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## APPLE ORCHARDS OF HAYWOOD

### SPRING TIME IN THE PIGEON GAP ORCHARDS.

For one who has an eye and a mind for such things, no other landscape can be found in Haywood county which so stirs the brain as the one opening up before the meditative wayfarer as he starts down from the summit of Pigeon Gap toward Waynesville. There spreads out an expanse of apple orchards—nearly a half dozen of them, under separate ownership—lying so closely together as to appear to be one single vast orchard.

First the traveller passes by or rather through the orchard belonging to Truman McCracken. Next comes the orchard on the estate of the late Col. R. P. Johnston, the largest one and the pioneer orchard of this valley. This orchard is more widely known as the Boggs orchard. Then comes the Graves farm and its orchards. Off to the left of this farm the orchard now owned by Mr. C. A. Black and known as Sunnycove orchard. Mr. Black who comes from Charlotte acquired ownership and took possession of this orchard early last fall. And up the mountain slopes beyond Mr. Black's are the orchards belonging to Mrs. J. K. Boone.

On down the valley are an number of smaller orchards belonging to various members of the Francis family and others.

As nearly as can be arrived at without actual count, there are in this immediate orchard section approximately 20,000 apple trees and nearly all of bearing age.

Every single one of these trees is a separate and distinct power plant. A hydro-vital power plant it might be called. Every one of them is more wonderful than any of the hydro-electric power plants we read of now-a-days. There is more that is unsolved, more that is mystery in the organization and operation of an apple tree than there is in the largest and finest hydro-electric plants. A hydro-electric plant produces only mechanical energy. An apple tree is potentially productive of human energy, human health, thought, feeling and emotion, and in a certain sense capable of contributing more to human well being than any hydro-electric outfit. That is one line along which it is interesting to contemplate an apple tree. Viewed from that standpoint how interesting and inspiring business the occupation of an apple grower.

But consideration of the just performance and production and the future possibilities of those 20,000 apple trees not lacking in interest either. Indeed, the commercial side contains perhaps the greatest interest for most people. And that angle, that aspect of the subject permits of some very pleasing figuring and speculation.

Just what the average annual production of those 20,000 trees, more or less, has been is difficult to arrive at. In fact at this time is impossible. However from the best information obtainable it appears to have exceeded somewhat five bushels per tree last year. That means then approximately 100,000 bushels produced in that small sunny nook in the mountains in one season. And that also means that those apple trees caused approximately \$100,000 or more to circulate in and around and out of that little neck here near Waynesville. Do not let the impression be made that the apple trees alone and unassisted did. They required the attention of a high degree of human intelligence and skill along with the expenditure of a vast amount of human energy and horse power in the operation. However the trees were the primal, the vital factor.

And now every minute of these fine spring days and nights, too, after three months or more of rest, of a dormant condition, everyone of these thousands of trees is ceaselessly pumping gallons and gallons of water up through their countless pores. And the water holds in solution mineral elements which the rays of the sun transmute into blossom and leaf and finally fruit. Certainly this business of apple growing, taken all in all, is a most marvelous performance for a thoughtful mind to dwell upon.

For a month or more the orchards have held a whitish gray aspect produced by the barrels of lime and sulphur solution applied while the trees were yet in dormant state.

This week the orchard people are exceedingly busy with the work of "spraying in the pink." That is they are spraying with a dilute solution of lime and sulphur just as the pink tips transmute into blossom and leaf and finally fruit. This is in the spores of the scab. Some put in this solution the poisons for codling moth and nicotine or "blackleaf" for the apple.

Next week the orchards will be on their annual dress parade, and entrancingly beautiful in bewitching shades of pink and green. For everyone who holds communion with Nature in her visible forms, a trip to Pigeon Gap will then be vastly worth while.

## Rapid Growth of Furniture Factory

The Waynesville Furniture factory is doubling its capacity for the placing and operation of machinery, besides building an enormous addition to its already substantial building. Its floor space will be approximately 80,000 square feet when the newly added 15,000 square feet is finished.

