

Haywood No. 1

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disappointed indeed. Mrs. David Underwood, who grows flowers (she has a special five dollar dahlia bulb in bloom right now) commented that she has more flowers in her back yard than she saw in all the state of Indiana.

More and more herds of dairy cattle grazed in the fields along the route entering the northern part of the state, where a more general type of agriculture is practiced.

In LaPorte County after driving through the city of LaPorte, home of Allie Chalmers farm equipment, they arrived at the Horvath Brothers Dairy Farm.

E. L. Hartman, county agent, told the North Carolina delegation that the 130-acre farm with 65 head of fine Holsteins, owned by two brothers who lived from "Scratch." The cattle he pointed out, are maintained largely on a grassland system of farming. One of the Horvathmen said, "We feel as long as a horse is out of all of us on hand, we are in the dairy

enterprise." The late father of the Horvath boys was Hungarian and they remembered some of the language. This was a delight to W. M. Morris of Canton, who is a native of Lithuania (where a number of languages are spoken), and has been in the United States since 1905. Mr. Morris could have enjoyed nothing more than the conversation with the brothers.

While the men were discussing cattle, the women were moving around the kitchen and back yard. Mrs. Glenn Hips ushered all the women to see the garden, which she said was the cleanest, neatest kept, and most perfectly planned she had seen on the tour. A nice little walkway ran through the garden, where 20 vegetables were in production.

The tomato vines were a healthy green and the fruit, enormous and deep red. Mrs. W. H. Franklin remarked, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if North Carolina could grow good tomatoes like this year?"

Tom Hips, regretting that his wife couldn't come, said he'd never be able to tell her about all this. The kitchen, which was fully equipped with modern conveniences, caught the eye of the women. "This is my idea of real com-

fort in kitchen arrangements," Mrs. Mark Ferguson said.

A half hour drive took the touring farmers to the Martin Blad Muck Farm, where many of them for the first time saw fields of spearmint and peppermint.

It was also a first view at muck soil for many persons who were amazed to see such black dirt. "Muck," it was explained, is decayed peat or black swamp soil.

This 1,000 acre farm was planted in three crops: Peppermint, 600 acres; spearmint, 200 acres; and potatoes, 200 acres.

The process of distilling oil, which is used for chewing gum and other flavoring purposes, was observed. Peppermint oil, Mr. Blad said, is selling now at five dollars a pound and spearmint at three dollars and a half. An average of 25 pounds is produced per acre.

Upon hearing these figures, Mr. Gobie McCracken decided that if there's that much money in mint, he's going to start taking care of it along the creek bank at home. The Haywood County gardener and farmer, who are accustomed to seeing a few acres of potatoes, were amazed to see 900 acres of them. Their vines, still dark green, the potatoes will yield from four to six hundred bushels to the acre, according to the farm manager. "The wife will eat this my potatoes," one of the men said. The crew was being sprayed the twelfth time with a DDT solution.

N. D. Shepard liked the muck farm, and he'd like to own some of that black land. Mrs. Shepard explained to him with the thought that "you have to get even that a little bit."

At South Bend, where the Singer Sewing Machine factory is located, the motorcade drove by his own Notre Dame University.

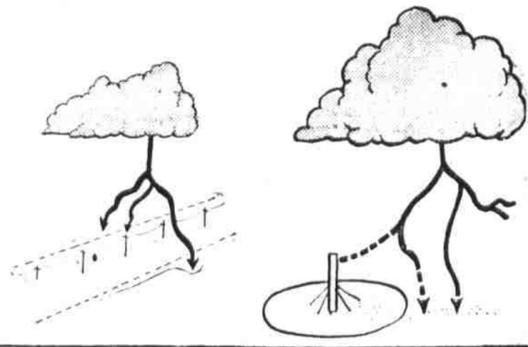
M. Goshen, the Elkhart County Holstein Breeders Association, welcomed the Haywood people with a free picnic lunch and a program at the county fair grounds, where the Elkhart County Dairy Week Show was in progress.

Mrs. J. S. Harrell voted the dairy show one of the most interesting attractions of the trip.

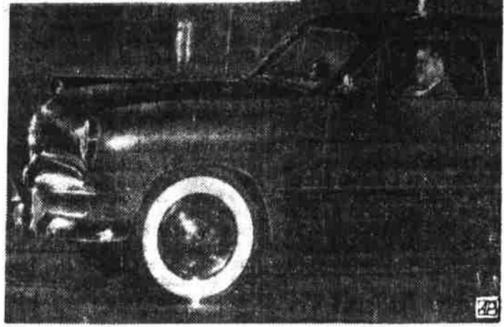
County Agent Leader Heckard with the tour all the time it was in Indiana, then led the caravan to the M. G. Whitehead Poultry Farm.

This large broiler producing plant had one house with 9,000 capacity. Automatic feeders and water fountains were the envy of the women, who said they wouldn't mind "feeding" the chickens here. Mrs. M. H. Caldwell, however,

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Ohio wasn't lacking in hospitality either.

At Dayton Rubber Company in Dayton, the tour was met by a host of impressive looking young men who made it their business to look after the comfort of their guests.

