

### FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S COLUMN

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**THE FARM TOUR** starts July 19th., at 9 o'clock from Marshall, at 10 o'clock from Mars Hill. 6 days of your time devoted to getting pleasure and information that will be valuable. See your district's representative on the Board of Agriculture and tell him that you are going. DO IT NOW.

#### A PULLET LAYS HER FIRST EGG AT 4 MONTHS OF AGE

—One of the pullets in the flock of Barred Rocks owned by the writer laid her first egg at 1 day under 4 months of age. The pullet was hatched on February 22nd. and laid her first egg on June 21st. The egg was perfect in form but a little small. Years of breeding for egg production behind this pullet together with proper development of the pullet made this feat possible. Get good stock and take good care of it and the results are almost a certainty.

#### MORE CREAM THIS WEEK—

Monday, the cream station operated by Rudisill's had its biggest day. On this day 234.8 lbs. of fat was received. This fat brought 35c a pound or a total of \$82.14. This fat might have made 274 lbs. of butter under very good conditions. This butter if sold at 25c a lb. pound would have sold for \$13.64 less than the fat brought; at 20c a pound the producer would have lost \$27.34 by making the fat into butter. There were two new patrons. The question is 'Why Churn when the fat will sell for more than the butter'. It isn't business. BRING IN YOUR CREAM!

#### NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES—

We humans are much given to complaining about our lot. Men in all lines of endeavor bemoan the disadvantages under which they work. Farmers, the country over, are no exception to this; the farmer of another section has an easier time as we see it. The farmer of Madison County, himself is no exception; he looks with envy on the farmers of East Tennessee or some other place that attracts them at the time. How much better it would be if they would consider their climate, their soil, their market, and what they can produce to a greater perfection than the other farmer can and turn their efforts into more productive channels.

Since coming here we have

endeavored to call the attention of the people to the opportunities offered by our climate, our soil, and our market facilities in the way of fruit growing, poultry raising, and dairying. Many have come to agree with our idea as to poultry and are starting to grow flocks of standard-bred chickens. A number are beginning to see the possibilities in milking some good cows and are receiving a tidy sum for their efforts. Of course, the results obtained in either of the lines of endeavor are dependent upon the quality of the stock which is being kept upon the personal of the caretaker, and on the sort of care and feed which the stock receives. Good blood in stock is of no value without there is 'good blood' in the caretaker, and both of these are of no value unless the right sort of care and of feed is used.

Getting started in fruit growing is perhaps a little slower. Especially is this true with the tree fruits, apples, peaches, cherries; with the small fruits the time between setting the plants and harvesting the fruit is comparatively short. One can set strawberries this year and reap a good harvest next year; two years from setting raspberries, black and red, and blackberries will commence to bear; in three or four years, grapes will yield a few bunches. Any of these small fruits do exceptionally well here, our climate, the soil seem especially suited to their growth. This is borne out by the profusion in which they grow wild. It is probable that the fact that they grow wild so abundantly is the cause of the little attention they receive in the home garden. The cultivated fruits are however far ahead of the wild fruits in appearance, in size, and in quality. The cultivated fruits are in demand on the markets of Asheville and Knoxville. Black and red raspberries will sell on either of these markets for as high as 75c a quart. Strawberries, while not as high as this, easily find a market at a profitable price.

Monday afternoon of this week we were at Mrs. Safford's place in Hot Springs, and Mrs. Safford very kindly showed us about her garden. This visit only confirmed in our own minds the wonderful possibilities that this section offers in the way of fruit growing. In this garden were small berries

of all sorts, strawberries, black, yellow and red raspberries; black and white blackberries, loganberries, Himalayan berries; cherries of several varieties, grapes of several kinds, and apples. It was a great illustration of what can be done in the way of small fruit growing. Of course the strawberries were all gone, but the vines were there, evidence of what had been. The other berries were still on the bushes. The black raspberries were ripening; they were very large in size, some measuring an inch or more in diameter, and the quality was of the finest. The red raspberries were only starting to ripen, while the other bush berries named were still green. The cherries hung red on the trees, large and perfect in size and full of quality; such cherries as would command the high price on any market. In our pocket was a letter offering for cherries delivered at Knoxville a fine price; but these cherries were already sold. It surely was an object lesson.

