

WPA Alabama Writers Project
FOLKLORE
Barbour County, #3

~~miracles~~ ^{miracles no longer} ~~achievements~~ ^{achievements in}
~~miracles~~ seem impossible with electricity ~~but~~, but in the early history of Eufaula, an incident occurred that stirred wide attention.

Seek out some of the very old Eufaula citizens, says the Federal Writers' Project, and they will tell you the "lightning story." It happened on College Hill, at the quaint Southern home of R. Q. Edmondson.

There was a day when Mrs. Edmondson was caring for two neighbor children during an illness of their brother. The day was sultry and thunder began to roar. Suddenly a bolt of lightning struck the house, setting it afire. The blaze was soon extinguished, but something else had happened.

The lightning flash had performed a strange miracle. The younger of Mrs. Edmondson's little guests, Sallie May Craven, had been standing directly in front of a large mirror in the long, old-fashioned hall. After the storm had abated, an exact likeness of the girl was found reproduced on the face of the mirror.

News of the lightning-made photograph spread rapidly. Crowds gathered to view the phenomenon and letters began pouring in. Among the letters received was one from Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson, Alabama's famous author. In her story, "At the Mercy of Tiberius," a similar freak of lightning plays a part.

The old Edmondson home stands today, but after half a century, the mirror photograph has faded. Still, it is a good story where old citizens who remember gather and talk of the old days.

An extract from a letter written by a Presbyterian
To William D. Simpson of Eufaula, 1864.

Minister of New York. The closing remarks of his letter are as follows:

"When I contrast the condition of the North, its blasphemy, its arrogance, its avarice, its corruption with that of the South, her pure religion, godly people, sound morals, patriotic devotion, moderation in victory, patience, in suffering, I cannot doubt the result of the conflict. The great heart of the Southern people is sound, the pure gospel is preached, believed, obeyed, the standard of virtue is high, being founded on the Word of God. The wise and good are in authority.

Here is nothing but a mass of reeking impunity and cruelty, the whole head is sick, the whole heart is faint from the crown of the heads to the soles of the feet. The cheering work of grace that began in the lamented Jackson's Corps, that has extended so widely through General Lee's Army, is watched on side by almost universal scepticism among soldiers and people. On one hand we see faith in God, honor, chivalry and fortitude, on the other hand, we see devil worship, fanaticism, treachery and barbarism, even the religious press, (so called) utters no condemnation of the atrocious deeds the Federal Soldiers have perpetuated.

God will vindicate his truth and bless the people, who are struggling to maintain it.

The South will come forth from this furnace, purified and enabled. May it be His will to grant her a speedy and complete deliverance. I believe the people of the South are the best Christians in the world and the Clergy are the most faithful. No where are the churches so pure and the Gospel preached with such freedom and fullness. "

Eufaula, May, 13th. 1864.

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Harp Singers Coming Sunday, Oct. 23, 1938.

3000 expected.

The eighth annual session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Singing Convention will meet in the Eufaula High School auditorium next Sunday at 8 o'clock. President W.W. Thomas of Enterprise will preside, with W.C. Lizenby of Ozark, secretary-treasurer, G.S. Beck of Arifton will act as recording secretary.

Hon. C.S. McDowell will welcome the singers to Eufaula and Rep. Henry B. Steagall will respond for the visitors.

A business session will be held after lunch and several class rooms will be open for use of the various committees. Lunch will be served at the school cafeteria.

General Chairman, Farrell announced today that Boy Scouts would be used in directing traffic and that a welcome sign would be erected at the school ground. Parking will be on the athletic field. Two school teachers will have charge of the register. The Cowikee Mills Band will furnish music. Mrs. R.M. McEachern, Mrs. H.C. Sparks, Sr; and Mrs. Hallie Hartsfield Smith have been appointed as a flower committee. If a truck is needed to transport flowers or potted plants the committee is asked to notify Mayor Farrell.

Tables will be provided for local and out-of-town newspaper reporters.

WELCOME, SINGERS.

Sacred Harp Singing is one of the oldest forms of musical expression. Just where and when it began is not recorded in the modern encyclopedia, but like many other customs, it has been handed down from generation to generation for several centuries.

Winston's Encyclopedia and Dictionary records that Guido Aretino, an Italian monk, celebrated for his skill in music, flourished in the eleventh century. He was a native of Arezzo, became a Benedictine monk, and finally

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prior of Avellana, where he died in 1050. He invented the musical staff of lines and spaces(or at least systematized their use), and he introduced the names of the first six notes of the scale,ut,re,mi,fa,sol,le.

Coming down to a later date, we find there is some difference of opinion as to who arranged the songs now used. Credit is given by some singers to Lowell Mason, prior to 1840. In 1884, B.F.White, an able music teacher of his day, began revising the songs. Later he^{was} joined by William Walker, but some years afterward they seperated on notation. Professor White, with the assistance of other musicians, published a Sacred Harp song book that continued in use for many years, until it was revised by W.M.Cooper, native of Dale County. The Walker book remains in use today.

Other Sacred Harp Songs books have been published, notably the James book, which is used in Georgia and other states. But Alabamians have stuck to the Cooper edition and their constitution says,"This Convention(Alabama) shall be composed of conventions of this State that use 'The Revised Sacred Harp Song Book',ONLY,for their text book."

Regardless of the origin of Sacred Harp Songs, we know that Alabama singers of the songs are devoted to them. They bring pleasure to thousands throughout this state.

Tomorrow, the singers come to Eufaula for their annual convention and on behalf of Mayor Farrell, the city administration and citizens generally the Tribune extends them cordial welcome. May their brief stay here cement and bind them into closer union as they sing again the time-honored songs.

-----Eufaula Tribune.

See: attached newspaper clipping.

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"Two Darkies", from Tuscaloosa News.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 1938.

The average Southern negro doesn't worry about crops. He knows that if anybody makes anything he will get his portion of it. A few negro farmers have stepped out on their own but most of them continue unperturbed over what the white farmer spends sleepless nights.

This thought is brought to mind by the following editorial in Thursday's Tuscaloosa News:

The other day, we came across an old negro whom we had known for years-- a negro who, in his community, has always had a reputation as a fairly good farmer. We asked him what sort of crop he had made this year, and he replied:

"Nothing, boss. Just about nothing."

Knowing that "nothing" can be an extremely elastic term when applied to farming, we pressed for a definite answer, and then he went on to explain that the spring backwater had just about ruined him and that he couldn't get his crop planted in time.

"How much cotton did you make, old man?"

"Sixty pounds, boss."

"My goodness, only sixty pounds of lint cotton?"

"Naw suh, boss, Sixty pounds of seed cotton."

We figured that up. Sixty pounds of seed cotton meant 20 pounds of lint. At eight cents a pound, he would gross \$1.60.

We then asked him about his corn, and he finally confessed that he had made only seven bushels. Seven bushels, at .50¢ a bushel, makes \$3.50. His cotton and corn together mean that his production of wealth for the year comes to \$5.10. He had to chop for his neighbor while his neighbor plowed for him. He had no mule this year. But you cannot escape the fact that his labor for an entire year produced only \$5.10 in wealth. He had no garden,

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incidentally. He has been housed and fed for a whole season for only \$5.10---and he's stout and in good health, too.

We then asked him how he expected to get along, what with making no more crop than that.(His landlord, of course, doesn't get any rent; doesn't expect any.)

