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CROWDS ENJOY FOLK SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

One of the liveliest Saturday evening entertainments at the Brass-town Community House during the past month was under the direction of the Young Peoples Club. Shadow pictures, cleverly done by the young people were the main features of the entertainment. "My Man, John," "No, John, No," two old English ballads, were sung and acted by Miss Lillie May Penland, Miss Flornie Logan, Miss Kitty Ritchie, Mr. George Bidstrup and chorus. Some one hundred and fifty people were present.

The "Sons of Rest" Club then and there voted to show their appreciation by giving an entertainment in return the following Saturday night, and they proved themselves to be as good actors as the young people. The house was in an uproar from beginning to end. They opened with a sketch of their annual meeting in which officers were elected as follows: Mr. L. L. Scroggs, President; Mr. Rufus Teems, Secretary; and Mr. Fred O. Scroggs, Banana-keeper, the latter being the only office with duties. This was followed by a one-act play: "Doctor Makeover," with the main character amusingly acted by Mr. L. Deschamps. His office equipment was unusual and ridiculous, but his patients seemed well pleased with the results of his treatments.

The Woman's Club of Brasstown, not to be outdone, will probably give a play in the near future.

CHANGE MENUS TO SUIT THE WEATHER

RALEIGH, N. C., June 29.—Less meat and more fresh, crisp vegetables and fruit together with milk, eggs and cheese should be served during the hot summer months.

"During the hot days in summer, the appetite demands food that is cooling and tasty," says Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension specialist in nutrition at State College. "Simple dishes that tempt the appetite may be prepared in the morning, put in a cool place and be perfect for serving at meal time. With good refrigeration, the summer problem of what to eat is simplified."

Fruits and vegetables, fresh from the orchard and garden, should be used abundantly. A congealed fruit or vegetable salad served with a good mayonnaise may be served as the main dish for the evening meal. Fresh fruit should also be served as desserts.

If some meat is desired, cold fried chicken, cold baked ham, cheese or meat loaf may be added, states Miss Thomas. With any of these meats, a vegetable or fruit salad should be served with fresh fruits or some milk as the dessert. All of these meat dishes provide an excellent way to get rid of the left-overs from the two or three heavy meals that must be served each week.

One of the easiest dishes to prepare is the fruit salad. Two cups of mixed fruit and one cup of whipped cream is all that is necessary for an ordinary family of five. This salad is not only easy to make but is also very inexpensive. Another dessert that is proving popular is the Chocolate Ice Box Cake.

This is made by melting three cakes of sweet chocolate to which is added three-fourths cup of sugar and the same amount of water. When this comes to a boil remove it from the fire and add the well beaten yolks of six eggs. When cooled, fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Put in a pudding dish lined with slices of sponge cake and set in the ice box for 24 hours. Serve with whipped cream.

MR. W. L. ANDERSON MAKES ADDITION TO RESIDENCE

Mr. W. L. Anderson, one of Hayesville's successful merchants, is having several additional rooms added to his home on Tusquittee St.

CHANGE IN MAIL CONTRACTS IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1

Mr. F. L. Beal, who has faithfully carried out his contract for carrying the mail from Murphy to Hayesville and return, for the past 58 years stepped out of the harness on Sunday, July 1, as he was under bid for the route on the last letting by Mr. Virgil Hall. Mr. Hall began under his contract Sunday, July 1.

Mr. Beal has not always carried the mail himself but did for many years, his sons carried the mail up until some months ago when Mr. Henry Logan carried for him until Mr. Hall's contract took effect.

Mr. John L. McClure, of Shooting Creek was the former contractor on the Hayesville Shooting Creek route. Mr. J. M. Cowart, of Shooting Creek now has the contract for this route. He began work on this route Monday, July 2, as they have no Sunday mail to Shooting Creek.

PREVENT LOSS BY CLEAN PRODUCTION

RALEIGH, N. C., June 29.—Clean production, prompt cooling, and frequent deliveries will prevent the souring of milk and will put dollars in the pockets of dairy farmers.

"This souring is caused by bacteria which get into the milk after it is drawn from the cow and can only be prevented by the most careful handling," states John A. Arey, extension dairyman at State College.

When first drawn from the cow, milk contains very few if any of the bacteria and the contamination comes from outside sources. Chief among these are the cow's body, the hands of the person doing the milking, the air, and the containers.

Mr. Arey states that all of the sources can be eliminated by seeing that the cow's flanks and udder are thoroughly cleaned before milking, that the milker's hands are clean, and that all vessels or containers have been cleaned and sterilized.

These containers should first be rinsed in lukewarm water and then scrubbed with a heavy brush in water to which has been added a strong chemical made for that purpose. All utensils in which the seams are not well flushed with solder should be avoided as these crevices are hard to clean and furnish a harboring place for bacteria.

