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Farm Agent Says Better Farms

FARMERS ARE INTERESTED IN COW, HOG, HEN

More Cream and Milk Being Sold Than At Any Time In History of County

By B. W. Sipe, in the Citizen
On a recent inspection trip of the farm agent work of Clay County, District Agent John W. Goodman, of Asheville, found much to elicit commendation and praise. County Agent W. R. Anderson has a progressive farm program under way which is fast producing results. His program is progressive in that it is planned so that one thing will lead naturally to something else.

When Anderson came to Clay County on January 1, 1924, he made a cursory survey of the county and planned a program for it. Although he had many obstacles to meet with, he has been carrying that program out. Anderson's program called for dairying, poultry production and pig raising, together with all the minor activities that are required to make these major activities successful. A moment's reflection will reveal the progressive nature of such a program. The dairy industry called for good dairy cattle. In order to find an outlet for the dairy products, the milk had to be separated and cream sold to creameries in Atlanta, Asheville, Knoxville, Hickory, and now at Franklin. Some use had to be found there for the skimmed milk. Once the dairy industry was firmly established, attention was turned to the second step in the program, and poultry was brought into the county. When County Agent Goodman was in Clay County a few days ago he found that the first two parts of this program was on a sound basis and Anderson was beginning to push the third part, the raising of hogs. The hog industry will furnish still another means of utilizing the otherwise waste products from the dairy industry. Thus in Clay County a beautiful piece of farm agent work is being accomplished.