"Well, boss", he replied,"I plans to eat as long as you do. As long as you white folks has got something to eat, I'll get my share."

And we didn't have any answer for that.

A few days later, we happened to be talking to another old darkey---a negro born in slavery---who has been a splendid farmer all his life. He lives on a fertile plantation near Tuscaloosa and he is something of the "boss man" down there. The only trouble with his plantation---which has one of the finest corn bottoms in the state---is that it is subject to overflows and once in about every five years, the river gets the crop. The corn must be gathered at the earliest possible moment.

We asked this old man about his crop, and he said, yes, that they had a fine corn crop; that the corn was ready to be gathered and that they would get around to it in a few days. We pointed out to him that we had just had the driest September in recent years, that the first few days of October had been ideal, but that the law of averages probably wouldn't allow this weather to keep up. We pointed out that a good, gully-washing rain up around Birmingham might make the river jump out of its banks in 36 hours, and that we were long overdue for such a rain, so why didn't he put on a little speed with his corn-gathering?

"The Lord will take care of us,"he replied. "There's been rains before and floods before, and plenty of times all the crops have been ruined---

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but you ain't seen none os us starve to death, nor none os us die on account of that high water, hacc you? If the Lord wants us to gather that corn, he'll let us gather it, and if he don't, he'll send us a flood. The Lord will take care of us."

And we didn't have an answer for that old darkey, either.

Old Recipes. These Recipes were copied from an old Diary of Elizabeth Lewis Rhodes, 1858, Eufaula, Ala. *Grandmother of Gertha Couie*
1858

For Rheumatism, Neuralgia and Nervour, Headaches.

Mix one ounce of oil rosemary, one ounce of oil of cloves, one ounce of spirits of turpentine, one ounce spirits of hartshorn, one ounce of oreganum, one ounce tincture catharides, one ounce alcohol. Shake and pour a little in a saucer, set the saucer on the embers, rub in on the affected part with your hand. Warm your had by a shovel of coals and hold it on the affected part to encourage absorption. The price of the compound should be only one dollar.

Blackberry Cordial.

Put the berries in a jar and boil in a pot of water until perfectly drawn or done, then strain the juice and season very high with allspice, cinnamon, and sugar to taste. Then boil again in the jar. When cool, add to three pints of the juice, one pint of brandy. Bottle and seal the cork with wax.

Cough Mixture.

Professor Barton of Philadelphia recommended to his class in 1810 ^{Dec 12} ~~1810~~, the following cough mixture.

$\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce of extract liquorice, $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of pulverized gum arabic, $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of antimonial wine, 2 ounces paregoric, 1 pint warm water. Dissolve the gum arabic and the liquorice, one at a time by rubbing them, one at a time, with hot water in a mortar, the liquorice first to be broken in small pieces, then add the other articles. Dose 1 tablespoonful at a time. I use gallons of it among my white and black family to break up a cough in their incipient stage.

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Fourth of July, is biggest day of Summer. Big barbecues, dancing, Bathing Beauty Contests, Daughters of American Revolution give an annual affair. The American Flag is hung from all homes and displayed in front of all buisness houses.

Memorial Day. Memorial Day, April 26th, to the Confederate Soldier. The entire town "turns out " to honor those who wore the Gray.

General Appheus Baker delivered the first Memorial address in Eufaula. Under a wide spreading oak in Fairview Cemetary, with eyes be-dimmed with tears, and a heart overflowing with patriotism, he said in part: "When in obedience to that great command my heart shall return to the earth from whence it came, it shall sink with the proud consciousness that it never knew one beat not in union with the love, the interest and the glory of my country".

Every year the exercises are held in Fairview Cemetary, under the management of the U.D.C.Chapter. The grave of every soldier is decorated with a wreath and confederate flag. A brass band leads the parade that assembles at the Confederate monument on Broad Street, then World War Veterans and Boy Scouts come next, the old veterans riding in cars. From hundreds, this last year there was one left,---the taps.

This day will always be commemorated by the "United Daughters of The Confederacy", and "Sons of Veterans".

Washington's Birthday, is celebrated at the schools with exercises. The D.A.R. with a Party.

Robert E. Lee's birthday is celebrated at the schools, and by the U.D.C.

Fox Hunters. Three days every October, the field trials and bench show of the Southeast Alabama Fox Hunters, meet in Barbour County. They meet in different places every year. They are three outstanding days every year for sportmen. Past year headquarters were at the home of Mr.& Mrs. Charlie Woolridge.

Distinguished visitors from all over the South attend. Fox hunting is one of the oldest sports, if not the oldest one that has survived, known to the English speaking people. One of the first packs in America was given to President Washington by La Fayette. There are now 500 hunting associations in England and not less than 150 in the United States. There are three in Alabama. There are a great many of privately owned packs in Barbour County.

Thanksgiving Day, is a day of family reunions, always with the "turkey dinner". Thanksgiving services held at all churches.

In the afternoon the High School game of the season plays at "^{Gordon}~~Gridiron~~ Stadium", with Cowikee Brass Band and foot-ball banquet at night at Eufaula Country Club.

Flag Day, June 14th, celebrated by Daughters of the American Revolution, and flags are displayed all over the city.

Dance Call^s.

Virginia Reel or Square Dance (12 couples), (Ladies on right)

1. Partners to places, join hands, balance, then circle to left half around. Back the other way, then back to places.

2. 1st. and 7th. couple out to the right, right hands across. Left back, swing your opposite, swing your partner. Circle four in a ring on to the next. *Till all around, 2nd. ladies out.

Cage the Bird.

1st. and 7th. couple leads out. Man cages partner circle to the left, "bird" drops out and circle 4 on the next 'till you get around.

1 couple leads out circle 4 with the 2nd. couple, then swing corners and join hands, circle around.

3rd. couple, pick up 3 persons, circle 6 hands to the left. Swing corners, pick up each couple and keep circling, "Make the River Bend".

Ladies to the center and back to backs.

Gents march around. Pass your partners once. Swing the next lady all the way round.

Promenade.

Place ladies back to center and gents march on, pass your partner and swing next lady. Go all around. End.

Power to see into the Future.

"Aunt Lou Russeau". Negro midwife and Fortune Teller.

Born about 80 years ago on Barbour Street in Mrs. Andrew McKenzies back yard. "When I was born Miss Martha Baily said, "You will be a midwife and fortune teller". She is both, but she has never followed the trade of "fortune telling". She is considered the best mid-wife in Eufaula and is licensed. Her mother was a "Black Creek Indian", and is buried in Fairview Cemetery. "Aunt Lou" sees visions, she saw and predicted the World War, she cant read or write. The vision, she drew the world round, and described the German Emperor, a man sitting on a horse with one large arm and small gun. The world with stars, millions, "fire". The stars left East and went West, then all around the world.

Another vision, ten white men, in a truck, going East. Looked like a truck, the men all in white with a red cross on back. When neighbors lose anything they go to her and she tells them where to find it. Mrs. P. lost a sow, and "Aunt Lou" told her where to find her. Another lost his cow. She told exactly where it was. Interprets dreams, even predicts death. "Aunt Lou" is proud of being a midwife, but is not proud of "seeing into the future".

"Scrap"Berry. Negro.

