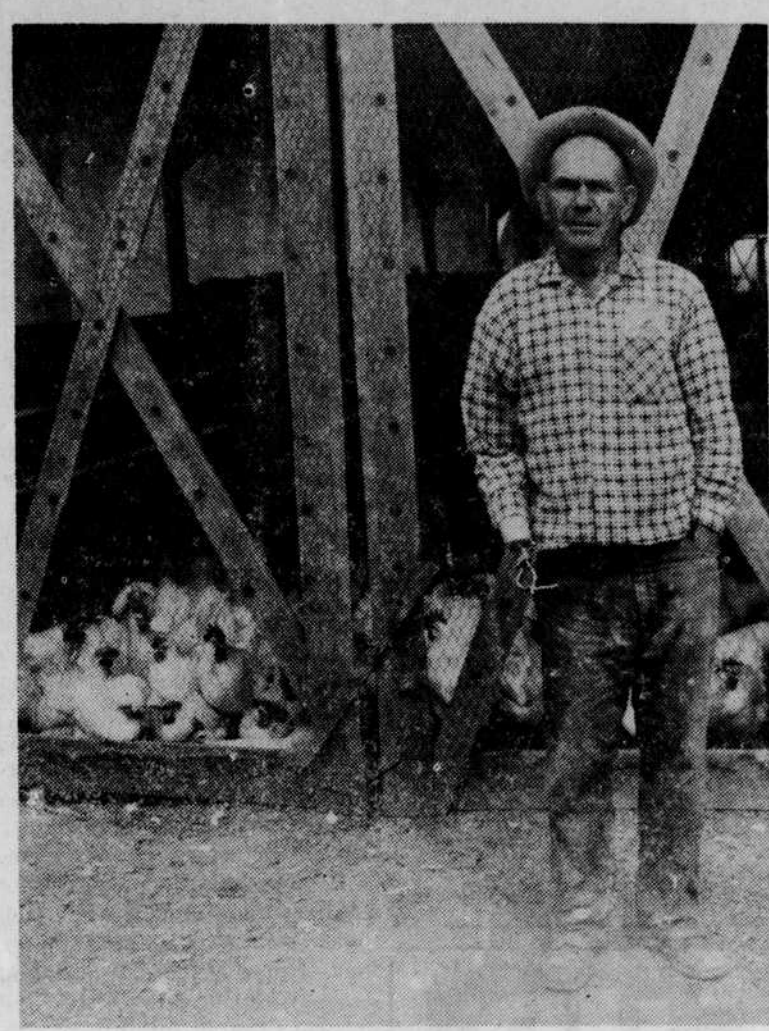
For the past four months, Thweatt's chickens have averaged an egg production of 80 - 88 percent. A 68 - 72 percent is considered "good."

During the January freeze, Thweatt lost only 18 of his flock, whereas many a chicken farmer had several hundred to die.

The Holmes Countian managed to save most of his flock by staying up late at night to keep the ice out of the water troughs, since fresh water is essential for the chickens.

He also went over the community collecting gunny sacks with which he stuffed the ventilator strips in the tops of the three chicken buildings, to keep the snow out.

Things have not always been so rosy. Until Thweatt, with the help of Vocational Rehabilitation, began his chicken farming, he and Mrs. Thweatt literally hardly knew where their next meal was coming from.



Bennie Thweatt of the "Horseshoe" community, Route 1, Tchula, a client of Vocational Rehabilitation is pictured with a few of his 6,000 Babcock Bessie Leghorn chickens.



A view of the three poultry buildings in which Bennie Thweatt cares for his record-producing chickens.

They did odd jobs in the community, and averaged about \$100 weekly, owed about \$300 at the bank. Their situation was desperate. Thweatt had no artificial appliance for his amputated arm, so that his working ability was limited.

It was at this point that the Vocational Rehabilitation division learned of Thweatt's need. Working with Doyle Tennyson, Vocational Rehabilitation division counselor for the Holmes County area, Thweatt managed to rent three poultry buildings large enough to take care of 6,000 chickens, and a

small residence nearby, for \$100 monthly.

The Greenwood Egg Production Company agreed to supply the chickens, feed, medication, day-to-day supervision and egg pickup, with Thweatt to furnish the buildings, fixtures, and facilities and to care for the chickens.

Before the contract could be completed, however, Thweatt had to install certain equipment and make certain repairs to meet the requirements of the egg production company. Vocational Rehabilitation paid for these improvements — and Mr. and Mrs. Thweatt were in business!

Vocational Rehabilitation also provided Thweatt an artificial arm, and trained him in its use.

