

Bilyeu Started Sandhills Toward Top in Dewberry Production

Introduced Lucretia Variety Here in 1890; Now Section Ranks First in World

When H. P. Bilyeu introduced the Lucretia dewberry to the Sandhills back in 1890, little did he think that he was starting an industry which would attain such proportions as the growing of dewberries has reached, or that he was promoting a product that would make the Sandhills known from coast to coast.

Old records tell us that in 1872 Mr. Bilyeu was a nurseryman in New Jersey and that about that time, a Lucretia dewberry plant was carried there from its home in the mountains of Virginia. It was considered more of a curiosity than anything else.

Mr. Bilyeu, in 1890, failed in an attempt to raise the Wilson dewberry at Ridgeway, N. C., on account of a blight that affected it, so he moved to the Sandhills and determined to give the Lucretia a chance to demonstrate its worth. Two and one-half acres he planted, and two years later marketed a crop that brought him good profits.

Enthusiastic over his successful beginning, Mr. Bilyeu induced others to put out some vines. H. P. McPherson, M. McL. McKeithen and John E. Phillips of Cameron and A. Cameron and Dr. J. A. Leslie of Vass were among the early growers who went into the business on a large scale. The berries were shipped by rail to New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Cincinnati.

Today, the farmer who does not own dewberries, either a several acre field or a small "patch," is the exception to the rule. This is true of the section including Vass, Lakeview, Cameron and the adjacent sections of Hoke and Lee counties.

Today, the Sandhills section ranks

first, the world over, in the production of dewberries, and the crop brings thousands of dollars to the section annually. Although the growers do not make fortunes from their berries, they do get in some

Cameron and Community

Those from Cameron attending the Baptist Missionary Union on Thursday of last week at Bethlehem church were Mrs. L. T. Hendricks, Mrs. Jimmy Rogers, Mrs. Graham Bullock and Misses Lily Mae Rogers, Margaret and Mary Emma Thomas.

Gabe Holmes, Gabe, Jr., John McNeill and Emma Spicer Holmes of Goldsboro spent the week-end with the Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill. Mrs. Holmes, after spending a week with her parents, returned home with them.

Mrs. L. B. McKeithen and Misses Doris McPherson and Isabel McKeithen spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mrs. O. C. Britton, Sr. went to Oak Ridge Friday and was accompanied home by her son Jack, who was a student there this year.

Miss Martha Britton, student at N. C. C. W. spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. O. C. Britton, Sr.

Enerva Thomas of Ellerbe spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Phillips entertained at a lovely bridge party at their home on Carthage street last Thursday evening. The rooms were adorned with bright garden flowers, and nine tables were in play. Ladies' high score was held by Miss Effie Gilchrist and gentleman's high by Linden Hartsell. Dr. and Mrs. C. N. Eckerson received consolation prizes. The hostess, assisted by Misses Flora Phillips and June McIver Hemphill, served ice cream, cake and punch.

Misses Mamie and Jacksie Muse and John C. Muse of Sanford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gibson of Rockingham.

Mrs. J. C. Bruton of Columbia, S. C., was the guest last week of her sisters, Miss Mamie Arnold and M. D. McIver, and her brother, Tom Arnold.

Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen has been on the sick list this week, but is improving rapidly.

Eddie Burns of Carthage and Miss Mercer Reeves of Sanford were guests Sunday afternoon of Miss June McI. Hemphill.

Dr. Guy Funderburk of Jonesboro was visiting in town Friday.

Mrs. Walter Batchlor of Henderson was the week-end guest of Mrs. J. M. Guthrie.

Mrs. J. D. McLean, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Smith of Vanceboro, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Virginia Cameron, a recent graduate of Saint Elizabeth Hospital of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cameron.

Those from Cameron attending the funeral of Arthur McLeod of Goldston, which were held at Euphronia Presbyterian Church on Monday, were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thomas, George and Miss Mildred Thomas, Misses Mary McLeod and Mary Emma Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McKeithen, Miss Isabel McKeithen, Mrs. Jewell Hemphill, Mrs. Loula Muse and Prof. R. F. Lowry.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church held its annual birthday party last Sunday evening in the church, presenting a Brazilian Fiesta, a colorful pageant. Those taking part were Misses Janet McDonald, Mae Spivey, Flora Phillips, Thurla Cole, June McI. Hemphill, Effie Gilchrist and Mrs. Jewell Hemphill. An offering was taken for Women's Work in Brazil.

ready cash at a time when it is most acceptable for meeting the summer needs, and for helping in getting the cotton and tobacco ready for marketing.

Gathering the crop provides work for all ages, from children of a few years to the older members of the families, and the increased buying power stimulates business in the towns.

The Y. P. C. of the Presbyterian church complimented Miss Mae Spivey, one of the faithful and efficient members, with a surprise birthday party last Monday evening. The Y. P. C. members, accompanied by their adult advisor, Mrs. H. D. Tally, gathered at the Spivey home, bringing gifts and good wishes to the honoree. Merry games and clever contests were enjoyed throughout the evening.

Mrs. Pete Phillips, Misses Flora Phillips, Annie Borst and Marie Parker spent Tuesday in Raleigh. Miss Annie H. Jones of Route 1 is visiting a friend in Apex.

99 Home Demonstrators at Sanford Gathering

Mrs. Gullidge's Report Reveals Splendid Accomplishments of Moore County Clubs

Moore County Home Demonstration clubs made a fine showing at the district meeting in Sanford last week, with an attendance of 99 club members, twice as many as were present from any other county except the hostess county. They led, also, in the amount paid to the Jane S. McKimmon Student Loan Fund and Federation dues with the sum of \$21.10.

Mrs. Ben Gullidge is president of the Moore County Federation, and the following are a few of the interesting facts gleaned from her report: Moore county has 19 home demonstration clubs with 349 members; fifteen 4-H clubs with 533 girls enrolled; one service club composed of 23 young men and women, and a county women's chorus with 28 members.

Two new home demonstration clubs, the chorus and the service club were organized during the past year.

Four community meetings on rural electrification have resulted in the extension of two lines since January.

The county federation maintains a county library for the farm women, books for which were donated by individuals and town libraries, and each month books were carried to the club meetings and exchanged.

Each club holds four recreational meetings yearly.

Increase in Tobacco Crop in State Seen

In Line With Prospective Demand is Belief of Official; Cotton Below Normal

One source predicted this week there would be an increase in the North Carolina 1937 flue-cured tobacco crop this year, while another said "stands of cotton at present are below normal" in North Carolina.

J. B. Hutson of the Federal Soil Conservation program said the entire tobacco crop was expected to total between 700,000,000 and 750,000,000 pounds this year as compared with 682,000,000 pounds in 1936.

While an increase was foreseen he said the 1937 crop was expected to be "about the right size to meet the demand that has been indicated this year."

Though no report for the 1937 cotton season has been prepared, W. H. Rhodes, chief of the State Department of Agriculture's Statistical division said "planting conditions this spring have been very irregular" because of weather conditions.

"Growers in many coastal counties report an excellent stand," he said, "while in the piedmont area the stand is considerably off due in part to dry conditions and in some instances to very poor quality of seed."

2D IN RAYON PRODUCTION

The State Department of Conservation and Development announced this week North Carolina ranked second in the nation in the manufacture of rayon products. With goods valued at \$33,205,761, the departments said, the state is second to Pennsylvania in the number of wage earners, wages paid and the value of rayon output in 1935 for which census figures have just been released. Hemp, in Moore county, is one of the large rayon producers.

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