Mrs. Safford told us that her soil was not exceptional unless it was exceptionally poor at the start. How had she accomplished it? By the use of good varieties, coupled with good care. She mulches very heavily with leaves from the forest. This mulch, we believe speaks loudly the cause of the fine berries. It not only fed the plants but helped to retain the moisture in the ground, enabling the berries to fully develop before ripening. Nothing that is not within the means of anyone to do. The cost of the plants is not great, the care

### Indigestion

bad spells relieved

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anyone who is willing can give, and the mulching, which is important, is only a part of good care. We are more firmly convinced that every family should have enough of these fruits for their own use, and that there is a good source of a profitable income waiting for some who will grow them for market.

On the same afternoon the orchard and home of Mr. Art Stamey, just on the outskirts of Hot Springs, was visited. Mr. Stamey has on his small place an example of what intensive cultivation can do, of the results of good care and correct care of the best varieties of fruit. The apple and peach orchard at this home are an existing illustration of the profitability of fruit growing, of the value of good stock that has been given the best of care, of what one man on a small place can do if he wills. Mr. Stamey did not sit down and complain of his fate; he took what he had and used it, made it grow, and today has a profitable enterprise. The peaches on the trees of this orchard were only starting to ripen; we were told that from now until November

there would be peaches for the home use besides some bushels of the finest of fruit for sale. On the apple trees (Mr. Stamey makes a specialty of the Red Delicious, but has many other varieties of standard apples) were specimens of fruit that were remarkable for the season of the year because of their size and uniformity. From this one acre of ground, two years ago, was sold \$1800 worth of fruit. This year the crop of peaches is

not as large but the apples will equal the previous crop. Other than this fruit, Mr. Stamey grows some truck crops and strawberries. From a few acres of ground one man is realizing an income that would be the envy of many a man who owns hundreds of acres did they but know it. It isn't the number of acres that counts, it is the man that has the acres. Others could do what Mr. Stamey is doing if they would.

## FOR REAL DIRT FARMERS

### PROFIT AND PLEASURE

Elsewhere in this paper is a full outline of a six days outing planned by our farm agent, Mr. Brintnall, for the farmers of Madison County.

This is one of the best trips that could be taken by our farmers and we hope that many of them will plan ahead to take advantage of this opportunity.

Get out among other farmers and spend a few days in getting acquainted with those who can help you to make a success of your business.

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### MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

By Charles Suthrope

**H**ARVE PERCH GET HIS NEVER OPERATED IN WALL STREET BUT HE NOW SYMPATHIZE WITH THEM THAT HAS HARVE BOUGHT A NEW CAR LAST WEEK AND YESTERDAY IT DROPPED IN PRICE \$100



**W**HEN BOLLOP GAINED A BUTTON ON HIS COAT WHERE HIS WIFE COULD SEE, AND INSTEAD OF BECOMING EMBARRASSED, THE DEAR CREATURE BROUGHT SEVERAL GARMENTS OF HER OWN THAT NEEDED BUTTONS, SAID HE VERY



**E**DEAR GOTSUM GOT OUT HIS GOLF CLUBS AND PRACTISED A FEW LIL SWINGS IN TH' LIVING ROOM ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY MORNING BRIGHT 'N EARLY HIS WIFE WUZ DOWN PICKIN' OUT A BRAN NEW CHANDLER.



**G**EDRIDGE JEFFERS GET ONE OLD CAR, IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT A FELLOW WITH TWO OLD CARS LIKE HES GOT AIGHT 'JEST AS WELL QUIT HIS JOB AND GIVE HIS MULL TIME TO 'EM

