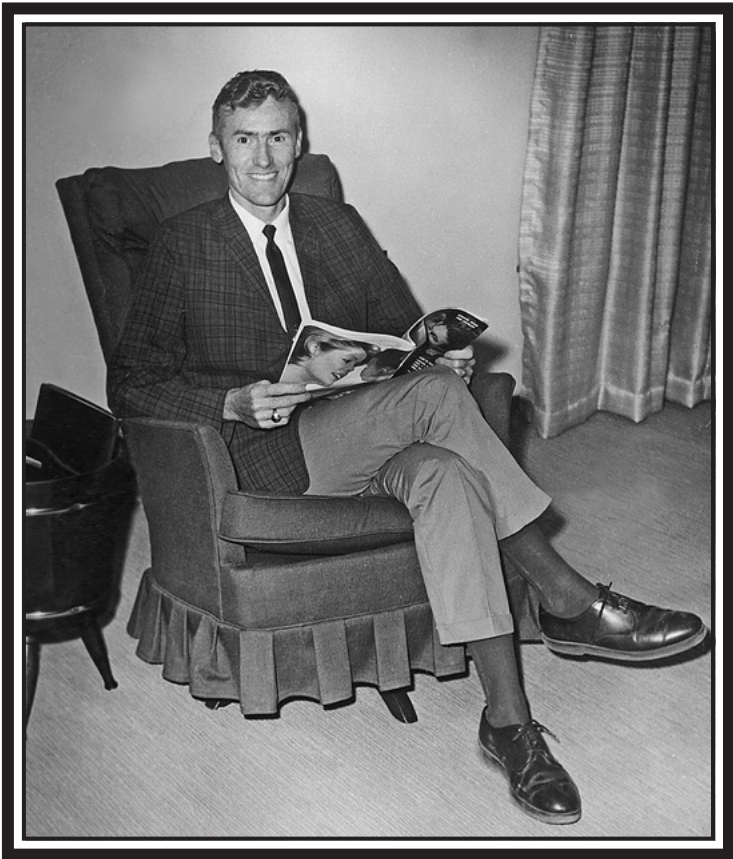


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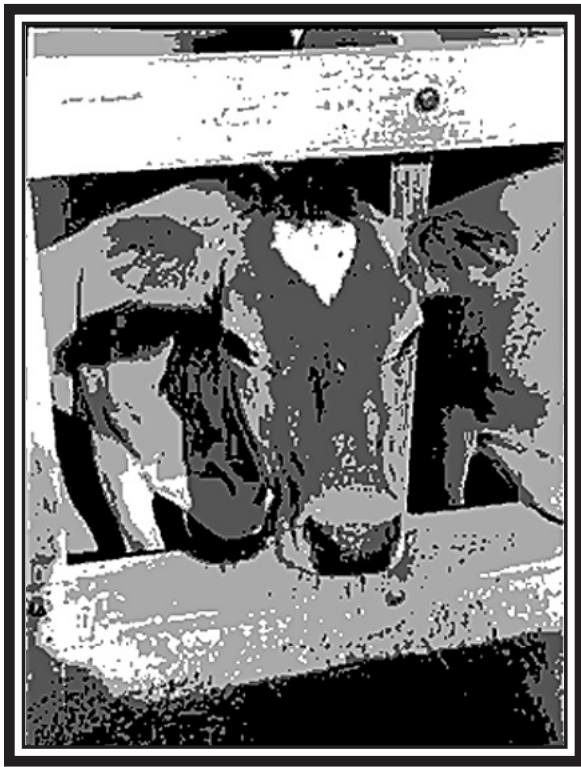
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This true story is about a man named Dale Faughn. He built a life for his family with hard work, determination, and love. Dale Faughn was a teacher. It was the career that he loved. But the teacher's salary at that time was not big enough. A large family has many needs. Now you will learn about how a farm helped the Faughn family. It helped them to get more of the things that they needed.



Dale and Ginny's first house was in the town of Fredonia, Kentucky. While they lived there, Dale kept his eye on a beautiful 111-acre farm in the country. When this farm came up for sale, the owner was willing to make an even trade for their house in town.



Now the Faughns could grow their own vegetables. They had dairy cows to milk, and they sold some of the milk. They also had a large herd of beef cattle to raise and sell.

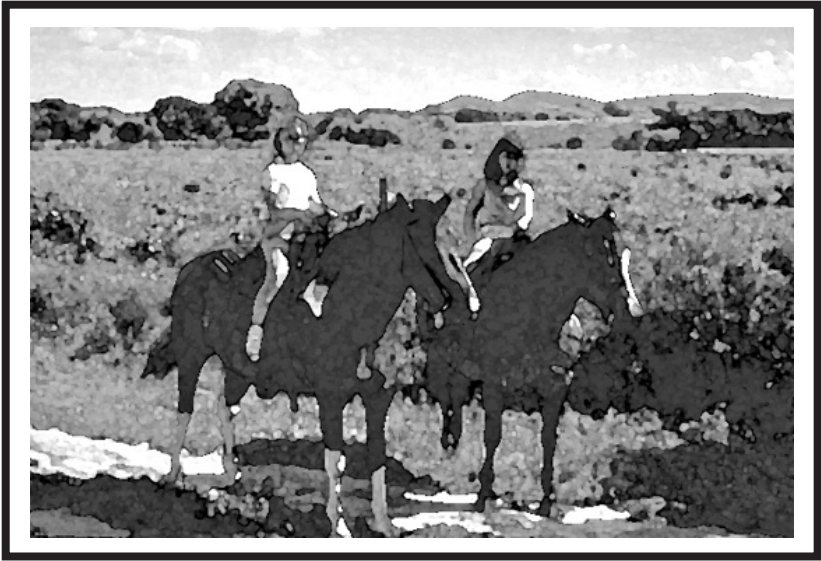


Dale and his sons have chopped a lot of wood in their lives. The Faughns heat their home by burning logs from their farm. There are plenty of trees on the farm to provide for that.



