

Most Producers Disappointed In Sugar Season

Long Warm Spell Is Factor; Good Run Reported This Week

Hopes for a good maple season seem to have disappeared in the clouds of steam evaporated from this week's sap run, judging from one producer's comment.

The run, by far the best in quantity, may be the last that will produce good quality table syrup, Mrs. Kenneth Lawrence, Ellington, reported. The prolonged warm period over the last week end was called a "contributing factor, if not the cause, of the rapid waning of the season."

Monday night and Tuesday's "sugar snow" failed to help, because even puddles in the woods did not freeze, Mrs. Lawrence said. However, the temperature dropped Tuesday night, and the bushes responded with a two-day run that kept Mr. Lawrence up until 4 A. M. Wednesday, trying to handle it.

He was still boiling Friday, and figures the one run gave him 75 gallons of syrup from 100 taps and saved what other syrup would have been a dismal failure for a sugar season. The Lawrence's tapped the second week in February, then waited patiently through a week of freezing weather. The first real run of the season followed. Then the continued warm weather held up operations, and they had nearly given up hope when this week's run filled the buckets again. Altogether, the Lawrence's are disappointed in the season. They stated that any future crop made probably will go into soft sugar. They sell all their syrup at their farm, in order.

April Fluid Milk Price To Be \$4.76

New York. —The April price of fluid milk produced for the New York metropolitan milk marketing area will be at \$4.76 per hundredweight. It was announced by Dr. A. J. Pollard, marketing administrator. The price for March is \$5.08 per hundredweight. In April, 1952, it was \$5.19 per hundredweight.

Ellyery Grange Plans Contest

Ellyery Center—At Monday evening's meeting it was voted to hold the Ellyery Grange molasses cookie contest April 1, the next regular meeting. The contest is to favor the State Park at Chautauque, and as recently proposed by Chautauque Regions, Inc.

Quality, Weight Of Livestock Boosted by Sugar

Los Angeles, (A.P.)—Hogs used to fatten on sugar molasses, and the results in better meat, a group of researchers told the American Chemical Society this week. Meat quality and dressed weight are improved by sugar feeding in some but not in all cases, said Prof. D. A. Greenwood and Prof. E. B. Wilcox, of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Rural Woman: Stand Back, Folks, Here Comes Spring!

We'll Get the Bitter 'With the Sweet, So Don't Put the Overcoat in Storage

By SUELLEN SMITH

First day of spring! With visions of cheerful pink and yellow crocuses, warm scented breezes and returning chirpers, I gleefully turn to my old friend, the Farmers' Almanac. "This is the month that puts the 'whether' in the weather prediction . . . Watch out for year's most violent storm."

Oh, no! Surely this time Abraham Weatherwise must be otherwise? As this is being written, my blanket of snow rolls back and a pale green carpet appears. Budding snowdrops, squills, daffodils and Forsythia unfold. I sniff fresh scented air, watch rejuvenated redbreasts peck at the lively earth. But a warning sign door rids intruder and I bow to huffy winter blast. "Okay," I mutter, "you win this time, but just you wait . . ."

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Representing Warren County were H. A. Ludwick, Arvid Gruber, Allen Lindell, John Burk, Hubert Johnson, Ellis Martin, Stanley Lawrence and County Agent O. C. Tritt. The professor told the group that the Pennsylvania farmer has a freedom of operation entirely unknown in European countries, which allows him to determine his own course of action and permits him to make progress as rapidly as new scientific information is discovered.

The report of George W. Thompson, W.P.A.B.C. manager, showed 104,178 cows bred in 1952, an approximate 15 per cent increase over 1951. This fact, coupled with a 12 per cent membership increase for the same period, indicated that a greater use of the breeding service is being made by the older members.

Chautauque Grange Discusses Tax Reduction

Mayville — Chautauque Grange met with Master Gerald Hewes presiding. The lecturers program under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Weise included a reading and quiz by Ellen Parker, a discussion on "Should the Income Tax be Reduced or Should the Budget be Balanced," reading by Albert Burnett; and a recreational number by the lecturer.

Sherman Grange Repairs Kitchen; Contest Planned

Willard Wellman, Niobe Grange, gave a brief talk. It was announced that the March 28 meeting will include the molasses cookie contest. Mrs. Bernice Harrington and committee served refreshments. At the next meeting each family will provide sandwiches and a soft pie.

