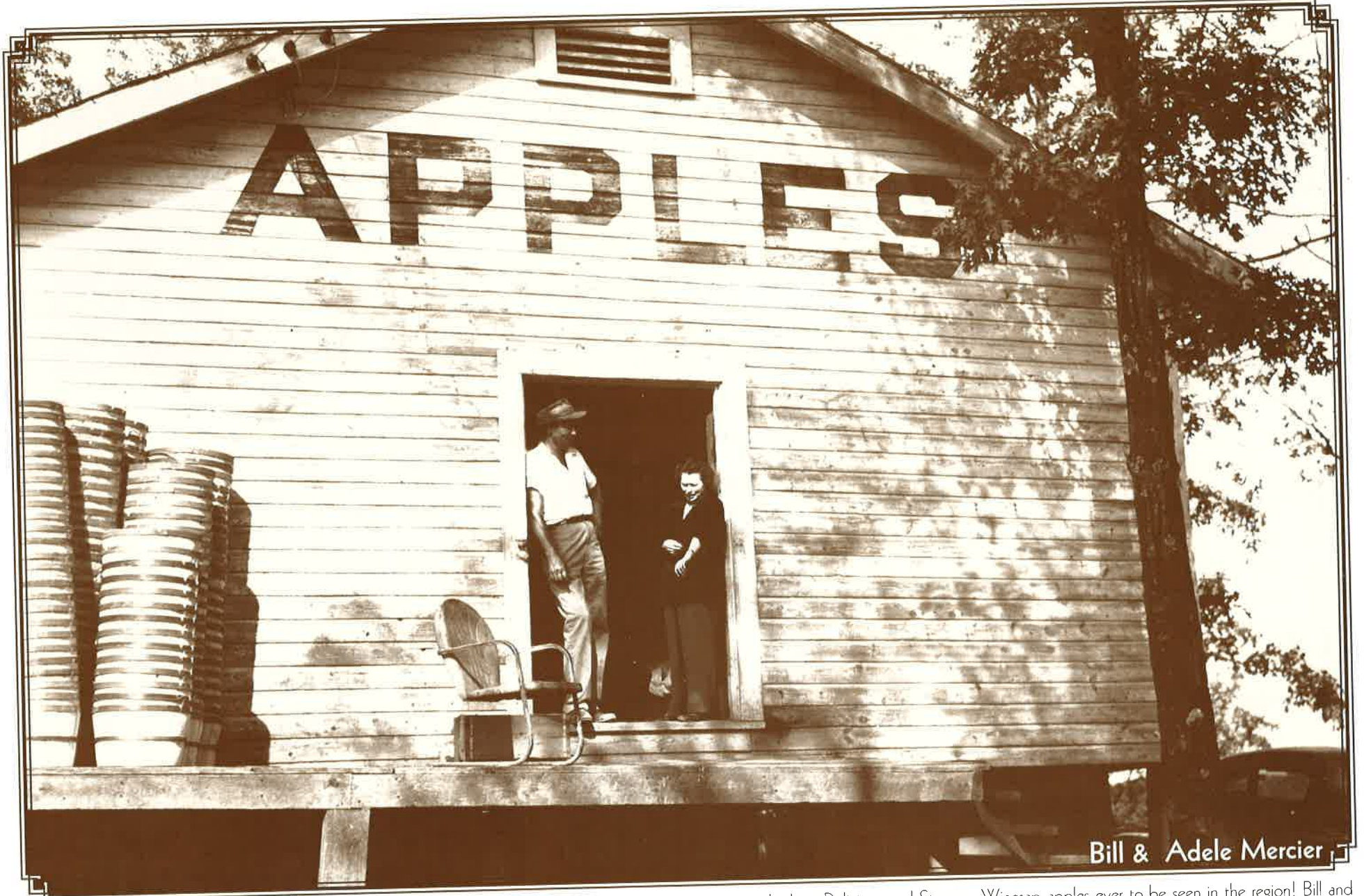


Original Apple House
1943 - 1965



Bill & Adele Mercier

The original orchard was established in 1926 by Dr. C. G. Lloyd. Dr. Lloyd was well-known for growing the best Delicious and Stayman Winesap apples ever to be seen in the region! Bill and Adele Mercier purchased the orchard in 1943. Featured is the original apple house with Bill and Adele in the doorway. The outside was mostly insulation; roof vents were opened in the evening to let in the cool night air and closed in the morning to keep the apples cool. Today, it is the largest apple orchard in Georgia and thousands of people pass through its doors each year to buy or let in the cool night air and closed in the morning to keep the apples cool. A third generation of Merciers is immersed in the business and a fourth is coming along. Bill and Adele are still involved in the