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FOR BANKING CENTENNIAL



Governor Ross Barnett signs a proclamation declaring 1963 the year for observance of 100th anniversary of Commercial Banking. Standing, left to right; Thad B. Lampton, Columbia, president Mississippi Bankers Association; W. P. McMullan, Sr., Jackson, vice-chairman Centennial Committee; Leigh Watkins, Jr., Jackson, Secretary Mississippi Bankers Association; L. Y. Foote, Hattiesburg, chairman Centennial Committee; and Llewellyn Brown, Jackson, State Comptroller of Banks.—Photo by Frank Noone

The Old South

By Eve L. Burwell

Time for Sassafras Tea —

Just the mention of Sassafras Tea is likely to stir up pleasant memories among older people — that is among those who can remember a half century or more ago. In the days of the horse and buggy, and later in the days of the Model T, it was common for people to drive out in the country in the early spring, and dig for the sassafras roots.

Some would carry an axe and a basket, and after finding the roots by the side of the road, buried deep in the cold damp ground, they would cut them up in short pieces, and carry home for cleaning. Their fragrant odor would fill the air, and when the roots were washed real nice, and clean, and boiled on the old kitchen stove, the pleasant brew filled the house.

The result of the boiling was sassafras tea, which people drank as a spring tonic, because it "thinned the blood," and helped cure chills and fever. On account of these supposed curative ingredients the tree was often called the "Ague Tree."

Well, those of us who drank the tea, (and still drink it), know very well that modern medicine places no value whatever on it. But from one who knows, there is nothing like a steaming, hot cup of good old sassafras tea, its main charm is that it tastes and smells so delicious.

But, did you know that it is still a principal flavor of sassafrilla and that good drink, root beer, themselves once home brews from the sassafras era. It is a fast growing, short lived, and rather weedy looking tree, a member of the Laural family. The leaves of this tree are quite unusual they are not of a single consistent shape, like those of most every tree. But the leaves assume three different forms, and believe it or not, sometimes all on the same twig — one is an oval, another is shaped like a mitten with one thumb, and the other is like a mitten with two thumbs.

Some say, if the leaves are picked in the early spring and dried, they may be used in salad, they add an interesting flavor. Of course, sassafras tea has gone the way of the goose — grease, sulphur and molasses, and other home remedies, but it will always be remembered with nostalgia, as the mark of a simpler life than some are living today.

and this era was most certainly, a more innocent day in the life of America.

Recipe for Sassafras Tea

Cut the sassafras roots into small lengths that will fit a brewing kettle. Split them lengthwise, into two or more pieces, and clean thoroughly. Boil in water until the brew is a rich red. Sometimes the first boiling is a little bitter and should be poured off. The same roots can be boiled two or three times before losing their strength. Add a spoon of sugar to a cup, and drink while steaming hot.

EBENEZER NEWS

By Eve L. Burwell

Church

The Ebenezer Methodist Church will have a special service Sunday, March 3. The Rural Development program award for third place will be presented at this hour. All are invited to attend.

Rev. Dennis Johnston and Miss Sue Heidel of Midway were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thomas and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson of Columbus were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brock.

Mrs. W. E. Drennan, Mrs. L. L. McNeese, Mrs. J. P. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brock and many others have been to see little Billy Malons, who is in the hospital with pneumonia. We are glad to report that he is much better at this writing.

Out of town visitors at the Methodist Church the past preaching day were Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson of Columbus, and Miss Sue Heidel of Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burwell paid a visit to Mrs. Emily

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David Perkins announces for Lt. Governor

David L. Perkins, 38, well known Jackson chiropractor, today formally announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor of Mississippi, subject to the will of the voters in the August 6 Democratic primary.

The candidate, who described himself as a Mississippi Democrat and staunch conservative, said that he plans to wage an active campaign, and that his platform will include denunciation of the usurpations by the federal government of the rights of the states and adherence to the Southern way of life.

"I will declare from every corner of this state that the government is responsible to you under the constitution," Perkins said. "I will emphasize that the rights of the people must not be taken away on any pretext by federal bureaucrats."

"It is with an humble and sincere desire to render dedicated service to the people of Mississippi that I take pride in announcing my candidacy for lieutenant governor," he said.

Dr. Perkins is a native of Rolling Fork, born the son of a farmer in Sharkey county. He was graduated from Carr Central High School in Vicksburg, attended Mississippi College at Clinton, and trained at National College and Palmer College for his profession. He is an Army Air Force veteran of World War II.

He is a member of the following fraternal and social organizations: the Methodist church, the Masonic Lodge, the Wahabi Temple, Scottish Rite Bodies, Eastern Star, Loyal Order of the Moose, American Legion, 40 & 8, Miss-Tenn. Peace Officers Association, Southeastern, Entomological Society of America, D. A. V., Sons of Confederate Veterans, Woodmen of the World, Mississippi Wildlife Federation, Parent-Teachers Association, Hinds County Co-op, and the Farm Bureau.

The candidate is one of the organizers of the States Right Party and holds a letter from Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, dated 1948, to this effect.

Motherhood and Misses Mable and Elizabeth Drennan of Franklin and Mrs. Jim Chisolm and Miss Santa Tackett of Richland Sunday afternoon.

Early and Chipper Lucas of Belzoni came Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lucas.

