

Cold Weather Brings Sudden Death To Hogs



One of the best features of the seasonal hog-killing begun with the coming of the first real cold weather last week is the visiting of helpful neighbors. It is a time for pleasure as well as day-long hard work. Here is a typical scene on the farm of P. A. Noble out in the Woodington Section of Lenoir County. The only members of the Noble family at this cutting table is represented by the hat at right—Mrs. Noble. On this occasion, out of the many which have taken place in the past week, six hogs, six months old and weighing 1,246 pounds, were made ready for the smokehouse and later good eating.—(Whitaker-Lewis Photo)

Cold weather does more to shorten the lives of the hogs of this area than does the deadly cholera. Last week the first real drop in the thermometer's mercury brought them sudden death and a start to the tables of the homes in Lenoir and Jones Counties. It is hog-killing season to replenish the pantries and meat lockers.

The seasonal farm activity began on Tuesday, on the first cold day. Farmers busy with hog-killing could be spotted easily by the smoke that began rising at dawn from fires heating water in the yards. The water was for the hogs' first bath, of pine tar, lime, pine tops and straw, to loosen the bristles and clean the carcass in steaming water.

After the carcasses were skinned, the family and helpful neighbors became busy for the day. The number of animals slaughtered depended on the amount of help available for the day-long work. The number on the individual farms ranges from two up.

First the hams, shoulders, sides and other choice parts are salted down for cold storage or later smoking. Then the sausage meat is cut for grinding... the famous chitterlings are cleaned... and at last the fat parts are cut up for the rendering of lard in cook pots over the yard fires. The sun is low in the west when the last of the cracklings have been pressed for the last bit of winter's lard.

Despite its deadly effect on friend porker, hog-killing time is a time for neighborliness on the farm. A bit of visiting gets done. And the pay is good—in tenderloins, backbone, spareribs, liver and other pork delicacies.

Most important, though, the

EXAMPLE TAKEN

A concrete result from the extensive farm tour taken earlier to farms in the western part of the state was seen this week on farm of one of the Jones County farmers who made the trip. Carl Killingsworth of the Oak Grove section has obtained a pair of pure-bred Yorkshire, bacon-type hogs, boar and sow and the first in the county.

He plans to raise pure-bred stock, and at the same time carry on some cross-breeding of his present stock to try to improve their bacon production qualities.

PINK HILL NEWS

By Betty Jean Davis

Among those attending the Carolina-Virginia football game in Chapel Hill on Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stroud, Miss Peggy Jo Stroud, Whitford Hill and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and daughter.

Miss Ann May of Kinston spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd May.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Turner and children spent the week-end in Richmond, Va.

Kenneth Maxwell, who is a student at the University of North Carolina spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maxwell.

Messrs. Tom Davis, Ash Davis and Joe Davis visited Surf City Beach on Sunday.

Miss Jackie... at the University of... Mrs. Miss Burke, over the week-end.

Miss Peggy Jo Stroud was a week-end guest of Miss Frances Quinn.

Messrs. James Miles, Tom Davis, and Ash Davis recently went on a hunting trip in the White Oak River vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McPhaul spent the week-end in Parkton visited Mr. McPhaul's parents.

Howard Davis recently spent a

Miss Nida Lee, a student at ETC, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lee. Their son, Sanford, who is a student at State College and his roommate, Paul Mitchell of Statesville, were also week-end guests in the Lee home.

Harvey Turner, a student at the University of North Carolina, visited his mother, Mrs. Helen Turner, over the week-end.

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Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 16,839,754.88
United States Govt. Securities	\$63,921,235.26
Obligations of Federal Agencies ...	5,553,271.32
State, County and Municipal Securities	6,990,140.24
Total Bonds at Cost Less Valuation Reserves	76,464,646.82
Loans and Discounts	5,814,800.31
Accrued Interest and Other Assets	548,226.22
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures and Real Estate	396,926.02
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	\$100,064,354.25

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 500,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	100,000.00
Surplus	3,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	765,802.20
Reserves	1,047,211.35
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