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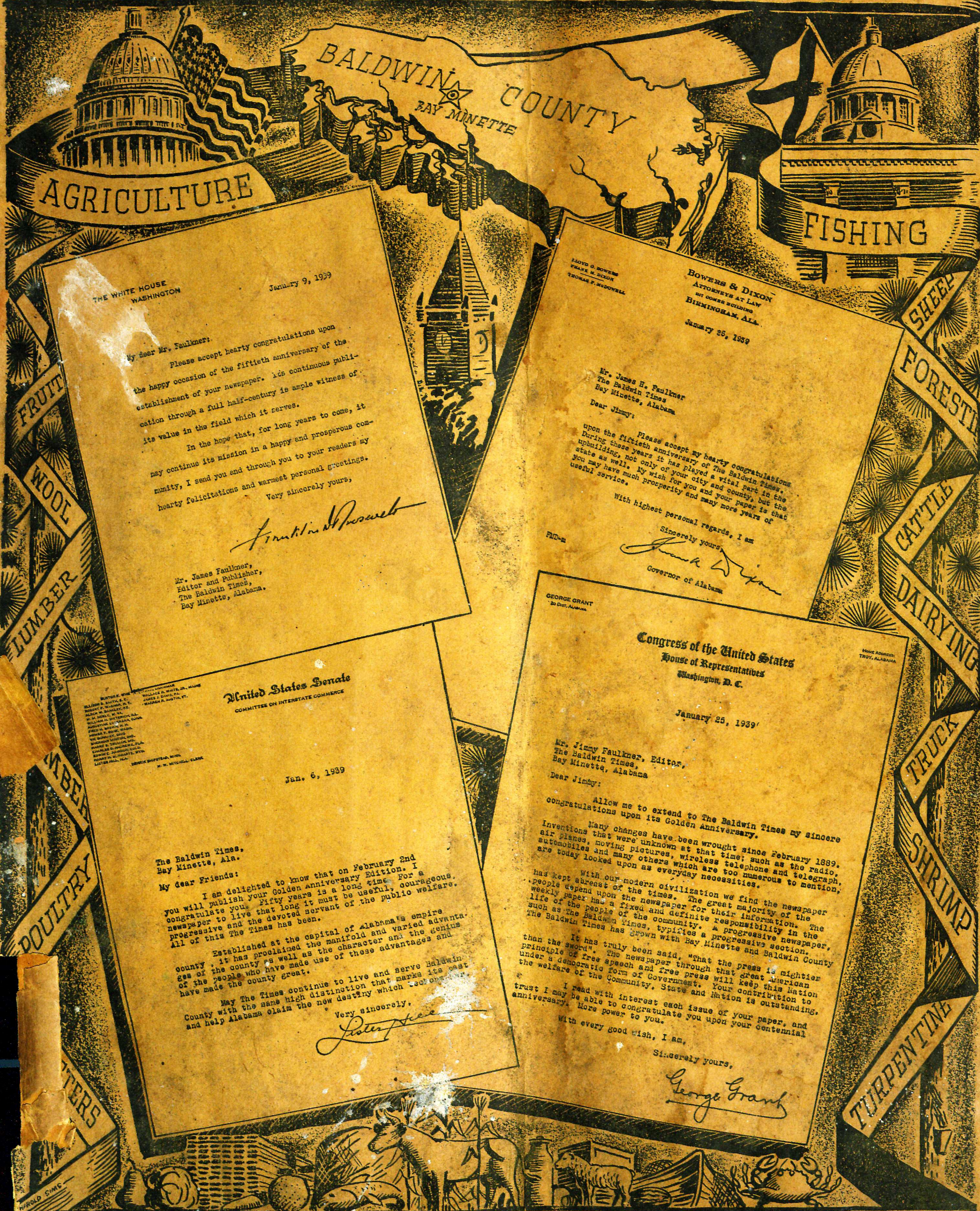
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1939

My dear Mr. Faulkner:

Please accept hearty congratulations upon the happy occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of your newspaper. Its continuous publication through a full half-century is ample witness of its value in the field which it serves.

In the hope that, for long years to come, it may continue its mission in a happy and prosperous community, I send you and through you to your readers my hearty felicitations and warmest personal greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Mr. James Faulkner,  
Editor and Publisher,  
The Baldwin Times,  
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January 25, 1939

Mr. James H. Faulkner,  
The Baldwin Times  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Jimmy:

Please accept my hearty congratulations upon the fiftieth anniversary of The Baldwin Times. During these years it has played a vital part in the upbuilding, not only of your city and county, but the state as well. My wish for you and your paper is that you may have much prosperity and many more years of useful service.

With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Frank Dixon*  
Governor of Alabama

GEORGE GRANT  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1939

Mr. Jimmy Faulkner, Editor,  
The Baldwin Times,  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Jimmy:

Allow me to extend to The Baldwin Times my sincere congratulations upon its Golden Anniversary.

Many changes have been wrought since February 1889. Inventions that were unknown at that time; such as the radio, air planes, moving pictures, wireless telephone and telegraph, automobiles and many others which are too numerous to mention, are today looked upon as everyday necessities.

With our modern civilization we find the newspaper has kept abreast of the times. The great majority of the people depend upon the newspaper for their information. The weekly paper has a fixed and definite responsibility in the life of the people of the community. A progressive newspaper, such as The Baldwin Times, typifies a progressive section. The Baldwin Times has grown with Bay Minette and Baldwin County.

It has truly been said, "That the press is mightier than the sword." The newspaper through that great American principle of free speech and free press will keep this Nation under a democratic form of Government. Your contribution to the welfare of the Community, State and Nation is outstanding.

I read with interest each issue of your paper, and trust I may be able to congratulate you upon your centennial anniversary. More power to you.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*George Grant*

United States Senate  
COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

Jan. 6, 1939

The Baldwin Times,  
Bay Minette, Ala.

My dear Friends:

I am delighted to know that on February 2nd you will publish your Golden Anniversary Edition. I congratulate you. Fifty years is a long time. For a newspaper to live that long it must be useful, courageous, progressive and the devoted servant of the public welfare. All of this The Times has been.

Established at the capital of Alabama's empire county, it has proclaimed the manifold and varied advantages of the county as well as the character and the genius of the people who have made use of these advantages and have made the county great.

May The Times continue to live and serve Baldwin County with the same high distinction that marks its past and help Alabama claim the new destiny which beckons her.

Very sincerely,

*John H. Hester*

FIFTY YEARS SERVING THE SOUTH....



companion, and junior director, Mrs. E. E. Hale.

#### Tensaw Home Demonstration Club

During the spring of 1927 Miss Essie Hester organized the Tensaw Home Demonstration Club with Mrs. Elizabeth Slaughter as president. Pine needle work was the first demonstration given.

Miss Clara Hall then served as agent for a short while before Miss Margaret Garrett came. Miss Garrett initiated the club into the art of canning with tin cans, the can sealer and the pressure cooker.

Miss Eunice Agnew and Miss Laura Lewis followed, each serving only a short period. Miss Lillian Warren succeeded Mrs. Slaughter as president.

Miss Corrie Hall, now president for several years, is doing fine work under the leadership of Miss Verna Patterson.

#### Junior Bay Minette Study Club

The Junior Bay Minette Study Club is the only junior study club in the county.

A mass meeting was held in the library September 9, 1929, for the purpose of organizing a junior study club. Mrs. Julian Bristow, director of the junior club, explained in detail the nature of the meeting and read a copy of the constitution and by-laws, which was adopted and the club organized.

In February the club applied for membership in the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and before March the club was affiliated.

For the second and third years the club had as directors, Mrs. R. A. Carlisle and Mrs. W. C. Beebe. During this time the club sponsored entering a queen in the contest of the Daphne May Day festival. While Miss Clara Hall was director the club began sponsoring the annual sale of goods made by the blind.

A house party in 1937, when Mrs. Clint White was director, was one of the most enjoyable events of the year. Many profitable projects have been carried on by the girls. Mrs. E. N. Rodgers is the present director.

#### Fairhope Tuesday Study Club

The Tuesday Study Club of Fairhope was organized in October, 1929, by a group of women who felt the need for study and cultural inspiration.

It was at first a luncheon club, meeting at a local hotel and Mrs. William McIntosh acted as its first president. Eleven of the charter members are still active workers, and the interest and enthusiasm has never lagged. As the majority of the members have traveled extensively and represent various universities, an unusually broad viewpoint is expressed.

### County Club Head



• Mrs. Lloyd A. Magney of Foley is serving her second term as president of the Baldwin County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. Magney is active in several phases of club work. While president of the Better Homes Club of Foley last year the club was awarded first prize in the state for outstanding work in cooperating with the Alabama Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

She also serves as chairman of the scholarship committee for the seventh district of home demonstration clubs in Alabama and has cooperated with neighboring clubs in their organization work.

Special guest days feature outstanding speakers and musicians, and exhibits in coordination with the programs have been an attractive feature.

The club has bought many books for their work and then presented them to the Fairhope Library. The policy of the club is to rotate officers, (usually two-year terms) so as to encourage the development of efficient leadership. The incumbent president, Mrs. C. A. Stewart, is successfully guiding the club through its tenth year.

#### Bay Minette Progressive Study Club

On October 8, 1937, a group of women met at the home of Mrs. Emanuel Davidson to organize a new study club in Bay Minette. The purpose of this club was to further the social, cultural and intellectual development of its members.

Throught the efforts of Miss Clara Hall, who was president of the Bay Minette Study Club, the new club was launched.

Mrs. S. A. Y. Dahlberg, who was the first president of the Bay Minette Study Club, presided in the organizing of this club. Seventeen women registered as charter members.

The first officers were: Mrs. O. J. Mancini, president; Mrs. S. F. Holmes, vice president; Mrs.

Y. C. Hall, recording secretary; Mrs. E. Davidson, treasurer and Mrs. H. C. Taylor, corresponding secretary.

The club sponsored the crippled children's seal sale last spring and each member helped with the sale. They also helped secure clothing for needy children and cooperated in securing lunches for needy children.

Mrs. L. J. Hooper, president of the club this year, was appointed to represent the club at the club convention last year in Auburn.

The club has 24 members.

#### Belforest Home Demonstration Club

Home Demonstration Club work is the staff and buckler of a woman's life in a county community. Such has been the result with the Belforest club women. In the club's four years of existence it has won county-wide recognition for display of articles at rally day, and three times has won first place. Each demonstration taught at leadership school has been used, embracing knitting, tatting, embroidering, weaving and crocheting.

Experience in public speaking has done much to eliminate shyness. The majority of the members are real farm women, and club work for them has stimulated their ability to use their heads, hearts and hands.

The club has sponsored May queens for May Day festivals, harvest queens to represent the community at the Silverhill Fair. Each club has its own committee of citizenship, scholarship, farm bureau, recreation, health, music and child welfare. Special work has been done for scholarship.

One of the most profitable things accomplished has been the refinishing of furniture, selecting suitable curtains, draperies and pictures for the home, canning, drying and preserving, making cheese and baking better breads.

#### Business and Professional Women Of Bay Minette

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Bay Minette was organized in 1928. Miss Esther Hester was its first president. Others who have served the club as its chief officers are: Miss Lilla Simmons, Miss Margaret Huggins, Mrs. Miriam Locke, Mrs. James H. Bennett, Miss Hazel Irwin, Miss Clara Hall and Miss Maggie Lee Causey, the present incumbent.

The aim of the club is to broaden the knowledge and sympathies of the business and professional women of the community. In October, 1937, the club affiliated with the state and national organizations.

For nine years the club meetings were held in the homes of the members. The programs for 1938-39 are built around the general theme, "My Business and Yours." The club has sponsored a number of worthwhile projects including a shower for the county home and the nursery school, supporting a "little sister" in the grammar school and a recreation program for all ages at the scout cabin. The project chosen for this year is a recreational and social program for those taking training in the NYA home training project. Recently a silver tea was held at the NYA residence, at which the members of the club were hostesses.

The club looks back on a decade of growth and achievement, and forward to the next decade with hope of increasing knowledge, more impelling vision, broader sympathies and greater service.

#### Daphne Women's Study Club

The Daphne Women's Study Club is the successor to the Woman's Club of Daphne, which was organized in 1924, for the purpose of arousing interest in the Daphne State Teachers College and collecting a fund for the school.

Miss Lillie Wetzel, now of Loxley, was president of the first woman's club; Miss Mary Owen, now Mrs. James A. Carney, vice president, and Mrs. R. Van Iderstine, secretary and treasurer. The following year Miss Wetzel resigned and Mrs. Van Iderstine be-

came president.

In 1926 the club was abandoned and in the fall of 1927 it was reorganized as a study club with Mrs. L. Council, then a well-known club woman of Mobile, as president. Under her direction the club feedrated. Mrs. Council served as president for eleven consecutive years, until her death last spring, when her daughter, Miss Hazel Council, succeeded her in office.

The club has an active membership of thirty. The program is followed by a social hour.

Through the efforts of Mrs. J. J. Aynsley, chairman of the civic committee, the highway leading from the bridgehead to Zundels was recently officially named the Eastern Shore Boulevard by the county commissioners.

The subject of this year's study is "Alabama."

#### Stockton Five Arts Club

The Five Arts Club of Stockton grew from roots that go back into the early '20's, when a group of women, calling themselves a school improvement association, meeting in the auditorium of the old Stockton schoolhouse, began the study of pictures, with I. P. Mason as inspirational leader.

Gradually, this association became known as an art class. On March 11, 1927, this art class became a federated club, with membership at first limited to fifteen. Its scope of study was enlarged to embrace the five arts, literature, architecture, music, painting and sculpture. Presidents who have successively served it are, Mrs. O. W. Byrne, Miss Lucile Gause, Miss Eleanor McMillan, Miss Emily McMillan, Mrs. John McMillan and Mrs. D. O. Bryant.

The club sponsors many community projects during its working year. Chief among these are its annual art exhibit in the fall, and its spring flower show. From this art exhibit every year, one, and sometimes more than one picture is chosen, bought and framed to be placed on the walls of the Stockton school building.

On November 28, 1936, during the presidency of Mrs. John McMillan, a special meeting was held at her home in honor of Mr. Mason. At this meeting a silver loving cup was presented to him by the club, as a token of appreciation of the invaluable services he has rendered during its existence.

With an enlarged membership, now limited to 25, the Five Arts Club has become the strongest social and cultural force in Stockton.

#### Robertsdale Woman's Club

The Robertsdale Travel Club was organized in January, 1930. Mrs. T. F. Rickert was the first president with Miss Esther Banning as first vice president; Mrs. Northcutt second vice president; Mrs. C. F. Taylor secretary and Mrs. E. N. Tilton treasurer.

The club had for its objective the study and appreciation of art, literature, history and music of various countries. America was

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**Chas. A. McDonald**



# Baldwin's Gulf Coast Offers Fine Fishing

## Best Fishing Ground Anywhere Found In Baldwin Waters

• Deep sea fishing for sport off the coast of Alabama and in the numerous bays and inlets is not confined to any one brief period during the year.

For six long months, beginning in May and continuing through November at least, there is ample opportunity for the follower of Izaak Walton to satisfy his ambition. And even after November, the speckled trout and redfish angling is best in many of the bays and in the canal.

Every year about the middle or latter part of May coastal fishermen report schools of mackerel arriving in Alabama waters on their journey around the gulf from Florida.

### Anglers Troll In Blue Waters

Bonito, ling and other game fish accompany them. Thousands of anglers troll in the blue waters and come in exhausted but happy after exciting battles with deep sea denizens.

This goes on for several weeks and then along in July or August the mighty tarpon, or silver king, finds his way up into Mobile Bay, Bon Secour Bay, Grant's Pass, Swash Channel, Perdido Bay and other waters. He gives lusty battle to those who dare defy him with heavy rod and reel. Cavalla, bull reds, dolphin, black fish and other species are numerous at this time.

Then in the fall when Gulf waters begin to cool, millions of speckled trout, white trout, redfish and lesser species are sent scurrying up into the rivers and bays in search of warmer water. Fishing is good.

A favorite spot for this type of angling, is the intracoastal canal which cuts across south Baldwin County from Mobile Bay to Perdido Bay. All through the winter, depending upon the weather, this kind of fishing goes on.

In recent years Alabama's two coastal counties — Baldwin and Mobile — have begun to realize the vast possibilities of capitalizing on the excellent deep sea fishing at their front doors.

### Many Fishing Boats

There are hundreds of well equipped fishing and pleasure boats, manned by experienced fishermen, available at all times. Their home ports include Bayou LaBatre, Coden, Bon Secour, Orange Beach, Magnolia Springs, and many others.

Indisputable witness to the fact that Alabama coastal waters yield thousands of game fish annually to game fishermen are the two annual deep sea fishing rodeos sponsored every summer by the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Association and the Baldwin County Fishing Rodeo.

Both of these events took place in August in the midst of the tarpon run, and so many game fish of all species were taken that the officials lost count.

### Cattle

• Baldwin county is tick free and has a force of men patrolling her borders on exposed boundaries to keep the infected cattle out.

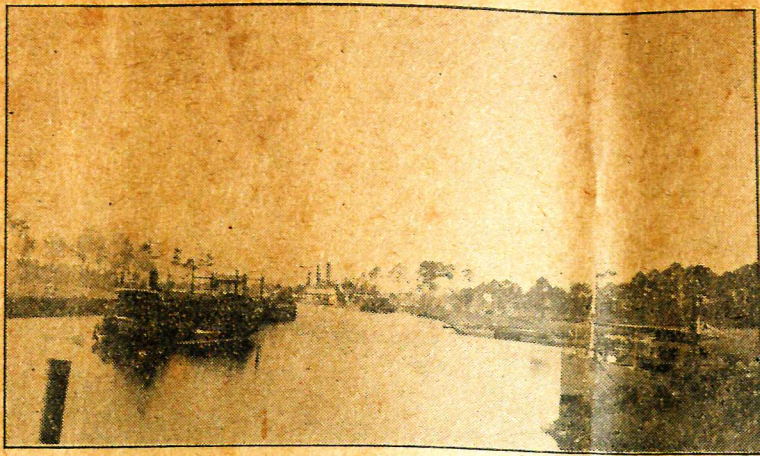
• There are only a few counties in the United States where the annual returns from the cultivated lands average so much an acre as they do in Baldwin. A recent report shows that they average over \$100 an acre.

• Baldwin is the most southern of Alabama Counties. It lies on the Gulf of Mexico. Its eastern border is Escambia County, Fla., its western border, Mobile County, Alabama, and its northern border, Escambia and Monroe counties, Alabama. It lies between the cities of Mobile, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla.

### Welfare

• Baldwin County has a full time welfare unit, directed by a superintendent who gives all her time to that work.

## Scene On Intercoastal Canal



• Scene looking west from the pontoon bridge, on the Gulf Highway south of Foley. This inland waterway connects Mobile Bay with Perdido Bay; an artery of water commerce of increasing importance and a good place to fish, summer and winter.

• Bay Minette has never enjoyed or suffered a boom, but its growth has continued, steady and substantial since the opening of the present century. Within the mile square of the corporation, proper, there is a population of approximately 1850 people. This does not include a considerable part of the total lying beyond the city limits.

• DID YOU KNOW that Baldwin County was the third county to be formed in the State of Alabama?

• DID YOU KNOW that the highest land on tidewater on the Atlantic seaboard is to be found in Baldwin County. This point is 268 feet above sea level.

• DID YOU KNOW that there were more settlers killed by the Indians at Fort Mims in Baldwin County, than at any other point in the United States?

• DID YOU KNOW that Baldwin County has five hundred and forty-six miles of tide water frontage?

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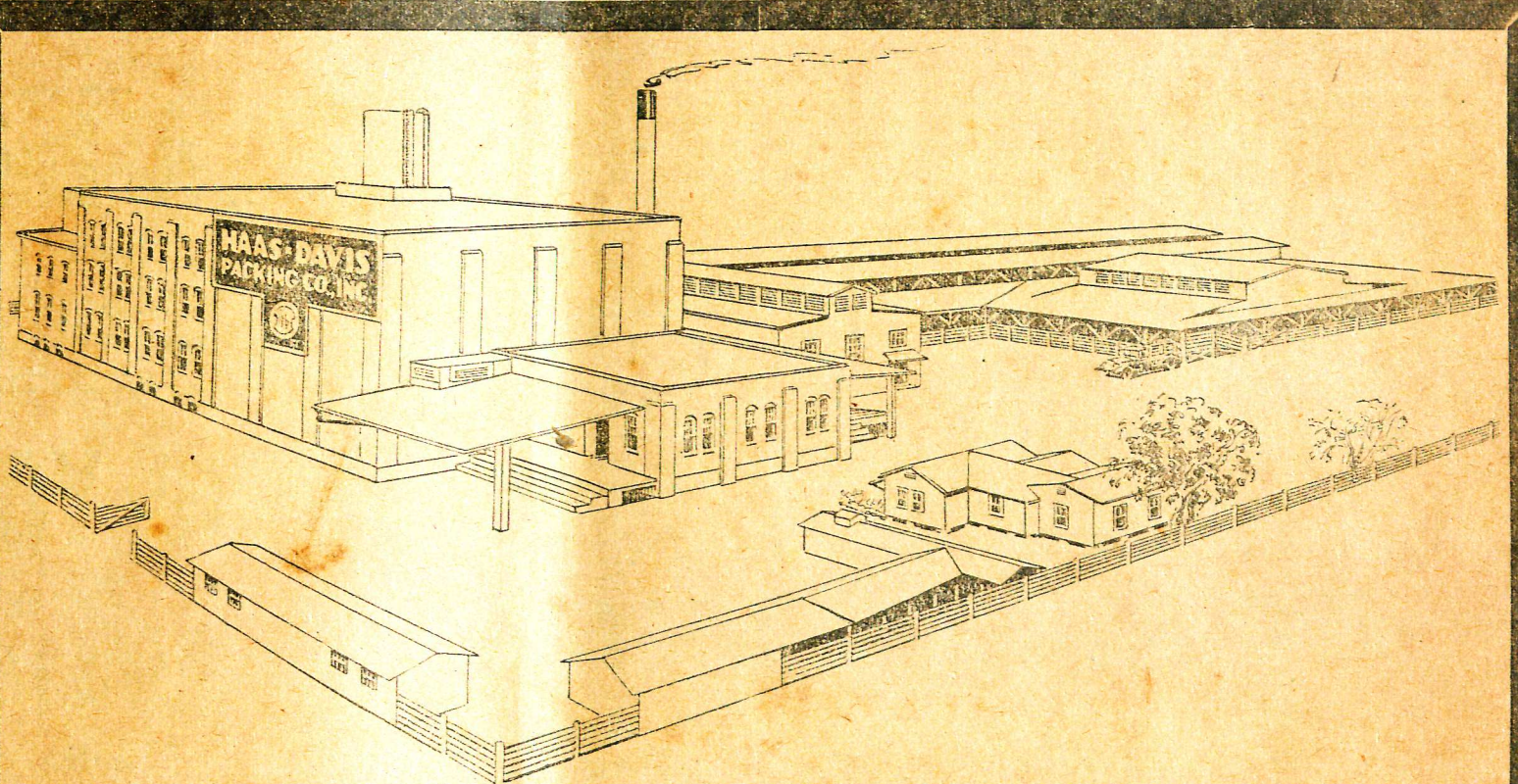
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## Perdido Is Farm, Turpentine Center Town Once Larger Than Now — Has Population Of 300

• Long years ago some Spanish explorer evidently became lost from his war party in northeast Baldwin because the town of Perdido takes its name from the Spanish word of the same name meaning "lost."

Perdido and neighboring towns of Dyas, Rabun, Lottie and Carney had their origin some time between the Civil War and the eighties when cotton farmers and timbermen were attracted to the county. First came the lumbermen who made good returns on cutting virgin longleaf pine in the territory. Behind them came the farmers who began to clear stumps from the land and start plantings of cotton, corn and sweet potatoes.

### Turpentine

Last of all came the turpentiners who began to chip the second growth and unmolested pine to form around Perdido one of the heaviest turpentine-producing areas of the county.

In its heyday Perdido was much larger than now and was a prosperous small town, having a drug store and picture show. If the

place has stood at a standstill during the last decade it is not because of the lack of natural resources, but merely because they have not been properly developed.

With Stockton, Perdido is the largest of the north Baldwin villages above Bay Minette, but probably has a larger trade area than Stockton. Rabun, Lottie, Dyas and Carney are in the school and trade area of Perdido and do their trading at Perdido as well as in Bay Minette and Atmore. The junior high school at Perdido is the largest in the county and draws enrollment over a wide area.

### Cotton Planted Heavily

Principal industries of the Perdido section today are turpentine and farming. Cotton is planted heaviest but corn, potatoes, velvet beans, peanuts and cowpeas are also planted extensively. Farmers of the section are beginning to diversify, raise truck crops and acquire hogs, poultry and livestock that make for a live-at-home farm program.

Perdido's population is slightly above 300 but the people in the neighboring towns would probably total 1500. It has a modern accredited junior high school, is served by electricity and rail, and has a paved road leading to town from the Bay Minette - Atmore highway, from which the postoffice and business center are about one-half mile. Four churches are located in Perdido.

## R. E. COOTS' GARAGE

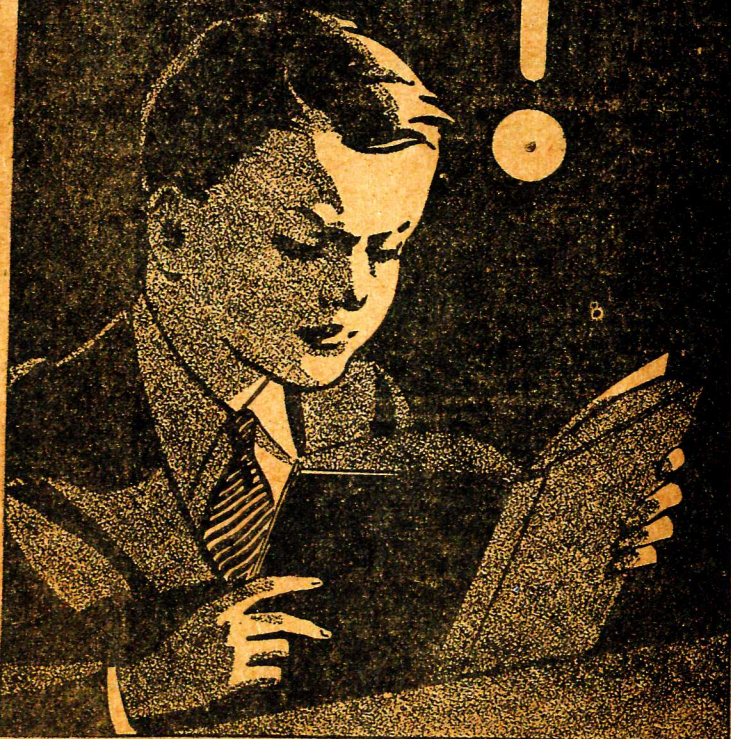
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### LEGAL NOTICE

Estates of ELDRIDGE MILLS and S. E. MILLS, Both Deceased.

Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of said Decedents, having been granted to the undersigned, on the 20th day of January, 1939, by the Honorable G. W. Robertson, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Notice is hereby given, that all persons, having claims against said estates, or either of them, will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

ROY CHANCERY, Executor.  
J. B. BLACKBURN, Attorney. 52-3

### NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County. Circuit Court, in Equity. This the 9th day of January, 1939.

VALENA KIRKMAN REED, Complainant, No. 517, Vs. CHESTER A. REED, Respondent.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Valena Kirkman Reed that the Defendant, Chester A. Reed, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that the present place of residence and postoffice address of the said Chester A. Reed is unknown; and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant, the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said Chester A. Reed, to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 2nd day of February, 1939, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

R. S. DUCK, Register.  
By Nan Alice Thompson,  
Deputy Register. 50-4t.

### LEGAL NOTICE

To Mollie Dyess Dasinger, residing in Pensacola, Florida, and to all others concerned in the following proceedings in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

State of Alabama, Baldwin County, Probate Court, January 16, 1939.

Estate of E. L. DYESS, Deceased. You will please take notice that the Commissioners heretofore appointed by the Court to make an inventory and appraisal of the real and personal property of said decedent and to set apart to Rosie Sirmon, the widow of said decedent, who has remarried, and to the minor heirs of said deceased, at the time of his death, have filed their report of their action in the premises, and that the Court has appointed the 15th day of February, A. D., 1939, for hearing said report, at which time you may appear at my office in Bay Minette, Alabama, and re-

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of JOSEPH W. ROBINSON, Deceased.

Letters Testamentary upon the Last Will and Testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned, on the 17th day of January, A. D., 1939, by the Honorable G. W. Robertson, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County — Notice is hereby given that all persons, having claims against said estate, will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

EMMET ROBINSON, As Executor.  
J. B. BLACKBURN, Attorney. 51-3

sist the confirmation of said report, should you think proper so to do.

G. W. ROBERTSON, Judge of Probate. 51-3t

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# BALDWIN COUNTY

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Population 34,000 - Area, 1,020,800 Acres - Paved Roads, 200 Miles

## - Agricultural Center -

### SOIL

The soils of Baldwin County are usually sandy, clay loam of good quality with a clay subsoil close to the surface. They are of a type which can be greatly improved by cultivation, and the use of one or more of the soil-building crops.

There are few counties in the United States where as many different farm crops are, or may be, grown to advantage as is possible on Baldwin County lands.

### CROPS

Baldwin County is predominately agricultural and while only approximately ten per cent of its land is under cultivation 6,000 cars of produce were shipped to the northern markets in 1938.

Although the Irish potato is an important crop, this county also grows enough vegetables, livestock, poultry, feed and general crops to make it the outstanding farming county in the South.

## INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Baldwin County offers ideal advantages for the location and erection of new industries. Abundant supplies of raw material such as timber, both pine and hardwood, cotton, grains, fruits, vegetables, turpentine, rosin, fish, oysters, beef cattle, milk, wool, etc., can be had.

Water, rail and highway transportation is available. The main line of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad runs through the county with a branch from Bay Minette through the rich agricultural section to Foley. Baldwin has the most modern system of highways of any rural county in Alabama, having 200 miles of hard-surfaced roads. The county is blessed with several navigable rivers; is bound on the south by the Gulf of Mexico and the intracoastal canal and on the west by Mobile Bay. The Alabama State Docks at Mobile are only a short distance away.

There is an abundance of good labor at fair wages. Proof that Baldwin is an ideal location for industries is the fact that those already here are prospering. They have never been bothered with labor troubles.

## VACATION CENTER

### IDEAL CLIMATE

### BEAUTIFUL SCENERY

There is both fresh and salt water fishing in Baldwin County. Fishing in the Gulf, bays and rivers is possible during the winter months as in the summer season.

Local hunters and those who go to Baldwin from other places find good sport with guns and dogs. A variety of game is to be found practically all over the county. There are two good golf courses in this county which are in use all the year.

This county can be crossed in any direction on paved highways and there are miles of beautiful scenic sections for the autoist. The numerous beaches of the county, bordering along the gulf and Mobile Bay, supply everything from wading to surf bathing.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Baldwin County is rich in historical traditions. Some of the old battle grounds and forts are still evident and one of the show places in the county is Fort Morgan which is considered one of the best preserved forts in the country. Some of the major battles of the Civil War were fought on its soil.

## POPULATION

Baldwin County is populated by a thrifty, intelligent and industrious people. The newcomer who is desirous of seeking a home here will find a warm and hearty welcome.

The population of Baldwin County is well over 34,000, the greater part living on farms. The principal towns are Bay Minette, the county seat, Fairhope, Foley, Loxley, Robertsdale, Stockton, Silverhill, Elberta, Summerdale, Daphne, Perdido and Magnolia Springs.

## HOME - SEEKERS

The mild year-round climate which is so suitable for outdoor life, the opportunities which the Gulf and the rivers afford the fisherman, the supply of game for those who hunt, fine bathing beaches readily accessible, the parks, good highways reaching every part of the county, and its location only a few miles away from the cities of Mobile, Alabama and Pensacola, Florida, makes Baldwin an unusually favored district for people who can afford year-round country homes, or who wish ideal winter or summer cottages.

The system of consolidated schools has been in effect in Baldwin for a number of years. Ample playgrounds and equipment as well as athletic fields go with the buildings. Some forty odd school busses are provided to collect and distribute the children.

Practically all church denominations have congregations in the county.

**Baldwin County Commission**



# The Baldwin Times

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## Story Of Baldwin Times Shows Steady Progress

Started At Daphne In 1890, Bought Once For \$75

By Gene Thomley

Through 13 editorships and almost as many ownerships the Baldwin Times has steadily progressed from its birth in Daphne May 26, 1890 and has played an important role in the county's history.

Started as the Daphne Times 22 years after the county courthouse was moved to Daphne, George H. Hoyle, a real estate dealer in Baldwin and a bee-keeper in Mobile county, published the paper with the first editions being printed in Mobile.

At the beginning the Times was a four-page, six-column sheet and while entirely different from the present publication, was a modern weekly for its time. The subscription price was \$1 per year and the advertising was 50 cents per inch, though it was later raised to \$1.

### Bought For \$75

For the meager sum of \$75, \$15 down and \$10 per month, Abner J. Smith assumed control of the paper in 1894, editing it longer than anyone else. The plant then consisted of a subscription list of 250, not half of them paid up, and Mrs. Smith, his widow, recalled having as many as 50 bushels of potatoes at a time, received in payment for subscriptions.

The motto of the paper was "The Greatest Good to the Greatest Number." Throughout Mr. Smith's control as editor, he worked for the progress of the county and strove to improve its condition when the county barely contained 10,000 people.

### Moved to Bay Minette

After the courthouse moved to Bay Minette in 1901, the paper moved with the county government and shortly thereafter, on the first issue of the paper was issued, with a special edition on the dedication of the courthouse.

Mr. Smith continued to guide the destinies of the Times, but his health had been steadily failing and January 12, 1905, he sold the paper to The Baldwin Times Publishing Company, composed of W. C. Dinwiddie, director; Ira B. Jones, president; Charles Barclay, vice president; W. D. Stapleton, treasurer; Ira B. Jones was the first editor during the directorate's control but he was rapidly succeeded by a succession of followers.

Editors during this time were W. C. Dinwiddie, Feb. 22, 1906; Eugene L. Colley, Nov. 5, 1908; Dave Holt, Jan. 6, 1910; John S. Hunter, Aug. 4, 1910; Leslie Hall and John McDonald edited the paper at some time during this era but the exact date of their control is unknown.

### Smith Comes Back

His health improved somewhat, Abner Smith resumed ownership of the paper June 8, 1911 and continued until near his death Feb. 16, 1922. After his death, his widow, Mrs. Pearl Kessler Smith, sister of Jesse Kessler, clerk of the probate court, edited the paper in an admirable manner until May 6, 1922, when R. B. Vail bought the paper.

While Mrs. Smith was head of the Times she adopted the motto, "The Greatest Good to the Greatest Number" weekly for local news

## B. C. H. S. Juniors To Sponsor Dance Soon

The junior class of Baldwin County High School will sponsor a dance at the local CCC camp next Friday, February 10 with Jimmy Fondren's King of Swing orchestra scheduled to furnish the music for the affair.

Sponsored by the junior class to raise funds for the annual junior-senior banquet to be held this spring, the class hopes to raise a good sum in order to be able to finance the banquet.

The dance will be script and is expected to last from 9 p.m. until one o'clock.

in the state," a motto which might well apply to the present paper.

During the last years of Mrs. Smith's control, W. M. Moore assisted her and when Mr. Vail bought the publication, he edited the paper until he came down from Birmingham to assume control. Mr. Vail's wife and his brother, T. L. C. Vail, helped Mr. Vail get out the paper for a greater part of the time.

Jimmy Faulkner, a graduate of the University of Missouri, became editor of the paper Oct. 1, 1936 and though Mr. Vail still remained publisher, he sold the paper to the present owner shortly afterward, Feb. 15, 1937.

### Paper Has Seen Changes

Many changes have taken place on the pages of the Times since its beginning. Ads, which were formerly found on the front page are now excluded from the front and editorial pages. Patent medicine ads, which of old were the bulk of advertising matter, are almost extinct now and short classified ads have been removed from the social column.

The Times formerly contained as much or more foreign and national news as local news, but the lineage today is exclusively local news, or that news which has an importance locally.

The paper has been enlarged from 4 to 8 pages and the columns which were formerly six to the page have been changed to seven. Several special editions have been published during the paper's existence and for a short time, under Mr. Dinwiddie's control, the Times published a colored feature section.

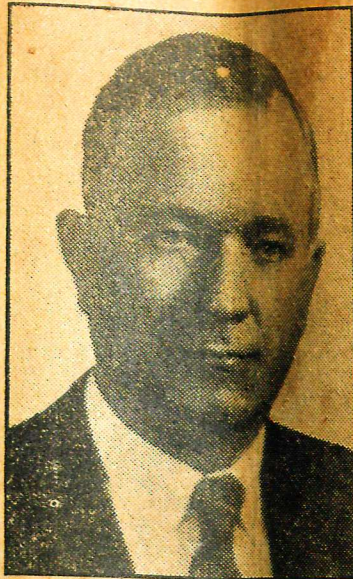
Nor has the paper always been in the present location at Bay Minette. At first it was in the present building used for a courthouse annex and later it was on the east side of courthouse square, on the location of the present Dixie Cafe.

### Young Editor

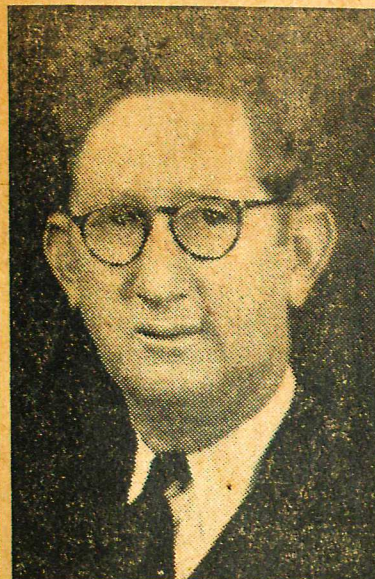
When Jimmy Faulkner assumed control he was the youngest newspaper publisher of the state and the only one that was graduated from a school of journalism. The Times was one of the first papers of the state and South to adopt the streamline head make-up. The classified advertising section of the Times is reputed to be the most complete in local coverage in the state and the University of Alabama journalism class last year selected the Times first in the state for local news coverage.

The circulation of the Times reaches every county postoffice and more than half of the states of the Union.

## Fathers of County Government



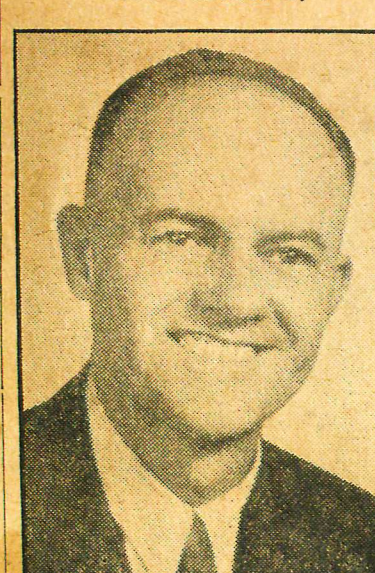
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Hubert M. Hall is solicitor and commissioners are Clyde Weekley, chairman, J. E. Gaston, B. F. Bryant and J. B. Childress.

## Adjustment Payments Over For Farmers

B. D. Hendrickson, in charge of crop adjustment payments in Baldwin County, said today that checks for cotton price adjustment in 1937 had been virtually complete to all county farmers.

Applications are now being received for soil conservation allotments for the year and were due to be finished in a few weeks. Payments for legume plantings and cotton retirement last year are scheduled to begin March 1 and last through the month.

## County Residents Affected By Gale

Side-swipings of the destructive hurricane that hurtled across the nation and Deep South were felt in county neighborhoods Sunday.

Several trees around Bay Minette and Stockton were blown down or twisted from their roots and at least two reported that the wind took roofs away from their house-tops. A sleeting, heavy rain fell through the afternoon, one of the heaviest of the season, and a cold snap ensued Monday morning, both holding possible dire consequences to county potato growers if such conditions continue.

## 500 Employed In County By Gov't

Nation, County And City Give Work To Keep Functions Up

Excluding the county road engineer, who has under his direction more than 100 men, and the education department, which employs approximately 300 teachers and bus drivers, there are more than 100 government employees in Baldwin County.

Not all of these officials are paid by the county. Some are state officials and some work for agencies of the national government. By and large, however, the main working force of county employees are located in the county courthouse or its annex or in the basement of the Bay Minette post office.

W. Ramsey Stuart is the county sheriff and J. M. Franklin is justice of peace officer in his court. Mr. Stuart's deputies are A. P. Pruitt, chief deputy and Ben Kucera, assistant deputy. There are around a dozen special deputies or constables situated in the county and there is also a jail force, with Johnny Davis as head.

### Smith Collects Taxes

Jesse Smith is tax collector, with his sister, Miss Mary Smith, assisting him. He will be succeeded Oct. 1 by M. H. Wilkins, who defeated him in the last primary.

Edmund Tunstall is tax assessor and assistants include Rudolph Cromartie and Ina Mae Herron.

G. W. Robertson is judge of probate and Jesse Kessler is clerk of the probate court. Assistants in the probate office are Mrs. Sally Mayo, Herbert Weston and Mrs. Marie White.

The board of revenue is composed of Clyde Weekley, Perdido, chairman, district one; Bertram Bryant, Bay Minette, district two; James Gaston, Fairhope, district three; J. B. Childress, Foley, district four. G. Mac Humphries is clerk of the commissioners court.

### Rodgers Is Engineer

E. N. Rodgers is county engineer and office assistants are Murray Crim, Harry Bill, Theodore Nihart and Camelia Hall.

R. S. Duck is clerk of the circuit court and Nan Alice Thompson is deputy clerk.

Officers in the county health department are W. G. McKibbin, sanitary engineer; Dr. Bruce Nelson, county health doctor; Pauline Marshall, county nurse; Grace Brannan and Mrs. Otis Richerson, secretaries.

Miss Verna Patterson is county home demonstration agent with Mary Edith Baggett and Jessie Lawson as secretaries. Located in the same building are officers of the county farm and staff. E. E. Hale is county agent; W. H. Johnson acts as assistant; B. D. Hendrickson and his assistant, Sam Tompkins, manage acreage allotments. The office force is composed of Myrtle Hale, Lambert Smith, Lorraine Hall and Louise Monroe.

Those assisting Mrs. Mary Moore English in the county welfare department are Mrs. Mary Lou Kyser, Vivian Cain and Mrs. Florence King.

Other than these, there are various officials of government agencies covering the county for such work as unemployment compensation, liquor control, regulation of wages and hours, income tax collection, etc.



# THE BALDWIN TIMES

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## God's Gift To Baldwin County

■ No newspaper could be starting on its fiftieth year of publication in Baldwin County without being thoroughly convinced of the bountiful natural advantages bestowed upon this great geographical sub-division of Alabama by our Diety.

When this land and county were made in the beginning of time by the great Creator it was endowed with almost all advantages that any citizen could ask for. It was almost completely surrounded by water and interspersed with navigable streams, lakes and many other smaller streams that were destined to contribute to making this one of the leading resort and fishing centers of the South. Baldwin was fortunate when it was blessed with its water resources.

Land is always important, and this county was given plenty of it — good land with fine soil. Being endowed with a moderate climate and fertile soils, this was bound to become the most diversified farming county in Alabama. Almost any crop, including fruit, can be raised here.

Timber is another thing that was made to flourish here and it now contributes well over a million dollars annually to the income of Baldwin citizens. Pine trees grow faster in this section than in any other in the United States, according to government surveys. From the pine comes turpentine, lumber and paper wood. And in the vast bottom lands also may be found hardwood timber in abundance.

In the beginning God was good to Baldwin County.

Since the creation of this land many important historical events have taken place on it and naturally this has helped to attract tourists to the county. It also makes an edition like this all the more interesting to read.

During the past few years great strides have been made in developing the county. Baldwin proudly boasts of the best road system of any rural county in the state with almost 200 miles of hard-surfaced highways. This has been brought about by the fine system of county government, believed to be another "best in the state."

Schools are modern and the qualifications of teachers are high. Almost all churches are represented in the county. There are many leading civic organizations for men; music, study and other clubs for women, all of which broadens and adds culture to the individual citizen. Health conditions are extremely favorable with several towns 100 per cent sanitated.

Farmers of Baldwin on the whole are progressive and energetic. They diversify their crops and as a consequence their cash income is higher than the average. They take advantage of the long growing season of over 300 days a year and their yearly average income is over \$3,000,000.

Many resorts have sprung up and tourists are coming to the county in larger droves each year. A few industries have found their way here and they have plenty of good labor and have never had labor

troubles. Transportation in the county is highly developed with railroads, highways and water.

God is being good to Baldwin County.

Although the county has developed rapidly in recent years, as yet it has not even scratched surface. Advantage has not been taken of many of the natural resources. The major part of Baldwin's history will be written about the future and not about the past. Baldwin is so large in area and its land potentialities are so varied in scope that it is impossible for a human to predict accurately what may develop.

Even though Baldwin is the largest county east of the Mississippi river and larger than the state of Rhode Island, it has a population of less than 35,000. Less than 10 per cent of its fertile lands are in cultivation. Miles of its waterfront property is undeveloped. Parks could be made of many historic battlegrounds. Some day these things will come into their own.

Timber resources are going to waste in many instances, but some day paper and pulp mills will locate in the county and take advantage of the many advantages. Many crops that can be produced profitably are not being cultivated. Although it has not been mentioned elsewhere in this edition, efforts are being made to find oil here — and who knows? It will not be long before starch plants will spring up in the county to manufacture starch from the abundant supply of sweet potatoes. Livestock development has just begun. More eggs are produced in this county than in any other in the state, but poultry production has by no means reached its peak.

Today a large percentage of the land is owned and controlled by large companies or big land-owners. Some day public sentiment will demand that some of these large tracts be broken up into smaller farms, and it will be done, or else . . .

Industries will some day see the advantage that the county offers and then our farms will be supplemented with factories. With the progressive citizenship that it has, Baldwin is destined for great things.

And God will continue to be good to Baldwin County.

## About This Edition

■ The Times is proud of this Golden Anniversary Edition because it not only represents fifty years of successful publication but during this time it has witnessed and been a part of the phenomenal history and progress of Baldwin County.

Naturally in such a large edition there will be some mistakes but we have made every effort to keep them at a minimum. Although we have tried to make this issue complete, one must realize that it is impossible to cover everything of importance in any single edition, regardless of size. There are over 100 pictures in the edition.

The complete publication was edited and published in the Times office and has been in preparation for over three months. Much of the reportorial work and editing was done by Gene Thomley, Times news editor, with David Holt, former editor of the Times, offering his able assistance at various intervals. C. A. McDonald was in charge of the advertising and the mechanical work was done by C. T. Sims, Lawrence Guess and Evans Cline. The frontpiece was drawn by Harold Sims, of Montgomery, brother of the Times printing foreman.

The Times would appreciate it if its readers would show their appreciation by dealing with those firms that have placed their ads in this issue. They are reliable business institutions and most of them have contributed much to the growth of this county.

After reading this issue, we suggest you pass it on to someone else who might be interested in Baldwin County. We hope you enjoy it, if so we have accomplished our objective.

## Baldwin Is Home To Many Nations

### Migration Started In 18th Century, Still Is Continuing

● Settlers of many nationalities and states have displaced the native Indian on Baldwin's land to constitute the most racially diverse county of Alabama.

Alexander McGillivray, one of the first settlers of importance, was of Scotch parentage but shortly thereafter William Pierce, a Connecticut Yankee, came to Tensaw to start Alabama's first public school near the Fort Mims site.

DeSoto, Pineda, LaFayette, Aaron Burr and noted personages of history have passed through the county and Andrew Jackson made his camping grounds here one winter.

A settlement of Italians came to Daphne in 1888 to be one of the first group of settlers in the county. A group of British Tories and Scotch planters had been living around Stockton, Tensaw and Blacksher since the late eighteenth century.

The Fairhope Single Tax Colony was established in 1894 and three years later Scandinavians settled near Silverhill. A German mi-

gration to Elberta began in 1905 and the next year a group of Polish natives came to south Baldwin.

A settlement of communistic Greeks began in 1909 near Daphne, the same year as a group of Canadian and North Dakotan French came to Fairhope.

Amish Mennonites of German descent from Arizona came to the county in 1917 and a group of the same clan from the Mid-Western states came within the last few years. Around 1913 a group of Croatians and Yugoslavians settled around Perdido.

The boundaries of Baldwin County have been large enough to afford homes for peoples of every state in the Union and every European country except Spain, Bulgaria and Turkey.

## Correction!

● The Peoples Theatres of Alabama have an ad elsewhere in this edition and the name of the Bay Minette theatre in it is the "Baldwin" — After the ad had been run off the management decided to let the name remain "Rex" instead of renaming the new show place that is to open next week.

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## Efforts Being Made To Restore Fort Mims

### Scene of Massacre By Indians And Their Chief, "Red Eagle"

• Since the "Prosperity Edition" of the Baldwin Times, in 1937 carried an article about Fort Mims and the massacre that occurred there in 1813, that account of the place and its history has been republished in many newspapers and magazines throughout the country.

