

### Excellent Run Of Maple Sap Noted in Week

#### Demand Is Good Warm Weather, Snow Boost Production

Warm weather, starting Wednesday this week, brought a run of maple sap which was expected to continue through today with sugar content about equal to the higher than that of the first run about two weeks ago.

Snow in the deep woods was still a foot to 18 inches deep, according to Roger Newton, Sinclairville, who has 2,000 taps operating this year. The snow is keeping the roots cold and improving the sap run.

The sap run most heavily Wednesday and Thursday, but warm weather continued. When this run is over, producers will wait for another cold spell, then warm weather again, to start another run.

The syrup market is good, Mr. Newton said. He has made about 100 gallons so far, and says he expects to be able to keep up with demand. Practically all local first-run syrup is sold locally, although some second-run product goes into the commercial market.

The syrup season is expected to last until about the middle of April. Mr. Newton says he made about 700 gallons of syrup last year, with 1,700 taps, and expects a larger production this year with the additional taps.



**COTTAGE LANDMARK FOR 136 YEARS**—This is the farm home built in 1817, and modernized dairy barn on the Albert L. Spaulding farm at Cottage, which has remained since 1817 in the Newcomb family. This house probably was modeled by its builder after another Century Farm home, that of the Libbey family at Balcoms Corners. Mrs. Spaulding is a member of the third generation of Newcombs on the farm. —Curtis Photo

## Family Century Farms

For 136 years, the Newcomb family farm has been a landmark Cottage north of South Dayton on the road to Gowanda.

The farm, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Spaulding, is primarily a dairy farm. Mrs. Spaulding says that in the 60 years since her grandfather, she has purchased only three cows. The farm now has 42 head, all adult cows.

Assisting in the operation are their son, Harold, and Mr. Spaulding's brother, Elmer, who have repurchased some of the original Newcomb land and who also keep about 600 layers. At various times sheep and maple products have been major industries on the farm.

The history dates to Thomas Newcomb, Mrs. Spaulding's grandfather, who was born in 1793 at Argyle, N.Y. He came to Cottage in 1817 and purchased the original 282 1/2 acres from the Marland and Company, and is listed among the earliest settlers of the Town of Dayton.

He built a log house, and began to clear the land. The forest trees were felled into long piles similar to windrows and burned, and the stumps which were removed were placed in line to form stump fences.

In October, 1823, Thomas Newcomb married Sylvia Cooper, who was born in Vermont but probably had grown up with her family to the Leon area. They had six children: Jane, Emeline, Adon, who died when a child; Edwin and George.

Sylvia died Jan. 27, 1837, and in July the following year Thomas married Deborah Farnsworth.

Home built in 1841

In 1841, Daniel Libbey, then 21, built the present house on the Spaulding farm. Libbey was a grandfather of Mrs. Spaulding and of Miss Mabel Libbey and Mrs. Vern Woolley, Balcoms Corners, whose farm was Family Century Farm No. 95 in this series.

The similarity in appearance and interior plan of the Libbey and Spaulding houses suggests that Daniel Libbey used the Libbey home as a plan for the one he built for Newcomb. The builder of the Libbey house, the first frame

### Fox Trappers Get Awards At State Park

Salamance—Cattaraugus County Sportsman's Federation and sportsmen clubs sponsored the fox trapping contest for 4-H boys in Cattaraugus County again this year and brought it to a close with a turkey dinner at the Administration Building in the Allegany State Park.

The top 4-H trapper in the county was Richard Hakes of Ellicottville who led the list of 35 contestants with 21 foxes. Eld Beckman of Cattaraugus with 10, followed by Charles Fadale, Ellicottville, Norbert Gabel, Collins, and Ronald Doty, Franklinville, who caught nine, eight and eight, respectively. The other 28 boys' catches ranged from seven to one fox each.

Ed Chapman, 4-H program assistant, said 16 boys in Ellicottville trapped 64 foxes; three Franklinville boys trapped 14, four Cattaraugus boys trapped 22 and three boys each in Gowanda, Michias, Little Valley, Randolph and Limestone bagged 10, 8, 2, 2 and 3 foxes.

Also in the summary, 38 trappers caught 252 foxes but in 1953, 33 trappers caught only 115 foxes. A special award was given to Thomas Dalley of Yorkshire for the best pet.

Prizes ranged from a choice of a week of trapping at a conservation camp to a bond of \$25 to the top trapper, Richard Hakes, and a fishing rod to the second high boy to five dollars for the best pet to a pocket knife, hunting knives, first-aid kits, shells and traps for each boy who participated in the contest.

