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My visit with the island farmers who grow the Best Rosen Seed Rye in the Country - Russell Lord, associate editor of "Farm & Fireside"

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First seed sent over 1909 by Joseph A. Rosen, a Russian who had been taking under Frank A. Sprague, prof. of plant breeding at MSU.

Joseph Rosen, 49, Dr. of Philosophy and a leader of effort toward Jewish agricultural colonization lately undertaken by Bolshevist govt.

As a youth ... anti-monarchist sentenced to five years in Siberia as pol pris of Czar.

Escaped in 6 months. Went to Germany and then to USA.

Sent Spragg 2,000 kernels of an unknown rye raised around Riga, Russia.

Kernels ... long, plump, bluish-green in color ... just enough to plant horse blanket size plot.

Spragg multiplied and saved. It proved to fill long heads to end and wonderful short stiff straw. Put out seed in 1911.

In next 8 years seed spread to nearly 1 mil acres in Mi. Doubled yield and qualities.

1917 only 5% was up for seed fit to certify. Looked for place to provide pure seed year after year.

SMI Hutzlers tried it ... 20 bushels/acre compared to 9-11

Other farmers said they'd drown anyone who raised anything else on Island.

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Aug Warner runs engine on Lenore ... son Lonzo age 12 steers like a pro tho he stands on a box to reach the wheel.

80 people on Island ... 7 cars ... one for life saving station. Winter wheelers on the inland lake.

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In the midst of woods ... Hutzler clearings ... orderly fields, neat white cottage, barn and granary. Small fenced orchard and garden with border of roses and petunias.

George Hutzler ... bronzed and wiry, lean, tense type ... 50 years old.

Louis – nice looking ... shy sort of boy in early 20;s ... thoughtful grey eyes.

George's father cleared 20 acres ... he cleared 50.

"He came to this country, my father, on a sailing boat. It took him six weeks. He became a sailor on the lakes, living ashore in winter at Buffalo. He and my mother were married there ...

My father thought maybe lumbering would pay more than being a sailor. He quit the lakes and made clear space enough to build a cabin on there where the barn is now. I was born in that cabin in 1873.

But the boats began to burn coal and didn't come any more t our Island. We cleared those 20 acres, my father and I, before he died. I was bout Louis' age then.

I married the daughter of my nearest neighbor. I built that cottage from my own timber. Louis was born in 1902. His mother died when he was 12. We have been baching it together, Louis and I, fourteen years now."

Back in the cottage as clean as the cabin of a yacht.

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Geo says "One of us tends the horses ... the other fellow takes the house that week. Two hours a day in plenty for good housekeeping - meals, dishes, scrubbing and all ... Louis, get the gentleman some cakes and cider, and show them our cup."

"See! – it has our name on it three times. If we win it once more, it is ours. We get orders for our rye from states like California. One even came last years from South Africa.

Others have done all right too. Irwin Beck beast us for international sweepstakes on year and Mrs. Johnson over the way grows the best red kidney and seed beans in the state. We have to do things together ... plant the same things and ship together at same time. Costs too much to charter a boat by yourself."

"You couldn't pay me to live in the city." says Geo Hutzler. "I am used to the lake. I would miss it Can you run down a sand hill."

We get into his car ... 4 years old and not a scratch on it.

"Seed business makes it more interesting. Used to go hunt after crops were in. Now busy until Christmas picking the peck of Rye we show at Chi;

We run 10 bushels over the screen and then go over it grain by grain. My father picks for size, I watch the color. Two or three hours at a stretch is enough. It's awful hard on the eyes but interesting. And when the cup comes, then you feel like somebody!"

"Most of the fellows my age have left the Island - gone into Coast Guard or something. I went to Chicago myself, three winters ago, and tried to learn something in a motor school. But I couldn't eat right - felt bad all the time. It just didn't seem like I belonged there. I was glad to bet back.

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My father says he's going to the International this winter, even if he has to wait for the lake to freeze so he can walk back. He has never been there to see our Rye win. Neither have I. Maybe some day I'll have another seed farm, nearer to things. If I ever have a son, I'd like for him to have a chance to go to school. I don't know just what I'll do. But I'll stay here with my father as long as he lives; that part's sure."

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