

### Farm Demonstration Agent's Column

Contributed by EARLE BRINTNALL

**CREAM! CREAM! MORE CREAM!**—Dr. Till of the Biltmore Dairy was in to see us a few minutes last Saturday. Dr. Till says they want more cream that they can use more than twice as much as they are now receiving. He complimented the patrons on the quality of the cream they are sending, saying that the creamery had no objection to make as regards this but that they needed more.

Some have wondered if the cream market would last. This question seems rather out of place, especially when we consider the growth that has been made. During the year ending November 1, 1927, Madison County sent to this creamery right at \$7,000 worth of cream. This was from a standing start in March of 1926. During May, June and July of this year the creamery paid to the cream producers of Madison County early \$9,000 for cream; nearly \$2,000 more in three months than for the entire previous year. And still they call for more.

The price climbs also. The last checks received called for 48c per pound butterfat. Since then the butter market has gathered and stored. When it climbed and we will receive more for the butterfat. The creamery people believe that the price will soon go to 55c

per pound. Many farmers are taking from 20 to 25 cents for butter. They could double this by skimming and bringing the cream to Marshall Monday and Thursday mornings. Two or three bringing the product from the same neighborhood could come with the cream turn about and the marketing problem would not be burdensome. TRY IT.

**SOME ARE STARTING TO PULL** the corn fodder and to top it. This is a mistake that means loss of feed. Once the blades are pulled and the tops are taken the ear stops development, even shrinks, and will never be worth as much for feed. Simply topping corn without pulling the blades is not as bad on the corn but yet prevents the proper development of the ear.

A much better practice is to wait until the kernels become dent and to then cut the fodder close to the ground. This means more fodder and better corn. It also is less work. Pulling the fodder, topping the

corn, pulling the ears requires at least five trips thru the fields before the corn and fodder are cut and stored. When cutting the fodder to the ground two trips will do the job and the corn can be shucked at your leisure.

Right here a small corn shredder and husker would be fine. With this machine the corn is removed from the stalk, shucked, and the stalk and leaves shredded and blown in to the barn loft ready for feeding or use as bedding. As much as 5 or more acres of corn should be shredded in one day. Some of those operating a threshing machine could well invest in a small shredding and husking machine and lengthen their season.

#### DO YOU WANT LIMESTONE

—Rather should it be put "Do you want to grow clover?" If you want to grow a fine clover crop the thing to do is to give the land a treatment of a ton of ground limestone to the acre just after preparing the ground for wheat and before sowing the wheat. As proof take a look at some of the lime and clover demonstrations in the county. We can name a few that are convenient to the road: J. E. Carter, J. J. Keys, Zeb Whitt, L. G. Buckner. Where the lime was spread there is clover; where there was no lime there is no clover.

If you want limestone see the county agent. A car or more will be shipped in very soon.

#### DO YOU USE GOOD SEED—

Last fall J. S. Brown sowed ten bushels of wheat purchased from a seed firm in Ohio. Along side of it he sowed a half bushel of just wheat. The former yielded a plump solid grain in good amount, the sea-

son considered. The latter blasted.

J. E. Rice sowed two bushels of this wheat and harvested 36 bushels. This is what Max Gardner called 'Seed with ancestors.' The half bushel he termed 'illegitimate seed.' Which kind do you use? Better consider this seed wheat question and make sure that your seed is the right sort.

#### THAT COVER CROP—

A great deal of the tobacco is cut. More is being cut as rapidly as possible. What about the ground from which this crop is removed? Don't leave it bare this winter. It will waste if you do. Small grain will answer. If grown for seed it should be sown alone. If sown to be used as a pasture, simply to turn under as manure, or to be cut for hay, it is well, to mix with some hairy vetch. When growing hairy vetch you are growing a legume, a soil improver, and a good hay plant. The Agricultural Board has Hairy Vetch seed for sale.

#### FARMERS' MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPT. 24—

In the county agent's office. This meeting is called by the executive board of the Cooperative Warehouse for the purpose of consideration of the fertilizer to be ordered this fall. Every farmer who uses fertilizer, or who doesn't, should be present at this time, 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Please remember the time and the date. If the Grand Jury crowds us out the meeting will be held another place, and a notice posted.

C. F. PARRISH, who has succeeded A. G. Oliver as Poultry Specialist will meet those interested in poultry on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. All are invited. County Agent's office.

#### WHAT ABOUT A FARMERS' PICNIC THIS FALL?

#### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MRS. TILLERY

Funeral service for Mrs. Bluford Tillery, who died Thursday evening, September 6th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. N. Fisher, of Marshall, was held at the home, also at the Mountain View Baptist church, near Leicester, Saturday, September 8th, with burial in the church cemetery.