"Scrap", known as the "Missing Link", is the best known negro in Eufaula. He is kind and honest and happy, can't read or write. On every big occasion he is there "Johnny on the spot", guarding the boys' liquor, and he is a real "watch dog". He is ~~as~~ Eufaula's official "greeter"; meets all trains and busses, and when any old friend arrives, he scrapes and bows and says, "Us sho is glad you has come."

"Dan Walker". The old sexton.

It was a rainy cold Sunday night at the Baptist Church and was about the hour for service to begin. No one had come except the minister and janitor. The minister was troubled. He said "Dan, is it not terrible the way our people stay away from church on account of a little rain and cold?" Dan said, "Doctor, you and me would not be here if we waan't paid for it".

Tall Tales.

Dr. C. and the Monkey.

Dr. C. had imbibed too freely and was on this "house party" out at Roseland. One of the small children owned a monkey. Dr. C. not knowing this, when he saw the monkey, thought he was "seeing things", and he said, "If you are a monkey, you are in the hell of a fix, and if you are not a monkey, I am in the hell of a fix." Wherewith, he raised his gun and killed the monkey.

Lightening Photography.

A True Story.

Many years ~~have~~ passed since the happenings of this story. The town of Eufaula has changed much and while you are on a visit there a number of the older residents will enjoy telling you of the "Lightening Story". It happened in Eufaula, Alabama on College Hill, at the hospitable old Southern home of R.Q. Edmondson. Every one knows the place, and knows this charming family. At a near-by home, where Prof. Thomas A. Craven lived, there was a little lad ill with typhoid fever. There were a number of Craven children, and in those days trained nurses were very rare, so the good neighbors did their part. On this occasion Mrs. Edmondson said she would take Alida and Sallie May during the illness of their brother, Clarence. Mrs. Craven was delighted for her daughters to be in such good hands. About mid-afternoon of this very hot Summer day a thunder storm came up. It became so fierce that the children became frightened. Mrs. Edmondson in order to entertain them, told them stories to make them forget the raging storm outside. Of a sudden a flash of lightening, a loud clap of thunder. The lightening had struck this very home, setting the house on fire. However, the fire was soon out, but something else had happened. The flash of lightening had played the strangest of freaks. The younger of the Craven girls, Sallie May, had been standing directly in front of a long mirror in that old fashioned hall

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when the lightning struck the house, and the lightning had made an exact likeness of this little girl on that mirror. Mrs. Edmondson discovered the photograph of her little guest soon after the storm had abated. She was frightened; she could not fathom it, how came it to be there? She sent at once for Prof. Craven. The news of this lightning-made picture spread fast, and crowds gathered to the home as quickly as they gather to a scene of an accident on the crowded streets of to-day. In fact people came from all over the country and State, and the papers everywhere wrote of it. Prof. Craven and Mrs. Edmondson began to get letters from persons all over the world wanting to know, "was the incident really true?". Among the letters received by Prof. Craven was one from Mrs. Augustaa Evans Wilson, Alabama's famous writer. She had written "At the Mercy of Tiberius" where a freak of lightning plays a prominent part in the story. Prof. Craven wrote the full details of this lightning ~~story~~ photography. What a prominent part in the world's history lightning X-ray and electricity are playing to-day. This Edmondson home on College Hill, still magnificent in its simplicity, is standing to-day, but after half a century the picture on the mirror has faded, but the story still lives and is authentic.

Dense Forest.

Dr. Copeland related this story to his children. When he was quite small, one day some of their cows disappeared, so his Mother sent Jim, one of the dependable slaves to find them. The forest was so dense (where Cherry, Colby and Sanford Streets are to-day) that he was lost two days, and when they found him he was a raving maniac.

Another Mirror Story. X-Ray.

A pier mirror in possession of the Rex's several miles South of Eufaula. Every ^{time} any one would look into the mirror they would see a skeleton. The family became very sensitive and sold it to a man in New York for a big price. The cause, the certain condition of the sun rays on this mirror.

Lassie, a negro girl from out in the country had come to town to work. She soon had to have an appendix operation. Her old mother was called to see her. One morning the old woman came from the hospital muchly worried about her condition. Upon being asked how Lassie was she replied, "That gal ain't doing well a-tall. Them doctors and nurses done took her temptation three times this morning."

Superstitions.

Mrs. C. being confined to her bed, was surprised upon looking under her bed one morning to find an accumulation of dust. Calling "Aunt Alice", her colored house maid, and asking why the dust was there, was surprised at the answer. "Lordy, Miss C. I ain't guine be de one to sweep away your health".

Mrs. D's little girl was born at home and "Aunt Charuty" was her nurse. One morning some one needing the scissors was unable to find a pair. "Aunt Charity upon being asked if she knew where there might be found went to the bed and pulled a pair from between the mattress, saying, "I put 'em here to cut the pains in two."

Jokes about local characters.

On the Eufaula Wharf on the Chattahoochee, The Wharf Master received a bill of lading "one burro"; when he saw the burro he phoned the Steamship Company in Columbus that they had put off a jackass instead of a bureau.

Some of Lex's sayings.

He did not like his sister-in-law. She stopped her car and asked him if he would like to ride home, he is quite feeble. His reply, "No, I thank you, Jesus Christ walked on the water and I can walk on the pavement."

One day he had his three little boys in his car. The youngest fell out, the oldest kept calling from the back seat, "Daddy, Daddy!" Lex said, "If you call me another time I'll whup you". When he reached home he asked, "Where is

your brother?", and he replied, "He fell out, but you would not let me tell you."

A mother of a large family was being called upon by a number of children at the same time to attend to their wants, when Aunt Peggy learning the confusion said, "Hush chillun, don't yer know yer Ma ain't got but two pairs of hands"?

A little girl was talking about something she was very anxious to do and and could do if it were not for a certain thing. And "Mammy" hearing her said, "Yes, honey, if it just wasn't for that little letter "if".

Old Uncle Joe, the gardner was also a preacher and when a lady told him that she had heard a report on him he said, "Now, Miss Sallie, dey's poets and reports," and proceeded to give a talk on the subject.

Uncle Abe, the carriage driver, was was being sent with the wagon and horses out to the plantation for supplies, when his mistress's three grandsons began begging to go with him but Uncle Abe was reluctant to give his consent, having taken them on one of his previous trips. His mistress, however, interceded for them. When he returned Uncle Abe was asked how he got along having the children with him. He replied, " Miss Mary, I sot in misery ^a ~~bet~~ comin' and ~~agone~~ ^{a-gonne}."

The U.D.C. were having their State Convention in Eufaula. A very nice Northen lady took some delegate. The neighbor across the street remarked how nice it was for a -----and she spelled the word, Yankee, to take U.D.C. delegates, and her little sons said, "You needn't spell it, dont you know I know she aint no Gentile"?

Jokes, Anecdotes and dialect.

Old Bill Hodge, negro driver of his one horse hack, carried a traveller to the train. The train being an hour late the traveller requested Bill to drive him around and show him the sights of the city. "yes sur boss, I guine carry y u down on the bluff and show you our arteshun well, and give you a drink of dat fine water". The traveller said, "I am afraid this water is poison". "No sir boss, de mayor and dem other gentlemen done sent a bottle full of dis water to Montgomery and had it "Scandalized" and dey sent word back its the finest Arteshun water in the world. Dey say four things of dis water am "Hydrophobra" and de other two things is "Noxious Gases". The traveller trusted Bill and enjoyed his drink.

