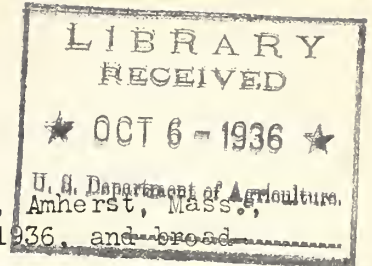


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FARMING - A MODE OF LIVING



A radio talk by George L. Farley, State Club Leader, delivered in the National 4-H club radio program, June 6, 1936, and broad-

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This statement, Farming a Mode of Living, is a simple statement of fact. It does not call for either discussion or argument. If, however, one says "farming is a satisfactory mode of living" the statement will make possible both argument and discussion. There are those who will argue that farming is hard work, that it involves long hours, and there is little in return. This is all true but there are still those who enjoy farming as a mode of living. They enjoy farming for its close contact to nature, for its independence and its unsolved problems. Problems, such as better cooperatives, better schools for the children, and fairer financial returns are among the unsolved. It is realized today that brains are as necessary on a farm as brawn.

A farm home is a three-horse hitch where father and mother and the children all have different but important parts to play. One realized that the types of farming differ in different parts of the country and here in the east it is intensive on smaller areas. Markets are close at hand. There are those who are living on farms and are both happy and contented. Many even during the depression have held their own and some have increased their income.

I have here in the studio a young man, a former four-H club member, who got tired of walking the streets looking for a job and went home. He will tell you his story. I am pleased to present Chester Pilch of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, who will be questioned by Mr. G. O. Oleson, Extension Editor at Massachusetts State College. I am sure you will enjoy the story of his efforts.