The services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Pickens and the Rev. Jack Sprinkle.

Mrs. Tillery is survived by her husband and six children and three sisters. The children are as follows: Mrs. J. N. Fisher of Marshall; Mrs. Fletcher Martin, of Alexander; Mrs. John Stahl, of Virginia; W. R. Tillery of Mars Hill; Eugene Tillery, of Virginia; and Carl Tillery of Idaho. The sisters are: Mrs. W. B. Tweed of Marshall; Mrs. B. L. Eller of Asheville; and Mrs. J. M. Pickens of Jupiter. Mrs. Tillery also is survived by several grandchildren, and two half-brothers, Mr. G. W. Wild and Mr. Tillery Wild, both of Big Pine.

#### BARNARD "TIPS"

The fine weather the last few days has been a great aid to the people of this place who have been pulling fodder, cutting tobacco, and putting up hay.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Allie Payne, though improved some, is still on the sick list.

Misses Nola and Mamie Roberts of Highland were the guests of Miss Lois and Mr. Roy Baker last Friday night and Saturday.

There recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hob Massey a bouncing baby boy.

Mr. Hoy G. Cuthbertson, now of Detroit, Mich., a former graduate of Dorland-Bell School at Hot Springs, N. C., started his return trip to Detroit Monday afternoon. Mr. Cuthbertson seems to be a successful real estate agent in Detroit, for he was

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carrying two medals he had won. The children of this place seem to be enjoying school immensely. It is real music to hear their happy voices float over the breezes these cool September mornings as the bus goes to and fro. A fine-looking bunch of high school students came from Big Pine.

Miss Elfa Baker and Mr. George Robinett of Marshall took supper Saturday night with Miss Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Baker.

Miss Maude Roberts spent the week-end visiting friends and relatives on Big Pine.

Messrs. Rom Wild and Ray Buckner of Big Pine were seen in Barnard Sunday.

A few special friends enjoyed the social given last Thursday night by the Misses Meadows.

Miss Katherine Griffith and Miss Helen McCall of Erwin, Tenn., and Mr. Homer Griffith of Detroit, were Sunday visitors at the Baker home.

They were accompanied by Lois and Roy Baker and Mr. Hoy G. Cuthbertson to Hot Springs on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bernice Fortner spent the week-end at her home on Doe Branch.

Mrs. Harrison Lunsford, who has been on the sick list, has improved.

Mrs. Dewey Lunsford and children are visiting Mrs. Lunsford's parents at Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Worley of Worley, N. C., spent Saturday night with Mrs. Worley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Baker.

We feel that something should be said of Barnard's fine post master, Mr. Honeycutt is a gentleman at all times. Boys, take note of his respect

for ladies when they enter the store. Mr. Elidge Fortner is constructing for himself a fine tobacco barn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ball of West Asheville were visiting Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Baker, on Sunday evening. Mr. Ball is the owner of The Plafau Studios in Asheville.

Mr. Roy Baker went to Pine Creek Tuesday, looking after the interests of his father's business.

Friends, "let us not be weary in well-doing," and keep the country supplied with "Tips" from our fine Barnard people.

#### SPECIAL NEWS FROM NEAR HOT SPRINGS

We have been having some very pretty weather for the past week.

Mr. Arvin Smelser, who is at work at Black Mountain, spent Saturday night with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smelser.

Miss Ima Patrick, who has been ill for some time, was able to be in town Monday.

We are all sorry to hear of Dr. David Kimberley being in the hospital at Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Patrick and little daughter, Thelma Louise, of Mascott, Tenn., spent Saturday and Sunday night with his mother, Mrs. L. D. Patrick.

Mr. Fred Lawson is preparing to make molasses.

Mrs. Fannie Ricker is the proud owner of a big baby girl, Gladys.

Messrs. Coleman and Bider Patrick are leaving Saturday for Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. F. D. Patrick visited Mrs. Henry Smelser Monday afternoon.



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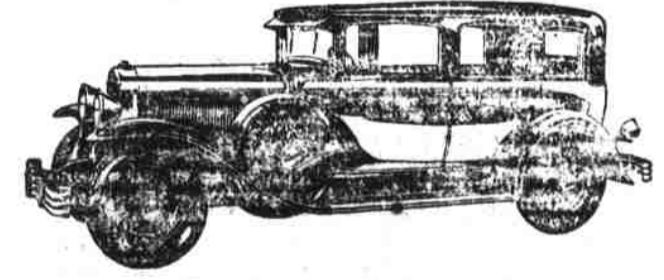
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