

SCENES ALONG DEEP RIVER

Romance and Tragedy Connected With the History of This Stream Which Winds Its Way Through Guilford, Randolph, Moore and Skirts Lee and Chatham Counties.

Miss Susan Iden, who has been doing sketch writing for some of the State papers while traveling about the State, recently wrote an article about a trip she made through the Deep River section from which we quote the following paragraphs:

Just beyond Siler City, which has the air of a little mountain town as it sprawls along the steep hill sides, within sound of the rushing waters of Deep River.

How much of romance and legend and history are mixed up with the beauty of Deep River as it cuts its way across the State through Guilford, Randolph, Moore, Lee and Chatham counties! Recalling the words of the old ballad, "In Old Deep River the Villian Threw Her," one begins to feel the spell of the tragedy and romance of poor Naomi Wise, whose watery grave was just a little distance north where Deep River skirts the edge of Randleman.

Along Deep River, one of the most feared and hated, but picturesque figures of Revolutionary Days, David Fanning, conducted many of his marauding expeditions. "With the astuteness of the Indians and the fleetness of the Arabs," according to a description of Fanning in Caruthers' history, with a constitution equal to any strain of hunger and fatigue, he could endure long hours in the saddle and was always in motion, appearing on his enemies when they least expected it, spreading death and destruction in his wake. With his band of followers he practiced his atrocities along the thickly wooded banks of Deep River for many months, burning and killing, destroying life and property.

Andrew Hunter, Patriot.

Andrew Hunter, ardent Whig and patriot, endeavoring to put an end to Fanning's marauding expeditions, was captured and taken by the Tory leader to his temporary headquarters on Deep River, where he was notified he was to be killed. The execution, however was delayed, while the Tory band began to feast upon some provisions found in Hunter's wagon.

Fanning had a handsome and blooded horse, Bay Doe, that was standing nearby while Hunter awaited death, and the Tories enjoyed their feast. As the group moved near the horse and the attention of the outlaws was for a moment diverted, Hunter seized his chance and jumped on the back of Fanning's horse. The animal refused to move until startled by a shot from one of the Tories, directed at Hunter.

According to the records of history, Hunter overheard Fanning give orders to "Kill the rascal but save the mare." With bullets whistling all around him he sped to the bank of the river.

Faith Rock and Bridge.

A less desperate man would have quailed at the scene before him. At that point a great mass of rock forms the bank of the river, dropping at an angle of 60 degrees 50 feet to the water below. To turn back meant death at the hands of the enemy, to plunge with the horse into the river also meant death, but it was Hunter's own chance and he took it, escaping while his pursuers stood balked on the rocky precipice, not daring to follow his example.

The rock, generally known as Faith Rock, or sometimes Fanning Rock, though it would seem much more appropriate to preserve in the stone the name of the brave Revolutionary hero rather than that of the hated Tory, may be seen from the highway bridge that spans Deep River just west of Franklinville.

Two years ago the Andrew Hunter Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Greensboro and High Point, placed a bronze marker on the new concrete bridge, named for Andrew Hunter, within sight of the historic rock.

Andrew Hunter Bridge. In memorial Randolph County Revolutionary patriots, Faith Rock, 200 yards down the river, is where Andrew Hunter in 1781, escaping from David Fanning, Tory, rode Fanning's horse, Bay Doe, down the rock into the river and to safety. Guilford Battle Chapter, 1928," the marker reads.

It was one Sunday morning when we first stopped to see the rock. Some children returning from Sunday school proudly offered to show us the path up the steep bank and through the thick woods to the rocky heights, pointing out there on the weathered stone the print of the horse's hoof. What difference if the horse's shoe was pointing in the wrong direction! One did not have the heart to spoil the story. Fanning and Hunter and Bay Doe are very real characters to the children of Randolph, as they might become to other children, if they were taken to see the rock.

From the rock one looks up the river beyond the new bridge to the falls from whence comes the sound of roaring waters and where the remnants of an old covered bridge, fast falling to pieces, marks the old road before the new highway was built. The river bank with its rocky cliffs, is hung with great clusters of laurel in springtime. From the depths of the woods come the fresh smell of ferns and mosses and wild flowers. A more delightful place for a picnic

lunch or supper could hardly be found and there were signs on the rock of campfire feasts. It must indeed be lovely by moonlight.

BRIEF SKETCH OF UNION CHURCH

On Saturday, July 12th, at old Union Presbyterian Church, there was held a reunion of Vass, Lake View, Cypress and Union Presbyterian churches, of which Union is the mother church. Carthage and Cameron churches also grew out of Union Church.