Besides this addition to the main factory a connection of three offices on the main floor of the plant next to the railroad is nearing completion. This will add much to the efficiency of the management. This company manufactures only one type of room furniture. A complete bed room suit of a very high grade. A new design is now being prepared for the New York furniture display.

This is one of the most prosperous manufacturing plants in Haywood county and under guidance of the principal owners, J. W. Reed and Alden Howell, Jr., men who have been at the head for many years, the outlook brightens with the years.

The factory averages one car load a day. Mostly shipped to the Eastern Markets. The payroll of this manufacturing company means a great deal to our county and its energetic officials are all men of foresight and all ways on the side of progress in all things appertaining to the greater upbuilding of the land of their adoption and home.

### DR. GILBERT T. ROWE AT THE M ETHODIST CHURCH.

Rarely have the Waynesville people enjoyed the privilege of hearing a mere gifted and spiritual preacher than Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Nashville, Tenn., who is conducting services at the Methodist church. He is a man of wide experience and has filled some of the pulpits of the largest churches of his denomination in North Carolina. At present he is the editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review, and only a man of deep spirituality, broad vision, and scholarly attainments is ever honored by this editorship.

Services are held twice daily—at ten o'clock in the morning and at seven-thirty in the evening, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons the women of the four circles of the church have held prayer meetings, which have been well attended. These will continue throughout this week on the same days.

The meeting have been devoid of any sensational features, but at each service the atmosphere has been filled with His Divine presence. On Friday evening a special service was held for the young people of the town. It was well attended and a number of professions of faith were made.

On Easter Sunday morning the babies of the church who have not been baptized, will be administered the rite of baptism and those who have made professions of faith will be received into the church.

The people of Waynesville are cordially invited and urged to attend these meetings.

### MR. ROGER MILLER OF ASHEVILLE SPEAKER AT THE ROTARY LUNCHEON.

On Friday noon the members of the Rotary Club held their weekly luncheon and meeting at The Green Tea Room. The special feature of the occasion being the talk made by Mr. Roger Miller, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, whose subject was the Development of Western North Carolina, through the work and publicity of the various organizations, interested in progress. It was a splendid talk, with a wonderful vision given of the possibilities of our section by a man who by virtue of the position he holds, knows his subject most thoroughly. It aroused great interest among those present, there being in attendance 24 Rotarians, five guest, among whom were Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Nashville.

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## GRACE CHURCH EASTER SERVICES

The Easter Festival in "Grace Church in the Mountains" will begin at 7:30 A. M., when the Rector will administer the Holy Communion. Appropriate music for the Eucharist will be sung by the vested choir.

Church School and Bible Class will meet in the Parish House at 10 A. M. The Rector will preach at eleven o'clock. For the offertory Miss Janie Love Mitchell will sing—"The Resurrection." (Shelley.)

Evansong with address will be held at 8 P. M.

The Sunday school egg hunt will be at 3:30 Monday afternoon on the Rectory lawn.

### CANTON WEEK-END NEWS.

Mrs. Frank Ferguson and Mrs. Clarence Miller, of Waynesville, were special guests at weekly Civitan Luncheon at the Imperial Hotel last Thursday. Mrs. Ferguson presented the matter of erecting an arch of welcome at the boundary of Haywood County at Turnpike. This matter was started by the Waynesville ladies but they are giving the other prominent towns in the county the opportunity to help erect this arch. The members of the Civitan Club perceived the wisdom of this progressive movement and appointed a committee to confer with a committee from the Canton Woman's Club and the Waynesville club and have promised their co-operation.

### WAYNESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

First Grade—Iris Buckner, Thedis Case, Frances Freeman, Elizabeth Howell, Ruth Green, Martha Way, Willard Francis.

Advanced 1st Grade—Elmer Leming.

Second Grade—Richard Carswell, Samuel Carswell, William Ray, Robert Sloan, Lou Ellen Miller.

Third Grade—Thelma Russell, Rosalyn Ray, Louisa Thaxton.

Fourth Grade—Edna Garrett, Eleanor Mock, James Harden Howell.

Fifth Grade—Chalean Turbyfill, Geraldine Briggs.

Sixth Grade—Charles Russell.