The milk should be cooled as soon as possible after milking, placed in the containers in which it is to be delivered and stored in a refrigerator or cooling tank. Every effort should be made to protect the milk from high temperatures before delivery. Cans should be covered with heavy felt jackets or with burlap bagging soaked in water. Only by taking these precautions can the dairymen prevent the milk from souring and be sure of delivering pure, sweet milk to the market states Mr. Arey.

Among the visitors to the John C. Campbell Folk School during the past month were Miss Burt and Miss Morgan of the Appalachian School at Penland, Mr. and Mrs. Strowbridge of Cincinnati, Mrs. Ludlum of White Oak Mt., Tyron, Mrs. Fletcher of Lenoir, Mr. Arthur Kent of the U. S. Forest Service at Washington, who showed a remarkably fine set of films on the National Forests, Miss Eloise Steel of Long Island, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Baker, and Miss Gladys Fowler of the Cherokee Indian Reservation, President Hunter, Miss Gladstone, and Miss Lacey of the Cullowhee State Normal School.

Mrs. Campbell has just returned from the twenty-fifth reunion of her class at Tufts College, Massachusetts, which honored her on this occasion with the degree of Master of Arts. Miss Ruth Coolidge, her niece, returned with her for a month's visit.

BRIEF HISTORY OF EARLY SETTLERS OF CLAY COUNTY

By J. V. A. Moore

It was here too that James Cancellor, James Kelly, Spencer and Shearer later taught their bright eyed children.

After accomplishing this, he wished to hear the sweet notes of music wafted in the gentle breezes of the spruce pines and they sent for a man who could sing the four notes in the old Christian harmony. This primitive musician came horse back via Aquone. Losing his course, thus causing him to be late in reaching the head of Tusquittee he was attacked and chased by a ferocious panther. The hips of his horse were badly mangled while the musician's coat, which was a long Prince Albert, was entirely detailed. However, with all the strength of a great musician, he reached his destination late at night. After recovering from his eventful and tiresome journey, this good man started the song-waves and he and the good people feasted their souls with the sweet melody of that day; the feathered songsters also warbled their sweet notes of happiness and praise. At that time there was no organ or piano in Clay County but Rev. Mr. Moore got all the spiritual conditions started in good working order then he and Mrs. Moss, with the help of others, began farm activities. Year by year they made bushels of grain.

As the years sped along eight sons and three daughters came to their home as buds of promise to bless future generations. The sons were: John L., L. W., H. M., James M., W. A., C. J., T. A., and E. P. Moss. The daughters were: Sarah, Mattie, and Allie Moss. All those children are now dead except E. P., Mattie and Ollie.

Brother Moss, about the year 1869, with the cooperation of others built the first Baptist church near the site of the present Moss church. This stands as one of the monuments of his life. From this pulpit, when only a poor barefoot boy, I would humbly listen to Rev. Moss as he would dispense the doctrines of salvation. Here I learned to love the Baptist saints and have ever held them in highest esteem. The writer saw this gifted man, who seemed to pattern his work after John the Baptist, plunge his converts in the cooling waters. Brother Moss and his wife taught their sons God's laws by precept and example.

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Marion and William Moss were graduated at a college of high repute. William later succumbed to typhoid fever; Marion went to Alabama where he became one of the leaders of Southern Methodism, for years being an elder teacher in prominent ministerial fields and church schools. Only one son, Elmer, is now living. He is postmaster at Birmingham, Ala. Two wealthy sons of John Moss now live near Chattanooga, Tenn., and D. C., a man of wealth near Cleveland, Tenn.

T. A. Moss reared children of good qualities, Paul Moss, his eldest son of 39 years, is a graduate from a northern college and has been teacher of schools of high repute, and is now a judge at Odessa, Texas. At one time he had a law office in Denver, Colo., and while there was one of W. J. Bryan's special friends, each were fine orators. Paul has accumulated a handsome fortune from law and the oil business. He married a lady of high social standing and one of rare educational attainments. E. P. Moss married our beloved E. J. Smith's daughter. To this union were born five daughters. After the death of their mother, they and their father, except one, migrated to Colorado, there finding husbands of considerable wealth. Pearl, now with her noble husband, C. W. Evans enjoys the riches of our fertile valley. James H. Moss is the first pedagogue the writer was tutored by.

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MR. JOHN T. WAGER SEES BRIGHT FUTURE FOR TOWN AND COUNTY

FIGHTS PART OF COLORFUL LIFE OF GOV. SMITH

He Has Been Termed "The Happy Warrior" By His Friends

(A. P.)

Alfred Emanuel Smith rose from an obscure youth on the sidewalks of New York's crowded lower East side to become governor of the Empire State four times and a candidate for nomination to the highest office in the nation.

In 1924 he was a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination at Madison Square Garden in a memorable convention that finally named John W. Davis as standard bearer. In 1920 he was a "favorite son" at the San Francisco convention.

