

Hello,

I would like to relay a story to you. Be advised that this story was told to me by a person who was indirectly involved with the farm and my retelling is likely not the most accurate but I think it gets the point across.

I was told that many years back the Southbury Training School had it's own farm with cattle and horses, goats, most of the typical animals found on working farms. That there were also orchards and fields that grew many of the crops that a normal working farm grew to be a sustainable as well as profitable farm.

This farm was tended by the residents housed there at the school. Tended very well in fact to put to shame many other farms. The people that worked there were very happy and enjoyed their jobs. Then came along a group that decided that this was more of a slave labor camp and soon after the farm was shut down and many people who worked the farm were very unhappy and now they had nothing to do. The school was declining and the residents were put into the real world where they just did not fit well and put into foster homes where they were just not cared for well and very unhappy.

Perhaps you can find out why this happened and why can't the farm return. Where it seemed that the people were happy.

Like I said earlier this is a second hand story told to me by a person who was indirectly involved with the school's farm but I hope you get my point.

Thank you

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