Now the Thweatt's debts are paid and the future looks bright for them. During March the Thweatt's hens produced 10,101 dozen U. S. Grade A large eggs, and 1,269 dozen U. S. Grade A medium eggs. During recent peak production months, the Thweatt's net income has averaged \$400 monthly.

Mrs. Thweatt, until the recent arrival of their nephew, worked side by side in the poultry buildings with Mr. Thweatt. The couple are members of the "Horseshoe" Baptist Church, and are well-liked in the community.

PEGGY C. MULLEN RECEIVES DEGREE

Peggy Covington Mullen was among the 736 candidates receiving degrees at the University of Southern Mississippi Sunday.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Covington of Lexington and a 1958 graduate of the Lexington Schools.

Mrs. Mullen received her Bachelor of Science in the field of Education and Psychology and plans to teach in the fall.

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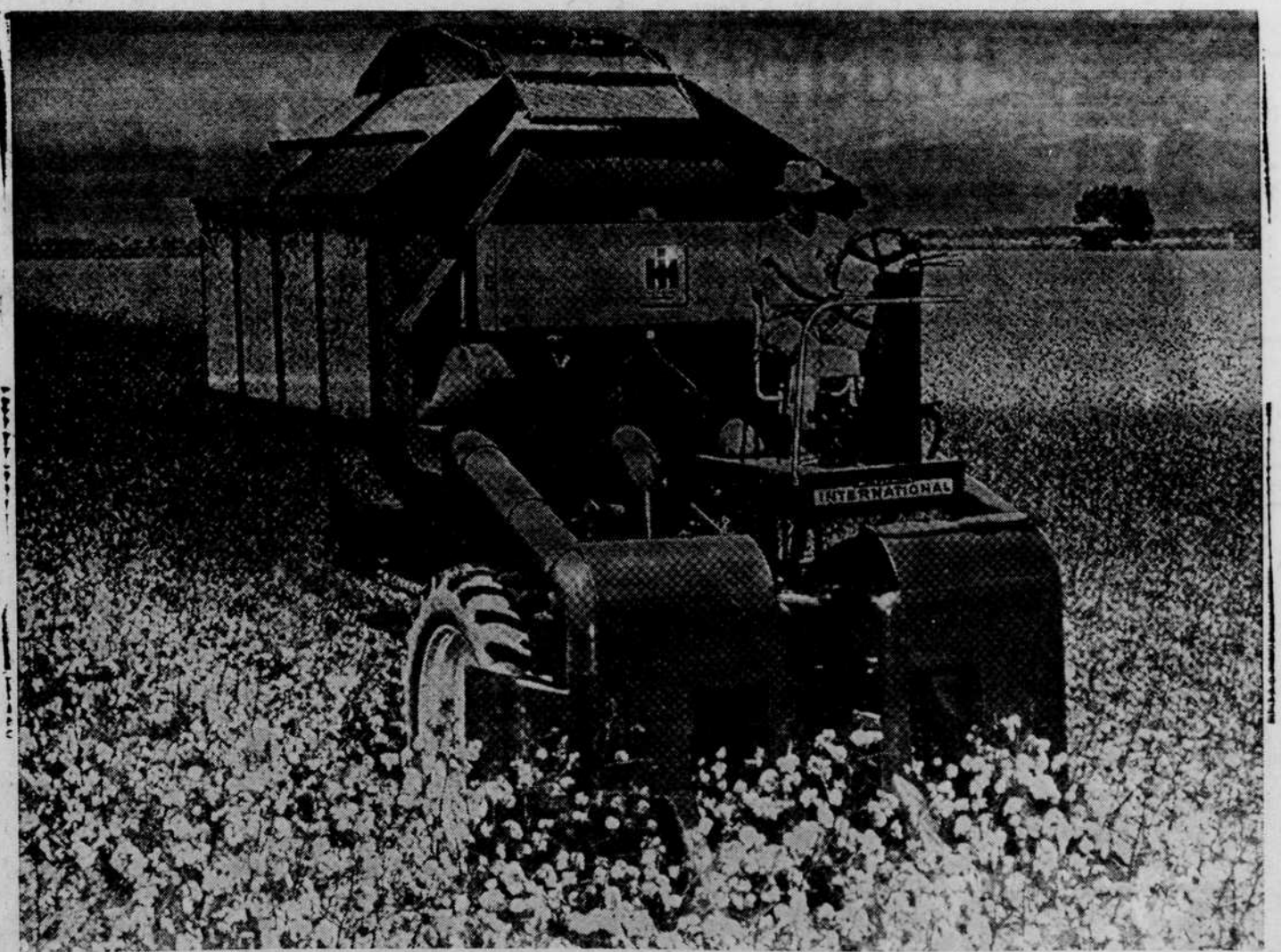
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