

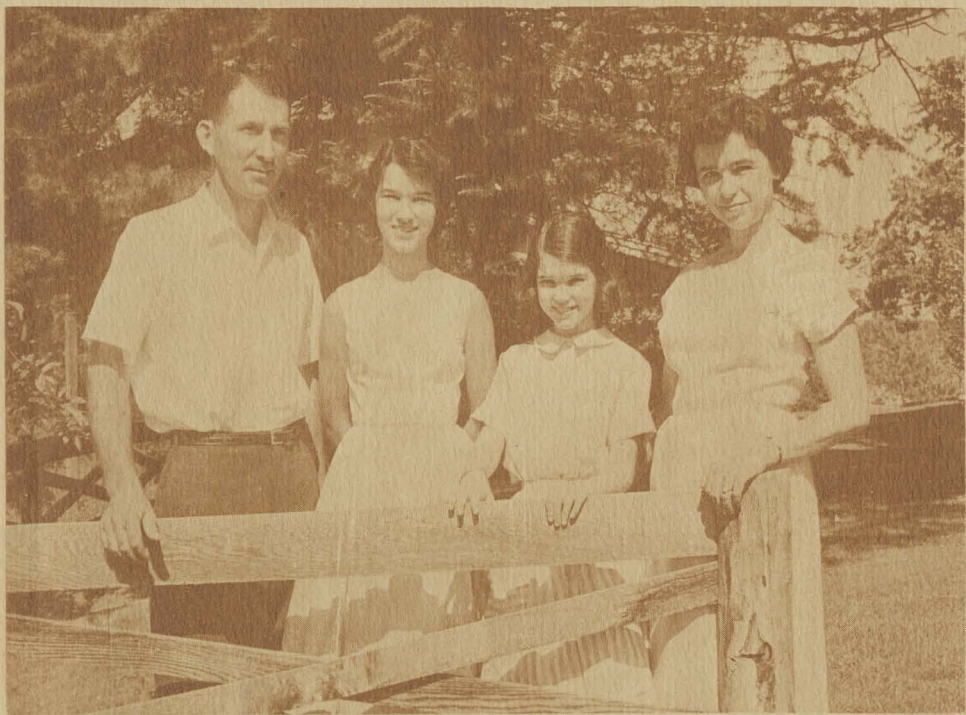
The Kester A. Sink Family
Route 4, Mount Airy, N. C.

Surry County

MASTER FARM FAMILY

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EXTERIOR VIEW OF HOME

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VIEW OF FARM LANDSCAPE SHOWING HOLLY TREE

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PROGRAM

Presiding Chairman Thomas N. Hobgood, Jr.
Community Dev. Specialist

Invocation Rev. Ross Francisco

Introduction of Guests

"Why The Master Farm Family
Program" R. W. Shoffner, Director
N. C. Agr. Extension Service

Highlights of the
Honored Family Charles C. Jackson,
County Agricultural Agent

Mrs. Evelyn G. Nifong,
County Home Economics Agent

Presentation of The Award William C. LaRue,
Associate Editor,
The Progressive Farmer

Response The Sink Family

Tour of Farm and Home

Refreshments and Social Period
Courtesy of The Franklin Home Demonstration Club
and
The Surry Farm Bureau



CORN PROCESSING
Photo by Mount Airy News



MRS. SINK AT SEWING MACHINE
Photo by Mount Airy News

THE FARM

Hollyview Farm was inherited 14 years ago. Before this it had not been cultivated except for the tobacco allotment. The land had become eroded and grown up in weeds, briars, and young trees. In order to begin farming operations, timber was cut selectively and sold. A Soil Conservation plan was made for the farm.

Plans were made to produce cattle and grain. Now the production of hybrid seed corn is the main enterprise. Surplus corn has been used to feed out beef cattle. Recently, a feeder pig production activity has been added. The tobacco is cultivated by tenants who also assist in other farm operations. Farm workers are employed all year.