Peter Brannon, curator of the State Department of Archives and History has written and syndicated one of his most interesting Sunday stories on the subject and there has been developed a new state and national interest in the scene of the greatest of all the massacres by Indians of American pioneers.

Little has been done in the way of carrying out the promise that the old stockade fort and block-house would be restored and used as a shrine and museum, housing all available relics and souvenirs of Fort Mims and the slaughter that occurred there. However, the road leading to the fort site from the Bay Minette-Monroeville highway has been somewhat improved and persons interested in the restoration of the fort on Boatyard Lake are still working on our congressman and senators to obtain the neces-

sary Federal cooperation, and the use of part of the fund set aside for such patriotic purposes.

In the meantime, there has been an increase in the number of tourists and other visitors seeking the site and the monument erected nearby by the Daughters of 1812. The subject has not been dropped. Mims is an important spot on the tour which The Baldwin Times and other lovers of history will continue to promote. A tour which includes such spots as Fort Morgan, Spanish Fort and other points within the county where history was made.

### Fort Mims Massacre

Occasionally some traveler, more intent on visiting places where history was made than in following the tourists' beaten path, finds the way to the bank of Boat Yard Lake, in the northern part of Baldwin County, Ala., where stood Fort Mims, scene of a massacre of pioneers by Creek Indians that led directly to most important historical consequences.

Until the CCC camp at Little River built and marked a trail from the Bay Minette-Monroeville road to the ancient fort site the place was hard to find and almost inaccessible except in dry weather. Now it is easy to find and not difficult to travel by automobile. One mile north of Blacksher postoffice the guide post and trail will be seen to the left, or west, of the road, and from there the route meanders through woods and along old fields to a marker indicating the location. Other signs point the way so there is no danger of getting lost.

The U. S. Daughters of 1812 have erected a cairn of rough marble near the site of the stockade with a tablet bearing this inscription:

"In Honor of the Men, Women and Children massacred by Creek Indians in Brave Defense of Fort Mims, August 30, 1813. Erected by U. S. D. 1812 in Alabama, 1917."

Col. H. L. Landers, of the U. S. Army War College, with W. D. Stapleton of Bay Minette, Hamp-

ton D. Ewing of New York, and other members of the Baldwin County Historical Society, visited the site of Fort Mims a few years ago. They readily identified the spot where the mess hall stood within the stockade by piles of broken china, remains of chimneys and other evidence.

The two wells that supplied water within the fortification and that were filled with bodies of scalped and slaughtered victims at the time of the massacre were located as was a ravine mentioned in narratives of the event and the point where the block house, defensive strong-point, stood.

Army archives contain complete drawings and description of the stockade and its structures and both Senator Lister Hill and Col. Landers have assured the historical society that they would urge their restoration in event means of travel to the place was provided.

With this in view Mr. Stapleton and Mr. Ewing had a survey made and purchased ten acres of land embracing the fort site and part of the surrounding area, which land they are holding for the society, of which Mrs. L. J. Newcomb Comings, of Fairhope, is the president.

### Many Relics Saved

Franklin Paul, planter, who owns the surrounding land and formerly cultivated a part of the fort site has preserved a large number of relics found there, including watches, coins and weapons of the pioneers as well as tomahawks and other belongings of the war party. The Baldwin County Historical Society hopes to establish there a museum that will contain some of the many mementos of Red Eagle, leader of the Creeks, who lived and died in the northern section of Baldwin County. He is not generally held accountable for the Fort Mims Massacre, wherein few of the 550 persons who sought refuge there escaped alive.

### Red Eagle's Grave

William Weatherford, known as Red Eagle, at least won the friendship and confidence of General Andrew Jackson, following the crushing defeat of his braves at Horse Shoe Bend, and now rests in a lone grave near Dixie Landing, which can be reached by trail leading from Little River Post-office, where the highway crosses the river, and where it is possible

for tourists to obtain a guide.

The massacre at Fort Mims hastened the opening of the deep South, expulsion of the Spaniards and the preparations of Jackson's pioneers for the successful campaigns against the British at Fort Bowyer and Chalmette.

Historian Brannon, in the Montgomery Advertiser, gives the additional information that Sam Mims, for whom the fort was named, emigrated to the Tensas country about the time of the American Revolution, and was said to have been a royalist, opposed to

the fight against English rule.

He tells that an early road from Millageville, Ga., to Mississippi Territory, passed near Boat Yard Lake and crossed the Alabama river over Hollinger's Ferry to proceed to St. Stephens; that Mississippi Territorial troops, under Major Daniel Beasley, were holding the fort at the time of the massacre; that Beasley was a native of Virginia. He also says that some of the members of the Mims family survived the massacre, and may have been absent from the scene on that eventful and awful day.

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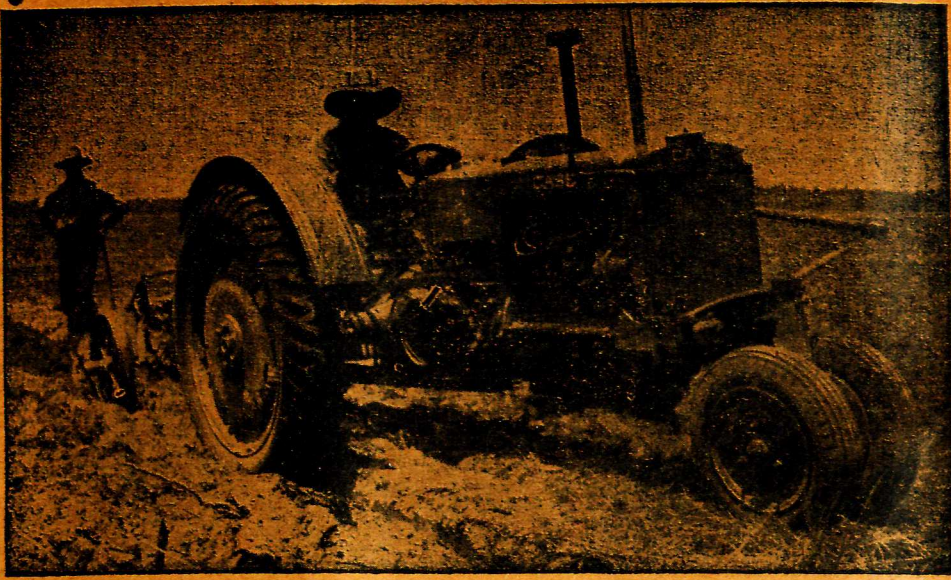
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## Baldwin Farms Are Well Mechanized



(Courtesy of Perkins Development Company).

■ E. E. Hale, County Agent, said in a recent statement that Baldwin farmers use improved farm machinery more than in any other section of the state.

Tractors, four-row cultivators and harvesters, silage cutters and other farm machinery adapted for modern farming are found in large numbers on county farms. Baldwin probably has fewer mules than any other county in Alabama.

Rudolph Krupinski of Foley is shown plowing a 160-acre tract of newly-cleared land, preparing for planting. In 1937 Mr. Krupinski sold \$13,338 worth of farm products, consisting of Irish potatoes, roasting ear corn and field corn.

## State American Legion To Hold Convention Here

2,500 Delegates Are Expected To Meet In County In July

● Representative of interests of Legionnaires of the entire county, Baldwin County Post No. 99, with headquarters at Legion Hall in Foley, is one of the most active chapters of the state.

In addition to the modern armory which it owns in Foley the

Legion operates a night club in Fairhope for the benefit of Legionnaires and their friends. In a county as large as Baldwin several large posts would be impractical as the county Post is composed of members throughout the county. The semi-monthly meetings are rotated, one being in Foley and the next in one of the townships so that each district may participate. Loxley, Bay Minette, Foley, Fairhope, Belforest, Robertsdale and Summerdale each have a district vice-commander.

One of the main activities of the post is the sponsoring of appropriate Armistice Day celebrations each year. The celebration alternates each year between Bay Minette and Foley. Among the features each year are public speaking and patriotic ceremonies,

a football game between Bay Minette and Foley, contests and a dance. Plans are being made to have an annual gridiron clash between Fairhope and Robertsdale as a feature of the day also.

In recognition of its outstanding work, the state legion will hold its annual 1939 convention in Baldwin County in July. Over 2500 delegates are anticipated from the 102 posts in the state at the convention to be held in Fairhope.

Post officers of the county are Thomas A. Yeend, Fairhope, commander; Gus Bertagnolli, Sr., Daphne, vice-commander; Gordon G. Stimpson, Daphne, adjutant and finance officer; George Holk, Foley, chaplain; Ed Hiles, Loxley, historian, and Fred E.

● Practically every known variety of American flower grows or is cultivated in the county most of them being raised out-of-doors.

Smith, Daphne, sergeant at arms. The executive committee is made up of Dr. Claude G. Godard, Fairhope, chairman; Jerome Price, Foley, James W. Sandlin, Magnolia Springs and Fred E. Smith, Daphne. Hilding J. Lindquist of Foley is the service officer.

The district vice-commanders are Norman Durant, Bay Minette; James W. Cyphers, Foley; Ed L. Hiles, Loxley; Ben E. Simms, Belforest; Charles L. Matthews, Robertsdale and Ed Tietgen, Summerdale.

● A. G. Allegri of Loxley owns the old Hammet house of Daphne, one of the oldest homes on the Eastern Shore. The tassellated limestone facing of the home is valued by some at \$30,000.

● More than 4,000 acres of tung trees are planted in Baldwin County, the highest acreage in the state unless Mobile County can approach that figure.

● Fairhope's 1800 foot municipal pier jutting into Mobile Bay is one-third of a mile long and is electrically lighted to the end.

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## Many Women's Clubs Active In Baldwin

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studied first.

To further the interest of the library, of which the travel club was an auxiliary but functioning independently, the club became interested in promoting civic improvement.

By May, 1930, the travel club had reduced the library indebtedness, improved the grounds around the library, added adult and juvenile books to the shelves of the library and sponsored a flower show.

Through 1936 the programs included the study of America. In 1934 the name of the club was changed to Robertsdale Woman's Club. In 1938-39 Mrs. C. F. Taylor was re-elected president; Mrs. R. O. Collins, vice president; Mrs. J. S. Holland, secretary and Mrs. George Baldwin, treasurer.

The club at present is promoting the planting of oaks on the street which leads from town to the high school. Trees will be planted on both sides of the street, and will be called the "avenue of oaks." W. R. Duckworth, the town marshal, has planted a lovely holly tree downtown, and the planting of more trees will be an objective of the club next year.

### Junior Beethoven Music Club

In the year 1929 Mrs. I. F. Simmons, music instructor in the Baldwin County High School, organized the Junior Beethoven Music Club in the school.

Since that year it has been an active club, and the members have been greatly benefitted from the instructive and interesting programs that are given once a month during the school year.

The club celebrates special days such as Alabama Day, MacDowell programs and others.

Among the councilors of the club have been Mrs. I. F. Simmons, Mrs. W. H. Fail, Mrs. John Chason, Mrs. H. R. Weston, Miss Annie Hastie and the present one is Mrs. E. E. Hale.

Last year the Mignon Music Club felt the responsibility of the club and decided to sponsor it, its conciler being chosen from the membership of the senior club. The club is accomplishing great things this year under the leadership of Mrs. Hale and their president, Lillie Martin Franklin.

### Baldwin County Junior Music Club

The Baldwin County Music Club was organized in December, 1930, having an average enrollment of twenty members from nine communities.

Each meeting is conducted by the members of the entertaining communities, who are responsible for the musical program, business meeting, social hour and refreshments.

Besides stressing piano and violin solo work, the club has a violin ensemble, an orchestra, a toy band and chorus.

For two years the club's annual report won first place, that of 1935 having been sent to the Junior National Bulletin. In 1936 the club's scrap book won first place in the state.

This club is fortunate in having

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Lundberg of Silverhill as director and counselor.

### Bay Minette Juvenile Music Club

The Bay Minette Juvenile Music Club was organized by the Mignon Music Club in September, 1937, and federated the following December. There are 25 active members.

Officers are: Margaret Ruth Alexander, president; Glennis Robinson, vice president; Barbara Woodward, secretary; Betty Buck, treasurer and Josephine Merrill, reporter.

Meetings are held monthly, with each member taking part on program. The life and works of famous musicians are also briefly studied.

The objective of the club is to improve general knowledge of music and musicians and to learn to perform with ease before an audience. Mrs. L. D. Whatley is club counselor.

### Fairhope Music Club

The Fairhope Music Club was organized on September 20, 1937, and became affiliated with the National Federation of Music Clubs shortly thereafter.

The music club has 58 members, sponsors a junior club, a mixed chorus and a study group. Last year they held nine meetings, six of which were open to the public.

The following officers are making the music club one of the outstanding organizations in the state by promoting the interest in and appreciation of good music in Fairhope: Mrs. Kirby Wharton, president; Mrs. James E. Gaston, vice president; Mrs. J. R. Campbell, recording secretary; Mr. Charles Passage, corresponding secretary and Mrs. C. A. Gaston, treasurer.

### Stockton Junior Music Club

The Stockton Junior Music Club was organized in 1938 by the Mignon Music Club of Bay Minette with Mrs. O. W. Byrne of Stockton as counselor.

The club meets twice a month, using varied programs of interest to all.

The officers for this year are: Anne Bryars, president; Mary Mason, vice president; Ruth Cox, secretary and Brown Mason, as treasurer.

### Better Homes Club Of Foley

The Better Homes Club of Foley was organized as an individual home demonstration club in November, 1935. Officers elected were Mrs. Harry Larinan, president; Mrs. J. L. Troyer, vice president; Mrs. Winn Martin, secretary and Mrs. Lawrenz as treasurer.

The year 1936-1937 began with Mrs. L. A. Magney as president; Mrs. Eugene Simmons, vice president; Mrs. Winn Martin, secretary and Mrs. Joe Tagsher, treasurer. The club established a yearly fund of \$50 for the elemen-

tal library. This fund is given by the county, with an annual twenty per cent disbursement for cash, making a total of \$100.

Day in 1937 was held in Foley, and the Better Homes Club had one of its members elected county council president, Mrs. L. A. Magney. Club officers for the year 1937-38 were Mrs. L. A. Magney, president; Mrs. Eugene Simmons, vice president; Mrs. Percy Steele, secretary and Mrs. Joe Tagsher, treasurer. Mrs. Steele was not able to fill her position due to ill health and was succeeded by Mrs. Arthur Holk. Later in the year Mrs. Holk's place was filled by Mrs. Herbert Lunsford.

Officers for 1938-39 are Mrs. Winn Martin, president; Mrs. C. L. Hendrick, vice president; Mrs. Herbert Lunsford, secretary; Mrs. Lawrence LaFlam, treasurer, and Mrs. A. N. Hayselden, parliamentarian and reporter. The club began the year as a member of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. H. C. Dreis, one of the club members gave a total of \$300 to be used for needy children, and charitable purposes. About 80 children are being served milk daily at the school, with the cooperation of the teachers.

### Roster Of Federated And Unfederated Clubs

Bay Minette Study Club, Miss Clara Hall, president.

Baldwin County Writers Club, Mrs. P. A. Grassfield, Fairhope, president.

Progressive Study Club, Mrs. L. J. Hooper, Bay Minette, president.

Daphne Woman's Study Club, Miss Hazel Couch, president.

Business and Professional Women, Inc., Mrs. Edith Getty, Fairhope, president.

Business and Professional Women, Inc., Miss Maggie Lee Causey, Bay Minette, president.

Tuesday Club, Mrs. Clara Stewart, Fairhope, president.

Five Arts Club, Mrs. D. O. Bryant, Stockton, president.

Junior Bay Minette Study Club, Miss Ann McMillan, president.

Baldwin County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, Mrs. L. A. Magney, Foley, president.

Better Homes Club, Mrs. Winn Martin, Foley, president.

Loxley Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. Roy Wilson, president.

Summerdale Woman's Club, Mrs. Jack Wilson, president.

Fairhope Homemakers Club, Mrs. E. L. Wood, president.

### Federated Music Clubs

Mignon Music Club, Bay Minette, Mrs. Cly T. Smith, president.

### Unfederated Clubs

Foley Woman's Club, Mrs.

Marshall Crosby, president. Robertsdale Woman's Club, Miss Fanny Hoard, president.

Summerdale Book Club, Mrs. W. I. Cleverdon, president.

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# Many Women's Clubs Active In Baldwin County

## Aims To Stimulate The Intellectual Educational, Civic And Social Life

### Federation Holds 26th Semi-Annual Meeting In November

• The Baldwin County Federation of Women's Clubs had its 26th semi-annual meeting last November. It was organized by Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings of Fairhope shortly after the World War.

A lovely tribute was paid Mrs. Comings January 15, when the Lydia J. Comings Memorial Scholarship was dedicated with impressive ceremonies at the rooms of the Tourist Club in Fairhope.

This scholarship, which is a revolving fund, by which Baldwin County girls may receive two years training at the State Teachers College, Daphne, was founded as a tribute to the outstanding civic and social work done by Mrs. Comings during her many years residence in Baldwin County.

Federated and unfederated women's clubs in Baldwin County are outstanding in their accomplishments.

The study and music clubs, home demonstration, civic and garden clubs, business and professional women's clubs, and the junior music and study clubs among the high school girls readily places Baldwin County high in club standing.

Club life aims to stimulate the intellectual, educational, civic and social life among its members. Its purpose is being constantly achieved.

#### Summerdale Woman's Club

The Summerdale Woman's Club was organized in 1910 with ten charter members and Mrs. W. A. Foster as president. Of these ten only Mrs. W. I. Cleverdon is still an active member.

In 1917 the Summerdale club was admitted into the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, thus having the distinction of being the first club in Baldwin County to become federated with the state. Mrs. A. N. Hayselden was president at that time.

The club's cooperation with the school has meant much to the community, as it helped in obtaining the funds to help build the first schoolhouse. It was through the efforts of the club that a library was established, containing between 1200 and 1500 volumes.

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In 1929 the club joined the county council of home demonstration clubs. In 1938 the club was honored in having Mrs. George Engel win first place in the county public speaking contest. This year the club contributed to the Lydia J. Newcomb Comings Memorial Scholarship, gave medical aid and other necessities for needy children of the school. They always send a 4-H girl to camp every year and the expense of sending leaders to leadership schools is always sponsored by the club. At present there are 36 members, with Mrs. A. T. Wilson serving as president. The club boasts of 29 unbroken years of service.

#### Foley Woman's Club

Giving the children of Foley a merry Christmas was the inception of the Foley Woman's Club in 1921. At the entertainment 800 were present, 400 children receiving gifts. After such an arousing of community spirit it was decided to continue the meetings, so in January 1922 officers were elected for the group, which was known as the Community Welfare Association. During the first year the work was chiefly philanthropic.

In 1923 the first town clean-up day was inaugurated, and the Foley Civic Library was established. In 1924 the planting of trees began in the parkway for city beautification. In 1925 the name of the group changed to the Foley Woman's Club.

In 1926 a girls glee club was sponsored, a garden committee was formed to lay plans for a flower show, now an annual event, and the custom of lighting a large Christmas tree in the parkway was established.

In 1927 Mr. Dries donated a permanent library building and a donation was made by the club to the Mary Strudwick Scholarship fund. The first Better Gardens and Lawns prize was awarded in 1928 and in 1929 more intensive plantings were made of azaleas and crepe myrtle. City beautification being mainly stressed in 1930 and 1931.

From 1932 through 1935 philanthropic work was stressed as these were years of dire need. In 1936 both a spring and fall flower show was held, which is now an annual custom. In 1937 the girls glee club was reorganized.

In 1938 the club sponsored a project to decorate the streets of Foley with ornamental lights at Christmas time. Permanent electrical equipment was bought, and a contest was held on the lighting of outdoor Christmas trees in the residential district, and decorating and lighting of windows in the commercial section. The present project in the club is the placing of permanent street markers in Foley.

Mrs. Marshall Crosby is the president of this club.

#### Elberta Junior Club

At the request of Miss Verna

Patterson, home demonstration agent, the Elberta Junior Home Demonstration Club was organized October 21, 1937, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Magney, president of the Baldwin County Council.

The greatest joy of the club has been in giving toys, candy and fruit to the needy families in Elberta around Christmas.

The present officers of the club are: Hilda Keppler, president; Maebelle Wilcox, vice president; Elizabeth Bergman, secretary and treasurer; Hedwig Bitto, news reporter.

#### Bay Minette Study Club

The Bay Minette Study Club was thirteen years old on January 6, 1939. Nineteen women of like interest responded to the call of Miss Clara Hall to meet with her for the organization of a club. The membership at first was limited to 20, and later was increased to 25. Twelve of the charter members are still on the roll.

The first president of the club was Mrs. S. A. Y. Dahlberg, who, realizing the value of united womanhood, urged federation with the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and participation in their program for education, civic improvement and child welfare. The club federated the second month after it was organized.

In their extra educational program the study club joined other clubs in the county in establishing the Mary Strudwick Scholarship of \$1,000, which is now complete and revolving, has maintained a scholarship in the Baldwin County High School of Bay Minette, and awards a prize of \$5 each year to the girl making the highest average in English. Alabama Day and Education Day are observed with special programs to which guests are invited. The favorite topics for the yearly programs are new current affairs and reviews of outstanding books followed by discussions.

Outgrowths from the study club are the Mignon Music Club, Junior Study Club and the Progressive Study Club.

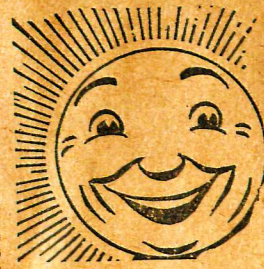
The Bay Minette Study Club is one of a federation comprising 2,000,000 women for active participation in public questions. At present the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs is being supported by the Bay Minette Study Club in asking the legislature for an appropriation for a library commission, change in poll tax and legislation of voting machines. **Mignon Music Club of Bay Minette**

The Mignon Music Club of Bay Minette was organized in January, 1927 at the suggestion of the Bay Minette Study Club, of which Mrs. S. A. Y. Dahlberg was president, with 20 charter members.

It was affiliated with the Alabama Federation of Music Clubs in May, 1927. The motto of the club is "Study music in order to beautify your heart and beautify your own heart in order to make this world more beautiful to others."

Miss Annie Smith was the first president and Mrs. Herbert R. Weston, director. Following Miss Smith a number of splendid presidents have served the club: Mrs. Herbert R. Weston, Mrs. G. Hunter Norwood, Mrs. W. H. Fail, Mrs. J. D. Crosby, Mrs. E. E. Hale and Mrs. Cly T. Smith.

The Mignon Music Club is rated among the highest in the state and will receive 100 per cent rating at the state convention in Birmingham in April. The present officers are: Mrs. Cly T. Smith, president; Mrs. P. G. Cane vice president; Mrs. Clint L. White, recording secretary; Mrs. M. M. McMillan, corresponding secretary; Mrs. G. W. Robertson, treasurer; Miss Eleanor McMillan, historian; Mrs. W. H. Fail, ac-



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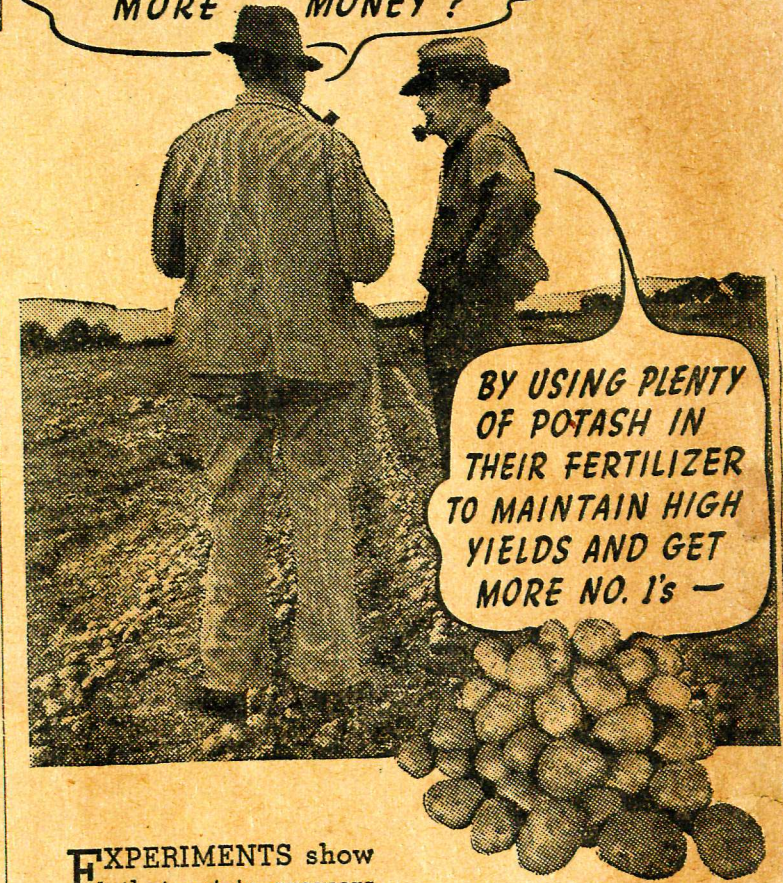
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## Demonstration Work Aids Farm Home Life

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• The cry of "Yonder comes the tomato woman," formerly heralded the county demonstration agent in Baldwin County, but any attempt to confine present home demonstration work in the county to tomatoes alone is far from right for this service extends into almost every phase of home life.

Miss Mary Killibrew, who organized nine tomato clubs in the county, was the "tomato woman," but since her time a number of capable successors have filled the office.

Those following her were: Miss Lillie Wetzel, Mrs. W. J. Noble, Mary Strudwick Yarborough, Essie Hester, Margaret Garrett, Eunice Agnew, Laura Lewis and Verna Patterson, the present agent.

Around 350 farms have definitely seen some changes as a result of home demonstration work. This has been done by teaching them how to supplement their income by other means, refinishing furniture and the making of furniture from simple objects.

Knitting and the cultivation of flower and vegetable gardens is also taught.

#### Two Organized Clubs

The program is carried on through two community organizations, the Baldwin County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs and the Baldwin County Council of 4-H Clubs. Last year there were 527 women enrolled in 17 home demonstration clubs and 563 girls enrolled in twenty-two 4-H clubs, making a total of 39 clubs and 1093 members, an increase of 279 members over 1937.

A total of 468 method demonstrations were given in the county in 4-H and home demonstration club work, with 8,940 attending.

On a poultry tour 15 were attendants and 225 women attended the county rally, while 450 club girls went to a rally. The agents participated in 53 other meetings of extension nature, with an attendance of 7736.

#### Can Extensively

Baldwin County club women

canned 44,718 quarts of fruits and vegetables last year, valued at \$15,853 and in addition sold \$800 of fresh fruits and vegetables. The annual Christmas market, held in Bay Minette, Foley and Fairhope each December, brought in \$203.14, a slight increase over 1937.

A total of 218 mattresses were made under the guidance of Miss Patterson with both Farm Security and home demonstration members cooperating, at a saving of more than \$700 and 9130 pounds of lint cotton and 2232 yards of ticking was used to consume surplus cotton.

#### 4-H Officers

The county council of 4-H clubs, composed of both boys and girls, has for officers: president, Mary C. Guarisco, Fairhope; vice president, Homer Garner, Fairhope; secretary, Minnie Pearl McCurdy, Summerdale; treasurer, Roy Sims, Daphne; song leader, Freida Koehler, Elberta; yell leader, Herndon Murphy, Stockton; reporter, Mazie Nelson, Fairhope.

The Baldwin County delegation of nine girls which attended the western division of the state short course in Auburn, won three loving cups and every girl placed in some honor. They were: Miss Estelle Penry, Fairhope club; Miss Freida Koehler, Foley club; Miss Mildred Brantley, Fairhope club; Miss Maebelle Wilcox, Elberta club; Miss Mazie Nelson, Fairhope club; Miss Mary Lazzari, Fairhope club; Miss Marion Rhodes, Summerdale club and Miss Grace Rains, Fairhope club.

#### Demonstration Clubs

Home demonstration clubs in the county and their officers are: Belforest, Miss Eva Penry, secretary; Better Homes Club of Foley, Mrs. Herbert Lunsford, secretary; Central Fairhope Club, Mrs. Minnie Clay, president; Cross Roads Club, Mrs. Edna Broughton, secretary; Daphne, Mrs. Ellen Hanson, president; Elberta Junior Club, Elizabeth Bergman, president; Elberta, Mrs. K. Bergman, president; Fairhope Homemakers Club, Mrs. Augusta Stuersel, president; Josephine, Miss Lizzie Chrenco, secretary; Loxley, Mrs. Mary Robinson, secretary; North Fairhope, Mrs. Elsie Dyer, president; Silverhill, Mrs. Louise Lundberg, president; Sonora, Mrs. T. B. Rhodes, secretary; Summerdale, Mrs. Frank J. Loutner, president; Tensaw, Miss Corrie Hall, president; Wetzel, Miss Cecile Hall, president.

More than \$1200 was handled by home demonstration clubs last year for scholarship, library, food and clothing for needy families and other charitable work.

#### Foley Wins Honor

The Better Homes Club of Foley was judged the best in the state

## Are You Interested In Figures Of County?

• In case you care for figures below is a list of statistics about Baldwin County compiled from the 1930 census. A checkup today would probably show a considerable increase in every computa-

tion. The Wetzel Club of Loxley is the oldest in the county. Outstanding work of some of the clubs includes, sponsoring Girl Scout troops, selling Christmas Seals, planning for eradication of syphilis, giving entertainments, celebrating Alabama Day, discussing issues of national government, knitting, embroidering and making furniture.

The list could run on and on. A report of all the clubs would fill a volume. Other outstanding activities includes, planning, improving local health conditions, gardening, observing special occasions, sponsoring libraries, making and selling cheese, and beautifying homes.

Estelle Penry, Belforest, canned 3200 quarts of vegetables and fruit last year to win recognition for her 4-H work with a trip to Chicago. Miss Merle Brock, Loxley, was recognized as county queen of 4-H clubs at the Mobile Fair. Aline Brantley won a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress for her work in food preparation. Mildred Brantley of Bay Minette, was awarded a badge for the conning championship of Baldwin County.

Maebelle Wilcox, Elberta, won state honors in the Auburn style review. Mary Guarisco, Daphne, pays her family's light and ice bill with money saved by doing her own baking.

The housewives and mothers of today are marching forward with their daughters in excellent program of home-improvement. May the work continue in the future as it has in the past.

tion.

Population, more than 28,000, (estimated at 34,000-35,000 today); population, 18 per square mile; value of farms, \$11,000,000; employed in industries, 10,000; value of manufactured products, \$3,500,000; assessed value of property, \$16,495,297.

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• A large oak tree with a limb spread of 125 feet, standing at the avenue of ancient oaks two miles north of Daphne, is said to have been the camping ground of Andrew Jackson in his march to Pensacola in 1814 and is called by the natives "Jackson's Oak."

Standing on the site of an obliterated, bayshore town termed as "The Village," these stately oaks have seen history in the making. Indians, Spanish, French and Confederate and Union forces have all held councils, sought enemies or camped beneath their limbs.

Arrow heads and other Indian implements found in the area indicate that India tribes had councils here and it was here that Alexander McGillivray, astute Scotch trader and super-diplomat, met with various tribes of the Creek confederacy and served in his multiple capacity the governments of Spain, Great Britain and the thirteen states of the Americas.

It was here that Spanish cavaliers bivouacked as they journeyed to Spanish Fort, a few miles north. It was here that Jackson held his last council prior to the taking of Pensacola from the British. And here the little village of comfortable home and well-laid out streets existed over a hundred years ago to be destroyed, like Blakeley, by yellow fever. It is here that Admiral Farragut's navy landed to reinforce land troops in the attack of Spanish Fort and Blakeley.

Louis D'Olive, pioneer French settler of the village once had three slaves and an overseer captured by the Spanish and taken to Pensacola. As the story goes, General Jackson heard of the incident and at once sent a note to the Governor of Pensacola saying: "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and a scalp for a scalp." They were released immediately. Nearby is the D'Olive cemetery, evidently on the family plantation, where graves with obliterated inscriptions still lie.

### Battles Wharf Is Vacation Center

• Battles, formerly Battles Wharf, is a thriving vacation center today, but the heyday of the Eastern Shore resort was in the "Gay Nineties" when the village was a center for pleasure seekers for miles around.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hutchings built the home-like Beach Hotel at this time and attracted many summer and winter visitors. A well-built log house, said to have been built with slave labor, was transformed into a dining room where Hutchings, a native of England, gave an Old World touch to the meals.

Later Captain W. B. (Buck) Curran, jolly bay boat captain, built the Battles Hotel a little further up the beach with a large wharf, pavilion and bath houses and ran moonlight steamer excursions to the place. The Beach Hotel, burned recently, has been rebuilt and is now under the direction of Miss Grace Hutchings, daughter of the original proprietors, while the Battles Hotel still stands.

Modern Battles is a beach offering safe and attractive bathing, the conveniences of electricity and plumbing and convenient bus schedules to Mobile. If some of the older guests miss the Sunday steamboat service, the "long-handled" bathing suits and the former novelty of "going in washing" with the womenfolks, we will say nothing of what the Eastern Shore visitors of today are missing.

• A. Bertolla and sons of Loxley netted \$115,000 on farming operations in 1936.

## Several Ghost Towns Exist In Baldwin As Result Of Moving Trends

• Shifting population trends and abandoned industries leave behind them ghost towns, some forgotten in time, as evidence of a once glorious past.

In Baldwin, Blakeley with a population of 8,000 at one time and a rival to Mobile as a seaport, is the most famous of local dead cities. But what has become of Alabama City, the former Fairhope, Tensas Bluff, once Stockton; Montgomery Hill and Pierce's Landing, on the site of the present Tensaw, or Sibley's Mill or D'Olive, predecessors of Bay Minette?

Morrison, once a flourishing saw mill village between Dyas and Perdido, is covered by pine forests. Carpenters is hardly a stop on the L. & N. railroad by now. "The Village", below the present Bridgehead has only groves of oaks laid out along once busy avenues as evidence that people lived there.

Where are the outlying villages of Claire and Byron, around Perdido, once inhabited but now unheard of? What is known of the industry of Roscoe, west of Orange Beach; of Gasque, between Bon Secour and Fort Morgan; Styx

on Styx River; River Park, below Marlow; Sumatra, between Robertsedale and Seminole, or Elkhart, below Stapleton?

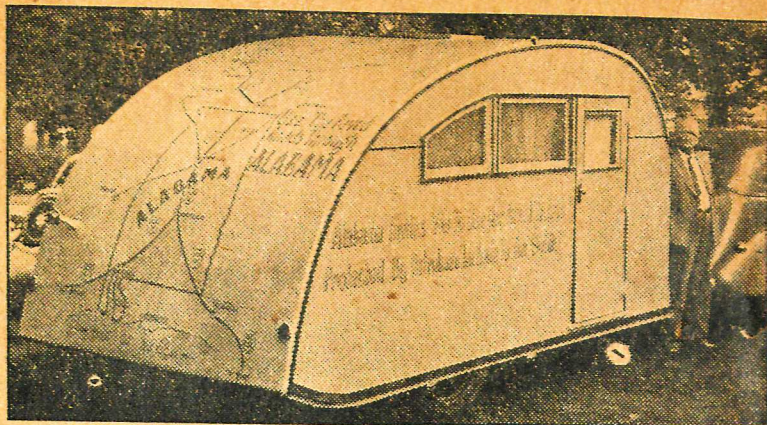
Bromley is almost uninhabited by now. Park City was once on the site of the present Bridgehead. Pendro, above Loxley, has vanished into the past and Cavanac, the predecessor of Barnwell, is remembered only by old-timers. Van Kirk, a small settlement below Rosinton is forgotten, as are probably other villages in the county of which history has no record.

### Nunez Ferry Operates From 1815 To 1919

• Nunez Ferry, operating from 1815 - 1919 as a ferry boat service to travelers across Perdido River from Mobile to Pensacola, has been displaced by a bridge, but it is still one of the land marks in the eastern side of the county and is the forerunner of the Old Spanish Trail.

Henry Allen Nunez, who helped build a road to Pensacola, operat-

### Trailer Advertises Alabama, Baldwin



■ A. B. McPhaul, former state representative, made a tour of the country in this trailer, advertising the virtues of Baldwin County and the state to the nation's tourists. An honorary president of the American Auto Tourist's Association, Mr. McPhaul was instrumental in persuading the body to hold their convention in Fairhope last year.

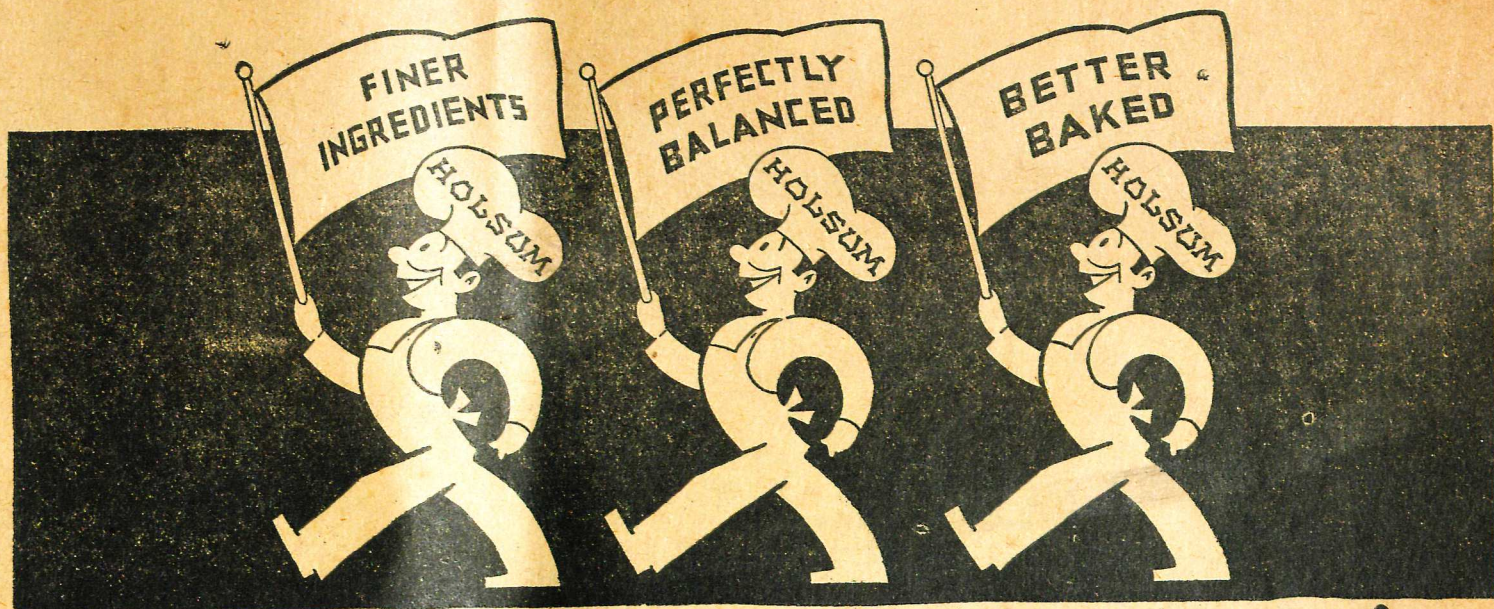
ed the ferry in order that there might be a stage coach route between Mobile and Pensacola. The sixty miles of almost impassable roads were made in twelve hours regularly each day. From Blakeley, boats were used to Mobile and every six miles post-houses were located where fresh horses were kept in readiness.

Live Oak Springs, just west of the ferry; the old Robinson place at Rosinton; the Stapleton place near Loxley, and the William P.

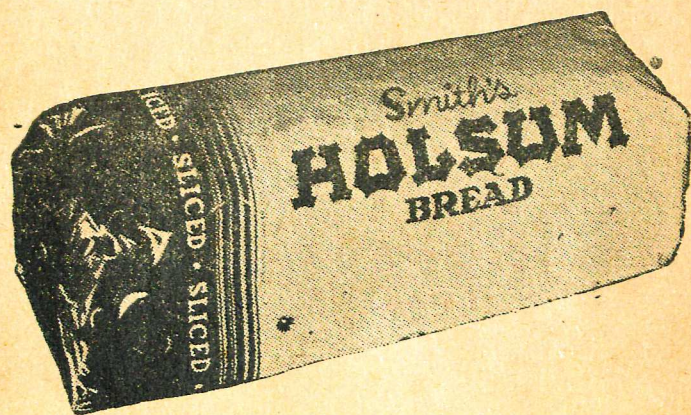
Hall place between Stapleton and Loxley were some of the stops enroute.

Nunez was a member of the Florida Legislature in 1840 and in 1849 he received the land on which the ferry was located by a United States grant from Zachary Taylor.

• Baldwin County has a higher percentage of foreign born citizens than in any county in the state.



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## Daphne's Catholic Church



■ Daphne's Church of Christ the King, built in 1937 and officially dedicated last December, is the newest church of the county. Father J. J. Loftus is pastor.

Excepting Mobile County, Baldwin has a higher percentage of Catholics than any section of the state. Churches are located at Daphne, Fairhope, Point Clear, Bon Secour, Summerdale, Foley, Elberta, Elsanor and Vernant Park.

## Baldwin's County Government Was Formerly In Daphne - Moved In 1901

### Is Seat of Daphne Normal School And Largest State Pottery

● Daphne, the home of Daphne Normal School and once the seat of county government, is one of the oldest and was once the largest of the bayshore towns.

Once the possessor of a bank, a newspaper, two hotels, a courthouse and several large mercantile businesses, Daphne today is smaller than formerly but is on a more stable basis and is an incorporated town.

D. P. Eddins is mayor of the town, which is incorporated for an area of two square miles, and councilmen are J. J. Andrews, Gus Bertagnolli, Mack Baggett and L. A. Lowell. Howard Gaillard is clerk of the session, which meets every second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Steamers with ferry service formerly made two trips daily to Mobile, but since the building of Cochrane Bridge over Mobile Bay they soon ceased operation. Private piers and docks which once teemed with activity are for the most part idle or used only as private boat moorings.

There are two sawmills, a sizeable paperwooding operation and a pottery in the town. Several make their living from fishing and turpentine and in the outskirts

of town profitable truck farms are operated. The pottery, owned by C. V. Dryer and managed by Ed Grace, is the largest in the state and is famed for the quality of its work. Jars, ornamental work, jardinières, urns and garden pots are turned out daily and the demand for their products is said to be very good.

Approximately 400 people reside within the city limits and the summer and winter tourists who rent or own homes there would swell that figure considerably. Belforest and Spanish Fort residents get their mail from Daphne route and some make it their trade center.

In 1907, six years after the county courthouse was moved to Bay Minette, the county gave the old courthouse and jail to the state to house the Daphne Normal School, which started operation two years later.

Attracted by the nearness of the school and the mild climate the school became popular with those of the district seeking teacher training.

Vicissitudes of ups and downs has been the school's fortune and political maneuvering has kept it from securing funds needed to keep its education status on a par with similar normal schools.

While the equipment and range of courses at Daphne is not as complete as in other colleges the school is very cheap and the train-

## A. Kahalley Dep't Store Oldest In City

● A. Kahalley Department Store is one of the oldest and most exclusive stores in Bay Minette. It was started in 1904 in a small building across the railroad track by A. Kahalley. In 1905 the business was moved to a building on Railroad Street.

As business increased a larger home for this firm was needed. In 1907 the store was moved to the corner of First Street and Hand Avenue, where business was conducted for eight years. Realizing that his future was in the heart of Bay Minette, Mr. Kahalley decided to erect his own building and home, which is the present location on Hand Avenue.

Mr. Kahalley is a native of Beyrouth, Syria. He has made his home in Bay Minette for the past 35 years and is one of the oldest and leading citizens and has done much to help Bay Minette grow. —Adv.

● Most Alabamians are accustomed to think of Fort Gaines and Fort Morgan as the only defenses protecting Mobile Bay in the Civil War — but a third fortress, Fort Powell, situated on Grant's Pass at Dauphin Island, was also heavily armed for Union invasion. Lt. - Col. James M. Williams was the commanding officer and his son, Powell, living today in Mobile, was named in honor of the fort.

ing offered is thorough. Around \$90,000 lies in the state vaults for the school now awaiting appropriation.

Former appropriations made to the school have never been given out except for small operating funds allocated yearly. Aroused interest on the part of local citizens indicates that the school will soon obtain funds to attain an educational position of prominence.

● The town of Foley was named for J. B. Foley, one of the pioneer citizens of the town who started the Foley Development Company there in 1905.

● Baldwin County is noted for its celebrations and conventions held in various towns. Some of the towns having various events are Fairhope, Fourth of July and Labor Day celebrations; Daphne, May Day; Foley and Bay Minette, Armistice; Silverhill, fair; Foley, Deep Sea Rodeo; Elberta, Glee Club concert; Point Clear and Stockton, Memorial Day program.

● Fairhope's Fourth of July program attracts more people than any town in the section and it is known as "one of the biggest little Fourth of July celebrations in the South."

● It is closer from Mobile to Pensacola or from Mobile to Biloxi than it is from one end of Baldwin County to the other. The distance from Little River to Gulf Shores is 82 miles and from Little River to Fort Morgan the distance is 94 miles. A man could drive all day and still not visit every community in the county.

● Belforest 4-H club girls evidently know the knack of winning Chicago trips as honors for their excellence in club work. For the past three years Belforest girls, who were members of the Fairhope 4-H club have won trips to Chicago. Estelle Perry was the last to make one of these trips.

● According to F. W. Gist, statistician for the State Department of Agriculture, Baldwin County has only 5 per cent of her cultivated land planted in cotton.

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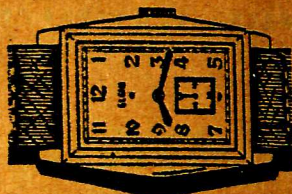
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## Cotton Farmers Must Apply For Acreage Quotas

Applications Taken Not Later Than Feb. 15, In County

• Farmers who are operating farms this year on which no cotton has been planted during the past three years but who still desire to plant must make application for a cotton quota before February 15, according to B. D. Hendrickson of the county agent's office.

Cotton quotas for farms where no cotton has been planted during the past three years are provided from a state reserve and farmers wanting to plant in 1939 who have not been notified of 1939 quotas, should meet with their committeeman at one of the places shown below and make application for a cotton quota.

Loxley, Defilippi's hall, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 8:30 to 11:30.

Belforest, Simms' store, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Robertsdale, old school building, Thursday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Summerville, Kennedy's platform, Thursday, Feb. 9, 1:30 to 3:30.

Daphne, A. A. Trione's store, Friday, Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Fairhope, town hall, Friday, Feb. 10, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Barnwell, schoolhouse, Friday, Feb. 10, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Foley, Vocational school building, Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Elberta, farmer's hall, Saturday, Feb. 11, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Stockton, Ricehrson's store, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Tensaw, Till's store, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

## Interesting Books Now In Library

• Among the new books that have been recently secured for the city library, Mrs. T. W. Gilmer, chairman of the library board, says that two are especially worth reading.

One, "A Southerner Discovers the South," Jonathan Daniels, is and accurate, sympathetic treatment of the South by the editor of the Raleigh, N. C. News-Observer and was written to counteract the violent charges hurled at the South by a government investigating agency.

The other, "While England Slept" is an illuminating treatment on the European war situation by Winston Churchill, leading English parliamentarian. Excerpts from parliamentary speeches are taken to show England and other democracies of Europe that they must be prepared for German violence that may possibly start another world-wide war.

Due to the demand, a taxidermy book has been ordered and also an adventure book of Frank Buck's. A number of children's books have been ordered, according to Mrs. Gilmer.

Blacksher, Mrs. J. W. Earle's store, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Little River, P. B. McConnell's store, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Bay Minette, county agent's office, any time before Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Notices of 1939 cotton quotas for farms on which cotton has been grown during the past three years were mailed from the county agent's office on December 7. Where a cotton grower is operating the same farm in 1939 that he had in 1938 and has been advised of his 1939 cotton quota, it is not necessary for him to make another application. No applications for cotton quotas can be accepted after February 15.

## Rural Electric Project Begins Schlich Reports

80-Mile REA Wiring Due For Completion In Month's Time

• Carl Schlich, Robertsdale, project supervisor of the REA rural electrification project in the county, said this week that work on the 80 miles of additional lines was well under way.

Clearing of right of ways began last week, he said, and within a few weeks poles and wires will be erected. Within a month the project is due for completion, according to plans, unless unforeseen circumstances delay the project.

Principal areas to receive new lines, that have hitherto been unserved are: Barnwell, Silverhill to Fairhope; north of Silverhill to south of Loxley; Vernant Park, Josephine, Miflin, Gulf Shores, Romar Beach, the Brady road south of Bay Minette; a short extension at Little River and a short extension at Stockton.

Mr. Schlich advised all families along the anticipated new lines to make preparations immediately if they intend to have electricity in their homes.

## State Liquor Checks Help County Towns

• E. Roy Albright, chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in Alabama said this week that the agency had achieved its twin goals of 1938 — enforcement and revenue — with a net profit of \$2,278,219 and a trend in sales from hard liquors to wines.