The governor, known to a legion of New Yorkers as Al, has led a charmed political life in a state that is normally charted as Republican, especially in presidential election years. Only once in more than a quarter of a century of almost continuous public life has he been defeated for office. On that occasion when Nathan L. Miller defeated him for governor—the year of the Harding Presidential landslide in 1920—he ran a million votes ahead of the Democratic ticket.

Geniality is one of the outstanding Smith attributes and accounts for part of his immense personal following in his home city. But he has a rigid sense of public duty, with which his good nature is never permitted to interfere.

"The Happy Warrior"

He has been called "The Happy Warrior." Fighting is something he has always had to do, commencing with his struggle to overcome poverty in his boyhood when he helped to support his widowed mother. He repeatedly fought hostile legislatures in Albany and was successful in pushing through many important legislative measures.

He has had many fights with William Randolph Hearst, the publisher, and had a few tilts with the late William Jennings Bryan. His last important fight with Hearst, when he stubbornly declined to run on a ticket with the publisher, marked the decline of the latter's influence with the state Democratic party.

Smith's own attitude regarding fighting is shown in his speeches. In the 1926 gubernatorial campaign, when he defeated Ogden L. Mills, later under-secretary of the treasury, the Republicans asserted that Mr. Mills would "get along with the legislature like a cooing dove." The governor said in reply:

"It is known to everybody in the state of New York from Montauk Point to Niagara Falls that I am no cooing dove and what is more I never will be. Everything I ever got in this world I had to fight for. I did not have it handed to me on a gold platter."

Of Old Fashioned Stock

On another occasion, replying to criticism concerning his exercise of executive clemency, he said: "I was born on the lower end of the island and I come from the old fashioned kind of stock that never lets anybody put anything over on him."

Smith was born on Dec. 30, 1873, in the shadow of old Brooklyn bridge of Irish-American parentage. His father, who was in the trucking business, died when he was 15 years old, and he had to leave parochial school. He sold newspapers in Park Row, was an office boy in an oil factory, clerked in a fish market, joined a Tammany Hall social club and soon came under the eye of the late Tom Foley, an old time Tammany leader. He got his political start when he was named a clerk in the office of commissioner of jurors.

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Mr. John T. Wager of the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Penland during the past two weeks, sees a bright future for Hayesville and Clay County. After having traveled quite extensively over eastern United States, Mr. Wager states that no where in his travels has he seen more beautiful mountains, streams, and valleys than are found here in this immediate section. He also commented on the fact that the beautiful mountain scenery, crystal streams and accessible location for Hayesville becoming an ideal summer resort. Much progress and benefit may be derived from the water system which is soon to be built in Hayesville. After the water system is installed, a modern hotel could easily be built and equipped. With a modern hotel located on one of these lovely knolls, having swimming pools and other sport advantages, Hayesville would be the ideal choice of many tourists. It only takes some one to make the start. As yet Hayesville is not widely known, but, after a few more men like Mr. Wager and some wide awake business men who have recently been in Hayesville with a view of locating here in manufacturing business, Hayesville may well look forward to much progress. This does not merely mean money progress but think of the educational and social advantages that will be derived from progress of this kind.

SPRAY TOMATOES CONTROL DISEASE

RALEIGH, N. C., June 29.—Tomatoes should be sprayed every two or three weeks with poisoned Bordeaux mixture to prevent leaf diseases and to get rid of worms, advises E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College.

The mixture may be bought ready prepared or made at home but care should be used in home-mixing so as to get the proper solution. If as much as fifty gallons of the mixture is needed, three pounds of bluestone and six pounds of hydrated lime should be used for each fifty gallons of water. Mix the lime with enough water to form a thin paste before adding to the larger amount.

When the tank or barrel is filled, add the dissolved bluestone and one and one-half pounds of arsenate of lead to the fifty gallons. Bluestone may be dissolved by using hot water but care should be taken to use only glass, earthenware, or wooden containers for this work.

Smaller amounts of the mixtures can be made by using one ounce of bluestone, two ounces of hydrated lime and one-half an ounce of arsenate of lead to each gallon of water.

Mr. Morrow states that this mixture should be applied every three weeks at least and that every part of alkali solution. They should then be sterilized with live steam or some the plant should be touched with the spray. By doing this, the worms and other insects will be destroyed and the plants protected from the leaf diseases so prevalent in the State.

ATTENTION W. O. W.!

Sunday, July 8th, Balsam Camp W. O. W. will unveil the monument of Dock W. Ensley, late of Balsam, N. C., at 3 o'clock P. M., Crawford cemetery on Highway No. 10, between Balsam and Willits, at the same time and place celebrate the 38th anniversary of the society and decorate graves of deceased Sovereigns. There will be speeches and music appropriate to the occasion.

All members W. O. W. are expected to attend with their families and friends, bring flowers and take part in the ceremonies. The public is cordially invited. This was to have been done June 10th, but delay in the erection of the monument caused postponement until now.

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