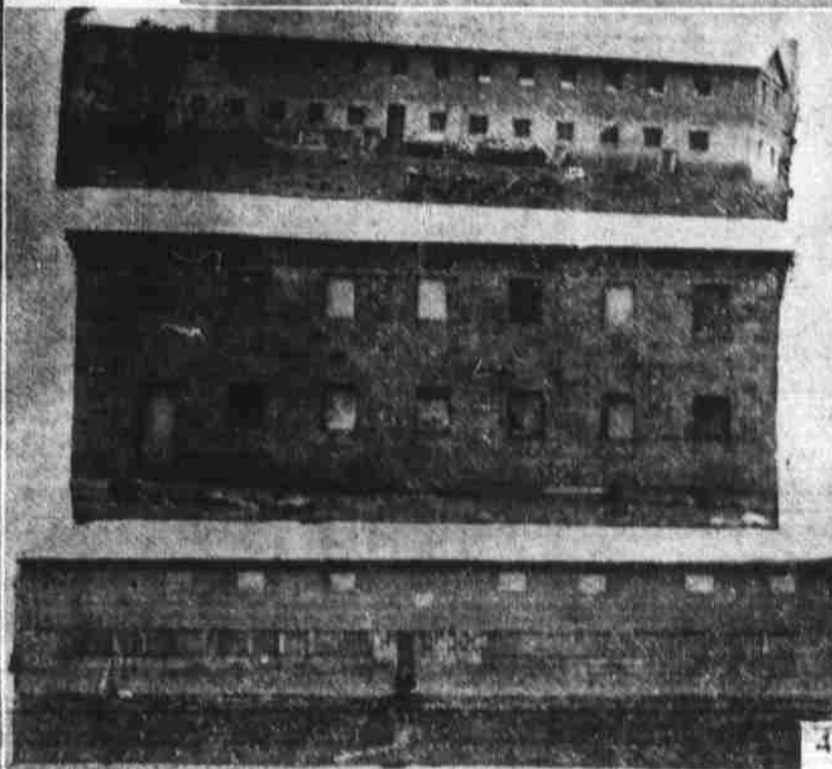
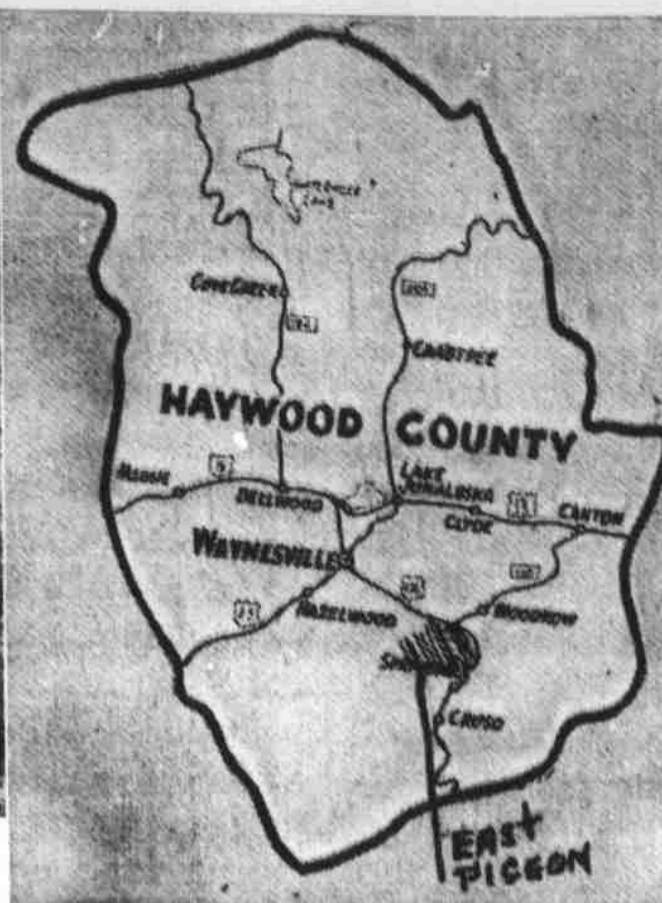


The Ninth Of A Series of Farm-Home Pictorial Pages



Officers of the East Pigeon Community Development program, left to right: Miss Mildred... Van Wells, chairman; Miss Velma... secretaries, and Mrs. Will Kuykendall.

reporter, C. S. Rollins, vice chairman, was not present when the picture was made. No. 2—The stone home of Thomas Michael, just off Highway No. 276.

No. 3—Raymond Duckett, and one of his cows. He operates the largest dairy in the community, and lives on the Love Joy Road. No. 4—East Pigeon is a poultry raising country.

as evidenced by the three large poultry houses here. At the top is the house of Bascom Thompson, with 5,000 chicks; second is the hen house of George Kuykendall, and at the bottom is the

chicken house of Will Kuykendall with 4,000 chicks. Each of the houses are two stories. No. 5—A swinging bridge across Pigeon river in front of the home of Burton Blaylock.

Poultry And Beef Cattle Farm Incomes For Farmers Of East Pigeon

Farms of East Pigeon have... suggest that East Pigeon should be nearer Lake Junaluska, for the consumption of the poultry, but that is not necessarily true, because most of the poultry is for hatching egg flocks, and not the frying pan.

Pigeon River, The valley up Highway No. 276, on up Dix Creek, and then along the Love Joy Road contains many acres of black fertile soil. Then too, there are plenty of hills for pasturing the many herds of beef and dairy cattle which are increasing in the community.

