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BRIEF HISTORY OF EARLY SETTLERS OF CLAY COUNTY

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Howell Moss's grandfather emigrated from England to Virginia where he reared a prominent family. One of his sons, the father of Rev. Howell Moss, came to Macon County, where he and his wife became the happy parents of nine children. Howell, about 1834 after reaching the age of 20 years, courted and won the heart and hand of Miss Lucinda Redmond, one of the most promising and accomplished maidens of Macon County. They discussed their financial conditions and needs, then thought of Old Tusquittes for a farm.

One night he visited sweet dream land and there in his blissful slumbers he dreamed that he was at a shooting contest with his old flint lock rifle and dreamed he drove center in the target every shot. This joyful dream was later realized. He and his wife mounted their speedy horses and wended their way across hill and dale till they reached and settled on what is now known as the old Moss farm. The purchase of this farm was one of the best land deals closed in Clay County at that time. This farm has been cut and sub-divided into nine modern farms.

Mr. Moss brought his law code (the Bible) with him to learn how to be a model citizen and christian. At night with keen eyes he would study the lives of Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Paul. There was no church here, neither had the public school system arisen. Howell Moss craved each of these and he and some of the good men built a community house to use for such occasions. This building was erected across the creek in front of Harrison Stillwell's. Here he bowed and prayed fervently on bended knees to the Great Giver of all good to lead the people aright. He, the first preacher, sounded echoes against the lofty peaks of the mountains and women of Jesus who cared for their souls, and warned them of the coming judgment; while they feared, quaked, and surrendered. Concluded in next week's issue.

BOICE HARDWOOD TO CLOSE FOR 4th

Boice Hardwood Wholesale and Retail stores will be closed all day on the Fourth of July. We do this in order to give our employees a holiday.

All other business houses in Hayesville will be closed on the Fourth.

MARRIAGES

TWIGGS-RICE

Miss Frances Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rice, and Mr. Ernest Twiggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Twiggs, both of Hiawasee, Ga., were married Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. W. Winchester in Hayesville, Mr. Winchester officiating.

BRACKEN-DEWEESE

Miss Vesta Deweese, of Cherokee County, and Mr. Johnnie Bracken of Clay County were married Saturday afternoon by J. W. Winchester.

ANDERSON-PENLAND

Miss Hazel Penland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Penland, and Mr. Perry Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Anderson, both of Shooting Creek were married at the Methodist parsonage Saturday afternoon, June 23, by Rev. T. L. Taylor.

ALLS-PENLAND

Miss Navita Penland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Penland, of Shooting Creek, and Mr. Herman Alls, of Roanoke, Va., were quietly married Saturday afternoon, June 23, at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. T. L. Taylor.

Free Agricultural Moving Pictures

The week of July 16 to 21 is being set aside by County Agent Arrendale as moving picture week.

Pictures are to be shown at Elf, Shooting Creek, Oak View (Chigger Hill) Sweetwater, Ogden and Hayesville. If cooperative arrangements can be made with the County Agent of Cherokee County these pictures will be shown at the Folk School on Monday night, July 23. See next week's issue for further announcements.

SHOOTING CREEK

The farmers took advantage of the few dry days we had last week and their corn crops are looking much better, though it is raining again.

Mr. Perry Anderson and Miss Hazel Penland, Mr. Harman Alls and Miss Naveta Penland were married Saturday afternoon by Rev. T. L. Taylor at the Methodist parsonage near Hayesville. Mr. Anderson is the youngest son of ex-County Commissioner, W. M. Anderson, and Miss Hazel Penland is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Penland. Mr. Alls, has been connected with the construction work on Highway No. 28 in this community for the past 18 months and Miss Naveta Penland, first cousin of Miss Hazel, is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Penland. Immediately after the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Alls left by automobile for Roanoke, Va., to visit the groom's mother who resides at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson accompanied them some distance over Highway No. 10 but spent Saturday night in Murphy and returned to their home on Shooting Creek Sunday.

Since the Bonding Company has assumed the duty of continuing and completing the construction of No. 28 in our vicinity, an additional force of labor etc., have been employed and it now seems probable that the grading of the Chunky Gap will be finished in this year. To further speed this work the County Caterpillar and grader have been hired together with operators and are now doing some fine sub-grading, when the weather will permit.

The Sunday School interest continues to grow at Mt. Olive. Attendance ranging about 100 in school, not including a number of visitors. Following the Sunday school, quite an interesting service was conducted at this place on last Sunday. At acting pastor read a lesson from the close of the class exercises the Isaiah 64th chapter, in connection with, and briefly commented on the Sunday School Lesson after which an opportunity was given to those desiring and eligible for membership in the Church of God at that place, whereupon, Omer B. Ledford and John L. McClure presented themselves and were received and extended the right hand of fellowship into the church. We feel that this organization is to be congratulated on having within its borders such noble Christian men as brothers McClure and Ledford.

