

## "HOW LONG DID YOU FARM?"

# Parody Of Popular Poster "Selling Like Hotcakes"

"How long did you farm?" is the caption of a new poster that pokes fun at the popular "You been farming long?" poster found in so many farm homes.

The satirical poster, created by North Dakotans Gary Grotte, of Finley, and Bob Krag, of Fargo, shows two young boys, clad in farmer attire, sitting on the steps of a "welfare office".

The updated poster idea came to Grotte, who felt the original "You been farming long?" poster wasn't very realistic with the current farm economy.

"We thought a spoof of the original poster would be a fun thing to do and an interesting way to bring attention to the farm crisis. We also hoped it would inspire a little thought," notes Krag, who's a crop sprayer. Grotte is a farmer.

The two models for the satirical poster are Jordan Nesvig and Tommy Krag, who had their photo taken on the steps of the Fargo courthouse. The original photo had one of the boys wearing a PCA hat and the other wearing a Federal Land Bank hat. However, potential legal problems prompted the men to retouch the photo so now one hat reads "I Grew Food" while the other hat reads "Raygun 80's" - a spoof on the president's name and also the name of Krag and Grotte's company.

The owner of one of the original posters was reportedly offered \$50 for it. She refused.

The satirical posters, printed in color, sell for \$3.95, plus \$1.75 postage and handling.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Raygun 80's, P.O. Box 9251, Fargo, N.D. 58109

## Twin Boys' Poster Is A Huge Success

The popular "You Been Farming Long" poster featuring California farm twins Matt and Chris Jacobs has now sold more than half a million copies.

Their mother, Diane, who took the picture says, "The boys had just gotten a new pair of bib overalls. They had just found the pockets and weren't paying much attention to me when I snapped the shot."

Now, the classic photo can be found on a wide variety of items, including calendars, salt and peppers sets, belt buckles and porcelain dolls.

The posters sell for \$3.95 each.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Country Kids, Suite 1247, P.O. Box 572, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201.



Original poster had the boys wearing hats with Federal Land Bank and PCA insignias.

## JUST LIKE A CAT

# This Bulldog Climbs Trees

Flatnose, Barney Odom's Pit-English bulldog, will climb a tree just like a cat.

And, five-year old Flatnose seems to be barking up the right tree.

So far, he's been featured on "PM Magazine," on NBC's "Today Show," with Johnny Carson on the "Tonight Show," and on radio stations and in newspapers from Boston to Great Britain.

Odom, of Dovesville, S. C., and Flatnose are also the subjects of a TV commercial produced by Gold Kist that's currently running in selected southern states.

An employee of a local paper mill, Odom raised Flatnose from a pup. "I bought his mama from a fellow who worked in the plant," he notes.

Flatnose has been climbing trees since he was about three years old. Odom says he doesn't know why his unusual dog likes to climb trees.

"One day I was out there in the yard and Flatnose scooted right on up a tree. I thought to myself, well, I'll be doggone, if Flatnose can't climb a tree.

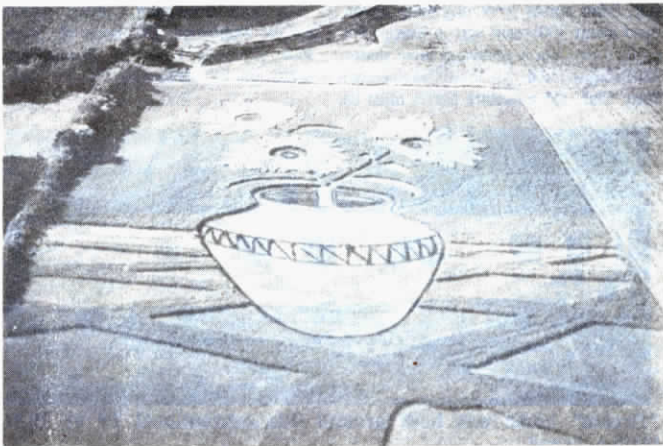
"I was standing under the carport and I said 'Flatnose you wanna climb another tree? If you do, go ahead.' He haul-buggied right up. Before I could get to him, he was out of reach. My heart went in my shoes. I just knew he was gonna go on up to the top of it and fall down and kill himself. I hollered about three times and he stopped and just stuck up there on that tree. He finally jumped and, with his weight, knocked me right to the ground. If I hadn't broke his fall, he'd probably broke his back. He weighs about 55 lbs.," Odom notes.

Since Flatnose has become a celebrity, everyone wants to see him, but he just goes on eating and living a good dog's life, unaware that he's received a letter from President Reagan, from the producers of "Hee Haw" and from hundreds of viewers who've seen him perform on TV.



Flatnose is a whiz at climbing up trees, but he can't climb down on his own--he either jumps or falls.

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Picture's "painted" with sunflowers, soybeans, clover and plowed ground.

## 20-ACRE SCENE

# Artist Uses Crops To "Paint" Picture

A picture "painted" with sunflowers, soybeans, clover and plowed ground has caught the imaginations of farmers all over the world since late last year when artist Stan Herd first published photos of the scene he created in a Kansas field.

Herd, who says this is the third attempt at field painting, made use of a 20-acre field donated by Sam and Elizabeth Neis, Jr., Eadora, Kan. The picture, as laid out last spring during planting season by Herd, shows three huge flowers in a vase on a checkered tablecloth. It has been featured by national TV networks, National Geographic, the Wall Street

Journal, and many other U.S. publications as well as in Europe and South Africa. Herd plans an even more ambitious project next year.

The scene is now available on a 22 by 28-in. full-color poster for \$12.50. A higher-quality limited edition poster, signed and numbered by Herd, is also available for \$32.50. The Kansas Farm Bureau underwrote production of the poster.

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