MUGGS AND SKEETER

BY WALLY BISHOP

BALD HILL

By Mrs. Elmer Ritchie

This community has been blessed with a good rain. Most of the tobacco has been transplanted and gardens are looking better.

Reynolds Green of Paris is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green.

Gary Lewis Frayman is visiting his father, Bill Fryman and wife.

Mr. add Mrs. Marvin Snapp and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ritchie.

Mrs. J. N. Stephenson, Carlisle, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ritchie this week.

The Rose Hill W.S.C.S. met with Mrs. Elmer Ritchie last Thursday for an all day meeting. Twenty were present. The July meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hisel Ritchie spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ritchie.

STONEY CREEK

By Opal Howard

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Platt and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Livengood.

Mr. and Mrs. Yank Allison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Pumphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mitchell spent Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Gunn and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tincher.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harper and family of Fulmouth, Ind., Mrs. Paul Livengood and son spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Orville Howard and family.

Miss Vivian Howard is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Russell Harper and Mr. Harper.

ELLISVILLE

By Mrs. Richard Snapp

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamm and Edith Shea attended the dedication of the new hospital at Paris, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Prather and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lucan McQueen and children and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grey and children of Lexington spent Sunday with Edith Prather and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Vaughn and children of Carlisle visited his mother, Mrs. Nancy Vaughn and family Sunday.

Misses Caroline Curtis and Janet Marie Fryman are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Curtis of Covington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fryman and children were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fryman and family.

Mrs. Odie Hughes and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Stevens and son, have moved to Moorefield.

The people of this community extend sympathy to the family of James Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Poe attended the funeral of her brother, Oscar Tackett of Bardstown, Ohio, Monday.

Your Garden

By John S. Gardner, University of Kentucky

There are three kinds of late potatoes as to varieties and planting time. One is comprised of the pair, Green Mountain and July Potato, planted after mid-June; another pair, Katahdin and Sequoia, to which should be added the newer Kennebec, all planted July 5 to 10; and again a pair, Ashworth and Irish Cobbler, planted about July 10 to 25.

Green Mountain is recommended particularly for the mountain counties, where the summers are more showery than elsewhere. Fine yields can be made, and the quality is the best. However, it has the drawback of blighting easily. The seed must have been cold-storage kept.

The July Potato (possibly McCormick) for long has been the standard "home" potato, but because of careless handling and selecting, it is rapidly losing ground. That is unfortunate, because it is dependable and even abuseproof. It has the faculty of waiting out dry spells, then makes its crop of sometimes unbelievably high yields when the fall rains come, going down only after severe frost. Fresh dug, it is pasty, and if not eaten in fetal darkness it tends to become strong in flavor, but when properly kept awhile, it becomes a really fine winter potato, usable until the next year's early potatoes come in. The seed can be held in common cellar storage until planting time.

Katahdin and Sequoia have been favorite winter potatoes ever since their introduction, 25 years and 18 years ago, but both blighted in 1950. Even so, the yields were favorable, and these varieties are not to be written off because of their behavior in that one year. Anyhow, blight can be controlled by spraying.

Katahdin is "bright" white, Sequoia, somewhat russet. Both have excellent quality, even fresh-dug and immature. They make their high yields because of tubers sometimes too large for boiling whole, but this is no disqualification for the family's winter potato supply. The seed for both must be kept in cold storage to keep the sprouts vigorous until time for planting.

Miranda Homemakers

By Mrs. George Scott Sr.

The Miranda Homemakers met June 11 at the home of Mrs. Otho Scott and Mrs. Edgar Scott. Fourteen members, two visitors and five children were present. The members answered the roll call by telling of their projects/pursuits.

Mrs. W. B. Claypool gave the devotional and the business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. George Scott.

The following officers were chosen to serve for the coming year: Mrs. George Scott, president; Mrs. Edgar Darrell, vice president; Mrs. W. W. Rigg, secretary and treasurer.

Project leaders for the coming year were chosen.

In the afternoon, instead of the book report scheduled, each member, who was old enough to have studied the McGuffey's Read-

Grass And Dairying Pay Off In Monroe

An estimated 200 Monroe county farmers top-dressed pastures with 0-12-12 or 0-14-7 fertilizers and a large number used ammonium nitrate on grass. Pastures well cared for will carry two cows an acre, according to UK County Agent Justus I. Ellis.

