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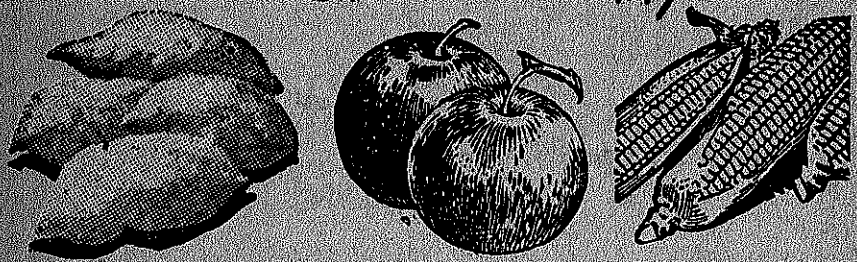
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Caswell County

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OF CASWELL COUNTY



FAIR

SEPTEMBER 29 -- OCTOBER 4

Yanceyville, N. C.

CASWELL 1944 COUNTY

Objectives of Caswell County Agricultural Fair

1. To promote social interest in Caswell county.
2. To promote an interest in a better balanced farm program in Caswell county.
3. To develop interests in fairs as an educational medium.
4. To establish quality standards of farm produce in Caswell county.

General Information

The Caswell County Fair will open Monday afternoon, September 29, and will close Saturday night, October 4, 1941. The fair will open at 2:00 P. M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday,—Friday at 11:00 A. M.,—Saturday all day. The Fair will close at 11:00 every night except Saturday, and 12:00 Saturday night.

The admission will be 10c adult and 5c for children under 12 years. Tuesday will be educational day on which School children will be admitted by a pass.

GENERAL RULES

No Entry Fee for Exhibits

The committee does not assume responsibility in case of loss or damage of exhibits from any cause.

Livestock to compete for prizes will be exhibited Wednesday, October 1 from 2 to 8 P. M.

Poultry will be exhibited Monday until Thursday night.

All other exhibits will remain for duration of Fair.

Prizes will be limited to Caswell county citizens only.

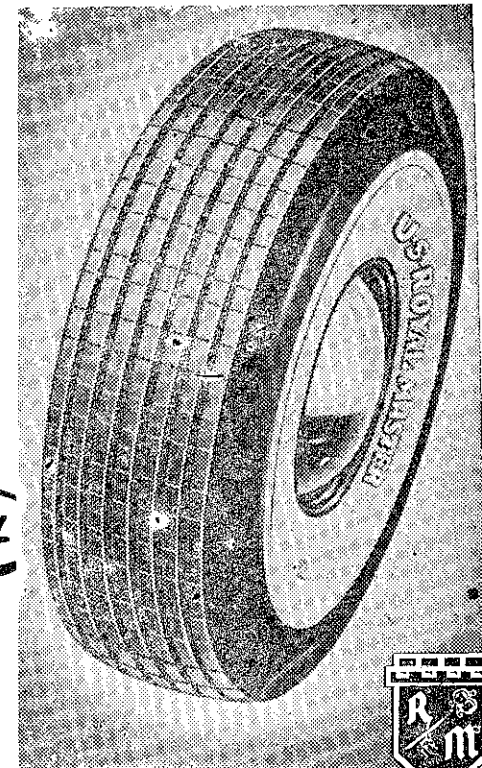
Decision of judges will be final in any case.

If only one sample is shown in class, second prize will be awarded.

All exhibits must be entered not later than 10 P. M. Monday, September 29th except livestock.

