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Western North Carolina Orchard Study Tour

On Wednesday of last week a group of fruit growers of Clay County toured north Georgia studying the production of fruit, the tour was made through Neels Gap, down to Cleveland and Cornelia, there the real study began.

The first orchard visited was Mr. Veeder's, he is a peach grower perhaps one of the best authorities on peach production and marketing. We found there a gentleman, highly educated and very courteous and gave us some of the very best information that could be had. First he discussed with us the present condition of the peach grower, for the last four years the dry season had made it possible for any one to grow peaches, whether they gave them the modern culture method or not. This condition has produced a large quantity of inferior peaches, being very detrimental to the peach industry. Next Mr. Veeder conducted a tour into his orchard and explained its fertilizer demonstrations which showed the following; unfertilized trees weak and dying, nitrogen fertilized trees very green and excellent growth, nitrogen and acid as same as nitrogen alone, nit rogen and potash good growth and fine production with leaves shedding properly, nitrogen, phosphate and potashe are same as nitrogen and potashe, in other words nitrogen and potashe is the desired fertilizer.

We visited next the Baldwin packing house and then to Mr. Black's orchard. At Mr. Black's orchard we found seven thousand trees the fruit was not so fine, it was small, off colored. Next we visited Mr. State's orchard a smaller orchard. This is the best kept orchard we visited in North Georgia, the fruit was larger and better color.

The night was spent in Clarkesville. Thursday morning we toured through Tallulah Falls section observing orchards and from there across to Hiawasee where we got in a real apple country, we ate dinner in Hiawasee and after dinner visited Mr. Cicero Brown's. Every member of the party confirmed these statements, first that Mr. Brown had the best control of his orchard, he could spray his fruit, he could house his fruit and market his fruit better than any one we had visited. Mr. Brown had a smaller orchard and he is best equipped than any person we visited and he has a better locality to work in. To prove that he has a better locality his fruit is larger, better colored and has a better flavor than those south of the Blue Ridge. When you say an apple is larger, better colored and better flavored you have said about all there is to say about an apple.

The points the orchard men learned were these, you must not get your orchard out of bounds in size, a small well kept orchard pays more. That better fruit can be grown in the Hiawasee Valley than can possibly be grown south of the Blue Ridge. That the new system of pruning called "modified leader" is the only way to prune orchards to stand the stress and strain of high production.

HAYESVILLE TO HAVE WATER

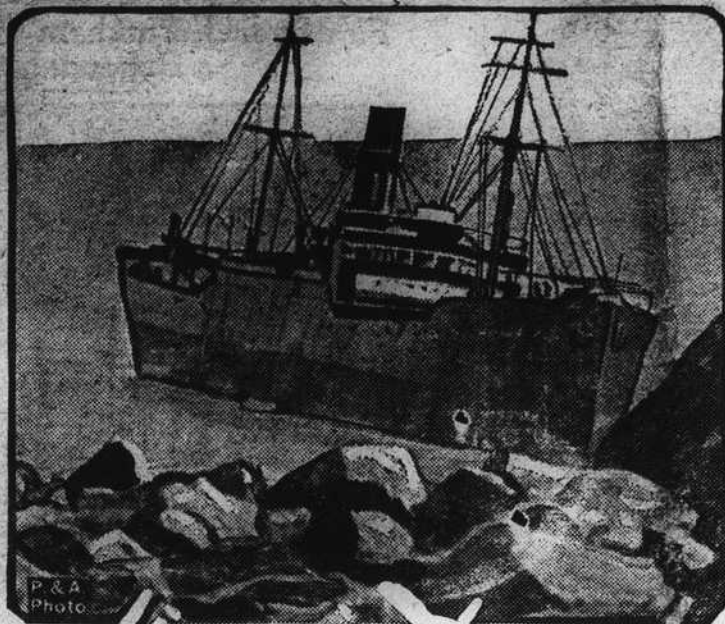
The citizens of the Town of Hayesville by a vote of 57 to 1 voted \$15,000.00 in bonds for water works on Sept. 20th. The registration for the special election was 75 with about 10 voters failing to register. Only one vote was actually cast against the bonds but the 17 failing to vote were counted against the issue.

It is proposed to drill a well and put in a 60,000 gallon tank. The location of the well has not yet been decided upon and will not be until a thorough investigation has been made and all available information as to such a system obtained.

It may be that an even larger tank will be installed but this is a matter for the Mayor and Board of Town Commissioners to work out.

Our neighbor Town of Franklin has for years obtained its water supply from a drilled well and it has proven very satisfactory.

Fast on Rocks, but Refuses Help



With water pouring into her forward hold, the Garland freighter Norlina which recently went on the rocks at Horseshoe Point, 100 miles north of San Francisco, was still fast on the reef when this picture was made. Despite his position, the skipper refused to accept aid of ships standing by. The crew of 46 men was still aboard the vessel, which was about 100 yards off shore.

