

8th Generation of Goods on Muddy Creek Farm Since 1738

(Continued from Page 17) frey leaves, eyebright, hyssop, fennel seed, catnip, black cohosh root, raspberry leaves, scullcap, hops, chickweed, cayenne and dandelion root. She says roasted dandelion root tea tastes like coffee.

The children say they are glad their mother can treat illness with teas, even though some are not very good tasting, because they would rather take the teas than go to a doctor. In some cases she blends the teas for dual effects or to improve the flavor.

Mrs. Good gathers some herbs and dries them herself. Many of the teas could be grown locally but it is easier and cheaper to buy most of them at Health Food stores.

Monroe is the eighth generation of Goods to live on this farm in the beautiful valley near the Welsh Mountains where Muddy Creek quietly winds its way down through their meadow. Jacob Good, an emigrant from Germany, settled there in 1738. However, the present farm house was built in 1858 and is the second one. The farm has 88 acres and they have been renting some additional ground. They grow largely corn and alfalfa.

They have 50 Holstein cows and a few heifers and are in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA). They have a modern milking parlor and ship

their milk to Abbotts Dairies in Philadelphia. Miriam does the milking when the men are harvesting.

She also drives the tractor to the disk harrow and enjoys it.

Monroe planned and built a hog house last summer to accommodate 600 hogs. Goods have a contract with Gehmans Feed Mill at Denver, Pa., to furnish the shoats and the feed, then they sell the hogs to butchers when they weigh about 200 pounds. Goods expect to run 1200 hogs a year. Before building this hog house they had room for only ten hogs.

They have 30 shellbark trees of several different varieties. The children gather the nuts and sell them to a local man who shells and sells them. Last year they sold about 12 bushels. It's a race between them and the squirrels to see who gets them.

Mrs. Good keeps the farm record books and prepares their income tax returns. She does most of the garden work and does a lot of canning and freezing.

Miriam, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Landis, now of Lititz, grew up on a farm one mile west of Strasburg. Her younger brother, Ira, took over the farm when their parents re-

tired. She has eight brothers and sisters, all of whom are in Lancaster County except one brother who is a Mennonite minister in Dover, York County. She



Mrs. Good made the shellcraft picture, electrified the kerosene lamp and painted

the antique scales and arranged artificial fruit on them.



Mrs. Good painted the picture and Mr. Good made the table-floor lamp and converted the gas light to an electric one.

has one sister, married to Paul K. Harnish of Washington Boro who directs "Moments of Good

Tidings Broadcast." They go far and near. Her one brother is quite musical. He sang in a 4-H quartette for years.

Miriam graduated from West Lampeter High School. She was a secretary at New Holland Machine Company for five years before marriage and sang in their chorus. She went on a student group tour to Europe also before she was married.

Monroe has always farmed and is a skilled cabinetmaker. He and his father work together in his father's shop. They turned out a beautiful hutch top buffet for their dining room.

In fact every piece of furniture in that room depicts the workmanship of the family. Miriam designed all of the pieces and Monroe made them. She did refinishing of the wood and did upholstery work. From an old table she designed a drop leaf tea cart, from the headboard of an old bed they made a chest type bench with upholstered cushion and they converted an old gas light into an electric floor-table lamp.

They also cut down old bed headboards for modern beds and Miriam finished an unfinished dresser. The latest family project is digging out the cellar and they are going to panel it for a recreation room.

She says "I enjoy sewing, I do most of my sewing for myself and daughter. I made drapes for two bedrooms and the den." She made cushions for an old rocker and upholstered a sofa. In fact, if you look around you'll see oil paintings she did, shellcraft pictures made from old fancy buttons, beads and prisms, decorated door transoms and flower arrangements.

Monroe is treasurer of Garden Spot Young Farmers Association and president of New Holland local Interstate Milk Producers Association.

Mrs. Good served on the Brecknock Elementary School PTA program planning committee last two years.

Goods have four children. Kristine is 11 and goes to Garden Spot Junior High School. She likes to write and thinks it would be nice to be a writer. She takes piano lessons and wants to take organ lessons. She sews some, made a bedspread for her bedroom.

Gary is 9 and goes to Brecknock Elementary School. He wants to play a guitar. Both he and Kristine had calf projects last summer and fall. Each had two calves and kept records and received the profit from them. They take care of the lawn in the summer.

Greg is 7 and also in Brecknock Elementary School. Garth is one and a half years old. All the family enjoys singing, particularly when in the car they sing together.

They enjoy camping. They rent or use a friends camper. They frequently camp near Sea Isle City in New Jersey. They have gone as far as Florida. It was there that Mrs. Good collected many kinds of shells and since made shell displays and labeled them and also made pictures from them.

Mrs. Good enjoys swimming, ice skating and cooking and (Continued on Page 25)



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