

County 4-H Council To Meet Saturday

The Haywood County Council of 4-H Clubs will meet at 10 a. m. Saturday at the Haywood County Court House here, with Council President, Wade Francis of the Waynesville High School Senior Club presiding.

Fakes Rhubarbs For Bored Fans

AUSTIN, Tex.—Hank Oana, the big Hawaiian who now manages Austin of the Big State League, seldom permits a ball game to become draggy.

Oana, who came into the Texas League years ago as an outfielder, was shifted to the pitching mound with the result that he went to the big leagues.

Hank gained fame on the West Coast when someone put out a story that he was a Hawaiian prince. He wasn't, but it was too good to deny. So he said nothing and became quite a drawing card in the Pacific Coast League.

Oana was with Detroit during the war, came back to the Texas League and led the circuit in pitching with Dallas one season. Then he became manager at Austin and has been quite successful.

Here's a sample of how big Hank keeps the fans interested.

Austin was playing Texarkana and was behind, 10-2. It was one of those nights when Austin couldn't do anything right. The fans got bored. Some showed their displeasure by walking out of the park.

Hank had an inspiration. When the base umpire called a close one against the Pioneers (not too close but enough for Oana's purpose), he rushed out to the arbiter and shook his finger in his face.

Oana thrust his face up close, frowned and waved his arms. The umpire shook his own finger under Hank's nose. The fans quit walking out and started cheering the Austin manager, meanwhile booing the umpire.

But what Oana said to the umpire while waving his arms wildly was this:

"I'm gonna buy you a dinner after the game."

What the umpire replied was: "I'm gonna take you up on that."

A few minutes later Hank charged out to "protest" vigorously once more, the fans cheering him on. But here's what he said:

"You gonna eat with me?"

The "infuriated" umpire jerked off his cap, bared his teeth. Hank waved some more. The umpire raised himself on his toes, pointed in the direction of the Austin dressing room.

"Go change your clothes," he said. "I'll change and meet you in a few minutes. Let's eat at Joe's Place."

Baking Days Easy With New Mixes



JEFFY MIX . . . Makes delicious muffins for those unexpected guests. Fine for breakfast, too. Try 'em with jelly.



By CECILY BROWNSTONE Associated Press Food Editor Here's real help for Lenten meals — a homemade muffin mix that may be prepared when you have a little extra time and stored at room temperature for several weeks. Because the mix is an oatmeal one you'll find it will add ballast — from the point of view of nutrition and hearty appetites — to any Lenten meal. At a moment's notice you can bake any number of tempting hot muffins. Two cups of the mix, plus an egg and two-thirds cup of milk, makes about a dozen small muffins.

spring mornings are a batch of these muffins — plus scrambled eggs, a bit of currant jelly, and a pot of hot strong coffee. They are perfect, too, for a Lenten luncheon or supper menu without meat — but make enough of them so that you can serve them with the main course and then have some with honey or a fruit conserve for dessert.

OATMEAL MUFFIN MIX Ingredients: 5 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour, 6 tablespoons baking powder, 1 tablespoon salt, 1 1/3 cups sugar, 1 1/4 cups shortening, 5 1/2 cups quick rolled oats (uncooked).

Method: Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar. Cut in shortening until particles are the size of rice grains. Add rolled oats and mix well. Store in covered container. This amount of mix will make about 72 small muffins.

To Make One Dozen Muffins: 2 cups oatmeal muffin mix, 1 egg (beaten), 2/3 cup milk.

Method: Add beaten egg and milk to muffin mix stirring lightly until combined. Fill greased muffin pans two-thirds full. Bake in a hot (425° F) oven 15 to 20 minutes for small muffins. Makes 12 muffins.

Miss Ferguson's Speech Warns Of Dangers Of Wasting Soil Resources

Last month, Cenie Ferguson, a Fines Creek High School senior, who combines intellect with beauty, retained her crown as queen of Haywood County's young speakers on the subject of soil conservation. Miss Ferguson's address and her technique, said the judges, showed all the signs of careful preparation and research — and deep conviction in the words she was speaking.

This is her prize-winning address on "The Social Aspects of Soil Wastage."

Social Aspects of Soil Wastage There can be no separation of man from the land — his whole existence is tied to the soil — from the beginning of his days to the time his body is laid to rest in the arms of the earth. From the busiest corner in a modern city to the windblown country fields, human livelihood is a product of the land.