Work on Highway No. 28 is progressing nicely.

Mr. Ray Woody and his sister, Miss Jessie Woody motored to Bell Creek Sunday to be present at the wedding of their niece, Miss Mary Neal.

Misses Ruth McClure and Maymie Penland were out "grazing on dew berries" Monday.

The Sunday School at Mission Hill is progressing nicely.

Miss Elvita Penland spent Sunday night with her cousin, Miss Maymie Penland.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal N. Rogers were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Penland Sunday.

Mr. Roy McKinney, Miss Lois Marr, Mr. Gurnie McKinney and Miss Faye Hogged were out motoring Sunday.

FARM CENSUS IS COMPLETED

The following are the findings of the Farm Census Reports from the various Townships as checked by the Register of Deeds, viz:—

Brasstown Township—J. T. Reece Lister. 84 farms reported; apparent completeness of list 65 percent; accuracy on checked addition 90 percent.

Hayesville Township—Miss Edna Bumgarner Lister. 200 farms reported; apparent completeness of list 96 percent; accuracy on checked addition 84 percent.

Hiawasee Township—Miss Edith Crawford Lister. 102 farms reported; apparent completeness of list 55 percent; accuracy on checked addition 88 percent.

Shooting Creek Township—Miss Ruth McClure Lister. 106 farms reported; apparent completeness of list 68 percent; accuracy on checked addition 97 percent.

Sweetwater Township—J. H. Barlow Lister. 58 farms reported; apparent completeness of list 54 percent; accuracy on checked addition 90 percent.

Tusquittes Township—C. C. Martin Lister. 87 farms reported; apparent completeness of list 72 percent; accuracy on checked addition 100 percent.

On apparent completeness of work, accuracy and the following of instructions the following would about indicate the general averages obtained by the various Farm Census Listers:

Brasstown 74.5 percent.
Hayesville, 92.5 percent.
Hiawasee, 71.5 percent.
Shooting Creek, 82.5 percent.
Sweetwater, 74 percent.
Tusquittes, 86 percent.

MASONIC OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Clay Lodge No. 301 A. F. & A. M. held a public installation of officers at the Lodge room in Hayesville on the night of June 26th, 1928. Mr. A. F. Padgett is the newly elected installed Worshipful Master, Marvin Alexander, Senior Warden, Willie Crawford, Junior Warden, J. H. Passmore, Treasurer, W. T. Bumgarner, Secretary, P. C. Scroggs, Senior Deacon, J. B. Gray, Junior Deacon and W. T. Carter, Tyler.

The meeting was well attended by the Masons, their wives, children and friends.

J. B. Gray, the retiring Master, presided over the installation service, Mr. G. H. Haigler acted as Marshal. Immediately after the installation the meeting was turned over to Mr. A. F. Padgett, the newly installed Master. Interesting talks were made by Mr. G. H. Haigler, and a number of others.

Miss Wilma Coleman of Young Harris, Ga., favored the gathering with a reading, "Foolish Questions." Mr. Haynes rendered two vocal solos which were enjoyed.

The principal part of the program, according to Pearl Scroggs' statement, and feeling judging by the way he ate, came when the Master requested B. Neal Haigler and his committee of George Thompson, H. M. Crawford, C. S. Plyler, A. F. Passmore, E. C. Mease to retire and bring on the refreshments. An abundance of sandwiches, pickles, lemonade and ice cream were served and every one seemed to enjoy this feature. And considering the fact that the whole thing was prepared by the men without the assistance of the ladies and the ladies were, for once, given an opportunity to eat without having to prepare the meal, it did fine.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends in Clay and Towns counties for the kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Penland.

Ben M. Davis Returns To County To Live

Mr. Ben M. Davis, wife and two daughters, Eunice and Ruth, arrived in Hayesville last week from Yelm, Washington, and will make their home with Mr. Davis' mother, Mrs. Flora Davis. Mr. Davis left Clay County about 30 years ago and during that time has been living in the west. During the past four years Mr. Davis has been with the Highway Commission of Washington State. Two years ago Christmas, Mr. Davis made his first and only visit to Clay County since leaving.

MR. C. L. SAMS, BEE SPECIALIST, COMING

Mr. C. L. Sams, Bee Specialist, is to spend July 5th in Clay County holding meetings and assisting the farmers with their bee problems.