The address of welcome was made by Dr. Lawrence, who is now pastor of Vass, Lakeview, Cypress and Union churches. The response was by Dr. W. S. Golden, pastor of the Carthage Presbyterian church.

The main address of the day, however, was made by Dr. A. R. McQueen, of Dunn. Dr. McQueen gave a brief sketch of the foundation of Old Union Church. He said:

"The Presbyterian work at Old Union began in 1796, when Orange Presbytery sent Rev. W. D. Paisley to serve the people of the congregation now known as Buffalo, Union and Bethesda. Union Church was organized in 1797 with the following bench elders: Walter Macbeth, Zachariah Graham, Graham, Duncan Patterson, John Blue and Col. A. McDougald. After these John McKenzie, Donald Blue, and Martin McPherson were made elders. The first church building erected was a log house, in 1798. The church was situated on Crane's Creek, by a spring, across the field from the present site of the church. The property was given by Mrs. Eliza M. Rowan. An interesting fact may also be noted—a log session house was built, which was used during the life time of 3 church buildings. Dr. McQueen's father was called to Union on the 18th day of May, 1866. The present building has only been built a few years. Dr. McQueen recalled many happy days of the long ago, and expressed the hope that these reunions would continue.

FARM BOYS AND GIRLS WILL GATHER AT COLLEGE

With reservations for about 800 farm boys and girls anticipated, plans for the ninth annual 4-H short course to be held at State College during the week of August 4th to 9th, are being rapidly matured.

The course will be given under the direction of L. R. Harrill and Miss Elizabeth Cornelius, club leaders of the extension service, and will embody instruction in work now being conducted in the field and home by the 2,000 club members now enrolled in North Carolina. Each course will be of such practical nature that the club representative may take the main facts back to the community which he represents.

Mr. Harrill says one of the most interesting features of the short course will be the general sessions at which the club officers will preside and where the club members will arrange their own programs. It is expected that reports will be made at these sessions from the delegates who attended important gatherings both in and out of the State during the past year. A report of the progress in club work will also be made.

Recreation, health, culture, judging contests, and demonstrations will be some of the main activities or studies of the meeting. The King and Queen of Health will be crowned on Thursday evening, August 7th, at special pageant exercises. Dr. E. McNeill Potent, well known Raleigh Baptist minister, will conduct vesper services each evening, speaking on the early life of Christ.

The whole cost of the short course will not exceed \$5 including meals for the week. The college is giving its rooms free of charge.

The final session of the short course will be the impressive candle lighting ceremony, Friday evening, August 8th, when the camp fire will be lighted from a candle brought from the national camp. The new state officers will be installed, and these new officers will light the candles of all the delegates so that the light of new living will be carried back to each club represented.

PELLAGRA CAUSING LARGE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN STATE

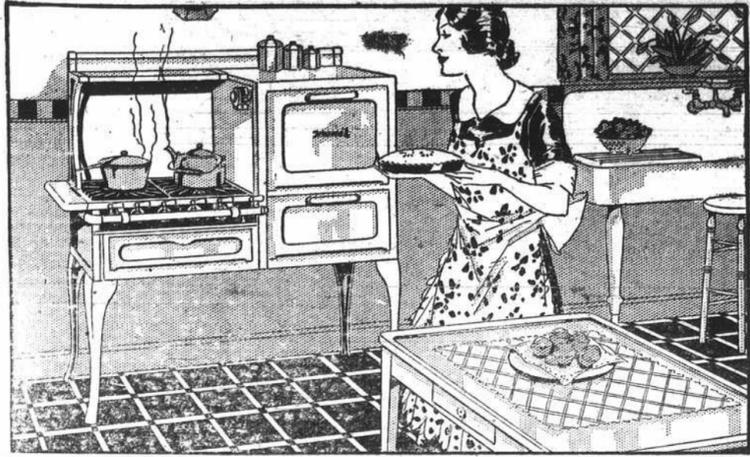
Pellagra is causing more deaths in North Carolina than any other disease with the exception of tuberculosis and is creating the largest problem which the State Board of Health has to deal according to Dr. C. H. O'Laughinghouse, State Health officer. Last year there were 981 deaths from pellagra in North Carolina, more than were caused by automobile accidents in which more than 700 died, and more than the total number of deaths from typhoid, diphtheria and measles combined. The death toll from pellagra was exceeded only by tuberculosis, which claimed 2,601 lives in 1929.

The Express is informed that there is a lot of pellagra here in Lee County. It is found not only in the rural sections, but in the towns. Efforts are being made to eradicate the disease by getting those who have it to put themselves on a balanced diet. It is claimed that this will cure the disease.

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F'rinstance, How I Invented the Pocket Flask. (By Dr. Ezra Pocket.)