Aunt Kitty. Aunt Kitty was a slave and one of the most unique characters. A typical Southern Mammy, couldn't count, but dinner was always on the table at the appointed hour. She said she was a little girl holding on to her ma's coat tail when the "stars fell on Alabama". Some of her expressions as Aunt Kitty would say, "Tuch it light", "I knows quality", etc.

Aunt Kitty lived in the McDowell family for forty years, cooked and nursed all the children. She was "Boss". One day Mrs. McDowell was going away to spend the day and she told Aunt Kityy not to let the children go out of the back yard. In the meantime, Arch age five, was invited to a birthday party. Aunt Kitty said that he could not go, because "his ma" had told her not to let him leave the yard. Arch was broken hearted and said "Aunt Kitty, he is my best friend". Aunt kitty said, "What church do he belong to"? Arch said, "The Episcopal Church". Aunt Kitty said "You cant go, he aint no Presbyterian and your ma dont low you to associate with no body what aint Presbyterian, cause he aint your "nation".

All Democrat.

Four years ago after Roosevelt's election a little girl asked her Mother (in this little southern town), "Mother, was there anybody in Eufaula that did not vote for Roosevelt?" The mother said, "Oh yeas dear". The little daughter, her eyes getting big as saucers, "Who"? Then the mother named the few Republican families. Little daughter, "Oh Mother, dont they believe in God?".

Joke on the Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis were holding their weekly meeting in the hotel dining room, and a negro bell boy was carrying the bags of two men in, and the men asked the boy what club it was. The boy replied, "That's the "Wanis" Club, boss!" "What is the Wanis Club?" Its a club where dey eats and drinks".

Pastor Maddox.

Pastor Maddox was one of the best loved negro preachers in this community. He died recently. He served three churches and after his death they took his remains to each of these three churches to lie in state for a certain time, then brought him back to his home town. A white friend asked one of the members how could they keep his body out so long, and the negro replied. "You see boss, we had him well "vulcanized".

Uncle Abe.

Years ago before the days of automobiles, Uncle Abe drove a hack. He was driving a customer home one night and they asked him the news. Abe said, "Is you heard of Mr. Gays "Injun rubber tired carriage?" (rubber tired carriage)

Father Royer.

Father Yoyer, the beloved Catholic Priest of Eufaula. When he came to take charge of the Catholic Church, he was introduced to a very sweet Protestant lady, and was told that Father Royer had two more brothers that were priests. The sweet old lady asked, "And was your father a priest?".

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Are there recognized such things as wishing seats, wishing wells, swamps and quick sands with sinister properties, localities with beneficent qualities, "proposal rocks", lanes. etc?.

Locality with Beneficent qualities.

"Blue Springs" in Barbour County, the most beautiful spring in the state of Alabama, Beneficent qualities unsurpassed. The Spring is as clear as crystal the bottom of the boil has never been found, the volume is tremendous. In the last hundred years this Spring has moved twice. It empties into the Chatahoochee River. It was a stream to which the Creek Indians had turned in earlier days for several of their settlements. Both Creek and Seminole villages have been traced in the area, and one of the villages has been identified by the name of We-Kaiako.

4.

Are there any stories concerned with animals or animal life, or the realation between human beings and animals, which are native to your community?

There are none.

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Are there any speacial festivals celebrated at special times of the year designed to insure good luck, good crops, good weather, etc?

There are none.

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7. Are there special fairs or market days, particularly if they are significant as related to local products or local life or industry?

Describe them.

"Barbour County Fair", in October. Fair Program for 1936.

Wednesday, School Children's Day. Parade at 2:30 P.M., led by Miss Carrie Foy, Queen. Fair opens at 12 o'clock noon and at 6 P.M.

Thursday. Colored School Children's Day. Fair open at 9 A.M. and 6 P.M.

Friday, Farmer's Day. Fair opens 9 A.M. and 6 P.M.

Saturday, Everybody's Day. Fair opens 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. Handsome prizes to be awarded each day. Throngs of citizens from Eufaula and surrounding sections were present at the opening of the Barbour County Fair at Fair grounds and viewed with enthusiasm the splendid array of farm products and other exhibitions, most creditable. Attended the mid-way shows and witnessed the giving away of valuable prizes.

Miss Dell Lewy won the dollar prize, Mrs. Robinette, Miss Dorothy Cade, and George Washington Cummings (negro boy) five dollars each.

Leaving the exhibition tent one sees the Amusement Circus attractions, sensational free acts which has been staged at the largest fairs.

Prof. George Stoltz's famous circus band dispenses fine music for the fair. The grounds are aglow in the evenings with gayly colored lights.

Exhibits. Needlework of every description, including dozens of handsome crocheted and quilted bed spreads of every kind, dresses, sweaters, and other articles too numerous to mention. An antique drawing room, filled with antique furniture and articles, Handmade violens and baskets, oil paintings.

Christ Child Circle featured the three major products, the clinic, the layettes and the nutrition class. The clinic and nutrition class were exhibited in the form of dolls.

The Chattahoochee Garden Club presented a scene of the bluff with a small river of water, over which there was the old covered bridge. The Bluff City Garden Club presented a model play ground. The Home and Garden Club had a wedding table with bride's cake. The Garden Club of Eufaula had a beautiful garden scene. Among the farm communities having most creditable displays were Terese, Baker Hill and Double Forks. These communities showed how one could really "live at home" by raising a little bit of everything. There was a display of every kind of canned goods, including canned chicken, and other meats, pickled eggs, etc, home cured meats, tobacco, rice, celery, bennie seed, articles made of sacks, dresses, etc.

① The Lone Oak Leghorn Farm exhibited leghorns, pullets and cockerels, quail and pigeons, eggs, canned chicken, etc.

Cowikee Mills had a display of yarns made at the mills here.

The negroes of the community had a splendid display of canned goods, dresse, mats, hats made from corn shucks, etc. All of the schools had interesting displays.

Mr. Emory Barefield had a wonderful display of hand carved wooden articles, such as what-nots, shelves, wall brackets, end tables. knitting bowl, etc.

① Among the commercial displays were the Alabama Power Co; Alabama Basket Co; Singer Sewing Machine Co; Gulf Service Co; Ross Blue Devil Insecticides.

8. Is there a particular kind of costume common to a sect or group worn in your district? Describe it. How did it originate?

There are two negro societies that wear costumes when they "turn out", To deaths and "special sermons", the "Ladies Aid" wear all white dresses, hats, shoes and gloves. The "Good Shephard" wear black and white, black dresses white gloves, black hats with white bands.

These costumes were originated by a "Christian Lodge", not a secret order. Sometimes as many as three hundred "turn out" and march in twos, dressed in exactly the same costume. As they enter the churches they chant their hymns.

9. Are there special customs relating to particular days in the year, such as Fourth of July, Hallowe'en, Christmas, etc? Describe them.

