

# Farmer's Register

## Why Maycomb Needs To Change

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The events that have taken place in these past couple weeks are disgraceful. We should all be ashamed of ourselves as individuals *and* as a community. The fact that we cannot tolerate the negroes, and that we let a man like Bob Ewell bring a joke of a case like this one to court, and then let Mr. Ewell win, is a monstrosity. This is a call to check ourselves. To make sure that our beliefs, our morals, and our priorities are where they should be. This is a call to treat our negro workers better. There is no reason they should be treated the way they are. This court case was a joke and there are mounds of evidence to prove it. Atticus Finch has done a more than adequate job to prove this man is innocent and it will be proven again and again until negroes get the treatment they deserve.

Tom Robinson could have been beaten by Mayella, but then again is it unlikely. The first bit of evidence has already been presented clear as day to the citizens of Maycomb, by Mr. Atticus Finch. This is that the bruises on Mayella's face were highly concentrated on the right. Therefore, it would make sense that someone who was left handed was most likely to

commit the crime. Tom Robinson was not left handed. Furthermore, his left hand was destroyed in a cotton gin when he was young so he does not have any ability to use his left hand. However, Mr. Bob Ewell was left handed. Let me paint a picture for you. Mayella has just jumped on Tom Robinson and starts kissing him, as described in the testimony that Tom Robinson gave. Bob Ewell sees this happening and is enraged. He immediately runs in the house. Tom Robinson has already run away so Bob Ewell decides to beat Mayella. Bob Ewell is a racist, as many of you are, and saw it as a disgrace that Mayella would pursue a black man like that. He then comes up with what he considers to be a perfect story to cover it up.

In addition to the disgrace of the actual trial, what happened after was also destructive. Or should I say what did not happen. I would think that such a horrible thing like the trial and the verdict of Tom Robinson would shake this community a little more than it did. I sincerely thought that after this incident there would be a bigger push from the people of Maycomb to change our ways! Not even the black community did anything.

They just wept over it. Then, once that was done, they went back to their normal lives. Waiting for something like this to happen again. We must change our ways now.

Speaking of not doing things, we also should have taken more aggressive action towards Mr. Bob Ewell. After the trial, Bob Ewell was harassing the members of the court case. At that moment he should have been arrested. Instead, we simply gave him warnings. This shows how easily we overlook things and how little attention we pay to what is really important. Bob Ewell was a cretin and should have been put through the judicial system just as he put Tom Robinson through it. One thing in this whole mess did end up equal though. Tom Robinson died and so did Bob Ewell. I do not know how it happened, but I believe it was the righteous act of God who killed Bob Ewell. All I

can say is that I hope Tom Robinson is in heaven looking down on Bob Ewell while he burns in Hell.

What Bob Ewell did was disgusting and the way we let him coast by was just as disgusting. I hope this never happens again and we all learn from what happened these past couple months. Those of you who are still convinced that negroes are somehow worse than us white folk are horrible people. To those people I say you are the reason why our society is not equal when it should be. This mess was a call for us to push for equality among all races and religions, to learn to accept and respect each other as human beings. We need to change *now*. Not just the way we act as a community, but the way we think as individuals. That is the first step in creating an equal society. One that does not judge simply because someone looks different than us. If