



For on-the-farm use or cash crop, corn has been an important product of local farms. In many years, the plant has come to symbolize American agriculture.

three large creameries processed butterfat. The Remus Cooperative Creamery was the largest co-op creamery in the country and the largest operating creamery in the state. It was organized in 1917.

Up until World War II, most people churned butter themselves from their own rich milk. About that time they discovered, because a pound of butterfat can produce more than a pound of butter, that it was cheaper to sell the butterfat to the creameries and to buy the butter back.

The history of agriculture in our area, as we see, is seldom a story of riches. On the other hand, it is a story of hard work and patience and American stick-to-it-ivness. It is a story of strong men and women, working together and with their neighbors to enjoy the life they loved. It is a story of cooperation, of love of the land and independence of the soul and body.

A beautiful reminder of the nostalgic past, this photograph shows potatoes being planted on the old Minkel farm. On the far horizon,

a rail fence crosses the sky.