### REAL ESTATE CHANGING HANDS

Thousands of dollars have recently changed hands on Main street in property in the new real estate boom in Waynesville. Dr. O. T. Alexander has purchased the Swift home on Haywood street, consideration being around \$15,000.00.

Mr. Kruckler has purchased the Hawk property and also the vacant lot next to the Baptist church. This lot was owned by Mrs. James R. Boyd.

Dr. C. H. McDowell's large work store and office building is being bought after by an out-of-town party who desires to invest in a large hotel in Waynesville, this proposition has not been completed as yet.

### WAYNESVILLE LIBRARY.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Waynesville Library has just been held, and looking back over the past year, the board of directors feels that on the whole it has been a good year and they are looking forward to the coming year, determined to do their utmost to keep up a high standard despite the fact that their finances are low, with no immediate help in sight. The running expenses of the library are perhaps heavier than the reading public realize, and considerable figuring and planning is necessary to meet our obligations and to replenish the books often enough to satisfy the home people, and our summer guests.

We want the people of the town to understand that the directors are doing their best to make and to keep the library such that the town may well be proud of it, and may justly consider it one of their most important assets. The annual reports will appear in a later edition of the paper. Chairman Publicity Committee.

Mr. Fred Howell, formerly of Waynesville, spent several days in town this week. Mr. Howell holds a responsible position with the K. K. Morgan Lumber Co. of Providence, R. I. He was on route home from Florida where he had been on business for his company and stopped over for a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Howell.

## WILL ELECT SUPERINTENDENT

The Haywood county Board of Education took office on Monday, April 6, 1925, and is now composed of the following: J. T. Bailey, J. Bowden Smathers, F. W. Messer, Hugh J. Sloan, R. W. Howell. Each for the term of two years.

The County Superintendent of Education for Haywood county will be elected on Saturday, April 11, 1925, at 3 P. M. in the court house at Waynesville.

### RATCLIFF COVE ITEMS.

As a rule the farmers are very well up with their farm work. Corn land about all ready for the harrow, oats most all sowed, some grass and clover of which there is an unusual crop being sowed, yet to be sown.

It is the opinion of our orchardists that the early fruit has passed through the cold with serious damage.

The wheat crop looks very encouraging and with present prospects there will be an unusual crop this year.

Our community has just passed through an epidemic of colds, flu, grip, mumps and a few cases of scarlet fever, but at present all are about well, except Mrs. W. H. Limer, who has been quite sick with an attack of flu and grip, which very nearly resulted in pneumonia, but at present seems slowly improving.

Mr. Elmer Palmer is the proud father of a fine girl which came to his home recently to abide permanently.

Prof. R. O. Edgerton of the Waynesville High School and Miss Pitts also a teacher in the high school, paid our school a visit recently in the interest of the township commencement which is set for April 24th and expressed themselves very much pleased with the interest manifested and the work that was being done on the part of both teachers and pupils. The school is very enthusiastic and much interest is being manifested over the township commencement and are planning elaborate preparations to help make the commencement a real success.

Our county commissioners have been having some work done on our road which is very much needed and was greatly appreciated by the citizens of the community.

Yours for success,  
SAGE.

### PORTION OF DEFUNCT NEWS-PAPER PLANT SOLD.

Leaksville, April 6.—The linotype machine in the defunct plant of the Tri-City Gazette of this place was sold Thursday afternoon under mortgage held by the Mergenthaler Linotype Co. of New York. The successful bidder, was C. J. Darlington, manager of the Acme Printing Co. of Spruce, paying \$2,950 for a machine that cost \$3,000 last October. The sale is held up, however, because of a protracted claim of having equity in the entire plant. Attorney A. W. Dunn represented the linotype company on the proceeding.

### ASPHALTING MAIN STREET.

The city of Waynesville has taken on the appearance of being the busiest city in Western North Carolina. Hundreds of laborers, plumbers, masons, etc. Quite a bit of building, painting, etc., has already begun this week and several dilapidated old fire traps are being torn down. Prosperity is with us surely.

