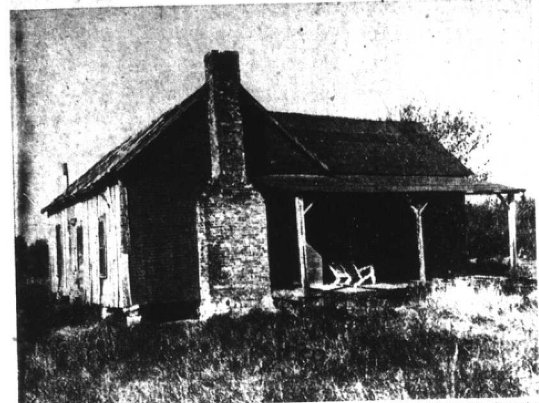


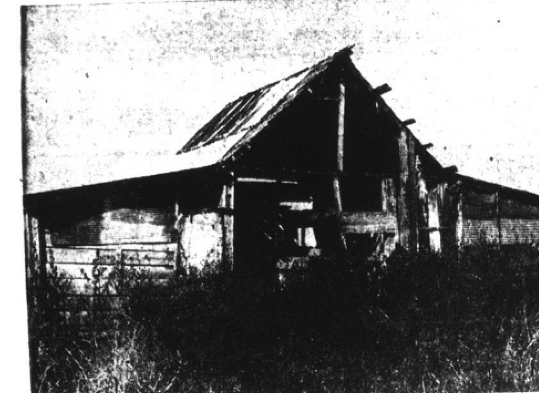
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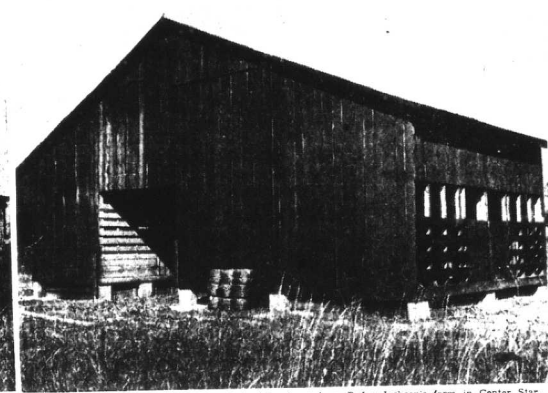
THE OLD HOME of Rufus Jackson, Lauderdale county Negro is now unoccupied, but Rufus doesn't mind at all. This house was on the land he bought five years ago and he, his wife and five children made their home here until June, 1950, when they moved into a new Farmers Home Administration financed dwelling. (Staff Photo)



THE NEW HOME of the Rufus Jacksons, Negro family of the Center Star community, now has some grateful new tenants. This is what the family moved into this past June, leaving an inadequate house. This new structure was built on kitchen cabinets, sink, electric stove and refrigerator and adequate closet space. (Staff Photo)



THIS ANTIQUATED BARN once had to serve the needs of Rufus Jackson, Lauderdale county Negro. That is, before he obtained a loan from the FHA to build a new one. (Staff Photo)



ADEQUATE BARN space is provided in this building located on Rufus Jackson's farm in Center Star. It was built with funds obtained through a FHA loan. (Staff Photo)



LAND DEVELOPMENT is of prime concern to Rufus Jackson, Lauderdale county Negro, (above right), who is improving his farm in the Center Star community. He and W. A. Herring (above left), administrator for the FHA, are shown on an undeveloped piece of land taking over plans for the future. A cleared portion of ground can be seen in the right background. Rufus, by FHA guidance, hopes to develop his full 80 acres into a prosperous farm by having a balanced system of farming, including livestock as well as row crops. (Staff Photo)

Rufus Jackson Builds Future Upon The Soil

Industrious And Intelligent Man Credit To His Race

By BILL CADE

Rufus Jackson, Lauderdale county Negro, has entrusted his future to the soil and at the present time his chances for success look very bright.

An industrious, intelligent and conscientious member of his race, Rufus is discovering that farming can be profitable, if it is done the proper way and if financial aid can be secured during the lean years.

Five years ago in 1945, he purchased an 80-acre farm in the Center Star community in eastern Lauderdale county. He secured a crop and chattel loan for \$3,000 to make the purchase and get started.

This loan was paid off with only a \$1,500 balance left in September, 1949, when Rufus filed application with the Farmers Home Administration to improve his farm and

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After a thorough investigation by the Lauderdale county FHA committee, Rufus was granted a \$5,368 loan to pay off the balance on his old home, to build a new house, barn and sanitary privy and to develop what was left of his land.

This loan is another type which is available through the FHA and is called a Farm Development Mortgage Insured loan, which means that private capital is borrowed from a bank and the government insures payment of same. Through this method, private capital is safely invested and at the same time a service is being rendered to the country in which it is lent.

He, his wife and their three boys have enough cash on hand to make a 10 per cent down payment. Since Rufus met the requirements for a mortgage insured loan in September of 1949, he has and their three boys and two girls have been living in the new house since June, 1950, and is quite a change from what they had been living in — the original home which was on the land when it was bought back in 1945.

At the time of application he had a net worth of \$4,575, including one brood sow, two milk cows, two and a half mules and farming equipment valued at \$200.