Tooth Timetable For Cows' Age Called Outdated

Chicago, (A.P.)—Don't judge a cow's age by her teeth. That's the advice of the American Veterinary Medical Association which claimed Tuesday that the generally accepted "dental timetable" for cattle is misleading. This timetable, prepared by early animal anatomists for textbooks, has pairs of incisor teeth erupting at two, three, four and five years of age.

'Green Acres' Schools Start Next Week

Varieties, Seeding, Hybrids, Controls To Be Discussed

Latest recommendations in crop varieties, seedings, hybrids, weed and insect control will be among topics to be discussed at a series of nine community "Green Acres" meetings starting next week, according to Glenn Cline, assistant county agricultural agent.

STATE STEWARD HERE WEDNESDAY

Clarence E. Johnson, County Steward of the New York State Grange, will be guest speaker at a special green supper meeting for all Chautauque County Grange members to be held at 8 P. M. Wednesday at Westfield Grange Hall. Information on Grange activities will be given.

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David Heron Wins in FFA Talk Contest

Cattaraugus — David Heron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Heron, won the Cattaraugus County F.F.A. speaking contest held in Salamanca Tuesday evening.

National Pays Another \$20 On '52 Grapes

Westfield — Payment of an additional \$20 per ton, bringing a total so far to \$75, for 1952 grapes was approved by the executive committee of the National Grape Cooperative Association at its first meeting since the annual meeting, held Tuesday at the offices of the Welch Grape Company.

Herd Average, Records Reported for Holsteins

Brattleboro, Vt.—One herd average, and records on four individual cows in the Chautauque-Cattaraugus area were reported this week by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

New Show, Sale Rules Set in Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, Pa.—To prevent spread of livestock diseases among cattle assembled for shows or sales held in Pennsylvania, amended livestock health standards have been announced by the State Department of Agriculture. All entries in cattle sales and shows must be free from any evidence of infectious or transmissible disease and must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the State Bureau of Animal Industry. Copies of the regulations are available from the Bureau of Animal Industry at Harrisburg.



109-YEAR-OLD LAKE ERIE FARM — This is the John Holbrook farm, east of Barcelona on Route 5, which was first built in 1844 by Mr. Holbrook's great grandfather, Mr. Holbrook, 77, runs the 40-acre grape and dairy farm alone. The front section of the house and the barn were moved from other locations, and all of the buildings are more than 100 years old.

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Family Century Farms

The Post-Journal's FARM FAMILY PAGE

Farming goes on today, in the form of vineyards and a small dairy, on the John Holbrook farm, east of Barcelona on Route 5, which was first built in 1844 by Mr. Holbrook's great grandfather, Mr. Holbrook, 77, runs the 40-acre grape and dairy farm alone. The front section of the house and the barn were moved from other locations, and all of the buildings are more than 100 years old.

Rev. George Ford, minister of the West Portland Church after the death of her first husband, and Jessie's twin sister, who died in infancy. Raised by Grandparents Henry, the oldest, was raised by his grandparents while his parents sailed the lakes. He helped Harris with the farm, and took over the larger part of the work after his grandfather sustained a broken hip in a fall from a haywagon.

Great Lakes Captain Sarah married Simon B. Holbrook, Ripley, March 15, 1847, less than two years after her arrival in the area. Holbrook, a descendant of Plymouth Colony settlers, was a man of many trades, but in his earlier years was a Lake Erie captain. Sarah often sailed with him, and their first child was born shortly after a quick run into port.

After he quit the lakes, Simon owned several farms in the Barcelona area. He was a cattle dealer and traded horses doing considerable business with the army. Simon and Sarah had seven children: Henry W., who carried on the family farm; Fred, a railroad worker and fisherman; George, who died at 16; Irvin, a farm worker in the area; Ben, who worked on his grandfather's farm, later moving to Westfield, then Cleveland; Jessie, Mrs. Elmer Bacon, who married

Retail Milk Price Ends Rising Trend

Washington, (A.P.)—A two-and-a-half year uptrend in milk prices in the nation's urban markets has come to a halt. Reporting this, the Agriculture Department said fluid milk prices early this month averaged 23.2 cents a quart at retail, the same as a year ago. This is the first time since August, 1950, that the average retail price has not exceeded the level of the same month a year earlier.

