



The Farmer's Register:

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Tom Robinson Trial, Verdict, & Aftermath



Sheer Goodness Indeed

“You did all this chopping and work from sheer goodness, boy?”

“Yes, suh. I felt right sorry for her, she seemed to try more’n the rest of ‘em--”

-Tom Robinson

The chaos is over but there is still much to be said about the trial of Tom Robinson vs. The Ewell family here in maycomb. Now there aren't trials often here, and when there are they're an easy vote. The lowest family we have in the county decides to accuse an innocent hard working black man of rape that we all know he hadn't done. The jury of course

has voted him guilty but every one of you know that if the Ewells weren't a white family, then Tom Robinson would still be alive and I'd still have one of my workers.

Tom Robinson was one of my hardest and most loyal workers for eight years. He wouldn't hurt a fly unless he had to do so. I'd come to know that.... (Continued...)



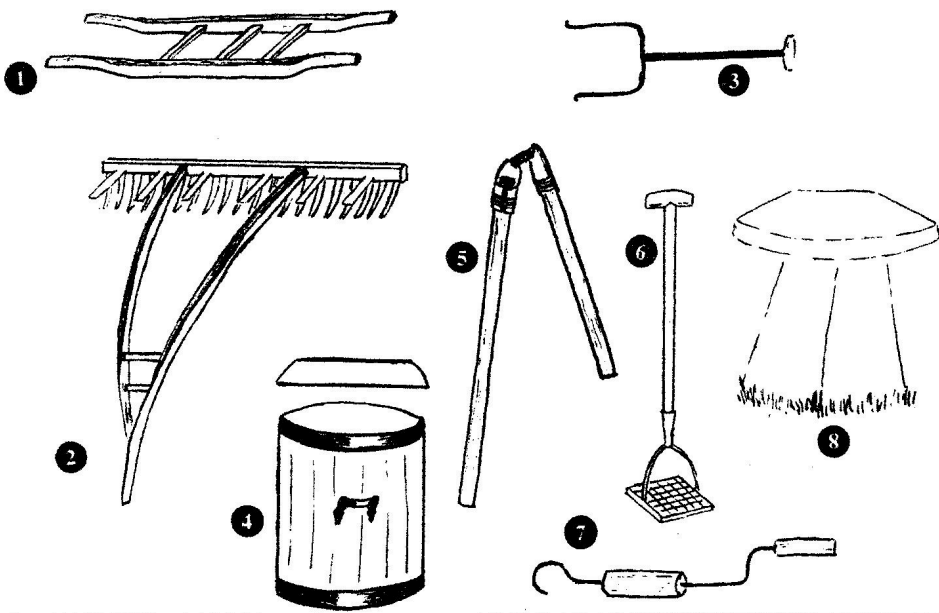
he's a very honest and genuine man mentally incapable of doing something as unfathomable as rape *and* assault; not only that but to a white woman knowing his consequences? He's smart enough to know better and good enough to never think of doing so. This is no light matter and I know he was falsely accused by the Ewell family. Tom Robinson was an innocent man put through a hell that no should have to go through.

Supposedly Tom was heading to work when Mayella Ewell invited him inside her house to fix a door for a nickel. When Tom got inside with Mayella he raped and beat her until her daddy found her later and called the police. This was the Ewell's side of the tale, but the way Mayella talked about her story made it hard to believe she was telling the truth with all that stutterin'. When Tom was finally called up to the stand, he pleaded against these accusations and told the truth about what happened. He spoke about how Mayella *did* invite him inside her house to fix a door. He came in to help her, stood up on a chair to take a look at the problem and then Mayella wrapped herself around his legs and tried to

kiss him, but Tom resisted. Her dad saw the two and Tom fled the scene immediately. Evidence was brought to the table by Atticus Finch that it was practically impossible for Tom Robinson to have raped and beaten Mayella Ewell because of his crippled left hand and how the right side of her face was the beaten side. During the trial we all know that Tom made a mistake that was practically his own death sentence by telling the jurors that he took pity on a white woman. Knowing the Ewells are uneducated and lower class to begin with, I'm asking you Maycomb County, was it really so outlandish for Tom Robinson to have taken pity on a lonely girl? Her accusations were obvious lies and Tom was an innocent man. I understand that being home to watch kids all the time and not growin' up with friends must be a hard way to live, but to accuse a man of rape? If the truth was really spoken that day then one of my hardest workers would still be alive and free as he should be. The jury voted Tom Robinson guilty. This was obviously the work of racism as opposed to justice. Tom Robinson was a black man not a white one. This goes to show that even

the worst of families can win with skin color. Tom Robinson did not rape Mayella Ewell and damn well everyone knew it, but they did what was only socially acceptable and voted in the favor of the white family. If we were all blind then this probably wouldn't be an issue. White or black wouldn't matter anymore, but we *do* have eyes. No matter how honest and good a man is becomes nothing to skin color. To the day I die I'll believe that every single person in that jury *did* believe in the favor of Tom Robinson but had no courage to act on it. We live in Maycomb, so what's a black man to a white family right? The other night I was informed that Tom Robinson was shot 17 times trying to escape a jail he never belonged in. Because of all of you coward jurymen, a man's life was taken for a crime he never committed. So to all of you farmers out there, I only ask that you take a walk in someone's else's shoes for a moment and think about what they're life must have to offer before you make the wrong choice and end it like Tom Robinson's. Choose what *you* believe is right, not what everyone else believes.

Farming quiz



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Friday: Rainy with chance of sun

Saturday: Cloudy

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Monday: Snowing

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