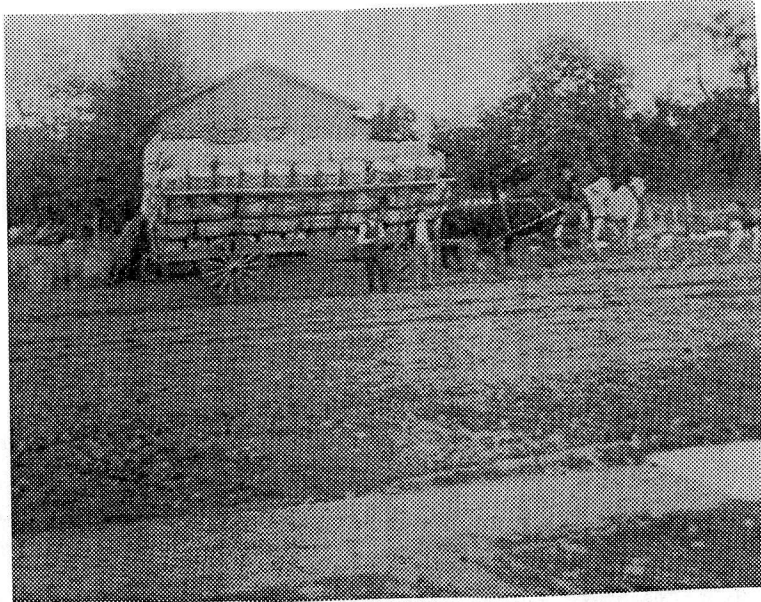


Many of the fresh apples were shipped out by railroad cars in bulk. Until about 1925, the better quality apples were packed in barrels. After that, baskets were used mostly. Two or three cooper shops were in operation in Clay County to manufacture the barrels used for the apples. One cooper or barrel shop was on East Sixth Street in Flora where **Henson** Grocery would later locate and where the business, Battery and Alternator is now located.

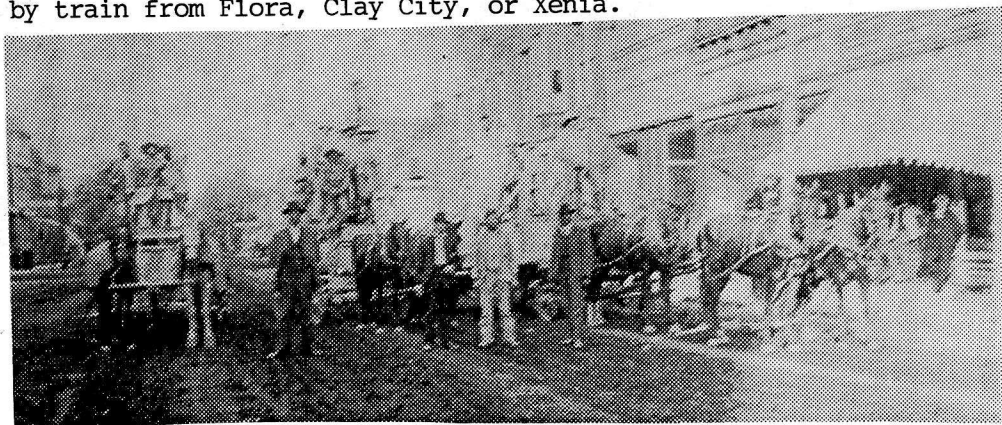
Barrells were made by the hundreds and were hauled to the orchards on wogons, in large flaring racks that probably held 75 to 100 barrels.



APPLE BARRELS
ON
FLARING RACK

The apple barrels were loaded upside down with all the stems facing in one direction. When unloaded, the barrel would be turned right side up and all the apples would have the stems facing up. The hired hand doing this job was called the tailpicker. A good tailpicker always had a job in season and could make 30¢ per hour or \$3.00 per day.

The barrels of apples were loaded on wagons 50 to 75 barrels to a load, to be shipped out by train from Flora, Clay City, or Xenia.



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