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**Paul Whiteman,
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Musical Director and His Wife on Their Hunterdon Farm. (See Pages 6 and 7).

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House and farm buildings on Paul Whiteman's 400-acre ranch in Hunterdon county, where he is raising beef cattle.

In the beautiful rolling hills of western Hunterdon county a 400-acre farm, resembling a Western ranch in many ways, is rapidly becoming one of the largest beef cattle raising establishments in the state.

The owner is Paul Whiteman, band leader and musical director of radio's Blue Network. The place is located in Rosemont, part of the property skirting the Delaware river.

Six years ago Whiteman decided he had enough of living in the big cities and with his wife, the former Margaret Livingston, former movie star, began looking for a pretty spot to set up a permanent home. "All I knew of Jersey was Jersey City," said Whiteman. One day we were riding along the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware river, looking across to the hills of New Jersey, when I saw a pretty spot with a run-down farm on it, which I learned was for sale. I purchased the place a few weeks later.

The farm had 146 acres of land, but Whiteman bought several adjoining farms and now his "commuter's ranch" has about 400 acres.

The old farmhouse has been reconditioned and several extensions have been added. It has been elaborately

furnished and artistically decorated by Mrs. Whiteman. All the barns are in fine condition and the herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle has increased to about 80 head.

Whiteman, now known as "the squire of Rosemont," lives there with his wife and daughter, Margo, 12 years old. Their son, Paul Jr., 20, is a private in the Army Air Corps at Fort Worth, Tex. Mrs. Whiteman's mother is staying with them.

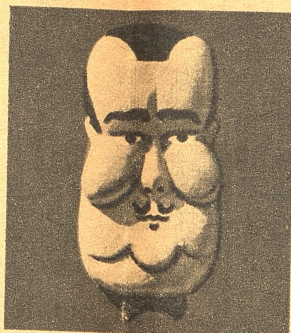
Until this year "Walking Horse Farm" was just Whiteman's summer home. Now Whiteman commutes to New York, the train ride from Flemington taking a little more than an hour.

Whiteman has become a familiar figure to the area as he rides horseback in cowboy attire.

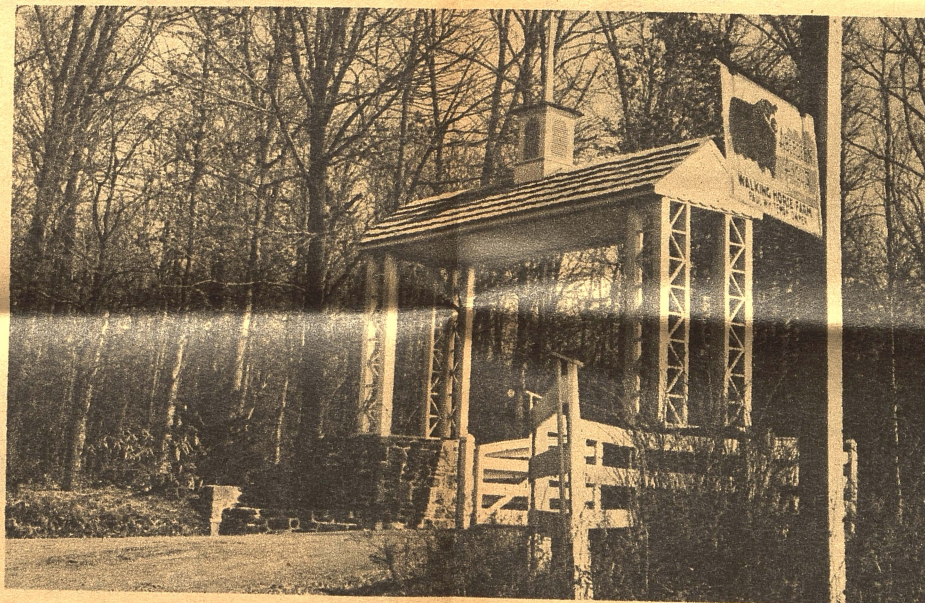
Ranches are nothing new to Whiteman, who was brought up in Denver, Col. Mrs. Whiteman's girlhood home was in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Whiteman's interest in the development of national American music dates back to his early years. His father was musical director for the Denver Public Schools. His mother was an opera singer. Whiteman had advantage of the best American teachers to carry on the family tradition.

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Whiteman and his 12-year-old daughter, Margo, out for a brisk canter. Paul is fond of wearing broad-brimmed hat.



Farm's entrance, presented to the director by members of his orchestra.



One Whiteman saddle (left foreground) has engraved silver worth \$3,000.



Around table, clockwise: Whiteman, Mrs. Whiteman, Margo, Mrs. Whiteman's mother, Mrs. Peggy Zigler, visitor.



Here is Whiteman with a pasture drag he devised with old auto wheels.



Trimming the hedge is good exercise.



Whiteman with some pure-bred Aberdeen Angus beef cattle. He now has 80 head and plans to have many more.