Christmas, comes first as the outstanding day of the year. First hundreds attend mid-night services (Protestant and Catholic alike at the Catholic Church). Christmas carols are sung over the city by a group of singers from Community House. Christmas afternoon the Music Lovers Club sing Christmas carols around one of the community brilliantly lighted trees. All day and night the hospitable homes of Eufaula, with holly, mistletoe and beautifully lighted trees, keep open house, serving egg nog and fruit cake to all. The annual "White Christmas" service is a most beautiful and impressive event of Yuletide. The Baptist Church, where the services are held from year to year, is always decorated in white. The proceeds from this service go to Eufaula's poor, (charity). This pageant is one of the most beautiful imaginable. The Star of Bethlehem, this brilliant star of electric lights, leading the "Wise Men" to the Manger. The Manger, representing "The Mother and Christ Child", while above are angels singing, "Holy Night, Silent Night".

There is always a prize given to the most beautiful Christmas tree in Eufaula, and there is much competition.

Eufaula Country Club also keeps "Open House". In afternoon "Tea Dance", Christmas Night, the dance of the year, from ten until dawn and then "breakfasts".

New Year in Eufaula ranks next to Christmas. It is also a general Holiday, and the old custom of New Years calling, is still kept up. Dances all over the city, dancing the old year out and the New Year in. The Country Club dance is most colorful every year, confetti, balloons, horns, champagne, etc.

Halloween is always more especially observed by the children with Halloween parties, children in costume, children going around the streets dressed as spooks and trying to frighten every one. Mothers are glad when Halloween is over

\$ 10. Are there special customs observed at the birth of a child, upon the death of a person, at marriages?

At Marriages. When a girl marries she never fails to carry out this old custom. She wears, "something borrowed, something blue, something old and something new" and she will have good luck ever after.

The bride throws her bouquet and the bride's maid that catches it will be first to marry. When the wedding cake is cut, the one getting the ring will marry, the one getting the thimble will be an old maid or bachelor.

When the health of the "bridal couple" is drunk, they are very, very careful never to spill one drop of wine, for it is bad luck to the one drinking.

At the Birth of A Child. There are no special customs observed at the birth of a child except a Jewish child, and that is circumcision (the old Hebrew law). On that occasion they have "quite a feast", the family being invited. When a negro child is born there is a little string tied around the child's neck with a little bag of asfoetida, to "run away zease" (deceased).

Upon The Death Of A Person. In rural districts at the funeral, the casket is opened and the entire congregation file by and take a last look, and farewell to the departed. When a negro dies, they have "settin up". Sometimes this "settin up" last as long as a week, just as long as they keep the "cops" (corpse) out and now, is this day, when all bodies are "vulcanized" (embalmed), it becomes quite a "wake".

12. Are there religious customs, such as public denunciation of wrong-doing, Easter services, blessing of crops, or of rivers, camp meetings? Describe them.

In the olden days, there were public denunciation of wrong-doing not in the last half century.

Easter Services. Easter services start Easter morning with a "Sunrise Service", on the Bluff on the beautiful Chattahoochee. This service is non-denominational, and is attended by all classes.

All churches of the city including the negro churches have Easter Services with Easter music. The churches are beautifully decorated with Easter lilies. The Catholic church holds high mass with a choir of forty boys from Holy Trinity singing.

The Episcopal Church has their "Children's Services" in the afternoon which is beautiful.

Camp Meetings. Camp meetings in years past were very universal in the Summer, lasting several days, in the rural districts. Since the automobile, they have entirely "died out", as it is such an easy matter to attend church.

13. Are there peculiarities of table service or dining routine, such as serving the husband first, serving of bread by the father? etc?

One peculiar superstition of dining routine is never serve thirteen at the table, if you do the youngest at the table will die. It is a hide-bound rule (in rural communities) that the father sit at the head of the table, serves the plates and does the carving.

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~~Barbour~~ Sales.

Copies from Eufaula Express. November 24. 1852.

Administrators Sales.

Under and by virtue of order from the probate court of Barbour County, Alabama. will be sold on the premises. on the 15th day of December next the following personal and real property belonging to the estate of Thomas Flourney. late of said County. to wit. Elvin Olabern, Nancy. Isabella, Rhody. Charles. Pubch. Frank. Dicey. Amandia. Davis. Nancy. Farthey. George. Robin. Kelley. Antionette. Silas. Mason Polly. Soence Jim. Hannah. Morris. Mary Dephney. Pinky Charlla. Tibatha. Elbert, Kansas Wesley. Coley Jim, Jennie. Jordan. Amy Aaron, Isabella, Mary, John. Cap. Sallie. Stephen. Cop. Peters, Julia, Ann, Davis. Kizzie Daniel, Clayborn. Tobe Martha, Sr, Martha, Jr. Iom. Davy, Lane, Narcellus. Hannah, Sarah, Alfred, together with horses. Carriages buggies Mules, Cattle, Hogs sheeps. household. and jitchen. furniture and plantation tools of every descriptions. also the following lands to wit.

Property sold to pay debts. terms made known on day of sales.

R. R. Howard Ad'ms.
Ellen M. Flourney Ad'ms.

Eufaula. Ala Oct 20, 1859.

Among the Negross are cooks servents. Blacksmith. Carpenters. Lawyers Hostlers, and good plantation hands, the sales will commence in the city of Eufaula and continue from day to day. until all is sold. the property will be shown to the any person desiring to see it by applying to B. B. Fields. at the livery stable or Mr. Floyd on the upper place of Mr, King on the lower place.

R. R. H.

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The officer of highest rank in the American army, killed in battle in the World War was Colonel Bertram T. Clayton, of Eufaula, ALABAMA.

MOVING ALONG:

"Jim," said the white man, "what would you do if you got a letter from the Ku Klux"? "Boss, I'd read it on de train" !

FOLKLORE:

A very wicked Negro in Bullock County, was notorious among his race for his blasphemous oaths. Taken ill, he died after a prolonged spell of sickness, and his body carried along a country road to the graveyard. The Negroes relate that persons traveling that road, are often accompanied by a black cat that will suddenly change to a large dog, and they believe it to be the spirit of the blasphemer condemned to live as a cat or dog. No Negro dares travel the route alone - day or night.

HOLYROLLERS: A religious cult that has taken a hold unbelievably strong among the backwoods illiterates, imposes upon its devotees a series of physical contortions, leaping and rolling upon the floor of the church or tent. From this practice, they are called "Holy Rollers" and are held lightly by other religious denominations - being deemed fanatics. Their sincerity is unquestioned, but their beliefs are so palpably based upon ignorance and misinterpretation of scripture, plus an almost total ignorance of world history. The cult is slowly spreading to cotton mill workers and similar classes in the smaller towns, where their weird services are regarded more in the light of entertainment than as religious. Formerly their meetings were subject to disturbance by hoodlums, but of late years the law-abiding element has seen to it that they are protected by officers, whenever necessary. It is commonly believed, among intelligent people, that the cult will die out as education enlightens those communities where the ridiculous customs now prevail.

Amberly...

Short Rhymes.

Poem to Lewis Chapter, D.A.R. By, Dr. M.B. Wharton, Eufaula, Ala.

*Fair Daughters of the patriot band,
Whose glory gilds our native land,
Whose noble purpose is to praise,
Our sires of Revolutionary days,
And none its bright escutcheon stain
That all with its high claim maintain.
This charter pledges everyone
To do the work so well begun
By Lewis, whose proud name you bear
That you will e'er be faithful-----swear!
For all the glory you shall see,
This shall your ample charter be."

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"Let's sit down and read together,
Of our old ancestral town,
Holding forth a hand of welcome
To her sons where'er they're found".