According to the 1938 report the following Baldwin towns received 20 per cent of the earnings of their state stores, drawing these checks: Foley, \$1,416; Fairhope, \$654; Robertsdale, \$583.

Each county whether wet or dry, according to the report, received \$3,000 for school funds and a like amount for public welfare and health funds.

## Goat Meat Costly In Baldwin County

• Leslie Bryars and Henry Thompson, both of Bay Minette, found out Tuesday that there's more than one way of getting a goat.

Officers arrested the pair for alleged theft of two goats from the Tom Hadley farm near Dyas Monday. It was charged they stole and butchered the goats and a larceny charge was filed against them.

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## Fairhope Rotarians Sponsor Project

• The Rotary Club of Fairhope, at their meeting last week, voted to sponsor a poultry project for 4-H club girls, in the Fairhope-Daphne section of the county as outlined and presented by Miss Verna Patterson, home demonstration agent.

The club, through the cooperation of Kirby Wharton, president of the Bank of Fairhope, has arranged for local 4-H club girls to borrow money to start a 4-H club poultry project.

Miss Patterson presented the project, having in mind teaching the club members how to borrow money and the responsibility of paying it back. The committee working on the 4-H club project includes, L. W. Snitzer, chairman, J. T. Bradford and Rev. J. J. Loftis.

After the girls are approved for the loans, one or two Rotarians will be appointed by the 4-H committee to personally supervise and encourage one girl through visits to her farm.

This project has worthwhile possibilities and was made possible through the keen interest in 4-H club work of James H. Bennett, principal of the Fairhope High School, and Rev. M. Hoffman, president of the Rotary Club.

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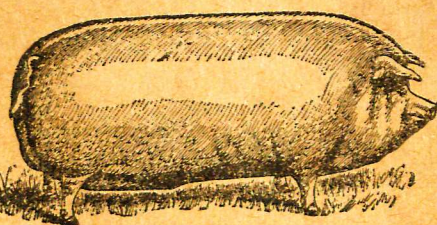
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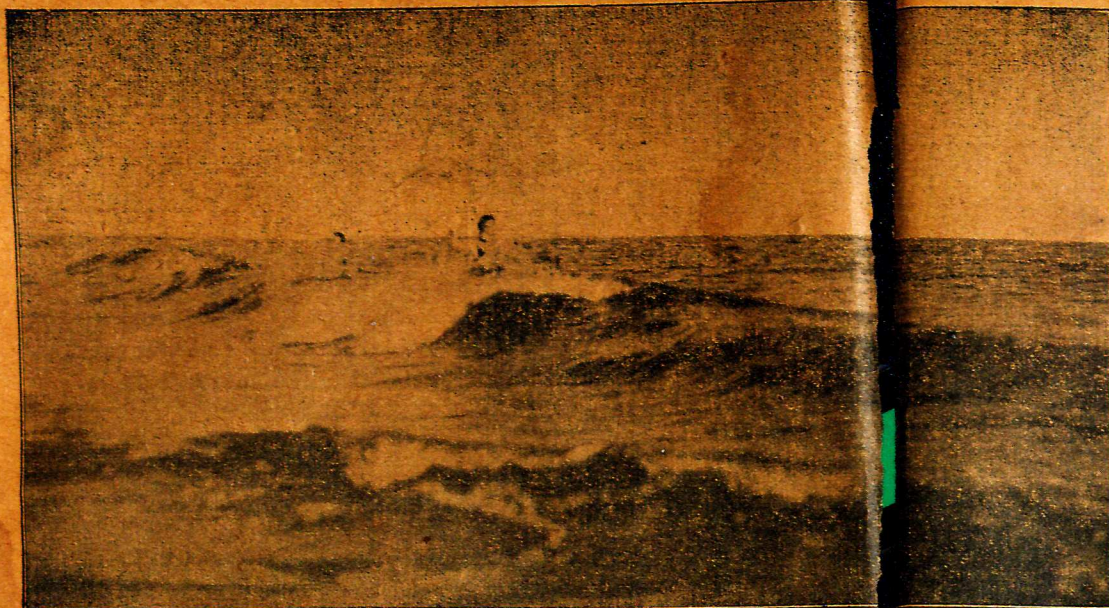
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## Facing South America and Ports South At Gulf Shores



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■ Surf bathing at Gulf Shores is unexcelled anywhere in the nation. The wave-lashed beaches of Baldwin's southern extremity is becoming more popular with lovers of salt water each year.

Paved roads connect the section with all points north and accommodations for tourists are continually improving there. Only a short distance out are to be found wary game fish and ancient Fort Morgan is only a few miles away.

## Bay Minette Has A Fine Library

### Has Fine Collection Of Books — Integral Part Of City Life

● Beginning humbly with a few volumes in the jury room of the county courthouse, Bay Minette's town library has grown until it is now an integral part of the town.

With the Woman's Civic Association, non-existent now, as a sponsor, the book collection was started in 1922 with the bulk of the accumulations coming from donations.

Later a room to house the books was rented near the present site of Chancellor's Grocery and it was not until 1929 or 1930 that the present handsome library building was secured. Hampton D. Ewing, by giving a land site and by contributions, was instrumental in securing the present building and in honor of this work the building was named for him.

Bay Minette's city council financed the building and own it at present, using part of the space for rooms for town officers and giving the rest to shelf books.

At present the library has more than 4,000 books upon its shelves as well as a collection of maga-

## 33 Postoffices Serves Baldwin Citizens

● From Chrysler, in the southern edge of Monroe County to far-flung Gasque and Lillian, Baldwin County mail carriers serve a greater area than those of any county in the state as they deliver communications from the outside world to 33 postoffices.

Mail delivery operations center in the Bay Minette postoffice, which sends out mail to all points

zines and periodicals. One of the prize collections there is a shelf of autographed books, from various authors of fame, a remarkable collection for a small town library. The fiction department is more complete than any other but the history collection is good also, having several valuable documents of state and Confederate history.

A library committee serving without pay manages the operation of the library. Mrs. T. W. Gilmer is chairman of the committee and Mrs. J. T. Bradley and Mrs. Natalie Feulner assist her. In the afternoon, high school girls usually serve as librarians.

Although the library was formerly run on a subscription basis, it is now entirely free, except for a few recent books which are rented to readers. No expenses are paid for operation of the library and all book additions are made from donations or the little money collected from rent payments.

except the Eastern shore section which gets mail from Mobile, and Josephine, Gasque and Lillian, which are on the Pensacola route. Seminole is served from Muscogee, Fla., and Miflin may be reached from either Bay Minette or Pensacola.

Bay Minette, Foley and Fairhope have second class ratings on postoffice transactions and Robertsdale, Daphne, Loxley, Elberta and Summerdale are third class offices. The remaining postoffices are fourth class, the list including Barnwell, Battles, Blacksher, Bon Secour, Caswell, Dyas, Gasque, Hurricane, Josephine, Latham, Lillian, Little River, Magnolia

Springs, Miflin, Montrose, Orange Beach, Perdido, Perdido Beach, Point Clear, Rabun, Seminole, Silverhill, Stapleton, Stockton, Tensaw. The Bromley, Scrantage and Lottie postoffices have been discontinued within recent years. Also, within the county is a rural boat delivery service, the only one in the nation, a service extended to residents of the Magnolia and Fish River sections. Fairhope and Bay Minette trans-

● The Silverhill Farmers Association, composed of 370 farmers living around Robertsdale, did a total business of \$250,000 last

acted \$9600 worth of net business in 1935, enabling them to become second class offices and the following year Foley got the same rating. Lottie is served out of the Atmore route and Bay Minette serves Chrysler, across Little River in Monroe County.

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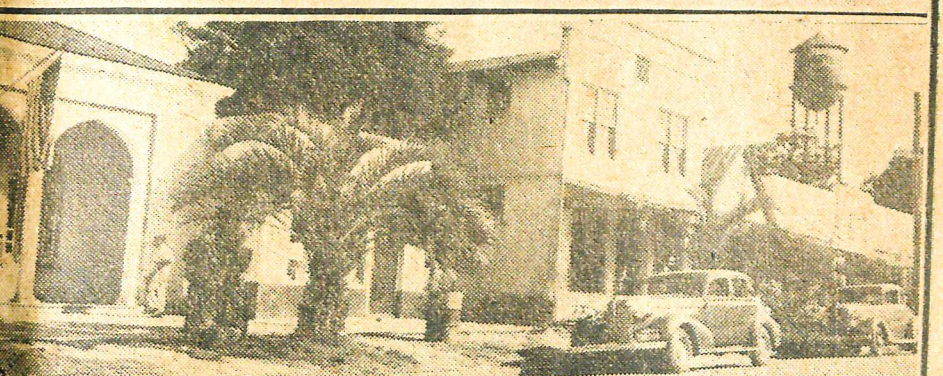
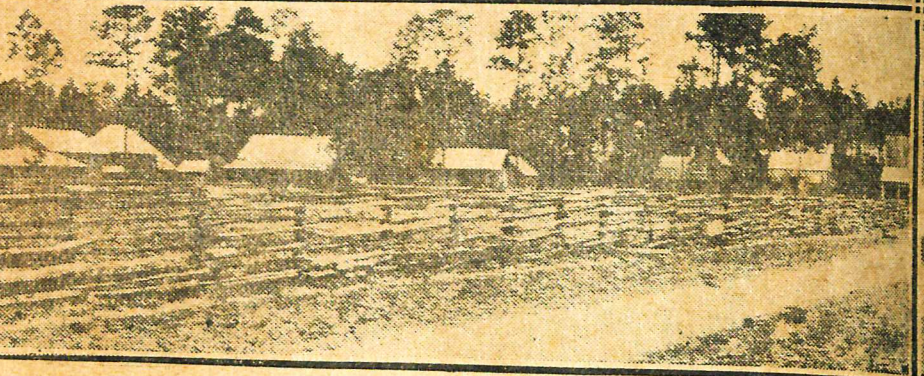
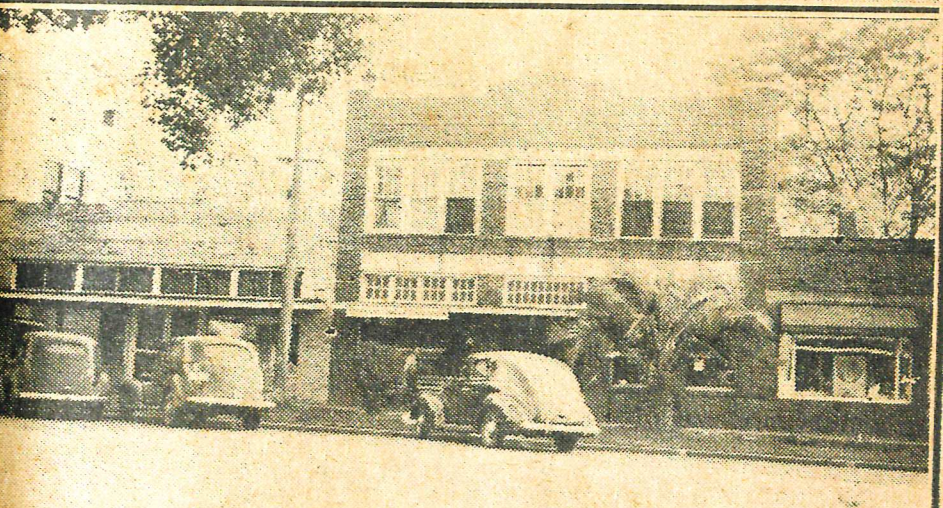
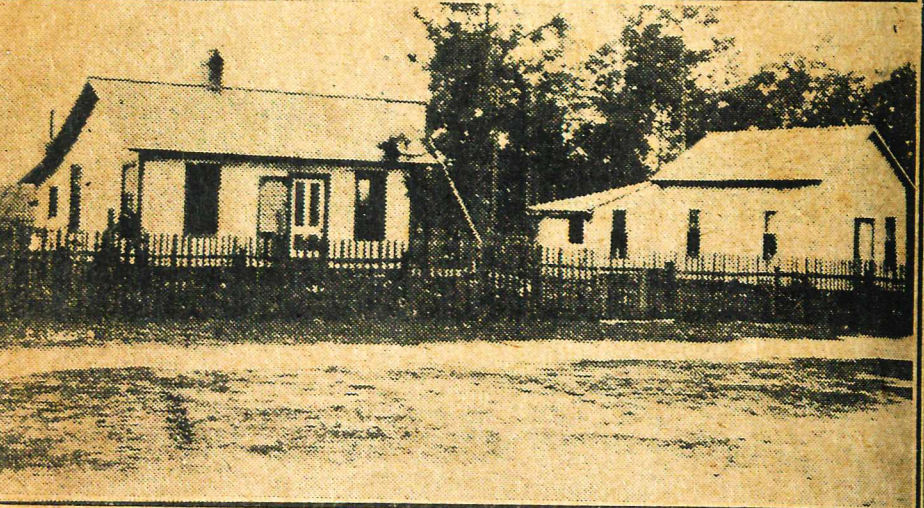
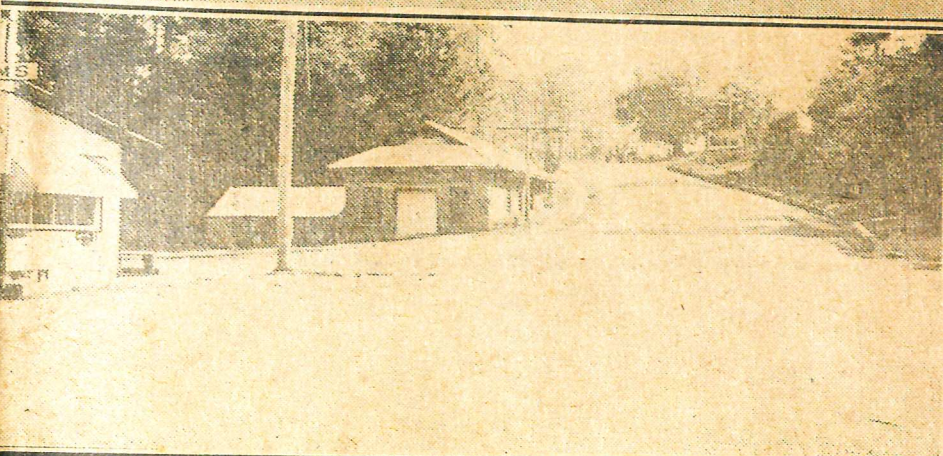
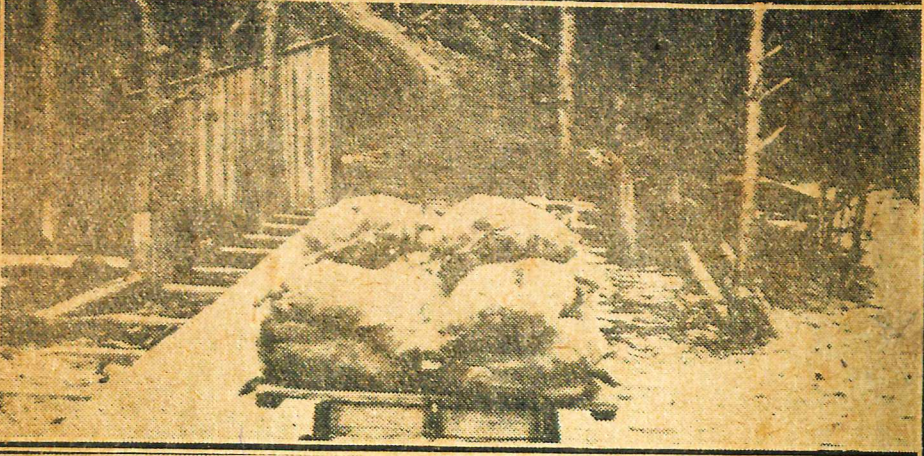
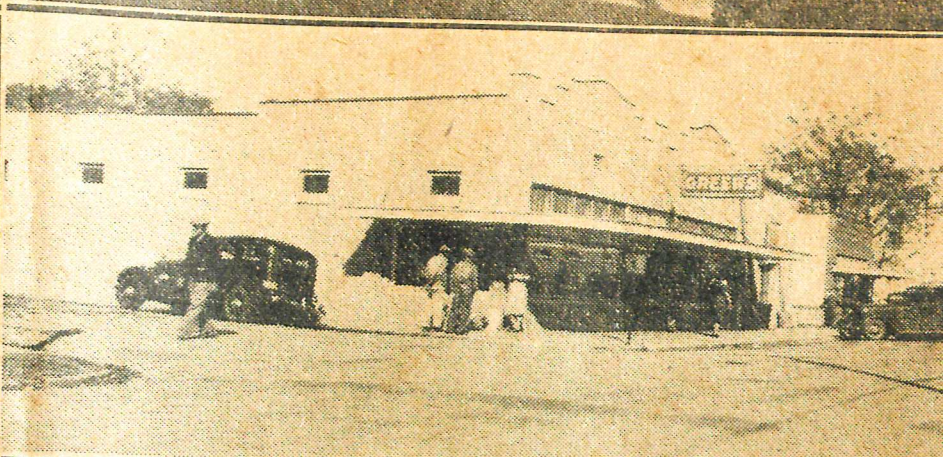
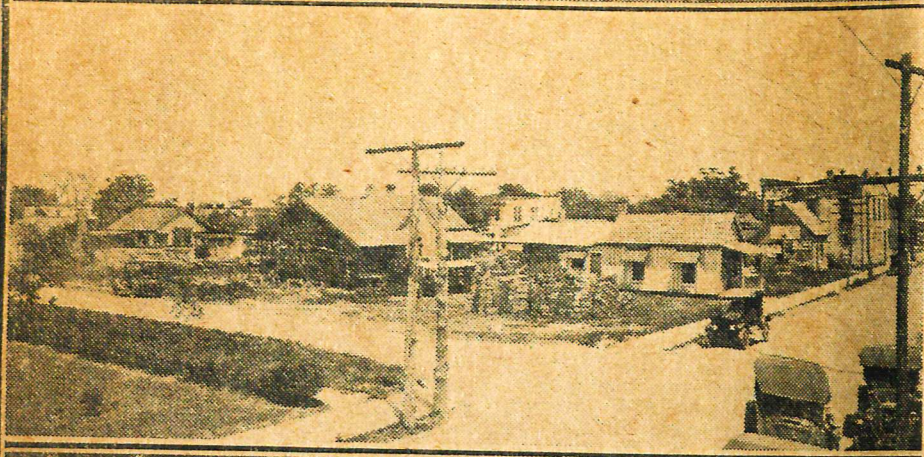
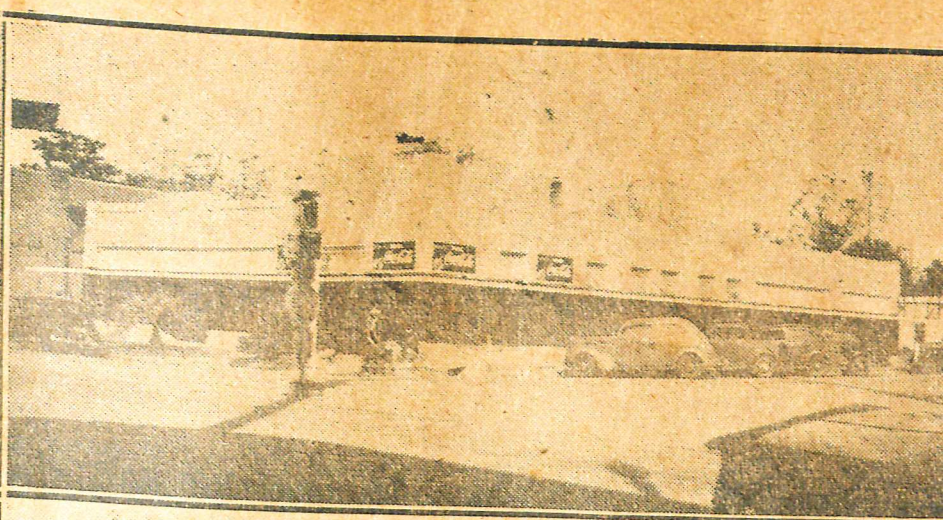
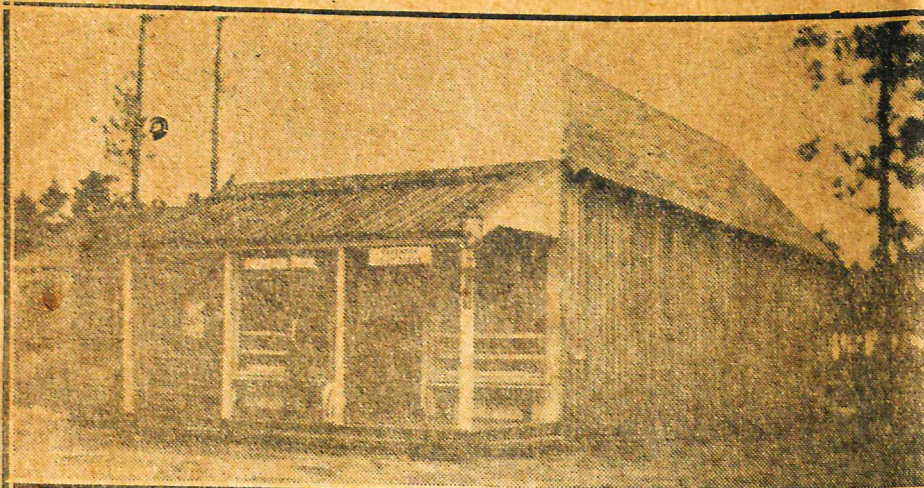
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# 40 Years of Fairhope Progress Shown In Contrasting Scenes



■ The pictures at the left were taken when the town was in its infancy; struggling but hopeful. At the right are the same scenes as they appear today, showing a most modern and progressive resort and business center.

At the upper left corner is shown Mershon Bros. Store, the largest mercantile establishment in the colony 42 years ago. The Fairhope postoffice occupied a corner of the building. It has been twice replaced with larger buildings and the site is now occupied by Pitman & Co. (right), with a large building shown at the distant corner and (right) Greer's Fairhope store as it now appears.

When the town was young, a photo was made of the street at the foot of the steamboat pier, looking up the hill towards the business portion of the city. It is shown at the left and the present view up the hill from the pierhead, with its modern paving, is shown at the right.

It is more than forty years since the picture was taken showing the first home at Fairhope of the late E. B. Gaston, for many years the secretary of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony. The Fairhope Courier, colony organ, was first published in one of these buildings. The Courier and the colony office now occupies the building in the center of the corresponding photo at the right.

Where the rail fence, shown in the lower left corner of the group, faced the street are now to be found the postoffice, with flag and ferns in front (right) and other important buildings of a growing city. The office of the Fairhope Chamber of Commerce occupies the building to the right, behind the palms.

These contrasting photographs tell as words could never do, the story of Fairhope's growth. The same scenes "shot" forty years from this time will show still greater progress and growth, in the opinion of The Baldwin Times observers.



## 700 County Boys Are 4-H Club Members

W. H. Johnson, Ass't County Agent, Is In Charge Of Work

• Totalling 686, youthful farmers enrolled in thirty 4-H clubs of the county the past year to study and carry out, by actual practice, better farming conditions.

Under the direction of W. H. Johnson, county 4-H Club leader, club work has grown in the past two years from approximately 400 members to the present figure for 1938. This does not include many former members who have moved away or finished school.

Not only for financial benefits but to learn improved farming practices also, each club member carries some agricultural or livestock project.

### Many Projects

Last year these projects included all types of truck crops, grains, cotton, hogs, dairy cattle, sheep, beef cattle, poultry and beekeeping.

Meeting once monthly these boys take note of timely jobs for the farm and discuss improved home attractiveness. They help with community projects and activities during the year.

Approximately 450 club boys attended a county-wide rally last spring and besides two county

camps during the summer, county 4-H members went to two state camps and short courses.

Around 2500 club boys with their parents attended the 4-H Club picture entitled, "Under the 4-H Flag."

### Elberta Has Exhibit

Last October Elberta club boys, not being satisfied with a good cash balance in their treasury, gathered samples of their farm produce and displayed them in a community exhibit at the Pensacola Fair. As a result of their initiative they won \$60 for their treasury, enabling them to give an entertainment in honor of their fathers and friends.

Several club members are growing seeds for the market and some are practicing soil conservation and improvement of pastures. Mr. Johnson conducted forestry programs showing club members the wisdom of protecting woods from fire.

### Plant Trees

This spring 10,000 pine seedlings will be planted as a demonstration project in order that advantages of caring for timber may be shown.

Calendars, given by the Baldwin County Bank to 1000 club boys and girls of the county, were used as symbols of fire protec-

tion in forests.

A broad conception of the scope of 4-H Club work in Baldwin County may be gained from taking a few examples. George Gill, Foley club member, is a typical case. Entering 12 purebred pigs in the ton litter show at Montgomery last September he netted a profit of \$100, much better than he could have received from selling his corn at market prices.

Adrian Quinley of Cross Roads sold seven purebred pigs for \$8.50 each. Clifford Utter, president of the Silverhill 4-H Club, won first prize at the Silverhill Fair with his purebred Jersey heifer, demonstrating his ability as a showman as well as a clubman.

### Gillman Schram

Gillman Schram, a member of the Bay Minette club, produced one and one-half bales of cotton to the acre, more than three times the yield for the section. His staple was of a good variety and sold for a premium over ordinary cotton.

During the past year around 60 purebred pigs have been grown and distributed over the county by 4-H Club boys. This project is still in its infancy as this spring plans are being made to put on a more extensive program.

It is estimated that within the year approximately 300 or 400 purebred pigs will be placed among county producers as a result of work among club boys. In connection with bettering hog breeds, they improved pastures in many sections and started a year-round grazing plot for their porkers.

With 127 county boys cooperating, club members made an average of 27 bushels of corn per acre each, approximately double the average yield for the state.

Records such as these stand unchallenged and give Baldwin Countians ample reason to be proud of the work and future of 4-H Club members within the county.

• A rural jury in Coosa county, Alabama, returned a verdict which was anything but a model, but it was upheld by the state court of appeals. It read: "We as jury find the defendant guilty of an attempt to commit petty larceny and fix the fine at one cent."

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## Demonstration Work Aids Farm Home Life

### Miss Verna Patterson\* Leads Club Women And 4-H Girls

• The cry of "Yonder comes the tomato woman," formerly heralded the county demonstration agent in Baldwin County, but any attempt to confine present home demonstration work in the county to tomatoes alone is far from right for this service extends into almost every phase of home life.

Miss Mary Killbrew, who organized nine tomato clubs in the county, was the "tomato woman," but since her time a number of capable successors have filled the office.

Those following her were: Miss Lillie Wetzel, Mrs. W. J. Noble, Mary Strudwick Yarborough, Essie Hester, Margaret Garrett, Eunice Agnew, Laura Lewis and Verna Patterson, the present agent.

Around 350 farms have definitely seen some changes as a result of home demonstration work. This has been done by teaching them how to supplement their income by other means, refinishing furniture and the making of furniture from simple objects.

Knitting and the cultivation of flower and vegetable gardens is also taught.

#### Two Organized Clubs

The program is carried on through two community organizations, the Baldwin County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs and the Baldwin County Council of 4-H Clubs. Last year there were 527 women enrolled in 17 home demonstration clubs and 563 girls enrolled in twenty-two 4-H clubs, making a total of 39 clubs and 1093 members, an increase of 279 members over 1937.

A total of 468 method demonstrations were given in the county in 4-H and home demonstration club work, with 8,940 attending.

On a poultry tour 15 were attendants and 225 women attended the county rally, while 450 club girls went to a rally. The agents participated in 53 other meetings of extension nature, with an attendance of 7736.

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canned 44,718 quarts of fruits and vegetables last year, valued at \$15,853 and in addition sold \$800 of fresh fruits and vegetables. The annual Christmas market, held in Bay Minette, Foley and Fairhope each December, brought in \$203.14, a slight increase over 1937.

A total of 218 mattresses were made under the guidance of Miss Patterson with both Farm Security and home demonstration members cooperating, at a saving of more than \$700 and 9130 pounds of lint cotton and 2232 yards of ticking was used to consume surplus cotton.

#### 4-H Officers

The county council of 4-H clubs, composed of both boys and girls, has for officers: president, Mary C. Guarisco, Fairhope; vice president, Homer Garner, Fairhope; secretary, Minnie Pearl McCurdy, Summerdale; treasurer, Roy Sims, Daphne; song leader, Freida Koehler, Elberta; yell leader, Herndon Murphy, Stockton; reporter, Mazie Nelson, Fairhope.

The Baldwin County delegation of nine girls which attended the western division of the state short course in Auburn, won three loving cups and every girl placed in some honor. They were: Miss Estelle Penry, Fairhope club; Miss Freida Koehler, Foley club; Miss Mildred Brantley, Fairhope club; Miss Maebelle Wilcox, Elberta club; Miss Mazie Nelson, Fairhope club; Miss Mary Lazzari, Fairhope club; Miss Marion Rhodes, Summerdale club and Miss Grace Rains, Fairhope club.

#### Demonstration Clubs

Home demonstration clubs in the county and their officers are: Belforest, Miss Eva Penry, secretary; Better Homes Club of Foley, Mrs. Herbert Lunsford, secretary; Central Fairhope Club, Mrs. Minnie Clay, president; Cross Roads Club, Mrs. Edna Broughton, secretary; Daphne, Mrs. Ellen Hanson, president; Elberta Junior Club, Elizabeth Bergman, president; Elberta, Mrs. K. Bergman, president; Fairhope Homemakers Club, Mrs. Augusta Stuersel, president; Josephine, Miss Lizzie Chrenco, secretary; Loxley, Mrs. Mary Robinson, secretary; North Fairhope, Mrs. Elsie Dyer, president; Silverhill, Mrs. Louise Lundberg, president; Sonora, Mrs. T. B. Rhodes, secretary; Summerdale, Mrs. Frank J. Loutner, president; Tensaw, Miss Corrie Hall, president; Wetzel, Miss Cecile Hall, president.

More than \$1200 was handled by home demonstration clubs last year for scholarship, library, food and clothing for needy families and other charitable work.

#### Foley Wins Honor

The Better Homes Club of Foley was judged the best in the state

### Are You Interested In Figures Of County?

• In case you care for figures below is a list of statistics about Baldwin County compiled from the 1930 census. A checkup today would probably show a considerable increase in every computa-

tion. The Wetzel Club of Loxley is the oldest in the county. Outstanding work of some of the clubs includes, sponsoring Girl Scout troops, selling Christmas Seals, planning for eradication of syphilis, giving entertainments, celebrating Alabama Day, discussing issues of national government, knitting, embroidering and making furniture.

The list could run on and on. A report of all the clubs would fill a volume. Other outstanding activities includes, planning, improving local health conditions, gardening, observing special occasions, sponsoring libraries, making and selling cheese, and beautifying homes.

Estelle Penry, Belforest, canned 3200 quarts of vegetables and fruit last year to win recognition for her 4-H work with a trip to Chicago. Miss Merle Brock, Loxley, was recognized as county queen of 4-H clubs at the Mobile Fair. Aline Brantley won a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress for her work in food preparation. Mildred Brantley of Bay Minette, was awarded a badge for the conning championship of Baldwin County.

Maebelle Wilcox, Elberta, won state honors in the Auburn style review. Mary Guarisco, Daphne, pays her family's light and ice bill with money saved by doing her own baking.

The housewives and mothers of today are marching forward with their daughters in excellent program of home-improvement. May the work continue in the future as it has in the past.

Population, more than 28,000, (estimated at 34,000-35,000 today); population, 18 per square mile; value of farms, \$11,000,000; employed in industries, 10,000; value of manufactured products, \$3,500,000; assessed value of property, \$16,495,297.

Automobiles, 3,840; tax rate, 18 mills; postal receipts, \$44,000; telephones 417; geology, post office; railroads, Louisville and Nashville; national highways, U. S. 31 and U. S. 90.

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# Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay Is Resort Section

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• The Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay has been called the "shirt-sleeves section of the rest belt," and that descriptive title fits the location. It is the most free-and-easy altogether informal strip of land and water on this foot-stool, yet keenly alive, progressive and intellectual. It is occupied by people who love such things as the evening sky, when the sun is sinking to rest across Mobile Bay with an ever-changing blending of colors; purple and gold, deepest blue with spangles of silver stars, all shades of red, fading to tinted slate as dark approaches and beacon lights appear.

The typical Eastern Shore resident rejoices in the restful sound of the wind in the pines, the mocking bird's song and the distant whip-poor-will's wistful cry, parts in a natural symphony of witching power and subtle charm.

And the charm of that favored shore is fixed in the memory of its lovers and admirers by the gentle odors from sea and surrounding woods; the pines, the magnolias, the laurel and a wealth of native and exotic plants.

#### Restful Atmosphere

The atmosphere of the place is restful, but not enervating. There energy returns to tired hearts and weary limbs. Nowhere is there a more favorable summer and winter climate, with a greater proportion of bright, clear days and balmy nights that invite reviving slumber, sweet dreams and hope-filled awakenings.

From the beach or from the headlands one can watch the passing ships; great steamers of commerce, fishing smacks and pleasure craft in endless procession. In that peaceful and time-consuming pastime a good spyglass or binoculars increase the interest but are not essential to the watchers with vision and imagination.

#### Bridgehead At Terminus

The Eastern Shore begins with Bridgehead, the bridge over Mobile Bay crossing the head of navigation. North of the bridge is the delta of the Alabama-Tombigbee river system, those two chief rivers of the state converging above the city to form what is known as Mobile River.

At the bridgehead is a tourist village, new and modern in construction and design, built behind breastworks that were used by Federal troops in the campaign against Spanish Fort, one of the strong defensive points built for the protection of Mobile during the Civil War and scene of a thrilling siege and attacks; the last major battle of the Confederate Army, concluding on the day of General Lee's surrender in Virginia.

Immediately south of the bridgehead is an area that will be one day filled with homes and resorts, but which now is unoccupied. That section of the shore had no steamboat landing in the days when the bay steamers were the sole means of transportation thereto, and for that reason the northern sector of the Eastern Shore has been slow in development, since good highways and bus lines made transportation easy.

#### "The Village" Is Dead Town

The Village, three miles from Bridgehead, is one of the deadest of all dead towns of Alabama, though it is predicted that it will not long remain so. Writing of the Village, the historian Hamilton says: "Many people had summer residents across the bay at the

place called the Village and lower at Howard's, at Montrose, where British troops were once encamped and at Point Clear, jutting into the bay, was built a hotel which became a favorite resort of Mobilians during the summer. These places were reached by steamboats from town."

The Village waned in popularity before the Civil War and became a resort of some wild people who were a law unto themselves. It has long been a deserted village, though occupying a beautiful site overlooking the bay and having a fine beach of clear sand at its front. But the glory of the Village is its ancient liveoaks, some of which are known to be 200 years old or over. There is located "Jackson's Oak," under which Old Hickory is said to have camped when on his way to take Pensacola away from the Spaniards before he went with his volunteers and pioneers to fight Packenham at New Orleans in 1814. The story that Jackson climbed the tree and addressed his troops from one of its large limbs has been told in detail for a hundred years, and portions of the speech are some times quoted, but Colonel Landers of the Army College, visiting the scene with many military records to back him up, expressed doubt if the thing ever happened.

#### Seacliff

Seacliff is situated on the highest spot at the water's edge, south of the Palisades of the Hudson river, according to the United States Geodetic Survey, like Montrose and other points on these heights has many choice building sites, both occupied and awaiting a builder. The view, the magnolia trees and many other attractive features make the place particularly desirable for summer and winter residence.

Daphne, home of the only state college for teachers in Southwest Alabama, is a most desirable location for residence. It was formerly the county seat of Baldwin and the Times was first published there. The community is well populated, has many seasonal visitors who rent cottages and can live like princes without great expense. The place is beautified in spring by many brilliant azaleas in bloom and numerous other flowering plants. It is attractive all seasons.

#### Fairhope - Leading Resort

Fairhope has assumed a leadership among the Eastern Shore resorts by reason of the enterprise of its citizens and the attention it has received as one of the few single tax colonies on this mundane sphere, as well as by its natural attractions. It is described more in detail in other pages of this issue.

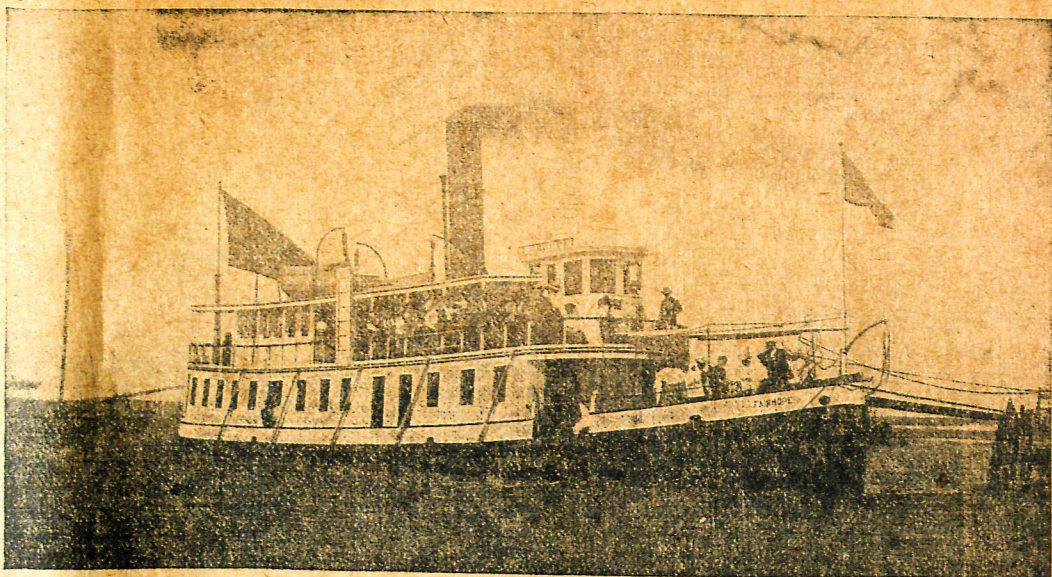
Magnolia Beach is a lovely beach resort south of Fairhope and then comes Battles, formerly known as Battle's Wharf, where the New Beach Hotel succeeds an old and popular resort, that was a wonder in its day, though somewhat crude by comparison to the present place, built for winter as well as summer comfort of exacting guests, and open at all seasons.

In addition to the Point Clear Hotel, built and popularized before the War-of-the-Sixties, there is a most select summer colony of Alabama residents stretched along that curving shore to Zundel's and beyond. Some of these seasonal residents have occupied their lands there through succeeding generations for a century or more.

#### Modern Conveniences

A free bridge across the bay, perfect highway system, electricity, telephone service, ice delivery,

The Steamer Fairhope II



■ The first Fairhope to operate on Mobile Bay was a fast vessel with a wooden hull which was built at Fairhope by the Single Tax Colony and was popular in the Mobile-Fairhope trade. Her successor was a steamer with a steel hull and still greater speed which was built at New York and brought by way of the Atlantic and Gulf under her own steam. Captain Bowen was master and George W. Morgan, clerk. She was one of the last of the bay steamers to quit the run after Cochrane Bridge was built and is still fondly remembered by many friends of the not-so-old steamboat days.

• Fairhope has one of the six single tax colonies in the United States, and the Organic School there is the only one of its kind in the nation.

seafood delivery, laundry wagons and bakery trucks have given the Eastern Shore many of the things which city people enjoy. The Eastern Shore, from Bridgehead to Mullet Point, is filled up with homes, some of which are occupied by people who live and work at Mobile, yet prefer to spend their rest periods along the charming Eastern Shore.

Notable among the residential additions being opened up and filling rapidly is the Point Clear subdivision, north of the famous hotel, and there are other Eastern Shore sites offered to the public with equal natural attractions for the builder of homes.

### Trailer Tourists Return To F'hope

#### To Spend Annual Summer Convention In Bay Shore Town

• The Trailer Tourist Convention, convening in Fairhope last year, decided to return this year for their annual summer convention and expressed appreciation to the Fairhope Chamber of Commerce for making their stay enjoyable.

In a reply to Carl L. Bloxham, president of the Chamber of Commerce there, who asked them to return, Edward H. Jungclas, president of the association said, "We hope to make this our stop-

• Baldwin County not only led counties throughout the state in average farm income in 1936 but led the whole nation in average income per acre.

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Over 400 persons, representative of travelers throughout the nation met in Fairhope last November in their annual convention. Fish fries, visits to scenic spots, an inspection of the organic school and other events were given in honor of the visitors by Fairhope townsmen.

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# Loxley Next To Foley As Shipping Center

## Busy Section Is Center Of Prosperous Farming Activities

• Loxley, the busy farming section in south Baldwin on state highway 3 and U. S. 90, is the center of prosperous farming activities and the shipping shed there is second to Foley in produce shipments.

Last year more than 1500 cars of Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, early corn, cucumbers and mixed vegetables moved from Loxley farms and their output is expected to be even heavier this year. Not only Loxley farmers but growers of Rosinton, Belforest and Stapleton make this the shipping point for their farm produce.

Approximately 300 people live in Loxley and the community has four churches, a modern junior high school, a drug store, postoffice, barber shop, hardware store and several feed and grocery stores. It is 19 miles south of Bay Minette on the Fort Morgan railroad and is also served by busses traveling the Old Spanish Trail. Griffin's Service Station there claims to be the largest in the county. Business operations include a sawmill, oil storage tanks shipping sheds and a gin.

Loxley was a lumbering section prior to the building of the railroad but extensive colonization did not begin until about 1906. While the majority of the citizens are of native stock, many are European immigrants or settlers from the middle west or Chilton and Cullman counties of north Alabama. Around Belforest and the Malbis colony there are families of Italians and Greeks.

North of Loxley, near Stapleton, is the turpentine village of

## Farmers Of Baldwin Made More Money In '36 Than Any In U. S.

• We quote from an Associated Press dispatch written by Paul D. Shoemaker, Associated Press farm editor, to show national recognition of Baldwin's supremacy. The article below was taken from the April 25, 1937 issue of

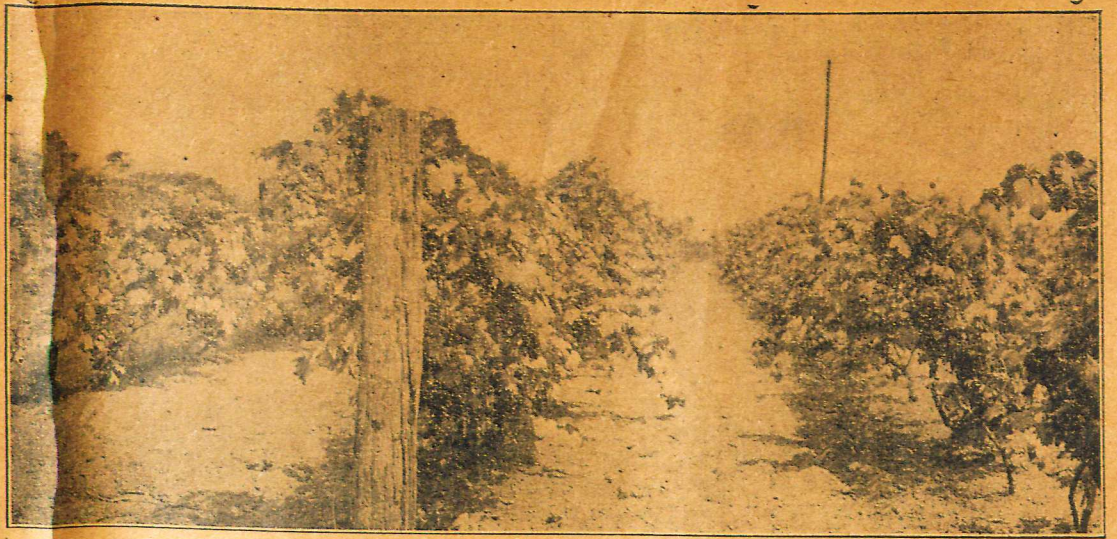
Telco, settled in 1935, the county's newest neighborhood. Extensive pine forests around Stapleton produce the crude gum for the mill's output. M. C. Stallworth is manager and owner of the property and hires more than 200 men in all his operations.

Around Stapleton and to the west along the Mobile highway Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway Company and Southern Kraft Company own large tracts of timber which they keep in preservation for future use. The stand of first growth pine is probably better around Stapleton than anywhere in the county and one noted authority called the drive from Stapleton to Bridgehead "unexcelled anywhere in the nation for its beautiful growth of trees."

Around Belforest, farming is the sole occupation except for a few turpentiners. Belforest farmers are noted for the quality of their crops and the roasting ears produced there are surpassed by few.

Other than different farming operation and turpentine and logging work, Loxley is still undeveloped but gradually settlers are coming to the section and planting crops to swell the county's agricultural output.

Good Wine Is Produced From Baldwin Vinyards



(Courtesy L. & N. R. R.)  
■ This is one of the county's fine vineyards and belongs to Frank Mullak, Elberta. Nearly every farmer in and around Elberta has a vineyard from which some of the finest wine produced in the country is made.

## State Conservation Dep't Ranks County's Hunting As Excellent

• Baldwin County's advantages as a hunting center are well-illustrated by a glance at the 1938 report of the Alabama Department of Conservation.

According to the bulletin, around northern Baldwin and in the Mobile River basin the heaviest deer population of the state is found, and bear of the state are almost exclusively located in the county.

Baldwin and Mobile counties are practically the only counties of the state offering any livelihood to rappers. Excepting Mobile County, Baldwin is the only county of the state where both salt and fresh water fish are to be found.

Baldwin and Mobile counties together shipped 55,254 barrels of oysters last year and their total shrimp production was 2,450,300 pounds.

The report says further that Baldwin stood third in the state in number of county hunting licenses bought, second in the number of fur-catching permits

The Montgomery Advertiser.

Bay Minette, Ala., April 24. — Farmers of Baldwin County, who probably can lay undisputed claim to having made more money in 1936 than farmers in any other county in the United States, hope to maintain or surpass their record this year.

Farm income of the county last year, principally from truck crops, grown on a large scale was estimated at more than \$3,000,000, according to County Agent E. E. Hale.

Other income was estimated by Mr. Hale as follows: sweet potatoes \$107,000; sweet corn \$112,000; field corn \$144,000; cucumbers, \$114,000 and watermelons \$35,000. There was unestimated income from satsuma oranges, strawberries, peaches, kumquats, peaches and grapes. Pine trees yielded turpentine valued at around \$1,000,000, much of which went to farmers who own the trees.

Mr. Hale also said there is about 87,000 acres under cultivation in the county.

issued and fourth in number of resident fishing licenses sold. There are evidently a number of hunters violating game laws here too, for

revenue from convictions in the county was more than double that of any of Alabama's 66 other counties.

## Congratulations

■ The people of Baldwin County and surrounding territory are justly proud of the Baldwin Times for rendering to this community a half century of continuous service.

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## Cabbage Is King In This Baldwin Field



(Courtesy L. &amp; N. R. R.)

■ This hardy field of cabbage, snapped growing in a field near Summerdale, is another bit of evidence that Baldwin is one of the ideal truck-farming districts of the South and nation.

Although cabbage raising has not become a major farming industry yet, the crop is being planted more each year. Baldwin County cabbages are of unusually good quality and are put on the market as soon as any, excluding the Florida marketings.

With proper fertilization and culture good returns can be made from raising cabbages. Not only cabbage, but a string of garden products including tomatoes, watermelon, canteloupes, string beans, cucumbers, squash and many other vegetables are being grown in the county extensively.

### Early Settlers Of County Had Many Hardships To Fight

Any history of the progress of Baldwin County without at least a glimpse into the lives of the early settlers who started local civilization would be incomplete, evidence of early pioneers shows.

Other than the explorers, the first known people in Baldwin were the pack-horse traders who made handsome profits trading with jewelry and other worthless geegaws to Indians for valuable furs and handicraft. Later they were followed by others who saw the possibilities of this section, as untamed as it was, and decided to make permanent homes here.

These settlers made their way across the unbroken forest of Alabama in much the same way as the more familiar trail-blazers who crossed the Alleghenies westward. The hardship suffered by the pioneers of Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina and Kentucky who came to Alabama in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries were equally as difficult and romantic.

#### Hard Going

The journey was rough, streams were high, matches were unknown and there was constant danger of attack from Indians or wild beasts. But, once arrived in the lush timberlands of Baldwin the task was no less easy. Cabins had to be built, land had to be cleared and furniture and bedding had to be built in the best way their crude tools could make them. Planks or ropes were commonly used as bed slats; a feather bed was a luxury, shuck mattresses

being more prominent.

Wooden pegs served as nails, doors hung on wooden hinges, and wooden shutters were used for windows as glass was too expensive. The farmer's tools were no less crude, as a spade, a hoe or even a pointed stick might be all the pioneer had to cultivate the soil. He was lucky to own a plow and a mule or ox. Having no grist mills then, cornmeal was made by mashing the kernel with a wooden pestle, using a wooden bowl. Stores did not come into the section at once but the first ones carried little except the usual stock of brown sugar, green coffee and a few bolts of cloth and maybe some tobacco. The farmers, usually penniless, paid for their merchandise with produce.

#### Many Home Duties

The pioneer woman worked equally as hard as her husband. Cooking, weaving cloth, sewing, milking, churning and caring for chickens and a garden were some of her many tasks and in between times she cared for her large brood of children and was prepared to protect them in the absence of "the old man."