I do not remember much of my birth. My first memory was of my father standing over the bed where I lay, smiling, as was his wont. "Mother," he said, "we'll keep that one."

I went to school first under Dr. Bixby, dear old Dr. Bixby. "Our Bix," as we used to call him when he passed us on the spreading elms or on our exams. I left Dr. Bixby because of a remark he made one day, and I will never forget the look of profound austerity on his face as he said "Ezra, your are expelled."

I then attended Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, 'Corn-on-the-Cob, Swiss-on-the-Rye and Turn-on-the-Heat. At the last named school I once attended two consecutive classes. My deans could not understand me, it seemed, and I enrolled in the I. S. C., a school where only letter men were accepted. When I finished school my father gave me \$4.63 and a roadster and sent me out into the world alone. "You'll have to shift for yourself, son," he said, with sobs in his voice and tears in his pants. "I have to support my old aunt who, as you well know, has been in bed with the same doctor for twelve years." I knew this wasn't true, but father was always a great one for getting a joke into a story just in the right place.

Well, as they always say at the beginning of the fifth paragraph, I slid into second and turned to face the world with determination and \$4.63 and a roadster. On my way to Schnecktid—er, New York City, many exciting adventures befell me, none of which I intend reciting here for I have not the slightest recollection what they were. I do remember

that on a lonely country road I fell into a stupor and after I had extricated myself I found that an axle was broken and my clothes were dirty. They are always leaving the covers off the stumps on lonely country roads.

When I arrove in the city I immediately ran into an old school chum of mine, whom I call an old school chum of mine, and knocked off his right front fender and damaged his license plate. I noted the number: 469833C. Again! All my life that had been my unlucky number. I once ordered a set of horseshoes from Sears-Roebuck, article No. 469833C, and received instead a volume of Edgar Guest's poems.

Fell, about the flask. When I was a "youth" I had not wasted my time like other boys. Instead, I was out getting drunk, preparing for my career. Whiskey was, if you'll pardon the expression, my "bosom" friend. And then came the Call. One day, quite unintentionally, I wondered what a flask looked like. I take no particular credit for I did not try to wonder what it looked like. I had just never heard of one and by "boyish curiosity" got the best of me.

"Mother," I lisped, "what is a flask?" "Ja, a flask, what is it that it is?" my mother came back in flawless French, and we all laughed. "Well, Mother, what would one look like if some one were to invent it?" "Mica, mica, parva stella, for vy you ask me? Lawsy' mercy, chile, don't bother yo' ole aunty, I mean mammy, wid sich trash."

I toiled for months without end for a spark of inspiration. I was in a weak, run-down condition. I needed a drink. Then, it came to me all in a flask. It stood before me, clear as a crystal. But what was seen in that flask and how I invented the famous Pocket Flask will be related in the next episode. "How I Invented the Pocket Flask."

Well, to make a long story short, I'll stop.

EDISON ASKS FIVE MORE YEARS.

"Give me five more years and the U. S. will have a rubber crop which can be utilized in less than 12 month's time," Thomas Edison stated the other day. The crop he referred

to is Goldenrod, a common weed that grows in nearly all parts of the country but is especially adapted to Southern state. He has discovered a variety that grows 10 feet above a man's head which, by cross breeding, will produce 8 per cent fine rubber. Edison, now 83, still works 14 hours a day. He declares his rubber problem the toughest he ever tried to solve.

\$640,000 TO BE SPENT AT FORT BRAGG.

It seems that a big construction program is soon to be put on at Fort Bragg. The report comes to the effect that sealed proposals in triplicate will be received by the construction quartermaster at Fort Bragg until 10 A. M., August 15th, on the construction of 50 new buildings at the military post. The structures to be erected are eight field officers' quarters, 16 non-commissioned officers' quarters and 25 company officers' quarters. The bids will be publicly opened by Captain Simpson, the construction quartermaster on the morning of the 15th and then forwarded to Washington for the War Department's approval of the lowest proposal. The approximate cost of construction will be \$640,000.

Jewell, Riddle Company, of this place, recently completed 14 new buildings at Fort Bragg. These buildings are being inspected this week and will be turned over to the proper authorities as soon as the inspection is completed. There has been an immense amount of building at Fort Bragg during the past two or three years and the above paragraph shows that this building program is to be continued for the next year or two. Many of the old wooden buildings that were constructed about the time of the World War, have been torn down and others will go to make room for modern brick buildings. This is now known as the biggest artillery fort in the country and perhaps the biggest in the world. Many of the brick and other material that go in these buildings is manufactured here in Lee county. This brings thousands of dollars that are spent at Fort Bragg to this county. It is thought that there will be at least 50 new buildings constructed at this big fort within the next few years.

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