The citizens of East Pigeon, for the most part, own small farms, and hold jobs at industrial plants in the county. The farms are well kept, and produce a high yield for both family and market.

There are about 700 people in the area, and the Community Development Program has a far-reaching program touching every phase of community life.

Van Wells, a leading poultryman, dairyman, farmer, and civic leader, is chairman, and assisted by C. S. Rollins, vice chairman, Miss Mildred Singleton, secretary, Miss Mildred Pitts, treasurer, and Mrs. Will Kuykendall, reporter.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Bethel school.

The school serves the community, with several bus routes covering the area from the school.

East Pigeon has one church—the Mt. Zion Baptist church on Dix Creek. Rev. Thomas Erwin is pastor, with a membership of 250, and 200 enrolled in Sunday School.

Many citizens of the community attend churches at Bethel, and at Riverside, which is on the edge of the community.

The community is recreation-conscious, and have some of the best basketball, and softball teams in the county. The girls last year won the softball tournament.

The area is an important area for hickories, with about 40 acres devoted to the crop, and yielding about 1,200 pounds per acre. Last year about \$36,000 was realized from hickory by the farmers in East Pigeon, as they average about 50 cents per pound.

Frank Sorrells, had a crop yield of 2,300 pounds, and averaged 52 cents. Lynn Chambers averaged 55

cents for his crop of 2,500 pounds, and Carl Burnette also received 55 cents for his 2,100 pounds.

DAIRYING
There are three grade A dairies in the community, with 50 cows being milked. Raymond Duckett has 22 cows, and averages about 600 pounds of milk daily. Both L. M. Sherill, and Van Wells milk 12 cows, for a daily average of 250 pounds.

The dairymen grow most of their own feed, and have five silos to care for their roughage. The Guernsey and Jersey type are leaders.

The dairymen have had a pasture improvement program on for many years, and are now enjoying profitable production from their pasturing program.

East Pigeon is truly poultryland—and still growing in that direction.

Two-story chicken houses can be seen from several vantage points in the community. Some idea of the size of the poultry business can be had from the fact that East Pigeon alone raises enough poultry to give every man, woman and child in Haywood two full grown chickens each—more than 70,000 each year.

Will Kuykendall, in his large two-story cinder block houses, raises about 16,000 each year. That is four broods a year, of 4,000 per brood.

Not so far away is the poultry house of Bascom Thompson, which houses 5,000 at one time, or 20,000 in the four broods per year.

On the Love Joy Road, at the Van Wells farm, is the single largest house, raising for 6,000 chicks, and turning out 24,000 for the year. This poultry project is operated in connection with the large dairy.

George Kaykendall is also in the poultry business, but he gets 9-week-old pullets, and only caters to layers. The other poultrymen get the

day-old chicks, and keep them until nine weeks old, then they are placed on farms as layers. The culs are sold for fryers.

There are about 15 other farms in East Pigeon having flocks of more than large enough for home use. Many farmers are gradually building up their flocks, and with the experience of their neighbors, the business is proving profitable.

Next to chickens, the beef cattle industry is the next largest source of income for the farms of East Pigeon. There are about 200 head of beef cattle in the community, representing a value of \$20,000. Some 400 acres are devoted to pasture lands, and the white face Hereford is the leading type found in the section.

Louise Evans has about 70 in his herd, and grazes them on 100 acres of pasture. Thomas Michael has about 60 head in his herd, and devotes about 25 acres to pasturing them. Frank Sorrells keeps his herd to about 25 and uses 30 acres for pasture.

Many years ago, the farmers of East Pigeon started the lime and phosphate program, and now have pastures that are second-to-none in the county.

The fruit crops in East Pigeon are limited, yet the overall total amounts to about \$7,500 each year. Apples are the main source of income for fruits and berries, with the orchard of Wilson Burnell, with 200 trees, leading in size, and in production. The average yield for the orchard is 1,000 bushels.

Carl Burnell has 150 trees, with a yield of 650 bushels, and Anderson Huskey, with 100 trees gets an annual yield of about 500 bushels. There are about 100 families in the area with adequate gardens for home use.

The 4-H Club has 15 members and the FFA Club 10 members.

To travel over any of the several roads serving the area, one readily finds that numerous homes have been built in the community

Work Started On Methodist Church At Cherokee

Construction was scheduled to begin this morning on the new Methodist Church on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, according to the Rev. W. Jackson Hinescutt, superintendent of the Waynesville district of the Church. The new building will be on the same property as the present parsonage, lying about two miles out from the village on the Seco road.

Seating about 200 persons, the church will include the sanctuary, a number of Sunday School classrooms, and a recreation room. It will be of native stone veneer in the same design as that of the Boundary Tree Motor Court. The work is expected to be completed in about six months.

The church will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. Funds for its erection came from the missionary funds of the Western North Carolina Conference. Noble Garrett is treasurer of the building fund, and a member of the local building committee.

during the past year, and many others improved in many ways.

The community is known for their cooperative spirit and when they put a team in the field, it is a sure thing that the citizens will be there to back the team to the limit.

For a long time, it has been a standing tradition that the men of East Fork were champions of all big-o-war contests. They have won time and time again, with their losses very few.

The people of East Pigeon are happy they love their homes, and neighbors. Such characteristics enable any group to go forward—and they are.

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