If you think the era of homespun cloth was confined to Kentucky, you are greatly mistaken, for while few old looms or spinning wheels are found in this district, the early settlers of south Alabama were forced to use the same primitive methods of making their cloth. After the cotton was picked from their fields it had to be "hand-ginned", a slow process, spun into threads and then woven into cloth. Dying was the last step and though indigo blue was the usual color of their cloth, many pioneer women added a gay touch if they know how to mix

their dying herbs.

#### Large Families

Families of nine, ten or even more children were the rule rather than the exception in these rough days. Glances into the background of almost any old local family will show that the size of the family was large.

Life then was hard and exacting, there was always something to do but nonetheless it was not unpleasant to most of the settlers and they managed to enjoy the social side in several ways. Corn huskings were the usual thing in the way of social gatherings. While the men shucked corn, the women made quilts or clothes and thus neighbors of a settlement made the rounds from one house to another until all had been served in this example of friendly cooperation.

#### Square Dances Popular

After the work was over there was always someone to play the fiddle, the jew's harp, the harmonica or the accordion and the couples gathered for a square dance. Games played at these occasions are practically unknown now but the young people and "courting couples" always found something in the way of entertainment. In shucking corn, if a young man or woman found an ear of red corn it was supposed to predict an early marriage.

Taffy-pulling was a favorite sport between couples, and as for eats, tables of "possum", sweet potatoes, turkey, deer, sausage and sorghum were on hand with persimmon beer or cider to drink.

About the only other social gathering known to our early ancestors was assembling at the camp-meetings, for churches were not built at first. They seemed to welcome the simple, earnest messages of the circuit-rider preacher and after church they could meet and discuss gossip with the neighbors and the boys would have a chance to "squire" the girls.

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## Experiment Station Is Help to County Farmers

### Now Making Tests On Vegetables For The Fall Market

● Extending its field of special experimentation in the coastal area of Alabama, the State Agricultural Experiment Station near Fairhope is working on vegetables for the fall market, especially potatoes, green corn and other crops marketed in quantity in the early spring in Baldwin County.

The autumn months of 1938 were the second period of such experiments at that station, under the direction of Dean M. J. Funchess, of the Alabama School of Agriculture at Auburn, Farm Manager Otto Brown and Assistant Manager Harold F. Yates. There remains much work to be done before these men will be ready to report with a safe workable program for fall production and marketing of such crops in this area.

#### Experiments Are Numerous

The experiments include the growing of fall crops with and without irrigation and with various rotations following earlier seasonal crops, varying plans for the control of insect pests and other enemies and means of cultivation to minimize the bad effects of exceptionally dry fall seasons such as that of 1938.

The fall and winter demand for many of the truck crops grown in Baldwin County would be as good or better than for the early crops and it is possible that farmers of this section might double or greatly increase their annual production by developing autumn production.

Insects, killed by the cold of winter are more easily controlled in the year, but increase necessary to turn the cattle in the

rapidly as summer advances and constitute one of the most serious problems to be overcome by the grower of truck crops later in the season.

#### Seek Fall Markets

Those interested in Alabama farm production are deeply concerned with these experiments and their results. To develop fall production and markets, it is contended, would give to farm labor something like year around employment in preparation of the ground, planting, cultivating and harvesting, in addition to the possible profit to the grower and would greatly increase the buying power of the farming people, generally.

Exceptionally dry weather of the past season prevented any large yields of the station's fall crops, but afforded the experimenters the opportunity to study what had best be done in such seasons, particularly with the irrigated areas.

#### Dry Weather

The dry weather was hard on the pasture lands being improved as a part of a comprehensive beef-cattle experiment which has been in progress at the station for several years, as one of its major purposes. Heavily fertilized with basic slag, nitrogen and phosphate in varying proportions, then planted in Dallas grass, lespedeza and carpet grass, it was found that some of the hardier grasses were crowding out the lespedeza and steps were taken to break up the thicker patches and give the Japanese clover a chance.

The two 80-acre blocks planted in the spring of 1936 have stood up wonderfully during the several dry seasons since that time and only occasionally has it been found necessary to turn the cattle in the

## WHERE FARM WISDOM GROWS



■ The Gulf Coast Agricultural Experiment Station is one of the most useful as well as interesting institutions in Baldwin County. It is located

near Fairhope on the Silverhill road. The picture shows the entrance, to the north of the road, next, a group of the farm buildings and, below, a

view of the improved pasture, with Assistant Manager Harold F. Yates standing knee-deep in lespedeza and Dallas grass.

kudzu field which is held in reserve for such emergencies. The stock kept in good condition on the pasture grass during the dry fall of 1938, without supplemental rationing.

#### Herd Does Well

Already the prevailing color of the herd is black and the younger animals all have the shape and markings of the polled Angus sire, bred to ordinary scrub cows of the Baldwin hills.

Farmers, truck growers and cattle raisers from all over Alabama and from other states not only get bulletin information in regard to the results of experiments at the Gulf Coast Experiment Station, but thousands of them visit the station separately or in groups to see for themselves what is being done.

Improved stock and improved pastures form an important part of every well regulated farm in the county.

The influence of the Gulf Coast Substation can be traced through much that has been accomplished in the improving of farming in this area. Similar work and results can be observed about the Black Belt Sub-Station, which is meeting the special needs of that section, the Wiregrass Sub-Station, in Henry County, the Sand Mountain Substation, in DeKalb County and the Tennessee Valley Sub-Station in Limestone County. There are also experimental farms in other special areas, including the renowned Piedmont area and the sum total of their good work is immense.

● Baldwin County is the only county in Alabama allowed to sell beer on tap and Fairhope has the only liquor store in the state allowed to stay open on the Fourth of July.

### Farmers Learn How To Benefit From Improved Pastures

● Larger cash returns to Baldwin County farmers is being made by pasture improvement, and experiments at the Coastal Experiment Station in Fairhope indicate over a thousand square miles of county land is available for improvement into the best pasturage of the coastal section.

Interviews with practical farmers and theorists of the extension service show that while local land is not naturally the best pasture lands, for its native grasses are not the most nutritious, it can easily be improved into top-notch cattle grazing.

Two blocks of cut-over pine land, cleared, fertilized and planted in the spring of 1936, withstood heavy grazing in both wet and dry weather throughout the year and proved all the Fairhope Experiment Station has hoped. The typical areas were planted with seed containing an equal mixture of common lespedeza, Dallas grass and carpet grass. The basis of fertilization was 1,300 pounds of basic slag per acre with varying rates of lime, nitrogen and phosphate on various lands throughout the area, pastured by native cattle with Aberdeen-Angus males.

Cattle and hogs form a marketing medium for surplus corn and many other farm products, that would be otherwise wasted. Potato culls may be fed to hogs after they are boiled and dairymen can use surplus milk for fattening feeder pigs.

Farmers throughout the state and nation are watching with interest livestock experiments under the direction of Dean Funchess, of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and Harold F. Yates of the Fairhope station. Cross breeding of native stock with males of improved breeds has also been a factor toward greater livestock profits.

● In 1936 Baldwin County farmers made over \$3,000,000 from 87,000 acres for an average of \$35 per acre.

● A 32-acre pecan grove netted John Ergo of Fairhope \$1,110 just as the trees were beginning to bear.

● Michael Baldwin, 4-H club boy of Robertsdale made \$537 profit on an acre of Irish potatoes grown as a project.

● In 1937-38 there were 1472 negro school pupils in the county attending 25 county schools.

● Around 300 Confederate soldiers are buried in "Confederate Rest", a Point Clear cemetery.

● Mrs. Idyl King Sorsby, the founder of Alabama Day, is a native of Baldwin County, being born at Sibley's Mill, 3 miles east of Blakeley.

● Baldwin County has a mean temperature of 81 degrees. Moderating Gulf breezes help to keep the climate comfortable throughout the summer.

● Mrs. Murphy Williams of Mobile, but formerly of Stockton and Tensaw, has a will signed by President Andrew Jackson deeding the Fort Mims site to David Mims, for whom the fort was named.

● There was the local farmer who hitched his mule team to a chimney to pull it down and the chimney fell on his mules and killed them.

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## Baldwin Leads The State In Poultry Products



(Photo courtesy L. &amp; N. R. R.)

■ A good flock of chickens is pictured taking the evening shade in a good poultry producing area. Silverhill. Silverhill eggs consistently take better market prices than eggs from many neighboring sections.

Income from eggs, dressed poultry and baby chicks totaled more than \$250,000 last year in Baldwin County. This county produces more eggs than any other county in Alabama.

## Silverhill Is Growing Town-Good Farm Area

Community Founded\*  
In 1896 - Inhabited By  
Swedes - Bohemians

● Still only an infant, for it was founded in 1896, the town of Silverhill is getting lustier every day and the alertness and progressiveness of its Swedish-Bohemian inhabitants is all the impetus needed for the town to become a rival to Fairhope or Robertsedale, its neighbors.

Oscar Johnson, a Swede from Chicago, and a group of friends consisting of C. O. Olson, C. Valentine and J. Linden were the founders of the town with Johnson being the promoter of the deal by which they acquired Baldwin County land. In June 1896 these Swedes, liking the climate and advantages of the district, purchased a huge tract of land and organized the Svea Land Company.

### Westerlunds Came Early

Mr. and Mrs. Westerlund and their daughter, Louise, were the first family to settle there and others soon followed. Soon afterward, in 1898 enough people were located there to warrant a school and one was started in Oscar Johnson's office.

The Mission Covenant Church was built in 1902 and the next year a Baptist Church was started but it was not until 1915 that the Zion Lutheran Church was built. Silverhill's modern brick junior high school was built in 1928 and is getting an addition at present. In 1926 the town was incorporated

with Oscar Johnson as the first mayor. The first store in Silverhill was built in 1902 by Theodore Johnson who sold a general supply of merchandise.

The Silverhill Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1928 and present officers are: president, Hans G. Erickson; vice president, Emory Johnson; secretary, Clarence Fosberg; treasurer, Harold C. Fosberg. The Chamber of Commerce also sponsors a Scout troop.

### Contains Bohemians

Originally Silverhill was settled by Scandinavians but Bohemian settlers came in later and at present they are about equally divided in numbers. An estimated 600 people reside within the town, which is fairly compact and contains many establishments. About midway on a paved road from Fairhope to Robertsedale, citizens of the town patronize both considerably, making Robertsedale their produce shipping point and Fairhope their vacation center.

Businesses located in the town include a gift shop, blacksmith, creamery, shoe repair shop, barbershop, cannery, photo shop, restaurant, grocery and feed stores, grist mill, garage, electrical supply shop, hatchery and post office. The Non-Pareil, a women's organization, maintains a library in the town and last year a municipal building was built, serving as an office for the city council and housing the tractor, fire truck, fire tractor and road equipment of Silverhill.

### Silverhill Fair

Four squares are located in the

town with well-laid out shrubbery and trees and the Oscar Johnson Memorial Park, east of Silverhill, contains five acres, and is used for the annual mid-summer picnic that Silverhillians always anticipate. Farmers of the district, not content with frequently taking prizes at city fairs, have a fair of their own every year. A beauty parade, extensive agricultural exhibits and good entertainment and meals are features of the event and it is becoming more popular yearly with county residents.

Farming, first, last and always, is the industry of Silverhill. With the exception of some turpentine and paperwooding operations the population make their income from some pursuit of agriculture. More than other sections of the county, Silverhill farmers are alert to the advantages of poultry and dairy farming. It is reputed that the sale of butterfat from Silverhill cows in one year would buy the original cost of the land sites upon which Silverhill is located. A high-grade creamery

is in operation in Silverhill and there is one hatchery and several large poultry flocks around. Silverhill eggs and dressed poultry are known to be of superior grade and usually bring higher prices than poultry products from neighboring sections.

For only 43 years existence the town of Silverhill has come a long ways for until recent years the

town lacked good communication with nearby towns. Now a paved road, electric power lines and telephones serve the town. Much land about the section is unfarmed; the land in cultivation is being made to give a good count of itself and with "the good earth" as a foundation the town of Silverhill is certain to make itself known.

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# Farm, Timber Income Is \$4,500,000 Yearly

County Has 2750 Farmers Cultivating 90 Thousand Acres

By E. E. Hale

Baldwin County, with more than one million acres of land is the largest county in the state of Alabama and in its 2750 farms, 90,000 acres of land are cultivated for the growing of truck and vegetable crops, cotton and feed crops.

During the last decade approximately 20,000 acres of virgin land was put into production after being cleared and it is estimated that there are at least 65,000 additional acres which could be profitably farmed.

During the past year, 251 miles of rural electric lines were completed and approximately 81 miles of extension is under construction at present. With this 332 miles of REA service, not including services of Alabama Power Company and city utilities in south Baldwin, approximately 60 per cent of county farmers have access to electricity.

## Good Roads

The most improved, hard-surfaced and graded road system of Alabama passes through all sections of the county from the extreme north to the Gulf of Mexico and from the eastern shore of Mobile Bay to the Florida line.

Modern, well-staffed schools are found for every community and these are constantly being improved as conditions warrant.

The production of cotton, although a dependable source of income for many farmers, has never been as important a crop in Baldwin as it is in other counties in the state of Alabama.

In 1938 the value of the cotton crop was approximately \$145,000. In 1938 a number of farmers experimented with the growing of sea island cotton, a long staple variety, and although the yield per acre for this variety of cotton is approximately one-half the yield of the regular cotton, the price received by these growers, which ranged from twenty-five to thirty cents a pound, was so highly satisfactory that the acreage to be planted in 1939 will exceed by several times the acreage planted in 1938.

## 85,000 Livestock

Baldwin County is fast becoming an important livestock producing area with 40,000 head of cattle, 30,000 head of hogs and 15,000 head of sheep. The income to Baldwin County farmers from these sources runs very close to \$300,000.

With approximately 4,000 head of dairy cattle in the county and with the recent development of outlets in Mobile and Pensacola for grade A milk and with improved pastures and trench silos, Baldwin County farmers are getting ready for more profitable dairying. Dairying adds \$225,000 to farm income yearly.

Gross income from poultry and eggs produced in Baldwin County averages \$200,000 to \$250,000 per year. These prices are paid for poultry and eggs at the farmer's door and income from this source has been one of the most stable agricultural incomes during the past few years.

## Many Orchards

Pecan, satsuma, pear and tung orchards are scattered about the county and the products from these sources add approximately \$70,000.

For the past few years, the production of seeds for sale, such as soybeans and crotalaria, has increased and last year more than 7,000 bushels of soybeans were harvested and sold and 250 tons of crotalaria seed were harvested and sold in 1938. From the sale of these seed, Baldwin County farmers added \$50,000 to their yearly income.

Timber provides its share of income in the way of turpentine, rosin, pine-oil, veneer wood and lumber and last year the gross income from these products of the woods exceeded \$1,250,000.

Baldwin County is one of the few places in the United States where farmers have a cash market for their products. Some of the leading truck crops grown in Baldwin County are Irish potatoes,

## Baldwin Ham, Sausage And Bacon On The Hoof



Agricultural authorities state that hogs can be produced as cheaply in Baldwin County as in Mid-Western states. The above picture of swine on the farm of A. A. Corie and sons at Belforest is proof that local hogs are of as good quality as any.

Pasture and grazing crops for hog feed can be grown here the year-round and cheaply-grown fatteners like chufas, sweet potatoes and peanuts are ideally suited to the section. More than 200 bushels of corn to the acre has been produced in the county, evidence that corn can be used profitably for hog feed instead of marketing.

County porkers find their way to breakfast tables of the entire nation, many are marketed directly to large buyers like Swift and Company and the piney-woods roofer is gradually being displaced by purebred strains.

## Baldwin's Soil Is Fine For Fruit Cultivation

### Many Farmers Have Home Orchards To Supply Own Needs

Although extensive planting of fruit and orchard crops have not been made in the county, excepting satsumas and pecans, the soil and climate of the section are admirably adapted to the cultivation of many fruits.

Cultivation of some fruits like cherries and apples as yet has not proved successful but there are other fruits equally as edible and profitable that are worthy of thought. The list of fruits adapted to the section includes figs, pears, pecans, blackberries, loganberries, satsumas, Japanese persimmons, grapes, both bunch and scuppernong, blueberries and strawberries.

Some have reported good luck with peaches and plums but the sudden frosts of the section tend to keep them from blooming properly. Too, peach trees are not as long-lived locally as elsewhere and growers do not take precautions against worm-borers.

Figs grow well in back yards where the soil is closely packed and are good for eating both raw and preserved. Japanese persimmons are a true breakfast delicacy and seldom is a blueberry or blackberry pie approached in flavor.

All varieties of scuppernong grapes flourish in the county as do most types of bunch grapes, in fact, grapes are a native crop here, growing wild in the woods.

County home-owners are advised to plant home orchards not only to supply the needs of the family table, but to also realize profit from fruit sales.

sweet potatoes, green corn, cucumbers and watermelons.

During the past ten years the acreage planted to truck and vegetable crops in the county increased from 10,000 to 30,000 acres, with Irish potatoes taking the lead in this increased acreage, jumping from approximately 7,000 acres in 1928 to 18,000 acres in 1938. The average yearly gross income from truck and vegetable crops in Baldwin County is estimated at \$2,150,000.

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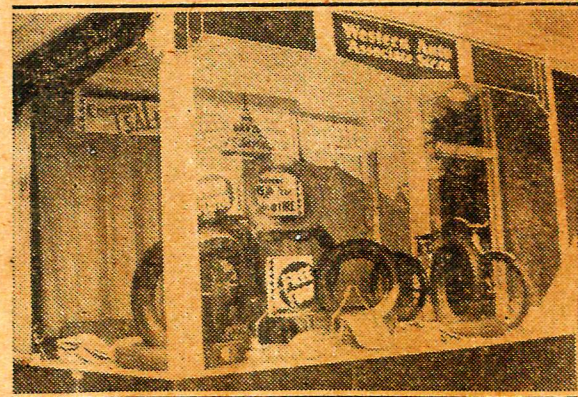
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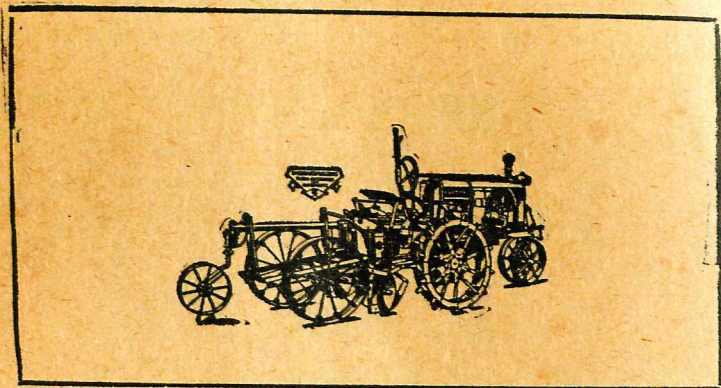
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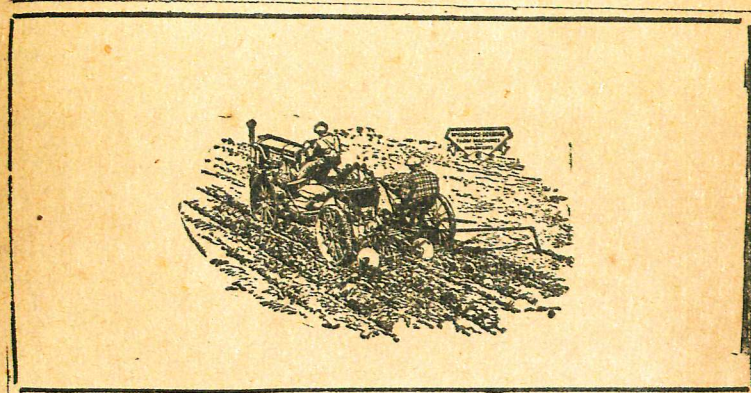


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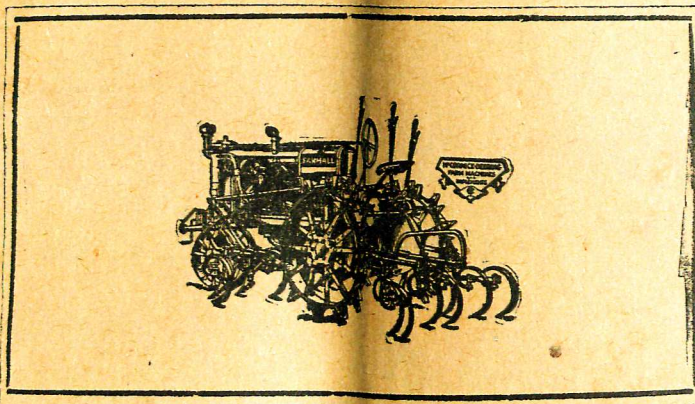
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## Silverhill Farm Ass'n Is Leading Cooperative

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• Since its founding in 1914, the Silverhill Farmer's Association located in Robertsdale has become one of the leading farmer cooperatives of the state and for the fiscal year of 1938 the agency stated that the volume of business transacted amounted to \$250,000.

Originally organized as a cooperative association to aid farmers in buying and marketing their products the scope of the business has widened to include other operations. About 16 years ago they began to sell farmers supplies such as feed, seed, fertilizer and flour in a large way. About six years ago they started delivery trucks to pick up eggs and poultry and deliver feed to members.

An executive board consisting of nine directors and a secretary, who is also the manager, governs the actions of the associations. The directors rotate in office, three being elected each year. The president, vice president and manager are appointed by the directors and and running the business is largely left to the manager, who is held accountable to the directors. H. E. Marker of Robertsdale, is the present manager.

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## City Of Atmore Is Progressive Is Industrial And Farm Center Of Importance

• This issue would be incomplete without some mention of our neighboring, progressive city of Atmore, in Escambia County.

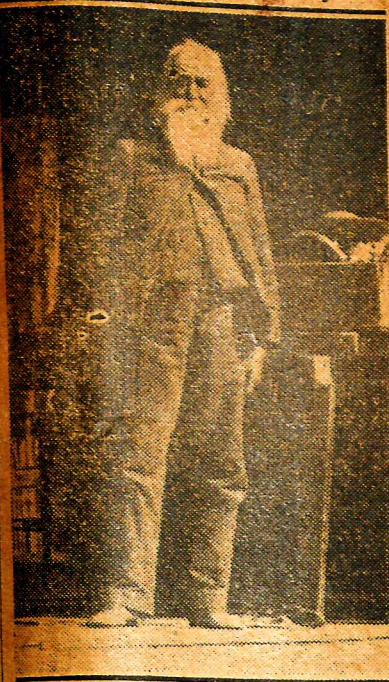
Located at the intersection of the Louisville and Nashville and

any farmer can become a member of the cooperative with voting privileges and interests in dividends, according to the amount of purchases he makes. The present membership numbers around 370 members and the assets of the company are valued at more than \$20,000.

Although the name Silverhill sounds restrictive, the group is not limited to Silverhill farmers and farmers all around Robertsdale are members. Originally organized by Silverhill farmers the office was located at Robertsdale because of its shipping advantages. No stock has ever been declared in the company. It is supposed to operate on a mutual, non-profit basis.

With the exception of one at Foley, the Silverhill cooperative is the only large scale farmers' marketing agency in the county. It is the largest egg-marketing agency in the county and its members are also growers and shippers of Irish potatoes, cucumbers, green corn and sweet potatoes.

## Son Of Red Eagle



• Charles Weatherford, son of William Weatherford, Chief Red Eagle, outstanding leader of the Alabama Creek Indians, is shown here standing on his father's front porch in his old Little River home.

The Birmingham News recently stated that no picture of Red Eagle had ever been located, and, for that matter, nor has any picture of his family ever been printed heretofore.

Old settlers who knew the Indian chieftain say that his son bore a close likeness to his father. The long beard was typical of Indians of the time as razors were unknown to them and they never shaved.

The date of the above picture is unknown but Maby Phillips of Little River, descendant of Red Eagle, who furnished the picture to the Times, thinks it was probably made shortly before the Civil War.

Frisco Railroad systems, Atmore is one of the largest towns of southwest Alabama. According to the 1930 census, the town had 3,035 population but more recent figures would place the inhabitants even higher.

W. R. Holley is mayor of the town and councilmen are F. P. Currie, H. H. Dees, L. Greer, J. B. Kimball and W. M. Patterson. A. H. Brown is marshal and Mrs. Kate Millsap is clerk.

### Has Silk Mill

Among the industries located at Atmore are sawmills, a silk mill, cotton gins, shipping sheds, a bottling works, wholesale warehouses, feed, warehouses, livery stables, a hatchery and several other industries.

Atmore vies with Baldwin County in shipment of green corn and Irish potatoes but their acreage is not as large and as their crop is marketed later there is no marketing conflict. Radish, strawberries, cabbage and peaches and string beans are raised in quantities for northern markets. Radish plantings around Atmore are among the heaviest in the state.

Cotton has been and still is the largest crop. Several gins are located in Atmore and farmers from a wide area make their gin-nings and sales here. As Atmore is located near northeast Baldwin and northern Escambia County, Florida, they do business with these areas as well as planters in western Escambia County, Alabama.

### A Modern Town

Atmore has several miles of paved streets, adequate fire protection, fire trucks, a modern second-class postoffice, a large up-to-date high school, fine churches and all the accessories of a fairly large town.

Farming is the principal industry around Atmore but the town has other sources of income also. Many turpentine stills are found in the vicinity and for more than two decades, sawmills have been located there. The town was started about the time that Carney Mill Co. moved to Atmore and although the mill has ceased operation since, the Swift-Hunter

Lumber Company, which came there later, does a large business and is a source of income to many.

Atmore's city government is run very efficiently and economically

and is a good example of how a town's city officials can improve the standing of city government.

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# Newport Plant Is Baldwin's Largest Industry

## About 300 Employed To Work In Plant And To Furnish Raw Materials

### Addition Of Pale Rosin Plant Recently Adds To Market

• Newport Industries, Inc., of Bay Minette is not only Baldwin's largest manufacturing concern, but its products have a more universal sale than any others of the county.

Rosin, turpentine, pine oil and other products of the "tar plant" find their way into far corners of the globe. From Ecuador to England and to every continent their shipments are marketed.

The plant was brought here in 1912 when officials of the company thought they might profit from distilling products of fat, resinous pine stumps left from logging operations. Thousands of acres of land were cleared for agricultural purposes as a result and many found work either at the plant or in the woods, hauling the wood.

### Large Payroll

Approximately 160 people are employed in the company's plant and an equal number find employment in furnishing and hauling the stumpage. The monthly payroll for plant workers alone is around \$10,000.

At first the plant was only able to produce a very dark grade of rosin but their production has steadily increased and since the installation of the pale rosin refinery last year, their products are superior and their output has increased. Three times as many workers are employed as when the plant was installed and the plant's consumption has been increased from 60 to 200 tons daily.

Enough wood is stored in the company's plant to run it for about three weeks. W. S. Alexander, superintendent of the plant, said no products are wasted as all trash is fed into the boilers to furnish power. Ten 150-horsepower engines furnish the basis of operation.

As the fat wood around the plants is very inflammable, workers are prevented from smoking or carrying matches around the premises and insurance is carried to prevent any destruction. In 1926 a fire destroyed one of the buildings and since then officials of the plant are careful to prevent a similar outbreak.

### Higher Prices Received

Workers carry both life and accident insurance and during its 26 years of operation the company has never lost a worker because of casualties. Rosin, the steam-distilled wood turpentine and other products are now of the most refined grade, when formerly they were of a crude nature. Consequently prices received for products are higher than formerly.

Pine oil is one of the best disinfectants known as it kills germs without destroying tissue. Rosin is used for paints, varnishes, soaps,

## Bay Minette Has Fine Stave Mill

### Furnish Barrels For Turpentine Industry, Employs 27 Men

• Bay Minette's stave mill is a good example of what local initiative and industry can do toward furnishing jobs and wages for county workers.

Four years ago, Bertram Bryant, with his partner, Capt. Murphy McMillan of Stockton, conceived the idea that since there was no stave manufacturing concern in the county there was no reason why county turpentiners could not buy their barrel staves locally instead of at Mobile and Pensacola.

With that in mind they built the local stave and heading mill, which also has a sawmill in connection. Workers are all insured and many new changes have been made to improve efficiency and safety. Around 12 men are employed in the mill and as many as 15 are hired in the woods. G. W. Kinnard is foreman of the mill.

None of the waste products from the timber are wasted. Sawdust and scrap boards are either fed to the 75 horsepower steam boiler or cut up and sold for firewood locally.

Long leaf pine is used for furnishing the heading and staves, although poplar, gum and bay are sometimes used to make barrel heads. Staves are made from 38-inch blocks which are later run through a equalizer saw and reduced to 36-inch pieces.

They then go to the drum saw and sliced into staves. A conveyor takes them to a jointer where joints are edged and finally they go to a crozer where they are grooved to enable wiring. Heads are cut with a pendulum saw.

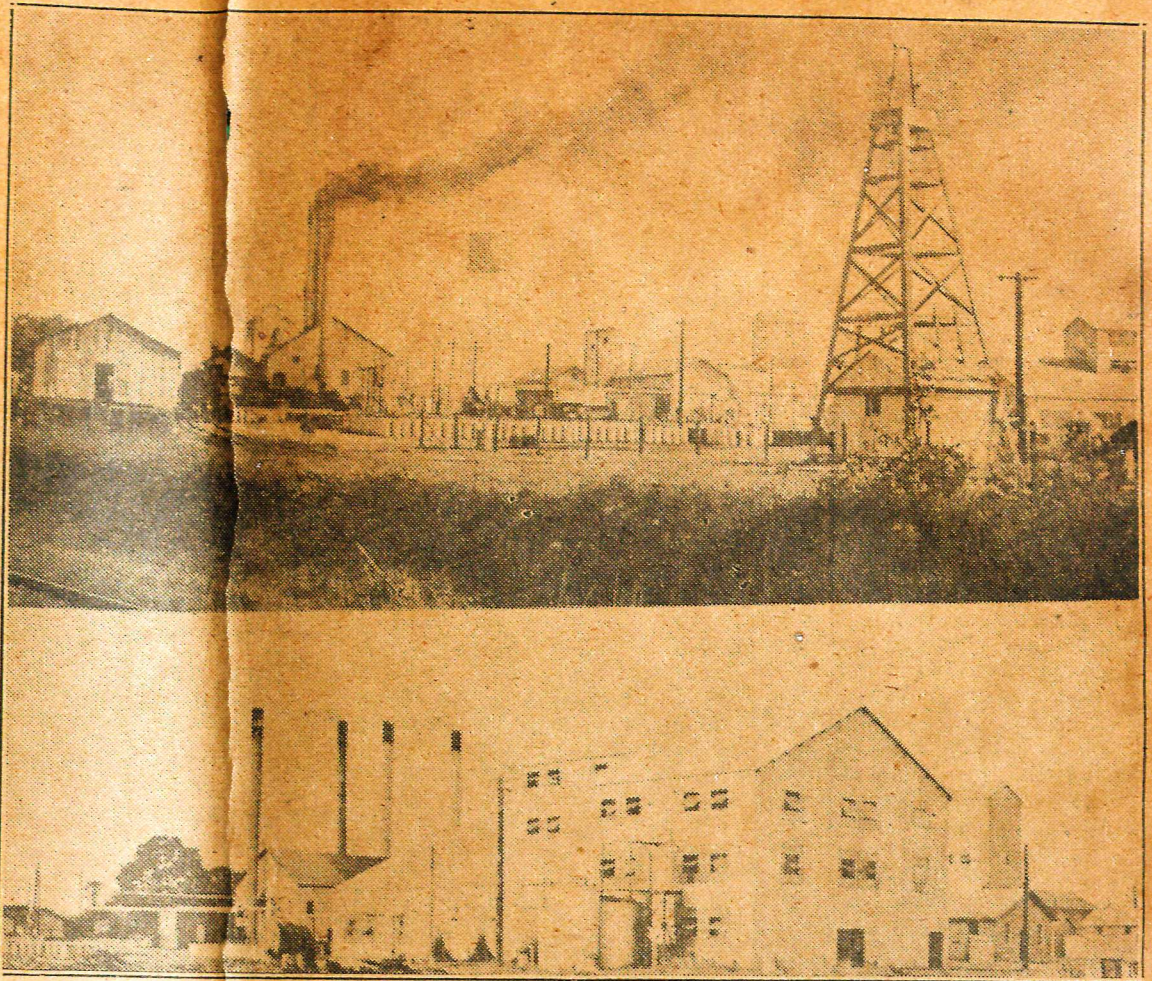
• Two large conventions are on schedule for the county this year, with both meeting at Fairhope. The Trailer Club of America and the American Legions posts of Alabama will have their annual sessions in the bayshore town.

medicines and for a variety of other products.

The Bay Minette Newport plant was the predecessor of two similar plants which the company built in Pensacola and DeQuincy, La.

Several large buildings, offices and yards are located on the company's 24-acre site. In addition to Mr. Alexander, the superintendent, other officials of the company here are E. D. Noonan, who purchases raw material, and L. J. Hooper, the works accountant.

## Newport — The Industry That Pine Knots Built



■ Newport Industries, Inc., is Baldwin's largest factory and has a force of more than 300 men.

"Tar wood", which is useless unless for fuel purposes, is used in great quantities by this huge turpentine refinery and the payrolls of the mill are a source of income, either directly or indirectly, to thousands of county citizens. Around Bay Minette it is the main source of employment.

The mill has a wood consumption of 200 tons of wood daily and products extracted from the knots include refined grades of rosin, spirits and pine oil.

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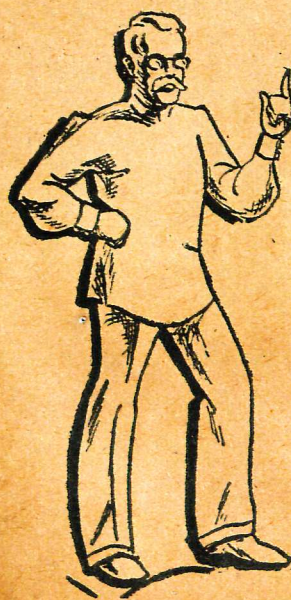
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## Bay Minette Named After Minette Bay

### First County Seat of Baldwin County Was At McIntosh Bluff

Bay Minette was named for Minet or Minette bay, an estuary near the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, which was so named in honor of the surveyor, Minet, who was associated with Bienville and whose name appears on many of the early maps of this region. He was with LaSalle and is said by the historian P. J. Hamilton, to have joined the brothers LeMoyné at Biloxi, Dauphin Island and Mobile.

In the days of early American occupation a postoffice was established on Minet Bay and was

later removed to the present site of this city, when the Mobile and Montgomery railroad was surveyed through the place. The postmaster moved with his family and brought with him the postoffice name and all, and so it is destined to remain, grow and prosper.

#### McIntosh Bluff 1st County Seat

The first capitol of the political subdivision that now includes the county of Baldwin was McIntosh Bluff, so designated by the Mississippi territorial legislature, and so it remained until after Alabama was carved from the side of her older neighbor.

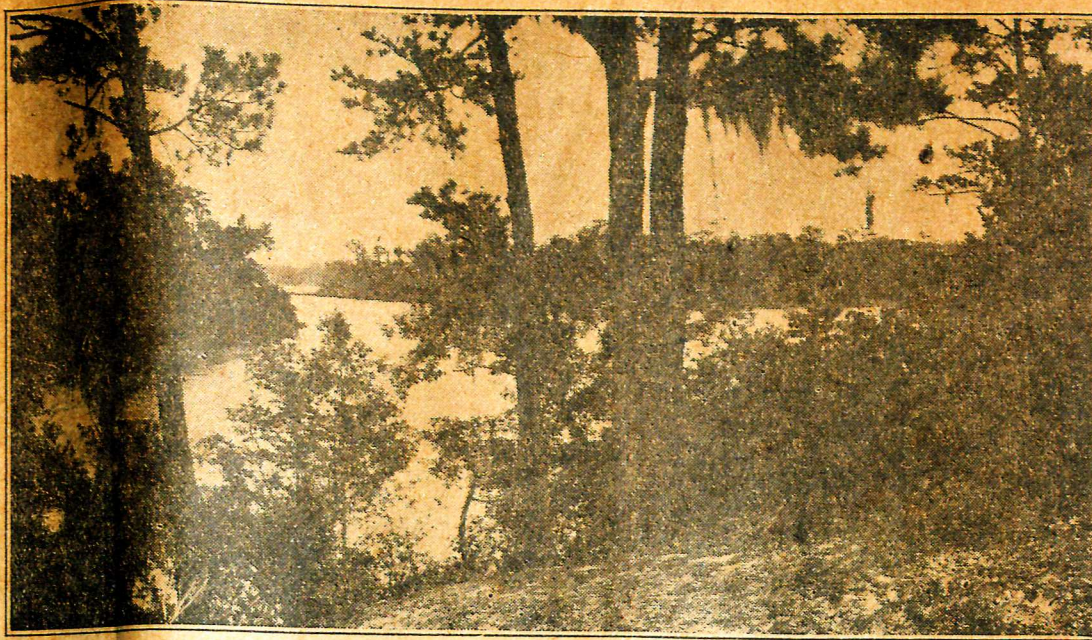
The county seat was removed to Blakeley December 16, 1820. The same Act directed the county government of Mobile to sell the court house at the Bluff on Tombigbee river and divide the proceeds equally between the counties of Baldwin, Mobile and Monroe, parts of which had been included in the area from which Baldwin was carved. The act named Cyrus Sibley, James Peters, Francis B. Stockton, Benjamin J. Randall and Samuel Hall as commissioners to purchase the site at Blakeley and erect a court house at a cost not exceeding \$2,000.

On August 11, 1868, the county commissioners were directed to select a new location on the Eastern Shore, within two miles of Montrose and Daphne was selected and made the county seat, probably about 1870, according to Dr. Thomas M. Owen, state historian.

#### Bay Minette Made Capitol

The moves by which Daphne ceased to remain the county seat

### Beautiful Scene Overlooking Mobile Bay, Near Spanish Fort



• Above is a typical scene along the Mobile Bay front along the eastern shore of the majestic body

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and Bay Minette reigned in its stead constitute another interesting chapter in Baldwin History. Some of its incidents remain controversial but an article about it may be found elsewhere in this edition.

It was determined and forever settled by the supreme court in a final decision in favor of Bay Minette, five years after an act of the legislature named this as the new county seat, February 1, 1901.

There was great rejoicing when a decision of circuit judge Samuel B. Browne was finally overruled by the high court. And Baldwin's war over the location of the county seat came to a close without bloodshed.

#### Advantages Of Baldwin

• Baldwin County has a number of very attractive industrial sites. Deep water, good supply of dependable labor, hydro-electric power, transportation facilities, numerous small towns scattered over the county, all aid in offering advantages to the manufacturer.

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## First Fatality Of '39 Reported Saturday Morning

Amos Little, Age 21,  
Dies From Wreck  
Below Stapleton

Amos Little, 21-year old local mechanic, met death on the highway last Saturday morning for the county's first car-wreck casualty of the year.

The fatality occurred early Saturday when Little overturned on U. S. 31 near the convict camp, west of Stapleton. He died shortly afterward in a Mobile hospital, where he was taken for emergency treatment.

Observers of the accident said that Little's car overturned several times when he tried to pass a truck bearing convicts while heading to Mobile. The car was smashed completely and Little's body was pinned in the wreckage, according to reports.

The preceding night Little overturned at the west overhead bridge in Bay Minette, but was unharmed and the fatal occurrence

## Roosevelt Dance Success In County

Pleased with the crowd attending the county's Roosevelt Ball last Friday night here, Leslie Hall, chairman of the drive for paralysis funds in the county, said today the event had been a financial success.

A sum of approximately \$27 had been cleared on the dance, Mr. Hall said, and a good crowd had attended the festivities. Of this sum, half will go to county authorities to aid local infantile paralysis sufferers.

of the next day was in the same car.

Besides his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Little of Lottie, Mr. Little is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith Stone Little, and eight brothers and sisters. They are, Floyd, Elizabeth, John M., Pearl, Alice and Ruth, all of Lottie; a sister, Mrs. Ola Mae McGee, McCullough; a brother, Fred Little, Bay Minette, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held from the Baptist Church in Lottie Sunday afternoon with Rev. A. D. Duck of Bay Minette conducting. Burial rites were in Lottie Cemetery with Owens Funeral Home in charge.

## County 4-H Boys Plant Forests

Two Turpentiners  
Restock Slash Pine  
On Timberlands

Demonstration plots on a 4-H forestry preservation project got under way in Stapleton last week, and planting in Perdido started this week, according to B. B. Kinnaird, county forester.

W. H. Johnson, 4-H club leader, with Mr. Kinnaird earlier agreed to have test plots at Bay Minette, Perdido, Stockton, Stapleton and possibly Summerdale in order to demonstrate the advantages of caring for forests.

The 10,000 trees to be used for the planting were donated by the state commission of forestry. Planting at Stockton and Bay Minette schools is scheduled to begin soon.

Not only 4-H boys but county turpentiners also have shown interest in restocking forests. Henry Bryars, Stockton, and Mac Hadgson, Bay Minette, recently ordered approximately 25,000 trees apiece to replenish their turpentine lands.

## County Cultivators Prepare To Farm

Throughout Baldwin the county's arable, sandy loam land stood broken up this week as acres of farm lands felt plow-points and farmers began preparations for their spring crops.

Plantings of Irish potatoes is by now over half over, according to estimates, and seed hotbeds for sweet potatoes have been smoking in south Baldwin for more than a week.

Some think that because of better handling through cooperatives and possibilities of better standardization of prices that Irish potato prices will be higher than last year.

Cucumbers, according to indications, are due for increased planting this year and increased acreage in tomatoes is forecast. According to large growers, danger of cold weather is not yet past and some are planting late on this account; those risking early planting on some crops are hoping thereby to get top market prices before the market is saturated.

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## Foley Cagers Win Seventh Victory

The Foley Lions won their seventh straight basketball game Monday night on the home court by a 25-14 victory over the U. M. S. cagers from Mobile. The game was slow throughout and Foley paced the Cadets all through the contest.

Coaker and Leach were high point men for Foley with 11 and 10 points respectively. Martin and Weinacker were U. M. S. standouts, racking up 5 and 7 points.

## Cattle Auction Reported Success

12 Hereford Bulls  
Sold To Stockmen  
For Breeding Use

An estimated crowd of 200 attended the second county-wide livestock auction last Saturday at Rhodes' barns here as approximately \$300 worth of county hogs and cattle changed hands on the auction block.

A shipment of 13 registered imported Hereford bulls were disposed of, excepting one, at prices ranging from \$85 to \$125 with not only county buyers but stockmen of Escambia and Mobile counties also participating in the bidding.

Farmers in general expressed satisfaction with prices received and manifested interest in growing more livestock as they saw they had local marketing conditions equally as favorable as those in large towns.

While the volume of business transacted was not as large as in an earlier auction last November, prices received were comparable to those of large livestock centers. While most of the buyers and sellers were in neighboring vicinities some were from south Baldwin.

The sale was cooperative, being sponsored by county agent, E. E. Hale in an effort to increase livestock production in the county.

Prices received for No. 1 porkers averaged 5.90 while other hogs were sold by the head. Cly Smith acted as auctioneer.

Those buying registered bulls were W. D. Martin, Ben Deakle and Matt Boykin, all of Mobile; C. L. Hale, Frisco City; Frank T. Peterson, Muscogee, Fla.; Fate Brooks, Frisco City; J. C. Broughton, Benjamin Miller, G. W. Robertson, (two), all of Bay Minette; N. W. Dean, Little River; Thomas Earle, Blacksher.

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# Rodertsdale Is Called "The Hub of Baldwin"

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## Dr. Amos Garrett Is Present Mayor - Bus, Railroad Facilities

● Robertsdale aptly named itself when she took the title "The Hub of Baldwin."

Its advantageous features of location are shown by the fact that it is: 45 minutes from Mobile, 45 minutes to Pensacola, 30 minutes to the Gulf of Mexico and 20 minutes to Perdido Bay, with train and bus facilities enabling those without cars to reach desired points in short time.

Like many of the other south Baldwin towns, Robertsdale is comparatively new, being settled around 1905. Like Foley, the town did not begin until the L. & N. Railroad began its Fort Morgan extension from Bay Minette.

From a sparsely settled lumbering country the area grew to a busy little town, attracting more settlers to its cut-over farm lands each year. Today Robertsdale is an incorporated town with a mile square area and an approximate population of 600 and a trade area of several times that figure.

### Mayor And Councilmen

Dr. Amos Garrett is the present mayor with his councilmen being George Perrin, Harry Marker, T. V. Abercrombie, Orvis M. Brown and J. W. Brett. W. R. Duckworth is town marshal and Miss Florence Higgins is town clerk.

U. S. Highway 90 goes through the edge of town leading to Pensacola and the Sibley Holmes trail leads through town, giving a mile of pavement. A newly-constructed street paving project gives three-fourths of a mile more paving and last month the city sold \$3600 worth of bonds to make further paving and civic additions. The ten or fifteen fire plugs insure adequate fire protection and their modern American La France fire pump is comparable to that used in larger cities and throws a one-inch stream with 250 pounds of pressure. Frank Mulack is the town fire chief.

### Modern Institutions

A twelve-grade state accredited high school is in Robertsdale and there are five churches, Methodist, Christian, Baptist, Episcopal and Church of Christ. A well-stocked library serves as the town hall. Business operations in the town include a theatre, two lumber mills, one drug store, two cafeterias, a hardware store, hotel, home loan company, farm supply store and several feed and grocery stores.

Offices of the Baldwin County Electric Membership Corporation, a unit of the REA, are located in the town and they have their own sewage disposal and water system and get lights from Riviera Utilities of Foley. Pace Grocery Company has a wholesale warehouse in the town to serve this area. Last year Mr. Bertolla, Mr. Corte, Mr. Glendenning, L. T. Rhodes and the Silverhill Farmers

Association had private shipping sheds and the total movement of truck crops from Robertsdale was around 1300 cars.

### Has A Chamber Of Commerce

The town has a Boy Scout troop, of which Walter Hammond, Jr., is leader, and an outstanding civic organization, the Chamber of Commerce, which is constantly working for the betterment of local conditions. Offices of the Baldwin County Building and Loan Association are in Robertsdale. Similar to a bank, the institution does much to help home-builders and pays an unusually good rate of interest on savings deposits.

There are a number of Bohemian and other European-stock families living around Robertsdale but the majority of people are northern immigrants and native Anglo-Saxons. Farm homes around Robertsdale have an appearance of being well-kept and are usually painted and neat in appearance.

Potatoes, early green corn and sweet potatoes are the largest crops in the district but there are many straight crop farms and very seldom do farmers confine their activities to one crop.

### Produce Shipping Point

Cabbages, cucumbers, melons, tung trees, satsumas, pecans, soy beans, field corn and other crops are raised to a greater or less extent in the area. Robertsdale being a station on the Fort Morgan Railroad, is the shipping point for Silverhill, Rosinton, Fairhope, Elsanor, Belforest and Daphne for rail shipments of produce. Robertsdale is the largest shipper of eggs and poultry of any place in the county, the activity of the Silverhill Farmer's Association being largely responsible for this.

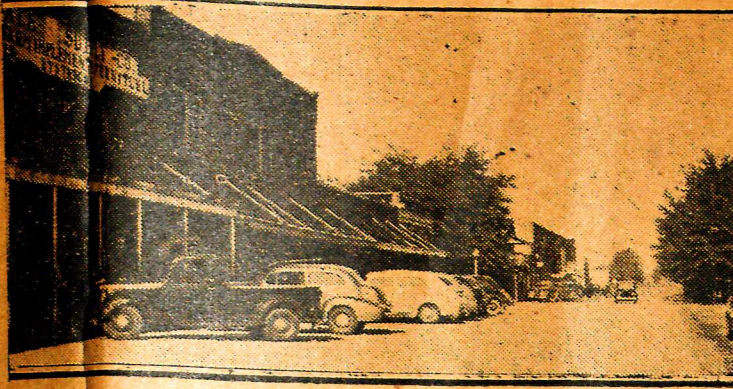
Being adjacent to Fairhope and Foley, both slightly largely, Robertsdale does not have an extensive trade territory. Rosinton, many farmers of the Silverhill area and settlers along U. S. 90 east of Robertsdale, make this their shopping center, but because merchants are well-stocked in farm equipment they do business with farmers over a much wider area.

### Small Farms Noticeable

Small tracts of "forties" and "eighties" are noticeable around Robertsdale moreso than in most places in the county. The land thereabouts is usually flat, well-drained, fairly productive and is well adapted to diversified and truck farming. By using cropland, soy beans, Austrian peas and other legumes farmers of the section have made their land remarkably productive and they tend to apply heavier applications of fertilizer than farmers of many sections of the county.

Eight miles east of Robertsdale, close to U. S. 90 a 560-acre game preserve called "The Hollies" is located, being owned by A. McMaster of Robertsdale and Iowa. By keeping fire out of his land for more than thirty years, the

## Robertsdale's Railroad Street



■ The main business section of the Hub City fronts along the tracks of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

In the spring and early summer the above scene is even more teeming with activity for not only are town shoppers present, but farmers from far and near are on hand to ship their truck produce.

