

Farm Demonstration Agent's Column

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BIG DAY AT SWANNANOA

Remember that on Thursday, May 12th, there will be a big field day at the Swannanoa Test Farm, the mountain experiment farm. We print below the program to be given on that day. Read it carefully.

SPECIAL DAIRY DAY

Mountain Station--Swannanoa, N. C.

Thursday, May 12th, 1927

- 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. MORNING PROGRAM
- 10 A. M.—Call to Order S. C. Clapp, Ass't. Director in Charge
- Chairman of the Day John W. Goodman, District Agent
- 10:15 A. M.—Factors making for Successful Dairying in Western North Carolina A. C. Kimrey, Dairy Ext. Specialist, Raleigh, N. C.
- 10:40 A. M.—Dairy Investigations in North Carolina O. D. Grinnells, Dairy Investigator, Raleigh, N. C.
- 11:05 A. M.—Grading up a Dairy Herd F. R. Farnham, Dairy Ext. Specialist.
- 11:30 A. M.—Livestock and Dairying Versus Crops Farming Dr. Clarence Poe, Editor, Progressive Farmer.
- RECESS FOR LUNCH
- 1:30—Cow Calling Contest—Prizes to be announced later—Dr. Grinnells, Mr. Farnham, Mr. Ruffner, Chairman.
- 2:00—Demonstration—Milk Houses and Sanitary Handling of Milk W. L. Clevenger, Dairying Mfg. Specialist.
- 2:40—Demonstration—Dairy Judging Contest John Arey, Chairman, Harry Coulter, L. D. Thrash.
- 3:30—Demonstration—Judging a

Dairy Cow Prof. R. H. Ruffner Each Person is expected to bring dinner.

It is planned for all those who are going to meet at the court house on Thursday, May 12th., at 8 A. M. and for all to go in a group. There should be 50 or more going from Madison County. If you have a car oil it up, tighten the brakes, put the tires in good shape, and meet the rest at the Court House. Of course you will want to accomodate your own family first; the wife has earned a short outing, it will be an education for the children. Take them all. If you have not a load from your own family, invite your neighbor. Don't drive an empty car. Above all don't forget to put the lunch in.

CHICKENS—The outlook for chickens is encouraging. Mr. Oliver, the State Extension Agent, who was in the county last week, and the county agent visited about 38 farmers in the four days he was here. These are farmers who are interested in poultry, who are planning on having at least 100 Cracking Good Hens on their farms next

winter and who have made a good start toward that end already by having a bunch of growing chicks in brooder houses now.

Porter Bryan, according to Mr. Oliver, has the best brooder house he has seen in the state. Best is used in the sense that it is built at the least money cost, is properly planned, and is sanitary. It is made of logs chinked and whitewashed. The money spent in building this house was very little and yet the house is equal to any other house. There are other brooder houses in the county but they are built of more expensive material and do not answer the purpose any better.

Louis Ponder has a bunch of young fryers that will weigh right at 1 1-2 pounds each at about 6 weeks of age. Ask him how he did it. Clabbered milk helped. He has a flock of White Leghorn hens that are a credit to any flock.

Don Fisher, Porter Bryan, Jeter Bryan, J. E. Carter, J. B. Tweed, W. V. Farmer, Al Bryan and Dr. Hutchins all have some fine specimens of the Barred Rock chickens. Their chickens are of the bred-to-lay strain and will make a foundation from which to build this variety in the county. Mrs. J.

E. Bryan is growing a fine bunch of youngsters all hatched from eggs from her own flock. We almost forgot the Barred Rock chicks of Edwin Jarvis on California Creek. We say the men have these flocks. We believe that that is not right; no doubt but that the ladies deserve a big share of the credit. However the men surely do not neglect the poultry yard on these farms.

Mrs. Crawford Bryan is having grand hatches in her incubator and has a nice lot of Brown Leghorns growing. Over on Big Laurel, Mrs. Roosevelt Franklin showed us some fine Barred Rocks and reports a 90% hatch from her incubator.

The White Leghorns must not be omitted. 2500 of these chickens have been shipped in this spring. Chapel Tweed, White Rock, has a profitable flock of hens of this variety and is raising a nice lot of chickens also. Tom Woody, Rout 4, also has a grand lot of White Leghorns and will soon have a bunch of young biddies growing to make up his laying pullets for next winter. Floyd Cassada is getting started with a good sized flock of White Leghorn chicks. Edgar Jarvis is getting along nicely with his 300 White Leghorn chicks and



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will have a nice lot of pullets for next winter barring any bad luck. Out on the Will White farm, Route 3, another flock of White Leghorns is started in a new building; up at Mars Hill Frank Gibbs is growing out some White Leghorn chicks to fill his new henhouse and farther out, on Middle Fork, O. R. Young is having good success with a flock of White Leghorn chicks. Mrs. Rob Tweed, on Hayes Run, is also finding that poultry pays and is preparing for the next winter by growing a supply of White Leghorn chicks.

Mr. Oliver encouraged the people very much. He is much interested in the use of home grown feeds, mixing the rations and only buying to supplement the feeds that can be had at home. We could not get to everyone on this trip but he is planning on returning in August and will probably be here to judge the poultry at the annual poultry show in the Fall.

FIVE CRACKING GOOD COWS—It begins to look as tho the people of Madison

County meant business. Monday 20 different people patronized the cream station. They came from Mars Hill, from out on White Rock, and from all sides of Marshall. When all was cleaned up and ready to go home 12 cans of cream had been collected and billed to Biltmore, 120 gallons. According to our test this contained 325 pounds of fat.

This is a 100 pounds more fat than ever before and 5 more patrons. When we are shipping 500 lbs. of fat every week it will mean something to the county. It should grow to twice that amount or more. The price of fat is falling a little, the natural trend at this time of year, but our price is remaining well toward 50c a lb.

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FACILE DEATH

15 CRACKSMEN SPEND 3 HOURS LOOTING SAFE

"Littlest Egg" Contest Started By C. W. Baird

STRIKE CRISIS NEAR AS UNION GETS ULTIMATUM

Delay Hendon Truancy Case; Jury Lacking

WATERSPOUT FLOODS CAUSE DEATH OF 22 IN MID-WEST STATES

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