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MILK SURVEY IS MADE OF COUNTY

Effort Being Made to See If Farmers Are Interested in Locating Cheese Factory.

(By W. L. Smarr, County Agent)
The milk survey for McDowell county is being made. A letter and a questionnaire card is being sent out this week to the farmers of the county to determine to what extent our farmers are interested in locating a cheese factory in Marion.

Mr. O. L. Darter, representative of the Kraft-Phenix Cheese Company, said that his company had decided to locate some cheese factories in this general section, neither the number nor the places having been decided. They are looking for locations that can eventually supply from 50,000 to 100,000 gallons of milk per day. (A gallon of milk weighs 8.6 pounds).

Milk is bought on the butter fat basis. The above company located a cheese factory in Ashe county the past July and has not paid less than 55c per pound for butter-fat. On this basis a good grade cow will produce \$125.00 worth of fat in one year.

Indications are that there is considerable interest in McDowell county for a cheese factory, or some kind of a market for dairy products. With a satisfactory local market for milk or cream on the butter-fat basis, the cow population of this county would grow by "leaps and bounds," just as the hen population has doubled and redoubled since the co-operative car shipments of poultry have provided a satisfactory market for all surplus poultry.

What is necessary in order that a county might be a leading dairy county? First the local conditions must be suitable for dairying; that is, our soils and climate must be favorable to the growing of crops required for successful dairying. All factors considered, I would say that McDowell county compares very favorably with any of the other counties in the state as to her possibilities in dairying. Corn and soybeans are the two most important crops grown for dairy feed, oats, barley, and stock beets being the other crops that should be grown, leaving only wheat bran and cotton seed meal to be purchased. Of course we must have a good pasture, and this does not mean running a few strands of barbed wire around some waste land and some timber land for the pasture but a real pasture made by sowing some of the best land in a mixture such as orchard grass, Kentucky blue grass, tall meadow oats grass, red top (herd's grass), timothy, red clover, alsike clover, white Dutch clover, Japan clover, (lespedeza) and probably some white sweet clover. I believe that the soil and climate of McDowell county are more favorable to the growing of these plants than the counties further east where most of the dairy interests of the state is located, and some of them to a better advantage than can be grown in the counties west of McDowell. Our cheapest milk is made from pasture grasses and clovers and of course, since milk is about 87 per cent water, cows should have access to an abundant supply of pure water. Our mountain and table land, with the rich coves, watered by the many tributaries of the Catawba river and of Broad river, offers many opportunities in dairying not equaled by many of the other counties.

With the soil and climate suitable to dairying, the second requirement for making a county a leading dairy county would be that the people must be "dairy minded". In looking around for an opportunity to make farming more profitable, observing the system of farming practiced by the most successful farmers, which almost invariably includes dairy cattle and other livestock, one becomes more interested in dairying (or dairy minded). McDowell county is making some progress in dairying, a larger acreage is being sown each year in pasture mixtures, and other crops for dairy cattle, many herds are being increased, more farmers are using only pure-bred bulls, and everywhere we find the farmers becoming more interested in dairying.

But where is the "Why" that we have not made more progress in dairying? I believe that the one

statement, "There is no use to keep any more cows, we do not have a market for our butter," would be the "why" given by a large majority of our people. One comes to town with some butter, fails to find a market for it, returns home and plans to produce only enough for home use. But instead of doing that, what should one do? He should study the market or come to the County Agent for help. There is only a very limited market for "country butter" and we will never develop our dairy industry with such a market. But there is an unlimited market for creamery butter, or for whole milk for the manufacture of cheese. If we had the whole milk, in sufficient quantity, there is no doubt in my mind about our getting a cheese factory, or if we had the milk and wanted the skim milk at home for the hogs and chickens, we could build a creamery in Marion. So many of our farmers have kept out of the dairy work for the apparent lack of a market, and of course no market has developed locally, since we have not had any milk to market.

We must first get the product before we get the market. If we study the market, learn the requirements, produce the product to meet the market demands, then I am sure we will find a ready market. L. G. Hollifield, of Nebo, said, "I have never produced anything that I have not found a ready market." He has always studied the market and then produced to meet the requirements.

If you have not filled out the questionnaire being used in making the milk survey, questionnaire cards may be secured from your country merchant, or from the Farm Supply Company, the McDowell Produce Company, the office of the Chamber of Commerce, or at my office, all of Marion. Get one, fill it out, and mail, no postage required.