From January 1 to June 16 last year Robertsdale shipped 928 cars of Irish potatoes, 160 cars of cucumbers, 90 cars of green corn and 15 carloads of mixed vegetables. Note paved streets.

● Tiwasa, an old Spanish city, once stood on the site of the present Spanish Fort. The place earned its name from being a Spanish embattlement which was destroyed in 1799 when the British bombarded it heavily.

● Baldwin County has more post offices than any county in the state except Jefferson.

● The Baldwin County Deep Sea Rodeo attracted almost 400 entrants from 34 different states last year. Prizes awarded to contestants were valued at more than \$800 and 3,000 pounds of fish were caught, with 14 varieties being represented.

foliage and trees are in good condition and the game is unusually abundant from being protected so long.

With her productive soils, well-stocked forests and moderate climate Robertsdale is unusually blessed and if her growth of the past 33 or 34 years can be taken as any indication of future progress, the town is well on its way to distinction.

● Admiral Raphael Semmes once had a summer home at Josephine on Perdido Bay.

● The town of Fairhope owns 65 acres of public parks and bathing beaches, including a tourist trailer camp.

● Baldwin Countians evidently show an unusual interest in improving their minds for the county has five town libraries, not to mention libraries at Daphne Normal school, the Organic School and the various high schools. Bay Minette, Fairhope, Robertsdale, Silverhill and Foley all have public libraries.

● Except Turkey, Spain and Portugal, every country in Europe is represented by colonies or settlers in Baldwin.

● Although the Fort Morgan Railroad from Bay Minette to Foley is only 32 miles long, it is served by two trains daily and it does one of the most extensive freight businesses of any line its size.

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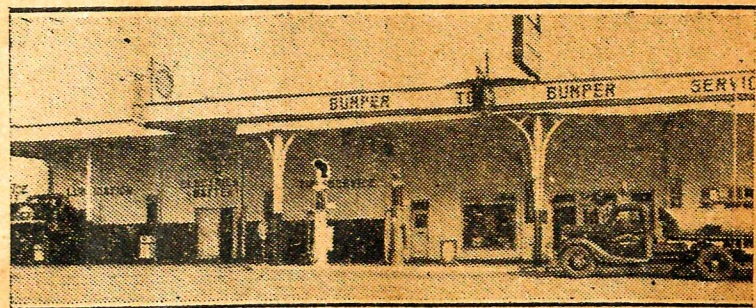
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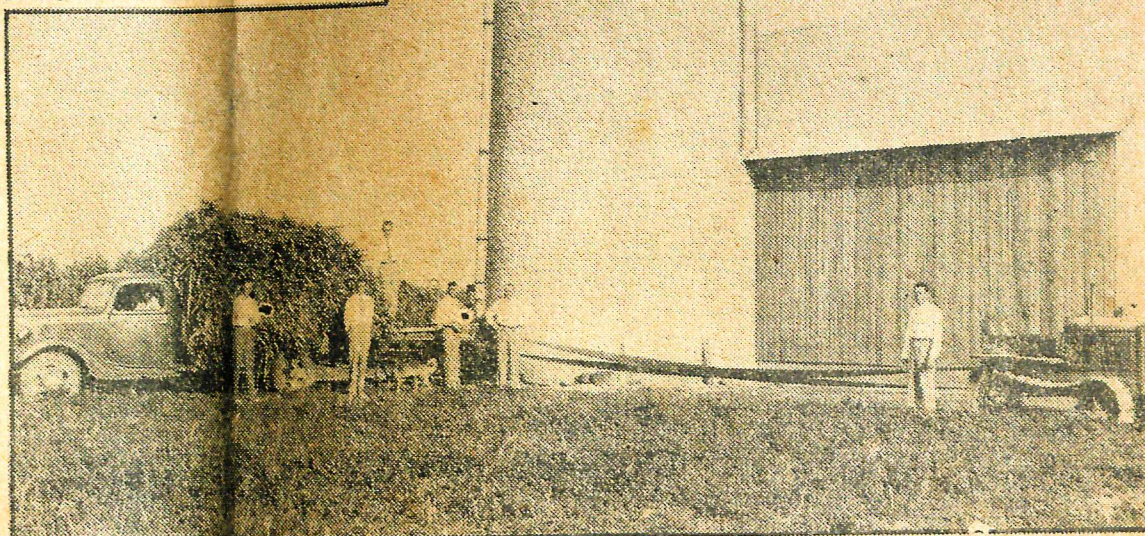
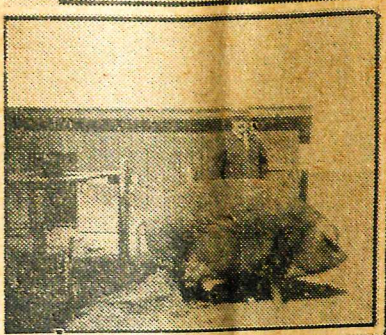
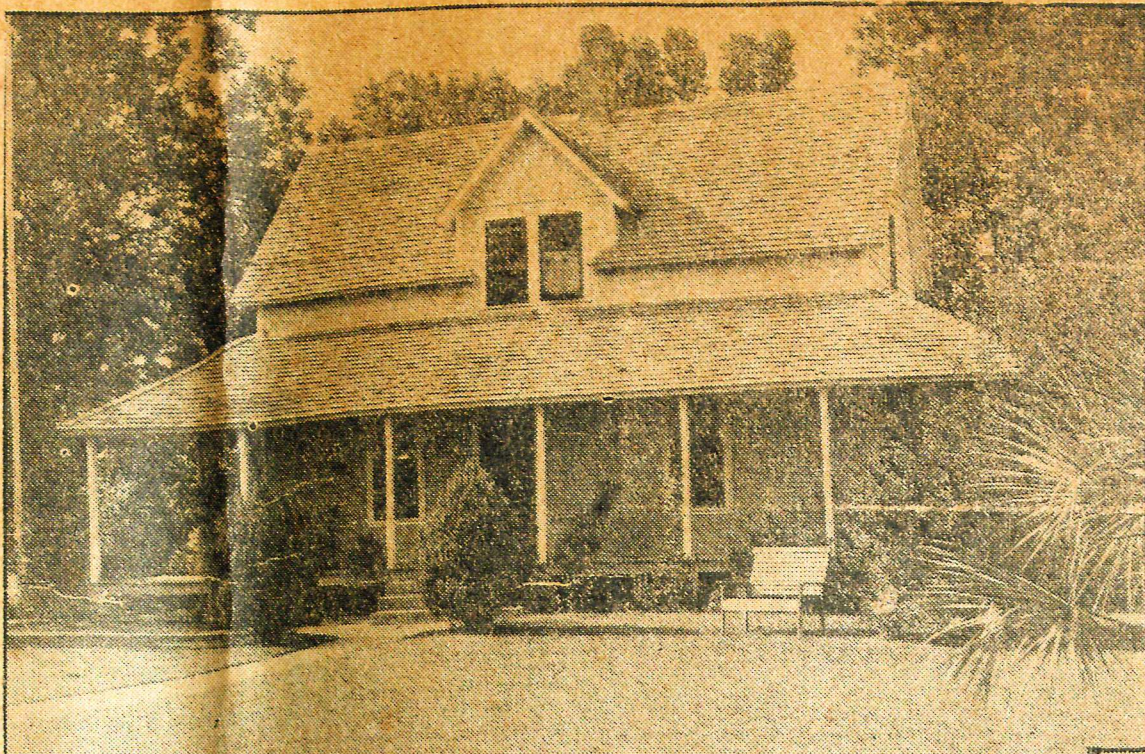
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## 8-Cent Cotton Doesn't Bother This Baldwin Farmer



• Paul Kaiser, Elberta, was awarded the title of "Master Farmer" in 1937 and his success is a fine example of what can be done on a Baldwin County farm by hard work and diversification. Mr. Kaiser has a comfortable home, a modern farm and raises something besides cotton. Fact is he

doesn't bother with cotton at all. He depends upon diversification in his farming to make him a good living. He grows Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, roasting ears, beef cattle, hogs, poultry and rice. Incidentally, Mr. Kaiser came to Baldwin practically broke. He first bought 40 acres and paid for

it in \$7.50 monthly payments. his farm until today he owns 480 acres of excellent land.

Since that time he has added to The top photo shows Mr. Kaiser's home. Center is a picture of filling the silo and the insert shows Mr. Kaiser with one of his fine hogs.

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and other states load their families and camping equipment onto cars and trailers and light out for Baldwin to remain until time for reopening the schools.

They rent rooms, camps, cabins or cottages and live out-of-doors as much as possible. The total of these summer visitors runs into the thousands, while a few years ago they were scattering and few.

They make good cash customers for milk, butter, eggs, potatoes, and practically every food product that the farmer can grow. They would consume or preserve several tons of figs if such were obtainable in that quantity.

The winter visitors, not so numerous but generally more wealthy, arrive early enough to escape the winter's cold and remain until the early spring. They require more cozy quarters to live in, but spend much of their time in the sunshine and consume large quantities of dairy and farm products, including fruits that are locally grown, being especially fond of satsuma oranges.

Catering to seasonal visitors with seafoods and fish bait, as well as products of the land, opens many opportunities for the resourceful producer and marketeer.

• DID YOU KNOW that Baldwin County has five hundred and forty-six miles of tide water frontage?



## Baldwin Farmers Have Access To REA Power

### 292 Miles Electric Lines Serve 1000 Families In County

• With the erection of over 292 miles of power lines as a \$200,000 REA project, electricity has been given to approximately a thousand Baldwin County families, while virtually every community in the county has access to electricity.

The Rural Electrification services in Baldwin, the largest individual county unit in the state, are available to anyone along the line provided a minimum of three customers per mile can be secured. Erection of the lines started in September 1937 and was completed by June, 1938, and additional funds of \$65,000 were released in November for service to 357 customers.

Power is furnished wholesale by the Riviera Utilities Company of Foley. From there the line runs in south Baldwin to Fairhope, Marlow, Magnolia Springs, Bon Secour, Elberta, Gulf Shores, Summerdale, West Robertsdale and Rosinton.

The northern extension from Silverhill, runs through Stapleton, Hurricane, White House Forks, Cross Roads, Carpenter, Stockton, Tensaw, Blacksher and Little River.

The Baldwin County Electric Membership Corporation, composed of all REA electricity users in the county, is a non-profit organization and year by year liquidates the cost of the loan made to erect the lines. The present rate of the electricity is \$2 per month for a minimum of 20 kilowatt hours and 8c per kilowatt hour for addition-

al power up to 40 kilowatt hours.

Carl Slich, Jr., of Loxley, is project supervisor of the organization and A. C. Bryant of Stockton is county inspector. Officers are Frank Earle, Blacksher, president and director; Alton Hankins, Foley, vice president and director; P. A. Bryant, Stockton, secretary-treasurer and director; Frank Hoffman, Elberta and Tom Steele, Jr., Bon Secour, directors. Directors are advisory and policy-forming members and serve for no pay.

Wiring of homes was done by local electricians who took training in wiring from a state short course. The corporation furnishes the poles and lines to the homes, but each home owner furnishes wire, fixtures and the meter.

The Rabun-Lottie section is the only part of the county not served by power lines.

• Oak Airport, six miles south of Foley, is the only airport in the county and has a two plane shelter, three runways, phone and taxi service. It was established in 1936 by Nick Crump of Chicago and Gordon Childress of Oak. Fliers from the naval station in Pensacola use the field extensively and private flying instructions are given there.

• Baldwin is the largest poultry-raising county in Alabama, having surpassed Cullman County. Four hatcheries and a number of large chicken farms are located in the county. Even then enough eggs for home consumption are not produced.

• The average size of county farms is forty acres, but there

### Isn't This Ducky?



Along the marshes and water-fronts of Baldwin County, some of the best duck hunting of the state is to be found.

Norman Durant of Bay Minette is shown with 24 fine mallard and teal, which he and his brother, Harry, killed on a recent hunt on Bay Minette Basin.

Hunters are restricted to a bag limit of ten ducks a day, a method that promises to insure their conservation for years to come. Each hunter is also required to buy a duck hunting stamp in addition to his regular license.

are many 160-acre farms and several contain several hundred acres.

• U. S. highway No. 90, passing through Baldwin County from Seminole to Bridgehead, is the second heaviest traveled highway in the South. An average of 2200 automobiles pass over Cochrane Bridge each day.

• Lillian Bridge was opened for traffic April 20, 1917.

• WPA laborers at Bay Minette operate a concrete plant, 16 men being employed. Considerable savings were made in the county by making their own pipe for road construction instead of buying them from outside sources.

• More than 100 county boys have been placed in CCC camps during the last year.

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## A Flourishing Soy Bean Crop



■ How's this for a first-year farming record. Stanley Peacher of Loxley (above) cleared \$257 per acre on cucumbers on five acres of newly-cleared land, a total of \$1,285.

After cucumbers were harvested he planted soy beans in June for a valuable hay crop. In September he planted a fall Irish potato crop. Three crops on the same land in less than a year's time — that's an example of farming in Baldwin!

## Health Conditions In Baldwin Are Excellent

### County Has Fine Health Department To Combat Disease

• Living conditions in the county have always been unusually conducive to health, but such dread factors as the malarial mosquito, hookworms, poor sanitation and pestilent diseases have necessitated a health department in the county to combat them.

Baldwin has a four-piece health unit consisting of the county health officer, nominated by the state board and approved by the county medical society; a sanitary officer who also serves as a sanitary engineer; an all-time nurse and a secretary. Dr. W. Bruce Nelson is the county health officer, W. G. McKibbin serves as sanitary engineer, Miss Pauline Marshall acts as nurse and Miss Grace Brannan is secretary.

#### Problems Are Many

A few of the every-day problems which Dr. Nelson has to confront include measures to improve the mass health of school children, to prevent loss of life in maternity cases, to eradicate hookworm and pellagra, sanitation in towns and suburbs and treatment for those suffering from tuberculosis.

The county does not have access to a preventorium or sanatorium to accommodate needy persons suffering from tuberculosis. Through such measures as are available, home treatment and supervision, tuberculosis has been appreciably reduced. Last year there were 48 cases of tuberculosis under supervision in the county and each case patient is visited at least once.

With the aid of local doctors and

dentists in county communities each school child is inspected and after the checkup children are given a list of their physical defects and told to consult their family doctor, asking him to remedy them. This practice has resulted in many securing eyeglasses and dental treatment and a number are treated for hookworm or pellagra. Last year the examination included all pupils in the first, third and fifth grades, more than 400 children.

Other work of the county health officer includes vaccination of persons exposed to communicable disease, visiting cases of epidemic attacks and examination of persons desiring a medical examination.

#### Businesses Are Inspected

Work of the county health engineer includes inspection of restaurants, food dealers, barber shops, etc., to see that they are sanitary and sanitation of towns and private homes. In the near future, Mr. McKibbin plans to grade all tourist camps and establishments catering to tourists so that travellers may know what places are the best. With the aid of WPA, 371 privies, conformable to state standards, were constructed in various homes in the county, with property owners repaying in installments the cost of the work.

Until three years ago there were no graded dairies in the county but today 21 grade A dairies and the Fairhope milk pasteurizing plant are under supervision by the county sanitary engineer. By the end of the year Mr. McKibbin plans to have all milk producers under supervision.

Because of the small towns and

meat sales from farms throughout the county it is difficult to inspect meat in the county but all meat from packing houses comes into the county already inspected.

#### Sanitary Towns

Foley, Fairhope and Bay Minette, the largest towns of the county, have been declared almost one hundred per cent sanitary and plans are being made to have Robertsedale and Summerdale made sanitary also. All schools of the county have been inspected and made to conform to sanitary regulations. The Fairhope disposal plant is a small-scale reproduction of plants found in larger cities and Foley is building a similar plant with PWA funds and when completed will serve around 3,000 people. The Robertsedale plant has been reworked and is now in good condition and the Bay Minette plant, while of the old type, has been recently cleaned.

#### Drainage Projects

Of recent years efforts were made to combat malaria through drainage projects in the county but due to lack of labor in 1938 no projects were carried on except a two mile drag-line cooperative project in Belforest. In connection with the modernizing of the Robertsedale sewerage system, swampy areas of the town were drained. Near Bay Minette the Burns Creek and Hollinger Creek drainage projects resulted in the

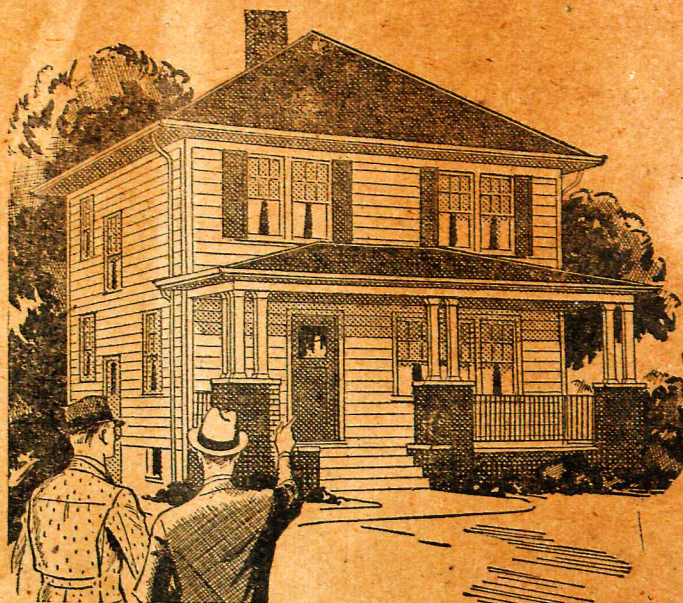
elimination of many mosquitoes.

One of the main objectives of the county health department is to secure a hospital for the county to give treatment to those not able to afford city hospitals and to offer conveniences to local sick

cases. One of the greatest problems of the department is to eliminate childbirth deaths for it is estimated that one child out of six born in the county dies directly or indirectly from improper treatment at birth.

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## Soil Survey Of County Needs To Be Revised

Study Made In 1911 Is Authorative But Needs Some Changes

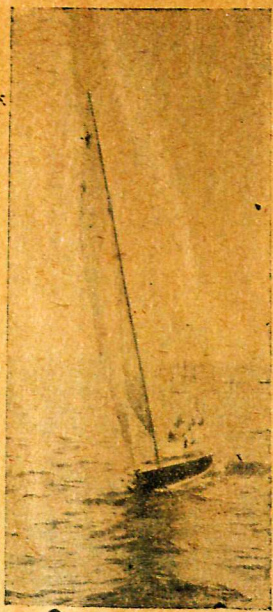
• While authoritative and complete in many details, the latest soil survey of the county, made in 1911, is out of date and needs revision, a glance at the survey reveals.

Compiled by the Bureau of Soils of the United States Department of Agriculture the map was made by W. E. Tharp, H. Jennings, E. S. Waldrop, W. L. Lett, P. H. Avery and L. Cantrell. According to their information the soil types of the county, excluding the swamps and overflow lands of the Alabama and Perdido Rivers, are derived from the Lafollette formation, embracing not only the upland soils, which are the weathered surface of the original surface, but also the alluvial and semi-alluvial types along the smaller streams and sandy lands that skirt the coast.

There are some twenty soil types, those of the Norfolk series predominating, with some Orangeburgs, Greenvilles and others. Meadows, swamps, mucks and the coastal beach comprise only about 10 per cent of the total area. New lands must be fertilized to produce large yields.

Moderate slopes feature the topography in the southern end of the county with general elevation of the land maintained within a mile or two of the water. On the bays there are occasional bluffs where the interior highlands extend to the water's edge. The total area of low sandy and marshy land that skirts the inlets and bays of South Baldwin comprise only a small percentage of the total

## Yachtman's Paradise



• A typical sailing sloop, one of the many frequently seen around Baldwin's coast. Mobile Bay offers unexcelled yachting, swimming and fishing to Alabama vacationists who visit the Eastern Shore. Piers, both private and public, front the shoreline along with numerous night clubs. A paved road fronting the bay brings the resort centers within easy distance of motorists.

area.

### Country Is Well Drained

Most of the country is drained by the tributaries of the Alabama and Perdido rivers, their streams flowing toward the west. However, a few north-flowing creeks of inferior size, notably Little River, Turkey Creek and Majors and Pine Log Creeks in north Baldwin are to be found, all draining into Alabama River. Bay Minette and White House Creeks are minor streams draining much of the rough territory northeast of Mobile Bay.

Fish River, the principal stream

in the southwestern part of the county has a north-south course and empties into Week's Bay. Between this and Mobile Bay there is a wide divide whose surface is broken by but very few drainage lines. South of parallel 31 the drainage of the eastern part of the county is towards the southeast. Between Perdido Station and Bay Minette the topography is marked by long divides with moderate slopes to the semi-swamps of Dyas Creek and its tributaries. Styx River, arising just below Bay Minette, joins the Perdido River a few miles above the head of Perdido Bay. Hollinger Creek is its largest eastern tributary.

The Blackwater River drains a considerable area south and west of the Styx but its streams have comparatively narrow valleys. On the lower Styx and Blackwater the valleys are a mile or more wide in some places, but decline along the upper reaches to little more than a narrow strip of swampy land. All of these streams have a year-round flow, with numerous springs and abundance of water for stock and domestic use.

### Relief Is Varied

From parallel 31 north there is much rough land about the head of the west-flowing streams but between their lower courses the divide widens into somewhat moderate relief. Some of these level stretches, covering several hundred acres, make desirable farm land, as they extend well into the crest of hills overlooking the Alabama River valley. Towards the east they become more broken, forming gravelly ridges or steep knolls covered with iron crusts. Horseneck Creek, which flows through a rough section, may be taken as a dividing line for the lands below this stream extend fairly level along its eastern boundary nearly to Perdido.

The surface of most of the land drained by these streams is rolling to moderately hilly the more broken areas generally being formed at the extreme heads of the minor

branches. The divide between the Styx and Perdido Rivers, is a broad, high ridge of varied relief. Around the sandy loam areas the surface is rolling to moderately hilly and with less hills noticed around the deeper sands.

A ride on Fort Morgan Railroad located on the flat-topped watershed below Bay Minette, gives the impression that the country is level. Such is not the case, for a mile or two on each side hills are noticed, the relief increasing as the crest lines above the valleys are approached. South of Summerdale the divide widens and around Foley and south the land is almost level, with moderate rolling notice along the tributaries of the bay.

Generally speaking, all that part of an area south of a line drawn from Daphne to Blackwater River is fairly level and includes

very little land that is unfit for farming. Small dense groves of cypress and black gum is a usual feature of this level upland, marking the shallow depressions where water stands most of the year.

Around one-seventh of the county's area is included in the Alabama River valley, around 17 square miles consisting of second bottoms lying from 10 to 20 feet above the overflow land. "The swamp" as that backwater land north of Stockton is popularly called is a misnomer for most of the surface has an elevation of several feet above the usual level of the river and is comparatively dry during the summer and fall. South of the thirty-first parallel the flood plain is lower and is more often flooded by high water or tides. Heavy forests of gum, oak, maple, poplar and other deciduous trees are found along much of this area.

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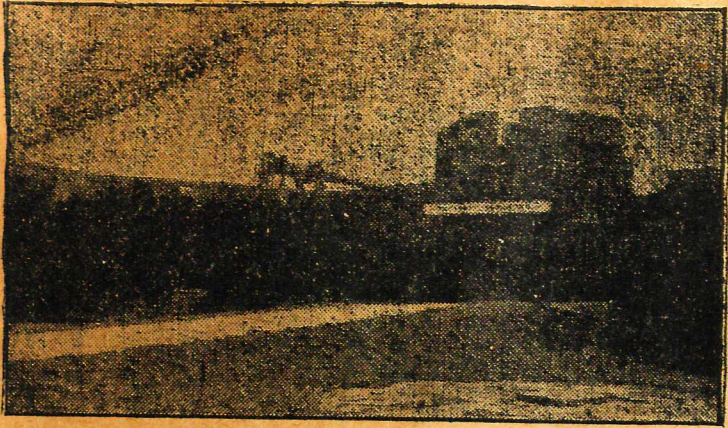
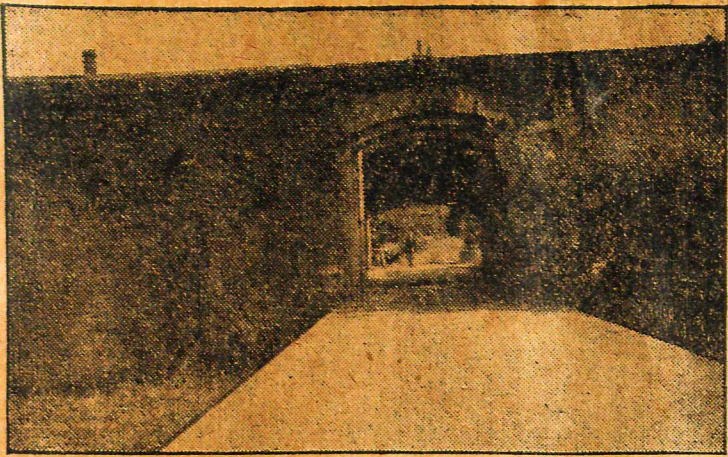
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## Fort Morgan — Active In Every War



■ Fort Morgan (with entrance at top view) is one of the oldest forts of any importance and it was used in every war, but saw its most active service in the Civil War as a Confederate defense of Mobile Bay.

Inside (lower view) the fort may be seen a gun collection of various war artillery from different periods. Plans for the fort were drawn up by one of Napoleon's engineers.

## Historic Fort Morgan Is Important Tourist Spot

### Many Tourists Pass Historic Spot Almost Every Day

● Fort Morgan, the five-pointed brick fortification erected by the American government in 1833, enjoys the double distinction of being one of the oldest national forts of any consequence still standing and one of the comparatively few which saw its most active service in fighting against the same government.

The real story of the old fort goes back even further, for in 1519, twenty-six years after the discovery of America, Admiral Alvarez de Pineda sailed past the point into Mobile Bay. During the following four hundred years which saw the birth and growth of the American Republic Fort Morgan, together with its predecessor, Fort Bowyer, and its companion fortress, Fort Gaines, across the bay, were centers of important events and were used as fortifications in every American war except the Spanish - American War.

#### Was Active In 1814

The fort first came into prominence as a protecting outpost of the French and Spanish colonial possessions and saw active service in 1814 when boarded by the British fleet. It was the defending fort in the outstanding military engagement of the Civil War, was

even more strongly fortified at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War and was used as a training center in the World War.

Incomplete information establishes the point on the extremity of Baldwin County and commanding the entrance to Mobile Bay, as being fortified by Jean Baptiste Bienville in 1711 when he established the capital of the Louisiana Territory at Mobile.

The extensive Louisiana Territory was ceded by France to England in 1763 but in 1800 Napoleon forced Spain, which had acquired Louisiana from England, to return it to France. France in turn sold the land to the United States in 1803, during the Thomas Jefferson administration. Spain, however, continued to assert claim to the territory east of the Louisiana and Mississippi and south of the 31st degree of North Latitude.

#### 4 Ships Attack Fort

In September 1814 four British warships attacked the fort, known as Fort Bowyer since the rebuilding of the fort under General Wilkinson of the American army. The Carron, Sophia, Childur and Hermes, with a combined force of 78 guns, thundered against the fort for three days without apparent effect and one of them, the Hermes, was grounded and the British set fire to it. General Andrew Jackson, 30 miles away, is said to have heard the deafening explosion which resulted and marched to the spot post haste,

thinking the magazine of the fort had been hit. The remaining three ships returned to Pensacola, then a Spanish base.

The British were repulsed the next year in the Battle of New Orleans but the British fleet, unaware that a treaty of peace had been signed with America, occupied the fort until American officials took custody of it shortly after.

#### Renamed In 1833

In 1833, the brick structure, part of which is still in preservation, was erected and given the name Fort Morgan. The story is that the bricks for the fort were made west of Foley and shipped by schooner down Fish River and Mobile Bay, while the mortar consisted of sand and crushed shells from Dauphin Island.

In 1861 came the stormy session of the Southern states and General Page was put in charge of Fort Morgan and Fort Gaines with a garrison of 1,500 men and formidable cannons. Admiral Farragut, convinced that Fort Morgan and Fort Gaines must be reduced before he could hope to capture Mobile, rounded the point on August 5, 1864, prepared to storm his way through. He disregarded mines placed at the entrance of Mobile Bay by Confederate General Buchanan, succeeded in passing the forts and silenced the rebel ram Tennessee and her auxiliaries, the Morgan, Selma and Gaines. Buchanan was wounded in the fray, however, the Selma was blown up and the Union frigate Tecumseh sunk. Fort Morgan was not taken until a few days later when Farragut was supported by land artillery and its citadel was set afire by heated cannon balls from Union ships. Fort Gaines was shamefully betrayed by a subordinate officer.

When Spanish-American war clouds began to gather six new batteries, two disappearing towers and a miniature three-rail railroad were built mainly to prevent Mexico, a probable ally of Spain, from attacking southern ports. Giant searchlights, the most modern of the time, were erected for the patrolling of Gulf waters but all this equipment was to no avail as the fort was never attacked.

#### Fort Abandoned In 1921

In the World War the two companies of artillery stationed at the garrison were strengthened by the addition of 600 officers and over a thousand recruits. After the end of the war the post was reduced in size to 300 men and in 1921 it was completely abandoned.

Located in the extreme end of the Serof Peninsular, running west some 24 miles from the southern boundary of Baldwin County, Fort Morgan is bounded on the north and west by Mobile Bay and on the south by the Gulf of Mexico. The location is usually known as Mobile Point, the of-

ficial designation of the lighthouse outside the old fort. Geologically the area has shown evidence of Indian habitation. Shell banks and small mounds have been uncovered at more than one point.

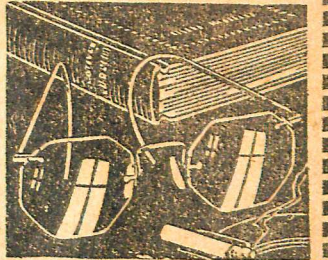
As the old fortification was restored in 1936 one could walk a-top its enclosed breastwork and see heavy stone gun bases, presumably made for an eight-inch bore. An old 32-pounder cannon bearing the inscription "32 P-Clyde - 1805" was excavated from the fort during the restoration pro-

● The Silverhill Creamery, established in 1908 by Carl Frisk, of Dagget, Mich., is the oldest in the state.

● Another almost-forgotten tragedy of the county was the burning of nine persons December 1, 1905, when a pull boat owned by Stuart and Butts burned in Middle River near Stockton.

cess. Close by the lighthouse stands a brick oven-shaped structure, said to have heated the cannon balls for Confederate guns.

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## Baldwin Has About 1,000,000 Acres In Forests

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• Pine forests of Dixie, the greatest section of standing timber in the nation, draw increased attention as the coming of paper mills and newsprint mills in the South has created new markets for pine timber with subsequent deforestation.

Over 80 million dollars was spent on construction of pulp and paper mills in 1936-37 resulting in work or cash returns, either directly or indirectly for thousands of Southern families. Under this expanded program thousands of laborers are finding work in the woods and the payrolls of mill workers has been reflected in all lines of business.

Basket mills, namer factories, veneer mills, saw mills, and cabinet makers are taking their usual toll of the South's timber supply and with the present research new demands for lumber may be found.

### County Needs Industries

All this is well and good. The South needs these industries, are capable of supporting them for a long time and their elimination would cause panic and unemployment in some circles. But the continued timbering of Dixie's 200,000,000 acres of forest means only the ultimate deforestation of one of our basic industries. That is already the condition in many European countries and today in our nation we can observe many places that were formerly boom lumber towns but are now straggling villages on the edge of denuded forests. The early age at which many turpentiners chip long leaf pine trees stunt their growth and causes them to be unfit for timber purposes. Even more destructive are the forest fires that cause the destruction of many acres of valuable timber each year.

The states and many of the mills in the South, not unaware of these challenging problems have taken steps to insure a permanent timber supply. The Alabama Forestry Department has wardens in charge of timber areas protecting them from fire and providing for their reforestation. Interested farmers or landowners can secure pine seedlings by taking certain steps. Several large lumber mills, owning their own timber lands, have reforested the land as quickly as they cut the trees, realizing that otherwise their industry will perish.

### Little Thought Given

Very little thought, however, is given to proper methods of utilizing the timber supply and the idea of clear cutting is still prevalent. This leads to the time-worn conception that forests can only be reforested by replanting trees. Tree planting should not be necessary with careful lumbering practices and successful management of lands now stocked in timber of desirable species. No timber owner should permit the cutting of more timber upon his land than is being grown and lands now poorly stocked should be left alone until the crop has reached its full value.

A pine tree 16 inches in diameter 4½ feet from the ground, under average conditions in the South yields ten times as much as an 8-inch tree and even 20 times the value since the lumber is of a much higher grade and the second eight inches will require no longer for growth than the first eight inches. Similarly the 16-inch tree will yield at least 5 times as much pulpwood as an 8-inch tree. When timber owners take stock of their present resources and take steps to insure a constant supply of trees, nature will take care of the rest by a natural reseeding process.

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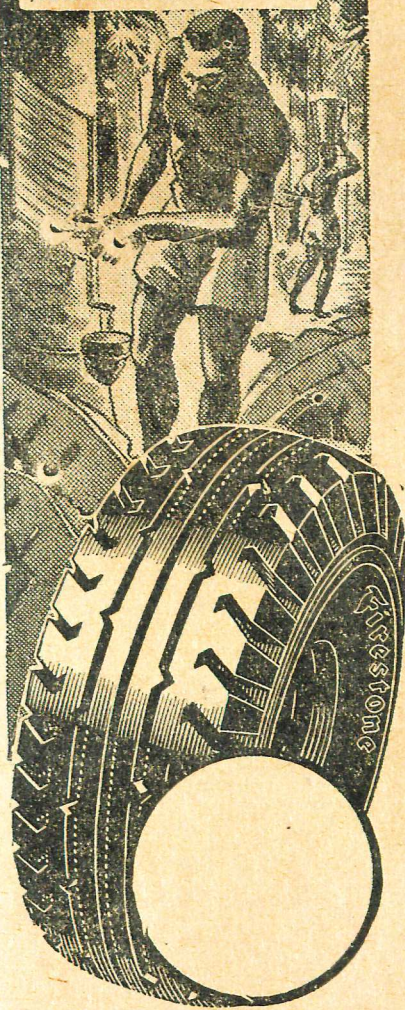
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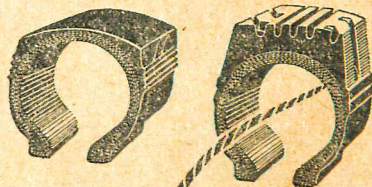


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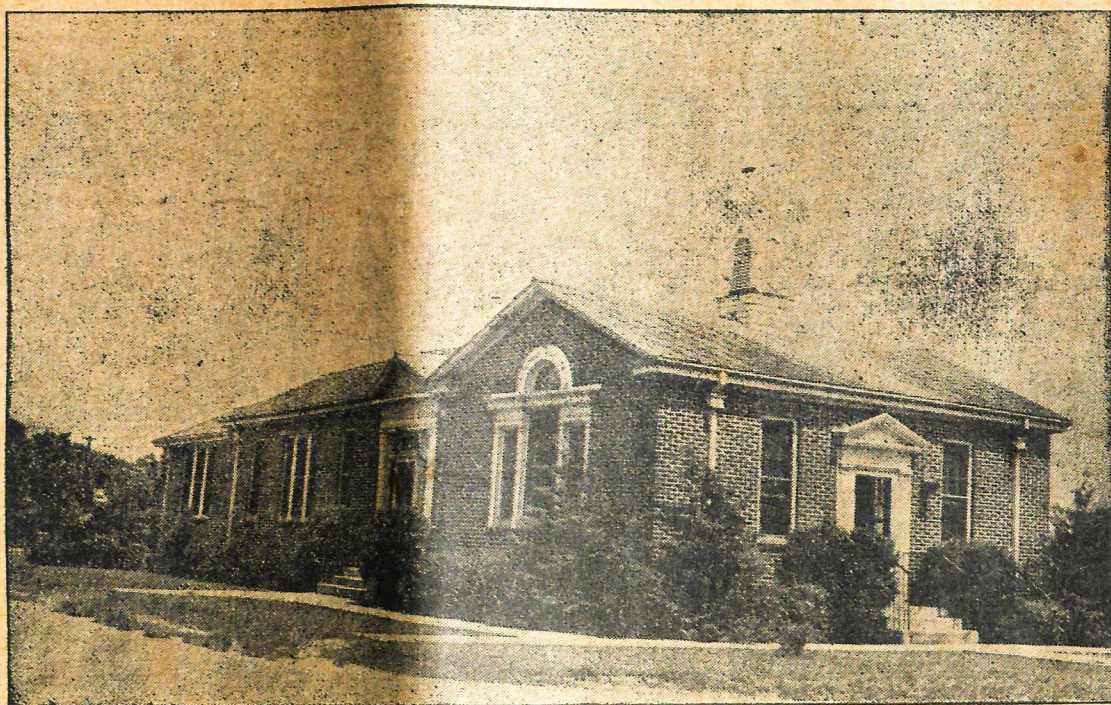
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Bay Minette has been blessed by the bountiful natural gifts of God. This progressive city is located in the heart of fertile lands which give forth bountiful supplies of farming and timber crops.

Its agreeable, mild climate makes Bay Minette an ideal place in which to live. It is the transportation center of this great county, being the junction of two railroads, two state highways and four bus lines.

It is the cotton, lumber and turpentine center of Baldwin County and is the home of the Newport Industries, which is the largest industry in the county and gives work to about 250 men.

It is the mail center of the county and has one of the most beautiful post office buildings of any town its size in the United States.

Seat of the county government, Bay Minette has two modern schools — the high school is one of the largest county schools in Alabama and offers training in vocational agriculture. With the schools and six churches, the town has a fine cultural and spiritual standard of living.

Native labor and proximity of raw materials and markets, with good transportation, makes Bay Minette an ideal location for local industries. This town has never experienced labor troubles and its citizenship is such that none is ever expected.

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## Stockton Is Rich In Her Natural Resources

### Home Of Big Veneer\* Mill And Many Logging Operations

Although Stockton is a straggling town of four general stores, a barber shop and two garages today, over 1100 people live within a five mile radius of the post office and the town boasts many substantial industries, including one of the largest veneer mills in the South and the most extensive logging operations in the county.

"You'll like it, we do," is the motto of citizens of this north Baldwin village, once the largest town in the county with almost 2,000 residents. Up to the beginning of the Civil War it was a town of considerable importance, having daily steamboat service to Mobile and being a stop on the stage coach route from Mobile to Montgomery. But the big logging operations have moved away and while Stockton is not the port it once was, it still has barge service twice weekly to Mobile and several trucking operations pass through the community.

#### Veneer Mill Employs Many

The Bacon-McMillan Company there, in operation since the late nineteenth century, produces a high grade of furniture veneer that has a steady demand from Mid-West furniture factories. Over a hundred men are employed by the company in all its operations and the plant is the only one in the South to control their output from the log to the finished product. John McMillan, president of the concern, owns several thousand acres of valuable swamp land from which he gets the bay and tupelo gum logs used in making veneer and he controls the drying, shipping and crating operations.

Other timber operations include cutting pulp wood for the paper mills in Mobile, logging cottonwood for the National Gypsum Company of Mobile and supplying saw mills with cypress and pine. Several are engaged in cutting tar wood for fuel purposes and the Bay Minette "tar plant."

#### Farming Also Important

Other industries include cattle raising, cotton farming, trapping, turpentine and a basket factory. Hunting around Stockton is unexcelled anywhere in the state and fresh water fishing thereabouts is the best in the section.

Since the completion of a paved road to Stockton and the extension of a REA power line through there the area has improved. The junior high school there is a modern, well equipped building and with present additions will be one of the best in the county.

Three Presbyterian churches, two of them outposts of the Stockton Presbyterian Church, a Methodist church, five negro churches and a Masonic Lodge offer spiritual advantages to the residents. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts also have active troops there.

The first battle between Indians and whites on any soil was fought in 1540 at Choctaw Bluff, near Dixie Landing in north Baldwin between DeSoto and his cavaliers against the Choctaw Indians. Tuscaloosa, chieftain of the tribe, finally surrendered to the Spaniards as he was unable to stand further siege against his walled city of Mauvilla.

It is illegal to buy or sell liquor within five miles of the Tensaw Baptist church. A law, never repealed, was passed by the Alabama legislature in 1870 upon petition of the church members, prohibiting liquor around the church.

Alexander McGillivray, famous Scotch statesman of this district, once owned a "Cowpens Plantation", in 1790, adjoining Little River, and shipped thousands of hides to Europe.

## Stockton Was Once Much Larger Town Than Now

### Ante-Bellum Days There Were Rough, Rowdy, Prosperous

No better information on the colorful past of ante-bellum days in Stockton can be found than in the first-hand information given by survivors of these romantic years.

Information gleaned from aged relatives and friends the writer learns that Stockton was once a thriving town of two hotels, four bars, two large mills and several stores and churches. One lady tells of a time in her girlhood when her mother whipped her severely for looking at a duel from an upper story of a hotel, condemning such procedure as being unladylike.

Those were the days when four-masted schooners from Liverpool and other foreign ports docked at the little town on the Tensaw River, carrying away cargoes of timber and cotton. Land was cheap and labor was plentiful. Farmers made money on cotton when it sold for 3c a pound and many tracts of land were bought and sold for 15c an acre.

This was a rough and rowdy age. The red liquor flowed freely, poker chips were stacked high and men whipped out pistols for little or no insult. It was considered dangerous for women to walk alone on the streets.

Timber stood everywhere for the cutting; cotton produced over a bale to the acre on rich virgin soil and on the backwater land of the Tensaw swamp yields were even higher.

## Quakers Live Near Fairhope

### Among Progressive Farmers Of County—Have Own School

Of all the diverse racial and religious groups found in the melting-pot of Baldwin County, none more interesting can be found than the small body of Quakers living within a five mile radius outside of Fairhope.

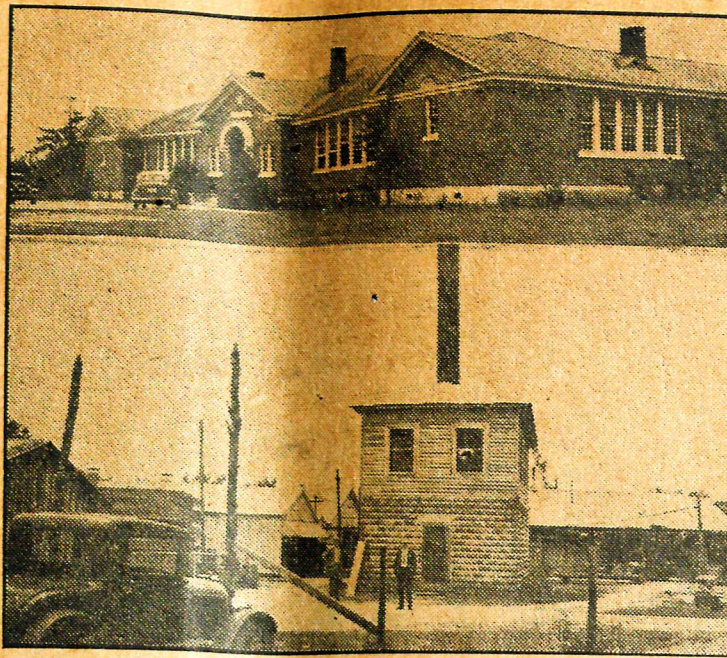
The settlement, containing about eighty members, was founded by Marion Smith and Franklin Rockwekk, who came to Fairhope from Kansas in 1910 attracted by the principles of the single-tax colony of Fairhope. Others followed from Iowa, Ohio, North Carolina and Vermont and soon there were enough to organize a church.

Today the Quakers, sometimes called Friends, have their own meeting house and elementary school. Though the church has never had a regular minister, occasionally a visiting minister holds services. This is quite suitable to the communicants of the faith who prefer no minister, hold their services in plain, unornamented churches and value simplicity in their religion. Hymns are sung in church but piano or organ music is thought unsuitable by the Friends. Like the Mennonites, they are peace-lovers and refuse to go to war or take an oath.

Among the most progressive farming groups of the county the Quaker settlement, located 2½ miles from Fairhope, has been noted for the value and quality of its farm products.

Truck farming is the usual type of work, though some are successful dairymen and poultrymen. A. R. Rockwell, there, owns one of the largest hatcheries in the district. Many of the Quakers are members of the single-tax colony at Fairhope.

## Education And Industry At Stockton



Top: Junior High School at Stockton, of which the citizens are proud. An extra room is being built onto this already modern structure which also serves as a community center.

At bottom is a scene at the Bacon-McMillan Veneer Co., of Stockton. This large industry was incorporated in January, 1905. John McMillan is president; George A. Robinson, vice president and W. Wallace Killcrease, secretary and treasurer. They manufacture strictly commercial veneer for furniture factories from bay poplar. The company owns 20,000 acres of timber land and is the best equipped veneer plant in the South; enjoying business throughout Northern centers.

At Saluda Hill, an old family cemetery near Blakeley, lie the remains of the only Revolutionary soldier known to be buried on Baldwin County soil. His name was Zechariah Godbold, formerly of South Carolina. He fought the British under General Marion's regiment and died in 1832 at Blakeley.

The first sawmill in the state was erected in 1813 by Byrne and Kennedy near the present town of Stockton.

A Baldwin Countian was wobbling up the aisle in the train pretty well "lit up," when a minister accosted him and said: "Young man, don't you know you are going straight to hell?" "What do I care," he replied, "I've got a round trip ticket."

And then there was the case of the Yankee who started farming in South Baldwin when the country was still unsettled. He planted some grits on the advice of neighbors and the blame seed never came up.

## Daphne Has Annual May Festival - Attracts Hundreds 3,000 Attend Event On Beautiful Bay Town Last Year

An estimated crowd of 3,000 Baldwin countians met in a happy reunion last May at the annual Daphne May Day celebration on the campus of the Daphne Normal School, as they watched lovely May queens from all over the county parade before the judges stand and heard the wisecracks of stump politicians in a joyous day of festivity.

Further attractions of this outstanding yearly event were athletic events, a Boy Scout camp, fiddlers contest and a dance. Miss Bessie Klumpp of Fairhope was crowned "Miss Baldwin County" and Miss Merle Brock of Loxley was named the 4-H queen of the county.

Miss Emily Russel, hostess queen of the Daphne Normal School, reigned throughout the day with Billy Dryer acting as her king.

Other town queens were Edna Driver of Loxley; Lauda Leak, of Boy Minette; Marjorie Eastburn of Foley and Ruth McCurdy of Summerdale. Competing 4-H queens were Mayme Bennett, of Fairhope; Margaret Walker of Rosinton; Marie Hansen of Daphne; Alice Clopton of Summerdale; Lois Cooley of Belforest; Inez Bryant of Stockton and Florence Schuman of Elberta.

Judges were Mrs. Emma LePrade Tam of Mobile, Mrs. J. H. Robinson of Dallas and August Oberhaus of Mobile. On the program at the coronation were dancing numbers by Miss Betty Lynn, Kay Payne, Mary Elizabeth Sterns, Frances Moore and Norma McKean, all of Fairhope.

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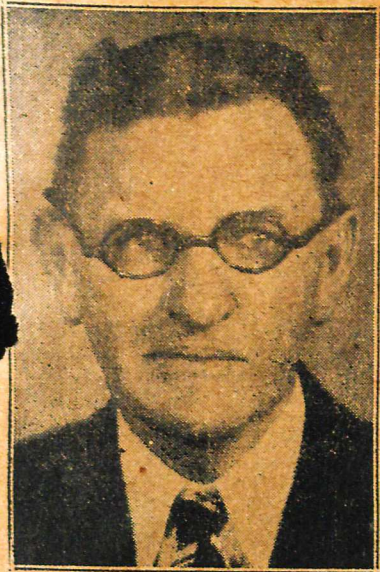
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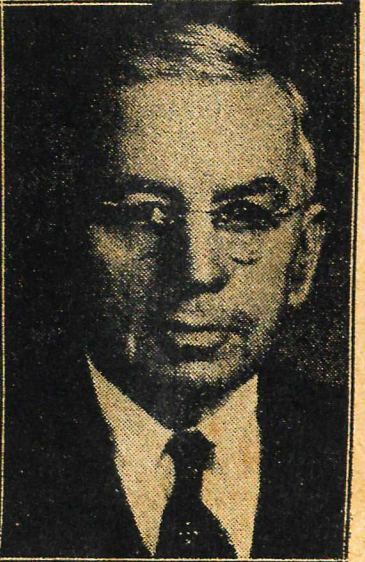
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Bay Minette is, and has always been, a well governed city. This is attributed to the interest of the people in the place where they live and vote, also to the care with which the individual citizen makes his selection and casts his ballot in municipal elections. One of the results of this care and interest is the fact that this city, while enjoying most of the benefits of modern government is neither overtaxed nor burdened with debt. The "economy plan" of Mayor J. C. Burns and the city council might well be studied and adopted by many other cities that desire the fruits of progress, such as paved streets and sidewalks, water and sewage, fire protection and police protection, without excessive debt and interest charges.