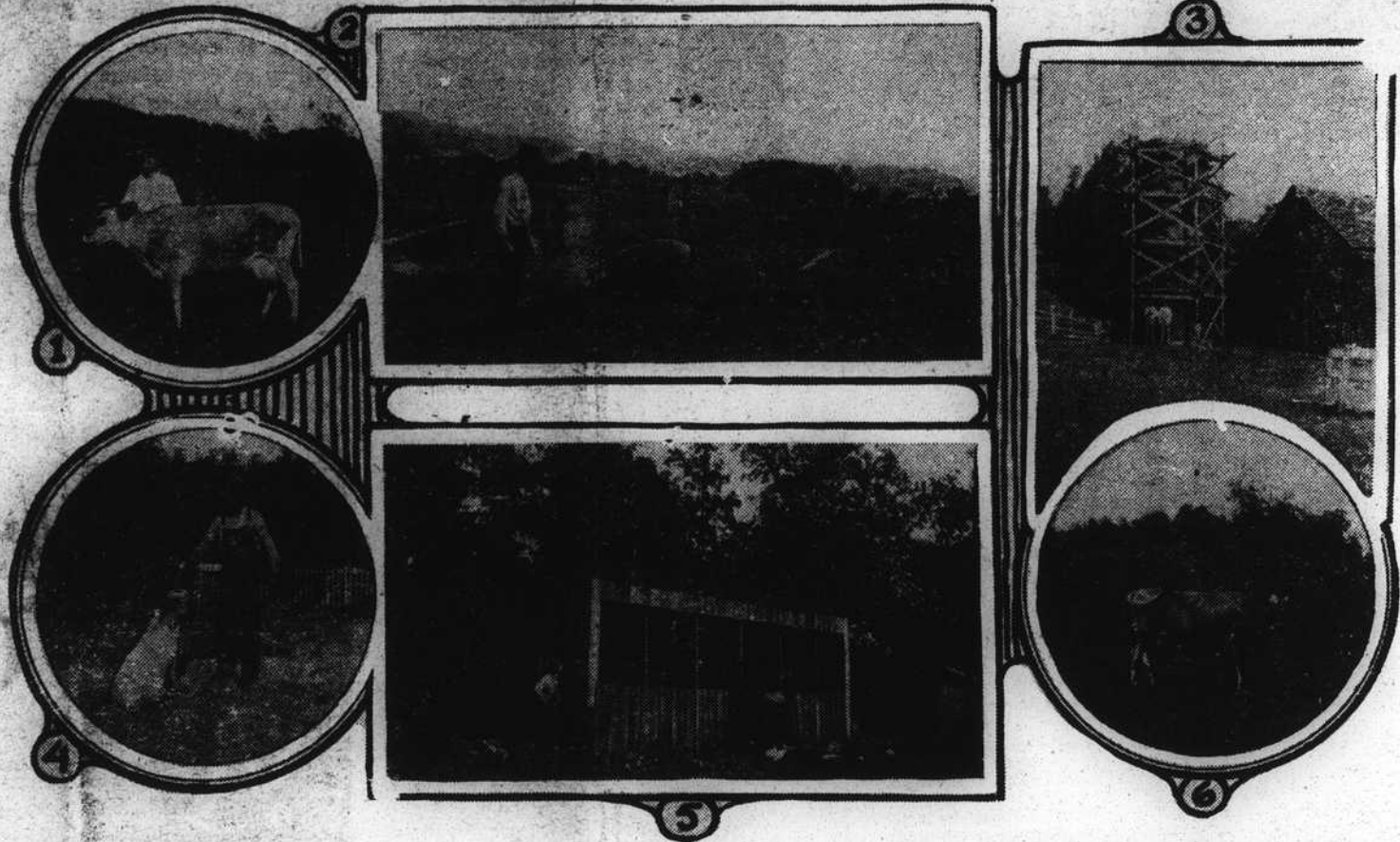
Works From Start

County agent work was established in Clay County on January 1, 1924. Anderson had his program mapped out and succeeded in getting the first can of cream ready for shipment by the 20th of February. This cream was produced by an old black cow without breeding. This cream was shipped over the Southern Railway from Murphy, and is believed to have been the first can of cream shipped from this section.

Anderson soon convinced the farmers and dairymen of Clay County that if the cream business was to be a success better cattle must be brought into the county. Accordingly, two Jersey bulls were imported in June 1924. The bulls were brought in as it was easier to build up a herd from grade cows and good sires rather than from good cows and grade sires. When these bulls were brought to the county there was only one blooded sire there.

It was a registered bull brought in several years before by attorney R. O. Anderson of Hayesville. Interest grew, and before the summer was over, twenty registered cows were brought into the county. In the spring of 1925 about twenty-five head of grade Jersey cows and heifers were brought in, bringing the number of imported animals up to nearly fifty. During 1925, sixty-eight registered cows and twelve bulls have been brought to the county.

With the bringing in of better animals the production of cream gradually increased. By the 15th of August, 1924, when a cream station was established in the town of Hayesville, three ten-gallon cans of cream were being shipped per week. At present time, all farmers are getting a total of about 2,000 gallons of cream per week, contain-



No. 1—Hershell Garrison, and the registered Jersey he now owns that has taken the place of four grade cows.
No. 2.—J. B. White, Hayesville, N. C., and his registered Duroc with ten pigs.

No. 3—Second silo built by B. Kitchen, Hayesville, N. C. This silo has been painted. He built the first silo ever built in Clay County.
No. 4.—Ben Kitchen, Hayesville, N. C., and I. O. C., Gilt of Frankie Kitcher, a club member. This five

months' old pig weighs 146 pounds. The ast 14 days it gained 22 pounds.
No. 5.—Modern Poultry House.
No. 6.—Registered Jersey cow bought by W. B. Patterson, Hayesville, N. C., imported from Georgia in 1926.—Photos by Asheville Citizen

HAYESVILLE VS ROBBINSVILLE

Hayesville won her third straight game of the season Friday when she met and defeated the Robbinsville quintet on their own court. The final count being 13 to 10.

Line-up and score.
Hayesville:
Penland, rf, 10.
Rogers, lf, 2
Jarrett, c, 1.
Cherry, rg.
Kitchens lg.
Robbinsville:
Jones, rf, 2.
Millsaps, lf, 8
Rogers, c.
George, rg.
May, g.

Forty-four hogs belonging to two farmers of Pasquotank County were vaccinated by the county agent in time to stop an outbreak of cholera. The hogs were valued at \$500.

ing approximately 600 pounds of butter fat.

The shipping of cream called for cream separators. Early in 1924 the first cream separator was sold. During that year ten or twenty were distributed throughout the county. Kitchens built the first silo in 1925. Now there are about thirty-five in use and the number is steadily growing.

A better grade of cows called for better winter feeding if the farmers were to continue to sell cream at a profit. This made it necessary to devise better methods of storing and preserving roughage. The silo was the answer as green feed can be stored in it so as to preserve all its juices and palatableness. B. and Ed Kitchens built the first silo in 1925. Three concrete ones were erected in 1925 and five wooden ones have thus far in 1926 been constructed.

Make Good Average

During 1925 records kept on the cows brought into the county showed that they averaged about one hundred dollars profit each above expenses. Col. G. H. Haigler of the Clay County Bank states that there has been a noticeable increase in deposits at his bank since this program was begun and representative merchants have had increased sales.
By the end of 1924 the dairy in-

TOWNS COUNTY FAIR HELD AT HIAWASSEE

Hiawasse, Ga., October 17.—The annual Towns county fair was held in the courthouse in Hiawasse yesterday. The public schools of the county had a program of spelling declamations, recitations and health posters.

The 4-H club girls, under the management of the County Home demonstration agent, Mrs. Maggie C. Berrong, had a beautiful display of canned products, also an attractive display of sewing and fancy work.

The following girls were awarded scholarships to the short course in Athens for the year 1927: Misses Leta Berrong, Jeanette Burrell, Alice Burch and Margie Hedden. Scholarship to Young Harris college: Miss Junta Pless; scholarship to Hiawasse academy, Miss Myrtle Swanson.

