

About 85 per cent of the corn planted in North Carolina is hybrid, as compared with a national average of 96 per cent. The use of mechanical power and machinery on American farms increased 57 per cent from 1940 to 1959.

Comin's And Goins In Cowee Community

MISS CECILE GIBSON
Staff Correspondent

September Meeting

The September meeting of the home demonstration club will be held at the school library Thursday, September 22, at 1:30 p. m.

105 Are Fed

A large crowd attended the joint meeting of Cowee and Iotla communities at the Cowee School lunchroom Thursday night, September 15. Supper was served to 105 and following the supper a program of music was presented by L. R. Mason and his string band.

A business session was held and plans for the awards dinner and

the tour of Cowee and Iotla were discussed.

Leatherman's Gather

One hundred and sixty-three relatives and friends of the Leatherman family met at the home of Mrs. S. C. Leatherman Sunday, September 18, for the annual reunion. Relatives from Mecklenburg, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Buncombe, and Macon and from the State of Georgia attended.

Following the picnic lunch the group enjoyed special and group singing and speaking by members of the family and the Rev. Clyde Collins and Rev. N. E. Holden.

At the business session, Arvan Beasley, of Sylva, was re-elected president, and Miss Marie Jennings, of Cullasaja, was re-elected secretary.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Leatherman on Huckleberry Creek next year.

Class To Meet

The Young Adult Class of Snow Hill Methodist Church will meet Friday night at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Grace M. Tatham for a monthly meeting and social. Jay Conley president, will preside and Mrs. Edward Sheffield will give the devotionals.

All members are urged to attend this meeting since officers for the coming year are to be elected as well as a teacher and assistant for the class.

Personals

Mrs. Wade Calloway, of Bapah, Utah, and her daughter, Mrs. Harold Lange and son, Hal, of Wendover, Nev., arrived Sunday for a 10-day visit with Mrs. Calloway's mother, Mrs. Will Holbrook, and other relatives. Miss Ruth Holbrook and G. D. Shepherd met them at the Knoxville airport Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bill Broden, of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Pat Norton and son, Stevie, of Athens, Tenn., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Broden and family.

Fred Gibson, of Canton, Ohio, visited his brother, W. R. Gibson, and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hurst and granddaughter, Jo Cloer, visited Mrs. Hurst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hall, and other relatives in Sylva last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hurst, Mrs. Aster Plemons, and Frank Hurst, of Sylva, visited Mrs. Elsie Hurst and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gibson and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason, of Fairview, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rickman last Sunday. They also attended the Leatherman reunion.

Burke Cole came home from

HE STAYS BUSY —

66 2-3% Retired, Bill Ray Is Really Enjoying Life

Editor's Note: The following story has two local angles. Its subject, Mr. Ray, is a Macon County native. The writer, Mr. Neill, is a former PRESS reporter. The story appeared in the September 11 issue of THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER.)

by ROLFE NEILL

Observer Staff Writer His friends told him: "Bill, retirement's going to kill you."

Yet when interviewed in the cool of his living room at 1711 Beverly Drive on a morning last week, 60-year-old B. L. (Bill) Ray couldn't have been enjoying life more.

For one thing, Bill Ray's only about 66 and 2-3 per cent retired. "I figured the way to live a long time was to keep busy but away from pressure."

So, he will continue to use his business knowledge as a consultant, largely for New York corporations, about four months during a year.

But after all, the world doesn't necessarily come to an end when a man leaves the brightness of New York City. Maybe, hinted old Esso man Ray, it just begins.

Ray entered the petroleum industry 40 years ago. He left it this summer as one of its leading figures. He was a director of Esso Standard Oil of New Jersey and vice president in charge of marketing.

The latter title meant has was responsible for transporting; selling and accounting for all Esso products sold in the United States.

The Rays retired to Charlotte to be near their daughter, Mrs. K. Pinkney Herbert Jr., and grandchildren. Ray himself is a native of Franklin in the mountain county of Macon, also the home of W. B. McGuire, Duke Power president.

The Ray's big, two-story Georgian home at 601 Hemstead Pl., should be ready for occupancy October 1.

Ray believes that a restriction on the importation of foreign crude oil kills any chances for a Carolinas coastal refinery. There has been frequent talk of one in the Southport area.