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SMALL GRAINS (½ gal. sample)		
4.—Seed wheat	1.00	.50
5.—Seed oats	1.00	.50
6.—Seed rye	1.00	.50
7.—Seed barley	1.00	.50
PEAS OR SOY BEANS (½ gal. sample)		
8.—Blackeye peas	1.00	.50
9.—Any other variety peas	1.00	.50
10.—Soy beans any variety	1.00	.50
11.—Lespedeza seed (1 qt. any variety)	1.00	.50
12.—Peanuts (1 qt. any variety)	1.00	.50
HAY (hand bale)		
13.—Lespedeza	1.00	.50
14.—Cowpeas	1.00	.50
15.—Alfalfa	1.00	.50
16.—Mixed	1.00	.50
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17.—Lemon Wrapper	3.00	1.50
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SWEET POTATOES (½ gal. sample)		
3.—Nancy Hall	1.00	.50
4.—Porto Rico	1.00	.50
5.—Any variety white	1.00	.50
PEPPERS (Plate of at least 6)		
6.—Sweet Bell Pepper .....	.75	.25
7.—Pimiento .....	.75	.25
8.—Hot Peppers .....	.75	.25
FRUIT (Plate of 6)		
9.—Apples (any variety)	1.00	.50
10.—Pears (any variety)	1.00	.50
NUTS (Plate of at least 18)		
11.—Black-walnuts .....	.75	.25
12.—Pecans .....	.75	.25
GRAPES		
13.—Plate of bunch .....	.75	.25
14.—Plate of Scuppernong .....	.75	.25
FIGS		
15.—Best plate .....	.75	.25
OTHER VEGETABLES (plate of 6)		
16.—Tomatoes, any variety .....	.75	.25
17.—Onions, any variety .....	.75	.25
18.—Beets, any variety .....	.75	.25
19.—Turnips .....	.75	.25
20.—Okra .....	.75	.25
21.—Carrots75	.25
BEANS		
22.—Best plate, snaps75	.25
23.—Lima beans, dried (1 qt.)75	.25
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26.—Largest pumpkins75	.25

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1.—Best Farm mules	\$3.00	\$1.50
2.—Best team farm mules	1.00	2.00
3.—Best mule colt	3.00	1.50
HORSES		
4.—Best work horse	3.00	1.50
5.—Best mare	3.00	1.50
6.—Best horse colt	3.00	1.50
SWINE		
7.—Best Boar	2.00	1.50
8.—Best sow	2.00	1.50
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1.—Best pen Leghorns	\$2.50	\$1.00
2.—Best pen N. H. Reds	2.50	1.00
3.—Best pen R. I. Reds	2.50	1.00
4.—Best pen Barred Rocks	2.50	1.00
5.—Best pen White Rocks	2.50	1.00
6.—Best pen Game	1.00	.50
7.—Best pen Bantams	1.00	.50
8.—Best pen ducks (any breed)	1.00	.50
9.—Best Leghorn Rooster .....	.75	.50
10.—Best N. H. Rooster .....	.75	.50
11.—Best R. I. Rooster .....	.75	.50
12.—Best Barred Rock Rooster .....	.75	.50
13.—Best White Rock Rooster .....	.75	.50
TURKEYS		
14.—Best Turkey Gobbler	2.00	1.00
15.—Best Turkey Hen	2.00	1.00
EGGS (½ dozen sample)		
16.—White eggs	1.00	.50
17.—Brown eggs	1.00	.50

BOOTH EXHIBITS

Arrangements must be made with chairman of exhibits committee for space for booth by Saturday, 12:00 noon, September 27.

	1st. Prize	2nd. Prize
1.—Home Economics and Vocational Agri.	\$15.00	\$10.00
2.—Live-at-Home	7.50	5.00
3.—Home Demonstration Club	7.50	5.00
4.—Best School Booth	10.00	7.50

