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**MOUNTAIN FARMING**

A few weeks ago Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer spent several days in Haywood County attending community fairs and agriculture projects and farms. He said at the time of his visit that he was impressed with the progress that had been made in this county along agricultural lines, and that Haywood was leading the majority of the states along this line.

So impressed was Dr. Poe with Haywood County, that he wrote and devoted an entire page to the county in the last issue of his magazine. The page was illustrated with pictures of two views of the Osborne Farm and Miss Florence Osborne and County Agent Jas. L. Robinson and W. D. Smith, vocational teacher, and the Fines Creek 4-H Club, which is the largest exclusive boys' club in the state.

Under the heading, Mountain Farming in North Carolina, Dr. Poe wrote:

Are our Western North Carolina mountain farmers making progress—as much progress as the rest of the state?

Well, it looks as if they are not only in the line of progress but right up toward the forefront—at least, if Haywood County is a pretty fair sample, as we believe it is.

A few weeks ago we spent three days in the mountain country with County Agent Jim Robinson and Agricultural Teacher W. D. Smith, and here are some evidences of Haywood County progress as picked up by us:—

1. The county not only has a general ambition for agricultural progress but has taken stock of its needs and set up definite goals of achievement in a "Five- and Ten-year Plan."

2. The county not only has a progressive farm agent and an unusually well equipped agricultural teacher at the county seat but they work together like brothers in perfect harmony.

3. About 330 boys are enrolled in club work—the state's largest young people's club composed exclusively of boys being at Fines Creek. Incidentally, the 300 club boys and 60 vo-ag boys hold a joint annual "Achievement Day" that both illustrates accomplishments and gives promise of yet greater things to be done in Haywood when these young fellows come into maturity.

4. The Grange is being organized in the county.

5. The civic clubs of the county, chamber of commerce, and the county papers are actively cooperating with the agricultural leadership.

6. Four community fairs are held each year, stimulating achievement and community pride.

7. Dairying has been developed, sanitary officer appointed, and 11 dairies now have Grade A rating.

8. From Canton to Bethel a rural power line has been installed, serving about 50 farmers and other communities are ready for power service when the depression lifts.

9. The county has a well balanced agriculture with income about half from crops and half from livestock.

10. The women are not only showing great interest in home beautification, etc., but are doing superb work in dairying, etc.

And now for some miscellaneous notes gleaned from our visit.

Seeing the Bethel community fair made us wish that every progressive neighborhood in the South would have such an annual exhibit of its products. Not only are leading varieties of farm crops and farm animals shown, but the exhibits by farm women have both a utilitarian and historic value—particularly the century-old quilts, beautiful in design and workmanship and treasured by the descendants of the courageous pioneer women who created them. A large part of the community fair exhibits were also those of school children, giving parents and friends of school children a chance to judge the quality of work done.

And the way those Bethel boys and girls could sing the great old songs, like "Old Folks at Home" and "The Little Brown Church in the Vale"! We could but feel that in every school something of formal instruction might well be omitted in order to give the pupils the joy and cultural value of group singing. Incidentally we hope that every Grange in Carolina or Virginia will make group singing a feature of every Grange meeting.

It's a pity to find any rural high school without an agricultural teacher. "Of course, in our general science course we have some phases relating to plant and animal life, and these always quicken the interest of the pupils," the science teacher at Bethel told us, adding, "and this merely shows of course how glad the boys would be to get genuine vocational training." Three townships now send pupils to the Waynesville consolidated school where W. D. Smith is vocational instructor, and his boys get so enthused that they continue in school longer than they had intended doing. Last summer 40 of them went down to the Swannonoa Experiment Farm, and studied the work there with great eagerness.

The 330 club boys in the county specialize in corn, tobacco, Irish potatoes, and in calf and pig club work. At Canton last fall, in their joint "Achievement Day," about 200 club boys and 60 vo-ag boys joined in a parade two blocks long—and citizens who had not previously recognized the significance of boys' work sat up and took notice. Each season, too, the vo-ag boys hold a "Father and Son Banquet," that helps mightily to arouse the interest of parents.

We also had the privilege of visiting one of the foremost women farmers of North Carolina—Miss Florence Osborne, whose work with Guernseys entitles her to a place among the foremost cattle breeders of the Southern States. The neat sign by the roadside reads "Osborne Farm—H. A. Osborne & Sister," but Mr. Osborne now has business in town that requires nearly all his time, so Miss Florence Osborne largely directs the farm and dairy work and Miss Louise Osborne acts as business manager. "She is one of the best collectors in this territory," we were told, and everybody who has ever retailed milk knows how necessary is a good collector.

Three or four features of Osborne Farm must impress all visitors—the beautiful Guernseys, the fine pastures, and the modern homes. "There are only about 125 acres cleared and we have about that many cattle," Mr Osborne remarked, "so two things are necessary: (1) We must keep all land growing richer. (2) We cannot let any land loaf even for a few weeks. As soon as one crop is taken off another goes right on."