# Bay Minette Is Business And Gov't Center of Baldwin

## Religious, Cultural, Educational Facilities Help Make City Ideal

### Gateway To Hunting Fishing And Tourist Sights Of County

Bay Minette is the center of the transportation, government and industry of the county and is the central point for tourists visiting the wonders of Baldwin.

Outstanding features of the town include, one of the largest county high schools in the state with an enrollment of over 500; a modern \$66,000 post office serving as a distributing point for all mail in the county except that of the Eastern Shore; Baldwin's largest industry, The Newport Industries, employing over 200 in all its operations and a transportation system consisting of two railroads and four bus lines.

Serving as the seat of county government since 1901, Bay Minette is the center of all the legal and court business of the county and is the home of the county service organizations.

The county farm agent, E. E. Hale and his assistant, W. H. Johnson; the county demonstration agent, Miss Verna Patterson; the county health doctor, Dr. W. H. Nelson; the county health nurse, Miss Pauline Marshall; the county engineer, E. N. Rodgers; the county welfare agent, Mrs. Mary Moore English and the county forester, B. B. Kinard, all have offices here.

#### Educational Unit Here

In addition, the county educational unit, consisting of Superintendent S. M. Sharp, Miss Lilla Simmons, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Marguerite P. Hayes, supervisor of elementary schools; Mrs. Hazel Hadley, attendance supervisor; Mrs. Belle N. Young, supervisor of adult education, and Miss Edna Herron, secretary, all have offices in the old court house annex, though they expect to be located in the new annex within a few weeks.

Elective officers of the county and their assistants and secretaries are located in the newly-remodeled court house, the central building of the town. With a central heating system, repainted interior, the ventilation, storage and sanitation facilities are comparable to any court house of the section.

#### Large High School

The Baldwin County High School at Bay Minette has an enrollment of over 500, a faculty of nineteen and is accredited by all state institutions. With the construction of the vocational agriculture building future farmers of north Baldwin have the opportunity of learning approved farming methods. A well-equipped laboratory and library and courses in music, expression, home economics and business courses give chances for helpful development.

The school student body is very active, having athletic teams, a school band, a school paper and several clubs. Seven busses are used to transport pupils, amounting to approximately half the student body, regularly each day. The school's attendance, coming from Little River in the north to Mosee, Fla., in the south, makes up a district distance of over sixty miles.

The grammar school, with a teaching force of fourteen and an enrollment of over five hundred, is one of the largest in the section and rates as a class B institution. An auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,000, a cafeteria and over fifteen rooms, make up the

building.

#### Center of Wood Industries

Although most of the timber operations of the county are north of Bay Minette, the town is the center of the wood industry of the county. The "tar mill" consumes hundreds of truck loads monthly of resinous pine knots and most of the turpentine stills of the county are found around Bay Minette. A stave mill, employs more than thirty men, and paper-wood cutting around Bay Minette employs a large number also.

South Baldwin, noted for its output of truck crops, does not have a monopoly of its produce shipments for north Baldwin farmers are raising more Irish and sweet potatoes and green corn every year. The acreage of north Baldwin, generally speaking, however, is planted in typical Cotton Belt crops as the colder climate with rolling clay soils is not as favorable to truck farming as the level, sandy lands of south Baldwin.

#### Cotton Center of County

Bay Minette is the cotton ginning center of the county, while velvet beans, cowpeas, corn and sweet potatoes are the typical crops of the section with slight acreage of sugar cane and peanuts. While some cattle raisers have improved breeds and adequate ensilage, hay and pasturage facilities for modern beef production, most of the cattle raisers of the vicinity expend little or no money or care on their livestock but simply turn them on the open range and consequently whatever they receive for cattle is all profit. Many cattle growers are reforming from this practice and are confining the cattle and feeding them home-raised feeds.

#### Largest Negro Settlement

Douglasville, the largest negro settlement of the county, is located in Bay Minette with a population of over a thousand and a school of 218 pupils.

Carpenters, McMillan's Still, Cross Roads, Bromley and Hurricane being rural communities with but one store in the large area may be properly considered part of the Bay Minette area as most of the inhabitants make the town their market center.

Rabun, Cottage Hill, Stockton, Tensaw, Latham, Perdido, Dyas, Blacksher and Little River are all small communities and with

the possible exception of Stockton, having none of the business houses of larger towns, make Bay Minette their trade center.

With an estimated population of 1850 and a suburban area of 5,000 Bay Minette owes its steady growth to its location. From Stapleton north, it is the trade center of practically all of north Baldwin's more than 15,000 people and it is the legal center of the whole county.

#### Good Transportation

The L. & N. railroad serves the town by regular schedules and the Fort Morgan branch, tapping the rich farming districts of Loxley, Robertsedale, Summerdale and Foley, joins the main line here giving the town adequate rail facilities. Transcontinental truck lines operate continually through here and four bus lines, the Greyhound lines, the Mobile-Monroeville line, the Bay Minette-Elberta line, recently bought by Greyhound, and the Bay Minette-Little River line make this the trucking and passenger service center of the county.

From a dividing line north of Stapleton a contrast may be drawn from the two sections of the "State of Baldwin." North of this line the communities are very old, looking back into the past; negroes are more numerous; the population is predominately of ancient Anglo-Saxon stock and the agriculture is more of the tenant farmer, Black Belt style.

In south Baldwin most of the communities are comparatively young and, excepting Point Clear, Montrose and Battles, have no local heritages of the far past; negroes are scarce; inhabitants of Germanic, Scandinavian, Italian or other European stocks are as numerous as those of Anglo-Saxon and agriculture tends to be diversified.

This difference is the dominating factor in Bay Minette's growth. Being the largest of the scattered rural villages of north Baldwin is has come by its position and advantages to be the marketing and industrial center of the section. With the coming of new industries and increased diversification on the part of its farmers it may become the outstanding town of southwest Alabama, east of Mobile Bay.

Although Spanish and Blakeley forts are the most prominent forts defending the northern end of Mobile Bay in the Civil War, Forts Huger, Tracy, Red and McDermott stood on the site of the present Spanish Fort Tourist Village.

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# Fairhope, On Mobile Bay, Is Most Delightful Place In Which To Live

## Modern Resort City Offers Everything Tourists Look For

The evolution of Fairhope from a struggling colony built around a single tax ideal to a most delightful and attractive modern resort has been so gradual in its development that its neighbors and even its own people have been slow to realize that the metamorphosis has been accomplished.

Those who have been away and then returned to Fairhope, who have visited the boasted and advertised resorts of California, Florida or other parts of the world where health and pleasure-seekers gather, realize with some surprise that no other place they can find has more to make the life of the visitor worth living than has Fairhope and its immediate vicinity.

Nowhere will be found a larger percentage of bright, clear and balmy days, which are neither too warm nor too cold for out-of-doors comfort and enjoyment, where one may play or rest without exhaustion and with a minimum of fatigue, following exertion.

Fairhope is a city of beautiful avenues leading to or paralleling Mobile Bay. It has a greater mileage of well paved streets and sidewalks than any other city in Alabama of similar size and population. It is a perfectly lighted city throughout, owning and operating its own electric plant so it can afford to be generous in the matter of giving an abundance of light for its streets, parks and other public places. The purest water from deep wells is abundantly supplied for all purposes.

### A Modern Resort City

Fairhope of today is a modern city in the best sense of the word, without being noisy about it. Stores, hotels, boarding houses and the residences of its citizens are generally well constructed, well heated in winter and well lighted, with a view to the health and comfort of those who use them. Having a cosmopolitan population the owners realize that the words "hot" and "cold" are relative terms and that too much of either can sometimes become objectionable even in the sunniest spots in the south.

Those who may have visited the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay in older times and carried away with them memories of sandy streets and muddy roads are assured that the situation at Fairhope and in the southern section of Baldwin County has entirely changed in this respect. Now all neighboring cities and principal points of interest may be reached by a system of paved highways. And the work of road and street improvement still goes on.

### Good Camping Facilities

With all of the changes in housing conditions and modes of travel, the man or family who wishes to "rough-it" and return to more primitive modes of living, as some do for economy or other motives, may find conditions to his liking without going far or experiencing great difficulty in finding conditions to his liking. If he wishes solitude, wearing old clothes and fishing or crabbing every day of the year, he will find a place of perfect liberty at Fairhope, where each individual does as he pleases without interference by his neighbors or the public. Even recognized "nuts" may follow their bent, so long as they keep off of the toes of the other fellow.

### Many Games Played

Fairhope modes of living and means of finding enjoyment of life following the usual course of a modern resort in the semi-tropical belt that borders the Gulf of Mexico. Golf, tennis, shuffle board, horseshoes and other games are under the aus-

pices of the Tourist Club. The Fairhope Municipal Country Club has a nine-hole golf course available to all visitors at a nominal fee and there are good tennis courts overlooking Mobile Bay.

Fishing is the universal pastime at all seasons of the year. Casting, bait-fishing and "doodling" in the many fresh water or tidal streams a short distance back from the shore line and trolling in the bay or gulf gives added variety to the sport and there are abundant facilities for all kinds of fishing. Skiffs, bait, outboard motor boats and larger power craft are available for use in the waters. Schools of bull reds, sea bass of the Atlantic Seaboard, come into the gulf estuaries on the heels of the mackerel and hordes of tropical fish that migrate with the several varieties of mackerel.

Fairhope affords the ideal point of departure for the annual deep sea fishing rodeo which is held about Fort Gaines, at the mouth of Mobile Bay and brings sportsmen from all parts of the state and nation. Fairhope has a municipal pier extending to the eight-foot contour of Mobile Bay, which gives plenty of water for all but the largest types of pleasure craft.

### City Has Trailer Camp

To make the place attractive to the army of travelers who have taken the road in their trailers, the city of Fairhope has added a trailer camp of almost unlimited capacity with the usual conveniences. It is located near the southern end of the municipal park, at the foot of the towering bluff, on which the city stands, and is right beside the beach, where hardy bathers swim in mild weather the year 'round.

Automobilists visiting Fairhope find all needed accommodations, materials and equipment for the proper care of their cars, no matter what their make. There are expert mechanics capable of doing any kind of motor work.

Tourists find all the facilities of Mobile and Pensacola are at their command, within little more than a half-hour ride, over interesting and well paved routes, one of which crosses beautiful Perdido Bay and the other over Mobile Bay, with dependable bridges in both directions.

### Adequate Cultural Institutions

Such cultural influences as churches of most denominations, good schools, a public library and a motion picture theatre flourish in the community. The School of Organic Education, founded by Mrs. Marietta Johnson in 1907, has introduced something different into the educational world that is worthy of and is receiving the attention of persons interested in the training of children all over the world.

The public school system at Fairhope has adequate buildings, capable teachers and includes a high school of particular merit.

The town of Fairhope and the Fairhope Single Tax Colony working in perfect accord have brought about many of the improvements that have made that resort both modern and attractive to residents and visitors. The municipality now owns and controls the pier, the park and many of the other institutions that were founded by the colony. This came about as a friendly arrangement made in the interest of efficiency and economy, the city having the forces necessary for enforcing needed regulations, policing, advertising and supervision.

Outing parties, picnics, bathing and fishing parties come to the park and pier in droves in appropriate seasons and are given the liberty of the place, with but few necessary restrictions. The sale of beer at restaurants is legalized and there is a state liquor store at Fairhope. This change in policy to conform to state laws was not made for profit but for the accommodation of the public.

The privileges accorded are not abused.

Mayor Howard Ruge and the city government are progressive. They live, work and vote progressively. The aldermen are M. O. Berglin, Sam Dyson, C. A. Gaston, H. P. Kamper and J. O. Stimpson. Raymond Stapleton is superintendent of lights and George Dyson is superintendent of roads and water service. Jack Titus, town marshal, William Funk, fire chief and George W. Morgan, city clerk, are other officials.

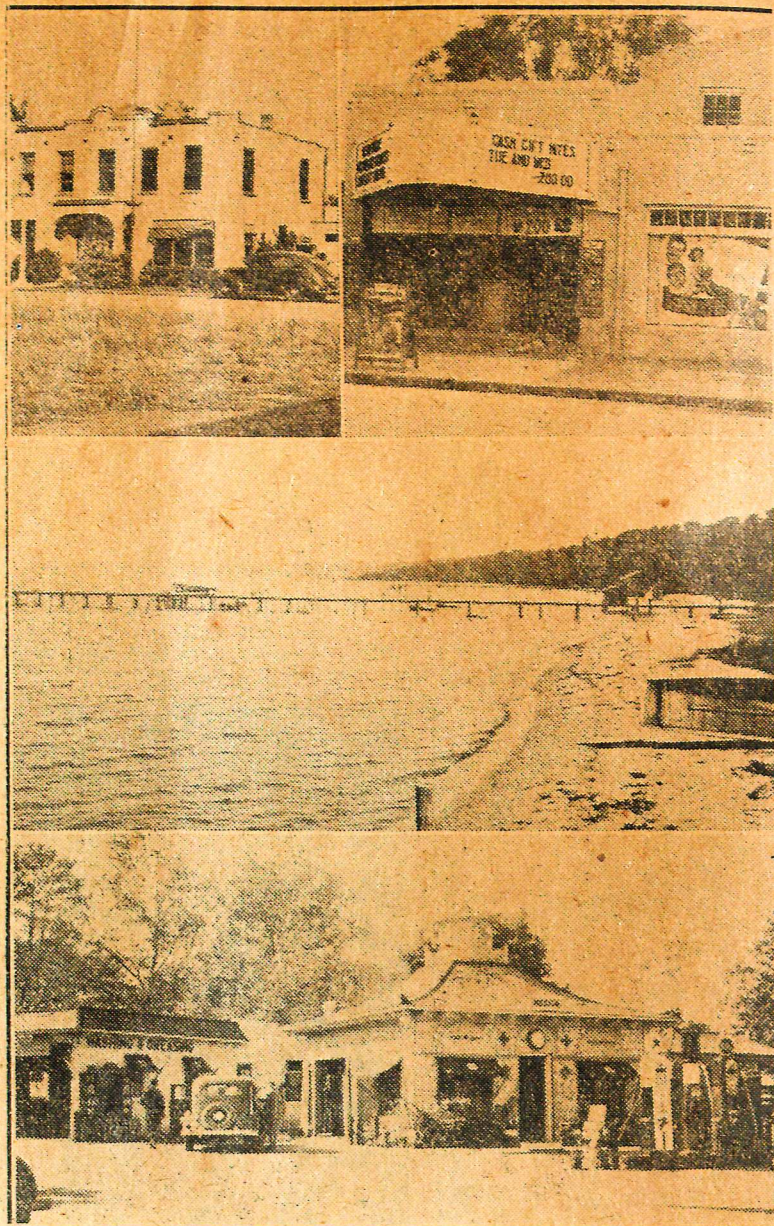
### Single Tax Colony Flourishing

In November, 1938, was celebrated the forty-fourth anniversary of the arrival at Fairhope of the late E. B. Gaston, for many years the secretary of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony, his family, and a party of friends and co-workers. Time has shown that the plan of the colony was sound and its administration just and honest. It has grown and is growing. Its founders did not expect to revolutionize this government or junk its system of taxation in a year, or even in their lifetime, but to demonstrate the righteousness and practicability of the single tax theories of Henry George. This work is going forward with as much zeal as ever before. Fairhope and the life of its people has had a profound influence on its own location, and that influence is progressing as the founders hoped that it might. They did not build for a day but for the future.

• H. Walker, now dead, of Gasque, had the distinction of being the youngest volunteer in the Confederate Army. He enlisted at the age of 13 years and 7 months, and was in the Battle of Shiloh before he was 14.

• The Tensaw River is seven-eighths of a mile wide in one place.  
• The county health department, established in January, 1921, was one of the earliest in the state.

## Scenes Of Modern Fairhope



Upper left, Fairhope City Hall, and, right, the theatre, Fairhope's beautiful little picture house.

Curving beach north of the municipal pier, where is located the Fairhope Municipal Park, a portion of which has been set aside and equipped as a trailer park and an auto service station, "Mecca" one of the enterprises of Mayor Howard Ruge (pronounced Rugby).

• A point below Daphne is 268 feet above sea level, the highest point on the Atlantic Seaboard.  
• Charles Bürkel of Fairhope boasts the largest private Indian museum in the South.

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## Fishers Shucking Bon Secour Oysters



(Courtesy of Birmingham News)

■ Oysters coming from Bon Secour Bay in southwest Baldwin are ranked as the finest along the Gulf Coast and experts rank them with the best of the nation.

The town, bay and river of Bon Secour derived their names from the French who originally settled the district. These fishermen seen here shucking or opening oysters come from a picturesque ancestry that has long followed the livelihood of catching and selling oysters.

Using hand grappling-rakes, the oysters are gathered from the lush oyster beds of Bon Secour Bay. The shuckers use a double-edged knife and by skillful maneuvering free the edible muscle from the shell. Theirs is a difficult art and defies imitation on the part of the beginner. The oyster season lasts roughly from November through February.

## Jason Malbis Leads Greek Settlers in 1906

● Coming to the United States in 1906 from his native Greece, Jason Malbis traveled through thirty-six states on a short vacation, intending to return home immediately but, impressed with the farming advantages of Baldwin County when he visited it, decided to make his permanent home here, a decision which he never regretted.

Bringing with him Greek families interested in the possibilities of the section, the group settled in a large, attractive house, "The Plantation," and ran their farm cooperatively in a semi-Communist fashion. The quaint Malbis home with its dairy, ice plant, well-kept cemetery and buildings attracts attention from tourists and the fame of the Greek colonist has spread.

The 11-mile road once formerly built by Malbis at his expense, now U. S. 90, runs through the

● Baldwin County probably has more sheep than any other county in Alabama. These are mostly sheep kept for wool production, several carloads of wool being shipped each season.

● One potato field yielded more than 300 bushels to the acre in 1938, many fields produce from 250 to 300 bushels per acre and yields of 225 to 250 bushels are fairly common.

● During the ten-year period from 1929-1938, the potato acreage in Baldwin County has grown from 3,360 acres to 18,000 acres. In 1929 this county shipped 1,025 carloads of spuds while last year almost five thousand cars were marketed.

rich farming land of the colony. A large nursery containing 150,000 azaleas and 40,000 japonicas can be seen from the road and farming activities are always going on. Malbis also operates a restaurant, a bakery and several valuable real estate tracts.

## French Settle In Elsanor Community

● F. X. Duchesneau of Montreal, French descendant of the implacable foe of La Salle, struck out for adventure in Ontario, the Dakotas, in Nevada and finding it little to his liking settled in Baldwin County near Fairhope to escape the rigors of a northern winter.

Fellow Canadian - Frenchmen were persuaded to leave their Saskatchewan homes and move to this locality and in 1911 Gregory Ecour, a life-long friend of Duchesneau came to the Elsanor dis-

trict and there the nucleus of the French settlement in the county was built. He found dairying unsuitable, having no market for his products and settled down to general farming. Adolor Reindeau, a former storekeeper, followed him and started a farm within sight of Ecour's. Ulderie Riendeau, Duchesneau's son-in-law, came and began to clear land for farming.

Ardent churchmen these Canadian-French were ministered to by Father Thomas of Elberta and later they erected a small chapel, considered one of the finest of its size on the Gulf Coast.

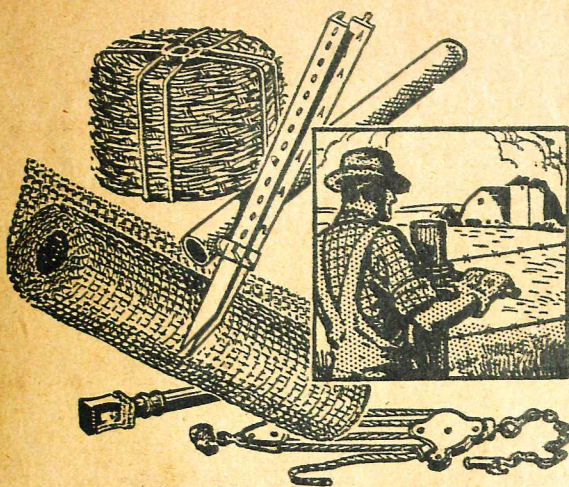
● The average corn yield for the county is around 20 bushels per acre, one of the highest yields in the state. Better farmers produce 35 bushels and yields of 40 to 60 bushels are not out of the ordinary.

● Upland rice, a rare crop in the state, is grown in south Baldwin, yielding from 20 to 35 bushels per acre. It does best on damp lands but does not have to be irrigated.

● Soy beans and cowpeas are the chief hay crops of the county though vetch, Austrian peas, lespedeza and clover are grown as hay crops also.

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## Baldwin 4-H Club Girls Win High Honors at '38 State Short Course



Shown above are the Baldwin girls who carried away the honors with three loving cups, with a final total of 9 placings in the contests of the Western Division of the State Short Course at Auburn, July 18 - 22, 1938. This outstanding achievement is one of the many accomplishments county 4-H Club girls have performed under the able leadership of Miss Verna Patterson, county demonstration agent.

They are, from left to right: Miss Lil Tippins, assistant club agent, Estelle Penry, Daphne, Frieda Koehler, Elberta, Mildred Brantley, Daphne, Maybelle Wilcox, Elberta, Mazie Nelson, Daphne, Mary Lazzari, Daphne, Marion Rhodes, Summerdale and Grace Rains, Daphne.

## Mennonite Groups In Baldwin Are Industrious And Make Good Citizens

Since the advance guard settled in northeast Baldwin over thirty years ago around Perdido, the Mennonites have made great strides, having increased their numbers, prospered and made law-abiding citizens.

More recently, a group of these citizens of German and Dutch origin have settled around Summerdale after making careful analysis of the soil there. They made borings to determine the depth of the sub-soil and employed experts on soil and air drainage to obtain the best areas for the production of early crops.

Sometimes called the Hook-and-Eye Baptists because they resemble the Baptist religion more than other, these settlers use hooks and eyes in place of buttons on their clothing. However, their members have no central conference, convocation, diocese, bishop or any pastoral head. Each community is self-governing in religious matters, though all conform to certain tenets of their faith and no other religious group appear to be in such abject fear of excommunication from their church. The psychology of this religious tie is not easily understood by an outsider.

In contrast to other European citizens of the nation, the Mennonites refuse to adopt American customs of dress, language and manners, but cling to their distinctive dress, have few social contacts outside their tribe and seldom or never intermarry with outsiders.

They reject infant baptism and the doctrine of original sin and believe in baptism only on profession of faith. The New Testament is the only rule of faith, they believe, and they oppose theological education of their ministers. They refuse to swear to an oath and will not serve in the army, resembling the Quakers in this respect. Simplicity in religion and life is the keynote of the sect.

### Have Strange Dress

The Mennonite or Amish women wear a kind of poke bonnet, always black; full skirts, extremely plain, and an upper garment that gives little hint of the form beneath it. Their effort tends toward avoidance of attention rather than the attraction of it.

The men usually wear black felt hats, of low crown and wide brims, black or neutral-colored trousers, plain cotton shirts and only wear coats when the weather demands such coloring. Even in church gatherings they never dress up and often go direct from a meeting to their fields, which appears a part of their religion.

No razor ever touches the face of a Mennonite and the men bob their hair in their own manner, while the women permit their locks to grow at will, concealed beneath their bonnet. Few of their neighbors can say for certain whether or not the girls are beautiful. Stranger still, they neither smoke, chew, drink or dance and willful idleness is not

allowed.

At Hall's Fork, three miles southeast of Perdido, is the oldest settlement of the Mennonite clan in the county. There is nothing distinctive about the settlement, in fact there are only a few families there at present. The houses are plain, neat wooden structures, as is their meeting house and primary school and the farms seldom exceed forty acres. The children between the ages of 7 and 16 attend the public school, but they usually stop when the legal compulsory period is up and none of them have been known to go voluntarily to a high school or college. Their principal study is the Bible and they conform as nearly as possible to their simple interpretation of its teachings.

### Honesty Is Their Rule

They have a reputation for honesty and have never been known to default on a loan. When a young man marries he takes a home and farm of his own, but until that time he works for his parents. Since he cannot marry beyond his sect, the marriage problem is likely to become acute in the future.

A. N. Schrock, recognized as the tribal leader of the settlement at Hall's Fork, is receptive to modern methods of farming. His neighbors are guided by his advice in all matters, secular, financial and social.

The newer settlement at Summerdale is composed of around thirty families, having come from the Mid-West after the severe drouth there several years ago.

Unlike other religions, the Mennonites are not seeking converts and other than addition by births their church membership

## Commercial Position Gained By Pears

Lower freight rates and a growing demand throughout the country have brought the pear grown in this section into a new and deserved commercial position. Further promise of the fruit is indicated by the fact that it is the only known member of its family that escapes the blight and other enemies of the section.

Food conservation agencies are doing much to popularize and preserve this fruit through their cooperative canneries at Fairhope, Greenville and other points. Its

is stationary. The church discipline handed down to them by the Swiss Baptists has been retained through the growth of the sect. Though paid preachers are at work in their denomination in other sections of the country, the "elders", who perform the functions of ministers here, are unpaid.

new friends, northern and southern, are demanding it in greater quantities. Sand and Pineapple are the varieties commonly produced.

An authority on the subject states; "There is perhaps no other fruit tree so easily raised, requiring so little care, so free from enemies such as blight, diseases and insects, as the sand pear tree, or will stand so much neglect and abuse and still bring forth fruit in paying quantities."

It is especially adaptable to South Alabama and Baldwin County. It is the only pear that is blight-proof and is a vigorous and prolific bearer. It comes into bearing at the age of four years and at ten years has been known to yield 20 bushels per tree. The trees are planted 20 feet apart or 100 trees to the acre.

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# Foley Has Seen An Era Of Steady Growth

**Progressive Town  
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• Founded toward the close of 1904 when the Fort Morgan branch of the L. & N. railway was built from Bay Minette with its terminus near the gulf, the town of Foley has seen an era of steady growth as it nears its thirty-fifth anniversary.

From an untenanted timber section in 1904 the town has grown until now it has 1,000 or more people in its incorporated municipality and is a rival to Bay Minette as a trading center and has surpassed Loxley as a produce shipping point. Figures for carload shipments only of produce show 1748 carloads of spuds, 107 carloads of cucumbers, 100 carloads of green corn and 2 cars of mixed vegetables. Total shipments of early and late truck crops with shipments by rail, boat and truck included would probably surpass 2400 cars.

In the center of the state's heaviest truck farming area, Foley is a compact, busy city with conveniences of paving, lighting, a modern sewage disposal plant and educational and religious facilities equal to any town of its size in the section. It is the trading center for a large number of south Baldwin villages and is the gateway to the famous fishing and swimming offered on the fresh waters near and of the Gulf of Mexico.

## Foley Has Airport

The only active airport in the county is located six miles below Foley with equipment for storage and repairs and pilots there give private instruction in flying. Cadets of the Naval Air Station at Pensacola frequently use the landing field, known as Oak Airport, and there is possibility that it might be manned by the government in case of a war.

The L. & N. serves the town regularly with freight and passenger schedules and the Greyhound lines offer passage to nearby Mobile or Pensacola and points in the county. Over two miles of streets are paved in the town and two paved roads, the Sibley Holmes Trail and the Foley-Lillian highway come into the town. Construction on a paved road from Foley to Mullet Point on the Eastern Shore is scheduled for action in the near future and real estate dealers foresee a consequent boom of Magnolia Springs and Yupon property as a result.

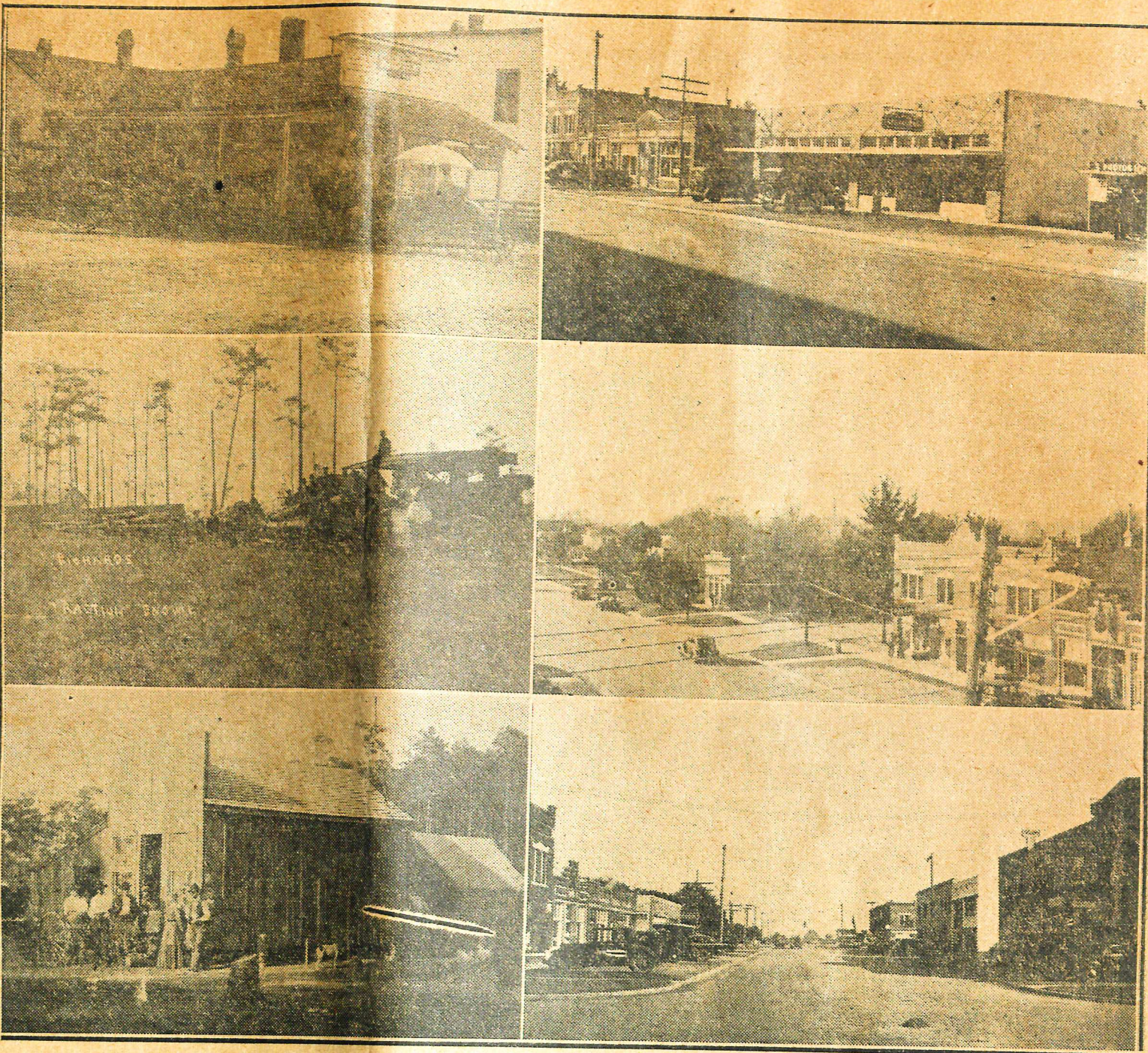
## Large Trade Area

Outlying towns who make up the Foley trade area include, Elberta, Miflin, Vernant Park, Magnolia Springs, Oak, Caswell, Lillian, Bon Secour, Orange Beach, Peterson's Point, Gulf Shores, Fort Morgan, Lillian, Yupon, Romar Beach and Josephine. The combined population of these villages would easily total 5,000 people and practically all these villages make Foley their shipping and transportation center and most make it their trade center.

Industries and buildings of the town include many packing houses and shipping sheds, an egg-marketing agency, a fish house, selling both fresh and salt water fish, a cold storage plant, an electric light plant, lumber yards, nurseries, a weekly newspaper and city industries like bakeries, laundries, etc.

The Holmes Hospital in Foley is the only one in the county and has a staff of two doctors, five nurses and has two private rooms and four wards, with adequate equipment for surgical or medical

## THIRTY-FIVE YEAR'S GROWTH SHOWN IN CONTRASTING FOLEY SCENES



■ These old pictures of Foley, taken thirty or more years ago, show the remarkable growth of the town. From an untenanted area of ponds and pine forests the town has grown since 1904 to a compact, busy city with modern conveniences of waterworks, electricity, telephones and transportation lines.

The three scenes to the right are views looking east and west along the street intersecting the Gulf Shores highway at the stop light. The first two views facing eastward were taken from the traffic light and Stacey's drugstore corner. Perske's restaurant, the Western Union office and Foley Hardware Store are shown in the first view, while the second scene shows the bakery, bank and part of the residential section along the street. The last scene in the lower right faces westward and shows the business houses of the town facing on that block.

The three views to the left, showing pine forests, horses and buggies and people in old style dress, give an idea of the town's appearance in its early beginning. The top left view shows the second post office, of which Mrs. Laura Wolbrink was postmistress. The lower left view shows the first post office, which also served as a general store. W. H. Montieth, the postmaster, is seen standing on the extreme left. Left middle scene shows logging operations typical of those days.

treatment.

## Good Churches And Schools

Eight churches, two Baptist and one each of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic, Episcopalian and Christian Science denominations offer religious advantages to residents. The Foley High School was the first in the county to become accredited and at present has around 500 pupils and has a vocational agriculture and home economics department. A fairly complete city library is housed in the city, the same building serving for the town hall also.

Frank Barchard, publisher of the Foley Onlooker and representative from Baldwin, serves as the mayor of Foley. Members of the city council are G. H. Gaar, Frank Sanders, W. F. Beasley, Max Jewell and Charles Ebert, and Mrs. Viola Hook is town clerk. The council meets twice monthly holding sessions on the first and third Tuesdays.

## Town Is Sanitary

The town has been declared one hundred per cent sanitary by county health officials, the main reason for this being the sewage disposal plant in Foley recently constructed with PWA labor. The Riviera Utilities Company serves Foley and adjacent rural areas with an unlimited flow of electricity. Other civic assets are a

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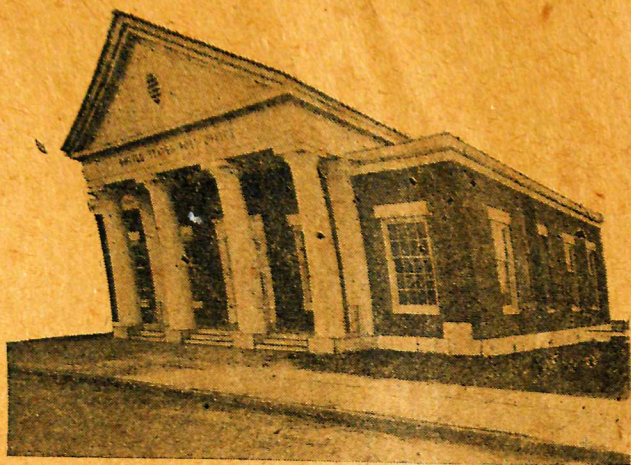
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## Bay Minette's Beautiful Post Office



• Bay Minette proudly displays her \$66,000 post office as a prominent civic addition and another evidence of the steady growth of the town.

Built with federal aid, the post office in use since last May, is a distributing point for practically every one of the 35 post offices of the county. It is a handsome brick building, trimmed with Alabama marble and houses not only the postal department but the county farm agents and other extension offices of the government in the basement.

The portico is 7 by 37 feet at

present after an enlargement and shrubbery has been planted around the building to add to its beauty.

R. B. Vail is postmaster, with Wilbur Richerson, Terry Huggins, Miss Cynthia Lowery, W. H. Fletcher and Earl Becker as assistants. Jesse Baggett is caretaker.

Congressman George Grant and Senator Lister Hill were among the prominent speakers who spoke in the dedication ceremonies on April 22, 1938. Since then work has been done to enlarge the basement, housing the county farm agent offices.

## Baldwin Offers Best Hunting In Alabama

### Big Game Can Be Found In Vast Swamps Of County

• Baldwin County not only boasts excellent fresh and salt water fishing but offers good hunting conditions also and no less an authority than I. T. Quinn, state commissioner of game and fisheries, asserts "offers the best hunting to be found in Alabama."

Although the abundance of game that formerly roamed the county's forests have dwindled, Baldwin still has game of every kind to offer the hunter. The fame of the county as a hunting location has spread over the state and two hunting clubs, the Baldwin County Hunting Club and the Bay Minette Hunting Club, with large leased hunting preserves in north Baldwin offer hunting privileges to their members.

Quail, dove and ducks in season are found throughout the county. The wide swamps of the Tensaw, Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers, with their tributaries, is an excellent feeding grounds for turkey. The turkey, more than probably any other wild animal, has very acute eyes and ears and lucky is the hunter who succeeds in bagging the wariest of birds. It takes old timers, like Johnny Killcrease of Stockton or "Boy" Slaughter of Tensaw, with years of experience in imitating the call of a turkey to yelp the plaintive note of a turkey hen seeking her mate. Gobblers can detect the slightest mistake in tone and instantly know that they hear not a turkey but a hunter hid somewhere in the bushes.

Deer hunting, for which this section is famous, is carried on in a unique way here. In some areas hunters stalk deer or track them through the snow. In the north men known as "drivers," scare up the deer and endeavor to run them by the waiting hunters known as "standers". This type of hunting requires a long range rifle, usually equipped with peep sights. In Baldwin one man, the driver, with his dogs trails the deer and the standers are stationed throughout the woods in likely deer runs. Because of the nearness of stands, the shotgun is the universal method of bagging your buck down in this neck of the woods.

For the hunter who likes smaller game rabbit and squirrel are here in abundance. "Coon" and "possum" hunting is still a fascinating sport on cold winter nights and when clod-nose fox hounds, like those owned by Ralph Gantt and James Dreisbach of Little River, start their long-drawn bays it is

### Tensaw Is One Of Baldwin's Most Historic Settlements

#### Scene Of Largest Massacre Of Whites On American Soil

• Residents of present day Tensaw are not ashamed because their community is not the largest in the county because they live in the oldest and most historic settlement of the county. No community in the area has seen more historic events than the little village on the Alabama River.

In the eighteenth century Mims Ferry on the Alabama River was along the military route between Pensacola and Mobile and became the largest white settlement between Mt. Vernon and Claiborne. When the Creek war began in 1813 settlers of the district fled to the house of Samuel Mims, Indian half-breed in charge of the ferry, and erected a blockade around his house for their protection. This stockade, known as Fort Mims, and Fort Pierce, two miles below, offered safety to the

enough to make anyone's blood tingle. Several bear have been bagged in the county in the last few years and once in a blue moon a wild cat or panther is shot.

Formerly game laws were unknown. Many hunters would bait partridge into a pen where they would capture them alive by the dozen. Many old-timers recall shooting three deer in a day. Realizing the rapid depletion of game, the state game department has taken steps to conserve our supply for the future. Only the male of deer and turkey can be shot; there is a closed season on all game except rabbit, racoon, opossum and bear for the most of the year and headlight hunting for commercial purposes has been prohibited. There is a bag limit on the amount of game that can be killed and licenses are required for general hunting, duck hunting and out of state hunters must pay a special fee. Warren Taylor, the county game warden, with his assistants, by prosecuting and fining violators has done much to enforce observance of game laws. With reasonable care, the county's game supply should continue to last and the hunting preeminence of the section will stand unchallenged.

frightened whites for miles around.

All of the 553 inhabitants of the garrison were brutally murdered August 30, 1813 in a surprise attack by Creek Indians, the largest massacre of whites on American soil.

The first public school in the state was started in 1799 at Pierce's Landing on the Alabama river and one of the oldest church houses in the state was erected in 1840. The same year Lorenzo Dow, the first Protestant minister of the county, held services in the community, by now called Montgom-

ery Hill.

In 1803 John and William Pierce built what is thought to be the first cotton gin in the state near Fort Mims.

At Blacksher, a few miles north, are buried the bodies of Red Eagle, leader of the Creek Indians, and David Tate, his half-brother. Aaron Burr, vice-president of the nation, came through here as a federal prisoner. Nearby is the site of Fort Montpelier, erected as a defence by General Andrew Jackson.

Mims Ferry, Pierce's Landing,

• Mrs. Leslie Richerson of Stockton is one woman who is not worried by her husband slipping out at night. Although her husband has normal vision in the daytime he is totally blind in darkness and must be led around like a blind man at night.

• Baldwin County is the largest county east of the Mississippi river, being larger than the state of Rhode Island.

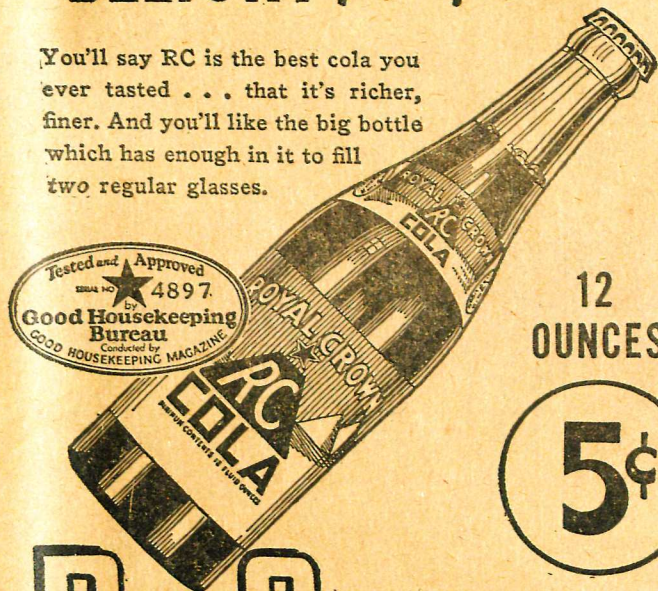
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Citizens of Foley seem military minded for a national guard unit is located there and headquarters for the Baldwin County Legion, Post No. 99 is also in the city. A

modern armory, costing \$15,000—the first in the state—was constructed with federal funds and is completely equipped to accommodate members of the Foley unit.

The company is entitled Company F (car) company of the 106th Quartermasters Regiment, which

was originally the 106th Motorcycle Company, federally recognized June 17, 1926. Frank Barchard is captain of the regiment and Jesse L. Willingham is second lieutenant. The regiment practices every week and has a camp annually, going to Camp Foster at Jacksonville, Fla., this year.

The Legion Post will be host to state legionnaires next July 9-11, in recognition for their outstanding work in the section. In addition to their club house in Foley the Legion operates a night club at Fairhope.

#### Industrious Farmers

Industrious farmers around Foley, alert to modern methods and constantly improving their soil, are the foundation upon which the town is progressing. Irish potatoes are the principal crops but truck crops like green corn, cucumbers, cabbages, watermelons and sweet potatoes are raised extensively, also. Farming and accommodations to the tourist trade are the primary industries of the section.

Continued advertising by satisfied customers, events like the annual Baldwin County Fishing Rodeo and the vacation facilities offered by resorts of Perdido Bay and the Gulf of Mexico are bringing more tourists to Foley every year. Fishing camps, hotels, tourist camps, restaurants and camping lodges offer every accommodation they could wish. Two former state governors, Bill Brandon and

### W. H. Montieth Was Foley's First Citizen In Many Respects

• No matter how you look at it, W. H. Montieth, ninety-year-old Foley resident, may be called the first citizen of Foley.

Mr. Montieth built and operated the first postoffice of the town, built the first store, built the first church, built the first house and his daughter, Laura, was the first person to marry in Foley.

A native of Keokuk County, Iowa, Mr. Montieth moved to Magnolia Springs with his family when he was a young man, bringing the family possessions down in a five-team caravan. His family lived at Magnolia Springs many years, being among the first settlers of the district.

#### Hears Of Railroad

In 1904 he heard that the L. & N. Railroad was building a spur line from Bay Minette to what is now Foley and, deciding that a settlement might be formed at the terminus of the line, he moved on the site of the present town of Foley. Nothing but a pine wilderness covered with ponds was seen where the town now stands and the only inhabitants were a few negro woodsmen.

He applied for a job as postmaster of the newly-formed town

of Foley, named for J. B. Foley, a pioneer real estate dealer of the section. After success in obtaining the appointment over Mr. Foley, who also applied, he operated the post office for a long time in a tent and built a clapboard shack nearby where he kept a few groceries and supplies.

#### Built First Church

The Baptist Church, which he built soon after his moving to Foley, was the first in the section. Shortly after the town began to grow and inhabitants began to come in. In 1906, two years from the birth of the town of Foley, the Foley Onlooker was started by Frank Fesler, a paper which later became the property of its present owners, the Barchards.

Mr. Montieth tired of Baldwin County for a while and moved to California in 1915 and left his daughter, now Mrs. Laura Wolbrink, in charge of the postoffice. He later returned to Baldwin, has remained here since and at present is content to bask in the warm suns of the coastal area and rock contentedly in his chair on his daughter's front porch.

About his memories? Well he ought to have plenty of them, for he saw and made a part of the growth of the busy little town of Foley. "Don't rush me, he says, I'm getting to be an old man, but as soon as I can rack my brain and remember, there is a lot more I could tell you."

• The practice of hitching horses and mules across the street to the court house fence should be made unnecessary by providing of hitching posts. A horse or mule standing on the walk after dark is dangerous, as some one is liable to walk up against the business end of the animal and be kicked into kingdom come. (From the Times of June 29, 1899.)

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## Point Clear Is Oldest Resort On Baldwin's Shore

**Hotel Built In 1847 In Good Condition After 90 Years**

Point Clear, the oldest resort on the Gulf Shore, bears evidence that it witnessed the invasion of Admiral Farragut's Union fleet and has many old buildings, including the Point Clear Hotel, built in 1847 and still in good condition after the winds of 90 years.

An inscription, engraved on a metal plate, on Gunnison's cottage near the hotel bears this insignia, "Compliments of Admiral Farragut, August 5, 1864." The plate, placed there by order of James K. Glennon, Confederate soldier, is a reminder of a shell hole made there by Farragut's guns when he damned the torpedoes and ordered his ships "Full Speed Ahead!" The Dryer mansion in Daphne bears a similar souvenir of the war.

Ballistic experts express the opinion that these shots were from a Parrot gun, mounted on the bow of some light-draft cutter or other small vessel and was probably fired to disclose to the Union navy the location of Confederate troops along the shore.

## Steamer Ocean Wave Explodes August, 1871

Residents of Point Clear still talk of the fatal Ocean Wave disaster of August 27, 1871 when the steamer, Ocean Wave, exploded, drowning over a score of passengers and wounding many more.

The steamer left Mobile early Sunday morning with a church party of over 200 aboard bound for Bon Secour and Fish rivers for a picnic. On the return trip her boiler exploded while she was docked in front of the Point Clear Hotel.

The bay steamers, Annie and Fountain, rushed to the scene of the wreck as soon as possible and found a mass of wreckage strewn with dead and mangled persons, while others struggled in the water for survival.

The exact number of casualties was never known but over 20 were known to be killed and many more seriously injured. Many bodies were washed out to sea with the tide. A number of creoles, with relatives in Baldwin County, were reported among the dead or missing. The body of Captain William Eaton was washed ashore and Jim Murray, engineer, was among the wounded. Parts of the wrecked boat may still be found on the Bay shore when the tide is low.

## Baldwin's Boundary Seen Many Changes

**Escambia Taken From A Section Of This County**

Water surrounds all but 17 miles of Baldwin County boundaries today, but such was not always the case, for since its creation in 1809 by an act of the Mississippi Territorial Legislature the county boundaries have changed five times.

Baldwin was the third county in the state to be formed, being created from Washington and Clarke counties. The Alabama Territorial Legislature further enlarged Baldwin February 17, 1818 and still further territorial additions were made by the state legislature December 13, 1819 and in December 1820.

In 1832 the northern boundary was fixed and the final change was made in 1868 when the area of the county was reduced to form Escambia county.

## Baldwin Has Been Under Five Flags

Baldwin County, like the city of Mobile, may be termed as being under five flags and has seen changing forms of government and rulers.

Spain claimed this territory upon their landing here in 1519 and held it until 1670 when the French pushed their claims eastward from New Orleans. By a treaty, England acquired most of the Southeast except Florida and the Louisiana Territory, owned by Spain and France respectively, in 1763 and held it until 1780.

From then until 1813 Spain regained the territory, but after Jackson's victorious Battle of New Orleans in the same year the land came definitely under the jurisdiction of the United States. Under the Stars and Stripes it has remained except during the Civil War, 1861-1865, when Alabama was part of the Confederacy.

## War Memorials May Be Erected Here In Future

**Historical Study Is Made By Army War College In 1929**

Recent studies of the county's military history made by the Historical section of the Army War College indicate that because of the historical importance of many spots in the county, steps may be taken in the near future to erect suitable memorials.

Colonel H. L. Lander made an investigation of historical sites in the county in 1929 and later visits indicated that as soon as the county obtained the sites from owners and built adequate roads several memorial projects would be erected.

The excellent preservation of Fort McDermott, a major fortification in the Spanish Fort defense, was one of the important discoveries of the major. Old Blakeley, Jackson's Oak, Spanish Fort and points on the Eastern Shore were visited before the Colonel made a trip to Fort Mims and points of interest in north Baldwin.

The Spanish Fort sector, where the Union General Canby threw the full weight of his 50,000 men against the outnumbered Confederates after the close of the Civil War was declared to be especially important from a historical point of view, since it represents four phases of American history.