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

	1st. Prize	2nd. Prize
CANNED FRUITS (quart jars)		
1.—Peaches	\$0.75	\$0.25
2.—Berries .....	.75	.25
3.—Cherries75	.25
4.—Pears75	.25
5.—Rhubarb75	.25
6.—Apples75	.25
CANNED VEGETABLES (quart jars)		
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9.—String Beans75	.25
10.—Kraut75	.25
11.—Baby Beets75	.25
CANNED VEGETABLES (pint jars)		
12.—Corn .....	.75	.25
13.—Butter Beans .....	.75	.25
14.—Pimientos .....	.75	.25
15.—English Peas .....	.75	.25
JELLIES		
16.—Jar of Apple Jelly .....	.75	.25
17.—Jar of Grape Jelly .....	.75	.25
18.—Jar any other Jelly .....	.75	.25
PRESERVES		
19.—Jar of Apple .....	.75	.25
20.—Jar of Peach .....	.75	.25
21.—Jar of Pear .....	.75	.25
22.—Jar of any other .....	.75	.25
MEAT		
23.—Jar of Beef .....	.75	.25
24.—Jar of Pork Tenderloin .....	.75	.25
PICKLES AND RELISHES		
25.—Chow-chow .....	.75	.25
26.—Peach Pickle75	.25
27.—Watermelon Rind Pickle75	.25
28.—Cucumber Pickle75	.25
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29.—Jar of Vinegar (1 quart)75	.25
30.—Jar of Home Made Molasses (1 quart)75	.25
31.—Jar of Honey (1 quart)75	.25
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32.—Pound Cake	1.00	.50
33.—Angel Food	1.00	.50
34.—Sponge Cake	1.00	.50
35.—Chocolate Layer	1.00	.50
36.—Devil's Food	1.00	.50
37.—Cocoanut	1.00	.50
38.—Chess Pies (6)	1.00	.50
39.—Home Made Fudge (6)	1.00	.50
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45.—Cotton Patchwork Quilt	2.00	1.00
46.—Afghan (crocheted)	2.00	1.00
47.—Crocheted Bed Spread	2.00	1.00
48.—Crocheted Luncheon Set	2.00	1.00
49.—Embroidered Luncheon Set	2.00	1.00
50.—Embroidered Vanity Set	2.00	1.00
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51.—Best Baby Dress	1.50	.75
52.—Child's dress	1.50	.75
53.—Woman's dress	1.50	.75
54.—Boy's shirt	1.50	.75
FLOWERS		
55.—Single Specimen Chrysanthemum	1.50	.75
56.—Vase of Chrysanthemums	1.50	.75
57.—Mixed Flower Arrangement	1.50	.75
58.—Blooming Plant	1.50	.75
59.—Single Specimen Dahlia	1.50	.75
60.—Arrangement of Roses	1.50	.75
61.—Vase of Dahlias	1.50	.75
62.—Mixed Flowers	1.50	.75

MISCELLANEOUS

	1st. Prize	2nd. Prize
MEATS CURED		
1.—Best Ham	\$1.50	\$1.00
2.—Best Shoulder	1.50	1.00
3.—Best Middling	1.50	1.00
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1.—4-H Record Book—Girl		
1st. prize, a blouse given by Rippe's.		
2nd. prize, flower bowl given by Giles Flower Shop.		
2.—4-H Club Record Book—Boy		
1st prize, order \$2.00 bill fold given by Lowensteins.		
2nd. prize, \$1.00 tie given by Sater's.		
3.—Best F. F. A. Record Book		
1st. prize, \$2.00 book by Parkers Book Store.		
2nd. prize, \$1.50—order on Kingoff's.		
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2nd. prize, 50c. cash.
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- 4.—Hand Made Novelty
1st. prize, \$1.50 cash.
2nd. prize, \$1.00 order on Diana Shop.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS

Sears, Roebuck and Company of Danville' Va., presented 8 Caswell county boys with purebred pigs last spring. These eight boys will exhibit their pigs at the fair here on Wednesday, October 1, from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m. and will be awarded prizes, according to the decision of the judges, as follows:

- 1st Prize—One purebred milch type heifer.
- 2nd Prize—100 baby chicks.
- 3rd Prize—75 baby chicks.
- 4th through 8th Prizes—50 baby chicks each.