He showed us a magnificent field which when he was a boy would make about 15 bushels of corn per acre. On that land now Eureka silage corn production is maintained at 15 to 20 tons per acre by top-dressing during the winter with barnyard manure, the silage followed by a pasture mixture of wheat, oats, rye, barley, and vetch for winter pasture, the last few weeks growth being turned under. Barley and vetch are cut for hay and followed with soybeans or sorghum cane for hay. This is again sowed to small grain for the winter. Oats and Canada field peas are cut for hay and followed with soy beans or sorghum for hay or corn for silage. On other land, lespedeza for hay follows small grain, either cut for hay or grain. Stock beets are used for supplementary rations.

Many other significant items noted on our tour of old Haywood must be dismissed with a word or two. The county used to grow considerable "Old Belt" tobacco but about a dozen years ago turned to Burley, and now markets it in Asheville, N. C., and Greenville, Tenn. Forests are an important source of steady cash: 1,000 families in Haywood and as many more in other counties deliver one or more cords of pulp and acid wood a week to the Champion Fibre Company at Canton. Magnificent Irish potatoes add to the county's fame; right on top of a mountain one farmer grows 75 to 80 acres, the best specimens weighing two pounds or more. For years the efforts to grow white sweet potatoes resulted in discouragement, but a change to Porto Ricos has brought fine results. Some of the best pasture land in the South is here; farmers usually sow a mixture of orchard grass bluegrass, and white clover, and the bluegrass gradually becomes dominant. Timothy is added on good land and herd's grass on thin, with some farmers including lespedeza. Apples are largely grown. Trench silos are becoming popular.

Perhaps the main lesson to be learned from these mountain farmers is that even in money matters they are far better off than farmers in the cotton and tobacco belts who have made "money crops" their first consideration. These mountain farmers have always made a good living and some money.

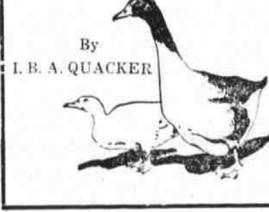
**24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD**

A reporter of the Courier spent several hours in Canton last Saturday and took in the beauties of that thriving city. Improvements in the past month are very marked. In place of the muddy sidewalks as of yore, there is now a continuous line from a short distance beyond the river for nearly a mile beyond the depot up the hill and past the school house and others are being built. Buy a buggy and harness—a suitable Christmas present for your wife and friends that will ever be appreciated—T. S. Morrison and Co. A Happy Christmas will be yours if you are on the inside of one of our overcoats or all wool suits—Mitchell, McCracken and Co. Monday morning was the end of the term of office of some county officials and the beginning of others. There were not many changes, however. In the Commissioners court, Messrs. E. H. Howell and E. C. Haynes, who have served faithfully for four years, gave place to Messrs. W. D. McCracken and W. H. Henderson. As treasurer Mr. Hugh A. Love now enters upon his third term. Mr. J. M. Noland enters upon his first term as register of deeds. Sheriff W. R. Medford succeeds himself and enters upon his second term.

**21 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD**

Miss Hilda Way was hostess at a very enjoyable week-end party held at her home last Saturday. The party consisted of the following young people: Misses Lillian Adams, Jennie Ray, and Messrs. Hilliard Atkins, Robert Osborne, Branner Gilmer, and Jack Way. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ward, of Tuscola, were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morgan Tuesday. Dr. J. R. McCracken will return home from New York City where he has been for the past three weeks pursuing a course of study. Master John Branner Shackford, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting his grandparents, Bishop and Mrs. Atkins. Mrs. James Reed was hostess to the Wednesday Bridge Club this week at the Bon Air Hotel. The prize, a framed picture, was presented Mrs. Lina Alstaeter for making the highest score.

**QUACKS**



A farmer from down in Crabtree told me recently that the price of eggs was so low that his hens blushed instead of cackling when they layed one. (Monday Morning) Why on earth is all that dust pouring up at the courthouse? The New commissioners making a clean sweep, maybe. No wonder the grass at the courthouse is turning brown, it has been sprinkled with so much tobacco juice during the past few days. Statisticians say there are six million slaves in the world. It seems to me that there are more married men than that. Yesterday a bachelor said he was having trouble. That's the first time I knew a bachelor had troubles. How's this one for the truth? Mother: "Were you good at church today, son?" Son: "Yes, the man passed me a plate full of money, and I said no thank you."

Wonder what Waynesville business man it was that told his mother that. Did you ever hear of the Scotchman who told his children ghost stories in the summer so cold chills would run up and down their backs instead of buying them ice cream cones? There was also Sandy MacIntosh who wrote: Make me a child again just for tonight. Once said a Scotchman, and Scotchmen are tight. I'm leaving tonight on a boat trip Ayr. Make me a child and I'll travel half fare. The Enka Voice says there was a Scotchman who, rather than pay money to travel, was content to sit at home and let his mind wander. Angus Craft back in town, looks like summer again with him trotting up and down the street. The Waynesville Pharmacy has a window display of a miniature football field, with pictures of the teams for the past several years. A nice tribute to the boys who played heads-up football all season. I hope that next able to hang a big sign in a similar year the Pharmacy managers will be window displaying reading. "Waynesville High School Champion of Western North Carolina."

