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Johnston Farmer On Curing Meat

G. B. Smith Explains How He Wins Blue Ribbons At State Fair.

By PROF. L. H. MCKAY, Animal Industry Division, State College of Agriculture.

G. B. Smith, of Smithfield, Route No. 1, Johnston County, who took blue ribbons in the ham, shoulder and bacon classes, as well as served second premiums, in the first cured meat show held at the State Fair last October, has given his method of curing and handling meat. The cured meat he exhibited was uniformly of excellent quality, and won in stiff competition particularly in the ham class; so the methods he uses should be of interest to every one putting meat into cure this killing season.

Mr. Smith kills his hogs when about ten months old, at which time they weigh from 175-225 pounds. He considers that these give him the best hogs, then spreads the pieces out, and allows them to cool over night, thus making sure that the heavier cuts such as hams and shoulders are thoroughly cooled out. By so doing, he reduces his chance of loss from "souring at the bone" to a minimum. The next morning he trims the hams, shoulders and bacon sides and puts them into cure. With every 100 pounds of meat he uses the following mixture:

8-10 lbs. salt.
11-5 lb. brown sugar.
8 oz. black pepper.
1-4 oz. saltpeter.

He mixes all well together, then rubs each piece thoroughly, using plenty of the mixture.

Instead of using salt alone, he packs the meat down in one corner of a smoke house and lets it lie in the mixture until he considers it cured, usually for about four weeks, the time depending on the size of the cuts and the weather. All of the meat is then taken out of cure and smoked for a week or ten days with hickory wood, then washed in hot water with a scrub brush. Next, parched meal, black pepper, and borax is rubbed on the flesh side. Each piece is wrapped well in paper, and then placed in cloth bags with a hole in the bottom and so hanging in the smoke house that the meat cannot get to the meat.

Mr. Smith attributes the excellent quality, firmness and flavor of his meat more to his custom of taking the meat out of cure early than to anything else. He says that if the weather turns warm, he takes his meat out of cure in less than four weeks.

Points In Meat Curing

Another good point is that Mr. Smith pays attention to the weather. Not only does he watch the proper killing weather before he butchers his hogs, and puts

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me



wishes every body a merry Christmas. I wish dem what's best, an' wishes dem what's best, I wishes dem what's best.

Genius



BILLIE HILL, only seven years of age, lives in Los Angeles and is predicted to be the "coming genius of the violin," by Efreim Zimlist. Such words coming from so great a master is praise indeed.

Recorder's Court Has A Busy Day

Several Found Guilty of Violating the Prohibition Laws.

The Recorder's Court, in session here on Tuesday, the 29th, disposed of the following cases on the criminal docket:

Alonzo Wall, of Wilders town, was fined for disposing of mortgaged property and found not guilty.

A. Z. Purter was found guilty of operating a car while under the influence of whiskey. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Brack Davis was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws and was discharged upon payment of costs.

Judie Conner was tried for violating the prohibition laws and found guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the costs.

Claude Stanley plead guilty to violating the prohibition laws and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost of the action.

On a charge of assault W. C. Taylor was found not guilty.

Paul, Edward, Jimmie and Lester Harbour all plead guilty to a charge of assault. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs, and the defendants discharged.

Edwards was tried for violating the prohibition laws and found guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of rents and costs.

Ed Jones was tried and found guilty of an assault with an automobile. The court imposed a \$100 fine and taxed the defendant with the cost of the action. From this judgment he took an appeal to the Superior Court. He was required to give an appeal bond of \$300.

SISTER OF MR. J. D. UNDERWOOD DEAD

Mr. J. D. Underwood was called to Wayne county Monday night on account of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. John Grantham. She had suffered a stroke of paralysis and passed away about midnight Monday night. She was buried Tuesday afternoon at the Grantham family graveyard, Rev. J. M. Duncan, of Calypso, conducting the funeral. The deceased was about 63 years of age. Those attending the funeral from this city were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Jones and Mrs. C. B. Register.

"Fertilizer Recommendations for North Carolina Soils" is the title of a recent publication issued by the Agricultural Extension Service at State College. A copy of this folder may be secured by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

Hollywood Party In Train Wreck

Johnston County Folks on Train That Was Wrecked But No One Hurt.

News reached here Tuesday that the Florida special carrying the Hollywood party conducted by Mrs. Thomas A. Wadden to the "Land of Flowers," was wrecked near Florence, S. C. Messages however, were to the effect that no one was hurt, and a fourteen hour delay was perhaps the greatest discomfort.

Mrs. Wadden, who has taken several parties from Johnston county, to Hollywood during the past few months, had one of the largest crowds this time of any trip yet. They left Smithfield about eight o'clock Monday evening. About three o'clock Tuesday morning, at a point near Florence, S. C., the engine left the track and was turned over. The engineer is said to have realized trouble and was slowing down when the accident happened which prevented the derailment of the cars and probable casualties. A message from Mrs. Wadden praises the work of the crew, and characterized the engineer as a real hero, who handled the situation admirably. No cause was assigned the wreck.

