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## A COUNTY THAT FOUND ITSELF

### Wise Leadership and Use of Federal Credit Made This Community Prosperous.

This is the story of a county that found itself, and of a man who pointed the way.

A county that in the brief space of a few short years has lifted itself from the slough of agricultural despair to a community that remains buoyant and prosperous even in time of wide fluctuations.

A county where boys have quit the farms for the cities are returning to till the soil of their fathers and are happy because they have made such decisions.

A county where business men and farmers are working together harmoniously of proud ownership and development of the community they love.

A county where prosperity is reflected in the many new buildings, modern homes and conveniences, barns and silos, and where trim and well-kept premises bear mute testimony of proud ownership and tenacity.

A county where banks' resources are mounting steadily, where "collections" (one of the prime barometers of business) are reported good and where delinquency in meeting note payments, whether of principal or interest is all but unknown.

A county where the vision, initiative and courage of one man have served to build up and inspire a community leadership that now boasts the loyal support of every worthwhile interest in the county.

Small wonder, then, that Steuben County, Indiana, is alive and alert today with a progressive citizenry that looks forward with utmost confidence to even greater things, a larger measure of prosperity than it knows today.

When Amos Baker came to Steuben County to launch a \$250,000 condenser enterprise the community was still feeling the effects of post-war deflation. Farmers were thoroughly discouraged. Commodity prices were at low ebb. Money was tight and borrowings few and far between because there was no assurance that the farmer could market his crops at a profit and falling this meant he would be plunged even more deeply into debt.

"Here was a situation," said Baker, "that called for real farm relief. Theory wouldn't do. And real farm relief, as I conceived it, meant helping the farmer to help himself."

"He was advised to broaden the scope of his activities; not to depend on wheat, corn, oats, alfalfa or potatoes for all of the farm income. It was suggested that he go in for livestock, feeding cattle, sheep, etc., and not forget to include some good producing cows. Farmers already owning herds were advised to get rid of the scrubbers."

"The fact that a cow pays her way," Baker told the farmers, "is relatively unimportant. The vital thing to determine is whether she pays you a profit. If she doesn't stop boarding her and buy a real producer. Your market for milk will be constant, regardless of the season, and we will buy every pound that you produce."

That Baker's advice was heeded may be guessed from the fact that 45 carloads of culs have been shipped out of Steuben county and disposed of as cullers during the last three years.

The next step was the financing of the farmer who wanted to establish dairy herds or add to existing herds.

Of course, were willing portion of the necessary capital needed. How well his plan worked may be judged from the statement of the Federal Land Bank that on April 1, 1930, there was not a single operating loan or delinquent interest item charged against any borrower in all Steuben County.

In four years time the number of dairy cows in the county had been increased from 3,000 to 12,000. Credit extended to farmers at times reached a total of almost \$300,000 and much of this paper represented redemptions handled through the Intermediate Credit Bank. Loans were repaid or reduced at regular periods largely out of milk checks. Mortgages now are disappearing and real farm assets, in the form of livestock and needed equipment are heurting the farmer at his task because he finds his enterprise is profitable for the first time in many years.

Throughout Steuben County at the present time there are indications of widespread activity. One witness prosperity in the air. All roads lead to a bright, bustling county seat and center of the activities that have helped the whole county to a fine financial

## STATE HAS ONE SUICIDE A DAY

### Pellagra Claimed 115 Deaths During May and Pulmonary Tuberculosis 226.

North Carolina had approximately one suicide per day during May, according to the monthly report issued by the bureau of vital statistics of the State Board of Health yesterday, which also showed an increase in the number of deaths from pellagra, with a toll of 115 deaths during May.

Pulmonary tuberculosis caused more deaths than any other single cause, 226 dying from this disease during the month, with diarrhea and enteritis next in line with a death toll of 148. There were 591 deaths among infants under one year of age and a total of 716 among children under 2 years of age. Sixty-one maternal deaths at child-birth were reported.

