



# Huge Farm Project Industry Test Spot

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**WARM SPRINGS**—The Georgia Warm Springs Foundation grew out of the warmness of a man's heart for a place which had helped him to health. It was an outgrowth, too, of that man's (the late President Roosevelt's) wish to make it so that others so afflicted as he might equally profit.

Well, there is another heart-warming story beginning to unfold here and it is motivated by the same emotions which caused President Roosevelt to do what he did. It is the story of the McIntyre brothers and little Sharon, the daughter of one of them.

Several years ago Sharon, the daughter of William, one of the three McIntyre brothers, was stricken at her Monroe, Mich., home with infantile paralysis. Later, the girl's parents brought her to the Foundation for the treatment of the disease's after-effects.

The McIntyres rented a place in Warm Springs to be near their daughter. Later, after having had time to get acquainted with the countryside, they decided to settle in this section. They bought one of Georgia's most run-down plantation sites, over in Talbot County.

The land wasn't much to look at. It was gashed by gullies some several stories deep. It was overgrown with brush and trees which for years had been allowed to grow wild. It was mostly hillside land.

But the William McIntyres loved the place. They fixed up the plantation house. They invited the families of the other two McIntyre brothers—Broder and Charles—down from their Michigan homes.

The McIntyres are in the farm implement and machinery manufacturing business; also automobile equipment. They manufacture Newgren farm equipment—cultivators, disc plows, scrapers, har-

rows, post diggers, etc.—for use with the Willys-Overland Jeep.

Here, they began to think, would be the ideal proving ground for farm machinery. Here on land which had been neglected for a half century, hilly, gullied overgrown land, was the ideal layout for demonstrating just how machinery can be used to restore productivity to the earth.

The culmination of their thinking was a two-fold project which is perhaps unique in American agriculture. One phase of the project involves farm equipment engineering and research. Here, over a 5,200-acre proving ground the McIntyre brothers are demonstrating what machinery can do in farming. New devices are tested, new techniques fashioned.

There is a staff of engineers constantly engaged in the practical pursuit of their profession. Schools are conducted for dealers in farm equipment, agriculture agents and plain "dirt" farmers. They come to the McIntyre farm for courses in mechanized farming from throughout the United States. Huge trainloads of equipment are shipped here for testing. Officials of Willys-Overland are always on hand.

The other phase of the McIntyre

project involves actual farming. New grasses are tried, new cover crops. A vast agricultural experimental laboratory is maintained. Better soil conservation practices are sought.

The two-fold project has turned a wide section of Talbot County, between Woodland and Thomas-ton, into one of the nation's agricultural showplaces. Thousands of Hereford cattle graze on hundreds of hills lush in clovers and grasses. Hundreds of acres in oats, wheat. Miles of fine roads interlacing the place. Hill-sides sheared off, levelled and terraced (one hillside contains 11 terraces).

The farmers in this section say science is performing miracles on the McIntyre place. And they are profiting by the experiments going on. All of which, the McIntyre brothers say, is what they had hoped for.

There is one other human side of this story. The McIntyres have opened their engineering and agriculture concerns to the parents of other children at the Foundation. W. Roeder, whose son is at the Foundation, just checked in recently and is working in the McIntyre machine shops and living here in Warm Springs to be near his son.