The next step will be to begin now to lay plans for making your pasture, producing the necessary feed, and in increasing the number of your cattle, and in improving the quality by breeding to pure bred bulls. The spring of the year is a good time to make your pasture, or if your pasture land is not in good condition to sow a grass and clover mixture, steps should be made to get it in shape to sow early in the fall or next spring. Broom sage, or "broom straw", is taking many acres of pasture in this county. It is claimed that if such land is broken, given a good application of ground limestone and acid phosphate, and a mixture of grass and clover seed are properly sown, that you will get rid of the broom sage. The broom sage requires an acid soil, the ground limestone sweetens the soil, making the soil suitable for the growing of cultivated grasses and clovers and unfavorable for the growing of the broom sage.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION THIS WEEK

The board of county commissioners were in session Monday and Tuesday. Considerable routine work was transacted during the two days.

A large delegation from North Cove township appeared before the commissioners Monday and considerable time was taken up with the discussion of road matters and as to the appointment of road commissioners for this township. The appointment of commissioners was postponed by the commissioners until a later date.

The commissioners passed an order discontinuing the services of E. H. Dysart as county accountant, and Mrs. Chas. Burgin has been placed in charge of the office for the present. A special meeting of the board has been called for next Wednesday "for the purpose of appointing a county accountant, or delegating the duties of said office to some other officer," it is announced.

CAPTURE STILL

Deputy Sheriff C. L. Tate reports the capture of a copper still on the Southern branch in Old Fort Township last Sunday night. About fifty gallons of beer and other goods were destroyed with the outfit. No arrests were made.

Mr. Wm. Morris, brother of Attorney James Morris of Marion, died at his home at Westminster, Rutherford County, Sunday night, Feb. 24. He had been ill for some time. Mr. Morris was 79 years of age and is survived by three sons and two daughters, one brother and one sister.

See and hear the talking pictures at Oasis Theatre on Monday Mar. 11.

AGED CITIZEN DIES THURSDAY

Mrs. Z. S. Hawkins, Aged 91, Passes Away at Home of Her Son in Marion.

(Contributed)
Mrs. Z. S. Hawkins, better known to most of us as Aunt Caroline, departed this life last Thursday evening about eight o'clock, at the home of her son, Augustus Hawkins, in Marion. She was born September 27, 1837, in Rockingham county, which makes her age 91 years, 5 months, and a day. She suffered from no special malady; her soul had just outgrown the temple in which it had lived for these 91 years. She suffered some little several weeks prior to her death, but her going was easy. Her's was a Christian's exodus, the chiefest source of comfort to her beloved ones.

The deceased is survived by six children as follows: Mrs. W. H. Early, of Old Fort; Samuel Augustus, of Marion; W. H., Old Fort; J. R., Marion; Nelson J., Hendersonville; and Mrs. P. R. Simmons, Sugar Hill. There are 30 surviving grandchildren and 29 great grand children. Though not of blood relation, Mrs. N. M. Duncan, her sister-in-law, is regarded by the bereaved as also one of the family. Her husband, Spencer, preceded her to the grave on Thanksgiving Day of 1910. When just a girl she gave her heart to Jesus and has been a member of the Baptist church for some 70 years, all of which time she has lived a consistent and devoted Christian life.

The funeral took place on Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, with Rev. A. A. Walker in charge, assisted by Rev. C. L. Taylor, her former pastor; Rev. C. C. Grogan, her pastor, and Rev. Dixon, pastor of the M. E. Church at Bethlehem. Mrs. Hawkins was a member of this church and here her remains were interred. The pall bearers were chosen from among her grandsons, and the flower girls from among her grand daughters. The singing was in charge of Mr. Jesse Price.

The Hawkins lineage sustain in the loss of their mother a tender saint, a faithful mother, a devout Christian, and a loyal citizen of her country.

MISSIS WALLACE AND McCALL GIVE RECITAL

The following clipping from Wednesday's issue of the Greensboro Daily News will be of interest to friends here:

Miss Catherine Wallace, of Morehead City, and Miss Kathryn McCall, of Marion, both juniors in music at Greensboro College, were very warmly applauded yesterday at their joint recital in Odell auditorium. Each displayed fine qualities of interpretation and technique. The two collaborated in the final number, two movements in Suite from Opus 15 of Arensky.

Each held three single appearances. Numbers played by Miss Wallace were "Fantasia, C Minor" by Mozart, "Preludes 6, 3 and 21," of Chopin, "Hark, Hark, The Lark" by Liszt.

Miss McCall's numbers were "Sonata, Opus 10, Number 2" by Beethoven, "Impromptu, Opus 90, No. 1" by Schubert, "Humoresque" by Friml, "Lento" by Cyril Scott and "Sparks" by Moszkowski.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

McDowell Post No. 56 of the American Legion met Tuesday evening, Feb. 26, with H. E. Noell. About twenty-five Legionnaires gathered at 7 o'clock and were served a delightful supper, after which the regular monthly business meeting was held.

Civic activity was the center of interest, and views of different members were exchanged and discussed. The Legion voted to give one dollar per day toward free hospital care for charity patients for one year.

