

The Mountaineer's Roving Reporter Visits

In Ratcliff Cove

Editor's note: The Mountaineer's traveling reporter spent some time in Ratcliff Cove community this week, jotting down things and events that make news. This reporter is covering every section in Haywood. Watch for his column on your section.

The Ratcliff Cove community is distinguished by its large number of land-holders—small but fairly there being very few tenant farmers. Most all farmers in the cove still grow wheat, and wheat this year is fairly good. The drought has, of course, cut pastures, hay crops, potatoes and oats, but corn is looking good.

The community is alive with farming activities from the Francis farm (Claude Francis, breeder of fine beef cattle) to the head of Underwood Cove. Every farm has its orchard and this year the cherry trees are bending with the ripe, red fruit.

The greatest building activity has been on the Turner farm, a development, we were told that no less than thirty residences have been built on it during the past few years.

Tuesday the writer found Uncle Albert Francis, 85 years old, up and able to be "poddering around," as he put it. Mr. Francis is the oldest resident of the community. He says he can remember when there were only six houses in the Ratcliff Cove and when there were only four post offices in Haywood county, viz: Waynesville, Pigeon River (now Canton), Crabtree (at Hill's store and Jonathan's Creek), T. L. Wyatt (Uncle Tom), is in his eighty-fifth year.

G. C. Underwood, of Johnson City, Tennessee, returned home this week, after an extended visit with relatives in the community.

John Morrow, of Cove Creek, has just finished his residence on the Russell farm and is moving in. Mr. Morrow bought the farm several months ago.

Howell Underwood has recently taken work at Kannapolis, N. C., and will move his family there soon.

Jack and Chas. Underwood, of Johnson City, Tenn., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Corzine are new citizens of the cove, they having purchased about seventeen acres, that part of the Turner old home place from Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore has fixed up the little brick building, formerly the school house, and now lives there.

A Bible school is being taught at the Methodist church this week.

Rev. Oder Burnett is pastor of the Baptist church and Rev. C. O. Newell of the Methodist.

J. E. Whisenhunt Rites Were Held Tuesday Afternoon

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Reeves, Dr. J. W. McKay, Lawson Mehaffey, Frank Morrison.

A. P. Lawrence, Mr. Hosaflook, Dr. O. T. Alexander, Bill Eller, L. C. Waddell, Bill Winchester, Ralph Prevost, Aaron Prevost, Tom Queen, and Grady Clayton.

Mr. Whisenhunt, who retired on October 1, 1940, due to ill health, began working for the Southern in May, 1910. He worked a short while at Nantahala and Whitting, then was sent to Whittier where he remained for 21 years. The last seven of his thirty years were spent at Hazelwood. He was the second oldest operator in the point of service on the Murphy Branch.

For the past fifteen years he has been a Mason, having joined at Bryson City and moved his membership to Waynesville when he was transferred to Hazelwood. He was also a member of the Waynesville Methodist church.

He was a son of the late D. W. Whisenhunt, a prominent and influential citizen of Andrews, and lived his early life there.

Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Frances Gibbs Whisenhunt, three sons, Harry E. Whisenhunt, of Hazelwood, J. E. Whisenhunt, Jr., of Hartsville, S. C., Earl Whisenhunt, of the U. S. Navy, located at Honolulu, Hawaii; one daughter, Mrs. Same Lane, Jr., of Hazelwood; one grandson, Samuel Hounston Lane, III; two brothers, John M. Whisenhunt, of Long Island, N. Y., and W. R. Whisenhunt, of Oneida, Tenn.; and two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Sawyer, of Philadelphia, Penn., and Mrs. Sam Taylor, of Andrews.

The average rate of egg production per layer for April, 1941, was 16.26 eggs compared with 15.76 eggs per bird during April last year, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

Scientists Honored



Recipients of medals at Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, were Ralph A. Bard (left), Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Sir Gerald Campbell, British minister, who appeared for Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman of India. The honors were bestowed for Bard's development of the submarine rescue chamber and Raman's 30-year leadership of science in India.

FFA Boys And Teacher Honored At State Meeting

Waynesville's chapter of Future Farmers of America received its share of recognition at the recently held annual convention in Raleigh.

Sam Arrington, the local chapter's public speaking representative, was awarded second place in the State contest in addition was chosen the outstanding pupil in the western district for the year. A further honor was his election to the office of secretary to the State organization.

Sam was awarded the \$20 cash prize for his efforts in public speaking and a free trip to Kansas City, Missouri, next fall to attend the National Convention of Future Farmers, by reason of having been winner in the supervised practices contest for the district. He was also recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree in Kansas City next fall. This is the highest honor a Future Farmer may attain in the organization, other than holding national office and which is a prerequisite to holding such office.

Others honored at the convention the past week were Jimmie Boone, immediate past president of the local organization, Hugh Francis and Francis Boyd, all elected to Carolina Farmer degrees.