Many of the better fescue fields in the county are expected to produce 400 to 800 pounds of seed an acre, Ellis said. Some farmers also are planning to save orchard grass seed for their own use. Orchard grass in combination with ladino and alsike clover is widely used by Monroe county dairymen.

The county agent said "dairying is really a growing business in this county. A cheese plant paid farmers over a million dollars for milk in 1951. The number of cows is increasing about 15 percent a year, it is said.

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Prize Catch

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Ky. Press Donates Money For Nursery

Appropriation of funds sufficient to construct a nursery school for cerebral palsy and other handicapped children was announced today by Bennett Roach, of the Shelbyville News, President of the Kentucky Press Association. It is the first time the newspapers of the State have coordinated their efforts in a project of this nature.

"This is an example of what can be accomplished by understanding and co-operation," Mr. Roach said. "The Kentucky Press Association is providing $10,000 for construction. The Kentucky Society for Crippled Children, which owns the site at Lexington, where the school will be built, is assuming responsibility for letting contracts, and for administration, maintenance and staffing. The Kentucky Crippled Children Commission is responsible for the medical program at the school."

All arrangements for the school, including program and policies, were worked out in advance by the interested groups, Mr. Roach said. "This is a particularly happy event in the life of the newspapers in the State," he added. "It is the culmination of our first undertaking to provide facilities not otherwise available for the crippled children's program, in consultation with the Kentucky Crippled Children Commission. But this is only the beginning. We hope the Kentucky Press Fund will grow through efforts of member newspapers or another facility at another place can be provided in the not too distant future."

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Prune Evergreens In June Or July

The finest evergreens will soon become unsightly unless they are pruned every year, warns Prof. N. R. Elliott of the University of Kentucky horticulture department. About one half of the new growth should be removed between June 1 and July 15. However, the central tip of an evergreen should not be removed unless the tree has reached the height at which it is to remain, he said. Old evergreens grown into trees should not be pruned at all.

Pines, firs and spruces have a form of growth that is like the letter "Y" with a central prong. About half of this year's growth of the prong should be removed. Yatsis or yew, arborvitae, hemlock and most of the junipers may be pruned with a sharp knife or hedge shears.

Boxwood should be pruned with a sharp knife while holding each young shoot over the index finger.

Clears 170 Acres For Pasture Land

Easley Bros. of Crittenden county cleared 170 acres of wild land last year, and then built up a pasture that took care of 70 head of cattle through the winter. Using their bush-and-hog tractor disks and bulldozers, they cleared the land of bushes, broomsedge and briars, and then treated the land with lime and phosphate according to recommendations from Oaley M. Shelby, UK county agent.

The Easleys are planning to combine fescue and orchard grass for seed to sow new acreages on their 460-acre hill farm along the Ohio River.

County Agent Reports On McLean Agriculture

Farm activities in McLean county, as reported by UK County Agent Leroy Northington: A Farm Bureau meeting was attended by about 425 farmers. Secretary T. E. Stanfield of the state federation spoke... V. G. Irwin is planning to use a central farmstead house and fence three fields for hog pasture, rotating pasture and tobacco, so he can have clean ground for pigs... The county agent is helping re-organize Alexander Cabbage's farm in the Soil and Home Development Program... Trees were marked in five acres of woodland on the farm of F. E. Cary. All trees under 16 inches will be left to grow into salable lumber.

DRAINAGE PROPOSED

A proposed drainage ditch through 1,500 acres in Cairo community in Henderson county would cost an estimated $21,000. UK County Agent Arthur A. Williams said increased crop yields might pay for the ditch in three years. Ten farms would be improved by the two miles of ditch.

The largest railroad yard in the world is at Russell, Ky. It has 176 miles of track.

HE CAME OUT ON HIS LUCKY DAY

DONALD F. REYNOLDS, a GI from Phoenix, Ariz., climbs out of his battered and overturned car after crashing into a light pole in San Francisco on Friday the 13th. Reynolds, who was born on Friday the 13th, and has number 13 tattooed on his arm, escaped unhurt. The automobile's number was up, however. (International Soundphoto)

College Radio Schedule

A radio program of particular interest to farmers and homemakers may be heard over station WHAS every Saturday at 10.30 a. m., CST, from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and Home Economics. The following speakers and their subjects are scheduled for June 21: Pheane Ross, "The Importance of Recreation;" Dr. George B. Byers, "More Money from Ripe Tobacco," and Roy Flannery, "Side-dressing Corn with Nitrogen Fertilizer."