### Conservation Farm Visits

By RALPH G. ECKERT Soil Conservation Service Warren, Pa.

In last week's discussion about raindrops, we saw that the water we stopped at the two forces, the explosion when a raindrop hits and the washing away of the loose particles by surface runoff.

As the raindrops hit the surface they splash particles of soil into the air. On level areas the soil is more or less bounced around, but on sloping ground the particles are splashed into the air with the majority falling down hill so there is a continual movement of soil downhill.

Some of the experiments show that soil can be splashed as high as three feet or more into the air and when this takes place on a level area the particles are splashed around, but there is no particular loss of soil on any part of the area.

When this splash occurs on sloping ground there is entirely a different story. On a 10 per cent slope, about three times as much of the soil splashes downhill as uphill. When you remember last week I mentioned approximately 90 per cent of our farmland is sloping, you can see what an enormous factor in soil movement this splash seemingly harmless raindrops really is.

This splash erosion on sloping ground is bad enough in itself, but when it is teamed up with surface runoff the soil particles are moved off the field a lot faster. As the muddy water moves down hill the particles, acting as sandpaper on a board, scour out gullies along the natural waterways. This means that additional soil is lost from the field as well as the organic matter, lime and fertilizer. The amount of erosion, of course depends on the intensity of rainfall, type of soil, slope and cover.

Next week we will finish the erosion from raindrops and rainstorm discussion by looking at the results and some of the control measures for this type of erosion.

### Ashville Grange Host to Deputies; Crops Discussed

Ashville—Willard Ayres, Busby state deputy, master, and Mrs. Glenn W. Ashburn, Lakewood state juvenile matron, made an open visit to Ashville Grange Tuesday evening. Mr. Ayres gave a brief talk on community service.

Thomas Cave, master, announced that a Six Point meeting will be held Thursday at Fama. Mrs. Martha Davis, Ceres, and Rev. Ivan Russell, chaplain, will participate in the program.

A dart ball game with Busby will be held Monday evening at Ashville. Ashville Grange will enter a debate contest sponsored by the county Officers and Members Association.

Roger W. Cramer, county agricultural agent, was guest speaker at the meeting and discussed new and improved varieties of field crops.

Kenneth Brautigan sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Brautigan. Special music was provided by the Fife, Bottle and Jug Band, a group of Falconer High School boys. The refreshment committee included Russell Elchardt, Herbert Start, and Ellis Soudan.

A cookie contest will be held at the next meeting March 24. The youth committee is in charge of the program and will present a talk on insect diseases and weed control by chemicals. There will be special music. Mrs. Sidney Willson, Mrs. Gertrude Bentley, Mrs. Mordie Meador and Miss Edna Krenking will serve on the refreshment committee.

### Little Valley Grange Studies Recreation

Little Valley—Little Valley Grange held an open meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall Monday evening. Michael F. Blavat, a field representative for the State Youth Commission, spoke on "What is Recreation?"

School, town and village officials spoke briefly on their ideas and experiences with youth recreation. The local grange is interested in securing a recreation center.

There were about 40 present at the meeting from Salamance, Elkdale, Napoli, Gowanda and Little Valley.

### Ellery Center Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Johnson of Pancake Hill were Mrs. Grace Costello, Kirk Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harmon and daughter, Leah T. Miller, legislative Miss Jean McMullen and Mr. Johnson, Rochester. They attended the Johnson-Dennison wedding at Stillwater.

Miss Lee Judy Smiley, Rochester, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smiley.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl P. Muller have returned from a three-week motor trip to Illinois, while there they joined his family in northwestern Iowa. One brother flew from California to make the family circle complete for the first time in several years.

Mrs. Wanda Baisden and son, Douglas, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Buford Emble, have returned to Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Baisden moved here from Huntington, where they formerly lived, to get his wife and son.

### West Ellery Recent guests of Mrs. Charles Lindstrom spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emekow, Ripley, caring for Mrs. Emerson and her new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams and son, Guy, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson and son, Watts Flats, visited Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Johnson, and Mrs. Frank Levanowski and Mrs. Andrew Belsler and two sons, Dunkirk, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindstrom and daughters.

### PICKED FOR CONFERENCE Geneva, (A.P.)—The New York State Agricultural Testing Station has announced Dr. Willard F. Crozier, of the station staff, would be U.S. delegate to the 10th Congress of the International Seed Testing Association at Dublin, Iowa, in May.

GRAPE PRODUCTION DOWN

Washington—Reports to the Department of Agriculture indicate that world grape production in 1952 fell to 24,600,000 tons from 26,800,000 tons produced in 1951, a decline of six per cent.

