

Vance County Weekly Extension News

Sponsored by J. W. Sanders, county farm agent; M. Edmund Aycock, assistant farm agent, and Mrs. Hattie F. Plummer, home demonstration agent

Nothing adds more to the festive spirit of Christmas than a wide assortment of home-made candies, says Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent.

There should be several pounds of pulled mints, chocolate and caramel fudge, nut and fruit bonbons, and cherry caramels.

By following the simple rule of candy making and having faith in your own art rather than believing that luck plays a large part, a variety of candies can be made at home, Miss Current pointed out. Not only will the home made product be beautiful to look at but satisfying as well.

When a recipe calls for cooking to the "soft ball" stage of the "hard ball" stage, it means just that, she went on. This test is made by dropping a small amount of the boiling syrup in a half cup of cold water.

Then by feeling, one can judge whether the candy has reached the "soft ball" or "hard ball" or the stiffer stages called for in the recipe.

Miss Current declared that one of the most common mistakes made is that of heating candies as they are removed from the fire. This makes a grainy, sugary, inferior candy.

Fudge should be cooked to the "soft ball" stage, removed from the fire, and allowed to cool until lukewarm. Then it should be beat until the whole mixture has crystallized.

With an ample supply of candies on hand, there will be something to satisfy the sweet tooth of the hungry crowd of young people when they come in from a theatre party or to those guests who drop in.

Dairymen To Find Winter Profitable

Dairymen will probably find the winter of 1937-38 one of their most profitable since 1930, A. C. Kimrey, of State College, said in forecasting the North Carolina dairy situation.

He explained that the production of feed grains and hay in 1937 has been large in relation to livestock numbers and that feed prices during the current feeding season will average decidedly less than a year earlier.

Kimrey also pointed out that milk production per cow is likely to average the highest since the winter of 1931-32. An increase of three to five percent from October through next May over the like preceding period is expected. Most of this will occur after the first of the year.

In numbers, milk cows this winter will probably average about the same as last winter. There may even be a slight increase, Kimrey stated.

Feed prices already are lower in relation to dairy products, and in the next few months, feeders will be at a much greater advantage than they were last winter.

The number of milk cows, which is now six per cent less than the peak four years ago, appears to have passed the low point, the State College extension dairyman said. However, the number is still somewhat below average in proportion to population.

If the price of cattle continues high, as now seems probable, a point may be reached soon when large numbers of farmers will begin to hold back breeding stock to increase their herds. This would reduce the marketings of cows and heifers, Kimrey said, and

Mob Scene from a Pre-Christmas Play



New York is shown at the height of its annual Christmas shopping spree, with buyers jamming the aisles of department stores and sales girls wishing more ardently than any youngster that Santa would hurry up and get here. Millions jammed the department stores of Gotham. The picture above shows a small corner of a great store. (Central Press)

support or probably increase prices.

Question: What kind of eggs are best for hatching purposes?

Answer: Eggs for hatching should be clean, fresh, well-formed, of good shell texture with color conforming to requirements of the breed, and should weigh 24 ounces to the dozen. All round, short, or thin shelled eggs together with those having ridges around them should be discarded when selecting eggs for hatching. All eggs should be collected two or three times a day to prevent chilling and those selected for hatching should be stored in a cool place where the temperature does not fall below forty or rise above seventy degrees.

Question: How much tobacco seed should be used in seeding the plant bed?

Answer: One ounce of seed will be sufficient for 300 square yards of bed, but a more convenient measure is to use one tablespoonful of re-cleaned seed to each 100 square yards. The seed should be mixed with cottonseed meal, dry sand, ashes, or fertilizer before sowing, and a more uniform stand will be secured if half the seed is sown in one direction and the remaining seed sown across the bed at right angles to the first seeding. The bed is then packed by running a light roller over it, tamping it with the feet or with a board attached to the end of a short pole. For stiff, heavy soils the bed should not be tamped, but the seed should be whipped in lightly with a brush broom.

Question: Can leaf be preserved on the farm in the same manner as pork?

Answer: Yes. Any part of the beef carcass can be corncod, but as a usual thing the rounds or hindquarters are dried. Cut the meat into five or six pound chunks and rub with salt. Then pack in a clean vessel or hard wood or stoneware and cover with the pickle containing one and one-half pounds of salt, one ounce of salt peter, one-quarter-pound of sugar or syrup, and one gallon of pure water. Let the meat remain in the pickle for about two weeks and then smoke lightly to improve the flavor, hang in a cool place and use as needed.

FARM TENANTS IN 17 COUNTIES AIDED

Government To Assist Them In Becoming Owners of Their Property

Raleigh, Dec. 24—Seventeen North Carolina counties have been designated in which loans will be made before next June 30 to help farm tenants become owners, as authorized by the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act. The information was given out here today by Vance E. Swift, State Director of the Farm Security Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, who said he had just received the official announcement from Regional Director George S. Mitchell.

