

**Blister Rust Campaign Making Progress**

With the close of the fall season the white pine blister rust control project is concentrating on mapping white pine stands in Macon county and will continue this work during the winter months until all white pine in the county will have been mapped.

To date 16,000 acres of pine have been mapped and some 30,000 acres of land have been cleared of currant and gooseberry bushes to protect this pine.

All currant and gooseberry bushes within 1,000 feet of any white pine are potential carriers of the pine blister rust which is now bordering on this state. In order to prevent the disease from damaging North Carolina's white pines it is necessary to locate and destroy the disease carriers. This work must be

carried on until all known currant and gooseberry bushes within infection range have been eradicated.

Since the project opened in Macon county in August a large territory south and east of Highlands has been carefully examined in cooperation with land owners. The town of Highlands was worked two weeks ago and an exhibit illustrating blister rust control was shown in the town hall.

The blister rust control exhibit is available to schools and educational programs if those interested will write to H. A. Whitman, Jr., blister rust control agent, at 604 County Building, in Asheville. Mr. Whitman is in charge of the project now operating in Macon county.

An office space has been set up in the courthouse in Franklin for this county and the assistance of NYA will be used from time to time in keeping field reports. All persons cooperating with the blister rust control program are urged to contact the agent in the Franklin office or to write direct to the Asheville office for further information.

**STOCK SHOW JUDGE**



Alexander Ritchie, manager of King George's royal farm at Windsor, England, who is judge of the steer classes this year at the International Live Stock exposition in Chicago. He succeeds Walter Biggar of Dalbeattie, Scotland, who has judged the steer classes at the show 12 times in past years. B. H. Heide, manager of the exposition, reports that cattle judges from foreign countries have officiated every year since the first show, in 1900.

**Honor Roll For Iotla School**

Third grade: Elfreda Ray, Irene Lowe, Cecil Kinsland.  
Fourth grade: Violet Barnard, Cecil Tallent, Mary Lou Liner.  
Seventh grade: Marion Moody, Amelia Poindexter, Sam Gibson, Jr.

**Broadway**

The infant child of Edgar McCall died Friday morning.

Edna and Frank Wilson are able to be back in school, after being out a week with chickenpox.

Prileau Vinson was visiting in this section last week.

Andy Wilson's family have chickenpox.

John Brown has moved from his home on Broadway to Tesenta.

Barak and Maxtee Wright, of Highlands, spent the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. T. M. Cabe, at Turtle Pond.

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**It Isn't Christmas Without Fruit Cake**

A good fruit cake adds the finishing touches to the holiday season, said Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent at State college.

After dining on turkey and other good things to eat, she continued, a toothsome slice of fruit cake "is the very thing to top off the meal."

In the olden days, she went on, baking was a ritual during the Thanksgiving-Christmas season—and today many a good housewife still feels the urge to bake at this time.

Lucky is the farm housewife, Miss Current stated, for she has right at hand most of the ingredients for a fruit cake: butter, eggs, nuts, dried fruits.

The sooner the Christmas fruit cake is baked, the better it will be, she pointed out, for the cake mellows and becomes more delicious with age.

"Here is a recipe so chock full of good things it is guaranteed to

tempt any one," Miss Current said: One pound of butter, one pound of sugar, 12 eggs, one pound of flour. Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs one at a time, then add the flour.

Other ingredients are: two teaspoons of baking powder, one teaspoon of cinnamon, one teaspoon of cloves, one teaspoon of allspice, one pound of Sultana raisins, one pound of Sunmaid raisins, one pound of citron, one pound of candied cherries, one pound of candied pineapple, one pound of dates, one pound of figs, one pound of pecans, and one pound of blanched almonds.

Soak the fruit for several hours or overnight in a cup of grape juice, add gradually to batter; steam cake for two hours and then bake in an oven for about an hour.

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