ROAD MEET AT FRANKLIN

On Wednesday the 15th, the people of Franklin and Macon County together with a large delegation from Asheville, Atlanta and other towns along the route, celebrated the opening of Macon County's "Main Street", Highway No. 285. This road gives the people of Macon County a concrete highway completely across the county, intersecting with Highway No. 10 at Dillsboro, crosses the Cowee Mountain into Franklin and on to the Georgia State line. Work is being pushed rapidly forward on the road from North Carolina and Georgia line to Clayton Georgia. When this stretch of road is completed it will be the shortest route from Asheville to Atlanta. Highway Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather had charge of the celebration and the principal speakers were former Governor Cameron Morrison and Frank Page, Chairman of the North Carolina Highway Commission.

"SO, SO," CLUB TO GIVE PROGRAM

The "So, So," Club which is made up of the lady faculty, will give a program on Wednesday night September 29th, which consists of two short plays, "The Dear Departed" and "Not a Man in the House".

The cast of characters of the Dear Departed are:

Mrs. Slater—Miss McGoogan.
Mrs. Jordan—Miss Sue Haigler.
Henry Slater—Benny McGlamery.
Ben Jordan—Herbert McGlamery.
Victoria Slater—Virginia Howard.
Able Merryweather—Mrs. Earl Standridge.

The cast of characters "Not A Man In The House":

Mrs. Marie Bings who has had a rough experience with a cruel husband, Mrs. W. R. Anderson; Miss Lucy Ryder, her timid maiden sister, Miss Ora Killian; Jessie Ray a niece who has come on a visit, Miss Miller; Aunt Balinda an old fashion elderly lady sympathizes with the young, Miss Edna Padgett; Kate a servant who has a gentleman cousin whom she greatly admires, Gene Johnston.

Between these plays there will be vocal and instrumental music and Folk Stories.

A small admission will be charged.

Goes To Asheville

Mr. Victor Scroggs of this county left Sunday for Asheville where he will take a position with the Delco Light Company. Mr. Scroggs owned and operated the Hayesville Motor Company for the past two years and will be greatly missed in Hayesville. He was one of the best garage men we had. We wish him much success in his new work.

SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. S. F. Hershey, of Fort Helen, Fla., preached a strong sermon at the Presbyterian Church in Hayesville on Sunday afternoon, his theme "I Believe in God" being taken from the text, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me".

Dr. Hershey proceeded to show that this country is not deteriorating religiously as some of us at times are inclined to think. His life has covered a wide range of experience and he called attention to the fact that forty years ago not a large college in the East but had its infidel club, now an attempt to organize such a club at Yale only recently only brought to the fore fifteen students who would join; that forty years ago not a large city but had its infidel club, now scarce one can be found in the United States.

He stated that he had only recently investigated in New England where skepticism is supposed to be strongest and that while he found the young people inclined to be less inclined to restraint in following the old and established order, and to be laying aside formality, yet they were on the whole religious, perhaps more so than in any past generation. He found that the student bodies to a large extent were able to say truthfully, "I believe in God."

We were much struck with the statement, which was the result of investigation extending over a long period, to the effect that in the field of art, science, invention, philosophy, literature, learning there was not one outstanding figure who did not subscribe to the name "CHRISTIAN."

Mr. John O. Scroggs Greatly Missed In Clay County

This community greatly misses John O. Scroggs, who for a number of years was the jovial host of the Commercial Hotel.

Having filled various positions of trust in the County, and the office of sheriff for several years. No citizen of the county was better known or more admired.

Mr. Scroggs became afflicted something fore than a year ago and gradually grew worse until death took him away on August 14th. Just a few weeks prior to his death, his youngest son, Neal Scroggs, died of brights disease, thus removing two of our best citizens within a very short time.

69 Counties in North Carolina Complete Tuberculosis Test

On September the 1, the State Department of Agriculture had completed a test for tuberculosis on all cattle in sixty-nine counties of the State. Sixteen additional counties have made an appropriation for this work and active testing of the cattle in most of these counties is in progress. It will be seen that 85 of the 100 counties have taken up this work. This includes all except three counties in Eastern Carolina. On August the 1, there were 210 counties in the United States that had completed this work and of this number North Carolina had 64.

A rather small percentage of the cattle tested have been found tuberculous, but these diseased animals have been slaughtered and the owners paid indemnity under an Act of the General Assembly. Practically all cities and towns of the State are receiving a milk supply from cows that have been tested and are known to be free from tuberculosis. This is important, say food experts, since it is a well known fact that animal tuberculosis is transmissible to people, especially children, and children are large consumers of milk. Animal tuberculosis is also of great economic importance since an animal affected with this disease cannot be profitable.