"As a nation we are becoming soil-conscious. The country is recognizing that soil, and its fertility, is our most valuable possession. Outside of water and air, all the real essentials of human life are

more or less fabricated products of the land. Food and clothing and much of our shelter needs are directly traceable to soil resources. We can change from woolen to cotton clothing but both are direct products of the soil. Most everything from a dose of aspirin tablets to a railroad train is derived from the soil.

When the early pioneers took up land in this country, they found it generously endowed by Mother Nature. It was protected against erosion by plenty of vegetation. It was rich in humus and much of it was highly productive. It bloomed with bounteous crops even with the crude tillage methods then used.

It takes Nature a long period of time to build up soil, while man can tear it down in a few short years. Do you realize it takes Nature over a thousand years to build one inch of top-soil. It is easy to see, however, that in many localities it has taken less than 100 years to tear down much of the

fertility that Mother Nature has so painstakingly built up through the centuries. Even in our own state, we do not need to look far to locate land which while once highly productive now hardly produces enough to pay the seed and labor costs.

Gullied fields remain as skeletons of once prosperous lands. Ruins and galds grow nothing where giant oaks once stood. Soil having been stripped completely of its mineral contents now grows nothing except broom sage and the like. What is wrong with this soil? Why is it not as fertile and productive as it was when the pioneers cleared away the trees to plant their small crops. Year after year people have planted crops and harvested them.

They have taken everything away from the soil and returned nothing. Erosion like many other curses of humanity grows by what it feeds upon.

It branches like compound interest. As a gully cuts back, other gullies are formed, and the damage spreads, like a ring-worm, in a circle . . .

The injury increases not by addition — but by multiplication. . . . If North Carolina sets high standards of living, she must also set high standards of conservation. The Community Development Program, which is well known in Haywood County, is striving to have better farm lands, well-maintained farm homes, and well-supported rural churches and schools.

If you should drive along the roads of Haywood County, you would see the beautiful, well-furnished farm homes which dot her valleys and hill-sides. The farm families who live on these farms are able to have many modern conveniences.

Great wealth is an award for the many labor hours spent in building up the fertility of the soil. Unfortunately only part of the farms in Haywood are rich and prosperous. Haywood County, like many other counties throughout the nation, has too many poor farms — and by poor farms I mean those with wasted soil.

Poor farms cannot support comfortable homes or the good schools that give the opportunity for recreation and enjoyment of the advantages of modern life.

More than a century ago John Taylor called the attention of farmers to the dangers of erosion in this country and correctly analyzed its social economics and physical causes.

He also pointed out the danger of exploiting the land for cash crops. What did the farmers do? They went on doing the same things they had been doing, and very few of them did anything.

So this is the question we now face: How can we lick erosion? There is a cure for almost every ill, and there are ways of eliminating erosion.

The key to preventing it and holding the top-soil can be expressed in one word — cover. Cover is a combination of grasses, legumes, shrubs and trees which blanket the earth and bind the top-soil.

If we could leave this cover alone, erosion would be no problem. But obviously it can't. The natural cover must be plowed under and edible crops planted in its place.

But we can break up the cover and use the soil in such a way that erosion is still held at bay. Here are some ways of reducing soil erosion: Plant trees on steep hills, use only the more level soils for the production of cultivated crops, terrace crop land, practice strip-

cropping, plant with the contour of the land instead of straight rows; Produce more close-grown crops, such as grains, provide meadow strips for holding water, prevent over-grazing of all pastures.

Devote rolling lands to permanent pastures. North Carolina needs pastures to protect its soil. Soil erosion removes 66 tons of soil per year from bare land on a ten per cent slope.

Soil erosion removes only three-tenths of a ton of soil per year from a lush pasture such as Ladino clover and orchard grass. By having sufficient acreage and by practicing good management adequate grazing can be had from 8 to 12 months from ladino clover pastures.

How then can productive soil help the farm family? If the soil is productive, the farm income is greater and the greater the farm income the more conveniences they will have. First of all they will have a better home in which to live. They will have storage places, modern furniture, sanitary living conditions, better yards and gardens, good gardens mean good food. It means a better education for their children. And many other advantages which poor soil cannot offer.