"We bought 500 acres in Norfolk five years ago with plans to put one there. When the import restrictions went on, however, it meant we couldn't get the cheaper crude."

The result, Ray added, is that for the foreseeable future U. S. refiners will continue to locate in the Gulf Coast area near the source of the domestic crude supply and the cheap power needed for the refining operation.

Foreign crude is about 80 cents a barrel cheaper.

How about gas wars? Ray rubbed his hand gently through his thinning, silver hair.

"Contrary to what many people believe, the oil industry is one of cutthroat competition. The government encouraged building extra refining capacity after World War II and the result is over-capacity today. This leads to price cutting.

"For the past five years, we've lost money in North Carolina on gasoline sales."

Ray said that Tar Heel marketing has been more stable in recent months and he believes he knows why.

"Last year the oil industry

the Veterans Hospital at Oteen last Thursday. On Tuesday of this week, the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Collins, Mrs. Cole, and Miss Linda Leatherman took him back to Oteen for further treatment.

Mrs. Walton Smith and children, Sylvia and Ramsey, of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. Conley Bradley and children, of Breward, spent the week end with Mrs. S. C. Leatherman.

didn't have too good a year. The first six months of this year also are down. There's pressure on management to keep up dividends.

"In good years they might not worry about one spot. Now, I believe, some of what we call 'trigger-happy' fellows are taking a look at such areas as North Carolina and deciding they've got to stop the leaks in profits here."

Ray said he believes the trend will continue in the industry toward what is called "integration."

This means that instead of a company handling just one process—such as producing, refining or selling—companies will merge to handle oil from the ground to the family auto gas tank.

"With profit margins getting slimmer—and this is what has been happening in the industry—it's got to happen. However, I don't think we'll ever see a concentration of oil companies again."

The interview ended, Ray cheerily wished his visitors happy motoring and went out to check on the construction progress at his house.

— THE SICK —

Angel Hospital

ADMITTED:

September 13: Joseph Grady Duvall, of Almond, Margaret Alice Hall, of Franklin; Mrs. Hilyear Lee Jones, of Rabun Gap; Mrs. Benjamin Giles, of Franklin; Mrs. Henry Bell Hooper, of Dillard; Robert Wayne Welch, of Franklin; Mrs. Joseph L. Keener, of Dillard.

September 14: Mrs. Bill W. Banks Garrison, of Franklin; Miss Bessie Eller, of Clayton; Thomas Melvin McDowell, of Dillard.

September 15: Mrs. Clyde W. Smith, of Rabun Gap; Mrs. Charles Ross Keener, of Franklin; Helen E. Dryman, of Sealy; Carol Ann Hastings, of Dillard.

September 16: Miss Merry E. Humphreys, of Dillard; Miss September 17: Thomas Michael Healy, of Franklin; Jarvis J. Ayers, of Dillard; Cecil E. Pace, of Raleigh; Mrs. Cecil W. Eilson, of Franklin; Mrs. Jud Potts, of Franklin.

September 19: Quida Kay Underwood, of Clayton; Dr. W. T. Hendry, of Highlands; Mrs. Doris Odell Justus, of Clayton; Mrs. Ned R. McCoy, of Franklin; Mrs. William Harold Keener, of Franklin; Jesse Rogers, of Clayton; Mrs. Thomas Floyd Welch, of Franklin.

DISMISSED:

September 13: Carter Henson, of Franklin.

September 14: Margaret Alice Hall, of Franklin.

September 15: Ralph Wayne Welch, of Franklin; Mrs. James H. Stockton, of Franklin; Miss Bessie Eller, of Clayton; Mrs. David Lester Thomas, of Dillard.

September 17: Mrs. Charles Ross Keener, of Franklin.

September 18: Mr. Jarvis Jackson Ayers, of Dillard; Mrs. McClure Ayers, of Dillard; Mrs. McClure Stevens, of Cullowhee; Carol Ann Hastings, of Dillard; Mrs. Clyde William Smith, of Rabun Gap.

September 19: Thomas Michael Healy, of Franklin; Mrs. Vaughn James Nichols, of Clayton.

September 20: Mrs. Benjamin Giles, of Franklin; James Edward Williams, of Dillard.

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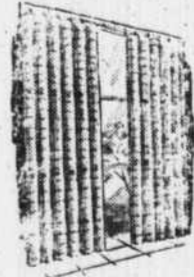
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