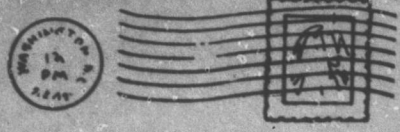


Letter To The Editor



Dear Editor
 I feel it is my responsibility as a citizen to let our Yancey County Board of Education know that there is a group of people behind them "all the way." We are the people who helped put you in a position to bring a change in our school system. Now that the "political pot" that simmered for many, many years in Yancey County has started boiling over, you can't expect anything but screams from the ones who fell out of the pot.

By the way, since you are firing the teachers because of their political affiliations, why didn't you make a clean sweep of it? I read many, many names of teachers who have taught in Yancey County Schools for years. And we all know that until this year a teacher didn't dare apply for a teaching position in Yancey County unless he were a registered Democrat. Could it be that "qualifications" had anything to do with the changes?

You are doing a good job and the citizens who feel we owe our children and future generations of children the best schools possible in Yancey County are behind you all the way. It is not we who are making those obscene phone calls, sending you dirty letters, and circulating petitions. We are the "silent majority" who are supporting you with our prayers. God bless you and may you never forget to ask His guidance in each decision you make.

Mrs. Lillie Crowder,
 Newdale, N. C.



Mayland Catholic Women's Guild With New Pastor, Reverend Michael Hoban

Mayland Guild Honors New Pastor

On May 18th, the Mayland Catholic Women's Guild held a dinner at the Spruce Pine Golf and Country Club to welcome and honor Reverend Michael

Hoban, new pastor of the Mayland Catholic Churches which include St. Lucien's Church in Spruce Pine, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burnsville, and St. Patricia's Church in Linville. Father Hoban's last assignment was in Charlotte, N.C. at St. Gabriel's Church.

The women of the Guild also took this opportunity to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ballou and family, members of Sacred Heart, Burnsville, who will be relocating in Bennettsville, S.C. Also to Mr. and Mrs. David Silver and family, members of St. Lucien's Church, Spruce Pine, who will be re-

locating in Fort Bragg, N.C. The dinner was opened with a devotion by Rev. Michael Hoban. Gifts were presented to the Ballou and Silver families by President of the Guild, Bill Tappan. Approximately 40 people attended which included members of all parish churches and friends.

Pictured (left to right) on picture accompanying this story are Julia Ballou, Ted Ballou, Bill Tappan, Jack Tappan, Maria Silver, David Silver and the new pastor of Mayland Catholic Churches, Rev. Michael Hoban.

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Most of the letters which have come my way in response to an inquiry about the cooking and eating of wild game reveal pretty much what I had expected--that modern day hunters are more interested in shooting than in preparing and eating the game they have brought in.

As a matter of fact several writers confessed as much, saying that they generally gave away their kill, including venison, not only because of the trouble of preparation but because they had lost their taste for wild game.

Mr. Otis Smathers of near Asheville, indicates as much in his reply.

"When I was a boy in depression years I can remember that much of our meat supply was wild because my brothers were out of work and had time for hunting. Also money was scarce to buy meat at the store.

In the fall we might have rabbit or squirrel several times a week if my brothers were lucky in their hunting. My mother usually cut up the rabbits and fried them like chicken. Squirrels she might make into a pie. Sometimes she would parboil the meat before cooking it. Other times she might soak it overnight in salt water with vinegar to make it tender and get rid of some of the strong taste.

Back then it tasted mighty good, but I guess I've got too

used to beef and pork to like it now. I tried some deer meat at this Christmas and can't say that I really cared for it."

Another reader James Greene from Morganton, North Carolina, indicates that he too has lost his taste for wild game, but remembers eating a variety of such when he was young.

"I can remember eating possum lots of times, usually stuffed like a baking hen, and served with sweet potatoes. Now it's a little too fat for my blood, and I don't think that I could eat it.

I used to like rabbit, squirrel, wild turkey, frog legs, and turtle meat, all kinds of game birds except dove, which was too dark and strong for me. I do remember, though, that my mother learned to cook dove with apples and that took away some of the strong taste, but it didn't help the color. It just won't compare with quail.

I still go deer hunting from time to time, but I usually give the meat away. It's just too much trouble, and besides I'd rather have a good beef roast than venison."

Still another reader, Mr. Earl Lyon, formerly of Johnson City, Tennessee, and now living in Cleveland, Ohio, writes that in addition to the usual small wild game, he has on occasion tried both coon and groundhog. "Raccoon pie," he says, "can be as tasty as chicken if you

soak the meat overnight in a solution of salt and vinegar. You cut it up just like chicken and cook it with potatoes, carrots, and other vegetables. You take the meat off the bones after it gets tender.

You can cook ground hog the same way or roast it or fry it if you want to. Either way you have to soak it first and it helps if you parboil it too. I'm not saying eitherone is as good as chicken, but if you can forget what you're eating it ain't bad."

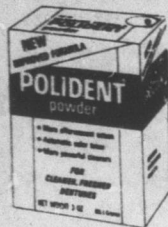
I must confess that my prejudices in food are many. If I tried ground hog and racoon I'd have a hard time forgetting what I was eating!

Men Attend Conference

Donald C. Baucom, Director of Occupational Education, and Hugo Peterson, Instructor, Auto Mechanics Department, both of Mayland Technical Institute, will be among the twelve hundred educators expected to attend the sixth annual Community College Conference which will be held in Fayetteville on May 28-30, with Carl J. Stewart, Jr., state representative from Gaston County as the principal speaker.

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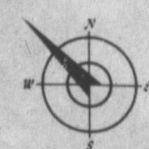
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