

Barber Harvesting Thousands Bushels Of Fine Apples Now

(Continued from page 1) truck loads have been made up for the most part of windfalls in mixed varieties.

As in most things worth while there is an interesting story back of this magnificent orchard, that is made up of hard work, perseverance and dreams. Mr. Barber's love and talent for growing fruits is no doubt inherited from his father, whose plantation in the piedmont section of the state in the days before the War Between the States was famous throughout the surrounding country for its fine fruits.

While fate deemed that he should not enjoy those things for long, his father died when he was quite young, and he was taken to another county to live with an aunt, the impression was left to become a part of his mature life.

While still in his teens Mr. Barber obtained employment with a merchant who sold machinery. One day in 1892 an expert, representing the McCormick Harvesting Company visited this merchant. He met young Barber and as they talked he realized that he was no ordinary young fellow, but a boy with ambition and dreams, and an uncanny understanding of all the intricate mechanism of the McCormick products. He was engaged on the spot to set up and demonstrate the McCormick binders.

In his work, his territory included the states of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York. He visited all the leading farms in his demonstration of the binders. He always found himself lingering on the places that had orchards. He was particularly impressed with fruit growing in the state of New York. The hope of some day owning an orchard of his own begun to crystallize in his mind. He never missed an opportunity to study the methods of growing fruit in each section he visited.

In 1897 he was offered a position with the Tantite Company of Pennsylvania, which was a big

promotion over his job with the McCormick Company. He traveled the entire United States in his special work of introducing the product of his company.

Once he met a traveling man in the middle west who was sold on the idea of pineapple farms in Southern Florida. He at once became interested, but upon investigation he was disillusioned. The pineapple farms were as the salesman had represented, but he had forgotten to mention the mosquitoes and as it was in the days before modern methods of engineering and sanitation had made tropical parts of Florida livable.

Upon his return from Florida he found that his company was sending him to the Pacific coast, which was a most interesting experience. Here he had an opportunity to observe the apple industry, which at that time was in its infancy. While there were many orchards thriving, thousands of trees were being planted, which were to some day be the largest apple orchard acreage in the world. Here he became interested in peaches also.

His dream was now very definitely taking shape. He was becoming financially able to have it materialize. After traveling over the entire country his thoughts turned to his native state. In 1902 he visited Asheville looking for a suitable location. He was advised to come to Waynesville, as Haywood was considered the best apple county.

Mr. Barber remembers quite vivid the lovely autumn afternoon he arrived here. Alighting from the train, it seemed that the entire town was represented at the station, which was then the habit of the citizens at that particular period.

After getting located at a hotel he hired a horse and for weeks rode over the county investigating locations for his orchard. He was deeply impressed with the apples he saw ready for harvesting, and was confident that he had made no mistake in his decision to return to his native state.

After much consideration he at last decided to buy in the Saunook section on number 10 highway near Balsam station. At the time it was a wilderness of briars, and matted undergrowth, and its preparation for an orchard offered a tremendous task. In fact it would

have discouraged most persons.

The briars had made such an ideal home for Brer Rabbit, who had so long literally infested the place, that even long after it was cleared and the orchard on its way, the trunks of the trees would have to be protected from the rabbits.

But at last two hundred acres were ready for planting and in December 1903 some 10,000 trees were planted. The trees were set 30 feet apart each way. In between, 6,000 Alberta peaches were planted. They matured earlier than the apples, but after two years of bearing it was decided best to remove them. While the fruit was the equal of the famous Sandhill and Georgia peaches they were crowding the apples too much.

Peaches are more sensitive to frost than apples, and since there were no other peach orchards in this section, to employ the expert labor necessary for handling them, on a cooperative basis, Mr. Barber soon decided that it was poor business to attempt a peach production in this vicinity.

Of particular interest to visitors always, is the cold storage plant. Mr. Barber obtained the blue prints from the government for its construction, but soon discovered its defects and improved the plans. The government heard of the improved storage system and sent one of its experts here to study the plan. He was so impressed with it that he asked permission to make the blue prints of it and they were later used in one of the government bulletins. The state also recognized the superiority of the plans and incorporated the blue prints in one of the state bulletins issued by the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Once during labor difficulties a representative from the Country Gentleman, having heard of the Saunook Apples, and the owner, sent a reporter down to Waynesville, to see the orchards and interview Mr. Barber. The reporter was not only surprised to find labor conditions as he had heard, but everything was on a much larger scale, than he had anticipated. He could not quite understand, the relation between the owner and the families who lived on the place and worked for him. He couldn't take in the fact that in addition to wages, house

rent was free, pastures for cows, firewood, and a mule and a tract for gardening was supplied.

As further evidence of the type of co-operative business man Mr. Barber is, he insists that his customers are first his friends, and then his business associates. He says that they have had a big part in making his dream come true. In appreciation each Christmas there are sent from the Barber orchards, hundreds of baskets of apples to his buyers of the products of the 40 manufacturing companies that he represents throughout the South and South-west.

Mr. Barber has done more than any one person to raise the standard of the production of fine apples in this section. He is an asset to the development of this industry in Western Carolina. His perseverance and faith in his dream should hold inspiration for anyone attempting a big task. Often a man never lives to see his plans materialize so it must be very gratifying to Mr. Barber, to realize what he has accomplished and to know that his son is carrying on the work in the same splendid manner in which it was built.

Church News

"Grace Church in the Mountains" EPISCOPAL
Rev. Albert New, Rector
Sunday next before Advent—November 21st, 1937.
10 a. m. Church School.
11 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Everybody cordially invited.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Robert Peter Walker, Minister
Once more the Thanksgiving season is at hand. We enjoy the turkey and pumpkin pie; we enjoy the hunting, football and social gatherings—let us also enjoy the Thanksgiving service in the church and the offering for the orphan children. The place for the union service, 8 o'clock Thanksgiving morning will be announced in the churches next Sun. This early morning service has proven a great success in Waynesville; we always have a full house.
Sunday Services:
Sermon 11 a. m.
Sabbath School 9:45.
Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.
You are cordially invited.

ST. JOHNS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Howard V. Lane, Pastor
27th Sunday after Pentecost.
Morning Mass at 11 o'clock with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after.
Sermon by the pastor. Music under the direction of Miss Palermo of New College.
Instructions for the children on Saturday morning at 9:30.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
J. G. Huggin, Jr.
Sunday has been set aside by the board of stewards as "Church Loyalty Day." Every member is asked on that day to make his pledge to the new year's budget. From 2:00 o'clock until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon the stewards will be at the church with pledge cards, and the members of the church are urged to be there at some time during those hours to make their pledges.
The pastor will preach at the regular service Sunday, using as his subject in the morning, "Cheer in Giving"; and at the evening service, "The Courage of a Good Man".

A co-operative lunch will be held in the dining room of the church following the morning service. Anyone wishing to join the group are invited to bring their lunch with them.

Fla., where they will spend several weeks. From Safety Harbor Mrs. Rayne and Dr. Smathers will go to Miami, to visit relatives before returning to Waynesville.

Mrs. C. A. Barr, who has spent the past several months with relatives in Easton, Penn., has returned to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Marion Hyatt.

Mr. Victor Nobeck, who is attending Mars Hill College, spent the week end in town with his parents.

Mr. James Palmer, who is a student at Brevard College, spent the week end in town with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Shearer, of Johnson City, were the guests during the week of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Nobeck.

Mr. Clarence Hyatt, who is attending Brevard College spent the week end in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hyatt on the Fairview Road.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our deep gratitude to our many friends and neighbors for the assistance and sympathy and floral offering during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.
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