The March meeting will be held with Legionnaire Dr. J. F. Miller at the Hospital and all Legionnaires are urged and invited to attend.

NEGRO MINSTREL NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

A negro minstrel consisting of three negro comedies, with negro songs, will be given by the Glenwood High School students, at the school auditorium at Glenwood Friday evening, March 8th, at 7:30 o'clock.

MARCH 22 SET AS ARBOR, BIRD DAY

Governor Gardner Issues Proclamation Asking Observance Throughout The State.

Raleigh, Feb. 28. — Governor O. Max Gardner has set aside March 22 as Arbor and Bird day in North Carolina, to be observed by the schools and children of the state by appropriate exercises as arranged by the school authorities. Carolina forest week will be observed by both North and South Carolina the week of March 17-23, which includes Arbor day.

Governor Gardner's proclamation follows:

Having a deep interest in the rural dweller and his problems, and realizing the vital importance of trees and birds to the North Carolina landowner, an average of one-half of whose farm is best adapted to the production of timber crop, and knowing the value of our wood-using industries to the well-being of our state, and following the precedent set by former chief executives since the establishment by law of Arbor day:

I, O. Max Gardner, governor of the state of North Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim Friday, March 22, 1929, as Arbor and Bird day in North Carolina, to be observed by the schools and children of the state by appropriate exercises as set forth and arranged by the responsible school authorities with the object of imparting to the younger generation a real appreciation of the present and future value of our varied forest and wild life resources. The relation of birds to the control of the insect pests which increasingly menace our farm crops is only beginning to be understood, but we know that without their aid both farming and forestry would be impossible.

Our sister state of South Carolina is joining with us in observing Carolina forest week March 17-23, which includes our Arbor day, as an appropriate time to emphasize by word and action, the Arbor day lesson of love of tree and bird life.

I therefore urge all schools, women's clubs, luncheon clubs and other civic organizations as well as all individual citizens to encourage and take part in such suitable celebrations as tree planting, school exercises and other activities which will ensure the lesson of conservation during Carolina forest week and North Carolina Arbor day.

TALKING PICTURES AT THE OASIS NEXT WEEK

Oasis Theatre announces this week that the first talking pictures will be shown in Marion at their theatre on Monday, March 11th, consisting of a special program of singing and talking acts of about 30 minutes duration. Many Marion people have already seen and heard talking pictures at Asheville and other points, but this will be the first opportunity for most of the people of Marion to see and hear this wonderful new entertainment.

The Oasis also announces that, commencing with Thursday, March 21st, they will be equipped to show sound pictures regularly.

CIVIL TERM OF COURT ADJOURNED ON FRIDAY

Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, adjourned the civil term of superior court here last Friday evening, after a busy session of nearly two weeks. During the term a number of cases were non-suited and continued.

The cases of J. F. Elliott vs. The Teague Furniture Company resulted in a judgment being given the plaintiff for \$3500.

In the case of the Duke Power Company vs. Mrs. M. A. Kanipe et al., judgment was given the latter in the sum of \$1500.

PLAY AT PLEASANT GARDENS MARCH 15

The Senior Class of Pleasant Gardens High School will present a play, "Borrowed Money," at the Pleasant Gardens School auditorium Friday evening, March 15, at 7:30 o'clock. This play promises to be a real treat for all who attend.

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AVERAGE CORN YIELDS ENTIRELY TOO SMALL

Raleigh, March 4.—The standard acre yield of corn in North Carolina should be at least 50 bushels per acre and this is not too much to expect when planning the crop.

"If ever we are to really live at home in North Carolina, we must start with corn and produce on our own farms sufficient of this grain to supply the needs of the family and livestock," declares G. M. Garren, cereal agronomist at State College. "The average yield for this state is only 22.8 bushels at this time and for the five-year period from 1921 to 1925, inclusive, the yield was only 19.7 bushels per acre. This is entirely too small. Corn cannot be produced economically with such poor yields. The standard should be 50 bushels an acre and no man should spend time and money cultivating an acre of corn that will not produce this amount."

One of the best means of attaining this standard is through planting the highest yielding strains or varieties, says Mr. Garren. Just as some cows will give more milk than others, so will some varieties of corn yield more grain than others. This has been demonstrated countless times by tests made by the North Carolina Experiment Station.

In one series of tests conducted for five years on the several branch station farms and on the central farm at Raleigh, Mr. Garren found the difference between the highest yielding and the lowest yielding varieties, grown under the same conditions, to be 8.3 bushels per acre. This means an increase of 20 bushels in each hundred from variety influence alone. In this test 13 different varieties were used.

In addition to the use of better seed from selected strains, there are also the questions of better cultivation, fertilization, and other factors influencing corn yields, he says.

LETTER FROM MR. WOOD REGARDING LOCAL BILL

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 4, 1929. The Marion Progress, Marion, N. C.

