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Consumption Of Pork And Apples Promoted

Eat more pork, cook it with apples. This is a call from North Carolina farmers as they unite in promotional campaigns to increase the consumption of these two important foods produced in this State.

C. L. Ballance, chairman of the executive committee of the North Carolina Cooperative Livestock Marketing Association, sponsored by the Extension Service, is directing the National Economy Pork Sale campaign in the State. It will be divided into two periods—February 1 to 16 and Feb. 29 to Mar. 9. "It so happens that the 'Apples For Health' event also will take place at the same time as the period of the pork sale campaign, but this is fortunate since both are frequently included in the same menu," said Mr. Ballance, who is a prominent swine grower of Robeson County.

H. W. Taylor, Extension swine specialist of State College, is active in supporting the pork sale, and he points out that it will be especially valuable this year when the 1939 pig crop of 84,000,000 hogs goes on the market. "The North Carolina hog crop is consuming over two billion pounds

of feed annually, which is no small item to agriculture in this State," Taylor declared. Cash sales from hogs in North Carolina are exceeded only by cash sales from tobacco, cotton and cottonseed, and milk; therefore, the price of pork is of

considerable importance to us." Mr. Ballance said that civic clubs, cafeterias, hotels, and restaurants are being asked to serve at least two pork luncheons during the two periods designated for National Economy Pork Sale.

DRIBBIN' AROUND

with
By George

baseball and more basketball is in the air these days. In fact, it is the news of the day in these parts, when the H. S. Mountaineers lose to Newton, then split with Bessemer City, and the local Lions open their season with a fifty win over the Shelby Lions.

On Friday night the total boys and girls couldn't overcome the boys. The boys had on them (the several local fans say it was a 1-0) and both teams went down fighting. Sargeant, the Sextette's fighting forward, was out of the game due to sickness, and the boys did little better than the girls, and the final scores turned out 23-9 for Girls, and 31-16, boys.

Saturday night in Shelby, it seems that the local Lions went out in a big way after a not-too-good beginning, to soak the County sextets. 21-20, Crisp, the flying forward from Grover way was the star of the night's performance, with Smart aiding and abetting. Stowe and Gold were good at Guard duty.

Tonight the Lions meet Firestone here, for their first home appearance of the season. Little is known of the Firestone teams, but the locals from all appearances, should be able to promise plenty of action.

A double header is scheduled with the A and B teams participating.

Tuesday night at Bessemer City the High School lads and lassies tangled fur row, and the final whis the found a split program. The K. M boys emerged with a 28-14 victory, and the girls a 20-10 defeat. Allen was high for the boys with eight points, with Ballard coming second with six. Sargeant managed four for the Sextette. Humphries and Gibson had three each.

Friday night the Mountaineers on certain Cliffside.

We'll be seeing you tonight and tomorrow night at the Gymnasium, and in the next issue of the Herald, we hope. Unless the Editor takes a notion to read this.

Plants Get Hungry Just Like Humans

If your shrubs, flower plants or trees look sickly, it is highly probable that they are hungry says John H. Harris, Extension landscape specialist of State College. Plants eat much as humans, but instead of meats and vegetables, they feast largely on nitrogen, phosphorous, and potash, he explained.

Harris recommends that either complete commercial fertilizers or manure be applied to plants and trees in the early spring, just before growth starts. For non-flowering shrubs a fertilizer analyzing 10 percent nitrogen, 6 percent phosphorous, and 4 percent potash is considered best. But nitrogen produces an abundance of foliage and not much bloom, so flowering plant should have a 4-12-4 fertilizer; in other words, reduce the nitrogen, which promotes growth, and increase the phosphorous, which promotes the bloom.

The usual method of applying fertilizer to shrubs and flower plants is to broadcast it over the ground and work lightly into the soil.

For trees, the Extension specialist advises a slightly different procedure. In the first place, some of the symptoms of an undernourished tree are thin foliage, small yellowish leaves, lack of growth, dead branches, branches dying back at the tips, and undersize buds.

If manure is used, it may be applied at any time of the year. If commercial fertilizer is used, it should be applied from Feb. 15 to July 15 to do the most good. A good fertilizer such as 6-8-4, 5-10-5, or 4-8-4 may be applied at the rate of one-half to one pound of fertilizer to each one inch diameter of the tree.

A good way to apply this is to punch holes with a crowbar to a depth of 12 to 15 inches around the tree, applying the proportionate amount in each hole. The holes should start near the base of the tree and extend well past the spread of the branches.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black is in the hospital, suffering from what was described by his office as a "slight cold." His secretary said Black went to the hospital for treatment "as a precaution" and expected to return to the bench in a few days.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 6.—City officers said today that a Negro they listed as Othel Foster, 22, was in custody in connection with the traffic death yesterday of Albert Roger Clubb. The boy was fatally injured when struck by an automobile at a busy intersection.

Because of a shortage of rainfall in Mecklenburg County during the fall, a slight decrease in the average annual small grain acreage is expected.

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