

FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S COLUMN

Some of the weather men are predicting a cold summer for 1926. We hope they are wrong. However, if they are right in their prophecy the people in the South will not be hit as hard as those in the North. Those who have a large acreage of grass and plenty of the right sort of livestock will be able to weather it better than those who depend upon cultivated crops. Our weather men are becoming more sure in their prophecies each year and it is a wise farmer who keeps himself posted on their work.

Mr. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist for the Mountain Counties, spent the week of Nov. 2 to 7 in the county, holding orchard demonstrations in 7 different orchards. The attendance at these demonstrations was not as large as it should have been but made up in the interest expressed for a good part of what it lacked in numbers. Mr. Niswonger demonstrated at these meetings the proper method of pruning fruit trees and fully convinced those present that he knew his subject and that there is a right and a wrong way to prune a tree; that the tree thru the way it is pruned can be made to bear late in life or that the bearing age can be hastened. A great many of the apple trees of the county have been delayed in their bearing of fruit thru wrong methods of pruning. What is needed is a lighter use of the pruning knife and more attention to the fertility of the soil. Orchards that have been handled under the direction of Mr. Niswonger in other counties have been changed from non-bearers to profitable bearing orchards.

Specimens of fruit that were shown by different orchard owners in the county strengthened our opinion that there is a big place for more orchards in Madison County and that such orchards, properly handled, would mean a large addition to the cash income of the farmers who own them. Mr. Niswonger will be back in the spring to give more demonstrations in orchard work.

Every once in a while some one says that what Marshall needs is a creamery. They do not realize the amount of product a creamery must turn out to make it profitable. No one who is acquainted with the creamery business advises the building of a creamery where there are less than 500 cows to supply it with cream. Taking this into consideration it's clearly evident that Madison is not ready for a creamery.

At this time there is less than an average of two milk cows to each farm in the county cream and butter. Practically all of these cows are beef animals and are not profitable producers. It would be fine to have a creamery in Madison but at the same time there is a question if it is needed. Asheville promises a market for a large amount of milk now and no doubt will continue to want milk in the future. When we have supplied this market then it is time to talk creamery.

No one need hesitate about milking cows on account of the market for what they produce; there are markets waiting for cream and anyone who can fill a five gallon can with cream in a week and get a market for it.

Today that market will pay around 48 to 50 cents a pound

for the butterfat in the cream.

Saturday while in a grocery store, a customer brought in a few pounds of butter to sell the merchant. The grocer was obliged to refuse it, he was loaded up with butter. We asked this grocer what he was paying for butter; the reply was 30 cents. We do not doubt for a minute that he was paying all he could afford. Much of this butter is not of such a quality that he can sell it at all. He can not sell white and yellow streaked butter nor butter that carries numerous distinct flavors. This is where creamery butter has the advantage, it is made uniform in quality, attractive in appearance, and the buyer knows what he is getting. It seems very poor business to make and sell butter for 30 cents a pound when a creamery is ready and willing to pay close to 50 cents for the butter fat. One pound of butter fat that will net the seller 48 cents will make one and one-sixths pounds of butter at the most that will sell for about 35 cents. If you have not enough cows to fill a five gallon can of cream each week in addition to what you use at home and have more than you can use at home you had best get rid of the extra cows, for you cannot produce fat and sell it for 30 cents and make a profit, or else get 2 or 3 more cows and prepare to reach a market that pays you some profit.

We would advise not rushing the turkeys off to market; take a little time and inquire into the markets before accepting the first offers. There promises to be a good demand for turkeys up into January.

Take care of the pullets, especially the early hatched ones that are laying or give promise of laying soon. It is the eggs that reach the market during the winter months that get the high prices. Remember that it takes feed to make eggs. Remember that grain will not make a complete egg, that material not furnished in enough quantity by the grain is demanded; this material is found in sour milk, buttermilk, fish meal and meat scraps and for most economical production the fowl must have a certain amount of this. A hen cannot make egg shells without some lime to make them out of; ground oyster shells will prevent soft shelled eggs. Perhaps you would do well to ask the county agent for a feed sheet for poultry.