### CITY ELECTION CREATING SOME INTEREST.

There is quite a bit of talk about the approaching election. The Democratic primary will be held in the court house on the twenty-fifth of April on Saturday.

The election will take place on Tuesday, May 5th.

The present board is composed of J. H. Howell, Mayor; Sam H. Jones, F. W. Miller and W. T. Shelton.

Among those who are being mentioned by their friends, etc., are: For mayor, Clyde H. Ray, R. M. Leatherwood, M. T. McCracken, J. R. Morgan and John F. Bass.

For aldermen: Capt. C. J. P. Edwards, Bonner Ray, Dr. John H. Smathers, J. P. Francis, D. A. Howell, Ernest Withers, M. H. Reeves, W. A. Coble, James Atkins, Jr. and J. H. Way, Jr.

## Unagusta M'f'g Co. Expanding

The Unagusta Manufacturing Company of Hazelwood have recently enlarged their main furniture building considerably and are now building a large new home for their general business offices, cobbles stones are already on the ground and dirt is being moved for the foundation. This large furniture manufacturing company has several beautiful designs in hardwood furniture of the highest grade. They manufacture only the very highest grade furniture, mostly bed room suits. Their product is shipped to the large eastern cities and during the past few years their furniture has been in such demand that the plant has doubled and tripled and has added several shifts of skilled labor, etc. A very large and most up-to-the minute power plant is now being installed and will be ready in a few days. This power plant is about five hundred horse power capacity and will enable this furniture company to increase the efficiency of their work and make it possible for the steady manufacture and output of several carloads of furniture per day for a number of years ahead.

All the furniture products are manufactured here in their own plant from the raw timber fresh from the virgin forest into the most beautifully and artistically designed formed French and American oak or mahogany veneered buffet, dining room or bed room suits.

One of the most interesting sights is to see the varnish sprayed into the furniture by machinery or to note the process of smoothing the woodwork by sandpaper belt until it has the most beautiful and natural gloss of the very finest wood finish. The workmanship and skill of the artists in these furniture factories with the modern machinery, etc., is marvelous to behold and the system, its patience and variety of the designers and cabinet makers is one of the most interesting studies that anyone could wish to witness. The payroll of this company has increased until now it is at least \$5,000.00 weekly. This means much not only to Hazelwood, but to the whole of Haywood county. Messrs. R. L. Prevost and Charles E. Quinlan, the largest stockholders, and managers are ever ready to promote the growth of this section and the people of this community owe much to their foresight in establishing this large industry which means so much in giving employment and making it possible for the great upbuilding of our county. We were hospitably shown through the whole plant by Mr. Rufe Siler.

The visitor to the Unagusta Manufacturing Company is impressed by the friendly spirit and community interest which exists between employer and employee at the plant. There is a noticeable absence of friction, and the mechanics with whom the visitor talked were strong boosters for their factory and for its executives.

The success of the company is, perhaps as much due to the "system" employed all over the place as to any other one feature.

### TAX LISTERS.

The following are the tax listers for each town-ship in Haywood County: Waynesville, C. U. Miller; Jonathan, John Howell; Cataloochee, Jarvis Palmer; Beaverdam, Geo. Hampton; Cecil, O. S. Sizemore; Crabtree, Lawrence Walker; Ivory Hill, John Platt; Pigeon, Mrs. H. H. Garner; White Oak, Mrs. Dee Clark; East Fork, Thomas L. Michal; Iron Duff, Manson Medford; Fines Creek, Charles McCrary; Clyde, W. S. Byers; J. R. Hips, Supervisor.

### TO MAKE THEIR HOME IN WAYNESVILLE.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Leflar of Gastonia, N. C., have moved to Waynesville where they will make their future home.

Dr. Leflar has opened offices over Alexander's Drug Store in the telephone building and will do a general practice in the Chiropractic art.

Mrs. Leflar is a graduate and registered trained nurse. The Carolina Mountaineer on behalf of the citizens of this community extends hearty welcome to these newly arrived citizens.

The Community Club will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the Community Club rooms. All members are urged to be present.