—Thus we see soil conservation is of great concern to all! If we did not do something about conservation we would be in the same condition China is today. Soil conservation is vital to the Nations welfare. The land is our source of livelihood. We must fight to preserve it as we fight to preserve our freedom.

First American troops to land in Cuba during the Spanish-American War were U. S. Marines who established a beachhead at Guantanamo Bay in June, 1898.

Make the Most of Leftovers

By ALICE DENHOFF

WE all like magician's tricks! Take, for instance, that clever one of changing left over baked ham into a juicy ham loaf. Or, cleverer still, making a luscious "ham loaf" when there isn't any ham in the house at all.

Here is a good recipe that requires but a slight variation if canned ham is used in place of ground left-over ham. Mix together 3 c. ground left-over ham, one c. rolled oats, 3/4 c. undiluted tomato soup, 2 beaten eggs, 1/2 tsp. allspice, 1/4 c. each finely chopped parsley and finely-chopped green pepper and 1 tsp. finely-minced onion. Pack into lightly greased loaf pan. Bake in 325 F. oven for an hour. Let stand 5 min. before removing from pan. Serve with a garnish of sweet pickle in lettuce cups. If loaf is to be made with canned luncheon meat, use 2 cans of meat and only one egg. Reduce liquid to 1/2 c.

Time and Effort What would we do without ground meat to help get the most out of time, effort, and, table money? Instead of making it into a loaf, make a family-sized meat patty baked in mushroom soup. To serve 4, dilute one can mush-

room soup with 1/2 c. water blending until smooth. Combine one lb. ground beef with 1/2 c. fine bread crumbs, one beaten egg, 1/2 c. of the soup, tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 3 tsp. minced onion and 1/2 c. chopped celery. Shape into a large, round patty about one inch thick; brown in skillet in hot fat. Carefully turn and brown the other side. Cover with remaining mushroom soup; cook on top of stove at a simmering temperature for 25 min.

If the recipe is doubled, shape into 2 large patties, brown separately in skillet and transfer to oblong baking dish. Pour soup over meat; bake at 350 F. for 25 min.

No matter how good a left-over dish or meat loaf may be, the call is always for something special in the line of dessert.

Fruit cream pie is a dessert treat. Make the filling from 2 packages vanilla pudding mix, making the mixture stiffer by using 1 1/2 c. of milk to each package. Cut up some drained, canned peaches; add to cooled filling. Stir to blend, then turn into baked pastry shell. Arrange slices of drained canned or frozen peaches alternately with drained canned or frozen sweet cherries.

J. C. Penny To Make Race In Mecklenburg

J. C. Penny, well known here as one of the Penny Brothers auctioneers, has filed in Mecklenburg county as a candidate for chairman of the board of Commissioners of that county.

George Penny, of Greensboro, has been in politics for sometime, and has served as state senator from Guilford county.

EDISON HAD EARLY RADIO PATENT

NEW YORK—(AP)—The records indicate that what might be termed the "first radio broadcasting patent" in this country was issued to Thomas A. Edison on Dec. 29, 1871.

His application, granted as patent No. 465,971, said: "Signaling between distant points can be carried on by induction without the use of wires connecting such distant points." This is an apt description of today's method of radio transmission.

Large Crowd Expected To High School

Members of the Marine Gavel Society of the Waynesville High School are expected to present an audience to see their production of "American Pastors" at the school auditorium tonight.

The three-act comedy is presented at eight o'clock in the direction of Miss Altonson.

In the cast will be Gaborough, Elaine Francis, Patterson, Ann Hester, McClure, Mildred McLaughlin, Stamey, Susie Stamey, Floyd, Deryl Davis, and McJunkin.

Admission is fifty and five cents.

U. S. Marine Private Leavitt once field-stripped an assembled machine in seconds while blindfolded.



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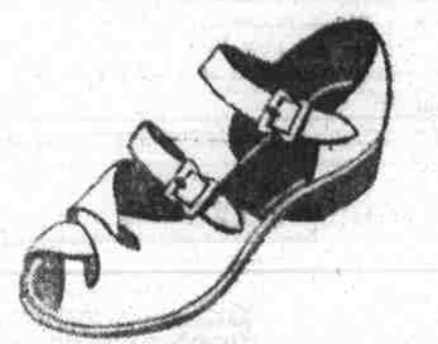
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