From ALLANSTAND

We had a very interesting ball game last Thursday two weeks ago with Cook Farm school boys. We beat them by 18-17.

We also had another game last Thursday, Allanstand beating, 35-17. The people seemed to enjoy the game very much.

There will be a box supper at Brigman Chapel Saturday evening, Nov. 21, 1925. In order that we may raise funds for the Christmas tree. Everyone is invited. Bring your pocket-book.

Miss Mary Rice spent the week-end with Miss Emma Shelton.

Mrs. Sim Chandler spent the week-end with her sister, on Pine Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Cook spent the night with Mr. and

Mrs. Oscar Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Shelton, of Flag Pond, Tenn., spent the week-end with their son, Mr. Stephen Shelton. Mr. Shelton took an interesting part in the meeting at Brigman Chapel. Mrs. Andy Shelton and daughter were the guests of Mrs. Stranger Gosnell Sunday. Rev. Mr. Woodard Thomas spent the night with Mr. Stranger Gosnell. Miss Gladys Gosnell, Stacie Chandler and Lindy Chandler were visiting Miss Inez Chandler Sunday afternoon. Mr. Mitchell Gosnell and Wallace Chandler, of Allanstand, went hunting the other night, reporting that they didn't catch anything, only a bad cold. Mrs. Mitchell Gosnell and Lindy Chandler took dinner Sunday with Mrs. Val Gosnell. Best wishes to News-Record and all its readers.

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From ALEXANDER

Mr. Robert Thompson, who is in school at Bingham, spent the week-end with his parents, at Alexander.

Miss Deamie Sluder has entered the French Broad High School.

Mr. Wilburn Sluder got his eye hurt while sawing wood.

Mr. J. M. Woodson was at Alexander Friday on business.

Mr. J. W. Keys went to Asheville Saturday on business.

Miss Susie Keys spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parker.

Mr. Bill Messer has moved to the Keys and Ramsey Farm. Mr. Cart Cox and Miss Ardeal Foster were quietly married Thursday. We wish them good luck.

Mr. Russel Roberts and family are planning on moving to their new home on the Weaver-ville road Tuesday November 11.

The DeBruhl brothers are very busy working the roads.

Tom Cain is still carrying the mail from the Postoffice to the Depot.

A party of The French Broad High School girls and boys went on a picnic Thursday afternoon and reported a nice time.

Mr. Venie Shepherd who has been working on the Highway has quit and returned to his home at Swiss, N. C.,



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From BULL CREEK

We did not have any Sunday School Sunday on account of the weather.

Miss Elizabeth Hunter is very ill. She has been out of school now over one week.

Mrs. T. J. Guthrie was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W.

K. Hunter, last week-end.

Mr. N. K. Carson is hauling in his winter's supply of wood this week.

Mrs. Etta Merrell and family were the afternoon guests of

Mrs. W. K. Hunter Sunday evening.

Grady Clark has gone on the warpath against rabbits. I think it is to train some young

hounds to run.

S. E. Moore is hauling wood to Mars Hill.

Mr. Cline Guthrie was a guest of Miss Daisy Phillips Thursday evening.

Best wishes for the News-Record.

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SOME GOOD THINGS

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OUR LINES ARE COMPLETE

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The Comic Strip
ANNOUNCE GOES
COOKING FOR BRIDES
FIRST GRAB THE CAN IN THE LEFT HAND SECOND THE CAN OPENER IN THE RIGHT

MECKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

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GEE, I WISH I WAS A TRAMP 'YA DONT HAVE TO WORRY OR WASH HER FACE NEER DO AN'WHIN' YA DONT WANT TO

OH, I HATE ME WORRIES 'YOO

WHAT DYA SPOSE A HOOB LIKE HIA WORRIES ABOUT? I CAN IMAGINE! I BETTER LOOK INTO THIS!

Good Reason to Worry

I WORRY ABOUT MONEY

I DIDNT SUPPOSE YOU HAD ANY

I AINT!