Fatal Disease To Maple Trees Is Reported In County

The county farm agents are calling attention to property owners in this section of the "maple wilt," a fungus disease which is fatal to maple and which has appeared in this section in a number of cases, according to the Appalachian Forest Experiment station in Asheville.

Similar in its nature and method of operation to the "Mimosa wilt" which has also occurred in some cases in this section the fungus disease which attacks maples is particularly bad with the Norway maple, so often used on streets.

The native red maple, found in the mountains here, is less susceptible and therefore not in the same danger as the other variety.

A number of trees in Haywood county have been killed by "maple wilt," according to George H. Hepting, associate pathologist, with the station.

The experts are not quite sure just how the wilt travels, but they are inclined to suspect that indiscriminate pruning may have had a great deal to do with the spread of the disease, at least in some instances.

Also the movement of soil, and the movement of wood has been found to give evidence of spreading the fungus to trees not infected before.

In some instances pruning has been resorted to after the disease has appeared, but this is believed to be of little value.

The fungus gets into the wood and cuts off or blocks the water channels to the leaves eventually killing the trees.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and their sympathetic understanding shown in our deep sorrow and for the many beautiful floral offerings sent during the illness and death of our father and husband. Frances Whisenhunt and family.

Canton Man Heads Student Government

Mack Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Byers, of Canton, was chosen president of the student government association at the Wake Forest-Meredith summer school at Mars Hill College. Mr. Byers is a graduate of Mars Hill in the class of '41. He was president of the Haywood County club, Sunday school class president, and a society officer.

Number Of Visitors Lease Homes For Summer Season

A number of families who have leased houses for the summer season have arrived during the past fortnight, it was learned from the rental agencies in town. The leases this year are in most cases for a longer period than in several years, according to the agents. In some instances they extend over a six months season. Among those arriving recently who have leased homes are the following: Mrs. D. A. Amerise, of Miami, who has the Barber apartment on Love Lane; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kennedy, of Miami, who has the home of Mrs. Henry Foy; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Chandler, of Gouldes, Fla., who has the home of Mrs. Syda Ray; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fleming, of Dellgrades, Fla., who has taken the home of Mrs. J. B. Henry on Dellwood road; Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Miami Beach, who are occupying the Hunter Worsham residence on the Eagles Nest road; and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, of St. Petersburg, who have leased the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Potate on the Fairview road.

Westmoreland Canton Fire Chief

C. L. Westmoreland, mechanic for the Canton Paper Company, was unanimously elected chief of the Canton fire department during the election of officers held at the hall with the full membership.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our many friends for the many expressions of sympathy shown us at the recent passing of our brother, George W. Buchanan. THE FAMILY

LOOK at these FOOD VALUES and SAVE

Canning Supplies Sure-Jell 2 Packages 21¢

SUGAR 10 Pound 53¢ 25 Pound \$1.33

Keer Mason Lids Doz. 10¢

Ball Mason Lids Doz. 23¢

JARS Pints 69¢ Quarts 79¢ 1/2-Gallon \$1.09

IRRADIATED Carnation MILK -The milk "From Contained Cows." 6 Small 22¢ 3 Large 22¢ Pure Lard 4 Pound 45¢ 8 Pound 89¢

46 oz. Grapefruit Juice Sunshine Brand 2 for 33¢

DO AWAY WITH FLIES

Fly Ribbons 5 for 10¢

Black Flag 1-2 Pint 15¢ Full Pint 20¢ Full Quart 35¢

9-Oz Size Table Glasses 3 for 10¢

Fresh Bread SANDWICH LOAF, SALT RISING, RAISIN, CRACKED WHEAT, 100 PER CENT PURE WHOLE WHEAT 2 lbs 27¢ 3 lbs 39¢

Aunt Jemima Pan Cake Flour 2 boxes 25¢

Salmon 2 cans 29¢

Toilet Soap 3 5c bars 10¢

Cash Grocery Co.

JELLO 3 pgs 15¢

Marshmallows lb 12 1/2

24 lb Bab Plain or Self Rising FLOUR White Water Rose 90¢

Toilet Tissue 3 for 10¢ Duckett's

Corn Meal half bushel 55¢

Macaroni 3 5c boxes 10¢

Potted Ham 3 5c cans 10¢ Makes Delicious Drinks

Redi Aid 6 flavors—bottle 5¢

Post Toasties 4 Boxes 20¢ Super Suds 2 small 15¢ 25¢ size 17¢

Strang Heart Dog Food can 5¢

Fruits and Vegetables

Large Apples 3 for 10¢

Cucumbers lb 5¢ 3 Fresh Corn large ears 10¢

Grapefruit 4 for 15¢

Nice Ripe Fancy Tomatoes 3 lbs 25¢

Lettuce—Celery—Green Beans

Large Box Mothers Oats 29¢

Matches 2 5c boxes 5¢ Maxwell House

Coffee lb 27¢ Log Cabin Syrup 12 oz can 19¢

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