Insectors of the State Department and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, cooperating, are now engaged in bringing this work to the attention of the citizens of the remaining 15 counties in the State that have not taken up the work. It is believed that it is only a matter of short time before they will take up the work and North Carolina will have 100 counties that have eradicated tuberculosis from its cattle.

UNION MEETING CLOSES, MANY PROFESSIONS

The Union Meeting at the Hayesville Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Charles S. Plyler, Pastor of the Methodist Church and Rev. H. H. Hyde Pastor of the Hayesville Baptist Church closed Saturday night after continuing three weeks. There were seventy nine professions of faith with 25 additions to the Methodist church and 14 to the Baptist.

The Baptismal services were held at the Herbert Ford at 9:30 A. M. Sunday, the 19th, at which time eleven converts were immersed four of whom were additions to the Methodist church, but who desired baptism by immersion.

There was strong and wholesome preaching throughout the services of a character to appeal to the mind rather than to the emotions.

All denominations joined wholeheartedly to make the services a success and it is evident that it is not sensationalism that most strongly appeals to thinking people.

One of the strongest and most interesting messages was a sermon by Rev. Charles S. Plyler on last Friday night on the subject of Predestination. This is a deep subject, one on which few agree, and one to which the writer always understood the Methodist Church did not subscribe. We found that Rev. Mr. Plyler did subscribe to it and that his explanation of the subject was simple, logical and easily understood. We therefore learn that we have been more ignorant than we realized of the belief of our sister church. However this may be it is evident that the churches of Hayesville can certainly work together for the common good.

The total contribution made to the two pastors, amounted to over \$110, which is to the credit of the Hayesville people. The greatest collection perhaps, ever made before to Hayesville pastors.

Saturday the 18th in Justice Moore's Court, Curtis Ledford was bound over to Superior Court for public drunkenness.

HOG FEEDING DEMONSTRATION

Three years ago Clay County started with a program "A pure bred Cow, a Sow and a Hen is the best for Clay County Men" pure bred cows are well scattered over Clay County and dairying is fast becoming a real item in Clay County agriculture. The next move to be made is with the hog and it is going to take the following form; feeding hogs for export. The County Agent is looking for ten or twelve men who will feed out a car load of hogs for the April market as the April and August markets are the high market an intensive feed period of four take September and October farrowed pigs, feed them for the April market and intensive feed period of four months, pigs being six or eight weeks old at the beginning of the feed period, pigs rightly feed this way will weigh from 175 to 200 pounds.

Seven or eight men have already been consulted on this matter and will feed from eight to ten pigs each. Any one interested in feeding out some pigs for this shipment should get in touch with the County Agent.

The County Agent is to have the assistance of Mr. W. W. Shay in charge of the extension swine office who is going to assist in putting on this work.

These pigs will be weighed at the beginning of the demonstration, will be fed absolutely according to instructions, at different intervals along during the feed period they will be reweighed, accurate figures being kept as to cost of feed and to amount of grain so the feeder will know exactly what he is doing.

Such demonstrations have been carried on for five years in eastern Carolina with the result that it has increased the feeding of hogs to the point that some counties have shipped out solid train loads of hogs. The basis of the feed is corn with a small amount of shorts and tankage. Clay County has the corn and shorts and several people have skimmed milk to take the place of the tankage.

Corn should not sell for more than one dollar per bushel this year according to the crop we have. Hogs selling from 12 to 14 cents per pound on foot men are able to get \$2.00 for their corn. The trend of hogs show that hogs should sell above 12 cents on the April market so corn fed to hogs will mean that it will be possible to sell some \$2.00 corn in Clay County.

The County Agent to encourage this feeding of hogs is offering the following prizes: \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00 for the feeders who make the greatest gain per pound of feed used or in other words, the feeder who makes the greatest profit out of feeding his hogs.

Notify the County Agent as soon as possible if you are interested in this proposition of selling corn through hogs. Every man with hogs and corn should take advantage of this. It don't pay to sell pigs for \$5.00 and corn for \$1.00 when you can get twice that. The County Agent is for you, are you for him? Pets feed some hogs and make money.

WILLARD R. ANDERSON,
County Agent.

Are You Getting Ready For Community Fairs?

October will soon be here and the different community fairs of the County will be on. The exact dates of the Community Fairs will be given next week. Watch for the announcement in The Clay County News. If you have something to show bring it in.

MR. SMART BUYS NEW FARM

Mr. W. C. Smart of this county has bought the Mrs. Margaret E. Jarrett farm on the Hiawasee River, containing, 174 acres. Consideration, Five Thousand Dollars. Mr. Smart says that he sees a bright future for Clay County Real Estate.