After A. L. Freedlander, president of the company which has a branch plant in Hazelwood, had greeted the North Carolinians, they were given iced drinks and sent on a tour of the plant. Guides pointed out that the company, which has a plant in Toronto, Canada, in addition to the Dayton and Hazelwood factories, has approximately 2,500 employees.

They were told that the Hazelwood plant, with which they are familiar, was especially designed and located for the processing of products made of synthetic rubber.

Mrs. James Medford, the one person on the tour who is an employee of the Dayton plant in Hazelwood, enjoyed herself at this stop where she hurried around getting acquainted with other employees. Her husband, a rather disinterested party at this point, got his big thrill later in the afternoon when a surprise stop was made at the nearby air field.

On completion of the tour around the plant, the Haywood County men and women were guests of the rubber manufacturing company.

wasn't too impressed with this stop on the tour. "Moody's farm got it beat," she declared. Mrs. H. D. Moody, who was along, agreed.

The 125 acre orchard of W. W. Kuebler yielded lots of green apples for the hungry travelers who weren't bashful in helping themselves. Baskets of peaches were passed around by the host, after the guests had filled themselves on green apples.

Mr. Corpening took this opportunity to squelch Mr. Heckard, with whom he had been arguing over whether Indiana or North Carolina produced the best apples. Corpening announced over the loud speaker that Heckard — to prove his point — was going to send everybody on the tour a bushel of apples for Christmas. Mr. Heckard said nothing further about apples.

Stop 3 in Elkhart County was at the Indiana Farm Bureau Poultry Processing Plant which is co-operatively owned and operated to serve Elkhart and five surrounding counties. "This is the sort of thing we want to have in Haywood County some day," Herbert Singletary, assistant county agent, said. This plant processes from seventy to ninety thousand pounds of poultry a week, according to the manager.

Thursday night was spent at Fort Wayne, where part of the crowd went to the ice follies and others to an All-American Girls' baseball game.

Rogers Ammons, who went to the game, reported that the catcher for Fort Wayne is a North Carolina girl, Ruby Heffner of Gastonia.

The follies made a big hit with the farmers; many had never seen ice skating. R. C. Francis couldn't quit talking about the show and when he did, somebody else reminded him. Mrs. George Wright, who is fond of music, enjoyed the follies and the Indiana farm women's chorus at Purdue better than any part of the trip.

At the Fort Wayne hotel, there was some confusion in registering and placing the 154 for the night. Dave Boyd was the victim of mistake and circumstance and was given the key to a room which he found was already occupied by two ladies of the tour. He patiently went back down the stairs and sat in a chair until somebody discovered him.

Driving through Decatur, about 20 miles from Fort Wayne, the route led past a large plant where the state's enormous crops of soybeans are processed. Of special interest to the local farmers was the Carl Orle farm at Bluff Point, Ind., where the soil that had been badly eroded and depleted in fertility was being brought back to a productive state. It was pointed out the Orle is making a living off his dairy cows, a few strawberries, and two acres of cantaloupes. He is spending his energy and resources in building up his land. "He is wise enough to realize that if he takes care of his land now, it will take care of him in later years," the county agent explained.

This being the last stop in In-

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diana, the tour group said good-bye to Mr. Heckard, their guide throughout the state. On behalf of the Haywood County farmers, David Underwood presented a gift to Mr. Heckard. The congenial agent said, in acceptance, "I am the winner this week because I feel I have made 154 new friends."

A gift to be presented to Miss Ruth Hutcheson, Purdue University extension home economist who had helped with the women's reception at the university, was sent by Mr. Heckard.

Saying farewell to Indiana, the tour rolled on into Ohio, the Buckeye state, where they saw more field of beautiful corn and began to notice dark leaf tobacco in cultivation.

"This variety of tobacco is used for making chewing plugs," Johnny Morrow said.

The tassel corn looked just as good in Ohio as in Indiana to many people but Lester Smathers insisted that Indiana would be a better place to live because it has more water. Mrs. French Davis and Mrs. F. W. Woody, who shared a bus seat and evidently the same point of view, agreed that the Hoosier state is best.

Hub Caldwell said that if he could buy land in any of the places he'd visited, it would be in Ohio. "More sloping fields—a better place to live," he commented.



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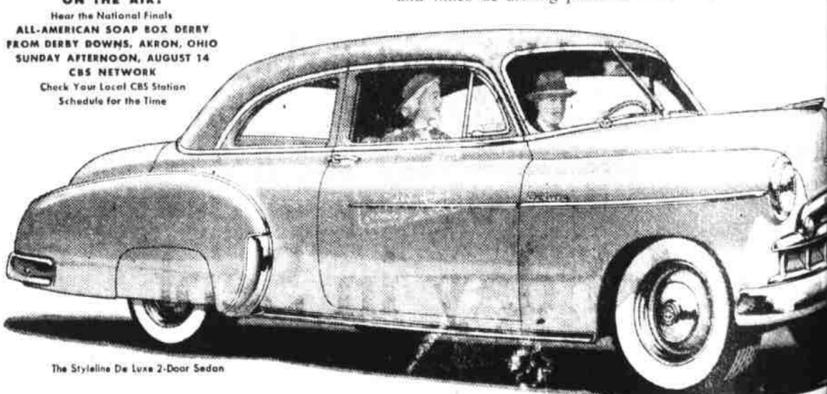


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