The state farm tenant committee recommended the counties selected. The counties designated for this state are: Caswell, Chatham, Cleveland, Edgecombe, Franklin, Guilford, Henderson, Hertford, Iredell, Madison, Onslow, Orange, Richmond, Robeson, Union, Washington and Wilkes.

Tenant purchase loans are being made during the first year to only a limited number of counties in each state, Mr. Swift said, in order that the \$10,000,000 appropriated for the first year may be fairly apportioned among the several states and in order that the administrative costs may be held to the minimum set by Congress. The distribution of funds by states has been made in accordance with farm population and the percentage of tenancy.

Not more than 10 nor fewer than five tenant purchase loans will be made this year in any one county selected. Applications for these loans will be filed with County Supervisors.

County Committees, consisting of three reputable farmers, will examine applications, appraise farm applications, purpose to purchase and recommend applicants who have the character, ability and experience deemed necessary for successful farm ownership. The money will be lent to aid tenant families to purchase and approve family-sized farms and to become more secure in their farming operations by the use of better farming practices.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Vance County, N. C., made in the special proceeding, entitled Bessie R. Finch and husband, S. W. Finch, E. C. Reavis and wife, Rose R. Reavis, Gladys R. Mabry and husband, C. J. Mabry, A. W. Reavis and wife, Nannie F. Reavis, P. F. Reavis and wife, Mae S. Reavis, Ruth R. Shaw and husband, J. T. Shaw, M. W. Reavis, (single), J. A. Reavis and wife, Curtis G. Reavis, heirs of W. Harvey Reavis, deceased, ex parte, the same being No. 4042 upon the special proceeding docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner will, on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1938, at 12 o'clock, at the courthouse door in Henderson, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Bound on the North by the lands of the heirs of John Smith, (now Henderson and Warrenton old road), on the East by the lands of Stephen Mabry's heirs, (now E. G. Finch's heirs), on the South by the lands of M. — Buchanan, (now Norman N. Harris), on the West by the lands of D. H. Reavis' heirs, it being that tract of 147 1-4 acres, (less 60 acres, and less 1-4 acre) of land bought by R. P. Reavis, W. H. Reavis and Charity Kearney from James A. Crews and wife, Martha A. Crews by deed dated December the 13th, 1877, which deed is duly registered in Warren County, N. C., in Book 42, Page 337, to which deed reference is hereby made. Also deed Book 8, Page 274, in Vance County Register of Deeds' office.

There is excepted from the above described tract of land, a 60 acre tract of land sold to C. B. Reavis, March 16th, 1914. See deed recorded in Register of Deeds' office, Vance County, N. C., Book 65, Page 153. There is also 1-4 of an acre excepted and reserved as a burial ground and is now used as such, with suitable ingress and egress. Excluding the above exceptions, this tract of land contains 87 acres, more or less.

This the 9th day of December, 1937.
E. C. REAVIS,
Commissioner.
R. E. Carter, Attorney.

Best Wishes For The Season Greetings To All

The Spirit Christmas makes us want to express our sincere appreciation of your patronage during 1937. Best wishes for a season of cheer and a New Year of happiness.

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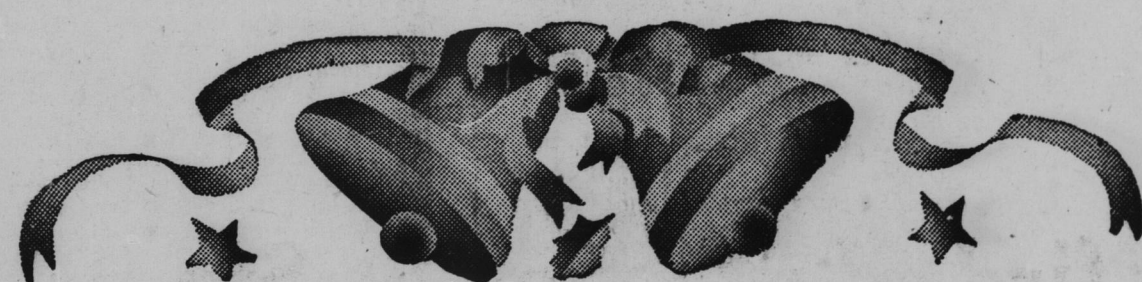


For Your Kindness And Consideration

The kindness you have shown us will linger as a bright spot in our past and will remain with us in the future as a happy memory.

With the merry notes of Christmas Cheer ringing may we show our appreciation by wishing for you and yours a joyous and happy season of mirth.

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We would like to see each of you personally and tell you how much we thank you for the part you have played in our successful year. We cannot do this so we take this means of thanking you and wishing for you and yours happiness through Christmas and New Year.

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M. W. Wester, Cashier.