Over station WAVE on June 21 at 11:45 a. m., CST, Dr. R. H. Dutt will discuss, "Hormones for Breeding Ewes."

Kentucky Moves Up Among Dairy States

Kentucky is now 14th among the dairy states in numbers of milk cows, according to the Dairy Section of the University of Kentucky. There now are nearly 700,000 dairy cows in the state, and income from dairying was around $120 million dollars in 1951. In 25 of the 28 past years, dairying in Kentucky was first or second in point of income. It has been exceeded only by tobacco in recent years.

The number of farms in Kentucky which receive half or more of their cash receipts from the sale of dairy products has nearly doubled in the past 10 years. There are 95,000 more dairy cows on farms than in 1942. "Only a shortage of labor can stop Kentucky from moving up among the leading dairy states in milk production," said University dairymen.

"Along with the increase in cow numbers," the statement continues, "there should be a substantial increase in average production a cow, with the help of the Green Pastures program, the use of artificial breeding and an expanded milk-testing program. Kentucky's soils and climate lend themselves to good pastures. The emphasis placed on grass and livestock has changed the complexion of many hillsides. These hillsides are excellent pastures today and are furnishing feed for thousands of dairy cows."

The artificial breeding program has made proven dairy sires available to many Kentucky dairymen. More than 15,000 cows were artificially bred the past year. Artificial breeding is bringing higher cow production.

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UK Adds To List Of Building Plans

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Expandable house of four to six rooms. This plan provides for a house with or without a basement and with or without upstairs bedrooms and bath. It also provides for the addition of extra bedrooms.

Pole dairy barn and U-tandem milking parlor. This barn has poles spaced 14 feet. The overall dimension is 56 by 56 feet. It has elevated type of walk-through milking parlor. The capacity of the barn is about 20 cows.

Tobacco barn 40 by 56 feet, for housing three acres of leaf.

Double brick silo. The carrying capacity of this silo is 10 to 16 cows for 180 days at 30 pounds of silage a cow a day.

Stock lifter for lightweight and medium-weight animals.

Cattle-holding chute with slanting side-walls. It is 16 feet long, with head stocks. The chute was designed by Dr. E. F. Pile of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, with headquarters at the University of Kentucky.

Before ordering plans, see a county or home agent about a small charge for these plans. Orders should be addressed to Agriculture Engineering Department, University of Kentucky, Lexington.

Recipe of the Week

There's nothing quite as appetizing as cold pressed chicken on a hot day, says Miss Florence Imlay, food specialist at the University of Kentucky. Because it is prepared in advance, it leaves the hostess free for other last-minute duties.

Pressed Chicken

1 4-pound fowl
1 carrot
1 large onion
4 stalks of celery
½ t. salt
6 hard-cooked eggs
½ c. finely chopped parsley
1 T. gelatin
¼ c. cold water

Cut the chicken in serving pieces. Cover with hot water, then add carot, onion, celery and salt. Cook slowly until meat is tender. Remove chicken from kettle and continue cooking stock until only 2 cups remain. Remove chicken from bones. Alternate layers of sliced eggs, chicken, and parsley in greased loaf pan. Soften gelatin in cold water, then add hot stock. Pour stock over the chicken. Chill over night, after weighting it with a plate and weight. Unmold and slice for serving. Serves 10 to 12.

Menu: Pressed chicken, new potatoes in cream sauce, buttered peas, fruit salad, muffins, butter and sponge cake.

HISTORIC DUELLING PISTOLS GIVEN UK

The University of Kentucky has been given a brace of dueling pistols, which are linked with, what is probably Lexington's most famous tragedy, and the weapons have been placed on display at the school's library. Onetime owner of the weapons was Col. William C. Goodloe, 19th century Kentucky statesman and landowner, who was wounded fatally in a knife-pistol affray with his arch political rival Col. A. M. Swope, at the Lexington postoffice. Col. Swope was killed instantly in the struggle, taking place in 1889.

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