The list of violent deaths included automobile fatalities, 85; automobile and train collisions, 4; burns and conflagrations accidents, 11; gunshot wounds 5; drowning 16; homicides, 27 and suicides 30.

Influenza caused 77 deaths, whooping cough 32 and typhoid fever, 4. The birth rate in the state was given as 25.4 per 1,000 population, the death rate 12.3 per 1,000 and the death rate under two years as 2.3 per 1,000 population.

Footing. Practically all lines of business have shared in the general prosperity, 50 to 100 per cent gains in volume of business having been recorded in some instances. To the north, east, south and west of this busy town, things are perk up a great deal. New barns are going up and old ones are being overhauled. Scores of farms have installed modern stations and other equipment. In two years more than 200 new silos have been built. In practically every neighborhood bright, fresh paint lends a gleam to homesteads and barns which almost without exception are in splendid state of repair. New fences are the rule and scores of recently built henhouses testify to the fact that the farmer's wives likewise are realizing on the county's prosperity.

A random farmstead in Steuben County is a rare spectacle indeed and inquiry is likely to develop the fact that the owner has let progress pass him by or that the occupant is some shiftless tenant who'd rather fish than work.

The value of the amortized loan plan to farmers who want to build up farm assets in a minimum of time was pictured by Baker. "Suppose that a farmer owns five cows," he said, "and wants to buy five more cows and not impair any emergency cash reserves he may have. The operation is very simple. The cattle loan company receives his application and if the loan is approved the money becomes available at once through redemption at the Intermediate Credit Bank at Louisville and the farmer gets his money and his cows. He has agreed to surrender half of his milk check each month to be applied on the loan. The other half he receives for himself, and that amount of course, is as much as he had been receiving before he bought the additional cows. If the cows are real producers the entire loan, in many cases, is amortized on this basis in 8 1/2 months; seldom is the loan repayment period longer than 10 months. Thus, in less than a year's time the farmer has been enabled to double this particular kind of assets and his opportunity for expanding his business is limited only by his industry or his failure to take advantage of aid that becomes his for the asking."

Making it easy for farmers to add to their assets or, helping them to a start in business has wrought a transformation in the economic life of the community, according to Baker. "In the case of the small farmer," he said, "this is particularly true. The small farmer now banks his funds, pays his bills by check and is quite as proud of his pass book as he is of his growing prosperity."

There are scores of cases of small farmers who have incurred indebtedness of from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the purpose of investing in cows and then have found it possible to wipe out the debt in a surprisingly short time. "That," says Baker, "is real farm relief. If you teach a man how to put assets on his farm you are helping him to help himself. Pay him a subsidy and you place a premium on laziness. You haven't helped him and it is almost certain that he will lose you afterward no matter how good your intentions. No one has yet discovered a substitute for industry in the proper management of a farm."

And the boys are coming back to the farms in Steuben County. More than 100 who had gone away to the cities in the last few years have returned. That circumstance, he regards, as most significant.

## WOOTEN FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

### Two Hundred Members of the Clan Gathered in Pullen Park in Raleigh.

Representatives of the Wooten clan too the number of 200 gathered for their annual meeting last Friday at Pullen Park in Raleigh; enjoyed a good dinner and listened to inspiring talks and selections. Members of the family were present from Florida, South Carolina, Alabama and Virginia and many of the counties of North Carolina.

The formal program began at 10:30 a. m. The invocation was offered by Rev. J. C. Wooten, of Durham district, M. E. church, south D. F. Wooten, of Kinston, president of the association, then made introductory remarks. He was followed by songs "America" and others led by Mrs. Theo Wooten McCullers of Acme. An address was then delivered by Dr. J. Y. Joyner of Raleigh. The association was presented with the family coat of arms by Miss Jennie Weidell of Kinston. Reports of officers were received, also a report from Dr. William Cobb Whitfield, chairman of the historical committee.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted with the following result: John E. Wooten, Greenville, president; J. Frank Kinston, vice president; Julius F. Wooten, Stantonsburg, treasurer; Mrs. Annie Wooten McAuley, Acme, secretary.