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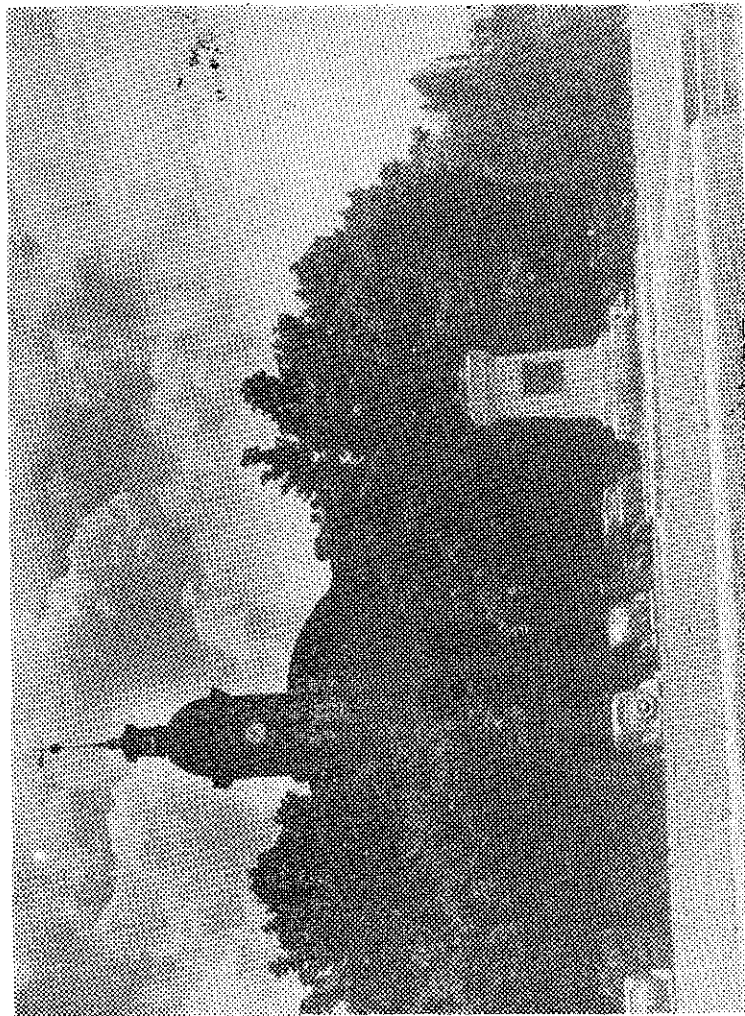
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ORIGIN

In 1665 King Charles of England gave all of Carolina, which was named for him and then included Georgia, to eight of his noblemen, who were known as the Lord Proprietors. These governed the state for about seventy years.

In 1710 Carolina was divided into North and South Carolina.

In 1729 King George of England decided that these Lords Proprietors had been given too valuable a tract of land and asked them to return it to him. For this he paid each one 2500 pounds, about \$12,000, which means he paid less than \$100,000 for the entire State of North Carolina, then extending as far west as there was any land. However, John Carteret, Earl of Granville, refused to sell his one-eighth share, so, in 1746 what is known as "Old Granville" was cut off from Edgecombe county and given to him as his share. This was all land from about the present eastern borders of Warren and Franklin counties extending westward to the Pacific ocean. The present counties of Caswell, Person, Orange, Vance and Granville comprised part of this land kept by the Earl of Granville. He sold this land cheap, bringing settlers from the eastern part of the State and settlers from Virginia. It is understood that most of Granville's land transactions were leases, the purchaser paying him six to ten shillings down (\$1.50 to \$2.50) for each one hundred acres, and agreeing to pay him four to eight shillings more for each one hundred acres, when called for each fall.

In 1751 Orange county, which was comprised of the land now embodied in the counties of Orange, Caswell and Person and others, was cut off from Granville. Caswell county, which was named for Governor Richard Caswell, was taken from Orange in 1777. It contained the exact boundaries of the present counties of Caswell and Person. Leasburg was designated as the county seat. Then in 1791, one hundred and fifty years ago, Person was taken from Caswell County and the county seat of Caswell county was moved to Yanceyville. The Act said that after February 1st, 1791, Caswell county should be "equally divided by a line already run, beginning on the Virginia line and running from thence south to the line of Orange, and that part lying westward of said line, including the four western districts, shall remain Caswell and the part to the eastward including the four eastern districts, is declared to be a distinct county and named Person. The court of Caswell shall be held at Joseph Smith's, that of Person at the house of Joshua Paine, but the justices (who composed the court) can adjourn to any other places until a court house, prison, and stocks are completed for each county and located as nearly central as possible, regard being had to springs and situa-

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"OLD CASWELL" (Cont'd.)

tion. James Jones, Goodly Warrell, Samuel Wood, and John Womack and Stephen Mann are appointed commissioners for Person county, and David Hart, Wyatt Stubblefield, David Shelton, Solomon Parks, John Graves and William Muzzle commissioners for Caswell, to fix on a place for the court house, prison and stocks in each of their respective counties and to contract for the building and completion of the same."

At the time that Person county was cut off from Caswell, James Yancey (Bartlett Yancey's older brother) was Caswell's member in the General Assembly. He was very active in getting the county seat placed at its present site in Yanceyville. Due to his efforts, the new county seat was named Yanceyville in his honor.