By, Eugenia Smartt.

Robert E. Lee.

"He was the General, the soldier brave,
Thoughtful, daring and of steady nerve;
He sought the South to save,
And knew no command, but to serve.

The story of how General Lee,

Short Rhymes.

At Appomattox that eventful April day
Made the whole world see
The glory due the boys in gray."

"There ain't no justice in the courts,
No matter how you plan,
The judge that settled my vorce case,
Gave the chillun to my old man.
I have never heard of such a thing
Since the Lord Almighty was risen,
If they only know what I do,
Not a one of them is hisen."

Old Milton Flagg never ate a meal without saying this blessing:

"Gracious Lord, make me humble and thankful for what I'm about to receive for to nourish the body as well as the soul."

"Gene's Grace".

"Lord, bless us and bind us,

And tie our shirt tails behind us,

And throw us in the chimney corner,

Where the devil cant find us."

Drinking Toasts.

Toast given to 13 Club at a banquet in honor of the men's wives, Feb. 20th, 1908, Eufaula, Ala.

"We greet thee gentlemen and ladies fair,

This to me, I must declare

Is an occasion, rich and rare.

So much beauty, so much wit,

Such an array of gallantry

It has rarely been my lot to see

Gathered together under one roof tree.

Gentlemen, it gives us pleasure;

The guests of this famous club to be,

Great things you have achieved,

May you in your efforts finally

Attain those heights.

We know you have already reached

I trust you will pardon this very long speech".

To "G".

"I wish thee wealth,

I wish thee health

I wish thee peace and love in store,

I wish thee Heaven, after death;

What could I wish thee more?".

"Here's to life, ain't it grand

Just got a divorce from my old man.

Couldn't help but laugh at the judges decision,

He gave him the chillun and they wasn't enew his'en."

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Jokes.

Miss pet, "Aunt Sallie, how many children did you have?"

Aunt Sallie, "I had six head of chillun, four birthed to their time and two misfortunes".

Miss Nina, "Betty how is your neice today?"

Betty, "She is fractious better, but still enjoyin' de bed."

Alabama Democrat.

On day of Election, Nov. 3, 1936.

Son, "Mother, (the mother is an old, old lady, eighty two), there was an awful wreck two miles from Eufaula and seven people were hurt."

Mother, "Son, I hope they were not Democrats."

"Dance Calls".

Virginia Reel or Square Dance(12 couples),(Ladies on right)

1. Partners to places, join hands, balance, then circle to left half around.

Back the other way, then back to places.

2. 1st. and 7th. couple out to the right, right hands across. Left back, swing your opposite, swing your partner. Circle four in a ring on to the next. *Till all around, 2nd. ladies out.

Cage the Bird.

1st. and 7th. couple leads out. Man cages partner circle to the left, "bird" drops out and circle 4 on the next 'till you get around.

1 couple leads out circle 4 with the 2nd. couple, then swing corners and join hands, circle around.

3rd. couple, pick up 3 persons, circle 6 hands to the left. Swing corners, pick up each couple and keep circling, "Make the River Bend".

Ladies to the center and back to backs.

Gents march around. Pass your partners once. Swing the next lady all the way round.

Promenade.

Place ladies back to center and gents march on, pass your partner and swing next lady. Go all around. End.

Power to see into the Future.

"Aunt Lou Russeau". Negro midwife and Fortune Teller.

Born about 80 years ago on Barbour Street in Mrs. Andrew McKenzies back yard. "When I was born Miss Martha Baily said, "You will be a midwife and fortune teller". She is both, but she has never followed the trade of "fortune telling". She is considered the best mid-wife in Eufaula and is licensed. Her mother was a "Black Creek Indian", and is buried in Fairview Cemetery. "Aunt Lou" sees visions, she saw and predicted the World War, she cant read or write. The vision, she drew the world round, and described the German Emperor, a man sitting on a horse with one large arm and small gun. The world with stars, millions, "fire". The stars left East and went West, then all around the world.

Another vision, ten white men, in a truck, going East. Looked like a truck, the men all in white with a red cross on back. When neighbors lose anything they go to her and she tells them where to find it. Mrs. P. lost a sow, and "Aunt Lou" told her where to find her. Another lost his cow. She told exactly where it was. Interprets dreams, even predicts death. "Aunt Lou" is proud of being a midwife, but is not proud of "seeing into the future".

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"Scrap"Berry. Negro.

"Scrap", known as the "Missing Link", is the best known negro in Eufaula. He is kind and honest and happy, can't read or write. On every big occasion he is there "Johnny on the spot", guarding the boys' liquor, and he is a real "watch dog". He is Eufaula's official "greeter"; meets all trains and busses, and when any old friend arrives, he scrapes and bows and says, "Us sho is glad you has come."

A "Dan Walker". The old sexton.

It was a rainy cold Sunday night at the Baptist Church and was about the hour for service to begin. No one had come except the minister and janitor. The minister was troubled. He said A Dan, is it not terrible the way our people stay away from church on account of a little rain and cold?" Dan said, "Doctor, you and me would not be here if we waan't paid for it".

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Tall Tales.

Dr. C. and the Monkey.

Dr. C. had imbibed too freely and was on this "house party" out at Roseland. One of the small children owned a monkey. Dr. C. not knowing this, when he saw the monkey, thought he was "seeing things", and he said, "If you are a monkey, you are in the hell of a fix, and if you are not a monkey, I am in the hell of a fix." Wherewith, he raided his gun and killed the monkey.

Lightening Photography.

A True Story.

Many years have passed since the happenings of this story. The town of Eufaula has changed much and while you are on a visit there a number of the older residents will enjoy telling you of the "Lightening Story". It happened in Eufaula, Alabama on College Hill, at the hospitable old Southern home of R.Q. Edmondson. Every one knows the place, and knows this charming family. At a near-by home, where Prof. Thomas A. Craven lived, there was a little lad ill with typhoid fever. There were a number of Craven children, and in those days trained nurses were very rare, so the good neighbors did their part. On this occasion Mrs. Edmondson said she would take Alida and Sallie May during the illness of their brother, Clarence. Mrs. Craven was delighted for her daughters to be in such good hands. About mid-afternoon of this very hot Summer day a thunder storm came up. It became so fierce that the children became frightened. Mrs. Edmondson in order to entertain them, told them stories to make them forget the raging storm outside. Of a sudden a flash of lightening, a loud clap of thunder. The lightening had struck this very home, setting the house on fire. However, the fire was soon out, but something else had happened. The flash of lightening had played the strangest of freaks. The younger of the Craven girls, Sallie May, had been standing directly in front of a long mirror in that old fashioned hall

when the lightning struck the house, and the lightning had made an exact likeness of this little girl on that mirror. Mrs. Edmondson discovered the photograph of her little guest soon after the storm had abated. She was frightened; she could not fathom it, how came it to be there? She sent at once for Prof. Craven. The news of this lightning-made picture spread fast, and crowds gathered to the home as quickly as they gather to a scene of an accident on the crowded streets of to-day. In fact people came from all over the country and State, and the papers everywhere wrote of it. Prof. Craven and Mrs. Edmondson began to get letters from persons all over the world wanting to know, "was the incident really true?". Among the letters received by Prof. Craven was one from Mrs. Augustas Evans Wilson, Alabama's famous writer. She had written "At the Mercy of Tiberius" where a freak of lightning plays a prominent part in the story. Prof. Craven wrote the full details of this lightning ~~story~~ photography. What a prominent part in the world's history lightning X-ray and electricity are playing to-day. This Edmondson home on College Hill, still magnificent in its simplicity, is standing to-day, but after half a century the picture on the mirror has faded, but the story still lives and is authentic.

