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Cultivate The Orchard To Hold The Moisture

Fruit trees make their most growth in the early part of the summer. Why? Because there is more rain and more moisture in the ground. What colors the fruit? Moisture in the soil and the sun above. You see nature is trying to help you, so how do you part. Cultivate the orchard soil and keep a dust mulch up until midsummer. If the ground is in clover or grass, cut it and rake it over the root surface of the apple trees. This practice holds the moisture, makes the nitrogen available which produces more growth, makes the fruit larger and assists "Old Sol" later on in giving color to the fruit.

The growing of fruit is 95 percent nature, the other percent is yourself. If you don't do your 5 percent, nature can't do her 95.

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NOTICE TO BEE KEEPERS

Mr. C. L. Sams will be with us on the 7th of June. Mr. Sams is the bee specialist for the State and I trust that all bee keepers will take advantage of this opportunity to meet him and get all the information you would like to have in your work with bees.

We will be at George Lovingsoods, Grandview, N. C. Monday June 7th, 1926 at 9:00 a. m. And at W. H. Hughes, Martin Creek, the same day at 2:30 p. m.

I trust that all interested will try to get out to this meeting for we have some special work for that time.

R. W. GRAY, County Agent.

THE CROWNING OF THE EDIBLE'S KING

By Miss Otelia Crawford, Home Economics Department, Hayesville High School.

While walking alone in the woods I came upon the edge of a grassy dell, where the fairies and elves held their solemn council as well as play, there was a great crowd of Edibles assembled. The edible race is not a new race of people, but an old one that has always been taken for granted and never given a chance.

This was a great day for the edible people; it was to decide who should be their king, and who should compose his court.

There was Mr. Spud, walking around very proudly, with his well-rounded stomach considerably in advance of the rest of his anatomy, making himself very popular. Mrs. Bean and Mr. Pea were exchanging greetings, while Mr. Parsnip and Miss Carrot were, evidently, getting up a flirtation. Mr. Brusselspot, and a half dozen of his brothers were trying to make love to Miss Cauliflower.

Over in a shallow place of the lake, in a lot of black mud, lay Mr. Hog, with his eyes closed, contented and happy to be alone. Mr. Mutton and Mr. Beef were grazing away as though there were nothing unusual about to take place. There were all kinds of vegetables and meats galore, and grains of all kinds waving their greeting to the great host.

Just a few minutes before the contest was to open, Mrs. Milk-Jar came waddling up, leading little Milk-bottle by the hand. Both he and his mother were happy to be in this great crowd.

The great moment for all had arrived. The judges came tripping into the dell. They were no other than six fairies and six elves. They took their places upon a small platform in the center of the dell, which was gilded with dew-drops and draped with ribbons of sun beams, while the canopy was of wild flowers and autumn leaves.

The foreman of the jury arose and announced the purpose of the meeting. Each of the most popular edibles should have an opportunity to speak in his own behalf, but the crown should be placed upon the one that proved to be most valuable to that higher order of being called man. There was some hesitation as to who should speak first; but Mr. Brusselspot, feeling that he must do something to win the favor of Miss Cauliflower, stepped forward and said: "Most beautiful and lovely fairies, profound and august elves, there is not to be found within the realm of mystic beings more competent and unbiased judges. I would like to state my case, and that of Miss Cauliflower, jointly. She is a most aristocratic and refined lady

such a one as should grace the palace of a most worthy king. I would like"—

"Cut it! Cut it!" cried the oldest elf on the stand. "You young scoundrel, you'll have to go through several more stages of evolution before you can win a decent cabbage with a college education. Give place for those of more importance."

Mr. Brusselspot turned away crestfallen and humiliated. Miss Cauliflower laughed behind her fan.

Mr. Hog stepped his way to the front and said, "Hub! Hub! Mr. Chairman, most honorable judges, permit me to state my case. I believe that I should have a place among the great, if not the very throne. For I am the most popular person in this entire assemblage, because I am loved more by the noble species of animal called man than any other edible. I am rich in protein and fat, and easy to digest. All I want is grain and water, and a good cool place to lie. Really I think I should be King," and he crunched his way back to the back of the stand.

Mr. Wheat came up next and waving his brown hands to the great crowd. He announced that he was the "staff of life." "I have a very important place on his menu. I am rich in food values that are necessary to life. I contain a generous supply of fat, starch, mineral matter, and water; furthermore, when I am made up with yeast I contain very important vitamins."

Mr. Mutton was next to enter the small arena. With a smile on his face he stood before the judges and pointed out that he was rich in protein, and was the most easily digested of all meats. He told them that he was well balanced in food value and that he ought to be king.

Mrs. Milk-Jar came waddling up next, leading little Milk-bottle by the hand. There was a lot of subdued murmur as she started to speak, but an elf waved his hand and all became silent. She was a little embarrassed at the rudeness of the crowd, but raised her hand and said, "Honorable Judges, I know that I am homely, but, furthermore, I know that I fill an important place in the household of man. I contain all the properties of food in such balanced quantities that I am a perfect food. Aside from being a food I am also a beverage and can be taken by the sick when they are too weak to stand solid food. This my son, has saved more people in their infancy than anybody on this field."