According to Bartlett Yancey, Caswell was first settled about 1750 and about 1755 there were about 10 families in Caswell among whom were the Reynoldses, Barkstons, Leas, Graveses, Petersons, and Kimbros. The majority of these pioneer settlers were of Scotch, Irish and English extraction and came from Orange and Culpepper, Virginia.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Caswell has very little Revolutionary war history. At the beginning of the war for freedom, Caswell had scarcely been settled 27 years and was still very thinly populated. However, it is of record that the famous British General Cornwallis passed through Caswell with his army, burning houses and pillaging the farms. It is said that Cornwallis' soldiers, while looking for silver and other valuables, dug up the fresh grave of Rev. Hugh McAden, who in 1755 was the first Presbyterian missionary to settle in North Carolina. He became pastor of the famous Red House Presbyterian church from 1768 to the day of his death. He was also pastor of Grier's Presbyterian church, or Upper Hyco Church, as it was once called, the oldest Presbyterian church in Caswell county, it is claimed. Cornwallis' soldiers also get credit for destroying the valuable historical writings of Rev. McAden. This being true, Caswellians may well blame Cornwallis for their lack of historical data of their early years as a settlement, which fact is history within itself. Returning from the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Cornwallis stopped and camped on the site of the well known as Camp Springs Methodist church, which is situated in the southwestern part of Caswell on the intersection of two roads and graced by a spring of excellent water. Caswell furnished a few soldiers in the Revolutionary war, among whom were John Graves, son of the John Graves who settled in what is now known as Yanceyville, William Hickerson Rice and Starling Gunn. In the battle of Guilford Courthouse, William Hickerson Rice is said to have misunderstood his orders and charged the enemy. When he came close upon the big English army, he discovered that he was alone. The story goes that Rice retreated all

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the way back to Caswell county. Starling Gunn, who probably has more descendants today bearing his name than any other pioneer settler in Caswell, fought in Washington's army. It is said that he fired the first cannon at Yorktown and had the pleasure of seeing Cornwallis surrender to Washington.

POPULATION IN 1810

In 1810 Caswell had grown to be a thriving prosperous little county. There were 7,368 whites, 90 free colored and 4,299 slaves.

FAMOUS MEN

Among Caswell's famous men was Bartlett Yancey who practiced law in Caswell and for many years represented North Carolina in the United States senate. Senator Yancey, for whom Yancey county was named, was a prominent figure in both state and national affairs up until the time of his death on August 31, 1828. He was buried at the present home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allison.

Romulus M. Saunders was born in Caswell in 1791. He was elected to the general assembly from 1815-1820. In 1821 he was elected to Congress and served there until 1827. Other offices filled by him were: Attorney general of the state, commissioner to adjudicate amounts due to United States citizens by France, judge of superior court and minister to Spain. Saunders had the reputation of being a very brilliant man. His home was in Milton.

Calvin Graves was born in Caswell in 1804. He was educated at Bingham Academy and the University of North Carolina. He was admitted to the bar in 1827 and though he was a splendid lawyer, he won more fame in the legislature where he served from 1840-1848. In 1848 he cast the deciding vote to appropriate \$2,000,000 for the building of a railroad to connect the mountains with the seaboard. This vote killed him politically and he was not returned to the legislature. The voters appeared to think that he had cast a fool vote. Historians give him credit for accepting political defeat but at the same time opening up the great western section of North Carolina and connecting it with eastern North Carolina.

Bedford Brown, son of Col. Jethro Brown, was born in Caswell county in the latter part of the 18th century. Around the year 1800 he married Mary Glenn of Caswell county and his father, for a wedding gift to the young couple, built the house now known as Rose Hill and gave it to them together with a thousand acres. The newly married pair went to England on their honeymoon and the bride brought several small plants of English boxwood wrapped in a silk shawl home and planted them at Rose Hill. These small plants were the beginning of a beautiful boxwood garden now at Rose Hill. In the year 1815 Bedford Brown was elected to the General Assembly from Caswell county. He served in the General Assembly for many years and in 1829 was elected to the United States Senate. He served for eleven years as United States Senator, at the

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end of which period he resigned. Historians credit Senator Brown as being a man of high principles with the determination and courage to back and fight for these principles. He was buried at Rose Hill, which still remains in the Brown family and is now owned by his grandchildren, Mary Wilson Brown and Frederick Brown.