Dense Forest.

Dr. Copeland related this story to his children. When he was quite small, one day some of their cows disappeared, so his Mother sent Jim, one of the dependable slaves to find them. The forest was so dense (where Cherry, Colby and Sanford Streets are to-day) that he was lost two days, and when they found him he was a raving maniac.

Another Mirror Story. X-Ray.

A pier mirror in possession of the Rex's several miles South of Eufaula. Every ^{time} any one would look into the mirror they would see a skeleton. The family became very sensitive and sold it to a man in New York for a big price. The cause, the certain condition of the sun rays on this mirror.

Lassie, a negro girl from out in the country had come to town to work. She soon had to have an appendix operation. Her old mother was called to see her. One morning the old woman came from the hospital muchly worried about her condition. Upon being asked how Lassie was she replied, "That gal ain't doing well a-tall. Them doctors and nurses done took her temptation three times this morning."

Superstitions.

Mrs. C. being confined to her bed, was surprised upon looking under her bed one morning to find an accumulation of dust. Calling "Aunt Alice", her colored house maid, and asking why the dust was there, was surprised at the answer. "Lordy, Miss C. I ain't guine be de one to sweep away your health".

Mrs. D's little girl was born at home and "Aunt Charuty" was her nurse. One morning some one needing the scissors was unable to find a pair. "Aunt Charity upon being asked if she knew where there might be found went to the bed and pulled a pair from between the mattress, saying, "I put 'em here to cut the pains in two."

Jokes about local characters.

On the Eufaula Wharf on the Chattahoochee, The Wharf Master received a bill of lading "one burro"; when he saw the burro he phoned the Steamship Company in Columbus that they had put off a jackass instead of a bureau.

Some of Lex's sayings.

He did not like his sister-in-law. She stopped her car and asked him if he would like to ride home, he is quite feeble. His reply, "No, I thank you, Jesus Christ walked on the water and I can walk on the pavement."

One day he had his three little boys in his car. The youngest fell out, the oldest kept calling from the back seat, "Daddy, Daday!" Lex said, "if you call me another time I'll whup you". When he reached home he asked, "Where is /

your brother?", and he replied, "He fell out, but you would not let me tell you."

A mother of a large family was being called upon by a number of children at the same time to attend to their wants, when Aunt Peggy learning the confusion said, "Hush chillun, don't yer know yer Ma ain't got but two pairs of hands"?

A little girl was talking about something she was very anxious to do and could do if it were not for a certain thing. And "Mammy" hearing her said, "Yes, honey, if it just wasn't for that little letter"if".

Old Uncle Joe, the gardner was also a preacher and when a lady told him that she had heard a report on him he said, "Now, Miss Sallie, dey's posts and reports," and proceeded to give a talk on the subject.

Uncle Abe, the carriage driver, was was being sent with the wagon and horses out to the plantation for supplies, when his mistress's three grandsons began begging to go with him but Uncle Abe was reluctant to give his consent, having taken them on one of his previous trips. His mistress, however, interceded for them. When he returned Uncle Abe was asked how he got along having the children with him. He replied, # Miss Mary, I ^a set in misery ~~bet~~ ^a comin' and agoin'."

The U.D.C. were having their State Convention in Eufaula. A very nice Northen lady took some delegate. The neighbor across the street remarked how nice it was for a -----and she spelled the word, Yankee, to take U.D.C. delegates, and her little son said, "You needn't spell it, dont you know I know she aint no Gentile"?

Jokes, Anecdotes and dialect.

Old Bill Hodge, negro driver of his one horse hack, carried a traveller to the train. The train being an hour late the traveller requested Bill to drive him around and show him the sights of the city. "yes sur boss, I guine carry y u down on the bluff and show you our arteshun well, and give you a drink of dat fine water". The traveller said, "I am afraid this water is poison". "No sir boss, de mayor and dem other gentlemen done sent a bottle full of dis water to Montgomery and had it "Scandalized" and dey sent word back its the finest Arteshun water in the world. Dey say four things of dis water am "Hydrophobra" and de other two things is "Noxious Gases". The traveller trusted Bill and enjoyed his drink.

Aunt Kitty. Aunt Kitty was a slave and one of the most unique characters. A typical Southern Mammy, couldn't count but dinner was always on the table at the appointed hour. She said she was a little girl holding on to her ma's coat tail when the "stars fell on Alabama". Some of her expressions as Aunt Kitty would say, "Tuch it light", "I knows quality", etc.

Aunt Kitty lived in the McDowell family for forty years, cooked and carsed all the children. She was "Boss". One day Mrs. McDowell was going away to spend the day and she told Aunt Kitty not to let the children go out of the back yard. In the meantime, Arch age five, was invited to a birthday party. Aunt Kitty said that he could not go, because "his ma" had told her not to let him leave the yard. Arch was broken hearted and said "Aunt Kitty, he is my best friend". Aunt Kitty said, "What church do he belong to"? Arch said, "The Episcopal Church". Aunt Kitty said "You cant go, he aint no Presbyterian and your ma dont low you to associate with no body what aint Presbyterian, cause he aint your "nation".

All Democrat.

Four years ago after Roosevelt's election a little girl asked her Mother (in this little Southern town), "Mother, was there anybody in Eufaula that did not vote for Roosevelt?" The mother said, "Oh yeas dear". The little daughter, her eyes getting big as saucers, "Who"? Then the mother named the few Republican families. Little daughter, "Oh Mother, dont they believe in God?"

Joke on the Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis were holding their weekly meeting in the hotel dining room, and a negro bell boy was carrying the bags of two men in, and the men asked the boy what club it was. The boy replied, "That's the "Wanis" Club, boss!" "What is the Wanis Club?" Its a club where dey eats and drinks".

Pastor Maddox.

Pastor Maddox was one of the best loved negro preachers in this community. He died recently. He served three churches and after his death they took his remains to each of these three churches to lie in state for a certain time, then brought him back to his home town. A white friend asked one of the members how could they keep his body out so long, and the negro replied. "You see boss, we had him well "vulcanized".

Uncle Abe.

Years ago before the days of automobiles, Uncle Abe drove a hack. He was driving a customer home one night and they asked him the news. Abe said, "I as you heard of Mr. Gays "Injun rubber tired carriage?" (rubber tired carriage)

Father Royer.

Father Yoyer, the beloved Catholic Priest of Eufaula. When he came to take charge of the Catholic Church, he was introduced to a very sweet Protestant lady, and was told that Father Royer had two more brothers that were priests. The sweet old lady asked, "And was your father a priest?"

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Miss Bertha Couric
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A true story of the unveiling of the monument as seen by Tildy. (Tildy, afraid of ghosts.) From the History of Eufaula, by Eugenia P. Smartt.