### Meetings Set On Records

#### Dairy Improvement To Be Demonstrated

A series of four meetings on dairy records, two specifically for members of the Chautauque County Dairy Herd Improvement Cooperative and the others for owner-sampler members, have been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.

They will be held at the Sinclairville Grange Hall Tuesday at 7:30 for members and at 8 for owner-samplers, and at the Sherman Grange Hall Wednesday at 7:30 for members and at 8 for owner-samplers.

Although the meetings are designed for members, any farmers interested are invited to attend.

Each dairyman will bring his record books to the meeting, and Prof. Robert Spaulding, Cornell University dairy extension specialist, will discuss the books, the information recorded in them and the purpose of the records and will suggest uses of the records in improving dairy herds.

The meetings are 125 members of the D.H.I.A. and about 200 owner-sampler members.

### The Rural Woman: Nobody Could Uproot Human Hickory Stump

#### His Early Bitter Struggle For Existence Fit Jackson for Stubborn Defense of Right

By SUELLEN SMITH

Did you ever try to remove an old hickory stump? It's solid, defiant and holds its own against all comers. By axe wedges, fire and choice machinery, nothing short of dynamite will disturb its "Rock of Gibraltar" stand. It refuses to be pushed around just as "Old Hickory" Andrew Jackson resisted pressure.

A stubborn nature is usually considered detrimental to the character development of an individual rather than good. It can be a weathering thing. And it was with the seventh president of the United States that the word "Old Hickory" was born.

Andrew Jackson was born March 15, 1767, to poor, uneducated parents. At the age of 13, back in his home state of South Carolina, he and his brother joined the Revolutionary Army and later were captured by British forces. Jackson refused to clean an officer's boots, he was struck by a saber. Scalp badly lacerated, hand cut to the bone, he was marched without food or water to a prison camp.

The boys' widowed mother secured the release when they contracted smallpox. Costless and barefoot, young Andrew stumbled 40 miles in an icy rain. Determined to live, he hid so, but his brother died and his mother soon after. Alone, his stubborn fight for existence was successful.

At 17, apprenticeship in the saddle trade was dropped to take up farming and the study of law. From there politics was an easy step for this pusher. Some of his accomplishments were: able general of the Tennessee militia; successful lawyer; regular, frugal judge and the first Tennessee Congressman.

During the War of 1812, General Jackson earned the name of "Old Hickory" by marching, sleeping, eating exactly as the men under his command did. Suffering acutely from dysentery, he nevertheless attacked the ferocious Creek Indians and, though greatly outnumbered, was successful. He and his men faced the thousand-drunk Redcoats at New Orleans and his great victory put the Creole residents forever on his side.

When Jackson was suggested for presidential number, he said heatedly, "Do they suppose that I am such a d--- fool as to think myself fit for president of the United States? No, sir," he yelled, "I know what I am fit to be!—but I am not fit to be president."

Fortunately, the nation knew better. True, Andy was crude

### Stormy Hearing Ends at Elmira

#### Pierce's Proposal Brings Protests

Elmira (A.P.)—A federal milk hearing has temporarily adjourned here, but observers predicted stormy waters ahead when the hearings open next week in Watertown, Ogdensburg and Malone.

Hearings opened here Tuesday when Dr. C. W. Pierce, a Penn. State College dairy economist, outlined proposed changes in the federal order governing the New York milk field.

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### Farm and Home Week Schedules

#### G. E. Sokolsky Replaces Benson In Wednesday Talk; Programs Available

A program change for Farm and Home Week at Cornell University, Ithaca, March 22 to 27, has been announced with George E. Sokolsky, columnist, author, lecturer and traveler scheduled to speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23. Sokolsky's column has listed a talk by Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture, at that time.

Mr. Sokolsky's columns appear regularly in the Post-Journal.

Programs for the annual rural event are now available on request from the Farm Bureau office in Jamestown.

The 72-page program lists hundreds of lectures, demonstrations, films, exhibits and meetings through the five days. Daily features include animal husbandry exhibits, farm fielding discussions, plant hybridization, home food and nutrition, home arrangements, a garden center, research for commercial florist and nursery crop production, the cream manufacturing, open house at the Agricultural Experiment Station, food and nutrition exhibits, mastitis clinic and book reviews.

Evening programs include the Rice Debate Stage on the Rount Four Program and a talk by an exchange student Monday. Demonstrations of milk making, a meeting of the State Herford Breeders Association and a meeting of Cornell Student Grange Tuesday. State championship sheep shearing, a contest, university open boxing championship and play at State College, a dairy economist, outlined proposed changes in the federal order governing the New York milk field.