Rev. Solomon Lea was also a prominent son of Caswell. He was the grandson of the great pioneer, James Lea, for whom Leasburg was named. Rev. Lea was a Methodist minister of good education and was a great teacher. He started the famous Solomon Lea School for girls which flourished in Caswell during the years preceeding the Civil War and later moved to Greensboro and is now known as Greensboro College.

LEASBURG

In 1810 Caswell had two incorporated towns, Leasburg and Milton. Leasburg was settled in 1750 by James Lea and several other members of the Lea family. It rapidly grew into a thriving little town due to the progressive efforts of the Leas and their neighbors, and the fact that for 14 years it was the county seat of what is now known as the counties of Person and Caswell. It was incorporated in 1838. William Lea and Nicholas Delone, who had laid off and sold 100 acres in 62 lots, and Thomas Neely Lloyd Vanhook, Gabriel Lea, Samuel Johnson and John McFarlin were appointed trustees.

In 1810, according to Bartlett Yancey, Leasburg had one grocery shop, one saddler's shop and about 12 beautiful homes. Just after the Civil War the manufacturing of tobacco was carried on in Leasburg quite extensively. Leasburg had three factories and a considerable number of workers employed. This industry flourished for many years until other towns blessed with railroads drew the business away.

MILTON

Milton was incorporated in 1796, which happens to be the same year that Baltimore, Maryland, was incorporated. Archibald Murphy, for whom Murphy school was named, was one of the first commissioners. Milton was first called "Millton", deriving its name from a small flour mill located there at that time. In 1810 Milton had two stores, a saddler's shop, a hatter's shop, a tavern and about 15 or 20 homes. Between 1810 and 1860 Milton grew rapidly. At the beginning of the Civil War, Milton boasted a bank, a hotel, a drug store, three or four taverns, 10 or 12 stores, three or four good tobacco factories, three or four tobacco warehouses and 30 or 40 houses.

Milton, which was regarded as ultra aristocratic, was considered "the town" in this section of the county. Much tobacco was sold and manufactured here and prosperity was prevalent everywhere. Many square dances were held and much visiting done. Milton had more big land owners and more slaves than any other

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town in Caswell. Among these big planters were the Irvines, Garlands, Hunts, Lewises and Donohos who owned hundreds of acres of land and many negro slaves.

YANCEYVILLE

According to Bartlett Yancey, Caswell County House, as it was called in 1810, and now known as Yanceyville, belonged almost exclusively to Captain John Graves and his sons. At that time it was the county seat and contained a store, a hatter's shop, and two taverns and about fifteen houses. Caswell county court house was erected in 1859 under the supervision of Dr. N. M. Roan and at that time was one of the finest in the state. Slave labor was used and the total cost of construction to the county was only \$28,000. Prominent architects have in recent years valued our courthouse at \$250,000. This year the County Commissioners with the aid of W. P. A. have had it done over and restored. It is now once again one of the most beautiful courthouses in the South. For over eighty years it has been the place where Caswellians have come to pay their taxes, vote, transact their business, administer their education, try their lawsuits, secure aid in times of stress and fight for principles which they believed to be right. Besides these many uses, our courthouse has from its very beginning established itself as the social center of the county. The county people have always visited their courthouse to enjoy colorful trials, political speeches, plays, dances, and to meet their friends. In the shade of its beautiful sugar maple trees, thousands of tall stories have been told and thousands of set-back games played. From 1904 on for many years a great tournament was held each year in the county. Men rode and performed before hundreds of spectators. To the winner would go the honor of naming the "Queen of the Ball" which took place in the courtroom immediately after the tournament. 'Tis said that Giles Mebane, among others, won several tournaments and therefore had the pleasure of dancing many a waltz with the Tournament Queen.

RECONSTRUCTION DAYS

The reconstruction days in Caswell were, like everything else in the south, scenes of violence, corruption and horror. The outstanding event of this period was the Stephen murder by members of the Klu Klux Klan and the Kirk-Holden war. John Walter Stephens, sometimes called "Chicken Stephens" because it is said that he was run out of Rockingham county for stealing a chicken, came to Caswell soon after the war and got himself appointed justice of the peace. He incited the negroes to acts of violence and was accused of burning the hotel in Yanceyville himself.