In the contest in the public schools of the county as the best speller, Susie Burch and Guy Johnson tied for first place; best declamation, Ralph Berrong; second, Don McKinney; best reading Mary Jane Corn; second, Lorraine Loyd; best school poster, Hightower school; best health poster, Hiawasse school; best map of Towns county, Chrales Wayne Colwell and Alice Burch tied; best map of Georgia, Elaine Rogers.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL CHANGES MANAGEMENT

Mr. P. M. Scroggs moved his family into the Commercial hotel Tuesday. Mr. Scroggs will have charge and manage the hotel for Mrs. John O. Scroggs. Mr. Scroggs is the son of the late Mrs. John O. Scroggs, who was owner and manager of this hotel for years.

Mr. Glenn Swanson who has been in charge of the hotel for several months has moved his family to his home near town.

Methuselah would be outclassed for age if we could adopt all of the rules for long life and have them all work.

BRASSTOWN FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS

The Brasstown Fair which was held at Brasstown on October 23rd, was a success in every respect. This was strictly a Ribbon Fair, no cash prizes being offered, and every one was surprised at the variety and great number of exhibits on display. This goes to show what the people of this section are genuinely interested in their work and that cash prizes are no inducement to these progressive folks to exhibit their products.

The Premium list contained 154 items for which there was offered a first, second and third ribbon. Numerous articles came in from all the adjoining communities representing practically every item on the premium list, besides numerous articles not listed and for which no ribbon was offered.

The fair was held in the Methodist Church and school building and both buildings, which contained two rooms each, were chock full of high grade farm products, relics etc. Also the type of live stock on exhibit would compare favorably with any to be found in the State.

Conservative estimates have placed the total attendance at between 1000 and 1200 people. This attendance by the Brasstown people who have worked so hard for more than a week arranging for the Fair. These people financed the fair themselves, charged no entrance fee nor admission, but feel they will be repaid many times over in friends they have won for the community.

This is the fourth fair to be held at Brasstown. This Community has the honor of holding the first fair ever held in any part of North Carolina, west of Sylva. The great success of this last fair proves that Brasstown is the logical place for a greater and better Rural Agricultural Fair, and plans are already being made for a two or three day fair at this place next year, with several added features calculated to bring larger attendance, and to provide more entertainment for those attending.

Brasstown which is on the border of Clay and Cherokee counties, is a progressive farming center. It is easily accessible to the adjoining communities of Peachtree, Micalo, Sweetwater, Ogden, Pineslog and Mar-

ELF COMMUNITY FAIR A SUCCESS

The Elf Community Fair which was held at Elf school house in Hiawasse Township Friday, October 22, was a fine success considering the late start in planning the fair. The various exhibits speak well of what the farmers and their wives are doing and the progress they are making in modern agricultural methods. While there was not a great quantity of commodities the quality was as good as can be found anywhere. There were twenty-three fine dairy cows exhibited and eleven fine hogs. The following is a list of those who won prizes, first, second and third, on the various exhibits.

Best mature cow, Ben Kitchens, first; Carlton Ledford, second; Bill Patterson, third.

Heifer under eighteen months, Harve Patton, first; Fred Gribble, second; Harve Patton, third.

Best mature beef cow, Bill Patterson, first; Charlie Burch, second.

Best beef calf, Frank Penland, first; W. T. Henson, second.

Best calf under six months old; Carlton Ledford, first; Holt Patton, second.

Poultry, meat breed; Mrs. Carlton Ledford, first; Mrs. S. L. Ledford, second; Mrs. Ben Brown, third.

Laying breed; Mrs. Holt Patton. Only one entry.

Club pens; Earl Ledford, first; Mary Patton, second; Sam Henderson, third.

The prizes on hogs were not awarded at this time as the feeding record had to be taken into consideration and this was not available at this time. The live stock and poultry were judged by Mr. W. R. Gray, County Agent for Cherokee County. Corn, Mark Weaver, first; W. T. Henson, second; H. M. Crawford, third.

Wheat: H. M. Crawford, first; Ervin Kitchens, second.

Soy Beans: Bill Patterson, first.

Pumpkins: Ervin Kitchens, first; Mrs. McCracken, second; Carlton Ledford, third.

Irish potatoes: Bill Patterson, first.

Sweet Potatoes: Mrs. McCracken, first; Vance Ledford, second; Charlie Robertson, third.

Ladies Department: Miss McGoogan teacher of Home Economics in Hayesville High School, and Mrs. Ed Mease, judges.

Cake: Miss Mary Patton, first; Miss Clara Patton, second; Vergie Kitchens, third.

Jelly: Mrs. S. L. Ledford, first;

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