Little Paul and Patty White were among the children in the Tom Thumb wedding, Friday night, sponsored by the Lexington Jaycees. Paul was "Father of the Bride," and Patty was a "Guest," at the wedding.

Mrs. Minnie Herrin of Clarksdale has been a recent guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown and family.



This cold weather is good for something after all. Here U. D. Purvis of the Coxburg community is shown taking advantage of a good spell of hog killing weather.

County Agent

By W. R. Sullivan, County Agent

Livestock —

There is no need of stating that we have had a very severe winter on our livestock. Even though it is possible that our most severe weather is over our most critical period of caring for our livestock is from now until enough grass puts up to strengthen cattle up. With a few warm days young tender grass and clovers will be emerging and cattle will be trying to get as much of this young, tender grass as possible. It will be impossible for the cattle to get sufficient amount until later on in the spring. So it is necessary to continue to feed our cattle sufficient protein and hay at least another 30 to 45 days.

Make sure your cattle get at least 1 1/2 pounds of protein per day and enough hay to give them a fairly good fill each day. This will be good insurance in getting your cattle through the next thirty days.

Lice —

Lice are taking their toll on cattle at this time. Lice makes the cost of your feed program high and weakens the cattle more than any one might imagine. Let me urge that you treat your animals in order to control lice as soon as possible. This treatment may consist of spraying with pressure sprayer or dusting with recommended insecticides.

The following insecticides may be used as a spray: Malathion - 1 gallon of emulsifiable liquid in 100 gallons of water or for smaller mixture 1 coca cola bottle full for 5 gallons of water. Spray animals thoroughly.

Coral - May be used at the rate of 8 pounds to 50 gallons of water.

Lindane may be used using 1 pint to 50 gallons of water. 12 Gamma BHC - Use 2 pounds to 50 gallons of water. 50% Methoxychlor - Use 4 pounds to 50 gallons of water. Cattle may also be dusted with methoxychlor or lindane or either 5% malathion dust.

Cattle Vaccination —

As you know last year we had another outbreak of anthrax in Holmes County as well as a number of the hill counties in the state of Mississippi. From talking with veterinarians and other livestock people in the state we would certainly have to re-

may be applied for early corn any time after middle of March. It is better to prepare fertilizer and plant your crops on a solid seed bed than to wait until the last minute and have to plant on a fresh, loose bed. Let me urge you to take advantage of every day possible in preparing your row crop land at very earliest possible date.

Chemical Weed

Control Meetings —

On Thursday, March 4th, at 2 P. M. we are planning on having a chemical weed control meeting at the Vocational Agriculture Building in Tchula for the delta farmers. At 7:30 P. M. on Thursday, March 14th, we will have a meeting at Holmes Junior College at Goodman for the hill farmers of the county.

However, you are invited to attend either of the meetings that is most convenient for you to attend. We will try to bring you information on the latest equipment and the latest chemicals for the weed control program.

Home Agent

By Mary F. Harpole, Home Agent

The word on the package saying "large economy size," makes you think the food or detergent or whatever is in the container is less expensive than that in regular size containers. But, is it?

Do some price checking to be sure. Figure the per ounce cost of the two size packages. From some standpoints, other than price, the smaller packages may actually be the best buy for you. Consider how much of the food you plan to use. What can you do with the leftovers?

Buying the larger size package may mean you cram your storage areas so full that you lose sight of what you have on hand. Later you might have to forego a good buy because of lack of storage space.

Food in March —

Boiled eggs — poached — scrambled — deviled — eggs — However you like, your eggs you should serve plenty



Miss Lynda Dickard, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Dickard of Lexington, has been entered in the Livestock Beauty Queen contest by Williams Outlet Store, Lynda, 17, is a senior in Lexington High School.



Miss Linda Patton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patton, has been entered in the Livestock Beauty Queen contest by People's Drug Store, Linda is 14 and a member of the Freshmen class in Lexington High School.

during March, for eggs are the feature food on the plentiful food list.

You will also find a good assortment of other foods expected to be in abundant supply in March. Included are pork, onions, rice, carrots, sweet potatoes, potatoes, cottage cheese, canned corn, red tart cherries and peanuts and peanut products.

Double Potting House Plants —

Maybe this suggestion will help simplify your task of giving your house plants regular and proper watering. It's called double potting.

The first pot is the usual porous clay pot in which the plant is potted with the usual soil mixture. The second one is a larger, watertight planter in which you put the clay pot. Fill the space between right up to the rim of the clay pot — with peat moss or shredded sphagnum moss.

Keep the moss, as well as the soil in the porous pot, damp. In this way, moisture is absorbed slowly through the pot. You can water less often, and time of watering is less critical.

You can remove the clay pot and replace it as you wish, or turn it around to allow for variations in lighting.

A/S-5 Chapman on maneuvers in Alaska

Army Specialist Five Jack C. Chapman, son of Mrs. Marie Chapman, who lives in Tchula, played the part of an aggressor with other members of the 23d Infantry's 1st Battle Group during Exercise TIMBERLINE in central Alaskan wilderness this month. The exercise was a joint combined maneuver involving Alaskan Command units, Army and Air Force units from the continental U. S. and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Specialist Chapman, a stock control clerk in Support Company at Fort Richardson, Alaska, entered the Army in February 1953.

Chapman is a 1953 graduate of Tchula Consolidated High School.

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