The new home is complete with built-in cabinets and sink, adequate closet space, an electric stove and

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Editor's Note: This is the first of three stories on this subject.

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—These two big changes come Jan. 1 under the new Social Security law.

(1) A great many people will pay no larger Social Security tax and (2) about 10,000,000 people become eligible for Social Security coverage for the first time.

Social Security coverage means, if you work long enough in a job covered by the law, a pension for yourself and wife when you retire after 43 or benefits for your family if you die.

No. 1—Now the tax is three per cent on the first \$3,000 dollars earned by a person in a covered job with the employer and employer pays the rest. There is no tax on what is earned above \$3,000.

On Jan. 1, while the tax remains at three per cent, it will apply on the first \$3,600 earned. This will show what that means.

In 1950 Jones earned \$3,000. Since the first \$3,000, Jones and his boss each paid a tax of \$45 (1.5 per cent each) or a total of \$90. Now Jones will pay 11.2 per cent of just \$3,600, which will mean \$40 each or a total of \$180.

No. 2—Here are the new groups to whom Social Security coverage has been opened:

(A)—Self employed people (but not all self employed) are still excluded from coverage; self employed farmers or farm owners; petrolium, lawyers, dentists, optometrists, osteopaths, veterinarians, chiropractors, architects, full time teachers, professional engineers, naturopaths, Christian Science practitioners, scientists, accountants, and inventors.

(B)—Domestic workers. For example, a cook, maid, family chauffeur, butler, nursemaid, washer, one which has already increased the family income.

Don't consider Rufus Jackson as an included case. Just this past week he was granted a loan for a new house, barn and sanitary privy and to develop what was left of his land.

Joe Bailey, who runs the Killmore place, has secured a mortgage insured loan to develop his 120-acre place.

More and more people are turning to the FHA for aid in improving their farms, which in turn improves their standard of living, and it follows that the country cannot be hurt in the least with this constant progress being made.

Working with and for the people of the country through the FHA are the following members of the committee: W. A. Herring, supervisor; Vernon Cash, of Cloverdale; Hershel Alexander, of Ellis Cross; and W. A. Tulsa, of Goose Flats.

New Year's Eve Midnight Shows Scheduled Here

New Year's Eve midnight shows will be held this year at the Shauls Colliery and Tusculum Patrons will have their choice of two new pictures, which have not previously been shown here, but which will play their regular local engagements soon.

"Emergency Wedding" with Larry Parks, Barbara Hale and Willard Parker, will be the midnight show at the Shauls and Tusculum. This comedy drama represents the first time Barbara and Larry have appeared together since they did so with such success in "Jolson Sings Again."

"The Fuller Brush Girl" with Lucille Ball and Eddie Albert, a straight comedy, is the midnight show at the Colliery.

Doors will open at 11 p.m. on Sunday at the Shauls Colliery and at 11:30 p.m. at the Tusculum. Each program will include a 30-minute comedy. Admission will be 50¢ for children, 50¢ for adults.

20 Alabama Nurses Needed At Once By Army's Nurse Corps

Twenty nurses from Alabama are needed immediately for extended active duty in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps, according to an urgent call sent by the American Nurses' Association, New York, to the Alabama State Nurses' Association leadership at Montgomery.

The Alabama quota to be composed of 12 general duty nurses, four nurse anesthetists, two operating room nurses, and one psychiatric nurse, is based on the population of the state as established by the American Nurses' Association in response to the Army's demand for 3,000 professional nursing care for the casualties in army hospitals.

In the meanwhile, Miss Gray is appealing to Alabama nurses not in essential civilian jobs to apply for a Reserve Commission and extended active duty by contacting Major Paul P. Pifer, Office of the Surgeon, Headquarters Third Army, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

For a one-dish meal, team sauerkraut, whole peeled potatoes and frankfurters. Add a sliced apple and a quarter cup raisins to one-and-a-half cups of sauerkraut for flavor.

Combread makes a fine base for a creamed dish. Have the cornbread plating hot, and in squaring it each square through the center and then sandwich the creamed dish between the slices.

'Frenchie' Highlight Is Big Woman Fight

Introducing Hollywood's newest glamor gladiators—Shelley Winters and Marie Windsor.

The feminine foes square off against each other—with ng holds barred—in Universal International's Technicolor "Frenchie," starring Miss Winters and Joel McCrea.

Shelley and Marie spent a total of three entire days locked in combat before the Technicolor cameras. When the final day was completed, the pair retired to the studio first apartment where a gourmet chef and scratchers were given professional attention.

Studio oldtimers who viewed the

rushes claimed it overshadowed the historic battle staged by Marlene Dietrich and Uta Hagen in "Destry Rides Again," which, incidentally, was filmed on the very same sound stage.

Strictly wildcat also was the fight scenes staged between Rosalind Russell and Paulette Goddard in "The Women." Susan Hayward and Martha Hunt staged a bruising session in "Smash-Up—The Story of a Woman."

What to do with cold meat and leftover potatoes? Hash, of course, but hash made savory with the addition of a little finely chopped onion and enough Worcestershire sauce to give the dish zing.

Chopped raisins are nice added to a package of prepared vanilla pudding (garnish with a maraschino cherry to catch the attention of small fry.

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