This spot was on the ferry route between Mobile and Pensacola and has been the scene of many fights in Indian, British, French and Spanish Colonial days, and then in the War Between the States. War maps and historical records before that time had al-

## Most Any Crop Can Be Raised Here In Baldwin

**Climatic Conditions Such That Many Products Grow**

Although it may sound like an overstatement, practically any crop that is grown in the United States may be grown in Baldwin County. In spite of the fact that only a few crops are grown extensively climatic conditions here are such that many crops can be grown with favorable success.

Tropical fruits do not flourish here as well as in California or Florida but olives, satsumas, tobacco, grapefruit and a species of banana have been grown in this county with fair success. Apples, peaches, plums and cherries have been grown with moderate success here and pears, blueberries, loganberries, pecans and grapes have very favorable growing conditions.

So far as is known, barley has never been grown in Baldwin, but several farmers report good luck with wheat, oats and other grains that most people think can only grow well in the colder regions. Cotton is in its natural habitat here and corn has yielded as high as in the Midwest.

South Baldwin farmers are among the first on the market with high quality Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, roasting ears and cucumbers. Some produce high grade canteloupes and watermelons and Malbis has proved, with his cannery, that vegetables can be grown on a large scale profitably.

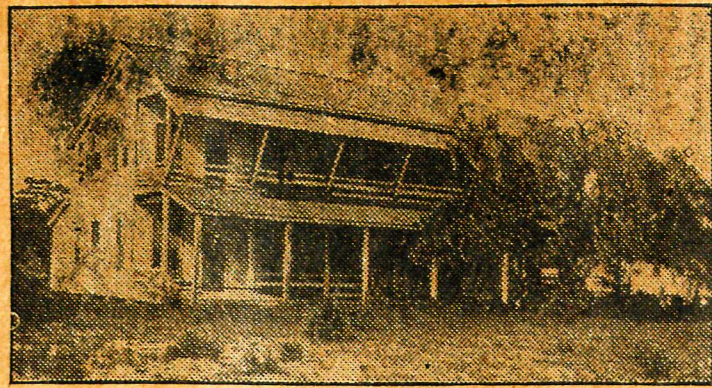
Practically all legumes thrive on local soil and peanuts have produced as well here as in southeast Alabama. Farmers around Lottie produce large crops of sugar cane, while millet and sorghum do well throughout the county.

Baldwin County was named for Abraham Baldwin, pioneer settler of Georgia and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In consideration to early settlers of the county, many of whom came from Georgia, the county was so named. Baldwin also served a term in Congress and was the founder of the University of Georgia.

Phillip Terrier, now dead, of Stockton, won second prize in a national trapshooting match. He could lie on the ground with a live quail in each hand and his double barrel shotgun at his side, release the birds and arise in time to kill both birds before they escaped.

ready verified the reports of the various struggles that occurred there.

## Gunnison's Cottage At Point Clear



At Point Clear, on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, stands a weather-beaten old mansion, locally referred to as the Gunnison Mansion, a building which has seen more gaiety and spirit than volumes could tell.

Erected some time in the fifties, tradition has it that it was one of the greatest gathering places of befo-de-war vacationists. At Gunnison's "they rode 'em high", passed the cognac freely, won staggering sums at cards and set

sumptuous feasts in the old Southern manner.

A steamboat made two daily trips to Mobile to carry Mobilians across to the resort. Large numbers spent pleasant hours at this watering place and many came to escape yellow fever attacks.

The invasion of Admiral Farragut's navy made this section doubly famous for this house and others nearby show "daylight holes" made by Yankee cannon balls.

## Only Tidal Wave In History Of County Destroyed Navy Cove

On September 5, 1906 no happier village in the state could have been found than tiny Navy Cove, three miles east of Fort Morgan on Mobile Bay. The next day six of the forty inhabitants were drowned and all of the 14 homes of the village had been completely destroyed in the only destructive tidal wave in the history of the county.

The fate of the tiny fishing village seems even more cruel when one realizes that the people there lived in an almost Utopian fashion. Locks and bars were not known and there was no evidence of law. By fishing, hunting and raising

Near Perdido, where a Spaniard escaped from pirates early in the 16th century is thought to be the spot where a white man first set foot upon Baldwin County soil.

One of the oldest church houses in the state is the Tensaw Baptist Church, built in 1840 by slave labor. The church, still in remarkable condition, may be seen today and still contains the slave gallery where the negroes were accustomed to sit.

ed themselves and thought no more of the rest of the world, but spent their time in dancing, gossiping and fellowship with neighbors.

The topography of the former village is entirely changed today. Ocean waves cover the site of the village common, but survivors of the tragedy have never forgotten the terrible occasion.

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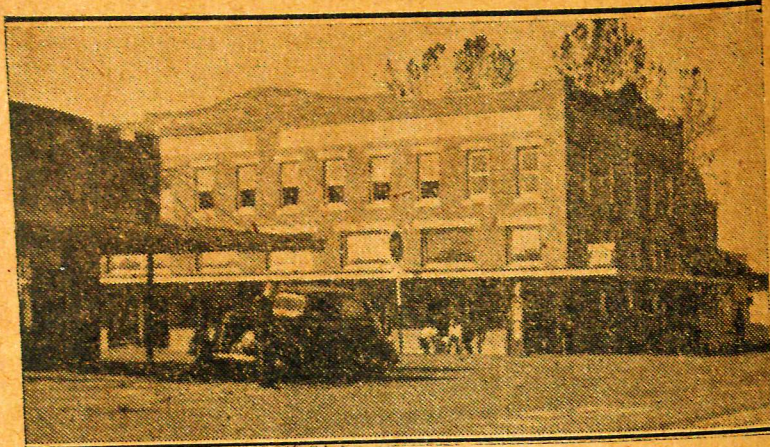
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## Summerdale Is Progressive



■ Summerdale is the oldest of the south Baldwin towns and has had periods of growth and setbacks. The above scene shows two of the business houses and the paved streets can be noted. The city government is ever alert for the town and has always run on a pay-as-you-go basis.

## Tobacco Grown At One Time In Summerdale

### Rich Farming Lands \* Surround Town To Form Trade Center

● Summerdale, the oldest and one of the smallest of the south Baldwin municipalities, has had periods of growth and setbacks, was once the largest town east of Daphne, but through it all the steadfast ability of its citizens has attracted attention.

Since its incorporation the Summerdale city council has never been in debt and there has always been a balance in the treasury. Once the home of the Alabama Tobacco Company, the town once had an extensive business in growing and curing cigar wrapper tobacco. Today that industry is closed, the large warehouse stands out spectre-like in town and citizens of the town are uncertain as to whether it will operate in the future.

Although Summerdale contains a resident population of only about 250 people, it is a fairly compact town with many of the assets and civic features of larger cities. The town has a recently-completed, two-mile pavement through the business district, has electric lights, a fire truck and although there is no city water department, local residents are able to get an abundant supply of water from deep wells.

Three churches are in the town, Methodist, Baptist and Catholic. The high school at Summerdale is not accredited but steps are being taken to make it a standard institution. The town council is composed of E. H. Tietgen, mayor; W. S. Owens, clerk; John Jurkiewicz, Ward Phillips, Jim Cleverdon and W. S. Owens, councilmen.

Summerdale is the trade and shipping center of farmers for a considerable trade area, estimated to contain over a thousand people. Marlow, eight miles to the west is a part of the trade area, and makes Summerdale their shipping point for their watermelons, potatoes and cucumbers.

Settlers came to Summerdale from the north as the timber was cut from the land in the early nineties, and some of the best farming lands of south Baldwin were soon taken up and the village of Summerdale began. There are still unsettled lands to the east and west of the railroad and slowly they are being occupied by newcomers. The latest additions were Mennonites who located in the Summerdale district recently, coming from Michigan and Ohio. There are quite a number of Bohemian farmers living along the road to Marlow. Other nationalities include scattering families of Poles, Lithuanians and Swedes.

Present day citizens still bear the names of some of the founders of the district. Pete Seibert, Keat, Charlie Anderson, Sherman, Jensen, Cleverdon and Grove are some of the families that played a part in the building of Summer-

### Transportation System In County Highly Developed

### Water, Rail And Highway Methods Of Travel To Be Found

● Transportation has always been possible in Baldwin County but the method of its development from the canoe and pack horse to the speedy train, bus and truck accommodations of today is an interesting part of the segment of the county's progress.

Native Indians "broke" wild horses to use them for war mounts and moving purposes or hollowed logs to form canoes. The white man devised the flat boat or barge. Boats at first were manipulated by sails or by oars, paddles or a large human-propelled tail sweep.

The two-wheel ox cart and the post coach were the original methods of land transportation used by early settlers. To avoid tiring the horse team, of four or eight horses, they were changed frequently along the stage coach line for fresher teams. Oxen were used largely for logging and hauling heavy loads.

#### Steamboats Used Early

Then came the steam boat and stern-wheel paddler of the Tensas, Alabama and Mobile Rivers and the ferry boats of Mobile Bay, superseding the crude water passage between the ports of Stockton, Point Clear, Montrose and Marlow and between Mobile and outside ports.

The peak of the county's development in travel came when the L. & N. railroad came through the county, passing Perdido, Bay Minette and Hurricane, across the Tensaw River into Mobile. In 1905 a spur of the road was built from Bay Minette to Foley, called the Fort Morgan line, that has proved to be invaluable to the truck farmers of south Baldwin.

With the paving of county roads, facilities for automobile transportation improved, bus lines that were handicapped by poor roads began more regular schedules and with the construction of Cochrane Bridge, over Mobile Bay, they

dale. Farming is and has been the backbone of the town, with tendencies toward more and more diversification yearly. Neat farm houses are seen in the area and the poultry business is thriving on many farms. For a time the town lagged behind others nearby in movement of truck produce, but of late there has been a rapid increase in shipments. Good mercantile establishments, several shipping platforms, a community hall, hotel and other buildings are in the town.

began through routes, offering competition to the railroad.

#### Several Bus Lines

Today there are four local bus lines in the county, covering practically every state highway, namely: the Bay Minette - Elberta line, the Bay Minette - Little River line, the Mobile - Fairhope line and the Mobile - Monroeville line. In addition, the Greyhound lines have the cross country busses of the Mobile - Montgomery and Mobile - Jacksonville, Fla., lines running through the county on regular schedules.

The L. & N. Railroad is not only

prepared to offer convenient freight and express schedules to shippers but local and national van and freight trucks, passing through all the larger communities, supplement their work.

Perhaps the day is not far off when airplanes will make regular stops in the county. There are already several airports in the county, even though little used. The Oak airport of Foley is well equipped for landing and repairing purposes and is frequently used by Naval Air Station pilots as a stopover in short flights.

● Census figures taken from 1910 to 1930 show that Baldwin County has more than doubled its population in the 30 year period. Figures in 1900 gave the county 13,196 people; 1905 (estimated) 15,000; 1910, 18,178; 1915 (estimated) 19,000; 1920, 20,000; 1925 (estimated) 25,000, and 28,289 in 1930. The 1940 rating will probably give the county approximately 35,000 people.

● Baldwin County claims to be the largest producer of corn in the state, producing early green corn as well as field corn in quantities.



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# Turpentine Is Leading Industry In Baldwin

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**2,000 Men Employed  
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31 Stills Here**

Baldwin County, in the heart of the coastal long-leaf pine section of Dixie, looks to the turpentine in the county for work and payrolls for a large number of persons engaged in the operation.

With 350 crops, or 3,500,000 trees, being involved in the industry in the county, an annual payroll of \$365,000 is paid to almost 2000 employees engaged in the production. An equal amount is derived from the sale of products.

## 31 Stills In County

Operation and control of the industry is in the hand of around twenty men owning or renting the land which they farm for resin, these men owning 31 stills. M. C. Stallworth, the largest operator in the county has one double still and employs around 150 men in his operations.

The stages in turpentine production involved from chipping the trees to the manufactured product includes a number of operations. Naturally enough, the first step is finding a large grove of trees from 9 inches in diameter upward and around 20 to 30 years old. The trees are chipped, an operation involving shaving the side of the tree with a knife in a streak about 10 inches wide and three-fourths of an inch deep.

This scar, made in the spring of the year, starts the sap to flowing. To receive the sap, tin or clay cups are put along the bottom of the "face".

It is then collected from each cup, put in barrels and sent to the still. Taking from eight to ten barrels of chippings to make a charge, or a single run of the boiler, the finished product comes out approximately six barrels of rosin and six barrels of spirits of turpentine.

## Better Methods Now Used

In 1900 when turpentine was still in its infancy it was the custom to chip the trees anywhere from 1½ to 2 inches deep and chip a large hole in the tree as a receptacle for the sap. Far-sighted growers realizing that such practices would soon result in the death of the industry, started the practice of slight chipping and using cups as receptacles. The average tree now receives around 35 chippings a year, with the average life of a face from 10 to 15 years.

To avoid stunting the growth of the tree, leaders are striving to keep growers from chipping until the tree has a nine-inch diameter. One face is put on the tree at this stage, while from two faces upward may be put on the tree if it is considerably over 14 inches. If chipping is done properly a tree should have an average producing life of 15 years.

It is common practice of turpentiners to rake around the trees to prevent fires each year and growers usually select calm, moist season of January and February to start fires in the woods in order to prevent the area from burning later on.

## Adopt Care In Production

Emphasizing that the turpentine industry, though large and important, may soon perish, Emanuel Davidson, secretary of the Ala-Fla Turpentine Producers Association calls on careful growing practices. Practically all the land in production in the section now is second growth and with careful methods should be a source of income for years to come.

In an effort to popularize the product, which is used largely for paints, varnishes and medi-

## Members Of Foley Lions Club Active

The Foley Lions Club is the leading civic organization of the town and more than other clubs has fostered the town's growth and has taken an interest in public spirited moves.

Officers of the club are: president, Ernest Bannard, Magnolia Springs; first vice president, Max W. Griffin; second vice president, G. H. Buley; tail twister, Victor Gaar; lion tamer, J. G. Evans.

Other members are C. A. Boller, W. A. Boller, W. Burmeister, Marshal Crosby, J. A. Corte, J. B. Childress, V. C. Christensen, Max Davis, M. S. Dreitzler, Charles Ebert, David Gaar, W. C. Gordon, Dr. W. C. Holmes, A. J. Hartung, Sherman F. Lemler, A. H. Mueller, L. A. Magney, E. S. Moses, A. M. Neumann of Elberta, Walter Perske, A. Perske of Elberta, J. A. Pilgrim, C. L. Searcy, Louis Smith, John E. Soesbe, R. E. Stacey and Peter Stiegerwald.

A. H. Mueller is secretary and treasurer of the organization and directors are G. H. Buley, J. A. Pilgrim, David Gaar and C. A. Boller.

## Sea Island Cotton Can Be Raised To Advantage Here

### Long Staple Product Brings 25 Cents— Gin In Mobile

A new industry, sea-island cotton, on which Egypt had almost sole monopoly for years, was opened last year in Baldwin and Mobile Counties and has attracted the attention of prospective growers.

Through the efforts of E. E. Hale, county farm agent, several local farmers were induced to make plantings of the crop. Mobile farmers had small plantings last year also and at St. Elmo a gin for this type of cotton was set up. A peculiar type of gin was required and the gin in Mobile County is the only one of its kind in the state.

Sea Island cotton is used extensively for threads and cotton goods of a finer nature. It is also used in the manufacture of automobile tires and gas masks. It differs in staple from ordinary upland cotton in that it has a staple of from 1½ to two inches in length, whereas ordinary cotton is from seven-eighths to 1¼ inches in length.

Boll weevils have been the chief hindrance to any extensive planting in Alabama but through the use of arsenic poison the insect has been brought under control. Due to the cotton's scarcity, no restriction is placed on its planting and a rolling gin rather than a saw type must be used. The price of the long staple is far above that of ordinary cotton, selling for 25 cents this year, while ordinary cotton brought eight cents per pound.

Cotton experts have expressed an opinion that the sandy loam of this region is suitable for the

cines, the American Turpentine Farmers Association is putting on an extensive advertising program in 1939 through magazines and newspapers. Each producer will be taxed 50c per unit in order to finance the campaign, which is expected to result in greater demands for turpentine products.

## One Of The County's Turpentine Stills



Baldwin County is probably the heaviest turpentine-producing county in the state, with no close competitors except Mobile, Escambia and Washington Counties. Thousands of dollars annually come into the county from sales of resin, pitch and spirits.

## Most Business Houses In Bay Minette Have Changed Locations

Of all the business locations in Bay Minette, A. Kahalley, Ort Ertzinger and the L. & N. Railroad are the only businesses that now operate in the same buildings as they did thirty years ago.

Thirty years ago the court house commanded the same site but not the same view. In front of the court house and extending to First Street stood a large pond and an old-fashioned well, with curbing, windlass and an oaken bucket, was directly in front of the court house steps. Beginning near the well and extending to the Joe Hall building, now Jones Feed Store, was a six-foot board walk with hand railings on each side. From the court house to the railroad was a plain dirt road with a ditch intersecting it and leading through to the present Trammell Hotel lot.

Court House Square was graced with one two-story wooden structure

culture of a longer staple cotton. Georgia and north Florida are practically the only states in the nation dealing with this type of cotton heretofore and their planting is barely over four thousand acres.

Kahalley's, Woodson's, City Hotel and the U. A. Irwin home, then had only a barn and the Irwin's garden patch. Right in the middle of Hand Avenue at Railroad Street was a two story wooden building where Dave Byrne kept a store and had his Justice of the Peace office.

On the site of the new post office was a two story hotel managed by Mrs. Sue Trammell, while the ground floor was a general merchandise store run by Cro-martie, Franklin and Nelson. J. B. Blackburn, Sr., owned a furniture store on the site of W. D. White's shoe store. Next door was a livery stable operated by E. H. Nelson and a blacksmith shop run by W. T. Joyce. A fire destroyed the old block of wooden buildings and they were replaced by the present brick structures.

The Feminear home has stood the test of time but frame buildings down the row were occupied by McMillan and Humphries, S. L. Leak and the Baldwin Drug Store. The Knights of Pythias had a lodge over the Leak store.

Formerly the Christian Church was owned by the Baptists. Across the railroad was the Bay Hotel and nearby buildings unfortunately remaining the same. The ice plant stands on the former location of a small grocery store and back of this was the home of Henry Stanmyers.

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# Baldwin County Might Be Called The 49th State

## Its Peculiar Location, Soil, Climate Makes It Ideal Place In Which To Live

**Growing Season Is From 290 To 325 Days Every Year**

(Editor's Note — This article was specially prepared by the staff of The L. & N. Employee's Magazine for the Golden Anniversary Edition of the Times. It is an accurate picture of this county portrayed by someone who is not a resident of the county.)

● Baldwin County, Alabama, girt round by the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Mobile Bay, Perdido Bay and the Perdido River, might almost qualify as America's 49th state.

It is true that there are larger counties than Baldwin in these United States, although its 1,595 square miles places it well up among the leaders. But it may safely be said that insofar as charm, individuality and general advantages are concerned, Baldwin is equaled by few and surpassed by none.

### Location Is Ideal

The peculiar location of Baldwin, its soil and its climate, make it an ideal place in which to live, work and play. Those in the prime of life, as well as those who have retired and desire to take it easy, along with the casual visitor, will find within Baldwin's spacious confines a way in which to achieve the maximum of happiness.

Consider the climate. The average summer temperature, despite the county's situation at the southern end of the country, is around 80 degrees F. Occasionally, of course, the thermometer goes on a spree, as elsewhere and hits the 90's, or thereabouts, but even on those days the cooling breezes from the Gulf of Mexico do much to defeat discomfort and keep down humidity.

### Moderate Weather

The nights are made for sleeping. Insofar as winter temperatures are concerned, Baldwin is extremely fortunate. Only rarely is freezing weather experienced and readings of from 45 degrees and even higher are the general rule. The county's crops afford excellent proof of the mildness of Baldwin's winters. The growing season for these last from 290 to 325 days each year and in the extreme southern section, this period is practically synonymous with the calendar year.

The temperatures mentioned should give some idea of the climatic comfort which the resident encounters in Alabama's "giant" county. Brief mention has been made of Baldwin's crops. The excellence of these, of course, is dependent upon the fertility of the soil, annual rainfall, cultivation and a number of other factors.

### Many Crops Grown

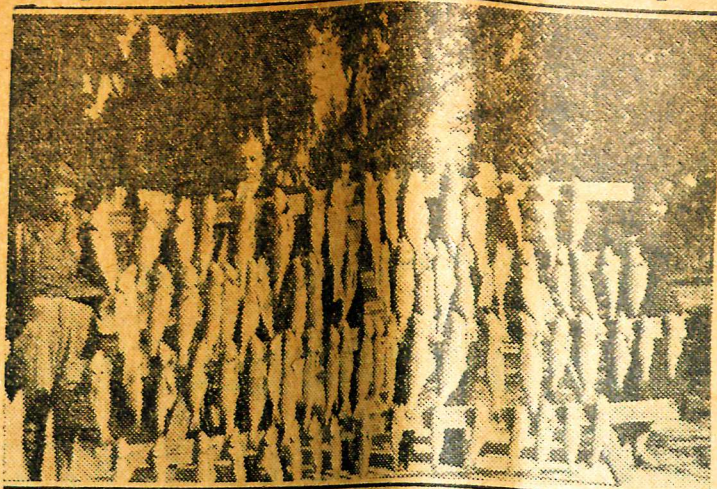
Some of these factors are dependent upon the grower; Baldwin does its part and furnishes the proper soil, climate and rainfall. Almost any crop, except wheat, that can be grown in the temperate zone, can be grown in Baldwin and, in addition, a number of sub-tropical ones are raised with considerable success.

A listing of the crops grown in Baldwin County makes one's mouth water. For one who likes to eat, who takes pleasure in hearing the sweet sound produced by tables "groaning with food," the county is ideal. And, when to the pleasure of eating, is added the pride of having produced one's own "vittles," a sensation results that must be really immense.

As Baldwin's eatable crops march in review, there may be seen Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, roasting ears of corn, cucumbers, okra, cabbage, beans, peas, beets, watermelons, peaches, pears, Japanese persimmons, satsuma oranges, kumquats, straw-

cellent roads. On a number of the bays and other bodies of water are located fishing camps and cottages.

### Speckled Trout Caught Near Foley



(Courtesy Alabama Journal)

■ Although most sportsmen were in the hunting field at this time of year and the inclement weather of the past weeks had kept some from fishing, this huge catch of speckled trout made just before Christmas is ample evidence that salt water fish of the county do bite. Those in the picture from left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garland of Montgomery, Don Frederick of near Foley, guide and host to the fishermen, M. A. McWilliams, Prattville and Mrs. Dolores Childress, Foley.

berries, raspberries, blackberries, grapes, peanuts, rice, sugar cane and pecans. Also in the line of march, fulfilling a highly important function, either as soil-builders, or as food for livestock, may be found cowpeas, soybeans, velvet beans, crotonaria, oats and lespedeza. Some tobacco and cotton are also grown. Baldwin's cuisine, therefore, has the proper foundation. The numerous nationalities found within its borders see to it that this cuisine is varied and tasty.

### Livestock In Abundance

But perhaps your tastes in food are not vegetarian and you are fond of animals — fried, roasted, stewed or fricaseed. Whether your tastes run towards ordinary domesticated live stock or wild life, Baldwin is self-sufficient and does not have to resort to importations. Sheep, cattle, hogs, and poultry, are each found in abundance.

The cows and the chickens, of course, "double in brass," so to speak, for they are not only eaten, but are also unexcelled producers of milk and eggs. And, if your idea of paradise is a land overflowing with milk and honey, Baldwin is just that, for bee-keeping is one of the county's rapidly-growing industries. In addition to chickens, ducks and turkeys are also raised in large quantities.

### Profusive Shrubs, Flowers

The amateur, or professional grower, can also try his skill at raising decorative trees and shrubs, magnolias, azaleas, gladioli, tulips, roses, cannas and many others can be and are grown in great profusion.

If one likes to hunt, Baldwin abounds with all sorts of game. Here may be bagged the fleet-footed rabbit, the nut-hoarding squirrel, the elusive deer and sky-winged doves, quail, wild geese and wild turkeys. Certain seasons and rules and regulations are, of course, observed. The State Game Conservation headquarters in Montgomery furnishes full information on the length of different seasons.

If fishing is more to one's taste, Baldwin, "the almost-island," is obviously ideal. The disciple of Izaak Walton has his choice of either fresh or salt water fishing and may catch anything from a mackerel to a strapping big tarpon. Baldwin County's annual fishing rodeo is nationally famous and is mentioned more fully elsewhere in this issue.

Hand in hand with fishing go the associated outdoor sports of swimming and boating. Baldwin boasts of a number of splendid beaches and these are easily accessible by way of the county's ex-

cellent roads. On a number of the bays and other bodies of water are located fishing camps and cottages. For those who like to horse-back ride, there are a number of excellent trails and side-roads, where never is heard the honk of an automobile horn or the tooting of a factory whistle. The county also has two very good golf courses, which are in use the year 'round.

It has been endeavored to show that whether one goes to Baldwin

County to work or play, he is mighty apt to obtain the ultimate in satisfaction. The transient, as well as the home owner, or permanent resident, will find present all the necessary ingredients for happiness. All he or she has to do is to relax and let Baldwin's magic do its subtle work.

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## Boy Scouts Have Good Troops In Baldwin County

146 Members Last December — Belong To Mobile Council

Teen age boys of Baldwin County are seldom club members unless belonging to the 4-H or F. F. A. clubs; they all desire some form of activity and it is vastly to their benefit that this activity be organized and directed. For that reason the Scouting movement was organized in the county and the accomplishments of the various troops testify to the value of their work.

There are eight troops in the

county containing an aggregate of 146 members by last December and there are 46 committeemen and scoutmasters in the county. Probably the most outstanding troop in the county is found in Rosinton. George Strong, their leader and also principal of the Rosinton School, has been Scoutmaster of his troop since 1912, and through the county Rosinton scouts have been noted for their progress and their adherence to the ideals of Scouting.

### Service Is Aim

Each troop of the county is sponsored by some community organization, meetings are held weekly and hikes and camps are held from time to time. Service and "good turn" are the keynote of Scouts the world over and by community service like helping the poor, directing traffic, decorating schools, running errands and countless other tasks members of Scout troops try to fulfill that aim.



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## A Dairy Barn Banquet Of Home-Grown Food



More than 150 people were served 26 different farm products in a banquet of recent years at the Magnolia Dairy Farm at Magnolia Springs, boasting one of the finest Jersey herds in the state. The dinner course, all from home products, included roast turkey, roast beef, chicken pie, pork sausage, cornbread, candied yams, Irish potatoes, rice, black-eyed peas, tomatoes, dewberries, fig preserves, pecans, satsumas, oranges, butter, buttermilk and sweet milk.

(Photo Courtesy Perkins Development Co.)

The Baldwin County troops are members of the Mobile area council of which R. J. Seeger of Mobile is the executive and to direct the movements in the county R. C. Keeney of Fairhope frequently gives time to the work. Honor courts and training courses are held at various places in the county to review Scouts in their work and give Scoutmaster leadership training.

Mr. Seeger at present is conducting a leadership training course for Scoutmasters and troop committeemen in Robertsdale and the course is said to be of help to all taking it.

Promotional work to acquaint the public with the aims of Scouting is going on in various troops and in the near future Scouters plan to have a county regional executive as Mr. Seeger of Mobile is forced to direct troops over a wide area. Sponsors, leaders and committeemen of the county are:

### Troops and Officers

Stockton, Troop 40: sponsor, Stockton Junior High School; Scoutmaster, Gene Thomley; assistant Scoutmasters, Norman Clendinen and Manley Duffie; committeemen, Y. A. Cox, Henry Bryars and Dorris Smith.

Bay Minette, Troop 41: sponsor, Lions Club; Scoutmaster, George Page; assistant Scoutmaster, Bert Davidson; committeemen, Rev. James E. Tate, S. F. Holmes and Ort H. Ertzinger.

Silverhill, Troop 42: sponsor, Chamber of Commerce; Scoutmaster, Albert Phillips; assistant Scoutmaster, Axel Rundquist; committeemen, Dave Forsman, Leslie Chandler and Reuben Norman.

Foley, Troop 43: sponsor, Baldwin County Legion Post No. 99; Scoutmaster, L. F. Laflin; committeemen, George Holk and S. F. Parker, with one vacancy.

Summerdale, Troop 44: sponsor, Summerdale Methodist Church; Scoutmaster, A. G. Edwards; assistant Scoutmaster, Marion N. Nickelson; committeemen, J. S. Mickelson, C. E. Deaux, J. H. Hadley and W. W. Faulk.

Robertsdale, Troop 45: sponsor, Robertsdale P.-T. A.; Scoutmaster, Walter Hammond; assistant Scoutmaster, Allen Denham; committeemen, Orvis M. Brown, C. D. Sweat, R. L. Calloway, J. S. Holland and W. C. Ball.

Rosinton, Troop 46: sponsor P.-T. A.; Scoutmaster, George S. Strong; assistant Scoutmaster, Billy Gullledge; committeemen, W. R. Cooper, Ira Olds and Donald Hastings.

Fairhope, Troop 47: Scoutmaster, H. R. Chamberlain; assistant Scoutmaster, George Dyson; committeemen, W. W. DeWolf, Leonard G. Payne, S. D. Bradley, L. A. Berglin, John R. Campbell and Ted Leiser.

There is a troop in formation at Loxley but as yet they are not well organized.

## Old Spanish Fort Is Tourist Mecca

Old Spanish Fort — Historic spot of the Deep South — is now the mecca for tourists from all parts of America. Here, in Baldwin County, is the "best-preserved battle field of the War Between the States."

Only 27 years after the discovery of America, Alvarez de Pineda, a free-booting Spaniard, seized the high point of land, now known as Old Spanish Fort, a few hundred yards north of what is now the eastern terminal of Cochrane Bridgehead. He took possession of the country in the name of Queen Isabella and God Almighty, and used this fort for the stronghold from which his armed warriors ravaged the country.

About two hundred years later this territory passed into the hands of the French, then to the English, and finally, was made a Confederate stronghold for the protection of the city of Mobile, during the War Between the States. The Confederate forces erected two additional forts, Fort McDermott and Red Fort, connected there with a comprehensive system of trenches and breastworks and successfully resisted siege operations of the Union forces numbering over 48,000 men, from August 1864 to April 9, 1865, when these fortifications and those of Blakeley were evacuated and seized by the Union forces in the last battle of the War Between the States.

Nothing has been done by county, state or federal governments to preserve this historic place, which has been called by army engineers the "best preserved battle field of the United States," but with the development of good roads and the advent of thousands of tourists into the South, this historic site might easily be made one of the most attractive national parks in America.

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## County Beef Production Growing Each Year



G. W. Robertson, probate judge of Baldwin County, living at Bay Minette, is shown in the field with some of his fine-blooded beefers. Judge Robertson has never reported a crop failure and he is one of the farmers who enthusiastically recommend trench silos as a means of lowering costs on beef production. From a small stock of native scrubs he has built his herd into grade Herefords and Anguses. (Photo Courtesy Perkins Development Co.)

## Bay Minette Is Ideal Site for New Industries

### Abundance Of Raw Material, Electricity, Water Aiding Factors

• Numerous advantages including cheap labor, abundant water and hydro-electric facilities and an abundance of raw materials make Bay Minette an ideal site for possible industries.

Sites for industries are cheap and rent is low while the number of laborers available at reasonable rates give industries opportunities not found in all locations. The sizeable cities of Mobile and Pensacola with their markets and excellent port facilities offer added attractions and both are served by several railways giving good routes to all sections of the country.

#### Spindle Mill Possibilities

Dogwood, found in quantities in the county, has already been shipped to some extent to spindle mills of the country but there is no reason why a spindle mill situated locally could not realize higher profits since it is close to the source of supply and also close to the cotton mills of the southeastern states.

The Bacon-McMillan Veneer Mill of Stockton ships veneer to some of the leading furniture factories of the nation, but what is to prohibit a furniture mill from benefitting by locating around Bay Minette, thus being able to cut operating costs in many ways?

Not all locations offer an abundance of fresh water available throughout the year or hydro-electric facilities in unlimited quantities and at cheap prices as does Bay Minette. Few spots in the south have housing, grocery, fuel and produce prices reduced to such a minimum. Laborers, while available in many communities at cheap rates, are not all so well educated or possessed with native talents as those found in Baldwin County. Within a decade practically every worker of the county will have had at least a high school education.

#### Room For Cannery

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### The Story Of Sonata, Indian Warrior, Is Romantical, Brave

• No case of gratitude in all the annals of local history can equal that of Sonata, an Indian warrior, who saved his white friends, the McGirth family, from slaughter because they had housed him when he was a homeless orphan.

Many years before the massacre of Fort Mims, Sonata had stopped at the house of Vicey McGirth asking for food. She fed and clothed him and made him one of her family until he was a young man, when he left to join a war expedition against Fort Mims. Zachariah McGirth, Vicey's husband, was the son of a Tory cap-

tain in the Revolutionary war and at the time was residing in Florida. He married Vicey Curnells, a wealthy half-breed Creek. Later she, with her eight children, being alarmed at the Creek uprising, was in Fort Mims at the time of the massacre.

Throughout the year and a minimum of frosts and freezing spells indicate the advantages of local all round farming. South Baldwin farmers having had success with vegetable farming could profitably erect a canning factory and run a cooperative cannery. Lucedale, Miss., with similar soil and agricultural conditions, has a canning factory that has been operating at a profit since its erection and local farmers, who benefit from the produce they sell, are enthusiastically behind it.

A starch plant at Laurel, Miss., has demonstrated the possibility of new markets for sweet potatoes as the starch extracted from them has a ready market and is tending to become a substitute for cornstarch on the American market. Baldwin, which plants the largest potato acreage in the state, would find such an operation of benefit provided farmers could step-up potato yields to meet its demands.

Further industrial possibilities include a hardwood mill, giving landowners a sale for their oak and other hardwoods; textile mills for silk, rayon or cotton manufacture, such as are found in nearby Atmore, Monroeville and Mobile; cottonseed oil plants for the manufacture of lard and cottonseed stock feeds.

Indians standing on the wharf. Hesitating, his wife and seven children ran to him and embraced him. They related their story to him and told how they came to Mobile after the massacre searching for him. Sonata, their befriender, was the only person lacking to make their family reunion complete but the Indian brave was never to rejoin his pale-face friends for he had been slain months ago in a war at Choccolocco Litibixee, in central Alabama.

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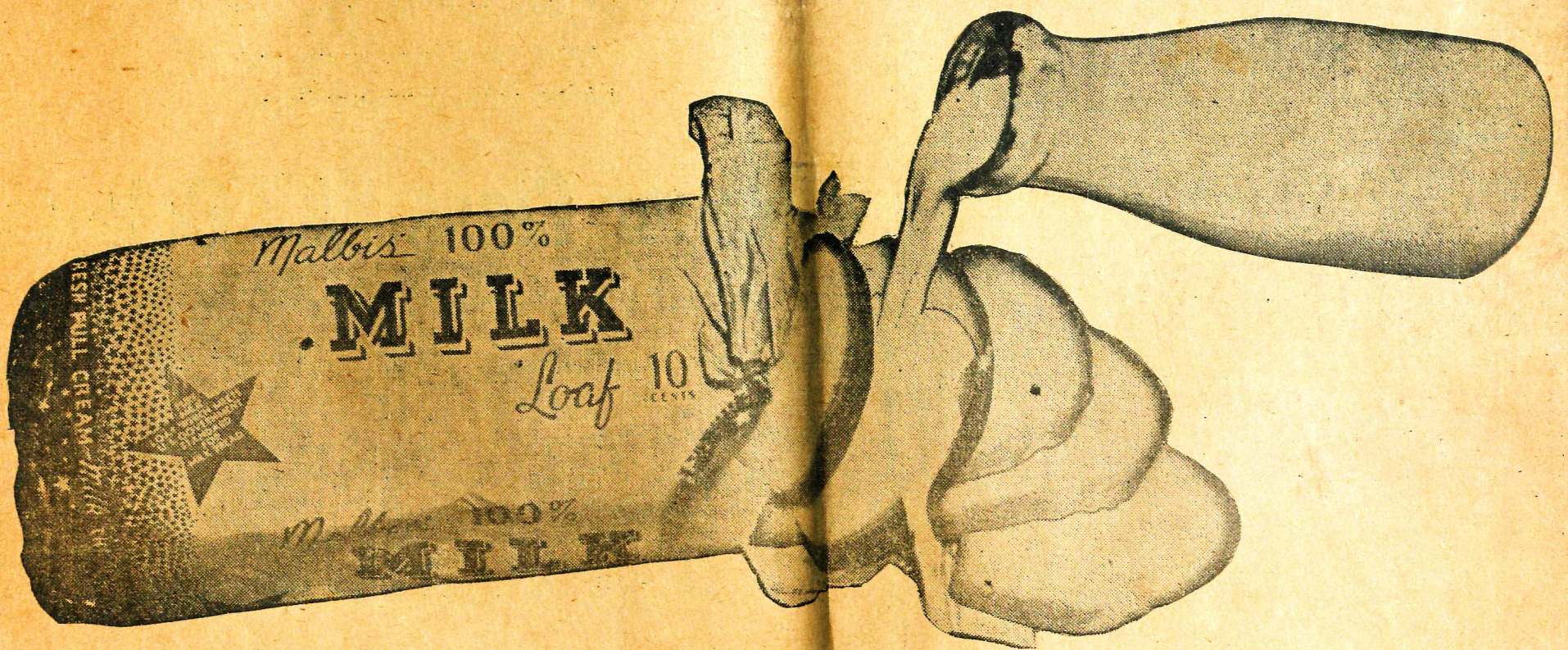


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## State Docks Offers County Farmers Facilities For Cold Storage

### Thousands Of Cases Of Eggs Stored Until Prices Get Right

By DAVID HOLT

• Tens of thousands of cases of eggs produced in Baldwin County poultry yards, go into the cold storage plant at the Alabama State Docks, Mobile, when the market is low, to be kept until prices improve and the eggs can be profitably marketed.

During the late fall and early winter of 1938 when the bumper crop of satsuma oranges was threatened with reported cold, while one-half of the oranges were still on the trees, growers hurried much of the fruit into the fruit terminal of the storage plant to be kept at a safe temperature until needed for marketing at the best advantage.

These are but two of the many instances where the state terminal system is of great saving and benefit to the farming and other industries of Baldwin and contiguous counties. Home-grown seed potatoes, cotton, naval stores products from the Newport Industries at Bay Minette are among the Baldwin county articles that are wisely stored at the State Docks.

Alabama has learned to utilize its port terminal system and to profit by it. The State Docks is the name applied to a public institution that represents something vastly greater than merely a place where vessels may lie safely in all kinds of weather to receive and discharge cargo and passengers and then proceed again to sea, though this is one of the principal functions of the system.

The state docks and its management constitute a complete commercial unit with facilities for bringing business to the port as well as handling it when it comes. Its commission is the port authority, the coordinating and centralizing force about which the commerce and industries of the port revolves.

#### General Sibert First Manager

The initial work of site-selection and planning of the work was intrusted to a commission of which Major General William L. Sibert, U. S. Army, retired, was chairman, chief engineer and general manager. Governor Brandon and his advisors, who selected General Sibert for this position, regarded that native Alabama general, who had spent the greater part of his life in important work with the U. S. Engineers, as the best qualified man to be obtained anywhere for that phase of the work requiring engineering skill and ability to get big things done and great works organized. President Theodore Roosevelt had recognized these qualities when he selected General Sibert as one of the five army engineers entrusted with the work of building the Panama Canal.

#### All Equipment Modern

The docks, wharves, piers, transit sheds and warehouses, steel and concrete construction, with decks above the highest known water marks, giving connection with all rail, highway, river and ocean carriers, attracted the admiring attention of ship owners and transportation men every-

where.

The terminals were designed to give dispatch and to handle every type of freight offered at the port for interchange between land and water carriers. Subsequent dock commissions have improved and extended the original plans until the uses of the terminals have been greatly increased, as has the volume, variety and value of the freight handled and the quantity produced for shipment by manufacturing plants located on state docks property. One of the units that is particularly valuable to the farmers of Baldwin County is the cold storage plant and fruit terminal built with federal aid, with the cooperation of the city of Mobile.

Eggs and, more recently, satsuma oranges are stored and handled in large quantities, enabling farmers to sell these, and other items of produce to better advantage than they ever before enjoyed. Other and new ways are being sought and found by which the state's terminals can be of direct and immediate value to the farmers and other citizens of Alabama.

#### Hardships At First

With the beginning of the second administration of Governor Bibb Graves, there was an increasing demand that the state docks be made to pay. There had been years since the completion of the first units and the opening of the plant, in 1928, which were periods of organization and solicitation, of depression in the shipping trades throughout this country and the world, periods when the terminal property had never made enough profit to meet all of the interest charges on its bonded indebtedness in addition to the cost of maintaining the property and making necessary additions to meet the demands of commerce.

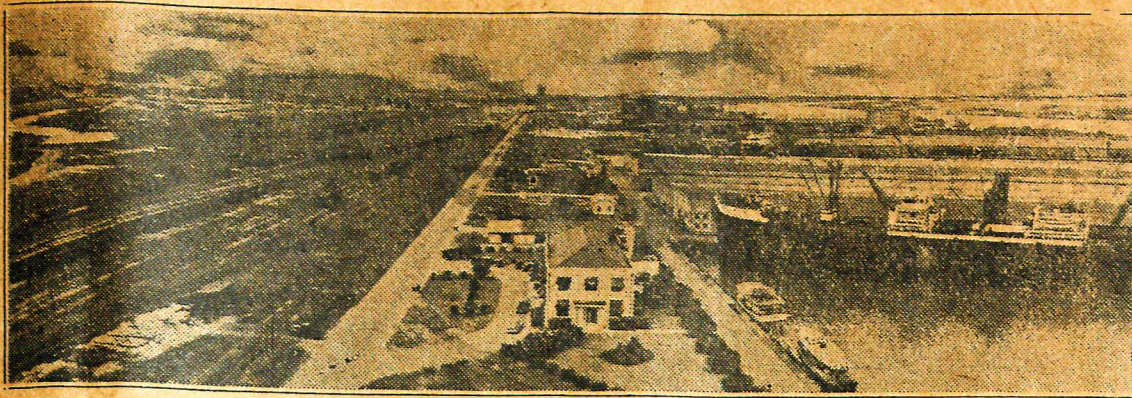
Here it was that another phase of generalship came into the picture. The legislature so amended the law governing the state docks as to increase the powers and responsibilities of the governor in relation thereto as defacto chairman of the commission and of the vice chairman. General R. E. Steiner, of Montgomery, long active in the business of transportation, a lawyer familiar with both business and finance, also a former brigadier-general in the World War, was given leadership in the task of getting the property out of the "red."

#### Good Record Last Year

The audit of the state's terminal business for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1938, shows what has been accomplished by General Steiner and the commission. All interest charges have been paid from earnings for the first time in the history of the state terminals and many other things have been accomplished. The commission is being congratulated for the achievement as well as for the building of the port's business to new high levels and making extensive repairs and improvements, all out of earnings and without calling on the state for additional expenditures from other funds.

Among the items acquired, as shown by the auditor's report was forty box cars for use on the ter-

## Alabama's Modern State Docks In Mobile — A Wharf-Side View



■ Seed potatoes, eggs, meat, cotton, naval stores, satsuma oranges and farm products of many descriptions from Baldwin County find their way into the cold storage plant and warehouses of the Alabama State Docks. The docks, wharves, piers, transit sheds and warehouses, of modern construction, give traffic connection with rail, highway and river carriers over the section.

minal railway of Alabama State Docks, so that it will no longer be necessary to hire cars in which to transport manufactured materials from plants on the docks' site to shipside or freight arriving by ship to the plants. This purchase will effect considerable annual savings hereafter. A quick freezer was added to the cold storage plant, which will increase its efficiency and also its earnings. A belt conveyor that will carry bauxite from the bulk material plant to the Aluminum Company's smelter was added and there was an extension of the shed at pier "C", which cost about \$57,000. Arrangement and equipment of

the free trade zone area to comply with government requirements for such zones was accomplished at a cost of about \$20,000. A spur track of the terminal railway was built to the Cyanamid plant. Altogether there are twenty-five items in the list of "betterments," as recorded in the auditor's report, and the total expenditure therefor was \$198,572.89.

The total net earnings for the fiscal year 1938 showed \$554,553.75, or an increase of \$55,363.90 over those of 1937.

The members of the State Docks

Commission, in addition to the chairman and vice chairman are Robert I. Ingalls, of Birmingham, and Frank P. Folmar, of Mobile, who was appointed to succeed Frederick I. Thompson. Thompson was in charge of the free trade zone at the state docks, appointed by Governor Graves, and is working to make this a most important feature of the state's terminal system.

• The battle of Blakeley was fought six days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

## Knows Transportation



• GENERAL R. E. STEINER, vice chairman, Alabama State Docks Commission, which are now "out of the red".

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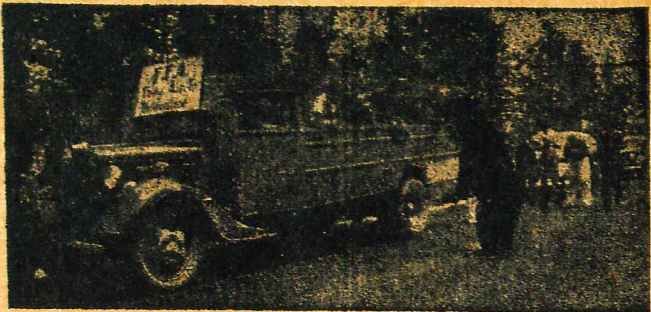
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## Foley Boys Tour West



■ In the summer of 1937 members of the Foley chapter of Future Farmers of America made a trip to scenic points in the West. Included on their itinerary were Yellowstone Park (where they are seen feeding a black bear), Pike's Peak, the Grand Canyon, Denver, Carlsbad Caverns and the Dallas Pan-American Exposition.

## Intracoastal Canal Brings Markets Closer To Baldwin

### Nine - Foot Draft Adequate for Heavy Barge Traffic

● Mobile and Pensacola lie 83 miles apart by water and small craft and barges formerly found the going rough along the stormy Gulf but since the completion of the intracoastal canal vessels have a shorter, calmer passage between the two cities.

The Mobile-Pensacola route, a section of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal, now continuous from Carabelle, Fla., on the east to Galveston, Tex., on the west, a distance of almost one thousand miles, provides a channel 9 feet deep and 100 feet wide open for traffic the whole year. Work on the further extension of the system began last month with plans to extend the canal to the Atlantic Ocean. Work is under way along a section from Galveston west to Corpus Christi and the project when finally completed will probably extend to Mexico, giving a continuous route from Mexico to the Atlantic seaboard.

#### Nine Foot Draft

The nine-foot draft is adequate for heavy barge traffic and offers a protected route to commercial shipping and pleasure craft. Crossing the Mississippi River at New Orleans, it both extends and improves the water systems of the interior. Steel from Birmingham and Pittsburg can move direct to Texas while gasoline and petroleum from Texas and Louisiana have an improved route to the inland ports of the Mississippi, Ohio and Warrior Rivers. Other items figure just as heavily but the bulk of the traffic along the system is local.

The local section of the waterway through Baldwin County and Escambia County, Fla., extends through Big Lagoon, Wolf Bay, Bay La Launch, Portage Creek, Oyster Bay and Bon Secour River and Bay for a length of 40.7 miles. The canal can be entered from the south by coming into Mobile Bay at Bon Secour or by steaming north into Perdido Bay and entering the section about mid-way.

#### Increase In Tonnage

Total commerce for this section, excluding the rest of the waterway amounted to 171,926 short tons in 1937 valued at \$4,751,391. Pulpwood and petroleum

## Daphne Italians Have Fiftieth Anniversary, Too

● The Italians in their settlement near Daphne are celebrating with the Baldwin Times the fiftieth anniversary of their existence.

Founded in 1889, Alessandro Mastro-Valerio, bought a tract of land in the county and persuaded other Italians to make this their home. Mastro-Valerio gave 14 years of his life to this colony educating them in sound principles of agriculture and then moved to Chicago, where he edited La Tribuna Italiana, an Italian newspaper.

Domenico Trione and the Castagnoli brothers were the first to come and shortly after twenty families followed them. By newspaper advertising Italians, mostly from Illinois, were persuaded to migrate to Baldwin, though they did not all come at once. Twenty years lapsed from the coming of Trione, the first colonist and Joseph Drago, one of the last.

Each colonist bought from 25 to 50 acres of land for \$1.50 to \$5.00 per acre, built pine-log homes and started their farms containing many of their native crops like grapes, tobacco, rice and even olives, as well as local crops.

The Church of Assumption, which they founded early, with Father Angelo Chiariglione as pastor, played an important part of their early life. Today their small farms have been enlarged and they now farm around 2000 acres with an average of more than 130 acres to the family. Many of their citizens have been prominent in county activities. Bertolla, Bertagnoli and Allegri are prominent business men and the Corte family of Loxley are the county's biggest potato raisers and also buy truck crops extensively.

## Wolves Were Once Found In County

● Old-timers of the county knew one way to keep the wolf from the door.