A certain Eufaula lady told her faithful servant, Tildy, to go down and see the unveiling of the Confederate Monument. "Why, didn't you enjoy it?" said the lady of the house. "Noms, I sho hev seed sights dat I never 'spected ter see til I wuz daid and kivered under the ground". "What in the world has happened, Tildy?" "Missus, atter ahile I heard a ban a'playin an' I seed er big sesshum comin!. A whole pascle o' folks wuz ridin and wavin' some red flags. I axed what dat wuz an' dey said wuz gwine ter de mon-u-mint. (Hit sho wuz de biggest funeral I ebber seed). I axed who wuz daid and dey said Mars Jeff Davis. I knowd hit wasn't so, case I jest seed Mars Jeff Davis. over dar in his store when I buyed dese goobers. So I axed agin who wuz daid and some one said hit wasn't Mars Jeff Davis, but hit were Mars Robert E. Lee. He sho wuz a likeable man, for de ole mens wuz settin' on benches mournin'. Den dey played and preached. Den two white gals riz up an' pulled er rope an' bless my soul! ef de man didn't riz right up and stand right dar fore everybody on top o' dat mon-u-mint. Yes, Maam, he sho did an' he wuz dressed in white an' er gun. I wuz so upsot dat I cum home an' as fur as I could see he wuz still dar. I sho dont lak funerals and ghosts."

NO PROHIBITIONEST. Bishop Wilmer, one of the most beloved bishops of the South, 'had ridden a long hot dusty ride to Eufaula. When he arrived at his destination, his charming Southern hostess said to him, "Now Bishop, wouldn't you like a small, weak tody?" and the dear Bishop replied, "My dear lady, why small and why weak?".

ALL DEMOCRAT. In a Southern town after the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt a little girl was asking her mother some questions about the election. She said, "Mother, were there any people in this town (Eufaula) that didn't vote

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A true story of the unveiling of the monument as seen by Tildy. (Tildy, afraid of ghosts.) From the History of Eufaula, by Eugenia P. Smartt.

A certain Eufaula lady told her faithful servant, Tildy, to go down and see the unveiling of the Confederate Monument. "Why, didn't you enjoy it?" said the lady of the house. "None, I sho hev seed sights dat I never 'spected ter see til I wuz daid and kivered under the ground". "What in the world has happened, Tildy?" "Missus, atter ahile I heard a ban a'playin an' I seed er big sesshum comin'. A whole pascle o' folks wuz ridin and wavin' some red flags. I axed what dat wuz an' dey said wuz gwine ter de mon-u-mint. (Hit sho wuz de biggest funeral I ebber seed). I axed who wuz daid and dey said Mars Jeff Davis. I knowd hit wasn't so, case I jest seed Mars Jeff Davis over dar in his store when I buyed dese goobers. So I axed agin who wuz daid and some one said hit wasn't Mars Jeff Davis, but hit were Mars Robert E. Lee. He sho wuz a likeable man, for de ole mens wuz settin' on benches mournin'. Den dey played and preached. Den two white gals riz up an' pulled er rope an' bless my soul! ef de man didn't riz right up and stand right dar fore everybody on top o' dat mon-u-mint. Yes, Maam, he sho did an' he wuz dressed in white and er gun. I wuz so upsof dat I cum home an' as fur as I could see he wuz still dar. I sho dont lak funerals and ghosts."

NO PROHIBITIONEST. Bishop Wilmer, one of the most beloved bishops of the South, had ridden a long hot dusty ride to Eufaula. When he arrived at his destination, his charming Southern hostess said to him, "Now Bishop, wouldn't you like a small, weak tody?" and the dear Bishop replied, "My dear lady, why small and why weak?".

ALL DEMOCRAT. In a Southern town after the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt a little girl was asking her mother some questions about the election. She said, "Mother, were there any people in this town (Eufaula) that didn't vote

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Are there recognized such things as wishing seats, wishing wells, swamps and quick sands with sinister properties, localities with beneficent qualities, "proposal rocks", lanes. etc?.

Locality with Beneficent qualities.

"Blue Springs" in Barbour County, the most beautiful spring in the state of Alabama, Beneficent qualities unsurpassed. The Spring is as clear as crystal the bottom of the boil has never been found, the volume is tremendous. In the last hundred years this Spring has moved twice. It empties into the Chatahoochee River. It was a stream to which the Creek Indians had turned in earlier days for several of their settlements. Both Creek and Seminole villages have been traced in the area, and one of the villages has been identified by the name of We-Kaiako.

The Chattahoochee Garden Club presented a scene of the bluff with a small river of water, over which there was the old covered bridge. The Bluff City Garden Club presented a model play ground. The Home and Garden Club had a wedding table with bride's cake. The Garden Club of Eufaula had a beautiful garden scene. Among the farm communities having most creditable displays were Terese, Baker Hill and Double Forks. These communities showed how one could really "live at home" by raising a little bit of everything. There was a display of every kind of canned goods, including canned chicken, and other meats, pickled eggs, etc, home cured meats, tobacco, rice, celery, benne seed, articles made of sacks, dresses, etc.

The Lone Oak Leghorn Farm exhibited leghorns, pullets and cockerels, quail and pigeons, eggs, canned chicken, etc.

Cowikee Mills had a display of yarns made at the mills here.

The negroes of the community had a splendid display of canned goods, dresses, mats, hats made from corn shucks, etc. All of the schools had interesting displays.

Mr. Emory Barefield had a wonderful display of hand carved wooden articles, such as what-nots, shelves, wall brackets, end tables, knitting bowl, etc.

Among the commercial displays were the Alabama Power Co; Alabama Basket Co; Singer Sewing Machine Co; Gulf Service Co; Ross Blue Devil Insecticides.

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7. Are there special fairs or market days, particularly if they are significant as related to local products or local life or industry? Describe them.

"Barbour County Fair", in October. Fair Program for 1936.

Wednesday, School Children's Day. Parade at 2:30 P.M., led by Miss Carrie Foy, Queen. Fair opens at 12 o'clock noon and at 6 P.M.

Thursday. Colored School Children's Day. Fair open at 9 A.M. and 6 P.M.

Friday, Farmer's Day. Fair opens 9 A.M. and 6 P.M.

Saturday, Everybody's Day. Fair opens 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. Handsome prizes to be awarded each day. Throngs of citizens from Eufaula and surrounding sections were present at the opening of the Barbour County Fair at Fair grounds and viewed with enthusiasm the splendid array of farm products and other exhibitions, most creditable. Attended the mid-way shows and witnessed the giving away of valuable prizes.

Miss Dell Lewy won the dollar prize, Mrs. Robinette, Miss Dorothy Cade, and George Washington Cummings (negro boy) five dollars each.

Leaving the exhibition tent one sees the Amusement Circus attractions, sensational free acts which has been staged at the largest fairs.

Prof. George Stoltz's famous circus band dispenses fine music for the fair. The grounds are aglow in the evenings with gayly colored lights.

Exhibits. Needlework of every description, including dozens of handsome crocheted and quilted bed spreads of every kind, dresses, sweaters, and other articles too numerous to mention. An antique drawing room, filled with antique furniture and articles, Handmade vases and baskets, oil paintings.

Christ Child Circle featured the three major products, the clinic, the layettes and the nutrition class. The clinic and nutrition class were exhibited in the form of dolls.

4.

Are there any stories concerned with animals or animal life, or the realation between human beings and animals, which are native to your community?

There are none.

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Are there any speacial festivals celebrated at special times of the year designed to insure good luck, good crops, good weather, etc?

There are none.

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