In order that he may see as many farmers as possible County Agent Arrendale has arranged for the following meetings: July 5th, 10 A. M. at Stanhope Ledford's, July 5th 1:00 P. M. at Miss Zoie McClure's, July 5th at 4:00 P. M. at courthouse in Hayesville.

KITCHENS REUNION HELD ON TUESDAY

Mr. W. H. Kitchens, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., who arrived in Hayesville Monday for a few days visit, was the honored guest at a family reunion of the J. D. Kitchens family which was held at the home of Mr. Bee Kitchens at the J. D. Kitchens old home place on Shooting Creek, Tuesday, June 26. All the brothers and sisters of the family and their children were present, each family bringing a large basket of lunch which was spread at noon.

The occasion was a most enjoyable one, especially the dinner together. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It has been 21 years since Mr. W. H. Kitchens visited his people here. Those present at the reunion were: Mrs. J. D. Kitchens, mother of these children; Mr. W. H. Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Kitchens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bee Kitchens and family, Mr. Charlie Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hogged and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tiger and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Patton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waldroup and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Rogers, Mrs. Mary Anne Anderson, Mr. Wm. Burch, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mr. Frank Rogers, Miss Dessie Moffit, and Miss Irene Davenport.

STATE LINE

Friends of Miss Edith Kimsey are very sorry to learn of her serious illness.

Miss Myrt Waldroup spent last week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Fina Waldroup, also her aunt, Mrs. Bayse McClure.

Hunting bean beetles is the leading occupation of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Lout Brooks and families enjoyed some good music at the home of Mr. Alex Neal Tuesday night.

Mr. Elmer Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Neal, returned to Coshocton, Ohio, to resume his work with the Ohio Power Company at that place. Mr. Neal has been spending a months vacation with his parents. He was accompanied back north by his brother-in-law, Frank Burch.

Mr. Robert Gibson motored to Clayton, Ga., Sunday.

Mr. Sam Henson was a guest at the home of Mr. Will Logan Sunday afternoon.

Cleanliness in the barn at milking time, promptness in getting the milk cooled, and frequent deliveries will put good, sweet milk at the door of the consumer.

PROGRAM CLAY COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION

Held With Oak Forest Methodist Church Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17 and 18, 1928

Under the auspices of the Clay County and North Carolina Sunday School Associations for all Sunday School workers of all denominations.

Tuesday Night, July 17

8:00—Devotional, A. L. Penland.
8:15—The place and importance of Adults in the Sunday school. Miss Flora Davis, Raleigh, Associate Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.
8:45—Song, Record of attendance.
8:55—The Sunday School Organization for Service. Miss Freda Bose, Louisville, Ky. For the past four years, Educational Director of the New Orleans, La., Council of Religious Education.
9:2—Announcements.
9:30—Adjourn.

Wednesday Morning, July 18

10:30—Devotional. Mrs. J. V. Arrendale.
10:45—Youth and the Church. Miss Freda Bose.
11:15—Business Period: Reports of County and Township Officers, appointment of committees, record of attendance.
11:35—Today's Challenge to the Sunday School. Miss Flora Davis.
12:10—Offering for Support of County and State Sunday School Associations.
12:25—Announcements.
12:30—Adjourn.
Dinner at the church. Everybody come and bring a basket.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 18

2:00—Devotional. Herbert McClamery.
2:15—The Sunday School Meeting the Needs of the Children. Miss Flora Davis.
2:45—Song.
2:50—Preparing and Telling a Story. Miss Freda Bose.
3:20—Discussion and Questions. Opportunity for the presentation and discussion of special Sunday School problems.
3:45—Business Period. Reports of committees and election of officers. Place of next meeting. Presentation of attendance pennant.
4:00—Adjourn.

Wednesday Night, July 18

8:00—Devotional. G. H. Haigler.
8:15—Worship in the Sunday School. Miss Freda Bose.
8:45—Song.
8:55—Four-Square Sunday School Leaders. Miss Flora Davis.
9:30—Adjourn.

R. E. CRAWFORD,
County President.
J. B. GRAY,
County Secretary.

STILL CAPTURED ON LAST TUESDAY

Deputies Ed Ledford and D. O. Brooks captured a 60 gallon copper still along with 80 gallons of beer and 60 gallons of backings. The still was in operation when the officers appeared, two men were on the scene but made haste in getting away. The men are known according to the officers.

Concert By Oxford Orphanage Singing Class On July 6th

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, of Oxford, N. C., will give a concert at the High School Auditorium, Friday, July 6, at 8:00 P. M.

The class was here about two years ago and gave a concert which was greatly enjoyed by all present. If you wish to spend an hour of genuine pleasure, and at the same time help a most worthy cause, do not fail to attend this concert to be given by the Oxford Singing Class. A small admission will be charged.