

Fresh vegetables contain many necessary vitamins and mineral elements so important to good health during the winter months.

Farmers' cash receipts from marketings during 1948 will total slightly larger than last year, according to present estimates.

Fairplains Club Has A Christmas Party

The Fairplains Home Demonstration Club held their Christmas meeting in the home of their president, Mrs. Wiley Brooks. The home was lovely with the Yuletide decorations.

The meeting, with 33 members present, was called to order by the president. "Silent Night" was used as the opening song. The business session was next in order, after which the Heart Sisters were revealed. This proved to be a happy occasion for everyone, since everyone received such nice gifts, cards, and kind deeds throughout the year.

Games were enjoyed under the leadership of Mrs. Lucille Bumgarner.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Snow, served refreshments consisting of cookies, cut in shape of stars and trees, punch and candy which were enjoyed by everyone.

In appreciation of the faithful service of Mrs. Wiley Brooks, the club president, the club presented her crystal in her pattern.

The club adjourned to meet in '49, looking forward to greater achievements in the New Year.—Reported by Mrs. K. H. Gillean.

PUBLIC PULSE

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MISS LINNEY WRITES ON SCHOOL SITUATION

The ideas expressed in the article by Dr. Hanibal G. Duncan are, I think, substantially correct. Despite making very little success, at least in a financial way, with my own education, there is no one who believes more strongly in education and its amelioration than I. But from teaching and my contacts with students I have found the majority of grade and high school students were appallingly ignorant and illiterate. It is true a small minority of students are quite as well prepared for their grade as a teacher could expect. When the standard set by schools is so low, they deserve much credit. But a large number of students in the 4th grade know enough to be in the first; a large number of those in the eighth know enough to be in the 4th; and a large number of those in the 12th probably know enough to be in the 8th. I never taught the twelfth.

If, as Dr. Duncan states, persons who had not finished the 7th grade were allowed to teach, it is highly incongruous that, at the same time, probably a good many with a bachelor's degree and some graduate work were unable to obtain positions. Personally, I had a sick mother for four years and also a farm, a home, and considerable livestock. I was hardly in a position to accept a teaching job, and made only tentative efforts to secure one, instead of being "out begging for a job," as charged by Mr. T. W. Ferguson. In the Winston-Salem Journal I discussed the amusingly confused situation in education, in which teachers without certificates were employed and some college graduates with A certificates were unable to obtain work. I was not seeking a job and I was not referring to myself alone. A prominent, wealthy farmer on the upper Yadkin, who is praised by everyone, seized the opportunity to abuse me for being in moderate circumstances and for differing with him on flood control, which had nothing to do with schools.

When teachers were required to pay one fourth of one month's salary toward the Democratic campaign fund just before the election in the autumn of 1938, I was teaching at Roaring River and readily made the contribution but thought so little of the scheme I denounced it in several newspaper articles. When Dr. Duncan, Rev. Mr. Lynch and others spoke at the courthouse in a mass meeting in Mr. Story's behalf, I was requested to speak also. The registrar in Antioch told the chairman of the Roaring River school board I must not be permitted to teach another day after my articles appeared. I did

teach until school closed but was not reelected, though I paid the levy.

I think the stand I took has militated against my securing a job to this day, but I am glad I took it. I had resigned because of my mother's illness; the new committeemen did not know it and probably fired me more over politics than because of poor order. I was removed as Democratic vice-chairman in Antioch.

The county superintendent is supposed to have told the former school chairman's wife I was incompetent to teach and that no one else with so little education as I had ever taught in Wilkes (Mr. Eller denied this). Mr. T. W. Ferguson claimed I am North Carolina's most illiterate inhabitant; intimidated the Martins, Linneys, and Corpenings were the families sociologists menat in studies of the jukes; and said I was lying in asserting I was a high school and college graduate and had taught at Wilkesboro and Roaring River. (This is a matter easily checked).

Once I failed half a year of college algebra, and I certainly know very little. I am very glad, however, that every person who ever taught in Wilkes had more education than one who was valedictorian of her class in the North Wilkesboro high school; attended Cox College, College Park, near Atlanta, for one semester (having been awarded a scholarship); attended Bluefield College half a quarter; received an A. B. from Woman's College and, according to some of the faculty, made the second or third highest grades in a class of 2751; and had done some graduate and extension work.