After a few hours delay the journey south was resumed but the return will probably be somewhat later than was at first expected.

Those from Johnston county who were on the wrecked train were: Messrs. Chas. B. Register, Sam Stallings, Misses Ann Flowers, Hattie Stephenon, Mrs. W. H. Austin, Mrs. W. W. Cole, Miss Luna Pearson, Mrs. E. B. Borden, Little Misses Ellen Broadhurst and Nell Morgan Broadhurst this city, Mr. Edwin Woodall, of Smithfield, route 2, Mrs. Hales, Mrs. Edgerton and Miss Martha Lee North of Kenly, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massengill and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grady of Four Oaks, Messrs. Herman Williams and L. D. Adams of Pleasant Grove, Messrs. Jasper Boyett and Wilbur Wiggs of Princeton.

CLINIC FOR CRIPPLES TO BE HELD AT WILSON

Cheer has been brought to the hearts of many cripples of this county by the possibility of improvement through the treatment offered them by the Lion's Orthopaedic Clinic at Wilson. This clinic is held on the first Saturday of each month in the offices of the County Health Department at the new courthouse in Wilson. The next meeting will be on Saturday, January 2.

Crippled children and disabled men and women with clubbed feet, deformed backs, crippled hands, arms, and legs are having their deformities corrected through the treatment afforded them free of charge by this clinic.

At the first session of this clinic on December 5, forty-seven cripples were examined and many received treatment. A number were found who cannot be treated in clinic, but require operations necessitating their going to Raleigh where a hospital bed is furnished by the Kiwanis Club of the city or to the State Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia.

This clinic is sponsored and supported by the Lion's club of Wilson, which brings Dr. Hugh Thompson, one of the leading orthopaedic surgeons of the state to Wilson each month for the examination and treatment of the cripples of Wilson and adjacent counties. Every disabled resident of this county is invited to attend the clinic.

Three Stills Captured

Three big copper stills and complete outfits were captured in Wayne and Lenoir counties last week by federal officers. All three stills were located near White Hall. One of the stills was in operation when the officers found it but it had been deserted and no arrests were made. Twelve hundred gallons of beer were seized and destroyed.

COLD WAVE HAS GRIPPED NATION

Asheville Had Lowest Temperature in North Carolina -- Reached Zero.

MERCURY ON CLIMB

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—North Carolina shivered under the coldest weather of the winter Sunday night and early yesterday. One fatality was reported, Capt. C. K. Hancock, of New Bern, being found dead in a ditch where it is supposed he fell after losing his way while returning to his hunting lodge from the home of a near-by farmer.

Charlotte reported the coldest December 28 in forty-seven years, the mercury falling to 9°. Eight degrees was the minimum in Raleigh.

Asheville was the coldest city in the State with a thermometer reading zero yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Hickory reported four degrees above. The reading at Wilmington was 11 degrees at minimum and great damage to cabbage and lettuce reported. Winston-Salem reported a minimum of 7 and Salisbury the same.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—AP.—The holiday zero wave which overspread almost the entire country was broken today.

While cold weather, in many sections below the season's normal, is expected for a day or two, the backbone of the wave was smashed when changing winds throughout the Middle West caused the mercury to start a climb that cleared the zero mark by a comfortable margin.

A toll of upward of two scores of lives, a property loss estimated at \$1,000,000 in Chicago alone and interference with transportation facilities and wire communications were recorded.

The largest death toll was in Chicago, where 17 persons died in four days. Half a dozen persons were found frozen to death.

REPORT OF UNITED WELFARE ASSOCIATION

A special called meeting of the United Welfare Association occurred at the home of the president, Miss Mattie Hou, on the evening of Dec. 17, eleven members being present. A committee composed of Rev. S. L. Morgan, Rev. A. J. Parker, and Mr. H. V. Rose was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

One family assisted, in which the husband and father is a bed-ridden invalid, from tuberculosis. This wife is obliged to remain at home to care for him and six children, all under sixteen years old. The only income for the entire family is \$9.00 per month from the outside pauper fund of the county. Mr. Rose used \$33.15 from the Community Fund to buy clothing and food for this family.

Another family helped consisted of a widow and her 12-year-old daughter. The mother has tuberculosis and heart trouble, but works when she is able. Groceries were bought for them in the sum of \$5.01. The names of these beneficiaries are recorded in the minutes of the association and will be given to anyone desiring to know them.