Disease Discovery Closes Stockyards

Columbus, Ohio—(A.P.)—The state veterinarian today closed the Union Stock Yards at Washington Court House and began checking back on a shipment of Ohio hogs that showed signs of vesicular exanthema. Dr. James R. Hay, who ordered closing of the stock yards on "The Foods We Need" during cleaning and disinfecting operations, said the swine and why we need them, a detective work began Wednesday by Mrs. LeRoy Elie-day. The shipment of hogs man-

Farmington Unit Ponders Projects; Degrees Given

Lander—Farmington Grange met with Master Lynn Burgett presiding. Ralph Babcock was initiated in the third and fourth degrees. A donation was voted to the Red Cross. A list of proposed community projects was read. It was announced Mrs. Grace Peterson, Long Beach, Calif., will receive her Golden Sheaf certificate for fifty continuous years of membership in the program. Mrs. Florence Sturdevant gave a reading, and Mrs. Alvine Burgett read a poem. At the next meeting March 26 a spelling bee will be a feature on the program.

NEW NAME ADOPTED

The name of the Warren County Grange youth organization was changed at a recent meeting to the Warren County Pomona Youth Organization.

Changes in Milk Order Fought

Series of Hearings To End April 20

Watertown, (A.P.)—For three straight days, dairymen and other rural leaders have fired a barrage of objections at changes proposed in the milk marketing order for the New York milkshed. Nearly 20 persons testified against the proposals at a public hearing here Friday. Their arguments followed similar testimony given Thursday at Ogdensburg and Wednesday at Malone.

The witnesses generally have contended that the revisions, while perhaps beneficial to producers within 200 miles of New York City, would result in a lower price to farmers outside that area. Two of the four main proposals have drawn most of the fire from northern New York leaders. They would revise the freight differential deducted from producers' checks and readjust location bonuses paid producers in areas closer to New York City.

Friday, two dairymen from central and southern New York, within the 200-mile premium area, joined north country witnesses in opposing the proposals. The two other principal proposals would change the system of pricing fluid milk produced in the milkshed but sold outside it, and require a number of reserve plants in eastern Pennsylvania to enter a pool on a shipping-plant basis or withdraw entirely.

Friday, a government witness declined to reveal who advanced the controversial amendments. The final decision on their adoption or rejection lies with the U.S. Agriculture Department. However, the department assured farmers Wednesday that it would give very careful study to testimony from the hearings before making its decision.

About 1,000 persons attended the hearing Friday, which concluded the north country phase. The series is slated to end with a session in Elmira April 20.

Forestville Students Plan Ithaca Trip

Forestville—Sixteen students of the Forestville Central School home economics and agriculture departments with their instructors, Mrs. Carolyn Wilder and Ray Hall, will leave the school Sunday at 1 P.M. to attend Farm and Home Week at Ithaca.

Those furnishing transportation are Mrs. Anita Sage, John Fox, Edward Heidt and Ray Hall. Monday and Tuesday they will attend lectures and demonstrations and view exhibits, returning Wednesday.

Those attending are Yvonne Sage, Connie and Janet Schultz, Pauline Waxham, Virginia Cardot, Phyllis Austin, Delores Ciminnella, Ted Terry, Eldon Heidt, Fred Payne, Ray Saunders, Monty Fox, Lawrence Crowell, Eugene Bemus, Merton Snow and Bill Zaincki.

Six Point Grange Meets at Mayville

Mayville—On Tuesday evening Chautauque Six Point Grange, 34 members of the met at the Grange Hall in Mayville. Lena Rhinehart, master of Dewittville Grange, presided. Officers from the four Granges represented occupied the chairs.

The program was presented by Mrs. Jean Hewes, Chautauque Grange. Scheduled were a guessing contest by Betty Cotton, Chautauque Grange; a quiz contest, won by Gerald Hewes' team; readings by Lena Rhinehart, Arden Barrett and Hazel Cranston; recreational number by Portland Grange; two duets by the Misses Ross and Barbara Harrington, Chautauque Grange; and games. Mrs. Burdette Cotton was pianist.

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