After the election of officers a vocal solo, "The Last Rose of Summer," was delivered by Mrs. Theo Wooten McCullers of Clayton, and an address was made by A. Frank Wooten of Kinston. Miss Annie Wooten McAuley of Acme, chairman reported for the committee on the erection of a marker for the grave of Shadrach Wooten in Columbus county. Shadrach Wooten, having been a distinguished officer of the Revolution.

Allen Wooten was the oldest member of the family present and probably the oldest member of the family in existence. He is 93. He is as straight as an arrow and still active. He claims that he can plow and catch a row of anybody else, young or old.

"Everybody had a good time," said Dr. Joyner talking about the reunion. The ecclesies of the heart were warmed and family ties and loyalty strengthened around the Wooten family altar and coat of arms. The weather was ideal and Pullen Park made an ideal meeting place. The dinner was bountiful and delicious.

It was decided to meet next year at the Country Club, Greenville, on June 21st.

## JOINT HOSTESSES AT CARDS

Misses Gladys and Mary Barrow were joint hostesses at a card club a social group recently organized with Mrs. W. A. Pollard, Jr. as president and Mrs. Charles Baucum as secretary.

A refreshing beverage was served prior to the games and peach ice cream and cake served afterwards. Mrs. Edgar Barrett was winner of the high score prize.

Members include: Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Baucum, Miss Gladys and Mary Barrow, Add Bynum, Lucile Flanagan, Mrs. Jalma Bynum, Mrs. Edgar Barrett, Mrs. Ed Nash Warren and Mrs. Patrick Vainright. The hostesses had as special guests Mrs. Isley, Mrs. Chestnut of Snow Hill and Miss Sarah Humphrey of Farmville.

Privilege cards used by the members of the Federated Farmers Exchange of Craven County enable them to discounts of from 10 to 20 per cent on many farm supplies.

## WRECK ON N. & S. KILLS

### ONE; INJURES TWO OTHERS

Last Saturday night the Norfolk Southern passenger train No. 4 hit a partially open switch at Arthur, a small station near here and was derailed, ditching engine, tender and baggage car. The Engineer, Norman L. Ferratt was seriously injured and died in the Greenville hospital early Sunday morning.

The fireman and baggage man sustained injuries, but are getting along nicely at this time. The passenger were asleep in Pullmans toward the rear end of the train were not aware of the wreck until awakened later. An engine sent out from Morrison took the train on into Norfolk about four hours late.

## FIRST COTTON BLOOM

Joe Simplicity, who lives on the E. H. Atkinson farm three miles from Farmville found a cotton bloom on his crop on June 26th. This is the first that has been reported this year.

## The Call for How



Ex-President Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge photographed on the front steps of their new home, 'The Baches,' Northampton, Mass.

## Baby Show And Parade Create Unusual Interest

### GEORGE GAY ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

### Jury Quickly Obtained and the State Introduces Numerous Witnesses.

George Gay, 24-year old Greensboro farmer, went on trial in Greensboro county superior court today on the charge of first degree murder for the alleged murder of his 22-year old wife last April. More than a dozen of the State's two score witnesses testified at today's session and indications are that the trial will continue throughout tomorrow and possibly Friday.

Selection of the jury was only a mere formality this morning. Little more than an hour was consumed in choosing the 12 men to hear the evidence. Only 25 of the 100 special venire were examined before the jury box was filled. Defense counsel failed to challenge a single juror while the state utilized two challenges. Judge M. V. Barnhill stood several aside on motion.

Taking of evidence was begun Wednesday afternoon with L. E. Rhodes, assistant state chemist, of Raleigh, the first witness. He qualified as an expert and told of the analysis of the vital organs of the dead woman and the quantity of poison found in the stomach. The poison was arsenic and was in considerable quantity.