Since this meeting, the extreme cold weather has caused suffering in other instances, which will be reported at the next regular meeting of the association which will be on Thursday night following the first Monday in January. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The regular business meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church will be held at the church Monday afternoon at three o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

"Kid Mayor"



WASHBURN, WIS., has the youngest Mayor of any municipality in America. Paul Ungrodt was elected to reform the town when hardly more than a boy. Now, at the age of 23, he has made a great success of his administration, handling the city's affairs with rare judgment for one of so limited experience.

Folks At Co. Home Enjoy Christmas

Various Committees In County Provide Things For Christmas Tree.

Tiny Tim's "and God bless us every one," seems to have been the Christmas spirit in Johnston county this season and as a result the inmates of our county home are rejoicing over their many blessings.

Through the Welfare Officer, the different Advisory Welfare Committees over the county, were asked to help make Christmas happy for our Home, and their generous response brought a fine assortment of fruit, candies, nuts, cocoanuts, snuff and tobacco, raisins and gifts to be placed on the beautiful Christmas tree which was decorated and on which an appropriate gift was placed for every inmate by the generosity of Smithfield. The Intermediate-Senior department of the Methodist Sunday school gave an appropriate Christmas program. Christmas dinner was provided by the Methodist Missionary Society of Smithfield.

Not only did generous response come from our white committees all over the county, but the colored committees as far as the Long Branch School community of Meadow sent a fine check for fruit, and the colored committees of Selma with Mrs. Roberta Bunn as its capable and energetic chairman, contributed clothing for the wife and seven children of one of our unfortunate ones beside a very generous contribution to the colored inmates of the Home.

Mr. D. C. Smith, superintendent of the Home joins the inmates and Welfare officer in thanking every committee, club, and organization which helped to make Christmas so happy, and in wishing a very happy New Year for Johnston county.

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take each of the three hundred and sixty-five days.
Now coming to us along sunny days,
And put into it just as much as you have may
Of cheery hard work and of jolly good play;
And every once or twice in a while
Just tuck in a corner a glad little smile;
Then fill all the spaces below
As full as can be of kindness and love;
Just follow this rule—you'll have it is clear,
The happiest kind of Happy New Year.
—Selected.

Farmers Meeting Here Next Monday

Each Township To Be Represented In Organization County Board of Agriculture.

A good many of the leading farmers of Johnston county have been busy lately getting things ready to place the county on the map where she was a few years ago and where she rightly belongs. They say that in order to do this there must be some organization through which to work. The first Monday in January at eleven o'clock at the courthouse in Smithfield has been set for perfecting a board of agriculture. According to our information, aside from the reorganization of the old board of agriculture through which the issues will be fostered there will be standing committees of three for each special object or job at hand with authority to act. For instance a committee of three on roads whose duty will be to make investigations and suggestions for the Executive Committee of five, of the board of agriculture relative to put the "cross roads" of the county in condition so that a car can go over them at all times. A similar committee on schools over the county; another on cooperative marketing; another on cooperative production of uniform good cotton, corn sweet potatoes and so on. In fact a cooperative seed growers' association is proposed to furnish pure seed for the county and other adjoining counties. All these are to be discussed at the meeting. The one big aim of the meeting is to get old Johnston started on the road to more prosperity and contentment by cooperation. The business men of the town in the county will be asked to lend a hand also, later.

The women of the farm are especially invited because the program for 1926 calls for home beautifying and home economics and it would not be much of a committee for that phase without women on it. The farmers' room in the basement of the courthouse is reserved for the folks to eat their dinners in if they wish to bring their dinners. Coffee can be cooked in the room on an oil stove provided.

After completing the county organization the different township representatives will be requested to go back home and organize one for each township. Then one elected member from each township will make up the county board of directors of seventeen members which will meet every first Monday. Each township will then have one spokesman for its cause. Every farmer in the county is here urged to be present and help his county out. Think about you want for your officers and directors. Come and have your say next Monday for, later it may be too late, say the ones who are anxious about the farmers conditions here.

JUNIUS PARKER HEADS A. T. CO. DIRECTORATE

Chairman of Board of American Tobacco Company—Charles Penn, Reidsville Vice Pres.

Since the recent death of Percival Hill, president of the American Tobacco company, Junius Parker, formerly of Graham, later and for the past several years resident of New York, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the company. Mr. Parker, a brother of E. S. Parker, of this city, has for several years been associated with the company. In 1899 he became assistant general counsel for the company and in 1912 was made general counsel. It is understood that he has practically given up a large law practice in New York to give his full time to the duties of chairman of the board of directors of the mammoth concern. Mr. Parker was here on a visit a few days ago.

Another native North Carolinian, Charles A. Penn, formerly of Reidsville, is also a member of the board and is first vice-president in the organization.—Greensboro News.

Note: Mr. Parker has a number of relatives in this city.

New Cue Champ



HERE IS Edward Horemans, Belgian cue sensation whose skill wrested the World's Billiard Crown from the brow of young Jake Shaeffer. This is the same crown that Willie Hoppe held for so many years. Who's next?

