

cooking or eating and people stopped buying it. I have noticed that this apple name is still on the market today, though.

The explanation which I feel sounds more like it is Apple diseases and insects got worse and the spray materials were too high to afford or were non-existent. This along with the demands for higher wages by the workers, caused profits to fall, thus bringing to an end an era of the Apple as King of Clay County. This happened mostly by the 1930's. The following newspaper article found in a 1924 edition sort of enforces that theory:

McNair ORCHARD NOW A BRUSH HEAP

A number of men are employed cutting down the remaining green trees in the orchard south of Clay City, formerly known as the McNair Orchard.

Twenty years ago (1904), this was one of the largest orchards in Southern Illinois and was producing thousands of barrels of apples annually.

The McNair farm contained something like 800 acres - 700 of which was in orchard and all in a body. The farm was well improved, the public highways passing through the farm were bordered with silver poplar trees that could be seen for miles before reaching the farm, making one of the most picturesque spots in the county.

The orchard became diseased and has been dying out until there remained but 180 acres of green trees for the timber workers who are now engaged in cutting off the body and sawing it into lumber which is being hauled here for shipment. The lumber is used principally in making handles for small tools.

Will and Jim Williams of Ingraham have the contract of cutting the blocks into lumber. Mr. Songer of Marion County, is the purchaser of the orchard and having the work done.

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