Besides politics, one thing wrong with schools is that students and teachers are bored, not interested, as Dr. Hubert Poteat suggested, more students are educated but educated less well. Pupils lack the hunger for learning they had years ago when Mamma taught music at Cove Creek and Vahiti, or when Papa taught at Moravian Falls.

RUTH LINNEY.

A community-wide, long-range agricultural program is now being drawn up for the Asheville area under the leadership of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

We wish to announce that, beginning **JANUARY 1, 1949**

the night bus operations were changed to the following schedule:

Leave North Wilkesboro For Millers Creek 5:05 P. M., 9:15 P. M.

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Leave North Wilkesboro For Fairplains 10:00 P. M., 11:50 P. M.

Leave Fairplains For N. Wilkesb'o 10:15 P. M., 12:10 P. M.

Leave N. Wilkesboro for Moravian Falls, Pores Knob and Boomer 5:45, 10:30, 12:20 P. M.

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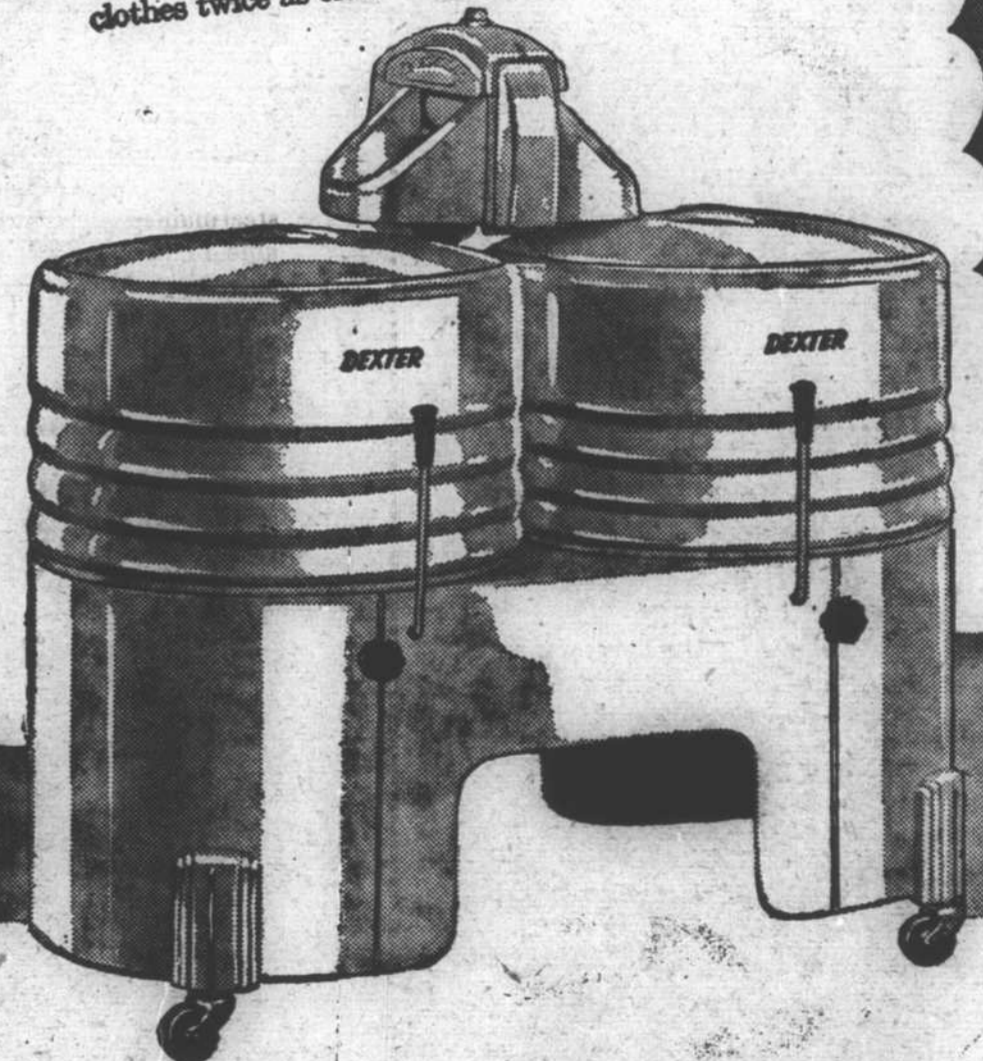
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