JNO. TURLINGTON DIES AT BENSON

Was Stricken With Paralysis While Members of the Family Were At the Home of Mother For Christmas Dinner.

OTHER BENSON NEWS

Benson, Dec. 31.—Mr. John M. Turlington died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ellie Turlington on Christmas day. All the children who live here were having dinner with their mother. Soon after the meal was finished, Mr. Turlington suffered a stroke of paralysis and only lived a short time. He had not been well for several months, but was feeling as well as usual on this day. His death was a great shock to the community. The funeral was conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon with interment in the Benson cemetery. The Junior order had charge of the services at the grave. Surviving him are the widow and one young daughter, his mother, and three sisters: Mrs. Royal Hudson, Misses Sarah and Mary Turlington, and one brother, Mr. Jesse Turlington, of Hendersonville.

Mr. Rifton Kernodle and Miss Ruth Lawhon were married last Thursday at the home of her father, Rev. O. R. Keller, the bride's pastor, officiating. Only a few friends attended the ceremony. The bride was dressed in a blue georgette with accessories to match. Mrs. Kernodle is the only daughter of Mr. J. M. Lawhon and has a number of friends here who will be interested in her wedding. Mr. Kernodle is with the Hedrick Construction Company in Winterhaven, Fla. The young couple will make their home in Winterhaven.

Dr. F. L. Perkins entertained his Sunday school class which is composed of young boys at his residence Thursday evening. Each boy invited a young lady and after a delightful evening of various games, refreshments were served. At the Kiwanis luncheon last evening the college boys and girls of Benson were guests of the club. In the absence of President A. S. Oliver, Mr. H. A. Parker presided. Mr. Alonzo Parrish made the address of welcome which was responded to by Mr. Annie Lee Denning and Mabel Herman Strickland, who is attending the State University. Misses Johnston, of G. C. W., Greensboro, sang a duet. Messrs. C. T. Johnson and S. P. Honeycutt and C. C. Canaday delighted the club with a trio. Henry Slocum had charge of the program and it was one of the most delightful entertainments the club has had. Several rich stunts were put on by Chairman Slocum. An appetizing menu was served by the North

Misses Lomie and Hazel Pike, of Raleigh, and Miss Glenda Hodge, of Kenly, spent Christmas with their aunt, Mrs. J. N. Wiggs. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wiggs visited relatives in Kenly on Christmas day.

Miss Ida Parker spent Christmas in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McLean and daughters, of Raleigh, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Atkinson.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Leonard spent last week end with Mr. Leonard's parents near Lexington. Mrs. T. J. Hogard and Miss Ruth Council, of Norfolk, and Mr. Claude Norfleet, of Suffolk, Va., are visiting the family of Mr. W. H. Etheridge.

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Special Service On Christmas Day

Selma Finds True Christmas Spirit In Program Given at M. E. Church.

Selma, Dec. 30.—On Christmas day at five o'clock a most impressive service was conducted at the Edgerton Memorial church. Long white tapers shed a soft light over the decorations which consisted of pine ferns and holly. A Christmas carol "Peace On Earth" was sung by the congregation after which a beautiful prayer was offered by Mrs. Joe Morgan. Another Christmas song by the congregation after which Rev. A. M. Mitchell told a Christmas story. Mrs. M. R. Wall sang a beautiful solo. This was followed by the singing of several carols by the congregation, after which Mr. Eric Massey sang "Holy Night" in a most impressive manner. After singing "Joy to the World" Rev. C. H. Cashwell dismissed the congregation with a short prayer. To Miss Margaret Etheridge, Miss Mildred Perkins and Mr. M. R. Wall goes the credit for the arrangement of this, one of the most beautiful services held during the Yuletide. Those who attended went away with the deep consciousness that the true Christmas spirit was prevalent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Godwin, of Gastonia, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Benoy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard visited relatives in Benson Tuesday.

Mr. H. T. Moye, of Goldsboro, spent Christmas day with friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kirby and little daughter, Margaret, have returned from Fremont where they spent Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McMillan spent last week end in Red Springs with Mr. McMillan's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitley, of Florence, S. C., spent part of the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Parker have returned from a visit to Clinton. Mr. Fletcher Furell, of Pine Level, visited friends in Selma Sunday.

Mrs. M. T. Candler spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mr. W. G. Ward spent Christmas with his family in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wainston, of Roxobel, visited Mrs. Herbert Ward during the holidays.

Miss Dorothy Ward of Greenville, is spending this week with Miss Thelma Ward.

Mrs. W. G. Ward and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Greenville, are visiting Mrs. Ed O'Neal.

Mrs. B. Lucy Hoge, Mr. J. P. Hoge and Miss Nettie Hoge, of Greensboro, and Mr. Robt. H. Hoge from V. P. I. Blacksburg, Va., spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Vick.

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