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HASTINGS, IOWA

November 29, 1976

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Sincerely,

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# Farming as it used to be is recalled in new book



**HALF-FORGOTTEN MEMORIES** of life on the farm before mechanization are the theme of a new book by Otha D. Wearin. This is a sequel to his popular *Before the Colors Fade*, published in 1971.

The new book follows the same format, but without duplication of ideas. It ranges from horse barns and harness to willow whistles and aladdin lamps.

A typical item recalls picking seed corn before the days of hy-

brids—careful selection of the “best” ears, biting kernels to be sure the germ was white and viable, shelling off tips and butts to leave only the large flats.

Or horsedrawn buggies with fold down tops, isinglass curtains, and genuine leather dashboards. Of course, the author points out that buggies weren’t all glamour—they needed axle grease, occasional washing, and regular care.

Wearin, who still lives on his

farm near Hastings, Iowa, also recalls the rich aroma of ham hocks and beans, the tang of home-grown horseradish, and special flavors of dried apples, corn, or beef.

He describes the excitement of Chautauqua shows and a surprise at “Uncle Walter’s party.”

Swill barrels, watering troughs, and shocking corn are only some of the other nostalgic memories in the 150 pages of *I Remember Yesteryear*.



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Each item is illustrated by artist Felix Summers. Summers provided the drawings for Wearin's earlier book and has created paintings for the covers of *Wallaces Farmer*. In fact, his reprinted painting of forking hay into the mow of a typical red barn provides the 4-color cover for the new 6 by 9 in. hard back book. Summers is known to many Iowans as a former illustrator for Soil Conservation Serv-

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