Mr. Editor; I understand there has been a great deal of agitation throughout the County in reference to a bill that I introduced concerning the County Accountant's office. I wish to say, in justice to myself, that this bill bore the endorsement of every member of the Democratic Executive Committee except three, one of which was dead and the other two being county officers, together with the endorsement of precinct committeemen of those districts which do not bear the endorsement of the Chairman.

In the County Convention and on the stump, I stated that I would only support those measures concerning local affairs which met the approval of the Democratic Executive Committee. Immediately upon being informed on last Thursday that the majority of the Democratic Executive Committee wished to withdraw their endorsement, being thus pledged to carry out their wishes, I immediately withdrew the bill and tabled it.

I have tried to act consistently in all these matters and to carry out my promises made to the people of the county. The bill referred to may have been unwise but the responsibility for same does not rest upon me. I thought the people should know my position in this matter. My actions in all County affairs have been consistent with my promise.

Your obedient servant,
W. F. WOOD.

POULTRY SHIPMENT BRINGS \$1,774.56

The farmers of McDowell county sold 7,281 pounds of poultry at the car loading at Marion and Old Fort two weeks ago, according to County Agent W. L. Smarr. This was the fourth co-operative shipment for the year.

The shipment on February 26th and 27th brought a sum of \$1,774.56, Mr. Smarr stated. In this shipment 4,459 pounds was loaded at Marion and 2,822 pounds at Old Fort.

The Farmers Federation announces the next shipment will be made from Marion on Wednesday, March 13th.

The machinery for the Lake City Hosiery Mills arrived this week and is being installed. The mill will begin operation in a few days, it is announced.

HOOVER BECOMES NATION'S HEAD

Takes Oath As Steady Rain Drenches Capital; Pledges Self to Enforce All Laws.

Washington, Mar. 4.—The American people today with solemn ceremony placed Herbert Hoover in the highest office within their gift—that of President of the United States.

With a pelting, stinging rain falling, he swore to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States, kissed a verse in the Bible and began the gravest duty ever demanded of him in his life of far-flung activity. And, turning to his inaugural address, he made a pledge to enforce all laws, including the prohibition amendment, to the full extent of his ability.

Into office with this California engineer and orphaned Quaker went Charles Curtis, who had risen from an Indian reservation to the vice presidency. The two men then rode down the historic route from the capitol to the White House, bareheaded, rain beaten, but smiling their happiness over one of the most remarkable and enduring omissions given any President in recent years.

Four nearly four hours the thousands stood in the driving rain waiting to do honor to the foremost two Americans. They filled the long rows of water soaked stands lining the route; they perched upon perilous, slippery ledges of buildings flanking the street. Dripping windows were filled with peering faces, and roof tops were heavy with humanity.

CHEVROLET DEALERS MEET IN GREENSBORO

A. K. Weaver Attends Conference—1,250,000 Cars Built This Year.

Chevrolet Motor Co. has established as its 1929 production quota 1,250,000 passenger cars and truck units, according to A. K. Weaver, who has just returned from Greensboro, where he was in conference with factory and zone sales executives.

He was enthusiastic in his comment on the meeting, which drew in to Greensboro 500 dealers from North Carolina. They convened at the National Theatre Friday afternoon, where they witnessed the most unique sales meeting ever sponsored by any company in the industry. Following the meeting there was a banquet at the King Cotton hotel, featured by an elaborate entertainment.

At the afternoon meeting he heard from the lips of M. D. Douglas, assistant general sales manager, the most inspirational sales discussion he has ever heard since he entered the automobile business. Mr. Douglas, according to Mr. Weaver, made the unqualified prediction that not only would Chevrolet build 1,250,000 automobiles during the present year, but that the cars would be sold as quickly as they were produced. Last year, according to Mr. Douglas, Chevrolet sustained its position as the world's largest automobile manufacturer, with a production of 1,200,000 automobiles.

The Greensboro gathering was one of a series of 40 such meetings which Chevrolet is conducting throughout the country during the next six weeks. No large center in the country has been overlooked on the itineraries, which take three crews of ranking factory executives to every section in a complete coverage of the country.

P. O. S. of A. NEWS

Washington Camp No. 40, P. O. S. of A., held its regular meeting Monday night, March 4th. Several members were present and a very interesting meeting was had. Four candidates were balloted on and elected to membership, the committees having previously reported favorable on the applications of Virgil W. Bradburn, E. W. Parker, H. R. Hall and W. E. Duncan. Next Monday night Bro. P. D. Mangum will be present and has a real interesting subject to talk upon. All members please attend. Also will have some refreshments and the newly elected members will be given the obligations.

ROY J. ELLIS, Pres.

J. R. Sams, Extension Specialist in Pasture Work, will be in the county on April 15-16-17th.