## THE JURY LIST SUPERIOR COURT

### JUROR LIST FOR MAY TERM OF COURT.

First Week. Waynesville—Sam Plot, W. A. Coble, M. H. Gaddis, C. C. Walker, Charlie Scraggs, J. B. Leatherwood, Jerry Limer, W. B. Underwood, J. M. Palmer.

Beaverdam—J. D. Israel, C. B. Witt, W. P. Cobe, O. E. Stamey, Ed Williams (East Fork)—Ora Cogburn, P. V. Kuykendall.

Pigeon—J. T. Blaylock, J. B. Hargrove.

Cataloochee—D. W. Caldwell, Jess Lockman, Huston Sutton.

White Oak—W. L. Messer.

Jonathan—C. S. Leatherwood.

Fines Creek—Hugh Ferguson.

Second Week.

Crabtree—J. B. James, W. F. McElroy.

Waynesville—S. L. Queen, W. H. McClure, George Platt, M. T. McCracken, E. T. Duckett.

Pigeon—C. B. Evans, A. R. Cook.

Ivy Hill—Bryan Medford.

Iron Duff—R. C. Chambers.

Beaverdam—Jack Thompson, I. T. Russell, W. J. Ball.

Fines Creek—R. T. Arrington.

Jonathan—L. B. Leatherwood, D. J. Boyd.

### REPRESENTATION OF HAYWOOD AT CULLOWHEE STATE NORMAL

A meeting was called April 4, 1925, of the Cullowhee State Normal school, Cullowhee, N. C. At this meeting it was decided to organize a Haywood County Club. The following members of the club:

Misses Hilda Haynes, Helen Smathers, Annie and Edythe Terrell (Clyde); Hazel Smathers, Chloe Patton and Erin Hooker of Canton; Olive Wooten of Henson Cove; Opal Reeves, Freda Fincher and Mr. Tom Reeves of Lake Junaluska; Edna Ferguson, Esther Boyd and Messrs. Roger Ferguson and Fred Allison of Jonathan, and Jack Turbyfill of Waynesville.

The following officers were elected: President, Jack Turbyfill, Vice President, Hilda Haynes, Secretary, Freda Fincher, Assistant Secretary, Esther Boyd, Treasurer, Edna Ferguson, Program Committee, Annie Terrell, Chloe Patton and Helen Smathers, Social Committee, Edythe Terrell, Eva Hooker and Opal Reeves.

They also appoint Mr. Alexander a member of the faculty, a program critic and advisor as they expect to give some special programs. Thinking the people of Haywood might be interested in knowing how their county is represented at this great institution the following hold other offices:

Opal Reeves, business manager for the Columbian Literary Society of the Cullowhee staff of the Cullowhee Yodel. Jack Turbyfill, manager of the Columbian Literary Society.

Freda Fincher, social editor for the European Literary Society of the Cullowhee Yodel.

Fred Allison, assistant business manager for the European Literary Society of the editorial staff of the Cullowhee Yodel.

Edythe Terrell, member of student council.

Edna Ferguson, Proctor.

Freda Fincher, Proctor.

### EAST WAYNESVILLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

First Grade—Paul Colvard, John Ferguson, Edward McElroy, Alex Turner, Bruce Leatherwood, Roy Underwood, William Calhoun, Bessie Freeman, Ruth Underwood, Flora Underwood.

Second Grade—Harriet Howell, James Palmer, J. T. Russell, Myrtle Galloway.

Fourth Grade—Kate Calhoun, Oberia Underwood, Anna Phillips, Ella May McElroy, Clarine Underwood, Jack Kelly, Ruth Duckett, Katheryn Queen, Dorothy Gates, Marie Platt, Sam Stringfield, Mildred Galloway.

Fifth Grade—Nora Underwood, Mary Pauline Platt, Marion Russell, Carl Underwood, Woodrow Ferguson, Ruby Miller, John Queen, Ralph Price, Minnie Calhoun.

Sixth Grade—Anna J. Platt, Martha Stringfield, Elizabeth Leatherwood, Myrtle Duckett, Edgar Swayngim.

The meeting of the Woman's Club will be postponed till April 16, on account of church services.