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### Uniform Price Down to \$4.25 For February

New York (A.P.)—The market administrator of the New York metropolitan milk marketing area today announced that the uniform price for milk delivered in February to 213 plants in the milkshed is \$4.25 per hundredweight.

The administrator, C. J. Blanford, announced the producer butterfat differential for the month at 6 cents for each percent above or below the 3.5 per cent standard.

The \$4.25 figure is 25 cents below the January uniform price and compares to \$5.07 paid for deliveries in February, 1952.

Blanford reported that milk production for the month set records both in total volume and daily average output. However, sales of fluid milk in the marketing area, New York City and Nassau, Westchester and Suffolk Counties, dropped slightly below last year.

Production for the month ran to 540,919,800 pounds or eight 1/2 per cent over February, 1952. Daily average production per farm was 394 pounds, or 39 pounds a day over a year ago.

Blanford estimated that more than 100 million pounds of butter and 825,000 pounds of cheddar cheese were made from milk produced in the milkshed.

Farm value of the month's production, he said, was \$23,417,734, including butterfat and local premiums.

The \$4.25 uniform price will be paid for milk testing 3.5 per cent butterfat received at plants 201-212 miles from New York City.

### Benson Says Price Drops Are at End, Prosperity Ahead

Philadelphia (A.P.)—Recent drops in farm prices are at an end and continued prosperity is in the foreseeable future for the nation's farmers, according to Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture.

In an article in the April issue of Farm Journal magazine, Benson said he wants farmers to suggest new legislation before 1955 "which will give farmers even more security than they have now."

Benson said also he will carry out price support laws passed by Congress but insisted he didn't think that "supports should be so high as to subsidize the inefficient."

"We can't guarantee a profit to every farmer any more than we can to every retailer," Benson said.

### Deputies Attend Kennedy Grange; Contest Held

Kennedy—Kennedy Grange met at the Odd Fellows Hall. Past master Leslie Baker presided.

The state deputies spoke on coming Grange activities.

Leola T. Miller, legislative committee member, gave a report from the state committee, and reported on the county committee meeting.

There were nine entries in the cookie contest. Winners were Mrs. Bertha Town, Violet Anderson, and Mrs. Alberta Dennison. They were presented awards by the service and hospitality committee.

The next regular meeting will be March 20.

### Victory Club Plays At South Dayton

South Dayton—Mrs. Arthur Wolfe entertained the Victory Club at her home with tables of bridge, Mrs. Edward Sullivan, Mrs. Melva Hackett and Mrs. Lydia Casten were guests. Honors went to Mrs. Elizabeth Waite, Mrs. Ruth Wood and Mrs. Sullivan.

Mrs. Lillian Allen will be hostess March 24.

### Three Juniors Honored By Holstein Association

Brattleboro, Vt.—Three Jamestown area youths, whose Holstein calf club work has been declared satisfactory, have been granted certificates of merit and junior memberships in the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

They are Jerome W. Whitney, Clymer, Arthur H. Scott, Cherry Creek, and Alfred M. Kuczka, Irving.

### Boston Milk Price Down 49 Cents in Year

Boston (A.P.)—The price of milk farmers delivered to Boston handlers in February is down 13 cents a hundredweight from January and 49 cents from February, 1952. The federal milk market administrator said today.

Robert W. Cherry, acting administrator, computed a February pool price of \$4.76 a hundredweight at plants in the basic 201-210 zone. This price for 3.7 per cent milk is accompanied by a butterfat differential of 8.3 cents.

### Officers and Members Association Will Meet at 8:15 P.M. March 23 at the Hinsdale Grange Hall. Members will provide turkey, sandwiches and table service.

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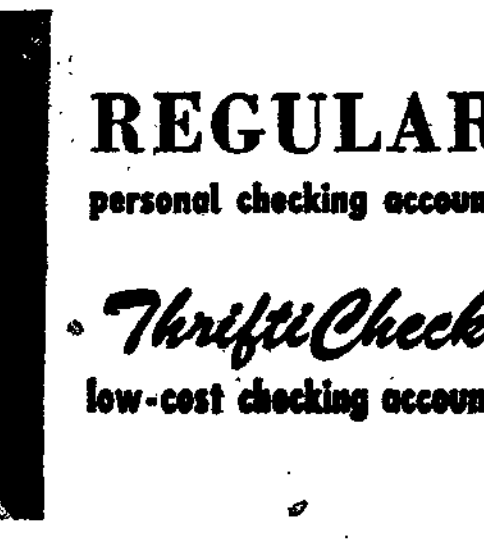
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