



No. 1—Hubert Lee Hoglen holds the rope of Norman Hoglen's fine registered cow. This is typical of the livestock found in the White Oak area.

No. 2—Mrs. George Boring in her all-electric kitchen—well almost all-electric, she also kept the wood range as a means of providing heat in the winter. The large window looks out over the Pigeon River right below.

No. 3—Gaylor Baldwin, one of the best known citizens of the area, now 90 years of age. A staunch Democrat, Mr. Baldwin has served as election judge for the past 35 years. He delights in telling his friends of his loyalty to the party, and defines himself as an "old-fashioned Democrat, and never scratched a ticket". He has an endless supply of interesting stories, and never tires of exchanging yarns with friends.

No. 4—The exterior of the Robert Davis home.

No. 5—The sign post at the junction, near the community house in White Oak. This sign is just about the center of White Oak. This a community project of erecting such road signs.

No. 6—Another view of the swinging bridge across Pigeon River. The floor of the bridge is about 20 feet above the water. That is Herb Singletary and George Boring standing on the bridge.

White Oak Named From Large Tree In Community

By MRS. GEORGE BORING
White Oak Township got its name from a huge tree which is no longer standing. In the early part of the last century, two ambitious hunters by the names of Richard Clark and Frederick Messer (better known as Fod) set out to explore the mountains of Western North Carolina in search of wild game. They followed the Pigeon river from above Canton to the mouth of Catalochee, then turned back. On their return trip, they discovered a very large white oak tree with a little creek flowing nearby. Liking the spot they pitched their tent and settled down for a few days of hunting.

The game was so plentiful and the country so beautiful that they decided then and there to build their future home and live at that place. They decided to call it the Big White Oak country. They returned to their homes, but it was not long before they came back, bringing their families with them. Richard Clark settled near the big white oak, and Fred Messer on another little creek named Fred's branch. Joe Davis now owns the farm on which the big white oak stood.

White Oak

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of the world go by". Every family has its own garden, adequate for home use. About 50 have small fruit projects such as strawberries and raspberries; and there are 63 apple trees in home orchards.

est in beef cattle, and herds have increased in both quantity and quality during the past year. There are 200 head in the community, a 20 per cent increase over the previous year. Present value is \$37,500. Seven improved beef type bulls were placed in the community during the past year. Hereford and Black Angus are the most popular breeds. One of the leading beef cattle men is a woman, Mrs. W. L. Messer, who has 25 head on 100 acres of pasture. The other leaders are W. C. Jenkins with 40 head, and Norman Hoglen with 23.

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There are two forestry projects under way in White Oak. In 1950 alone, some 2,000 seedlings were set out.

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Junaluska Boys' Club Meets 17th
Richard Crowder, Recreation and Religious Director of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, has announced that the Lake Junaluska Boy's Club will meet for the first time this summer on Monday, June 17th, at 7:00 p. m. at the bath house. All boys, between the ages of 8 and 15, that are interested, are urged to sign up immediately at the bath house. Crowder stated that he would like for all of the boys to register before the initial meeting. An electronic fuel gauge for the U. S. Air Forces measures gasoline in pounds rather than in gallons. Plans have been made for an electronic system which will keep ice off TV sending antenna while programs are on the air. New methods of canning strained fruits and vegetables are expected to retain all the original flavors and nutrition.

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