Complete records are kept on all enterprises and if they are not successful, they are dropped. As one enterprise is perfected, they begin looking for other sources of income. Kester readily admits that much of his success as a farmer is due to time spent at his desk.

The present farming operations include 119 acres of hybrid seed corn, 50 acres of corn for grain, 20 acres of ensilage corn, 6.8 acres of flue-cured tobacco, 3 acres of grain sorghum, 15 acres of soy-beans, 10 acres of oats, 15 acres of alfalfa, and 11 acres of other hay. Additional land is leased to round out the farming activities.

The farm buildings include a cattle feeding barn that handles 100 feeder cattle, 2 trench silos, machinery shed, 3 metal grain storage bins, a new hog farrowing house, and modern seed processing plant.

Kester has found that to have a successful farm program, one must utilize as fully as possible all resources on a year-round basis. Therefore, each enterprise is either supplementary or complimentary to each other in utilizing the potentials of this farm.

THE FAMILY

Kester and Adelaide Sink are both college graduates who have diverged interests in that Adelaide Bunker majored in music at Meredith College, while Kester majored in agriculture at N. C. State College. They were married in 1947 and poured years of work into planning their successful farming operation.

Adelaide received her degree in music at Meredith and taught the subject in public schools for four years. Settling on the farm has not curtailed her music activities as she still plays the piano and organ. Another of her interests is serving as director and organist for the Junior Choir of First Baptist Church in Mount Airy. She is also co-chairman of the Library Committee at the Church.

An active member of the Franklin Home Demonstration Club, Adelaide serves as Food and Nutrition Leader, Music Leader, on the Finance and Project Committee, and has been Surry Home Demonstration Music Director for years. She is a member of the Extension Advisory Board, and is Second Vice-Chairman of the 11th District of Home Demonstration Clubs, and is on the State Home Demonstration Education Committee.

Kester is equally active in organizations, serving as President of N. C. Seed Producers; Director of N. C. Cattlemen's Assn., Past-President of Community Farm Bureau, Past-President of Surry Cattlemen's Assn., and Chairman of the Surry County Planning Board. He is a Deacon of the First Baptist Church in Mount Airy and Superintendent of the Young Adult Department. In Ruritan and Kiwanis Club work, he is a Past-President.

Alex, age 13; and Dottie Lou, age 10 are daughters of the Sinks, who follow the music interest of their Mother. Alex is also interested in Science Fair work and the school newspaper. Dottie Lou is on the student council at school and is President of her Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Sink is quick to comment that she and Kester have outside activities, but these do not come ahead of their children and home. They arrange for one parent to be at home with the children on school nights.

THE HOME

The Kester A. Sink home stands in the midst of towering maple trees and holly trees. The two-story home is 125 years old, having been built by slave labor and is named Hollyview for the view seen of the farm with holly trees in the foreground. The old home is well-built, and has been remodeled in order to make it more convenient and attractive. The remodeling was done 8 years ago. Central heat was added 13 years ago. The nine-room home has four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Mrs. Sink's ability to sew is shown throughout in the draperies she has made for the entire house and in other furnishings she has made. Green and rose are predominate colors of the home, which is carpeted in the living room, dining room, hall and den.

The formal living room features an organ and a piano which are enjoyed by the family. The home is planned for family enjoyment, with comfortable den featuring a desk and filing cabinet which Kester uses for farm planning. The corridor type kitchen is complete with modern conveniences, and has a breakfast nook at one end. A well-stocked freezer and washing machine are in the utility room.

The girls' room shows their personality in the bulletin boards and displays they have. A guest bedroom features handmade furniture of walnut wood.

The outside appearance of the home has been improved by landscaping to provide a screen from the farm buildings and to provide a side parking area. Holly trees, boxwood and chinese holly are the main shrubbery in the yard.

The Sink home is old and unique and the setting is beautiful. It has been modernized to meet the needs of this family and all agree it is home to them and they do not wish for a new home.