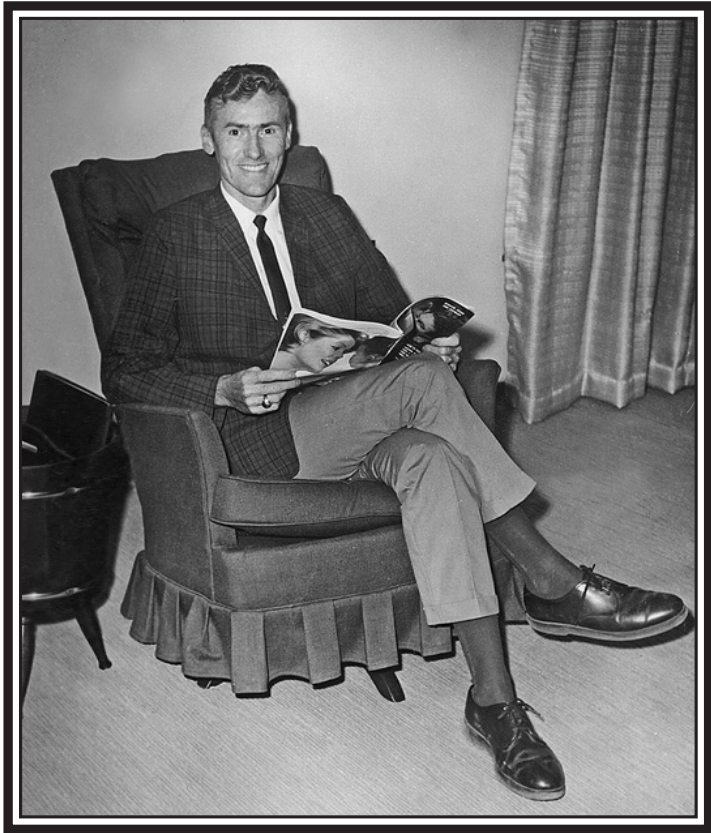


Dale continued to find ways to make money out in the country. For eleven years he ran a hay truck. He would pick up bales of hay from farmers' fields. Then he would drive them to their barns.



The Faughn farm was a wonderful place for children. It was a community center for the Faughn children and their friends. They rode ponies, swam in ponds, and had plenty of other outdoor fun.





Working hard on the farm was another way Dale showed his zest for living. He has cared for his farm. And the farm has given a lot back to him.



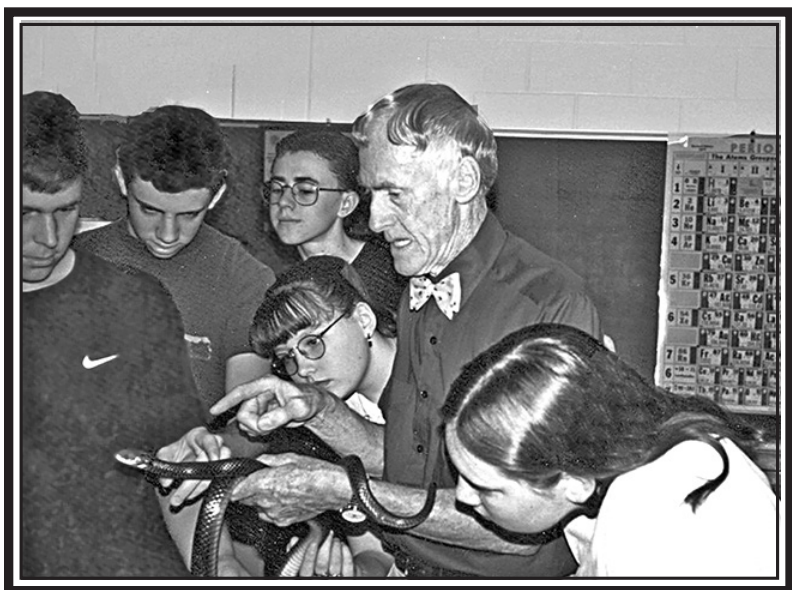
The farm has given the Faughns a wagonload of joy. It has given them pride. It has provided food, recreation, heat, and added income.



How well having the farm has tied into Dale's career as a high school biology teacher! It has been an endless source of curious biological specimens. The day this author was there, a lizard and many hummingbirds visited the porch of the farmhouse.



Many times Dale has brought his biology students to the farm. They have a wonderful time romping around. But something else happens too. The students see Dale in a different way. They see him as a real person with needs and wants like their own.



Dale feels that this experience sometimes changes students. It causes them to want to try harder in his class. It makes biology, the study of living things, come alive for the students.



Dale has been able to add to his farm over the years. He buys more land as it comes up for sale. Today the farm has 255 acres. The Faughns still make money from it by allowing other farmers to grow crops on it. Currently, there is a wide field of corn growing in the sun on Dale Faughn's farm.