I don't know how true it is, but I heard that Coach Weatherby has purchased a bicycle and is trying out some of the stunts the acrobat pulled here on the street a few days ago. Good luck to you coach. Here's hoping you practice over a feather mattress. E. L. Hamrick, manager of the Eagle Ten Cent Store says that before coming to Waynesville he had to fire a girl in another ten cent store because she couldn't remember prices. Continuing his conversation he says a woman from Sylva ran in the store the other day and said, "Say, give me a five-cent rat trap quick, I want to

**SAUNOOK**

Friends of Mr. A. Z. Clark are glad to know that he has returned home from the Haywood County Hospital where he has been recovering from a recent illness. Mrs. C. E. Arrington and daughter, Ruby, spent the past week-end with friends in Old Fort. Miss Annie Troutman of Hazelwood has returned home after visiting her father, Rev. T. F. Arrington. Mrs. Lola Sutton of Webster was a recent visitor to this section. Mr. Homer Inman has returned from an extended trip to South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barber of Waynesville were Sunday visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sparks. Other recent visitors to this section include Miss Mable Murray of Fines Creek, Miss Gladys Plemmons of Spring Creek, Mr. E. C. Smathers of Boone, Mr. Thomas Mason of Canton, and Mr. Roy Beck of Lake Junaluska. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Arrington and daughter, Marcia, were recent visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Scruggs of Hazelwood.

We wish the best luck to Mr. Crawford Ruff and family at their new Mrs. John Cogdill at East Waynesville. Miss Iris McClure was complimented on last Friday evening with a lovely birthday dinner given by her mother, Mrs. Ed McClure. The guests included several of her school friends and her teacher, Mr. W. Thomas Reeves. The honoree was the recipient of several attractive gifts. Work will soon begin on the improvement of the school grounds. The money for this project will be furnished by the federal government through the co-operation of the state and county officials. It is hoped by the principal that no one except Saunook people will be employed to do this work.

Saunook School News: Following is a list of those students who have averaged 80 or above on all their subjects for the past three months: First grade, Dee Clark, Herman Downs, Tom Evanson, Glenn Gunter, Hal Gunter, Kenneth McClure, John Singleton, George Swanger, Helen Davis, Margaret Hawkins, Leona Rhinehart, Miss Sisk, Oday Stiles. Second grade, James Arrington, John Hawkins, Jr., Noel Tibb, Bobby Jordan, James Rich, Cecelia Smathers, Roy Swayngim.

catch a train." My favorite view. From the top of Eagle's Nest at sunrise. My favorite food, coconut pie with black coffee, um-um. My favorite sport, Canton-Waynesville football games on muddy fields. I have been told that 93 percent of the people of the world let the remaining 7 percent think for them. Yep, that's about right. While the 7 percent is thinking, the 93 percent is kicking.

**DISTRESS AFTER MEALS**

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**ARCHERY CONTESTS BY MAIL**

Searsport, Me.—Penobscot Valley Archery club members hold matches by mail.

**PIPE USED FOR 60 YEARS**

Monson, Me.—Charles W. Morrill, 96, has used the same briar pipe for 60 years.

**Fay Rhinehart.**

Third grade: Ted Arrington; Fourth grade: Ruth Guy; Fifth Grade: Mary Elizabeth Rhinehart, Sixth grade: Marcia Arrington, Susie Arrington, Lizzie Ruff, Margaret Sparks. Following is a list of those who have been neither tardy nor absent during the first three months: First grade: Dee, Clark, Herman Downs, Glenn Gunter, Billy McClure, Kenneth McClure, Claude Rabb, J. T. Rhinehart, Margaret Arrington, iVola Guy, Margaret Hawkins, Jean Rabb, Leona Rhinehart, Aday Stiles. Second grade, James Arrington, John Hawkins, Jr., Bobby Jordan, Gladys Arrington, Minnie Grooms, Frankie Guy, Fay Rhinehart. Third grade: Clarence Arrington, Samuel Arrington, Bonner Rabb, Billie Stenbens, Alma Rhinehart, Edward McClure, Jr.; Fourth grade: Dorothy Arrington, Medford Clark, Ruth Guy, Robert Medford Clark, Rabb, Ralph Rhinehart, John Trull; Fifth grade: Lucile Arrington, Ruby Arrington, Geneva Evanson, Helen Lyle, Mary Elizabeth Rhinehart, Robert Davis, Millard Hill; Sixth grade: Bessie Arrington, Susie Arrington, Anna Mae Henry, Margaret Sparks, Cecil Arrington, Clyde Lyle, Edgar McAffey, Jack Rabb.

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