

BLIND MAN FARMS 50 ACRES:

Leicestershire farmer Sam Taylor has set an example indeed. Forty years after he was blinded in World War One he spent the day much as he spends every day, tending his 50 acre farm at Shepshed, near Loughborough. He learned farming at St. Dunstan's and can't say too much for the training he got there. Even the livestock know his ways. He has 25 pigs, 28 cattle and about 100 turkeys. Cowbells tell him where the cattle are grazing and his guide dog Susie leads him to the right gate. Sam Taylor's had Susie for six years. He got her from a training centre in Exeter, to which he had to go himself for a month, so that man and dog could get used to each other.

Jobs that Sam can't do himself fall to his son Pat and his wife. Though this summer hasn't been by any means ideal for farmer, the Taylors have had a good year, in fact, they're looking for a larger farm. Few people would have thought a blind man could run a farm. They'd be reckoning without the courage and will power of Sam Taylor and his devoted wife.