There was more than two grains of the poison in the stomach he said, adding that two grains was considered a fatal dose. Rhodes testified of the condition of the organs submitted for analysis and of the various tests he made to determine the kind of poison.

W. B. Morris, Greensboro county coroner, told the details of the autopsy performed on Mrs. Gay's body by Dr. W. B. Murphy of Snow Hill, who afterwards testified in regard to the operation and of the organs removed.

Dr. W. M. Willis, of Farmville, the woman's physician, testified to being called in on the case, and of his examination for an abortion which he said did not seem immediate. He qualified as an expert and went into detail concerning abortions, the reactions and the possibility of death from such operations. He also described the symptoms of arsenic poisoning.

In the parade of witnesses that the State marched to the stand were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Windham, father and mother of the dead woman, two brothers, three sisters and an aunt. All testified to various occurrences from January 1st until the time the girl died, all of which were admitted in an effort to show Gay had made repeated attempts to produce an abortion. Several witnesses testified that Gay had made various remarks to the effect "I'm tired of my wife and I'm going to get clear of her before much longer." Others said he told them "I don't love her."

The State put no real evidence on the stand that Gay had administered a dose of arsenic to his wife during her brief illness in April from which she had failed to recover, but did show that on more than one occasion he had given her "home remedies." Relatives of the girl told of seeing Gay in the pantry where the bag of arsenic was found with a small hole in it. None saw him administer the poison, although one sister said she was asked out of the sick room while Mrs. Gay took a dose of medicine for George.

The small court room was filled to capacity throughout the entire day, many of the spectators remaining in their seats during the two hour recess at noon.

### Miss Bettie Love Spencer and Norris Lee Eason Winners in Popular Baby Contest; Miss Ann Oglesby Winner of the Parade Cup.

The Popular Baby Contest conducted by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian church closed on Wednesday afternoon with a large and colorful parade, being considered one of the most successful projects ever undertaken by this group.

Miss Bettie Love Spencer, 18 months old daughter of J. G. Spencer and the late Mrs. Spencer, and Norris Lee Eason, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Eason were winners of the loving cups in the popular vote contest, and Miss Ann Oglesby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Oglesby, was winner of the parade cup.

These lovely, winsome babies were placed on cushions of ivory, white suggestive of innocence and purity, and were crowned by Mrs. J. Watson Shockley of Wilson, one of the judges in a coronation ceremony held after the parade in the school grounds.

There were 20 participants in the parade, which took in one block of Main Street, all exquisite little beings, dressed in charming costumes and riding in vehicles of every sort and description, making it a difficult task indeed for the judges to pick the winner. The judges were Mrs. Shockley, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Howard Hilley, of Wilson. The street down which the parade passed, was lined with the families and admiring friends of the paraders.

Those taking part were: Ann Oglesby in a sun suit riding in a yellow and white sail boat propelled by her brother, Billy; Norris Lee Eason, as Lindy, driving "The Spirit of St. Louis"; David Jones impersonating Uncle Sam; Bob Darden, a fisherman in a skiff; Mary Leah Thora, a fairy in pink, riding a white swan; Jack Willis, an aviator; Marvin Horton, a progressive farmer advocating "Live-at-Home"; Maynard Thorne, Jr., a bold pirate; Charles Baucum, Jr., a professional boxer; Daisy Barnhart Dixon and Chaele Ann Jackson, girls of the '60s; Etta Frances Harper, flower girl; Jane Turnage, a bathing beauty; Margaret Bynum, who ranked next to the winner of the first prize was a Chinese Miss being drawn in a rickshaw; Ruby Eam Moyo set in a miniature flower garden. Others who were in gaily decorated carriages, strollers, bicycles, or who toddled along as modern flappers and cake eaters, were: Bettie Love Spencer, Betty Morris, Bob Taylor, Frances Law, Durward Barbour, Shelby Roebuck, Ralph El-Ramy, Bettie Lou Turnage, Freddie Dehman, Wilma Stancil, Dan Morgan, Jean Eckman, Irons and Bobby Smith and Margaret Tyson.

