

These figures cover only the money received and expended. They take no account of the \$4000 per annum which we agreed to pay the farm for keeping us, so long as we made it pay interest to us. Four times \$4000 are \$16,000 which, added to \$18,936, makes almost \$35,000 to charge off from the \$106,000 of original investment.

Polly was wrong when she spoke of it as a *permanent* investment. Four years more of seven-dollar pork and thrifty apple growth will make this balance of \$71,000 look very small. The interest is growing rapidly less, and it will be but a short time before the whole amount will be taken off the expense account. When this is done, the yearly balance will be increased by the addition of \$5000, and we may be able to make the farm pay for weddings, as Polly suggested.