According to the late Capt. John G. Lea, leader of the Klan in Caswell, Stephens was taken in the back room now occupied by Holland McSwain, superintendent of public instruction, in the courthouse, and put to death by members of the Ku Klux Klan. It is

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said that Capt. J. T. Mitchell placed the rope around his neck and Tom Oliver stabbed Stevens in the neck and throat. The facts of this murder remained a mystery until two years ago when Capt. Lea's statement was printed.

Governor Holden, who was born in Caswell, knew the situation and was prejudiced against the county. He sent Col. George W. Kirk with an army to guard the courthouse and to arrest the men suspected of killing Stephens. Holden sent a message to President Grant claiming Caswell county was in a state of insurrection and had seceded from both state and federal governments. Grant sent Co. W. W. Eldson with troops to Caswell. Thus Caswell became the only county in the United States in which both state and federal armies were assembled at the same time.

TOBACCO

Tobacco was first grown in Caswell county in 1793 and its production has gradually increased. In 1840 there was more than 3½ million pounds grown in the county, while in 1850 the production reached more than 4½ million pounds.

In 1852 bright yellow or lemon leaf tobacco was grown for the first time in the United States in Caswell county by Eli and Elisha Slade, who lived in what is now known as Purley. Its peculiarities were attributed particularly to the methods of curing it by artificial heat, which had not been used prior to this time. This method of curing gave a brighter, sweeter and more attractive leaf. It increased the consumption of tobacco and displayed to a large extent, the darker types.

Before the Civil War a large amount of tobacco was manufactured at Yanceyville, Milton and Leasburg, and hauled in wagons over the South and sold. These little factories were finally put out of business by the larger tobacco companies.

Caswell's tobacco crop for the past five years has averaged about 10 million pounds per year and has brought approximately \$2,000,000 per year. Due to the fact that many new localities are now growing tobacco for the first time and due to the recent international situation the cultivation of tobacco is diminishing. Smart farmers are now advocating the growing of more crops suitable for the home table and farm use and more soil building and cover crops. They also favor the raising of more beef and dairy cattle, sheep, poultry and domestic animals.

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sary. For in 1791 Caswell county was divided into two counties, the eastern portion being given the name Person in honor of Gen. Thomas Person. James Jones, Goodly Warrell, Samuel Wood, John Wermock and Stephen Mann were appointed commissioners of the new county. The first court was held at the home of Josha Payne. In 1793 the county seat was located and named in honor of the Duke of Roxburghe (pronounced Roxboro.) The first courthouse was built on a tract of six acres of land situated between two springs. The building, and also the jail, was of logs. Of the original six acres barely an acre now remains, the other having been taken without color of title or deed by squatters. The second courthouse was built in 1810 and was small. It contained only the courtroom and Jury room, the clerk, register of deeds and sheriff all having offices located in another building. In 1873 the third courthouse was built and was used until the present beautiful, modern building took its place about ten years ago.

From Person county has come one Governor of the state, the late Hon. W. W. Kitchen. The present Lt. Gov., Hon. R. L. Harris is a native of the county. Many councilors of state, Supreme Court Judges, Senators, and delegates to the constitutional convention have come from Person.

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We Caswellians offer hearty and sincere congratulations to you Personians on your Sesquicentennial Anniversary. We believe that you will continue to prosper because of your noble heritage and your fine people, and that you will hold your place as the next to the best county in these United States.

Warps, Woofs & Weaves of Reconstruction Days

By Tom Henderson

Caswell County saw troublous times in that era following the War Between the States. The worst and most irresponsible element of the freed Negroes became the prey of unscrupulous white men, many of whom were "carpetbaggers" or "leftbehinders," the riff-raff of the Union army, who used the Negroes, ill-prepared for freedom and the franchise, for their own political, social and financial aggrandizement. The county, which had been Whig, now went Democratic in a big way in so far as native whites could swing the votes. Only here and there was one found still loyal to the party of Alexander Hamilton and Abraham Lincoln. One of these was Thomas Satterwhaite Harrison, of Dan River township, a man of fine character and good brain, who oftentimes represented Caswell

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in the legislature. On one occasion, while the flaming "cross of fire" signaled danger from many a hilltop, Governor William W. Holden sent for Tom Harrison, and said:

"Mr. Harrison, I need a strong personal representative in the county of Caswell. You are fearless and able and have the respect of the better element of the white people, as well as the confidence and esteem of all the Negroes. Won't you accept this responsible honor of leadership and help me preserve law, order, the rights of citizenship and private property?"

