

### Given Surprise On Birthdays

ANDREWS—Misses Vera Moore and Polly Hicks were surprised with a birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. Alice Barnard Sunday evening.

After dinner, Misses Moore and Hicks were remembered with gifts.

Those enjoying the evening were: Miss Ollie Whitaker of Franklin, Mrs. Ray Jones, Miss Gladys Christy, Miss Imogene Matheson, Miss Blondine Luther, Miss Daisy Battle, Miss Vera Moore, Miss Polly Hicks and Mrs. Barnard.

### Andrews Personals

Mary Brown, daughter of Dr. Robert Brown, of Kingsport, Tenn., is spending the summer with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown.

Mrs. Paul Boring and children, Paul, Jr., and Sara Alice, of Canton, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Boring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dewar.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Slagle of Orlando, Fla., are spending the summer with Mrs. R. S. Eskridge.

Mrs. H. H. Shearer and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Journigan and son, Doyle, of Fellsme, Fla., spent the week-end with Mrs. J. L. Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Penland and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Penland of Hayesville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Long Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jordan left this week for Longview, Texas, where Mr. Jordan will enter La Tourneau Institute. They were

accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lang of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan of Andrews who will spend a few days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Yeager of Miami, Fla., have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Reece.

Mark Boone Jr., of Raleigh spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Mark Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hamilton and son, David Ronald, of Asheville spent the week-end with relatives.

Miss Betty Beck is visiting relatives in Bryson City.

Mrs. Pard Tatham has returned from a visit with her son Roy Tatham and family of Monticello, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stiles and daughter, Betty Joan, spent the week-end in Ranger visiting relatives. They were accompanied home by their niece, Miss Norma Aiken.

Mrs. Sam Clayton of Greensboro is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Etta Heaton, and family.

Miss Juanita Crisp is visiting relatives in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Miss Sarah Beck is spending several days in Asheville visiting relatives.

Burt Love is spending several days with his wife here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whatley and daughter, Mary Ann, of Haddenfield, N. Jersey, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ellis and John Tatham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Espey of Riverton, N. J., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ellis.

Seven and one-half million non-farm households in the United States raised vegetables in 1948.

### Dairymen Urged To Reduce Costs

With milk prices dropping, dairymen need to keep production costs as low as possible if they are to maintain their net income at present levels, says John A. Arey, in charge of dairy extension at State College.

Arey says prices paid for farm products are falling more rapidly than farm operating costs. If this trend continues, he adds, dairy farmers who fail to utilize every possible practice which might lower their production costs will find their profits approaching the vanishing point.

Roughage is the cheapest source of cow feed, the dairy specialist points out. Roughage includes pasture, silage, and hay. In cheapness per feed unit, pasture ranks first, silage second, and hay a close third.

To lower production costs and increase profits, Arey suggests the following practices:

- Provide adequate grazing for as long a period as possible.
- Improve the quality of grazing through fertilization and good pasture management.
- Grow at home a minimum of from three to four tons of silage and 1 1/2 tons of hay per cow.
- Practice a good program of disease control.
- Keep production and breeding records and continually cull out all low-producing cows.
- Grow replacements sired by production-bred bulls. Purchased replacements are expensive and often are responsible for bringing in diseases.

### Select Your Best Plants To Mature in Garden Row



Thin out excess plants gradually, and allow the best plants to live, using discards for table when possible.

Thinning out the plants that come up from the seed you have sown may give you an emotional shock. In fact, some gardeners just can't bring themselves to do it, and in consequence their plants are so crowded none can develop full size and vigor, and the crop is reduced in quality as well as quantity.

There is no way to get a full stand in a row without sowing extra seeds; and the home gardener is well advised to do this. He may look upon the task of thinning out as an opportunity, which permits him to select the finest plants to develop and inferior ones to be eliminated.

For best results, thinning should be done in stages. In the case of a crop which grows best when the plants stand six inches apart, do not at first thin it to one plant for each six inches. There are two reasons for this:

First, many vegetables, such as carrots and beets, are most delicious when half-mature. By thinning at first only enough to insure that each plant stands well alone in the row and then allowing them to grow awhile, many will soon reach the stage when they can be harvested for the table.

Second, it is foolish to discard all excess plants prematurely when accidents, insects or disease may destroy many which are left. If thinning is done by stages as the plants grow, they will finally stand at the optimum distance from each other, and there will be small chance of vacant spaces in the row.

Lettuce plants, thinned to stand an inch apart, will soon reach a size when alternate plants can be removed to make a salad; and this process may be continued until the spacing is right for the remaining plants to mature.

Carrots may be thinned the first time when they are as thick as a pencil; and a dish of the thinnings will give those who have never eaten such tiny carrots before, a new idea of this vegetable.

Beets may be allowed to grow until about six inches tall, when their roots have just begun to swell. If thinned out at this stage, the thinnings should be cooked roots and tops together, for a delicious dish.

Produce high quality milk, the kind the consumer is willing to pay for.

Breed and manage the herd so that milk production will be geared to demand. The usual heavy spring and early summer production, followed by low fall and winter production, is less profitable than uniform production. More cows should be bred to freshen in September, October, and November.

Keep enough cows to use efficiently all available feed and labor.

Provide the herd with an adequate supply of clean fresh water.

### Peachtree

Revival Services conducted by the Rev. Andy Cloer and the Rev. Ham Coffey have been in progress at Peachtree School for the past three weeks. A baptizing was held Sunday afternoon, and 24 people were baptised.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barton of Tryon visited Mr. Barton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barton, over the week-end. Billy Barton, Mr. Barton's brother, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wig Hughes were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crain of Murphy recently visited Mrs. Crain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barton of Peachtree.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pipes have returned to Peachtree.

### Final Rites Held For Mrs. Hunter

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p. m. in Flint Hill Baptist Church for Mrs. F. H. Hunter, 30, who died in a Ducktown, Tenn., Sanitarium after a brief illness.

The Rev. Lon Turner and the Rev. Carl Dean officiated, and burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery with Townson Funeral Home in charge.

She is survived by the husband, F. H. Hunter; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Raper of Culberson, Route 1; four sisters, Mrs. Verlin Hughes, Mrs. Ernest Hughes, both of Hemp, Ga., Mrs. Luther Ross of Mineral Bluff, Ga., Miss Corinne Raper of Lovin, Ga., four brothers, J. B., Lonnie, Billy and James Raper, all of Lovin, Ga.

Farmers probably will receive almost four billion dollars from marketings of milk and butterfat in 1949 as compared with 4.4 billion in 1948. They will sell more milk than last year but prices will run considerably lower.

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