Points taken in consideration by the judges were: beauty, most unusual, most original costume and float.

Music was furnished by a toy orchestra of 14 pieces directed by Raymond Wheeler and organized by Miss Vivian Cline. Favors were presented to the children taking part in the affair.

The contest was in charge of Mrs. R. S. Tandy, Mrs. B. O. Taylor being head of the parade committee. Others serving on committees in connection were Mrs. J. O. Pollard, Mrs. Louise Harris, Mrs. J. Y. Monk and Mrs. C. R. Townsend.

Many a man who is a good shot in this world hopes he will miss five in the next.

To capacity throughout the entire day, many of the spectators remaining in their seats during the two hour recess at noon.

## FATALY INJURED BATHING BEACH

### Young Greenville Man Sustains a Broken Neck While Diving in Shallow Water.

Washington, June 25—Diving into shallow water in Pamlico river at Riverside, a public bathing beach three miles down the river from here this afternoon, Dickerson Wilkerson, age 24, member of a Pitt county picnic party there for an outing sustained a broken neck and died seven minutes later while being brought to a hospital here. Among the thirty members of the party was Miss Florence Taft, fiancee of the young man. She saw the tragedy from the swimming pier from which he dived. She is prostrated with grief.

The party, appalled by the death of one of their number, returned home, their brief festivities blighted before they had scarcely begun. Mr. Wilkerson is the second Pitt county youth to die within as many years from the same cause on the same pier. Mr. Wilkerson was born and reared in La Grange but has lived for the past several years in Greenville, where he was employed by the Greenville Tobacco Company. He was popular and widely esteemed by the younger set in the Pitt County capital.

No arrangements had been made at this writing for the funeral. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Jamison and a sister in New York and two brothers, Vernon M. Wilkerson of La Grange and Edwin Wilkerson of Kinston.

The water into which he dived was not more than three feet deep. A number of small children were playing in the water just a few feet from where he dived in. He was unconscious when taken from the water.

## NEGRO CONVICTED ASSAULT CHARGES

### Jury is Out Only 50 Minutes in Case Against Ether Perry, Alks Holloway.

The trial of Ether Perry, alias Ether Holloway, negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Walter Stallings, wife of a young Hookerton farmer on three different occasions with intent to commit rape, was put on trial in Greensboro county superior court at Snow Hill Wednesday. The attorneys had completed their arguments in the case early tonight and only Judge M. V. Barnhill's charge remained to be delivered before the jury takes the case for a verdict.

The trial opened at 9:30 when the negro was delivered by Sheriff O. A. Glover and Deputy Sheriff H. F. Barnes of Wilson county, to Sheriff E. A. Raspberry, of Greensboro county, in the court room. Perry, who has been in the state penitentiary since his arrest, was brought here and lodged in jail.

The jury was quickly selected and the State's evidence was all in before the noon recess. The defense concluded its case at 4:10 o'clock and when court adjourned tonight R. H. Taylor and J. Paul Fizzle, attorneys for the negro, and Solicitor D. M. Clark had all argued the case to the jury. Judge Barnhill adjourned court until tomorrow morning at which time he will deliver his charge.

Mrs. Stallings testified to the four attacks, two of them in one day, made on her by the negro within a period of a week. The negro failed to accomplish his purpose on each occasion but managed to tear two of Mrs. Stallings' dresses into shreds in attacking her. The first attack was made on Monday, May 26, and the last on Tuesday, June 3, according to the State's leading witness, who said she screamed and fought the negro off. On one occasion a detective on the lookout for the negro was asleep in her home and failed to hear her screams when the negro attacked her and another time her husband working in a nearby field was not attracted by her cries. Twice the negro attacked her within her home.