"Governor," said the Caswell lawmaker, "I greatly appreciate the compliment of your remarks and the honor you confer on me, but I have no hankering for the job and am unwilling to serve."

"Can you not, then," asked the Governor, "recommend to me some man of Caswell who is worthy and capable of this leadership?"

"Governor," replied Tom Harrison, "there happens to be in Raleigh at this moment a brave gentleman, daring horseman and unbeatable poker-player, one John Marshall Wooding, of the city of Milton. He might consent to serve you."

Governor Holden requested that Tom Harrison get in touch with Marshall Wooding, and ask him to report immediately to the executive mansion. This was shortly accomplished, when this conversation is related to have occurred:

"Mr. Wooding," said Governor Holden, "you have been highly recommended by the Honorable Mr. Harrison as a brave man and fearless leader of our party in Caswell. The need for such leadership is crucial and imperative. Human life is unsafe there and property is in jeopardy. I hope you will accept this honor and assume this leadership. You will have the backing of your Governor, the state militia and President Ulysses S. Grant."

"I thank you for the compliment, Governor," said Mr. Wooding, "but I don't want the job."

"Why not?" asked Governor Holden, considerably perturbed.

"Well, Governor," replied John Marshall Wooding, "you see, its this way. You and the state militia will be in Raleigh, President Grant will be in Washington, and I'll be in hell with my throat cut."



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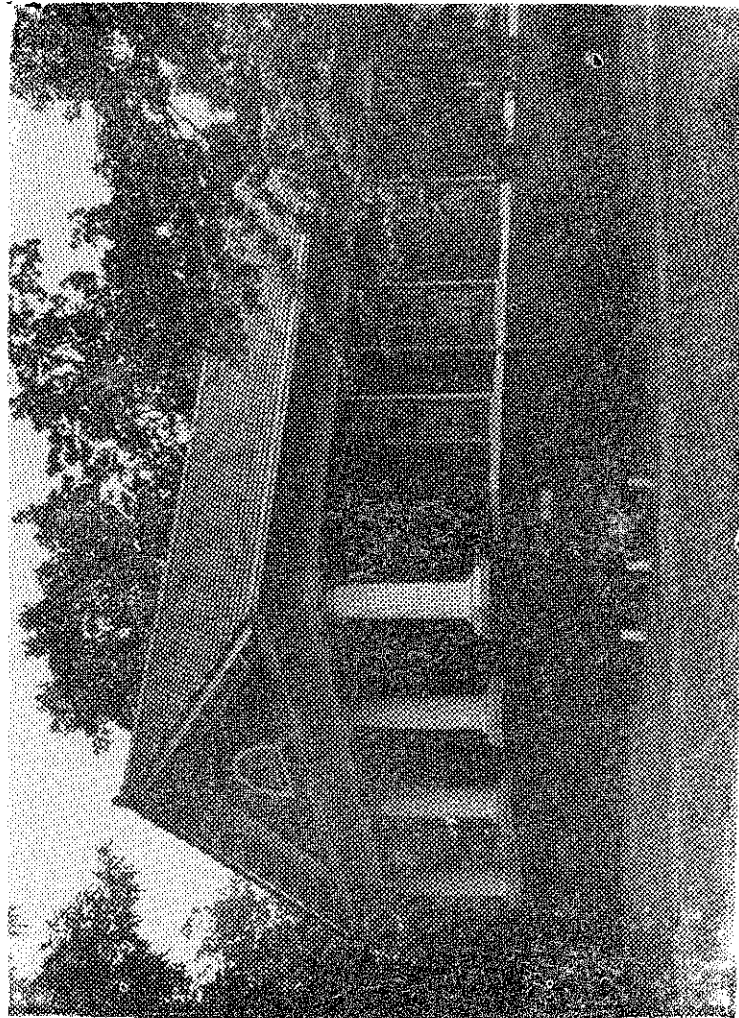
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