

'Thanksgiving' Dinner at Deppoliti Farm

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Farm and factory co-workers of Nicholas Deppoliti gathered about the picnic board at his Whitelaw onion farm Sunday afternoon to celebrate a successful harvest. Above are Samuel Nastasi, Nick Deppoliti and Dominick Colucci, the farm workers, and Milton Schieferstine and Earle Hall, the factory bosses.

DEPPOLITI ENTERTAINS FARM AND FACTORY GROUP AT SUNDAY DINNER

A unique Thanksgiving dinner was given here Sunday afternoon by Nicholas Deppoliti, prominent Canastota onion grower who let his 35 acres of onions out on shares this season so that he could go to work in the Revere Brass & Copper Co. at Rome as a millwright an important job in which there is a scarcity of trained workers.

Deppoliti entertained his tenant farmers and their families along with his bosses from the Rome plant at an out of door spread on lawn at his farm near Whitelaw. One of the busiest people at the outing was Deppoliti's oldest daughter Josephine, Cornell university graduate and a dietician at the Marcy hospital in Watertown who is on a six weeks leave of absence from her hospital duties helping with the harvest at the Deppoliti place as a farm cadet. So all in all it was rather a patriotic picture in the Deppoliti yard as key workers from farm and factory all gathered around the festive board to observe an unusually good harvest and a successful year at the plant where Deppoliti services many of the machines.

Nick, has been putting in several good licks of farm and factory work himself since early in spring as his individual effort to slap the Jap and the Hun. His Rome work keeps him busy from 11:30 P. M. to 8 A. M. 7 days a week and then his daily routine has been to come home and do whatever he can to help around the farm which has been managed by his 20 year old son Albert. He usually found some

thing to do around the farm from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. although he gives all credit for the general management of the farm to Albert and the tenants Sam Nastasi and family of Canastota and Dominick Calucce and family of Utica.

He managed to get in a few winks of sleep from 2 P. M. until it was time to get back to work at Rome again in the evening but he complains of suffering from insomnia and inability to obtain very much sustained rest at any time.

The bosses Milton Schieferstine, night supervisor at the Rome plant and Earle Hall, night foreman were both high in their praise for the type of work that Nick does at the plant and expressed conviction that he was a key millwright at the plant whose work was essential and they lauded his vitality in keeping up his work as a machinist while still taking a hand at the farm.

Son Albert says that about 28 carloads of onions will be raised on the 35 acre farm this year in addition to considerable other produce. Only 25 acres were planted to onions so the muck bore better than a carload to an acre. Daughter Josephine's only objection is that she didn't get three months leave of absence from the hospital instead of the six weeks compromise leave so that she could have been of more use during the busy season.

And just to make it an all American family doing its part to win the war another son Sergt. Nello Deppoliti who recently completed a course of training in the south is giving soldiers a special type of instruction at West Point.

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