Sheriff Raspberry testified to arresting the negro and of his identification by Mrs. Stallings. Other state's witnesses told of having seen the negro in the vicinity of the Stallings home at various times.

Perry denied any knowledge of or connection with the attacks on Mrs. Stallings asserting that the first time he had ever seen her was when Sheriff Raspberry took him before her for purpose of identification. He told of his whereabouts on each day from May 25 to June 3 and went into detail as to the activities on June 3, the day of the last attack and of his arrest. He offered several witnesses who testified that he was working on the farm each day an attack was made.

## WILL DRIVE CAR BLINDFOLDED HERE JULY 7TH

### Fayssoux Will Find Key to P. O. Box and Deliver Letter Previously Addressed By a Citizen.

William Irvine Fayssoux, known throughout the length and breadth of America, will begin an engagement of one week in a mammoth tent the city on Rechey street opposite the school building commencing next Monday night, under the auspices of the American Legion.

Those who have seen Mr. Fayssoux perform on previous engagements in this city are of the opinion that it is the most entrancing and altogether interesting and mystifying ever seen on a stage in this country. Fayssoux has appeared in the leading theatres of the world for more than 20 years and is well and favorably known in this and all other cities throughout the state where he has appeared many times in the past years. Fayssoux's performances are clean, high class in every respect and the announcement that he will appear here for an engagement of three days will doubtless be received with much interest.

One of the most interesting features of Fayssoux's blindfold drive he will introduce to the people of the people of the city on next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock starting at the Pollard Auto Co. While securely blindfolded and attended by a committee of prominent citizens, will drive to the secret hiding place where the committee has previously concealed a postoffice key, he will then drive blindfolded to the post office to unlock a postoffice box and select from among other letters a letter previously written by the committee and deliver it to the party to whom it is addressed. This remarkable exhibition of telepathy or mental suggestion will doubtless be witnessed by a large throng.

Fayssoux, who has been referred to as the physic marvel of the age presents an entirely new performance this season, recently returning from a tour of India where he studied Hindu methods of hypnotism and suggestion. He will offer the theatre goers of Farmville a most baffling, amusing and scientific performance, when he shows heretofore backed by 31 years of experience.

## HILL GIVES A FOREST FOR DEMONSTRATION USE

Three hundred acres of rugged forest land heavily timbered with a variety of trees and containing over three million board feet of lumber has been given to the forestry department by George Watts Hill, young Durham capitalist and farmer.

Gift of the forest was announced by Dr. E. C. Brooks to the Board of Trustees at their annual meeting during the last commencement exercises. The tract will be under the supervision of the school of forestry and will be used for field studies and demonstration purposes by agricultural students specializing in forestry work.

The woodland is located 17 miles north of Durham on paved highway No. 13 to Roxboro. It is in the northern part of Durham County and was formerly a part of Mr. Hill's modern Quail Roost dairy farm. The area extends back to Flat River; is traversed by excellent cross roads and contains a siding from the Norfolk and Western railroad. Types of timber including the bottom land, slope and upland growths are found. The principal species of timber, according to a survey by Dr. Julius V. Hofmann, head of the forestry department, includes: Virginia pine, shortleaf pine, loblolly pine, white oak, red oak, maple, cedar, dogwood and birch.

Dr. Hofmann says a permanent camp will be established within the forest as soon as possible. This will be established within the forest as soon as possible. This will be used by students while engaged in practical forestry work. Student surveyors from the school of engineering will also use the area for farm surveying.

This gift is characterized by President Brooks as one of the most valuable ever made to the College. Not only will it help the college to develop commercial foresters but it also will be of untold value in teaching the proper handling of farm woodlands, he says.

Surry County dairymen have begun the delivery of whole milk to the Kraft cheese factory at West Jefferson. The first shipment amounted to 1,000 pounds of milk.

Sales of wool at the post office in western North Carolina by farm agents this spring amounted to 141,838 pounds.