Mr. Fruit Stepped to the front, bowed very low and said, "Honorable Judges, and fellow edibles, it gives me pleasure to stand before you to represent my noble family. We are not as rich in some of the food values as some that have spoken today, but in my family you will find various food values that cannot be overlooked. We have a great amount of vitamins and acids that are of aid to the digestive juices, and are essential to life."

Others came before the judges and made their plea, but last of all was Mr. Beef. He was very eloquent but just stated plain facts.

"Most honorable Judges, permit me to say that I do not wish to claim any merits that I do not possess. But I have the greatest amount of food values of all the meats and am in season all the year round. My lean is chiefly protein and of a kind that the body can use easily and quite completely. For example: One pound of hind quarter is 61.0 water 33.0 waterfree substance, 18.0 protein, 20.1 fat, 0.9 ash and 1185 calories."

All expected him to say more, but he remained silent. The great moment for the decision had come. The judges conversed among themselves, and the spokesman arose and said, "Most worthy people of the edible nation, it gives me pleasure to place the crown upon the head of Mr. Beef. He is your king, and lady Milk-Jar is your queen. And this," he said laying his hand upon the head of Mr. Wheat, "is the crown-prince and Mr. Fruit, shall be Prime Minister."

There arose a great shout. The whole dell was filled with commotion as the edibles sang the praises of their new royalty.

The king and queen marched out across the meadow, the crown-prince and Prime Minister next in order, while the others followed in their respective places.

There came a cloud over the sun, and the ribbons of sun-beams fell

FRIED CHICKEN

Hayesville, May 27.—There is a great loss to the farmer in selling under sized fry chickens. No Chicken under one and a quarter pounds should leave the farm, as they are undesirable on the market and cut the price. When a chicken has arrived at the weight of 3-4 of a pound the danger of mortality is less, and the gain per day is more, in other words you lose your profit by selling them at that weight.

Now these are the facts. The producer should try to put a commodity on the market the consumer prefers, for he sets the price. The consumer does not want a chicken under 1 1/4 pounds. It is not the Country merchant or the wholesale man, or the poultry distributor that discriminates against the small fry, but it is the consumer. A few undersized chickens in a coop spoils the price of the coop and you loose on the whole coop. By selling only commercial size chicks as they reach the proper weight this keeps the supply low and the price high. Then the farmer obtains higher prices for two or three weeks longer besides the benefit of the growth for two or three weeks longer.

The wise poultryman will grow his chickens to a pound or a pound and a quarter on range, then pen his chickens and feed them from ten to fourteen days fattening ration. Milk fed broiler bring a premium on the market, to fatten a broiler he should be confined so that they will not have too much room for exercise. No grain is given but they are fed the mash only and this in troughs out side the coop so they can eat between the slats in front but can not soil the food.

Mash for Broilers

Corn meal 25 pounds, wheat bran or middling 15 pounds, ground oats 10 pounds, mix this mash with sour milk or clabber rather moist. Give them what they will clean up in 15 minutes; morning, noon and night. Increase the amount gradually each day until you have gauged what they will clean up. Feed this way for 10 days or two weeks until the 1 1/2 or 1 3/4 have been reached.

Do not give any hard grain what ever, and just enough water to satisfy thirst, morning and night. Do not leave the water before them, all the time.

WILLARD R. ANDERSON, County Agent.

Prepare to Fight The Apple Worm

The late spring and the previous cool nights have delayed the coming of the apple worm (Coddling moth) and indications are that another season of side injury and wormy apple similar to that of last year will follow. Mr. J. C. Crawford, field Entomologist of the State Department of Agriculture stationed at the State Experiment Station Buncombe County, reports that the first coddling moth came out April 12th and for the past week has been emerging in large numbers but has again been delayed by the recent cool nights.

The moth, if the nights are warm, begins laying eggs shortly after they come out. This drawn out egg laying period will result in "Waves" of worms which enter the Calyx and side of the apple during its growing season. The surest method of control is by keeping the leaves and fruit covered thoroughly with arsenate of lead spray (1 1/2 pounds to 50 gallons of water) to be more specific, make at least three applications around two weeks apart following the 2-weeks spray which you put on after the calyx sprat. The fruit grower who sprayed thoroughly at the Calyx time and the 2-weeks period after the calyx spray, will be more successful in having "free wormy" fruit. There will be a second brood of worms from these first "Waves" of coddling moths and information as to the time of spraying for them will be sent you later on.

to the grass and the autumn leaves came fluttering to the ground; the fairies and elves vanished, and then—oh, then! I awoke, for the Home Economics teacher had asked me a question.

FIGHT THE INSECT

Several farmers have been in the

office and tell me that the bean beetle has started his work in the County. The time is ripe to begin fighting him and if we do not we may expect to have very few beans.

Take one pound of Calcium Arsenate and 9 pounds of lime and mix thoroughly and with a little fuel gun apply this to the under side of the bean leaves in the morning when the dew is on them and follow this process once a week and you will find that it is much easier than trying to pick the bugs off. If you pick you will have to repeat the process every day to do any good.

CAUTION. Use this preparation dry as it will give better results.

A great many are having trouble with the potato bug both on Irish and sweet potatoes and all that you have to do is use three table spoons of Arsenate of lead to one gallon of water and spray until your plants begin to drip and follow this plan as often as needed.

R. W. GRAY, County Agent.

BUYING POWER OF FARMERS INCREASING

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