Four miles south of Bay Minette near the Joe Chamberlain

products accounted for two-thirds of the total while watermelons, oysters, and vegetable products come in order. Tonnage has increased from 85,088 tons in 1934, when the section was opened to traffic to the present figure and all indications point to an increased use of the waterway for the coming year. Estimates of pleasure and fishing craft have never been made.

farm a place called "The Wolfpit" was used by local settlers to trap the timber wolves of the section and keep them from destroying their hogs and sheep.

Although wolves are unknown now, as far back as fifty years ago they were found in the county and in the early nineteenth century they were quite numerous.

To catch the wolves a large, deep pit was dug and then covered with limbs, leaves and material which looked natural enough to the wolf but yet was not strong enough to support his weight. Pieces of meat were suspended over the pit and wolves coming to get the meat would fall into the

pit where they could be captured. Rumor has it that one settler had an Indian servant boy who

could imitate a wolf's cry so naturally that he lured many within gunshot range of his master.

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## Ten Forts Once Located In County

• Ten forts, all but one now totally destroyed, were once located in the county and played active parts in the different wars of the nation.

Fort Mims saw the largest massacre of whites by Indians on American soil with over five hundred people being killed in one afternoon. Fort Montpelier, just above, was the camping ground of Andrew Jackson two years later in 1814, where one of his lieutenants erected a fortification as a preparation for a final war with the Creek tribes.

Forts Huger, Tracy, Red and McDermott, were all projections of the Spanish Fort defense and saw active service in the Civil War, being the scene of the final skirmishes in the "War of the Rebellion," as our northern brothers call it.

Fort Blakeley, just above Spanish Fort on the Apalachee and Tensaw Rivers, surrendered to Union troops six days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Fort Bowyer, the predecessor of Fort Morgan on the Serof Peninsula, was bombarded by the British in the War of 1812. Fort Morgan, later erected, was a training station in the World War, was garrisoned in the Spanish-American War and saw Farragut's fleet pass around the horn into Mobile Bay in the Civil War. This fort is now a government reservation and is the only one of the county's forts with parts still in preservation.

• A total of 1,678 Union officers and soldiers were killed, wounded or captured in Baldwin County skirmishes. The number of Confederate dead is unknown.

• According to information from the county sheriff's office, most of the crimes in the nation are committed by persons between the ages of 17 and 21.

## Bohemians Settle In County In 1908

• Oscar Johnson, Swedish immigrant who had attracted fellow countrymen to Silverhill, advertised in 1908 for colonizers around the environs of Silverhill, Robertsedale and Summerdale. Karai Hanak, Texas Bohemian, answered his ad to become the first of a long line of Bohemians to settle in the county.

Hanak, not being familiar with local farming methods, soon left but Joseph Kulieka, also from Texas came in 1909 and soon others followed him attracted by his glowing tales of the country. Today over two hundred and fifty Bohemian families are located in South Baldwin, living in well-built homes on progressive farms.

The Bohemians are industrious, law-abiding citizens and by means of lectures and community gatherings seek to gather enlightenment. An "Instructive and Amusing Club" was formed; a singing society "Bedrich Smetant," with its women's branch "Libuse"; two popular bands were organized and community halls are found in Robertsedale and Silverhill.

Not content with this they have formed two fraternal lodges among the colonists and have joined farmer cooperatives in order to buy and market farm produce and materials more effectively. Although a few of the farmers are tradesmen, the majority are farmers or horticulturists and very progressive ones at that.

• Farmers in the Vernant Park area, near Bon Secour, are specializing with vegetables, growing cauliflower, turnips, tomatoes, beets, radishes, cabbage, okra, eggplant and others for the local market, and are evidently making a success.

• With the exception of wheat, apples and cherries, almost any crop that is grown south of the Ohio River can be grown profitably in Baldwin County.

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## Chief "Red Eagle" Led A Life Of Conflicts

### Colorful Life Of Great Indian Is Important to History

• More than any other character in Baldwin County history, William Weatherford, colorful leader of the Creek Indians in their war with the whites, lived a life of conflicts.

Weatherford was the son of Charles Weatherford, Scotch trader, and Sehey, an Indian princess, was born and reared in the Creek nation. From his educated, disciplined father he learned the polish and culture of the pale-face and from his impulsive, untrained mother the wild instincts of a savage.

Too, he was a nephew of Alexander McGillivray, who, though eager for the civilization of his Indian people, was unscrupulous and greedy where his own interests were concerned. From his uncle, from the Creek Indians and from the Spaniards with whom they associated he learned to regard the whites with deep hatred.

At an early age Weatherford became a pet among the Indians and was soon proclaimed a great leader. They named him La Mochatee, which in English means Red Eagle. He was a fine orator, handsome, brave, athletic and the Indians almost idolized him. It is an irony of history that at the same time that he was associating with in Indians he went to Pierce's School, at Boat Yard Lake, for a short time. Many of his schoolmates were later assassinated by his followers in the Fort Mims Massacre.

Shortly Tecumseh, a Shawnee chief, appeared in 1812 and persuaded Red Eagle to be the leader of the Indians in a general uprising against the whites. Even then he seems to have hesitated and he visited his half-brother, David Tate, and brother, Jack, to consult them.

Convinced that nothing but disaster could follow his actions he determined to refuse the leadership, but it was too late. With reluctance in his heart, he set out to recover for his red brothers, their hunting grounds.

To Weatherford's credit it may be said that the murder of the women and children was against his wishes and when his followers persisted in such action he left the battle. It was with reluctance

that he saw other citizens of the garrison murdered for inside were his half-brothers and his many friends.

The prelude of Chief Red Eagle's life was as sad as his beginning was happy. He retired, tried to make peace with the whites, but to no avail. In one victory after another the Americans sought revenge and finally, in the battle of Horseshoe Bend the Indians were almost completely exterminated. Of one thousand Indians less than two hundred survived and their celebrated chieftain had surrendered.

In 1824 the following notice appeared in a Mobile paper; "William Weatherford, the celebrated savage warrior, is at length vanquished—the destroyer is conquered—the hand which so profusely dealt death and desolation among the whites. He died at his late residence near Montpelier, in this state, on the 9th of March."

At Tate's old brickyard plantation in Little River, under a cairn of native stones placed there by the Baldwin County Historical Society, lie the remains of Red Eagle. His neighbors never held him guilty of the massacre of the five hundred odd inhabitants of Fort Mims, and he died in peace among them. Arrow, his speedy charger, who had so often saved him from capture was owned by a Stockton farmer for a long time and today many of the residents of North Baldwin proudly claim descent from the famous chieftain.

### History Was Made At Home Of Frank Earle

• Montpelier, home of Frank Earle of Blacksher, is a spot where history was made. Earle gave his home this name because Fort Montpelier, a defense erected by Andrew Jackson forwarded his nearby.

It was from here that General Adrwe Jackson forwarded his resignation from the U. S. Army to begin the stormy political career which landed him in the presidency. General Jackson and his wife spent several weeks in camp here and nearby, in Frank Earle's yard is the burial place of David Tate, half-brother of William Weatherford. David Tate was a son of Col. John Tate, a

### Indian Tribes Use To Roam In Baldwin

• Paved roads, electric power lines and railroads and other evidences of Anglo Saxon civilization now pass over land that was formerly wild, untamed forests inhabited by Indians.

Several Indian tribes lived on the territory that was used to form Baldwin and adjacent counties. The Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Creeks were the largest in number and all were branches of the Muscogee tribe. The Chickasaws were the fiercest of these tribes in spite of their small size. The Choctaws, a large, loose-limbed race, avoided the Chickasaws and fought the Creeks instead.

Later the Tensaws came and settled on Mobile River, being a former Louisiana tribe driven out by the French. There were remnants of Creole tribes here also, being a mixture of Indian, negro and French blood.

### Indian Mounds Are Numerous in County

• High, artificial mounds offer historians the chief evidence of the presence of Indian tribes in this section. It is not certain whether the mounds were used as burial places, piles of refuse or as places of safety in storms.

Chieftains lived on high mounds in the center of villages. Around them the smaller houses of the tribe were located and surrounding the village was a high wall with many port holes, and often a deep ditch for protection and drainage.

Several large mounds have been located in the county. The largest, over 50 feet high, is found on Bottle Creek at Stockton. Another found at Stockton is 40 feet high and forty by one hundred feet in dimensions. At Knoll Mound in Fairhope, Hall Springs, Simpson's Island on Mobile river, Blakeley, Fish River, Perdido Bay, Josephine and Bear Point are found other mounds.

Broken pottery, arrow heads, skeletons, cooking utensils and hunting weapons are often unearthed in these mounds. The exact age of the mounds is unknown but some are noticeably older than others.

• A tree on the Oswalt Forster place, in Fairhope, is called the Post Office Tree because it was used as a depository for mail during the Civil War.

British officer in the Revolutionary War.

## County Has Only All-Water Mail Route

• Bad roads, the plague of rural mail carriers the country over, never bother Emory Carson because he has the only all-water rural free delivery route in the United States. He even delivers mail to a ferryboat.

This old task is no new job for Carson because he has been serving residents on Magnolia River for 14 years through all kinds of weather. His staunch little cabin boat, Edess, goes through some very rough weather at times and always manages to visit over a hundred bay country families who depend on Carson for their daily mail.

Emory unofficially lost his title several years ago when the postmistress, Miss Graves Thomas, "heard about another somewhere," but a check in the post office department failed to unlaunch Carson from his claim. There are a dozen motorboat routes which transfer mail from one post office to another but Carson is the only person who delivers mail along a route.

Each day around 10 a.m. Carson turns the prow of the Edess

down Magnolia River, the big letters "U. S. M." glistening on the white front of the cabin. The craft tours Week's Bay, Turkey Branch, Nolt Creek and Fish River, a route 22 miles long. Residents of Yupon and Barnwell also get their mail from the boat.

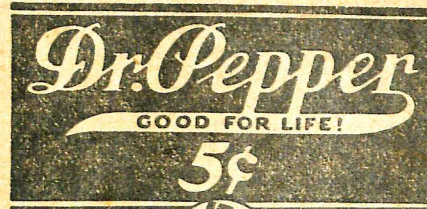
• With the exception of 17 miles on the northeastern boundary, Baldwin county is entirely surrounded by water. It is bounded by Little River on the north; the Tombigbee, Alabama, Apalachee and Tensaw rivers on the northwest; Mobile Bay on the southwest. Perdido river on the east and the Gulf of Mexico and Perdido Bay on the south and south-east.

• An illuminated missal, rich vestments and a set of books are proudly displayed in the Catholic Church of Assumption in Daphne. These gifts were sent to Italian colonists there by Queen Margherita of Italy in June, 1898 for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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## Scenes Of German Elberta



Elberta, settled mostly by Germans, is one of the most prosperous towns of the county. Evidence of the thriftiness and religion of its inhabitants is shown in these pictures of the bank and Lutheran Church.

The Elberta State Bank is one of the strongest and most stable of the section and the beautiful Lutheran Church is one of the few in the state, another being located in Foley. Of all the land colonizations in the county probably none has been more successful than the one at Elberta.

## SUCCESSFUL CO-OPERATION

One of the outstanding achievements in Baldwin County is the Baldwin Mutual Insurance Company. By its lower rates it has saved the people of Baldwin County over \$160,000; has had losses of \$102,000, every dollar of which has been promptly adjusted and fully paid. All of this since 1921. Before 1921 the records are not available.

Organized originally as the Baldwin branch of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, under a special act of the 1893 legislature, the company functioned successfully, collecting assessments after a fire, until 1921, when, the old charter expiring, they re-organized under the act of 1919.

This gave them many advantages, such as the collection of premiums in advance; State control, the same as old line companies; State licensing, so that the issuing of a license means that the practice and financing assures the people of a safe company to do business with.

Limited by law to Baldwin County before 1921, after the reorganization they were allowed to do business anywhere in the state, but, as twenty years experience showed that the moral hazard was as important as the physical hazard, the company has not spread itself all over the state, but has kept its business close to home, where its members are well known to the officers, and by frequent inspections has kept its losses at a low rate.

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## Elberta Is Center Of Progressive Farm Area

## Prosperity of Citizens Due Largely To Fine Farming Land

Elberta, the trade area of probably the most progressive farming area of the county, does not make claim to greatness. It is not even incorporated, but the productivity of its farms forecast an even more rapid growth in the future than it has experienced in the past.

The town contains a number of mercantile establishments, headquarters of a farmer's organization for grading and packing potatoes, a hotel, a bank, farm machinery and fertilizer stores and other establishments. There are four churches, Baptist, Lutheran, Catholic and Gospel, and in addition to the modern public junior county high school the Catholics have an elementary parochial school. A local chamber of commerce is in Elberta and the glee club there is one of the outstanding in the state. It is one of the few glee clubs in the nation singing in the German tongue and weekly practices by its forty members have trained the choral group so that fame of their ability has spread afar. The hotel at Elberta is unusual for the the section, the panelling and furnishings arranged so that it resembles a Bavarian or Swiss inn.

Public citizens of the town include L. Lindorfer, postmaster and president of the bank; N. P. Christense, principal of the public school; Father Ignatius, Catholic priest; Reverend Grother, the Lutheran pastor, and Alfred M. Neumann, cashier of the Elberta State Bank.

## Elberta State Bank

The Elberta State Bank is considered one of the strongest in the section; it went through the depression in good shape and does an extraordinary good business for a small town bank. Besides L. Lindorfer and Neumann, other officials of the institution are Henry W. Gebert, assistant cashier; Paul Haupt, vice president; L. Lindorfer, Paul Haupt, Alfred M. Neumann, Paul Kaiser, L. Schaff, M. F. Villar, Sr., and John Kiefer, directors.

An estimated population of 400 reside in the town, the trade area would go close to 1500 and more than 40,000 acres are in cultivation within a four-mile radius. The prosperity of the German settlers in Elberta may be largely attributed to their good location. The land thereabouts, formerly cut over timber areas, is well adapted to potato and truck crop culture; many farmers make 200 or more bushels of potatoes to the acre. Nowhere in the state do farmers have longer growing seasons. Warm Gulf breezes make the climate temperate and five miles away at Foley, a shipping shed is equipped to care for their produce. Some growers carry their crops by trucks to northern market centers. Pensacola is only a half-hour drive from Elberta and is the marketing and trading center for many. A paved road direct from Foley through Elberta and Lillian gives an improved passage and the Greyhound bus going over this route gives accommodations to Mobile and Pensacola.

South of Elberta are Miflin, Josephine and other districts famed for salt water sites offering good bathing and fishing. Farmers as well as vacationists are beginning to patronize these places. North of the town is Seminole, a good turpentine country, and Lillian, eastward a few miles on the Alabama-Florida line, is famous for its fishing.

In its early growth the farmers of the district made spasmodic attempts at growing various crops and tended to specialize in fruits.

From heavy plantings of Elberta peaches made by the early settlers the town got its name. Grapes, pears and pecans are still grown to some extent, but not much commercially.

## Self-Sufficient Farmers

Elberta farmers are largely of the "live-at-home" type, thinking first of producing enough meat, vegetables and crops for home production and considering market production later. Corn, cucumbers, sweet potatoes and other crops are grown for the early market and two crops of sweet potatoes are grown each year.

Work of 4-H Club boys around Elberta has been outstanding for a long time, they frequently cop prizes at fairs, receive recognition from agricultural leaders and some are awarded trips to Montgomery or Chicago almost every year. They and their fathers tend to diversification moreso than most

• If Major Beasley, commanding officer of Fort Mims would have listened to the warnings of two negroes, the fort would have probably been saved. The negroes warned the major of the approach of the Indians, but, thinking they were lying, he refused to believe them and had one whipped for alarming the fort.

• Baldwin County probably has more sheep than any other county in Alabama. These are mostly sheep kept for wool production, several carloads of wool being shipped each season.

• More than six thousand cars of perishable truck goods were shipped out of Baldwin County from January 1 to September 30 last year.

• H. M. Mixon killed an alligator at Sixth and Bradley Ave., that was 6 feet long, one day last week. (June 24, 1915.)

county farmers; usual crops like crotalaria, lespedeza, soybeans and cabbage are raised and their thriftiness and industry has made the German farmers of Elberta a by-word for farming progress.



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# Fisherman's Paradise



## The Big Ones Are There-- It's Up to You

(Pictures and story courtesy L. & N. Employee's Magazine)

By J. L. J.

• You've probably attended the Kentucky Derby at Louisville, watched the automobile races at Indianapolis, stood amid packed thousands viewing Rex's annual triumphal entry into New Orleans; perhaps you've stalked lions in Africa, played hide and seek with the head hunters of Borneo or parachuted to earth from a stricken plane—but you can't claim to have seen everything of interest or to have enjoyed all the thrills until you've participated in the annual fishing rodeo staged by Alabama's famous Baldwin County.

It took place this year, the same as it had eleven times before, on August 23 and 24, at Burghardt's Landing on Perdido Bay, with the deep sea fishing in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico off the coasts of Baldwin County and Escambia County, Florida, and with the fresh water fishing in the nearby Fresh Water Lakes.

One hundred boats, including craft of all shapes and sizes from small outboard-motored skiffs to large seagoing yachts, altogether carrying some 400 registered contestants, participated. In the two days' angling several tons of fish forsook their native haunts to provide the expected thrills and quicken the hopes of the contestants of winning one of the many valuable prizes offered for the largest fish of a dozen varieties.

It was a most inspiring panorama spread out before me as I topped the high ground above the landing shortly after daybreak the first morning of the rodeo. There in the placid waters of the beautiful bay 200 yards below lay the many fishing vessels, glistening in the rising sun, straining at

their anchors as if eager to be after the elusive quarry. Boatmen and sportsmen scurrying around the pier getting their supplies and tackle aboard. The air was charged with enthusiasm. And why not? The weather was perfect. Here were the finest fishing grounds along the Gulf coast, with hordes of tarpon, king and Spanish mackerel, ling, cavalla, red snapper, bonita and many other game fish ready to do battle. And to this there was the added zest of competition with other contestants for the prizes.

Fishing records, moon phases and tide conditions had been given careful study by the rodeo officials, even the U. S. Weather Bureau had been consulted, before the dates of August 23 and 24, had been selected. In addition, an airplane had been chartered to locate the schools and guide the boatmen in search of fish. Everything was set for a record catch, and such conditions are bound to quicken the heartbeat of any man, woman or child who has ever thrilled to the song of a reel as a big fish strikes the lure.

From many of our United States had come these fishermen, not a few having enjoyed the air-conditioned comfort and friendly service of the Old Reliable en route, and they had found everything planned and executed by the various committees for their utmost convenience. Plentiful publicity, careful thought to preparation details, ready cooperation in arranging for boats, equipment, transportation, hotels, etc., and a steady determination to keep the cost within the "popular price field" by present and past committees have, I am confident, contributed largely to the consistent growth of the Baldwin County Fishing Rodeo.

Started in 1925 by Dr. Sibley Holmes, of Foley, Ala., as an affair for local sportsmen, this rodeo has been repeated each year but two, and with each renewal it has grown larger. It has been carried on by the non-profit Baldwin County Fishing Rodeo Association with the cooperation of the Foley Lions' Club, the Izaak Walton League of Baldwin County, the Gulf Coast Wild Life Association and the Perdido Pass



■ Displayed in a sporting goods store window, these prizes for the Baldwin County Fishing Rodeo whetted many an angler's fishing appetite. These prizes were displayed in several Southern cities before the fishing event took place.

Boatman's Association, and it has attracted national attention.

To participate in this rodeo you pay \$5.00 for a year's membership in the Baldwin County Fishing Rodeo Association, which entitles you to take part in the annual rodeo as an eligible contestant for the prize awards. If you wish, the Association secretary will gladly arrange for your boat and rooming accommodations, and the whole thing, exclusive of transportation, need cost you but a couple of ten spots. It can cost much more, of course, if you want to squander your money.

I happened to be fortunate enough to be included in a party organized by Roy James of our Industrial and Agricultural Department, acknowledged by many Baldwin Countians as one of the most skillful angler around those parts. Besides Roy and myself there were Roy's father, William James of Biloxi, Miss., and Baldwin County, and L. & N. agricultural agent; Dr. Richard Tautenhahn, of Biloxi; Gus Kull of Pensacola, formerly with our I. & A. D. Department; Claude Peteet of Foley; L. F. Gunn of Biloxi; Boatman Bill Fiala, formerly of the U. S. Navy, and his mate, Neal. All were veteran fishermen with the exception of Doc Tautenhahn and myself, but even we were stirred by the prospect of battle with the big ones awaiting out in the Gulf.

We left Foley before daylight for the 30-minute drive down to Burghardt's Landing the first morning and so great was my expectancy that I never grumbled about leaving a darn good bed at such an outrageous hour. Finally we got rods, tackle, cameras, ice, soft drinks and Claude Peteet's Spanish-American War horse pistol, in case we hooked a shark aboard Captain Fiala's 31-foot cabin cruiser "Shadow" and shoved off at 5:30 a.m.

Ours was the first craft out through the pass and into the Gulf and I'm sure no other boat carried a more enthusiastic party. We were so imbued with determination to make a substantial dent in the fine array of prizes and so eager to start hauling in the 40-pounders that we had great difficulty keeping our lines from leaping overboard before the stipulated hour of six. "Dad" James expressed the feeling of tension neatly when, after holding his line at "ready" almost ever since we had pulled anchor, he heaved it over the side at exactly six o'clock and said with a sigh: "That's the longest 30 minutes I've ever lived through."

• "Bill Fiala," said Roy to me confidentially, "can just naturally smell out these fish and we're bound to come in with a boat load."

Bill found the fish all right, but those boys just weren't in the mood to entertain us. We trolled all the way to Pensacola and back that first morning and many times were literally surrounded by great schools of mackerel and bonita feeding and breaking the water in high spirits. We could see other boats dragging them in but somehow they snubbed us pretty thoroughly although we invited them with almost every kind of lure known to mankind. Or maybe they had heard about that great big shinny reel that had caught Roy's fancy a couple of days before and now adorned his rod, and thought they had better not meddle with certain disaster.

But did that dampen our spirit? Not at all. "It won't be long, now," the boys would say. Then I made an almost fatal error. I remarked, not without a degree of cynicism after we had trolled an hour without a strike, that I'd never been on a fishing trip that had produced any fish worth speaking of. Immediately there were cries of "throw him overboard, he's a jinx!" However, I averted calamity with great presence of mind by adding that this was my first fishing trip. It's not safe, I learned, to trifle with double-dyed fishermen when the fish won't strike.

We returned to the landing at noon with a three-pound king mackerel and a five-pound bonita, landed respectively by Gus Kull and "Dad" James, and imagine our chagrin to find the judge's booth overflowing with fish of all sizes and shapes (Continued on next page)



■ The big sports event of the year in Baldwin County is the annual deep sea and fresh water fishing rodeo held by the Baldwin County Fishing Rodeo Association. It attracts hundreds of fishermen from many states. The above party, proudly inspecting a nice catch, is one of a hundred of such parties that participated in last year's rodeo.



# Churches Play Big Role In Bay Minette

## Responsible For Christian Spirit Of Cooperation Here

• Hand in hand with the civic and material progress of Bay Minette, the churches of the community have taken forward steps and have been responsible for the Christian spirit of cooperation here.

Six denominations, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Episcopal and Latter Day Saints, have churches and four of these churches are served by resident ministers while the Episcopal and Latter Day Saint denominations are served monthly by neighboring preachers. Rev. Edgar Van Edwards, rector of the Atmore Episcopal Church, serves the local church with services on every fourth Sunday at 3 p.m., while Rev. Henry Aebli of Loxley serves the Latter Day Saints church here.

### Churches Cooperate

From the beginning there has been a constructive rivalry between the churches and in the summer time the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches cooperate to the extent of having union services in alternate turns each Sunday night.

It was only recently that Sunday motion pictures were allowed in the town and when they were voted in the theatre management cooperated by not having shows around church time. Several years ago, when several wished to enter a city team in a local baseball league, so many people rebelled at having Sunday games that Bay Minette did not enter. Other manifestations of the church spirit in the town is seen in the attitude of neighborliness and friendliness among local church members and citizens and their willingness in contributing to established charities.

### Methodists Built Early

The town was young when the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, built their wooden church across the railroad and later enlarged and remodeled the structure to meet the needs of a growing membership. In 1925 the present church,

a handsome and commodious brick building at the corner of Hall Avenue and Second Street was built, with rooms for Sabbath School and social service and a large assembly room. An auxiliary womens organization of the church are two missionary society groups. Rev. James E. Tate is the pastor and R. L. Harris is the superintendent of the Sunday School.

The Presbyterian Church is located on State and McMillan Streets, with an annex church for Sunday classes. Called the Burgett Memorial Church, the church was founded with the help of Presbyterians from Mobile and Stockton. Rev. James E. Cook is the pastor and Dr. J. C. McLeod is superintendent of the Sunday School.

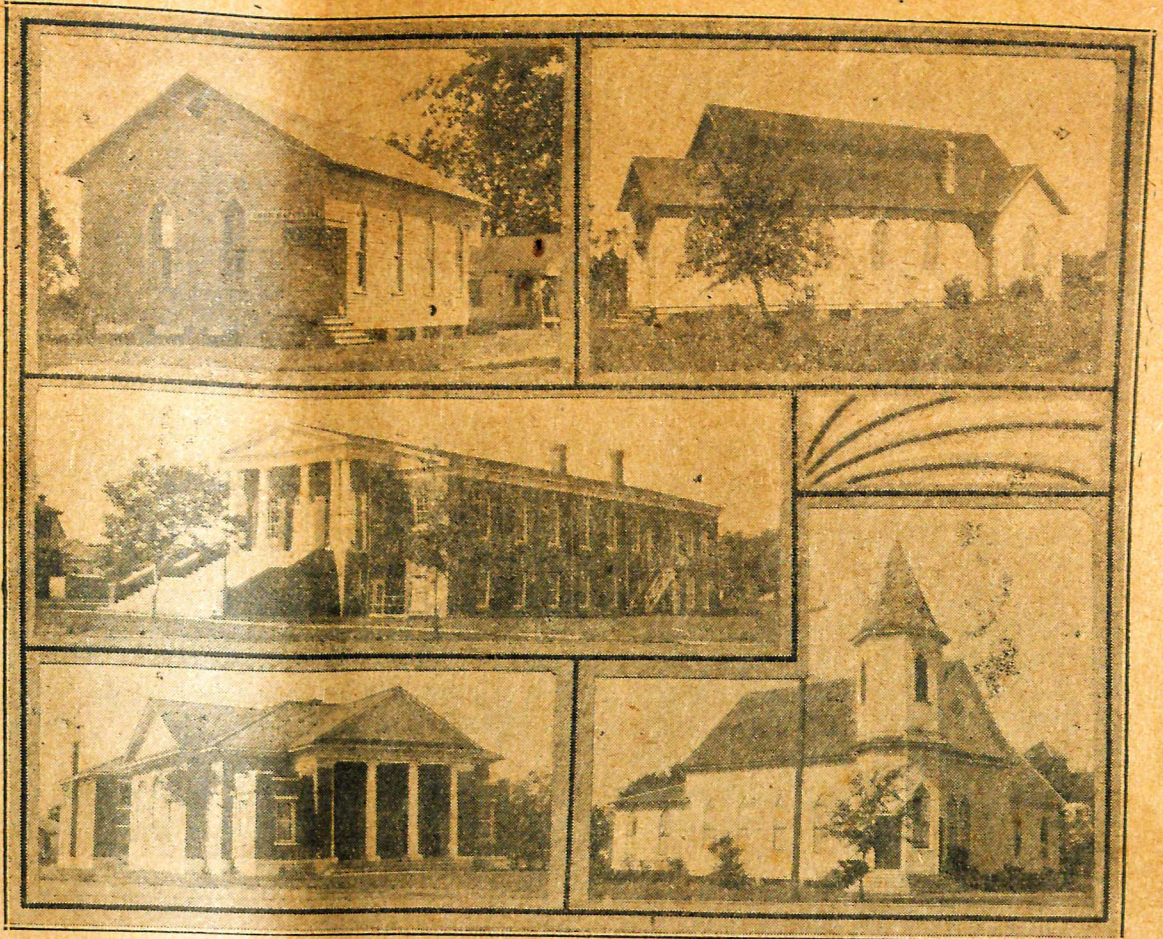
The early Baptists of the community, like the Methodists, were forced to enlarge their first church soon after it was built. A modern, fireproof brick building was constructed recently with furnishings, rooms and auditorium in the latest of modern style. Rev. J. W. Wells is their pastor and S. M. Sharp is the Sunday School superintendent.

The Church of Christ, with a growing congregation, worship in their Hall Avenue building, which was formerly owned by the Baptists. Rev. Horace A. Holt is their minister and members of the church plan to improve their building soon.

The Episcopal Church is located on McMillan Avenue and the Latter Day Saints house of worship is on the old Daphne road. There is also a Holiness Church in the community. A Mission Sunday School is held in Powell Heights and the negroes have several churches here.

• While cotton ginnings in the state were reduced generally from 1937 to 1938, evidence that Baldwin County is forsaking cotton while her neighbors continue to plant is seen in a recent report. Ginnings in 1938 in Baldwin were 1,754 bales, in Monroe County 15,385 bales, in Escambia County 18,652 bales. Baldwin's ginnings were less than one-tenth of the other bordering counties.

## Where Citizens Of Bay Minette Worship



■ Since the town's establishment Bay Minette residents have shown an interest in religious and church work. Anyone driving through town on Sunday knows from the quietness that a respect for the church is evidently a feature of the community's life.

City churches shown here are: upper left, Church of Christ; upper right, Episcopal; center, Methodist Episcopal; lower left, Baptist; lower right, Presbyterian.

• Creek Indians and Tory refugees were the first inhabitants of Stockton and Major Robert Farmar, Royal Governor of Mobile, was the first known settler. The 12,800 acres which he secured in a grant from St. Michael, an Indian chief, were later sold to Joshua Kennedy in 1810 for \$650.

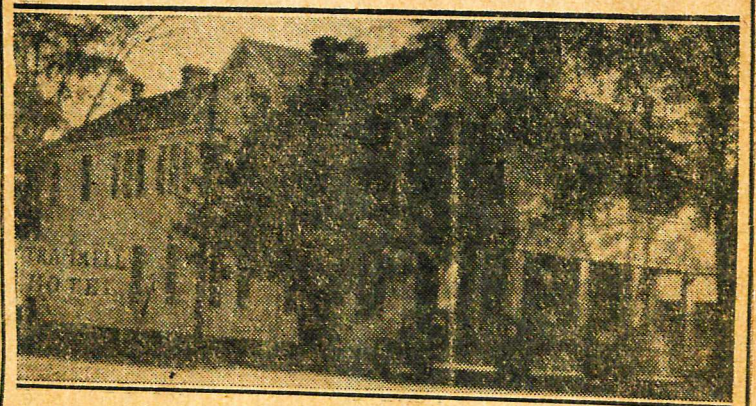
• The old T. M. McMillan home in Stockton is the oldest home in Stockton, being built by Col. William Kitchen 85 years ago. The Aikin home, built earlier still, but burned by Union soldiers, was called the finest home between Mobile and Selma by Peter J. Hamilton, author of "Colonial Mobile."

• Delegates meet in Mobile and pledged themselves for a highway between Baldwin and Mobile counties. (Times — March 25, 1920.)

• Newport Company agrees to locate in Bay Minette. (Times—March 14, 1912.)

• Electric lights and waterworks were not installed in Bay Minette until December, 1920.

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that had been brought in by other contestants. "We'll get 'em this afternoon," we said in unison, and shuffled up the hill to the dining pavilion where, with about 750 other fishermen and guests, we were served a gratifying dinner of fried chicken, baked fish, relish, potato salad, buttered rolls, iced tea, cake and ice cream.

Our luck did change in the afternoon. We headed west instead of east and returned with the two fish we'd caught in the morning. But we weren't downcast. "We'll get 'em tomorrow!"

The second day we headed west with the intention of trapping some big ling that Bill Fiala said were sure to be frolicking around a submerged wreck off Gulf Shores. But after prowling about there for a while with no response to our challenge we circled over to the snapper banks off Pensacola where we still-fished for a couple of hours after eating our lunch on the boat. We couldn't spare the time to go into the landing for dinner, but we might as well have. A pair of other boats were anchored over the banks and they pulled up several nice red snappers, but all we enticed up from the bottom was one measly white snapper. Our jinx clung to us.

Here Roy James got his first strike in two days fishing. He had a 60-pound ling he said, but it turned out to be the bottom of the ocean and he had a heck of a time getting his line loose.

Our second day's results were an improvement over the first well enough, but not sufficiently to get us into the competition. In the two days we landed seven fish weighing from three to six pounds. Any of these would be likely to make the average angler's heart palpitate, but down in those waters fish of that size are considered small time.

That second day Claude Peteet reeled in a five-pound king mackerel, Doc Tautenham, the novice, landed a couple of kings, Gus Kull got the white snapper and Mr. Gunn rang down the curtain with a six-pound bonita. Roy, the expert, caught no fish and neither did I, the other novice. And as if to add insult to injury a sudden gust of wind lifted off my battered old

hat to which I had formed quite an attachment and deposited it far out on the water where it promptly sank into the depths to become a souvenir of the briny battlers, who were laughing up their fins at me.

It finally became apparent that we weren't destined for any prize catches this year so there was nothing to do but head back for the landing and gaze enviously on those brought in by more fortunate anglers. There were a couple of sharks aggregating 900 pounds, four large tarpon weighing from 48½ to 69½ pounds each, a 40-



pound ling, a couple of 30-pound cavallas, a 54½ pound sailfish and scores of others that we might have hooked.

Then we had to trudge up the hill and watch their lucky captors modestly accept the prizes. And what prizes they were! Fifteen hundred dollars worth! There were half a dozen fine rods and reels, several rifles, watches, cameras, silver carving sets, copper tackle boxes and so on, any one of which would have made us mighty proud. There was even a dandy Evenrude outboard motor for the holder of the lucky registration ticket, which we didn't win, also. But don't let that bother you. "We'll get 'em next year!"

Oh yes, there'll be another rodeo next year about the same time and it'll be bigger and better than ever. F. E. Nellis of Magnolia Springs, Ala., and Max Griffin of Foley, president and secretary respectively, of the association, have big things in mind and it will be a grand way to spend some of your vacation.

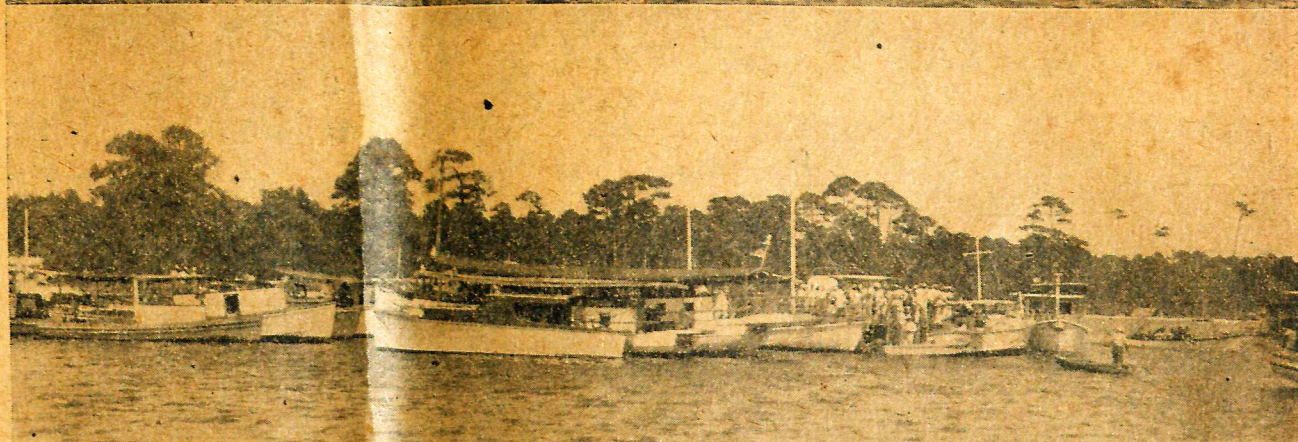
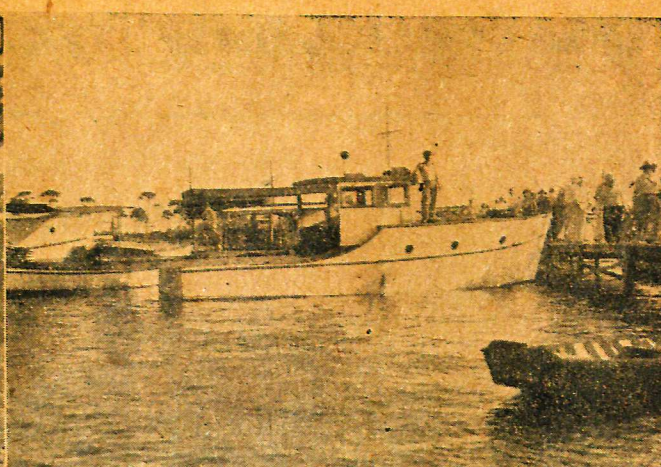
## Bay Minette Was Not First County Seat

Although Bay Minette has been the county seat of the county since 1901, it was not the first government site, but the fourth, for Baldwin has had three county seats prior to the present one.

The first court house was at McIntosh Bluff on the Tombigbee. In 1820 the affairs of government were transacted at Blakeley in a \$2,000 wooden frame building. Daphne became the third county seat in 1868 but until the court house was built, the county court was held in front of the Dryer Hotel.

An act of the legislature in 1901 provided for the removal of the county seat to Bay Minette but the citizens of Daphne were reluctant to part with their court house. Aroused inhabitants of Bay Minette brought the matter to a head by removing the county records and files and here they have remained since.

The Baldwin County Industrial School in Daphne is the only negro high school in the county and one of the best in the state.



Upper left: A few possible prize winners from the first morning's catch. However, during the afternoon so many large ones were added to the list that these were taken down. Upper right: The boat "Shadow" resting at the pier. Past her nose returning fishermen made for the shore. Below: A few of the boats seen at the landing at noon of the first day — many of the boats did not return until night.

## Mobile State Docks Benefits State, County

### Plays Big Part In Developing This Section Of South

A pride to the city of Mobile and a benefit to the farmers of the section as well the Alabama State Docks of Mobile, together with the free international trade zone there has been a big factor in increasing the prosperity of the section.

The State Docks Commission, composed of R. E. Steiner, Montgomery, vice chairman; R. I. Ingalls, Birmingham, and Frank Folmer, Mobile, has recently paid off both the interest and principal on the \$10,000,000 bond issue of the 1938 fiscal year and hopes soon to retire the entire issue. Frederick I. Thompson of Mobile is in charge of the foreign free trade zone.

Since October 1935 the commission has added \$600,000 in improvements and has shown a net earning of \$1,300,000 in a work described by Governor Bibb Graves as "the most outstanding feat of state management I have ever heard of."

Another thing of benefit to local farmers is the cold storage plant at the state docks in charge of A. A. Richards. By offering free locations to industries the state and the city of Mobile have induced such industries as Southern Craft and the Aluminum Ore Company to settle in Mobile, giving employment to hundreds and building plants at a cost of several million dollars. Industries located on this large area available for long time lease and having access to the four trunk railroads serving Mobile as well as steamer and Alabama barge connections. Over forty steamship lines serve the port as well as the Federal Barge Line, the T. C. I. Barge Line and several river packet lines. City water and abundant flowing water are obtainable, hydro-electric power is offered in unlimited quantities and industries have access to all of the special facilities of the Alabama State Docks, including its 75 ton derrick.

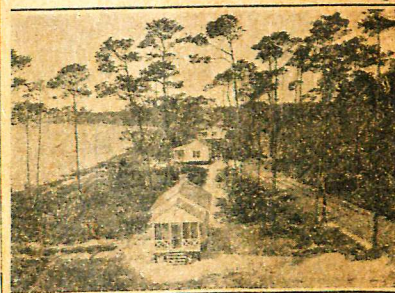
The establishment of a free trade zone in Mobile in 1938, the only one in the nation except New York, has brought more trade from foreign ports and given the city an advantage in trade with Central America and South American areas. Merchandise can be stored, broken up, repacked, sorted, graded, mixed up with foreign or domestic merchandise and may

## Gulf State Park Attracts Tourists—Nice Location

### Modern Cottages For Rent — Both Fresh, Salt Water Fishing

One of Alabama's 15 state parks is in Baldwin County, offering outing and camping attractions to citizens of this area, while Little River State Park, in the corner of Escambia and Monroe Counties is also nearby.

Gulf State Park, on State Highway 3, below Foley, contains about 4,500 acres, embracing three fresh water lakes as well as several



bayous and the Fort Morgan Parkway. A mile of ocean beach is included and excellent recreational facilities are offered.

Semi-tropical plant life abounds among the sand dunes and savannas of this area. Over-night accommodations, foot trails, motor roads, surf bathing and boating are available.

The Little River park, on the Atmore-Uriah highway, comprises 2,120 acres of historic Little River, the hunting ground of Indian chieftains. Camping and hiking accommodations are offered, as well as bathing, boating and fishing. Cabins are placed there for over-night camps.

Walter H. Mueller of Des Moines is "tattoo champion" of the state of Iowa. He worked four years on the bedspread which won him the prize, and says he took up needlework to relieve himself of the jitters.

be exported or admitted to customs territory under proper restrictions, with the usual hampering entry taxes eliminated.

At top: Roy James exposes our catch to the camera. Below: Claude Peteet, L. F. Gunn, Bill Fiala, William James and Doc Tautenham in the stern of the good boat "Shadow." Between Bill and Mr. James you can see a nice bonita which Bill has gaffed for Doc.

The prize boner goes to the resident of north Baldwin who was trimming a tree hanging over the river and sawed the end of the limb on which he was sitting causing him to fall in the river.

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## Egyptian Wheat Flourishes In County



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■ Andrew Mateja, shown standing in an Egyptian wheat crop believes, with his son, that Baldwin is the best farming section of the nation.

In 1937 Mr. Mateja made more than \$5,000 on 22 acres of "spuds" for a return of \$227 per acre. Other crops raised were sweet potatoes, field corn, cucumbers, upland rice, cow-peas, soy beans and velvet beans.

Coming to the county from Wisconsin in 1923, he had only enough to make a down payment on an unimproved 40-acre farm. Today he has 160 acres of improved land, a herd of cattle and several holdings.

## Baldwin Scene Of Civil War Battles

### Experienced Raids From Federal Troops At Close Of War

● Although removed from the fiercest zone of conflict, Baldwin County saw front-line skirmishes in the Civil War and experienced raids by Federal troops in their Mobile campaign toward the close of the war.

Information from "The War of the Rebellion," published in 1897 as a chronicle of Confederate and Union war correspondence, shows that virtually every settlement in the county was invaded by Union troops. With Brigadier-General T. Kilby Smith in command of the Union army in South Alabama the Federal offense began on March 17, 1865, only 21 days before Lee's surrender.

#### Attack From Flank

While General E. R. S. Canby, in command of the Union forces besieging Mobile, was at Fowl River planning to cross to Spanish Fort General Steele was marching from Pensacola in an attempt to attack from the opposite side.

Coming from Pensacola, Steele writes his superior officers of skirmishes in Dannelly's, Miss., Mill, Fla., Deer Park Road, Ala., Cotton Creek, Fla., Mitchell's Creek, Fla., and Canoe Creek, Fla.

In the meanwhile Canby had crossed Mobile Bay, landing somewhere near Fish River, and after a tedious march across obstructed roads and in constant danger from Confederate snipe-shooters arrived at Spanish Fort, March 26, where he had a skirmish.

The next day the siege of Spanish Fort began, a siege which lasted eleven days, through April 8. Steele, on the same day, April 27, had reached Canoe Station and two days later he passed through Weatherford, north of the head of Perdido River.

#### Travel By Stockton

Coming along the Stockton-Pensacola road, which Steele describes as almost impassable at the time, he arrived in Stockton on the last of March and the next day marched down the Stockton-Blakeley road to attack Blakeley. The siege, beginning April 2, 1865, lasted until April 9, when the garrison surrendered. Immediately Forts Huger and Tracy were attacked and they fell April 11.

A detachment which Steele had sent north through Montgomery Hill to Mount Pleasant reported a partly successful skirmish at

#### Mount Pleasant.

The war had almost reached a standstill by now and it was not long before it ended. Crossing into Mobile County from the northern end near Whistler, Federal troops began the drive on Mobile. The surrender of Mobile occurred at Whistler or Eight-Mile Creek, without a gun being fired, according to most authorities. As none but the women, children and old men were left in Mobile, they decided that resistance would be useless.

#### Surrender At Citronelle

Four days afterward an expedition was sent from Blakeley to Georgetown, Ga., and Union Springs, Ala., to end the war in central Alabama and a skirmish at Wetumpka was reported. Resistance was futile, henceforth, the Grey leaders decided, Mobile was taken, ammunition was almost exhausted, very little food supply was left and the Confederate army was reduced to a few straggling troops. On May 4, almost a month after Lee's surrender the Confederate forces of Alabama, Mis-

● Dr. O. F. E. Winberg, Silverhill horticulturist, has 60 varieties of satsumas, including strains and hybrids for probably the largest collection in the world.

● Dr. Thomas G. Holmes, one of the few escapees from the tragic Fort Mims massacre, lay concealed for five days in a swamp, existing on herbs and swamp water and after finally seeing his way clear was so hungry that he ate a freshly-killed chicken without cooking it.

● Baldwin County is the most important truck farming county in the state.

Mississippi and East Louisiana surrendered at Citronelle.

Several Union officers reported making sizeable raids from Stockton and Montgomery Hill plantations. Bay Minette, named for Minette Bayou, was unknown at that time. The only inhabitant hereabouts was Sibley of Sibley's Mill near Minette Bayou. Several attested to the accuracy of Confederate snipers and all agreed that the Confederates had blocked the roads so that they were almost impassable.

## 90 Per Cent Of Forest Fires Occur In South

● Although most Alabamians have been more familiar with forest fires of the Pacific Coast, which raged so heavily there last winter, few realize that 90 per cent of the forest fire damage in the United States in 1937 occurred in the South.

According to a report by Joseph C. Kircher, southern regional forester of the U. S. Forest Service, damage to timber resources estimated at \$18,728,444 was credited to eleven Southern states in 1937. More than 185,000 fires reported burned over an area of 21,211,910 acres.

Southern fires seldom attract attention, according to Kircher, due to their frequent occurrence

● More than six thousand cars of perishable truck goods were shipped out of Baldwin County from January 1 to September 30 last year.

and their seeming harmlessness. However, the majority of these fires destroy young growth and reduce the chance of natural restocking so necessary in providing timber and pulpwood for the South's ever increasing wood-using industries.

The placing of private forest lands under protection by organized state forces, elimination of destructive "woods-burning" by landowners, and extreme caution by the general public in the use of fire while in the woods, are steps recommended by the U. S. Forest Service in reducing the South's annual heavy losses resulting from forest fires.

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# Golden Satsumas Raised In Quantities In Baldwin

## One Of Few Counties In U. S. Able To Raise Citrus Fruit

### Around 20 Carloads Shipped Out During The Past Season

Because Baldwin County is one of the few counties in the nation able to raise satsumas and because growers this year realized unusually good returns the crop deserves mention in this issue.

Back in the lush twenties plantings of satsuma oranges were heavy in the county with extensive plantings extending north as far as Bay Minette. Along came the cold snap of 1924 killing the trees, and many growers, being inexperienced in the intricacies of satsuma raising, abandoned the trees altogether. Despite this, those with vision and patience replanted their crop and in about three or four years were reaping returns again.

#### Good Year In '38

Approximately 300 acres of satsumas are found in the county and around 20 carloads of the fruit were shipped out in 1938. Last year was an unusually good year because there was no damaging freezes, frosts, diseases or anything else that might hinder the development of the fruit.

Baldwin County is one of the six counties of the nation planting satsumas extensively, the field of operation being limited to Gulf Coastal sections of long, warm growing seasons and a Norfolk sand loam. Dr. O. F. E. Winberg of Silverhill is a leading experimenter with satsumas, having used 102 varieties of rootstocks and 60 types of satsuma grafts in an effort to find the ideal tree for this section.

According to him, only two rootstocks, citrus trifoliata and Rusk Citrange, can be used with any success with citrus trifoliata being preferred because the citrange stock responds quickly to warm temperature and hence is likelier to be killer in a cold snap.

#### Winberg Experiments

Owari is universally used as a graft on the rootstock in most of the citrus belt. Dr. Winberg is experimenting with a better variety and he claims Silverhill, a variety which he has named for his native town, to be far superior to any variety now planted and predicts that in a few years it will be widely planted.

Dr. Winberg directs operations on several farms and is a buyer of fruit as well, having paid out as much as \$230,000 in a single

year to Baldwin County growers alone. He was one of the pioneers in the movement to secure uniform grading and labeling and several growers following his advice are now using attractive, patented labels for their shipments.

One year Dr. Winberg persuaded growers to finance a \$10,000 advertising campaign, which he declares more than justified the money spent. Demand for the fruit is constantly growing in the nation and Canada annually imports from 500,000 to 1,000,000 crates, most of which comes from Japan. Gulf Coast satsumas have an edge on the Canadian market because they go into the country duty free, whereas orange are taxed. Too, they are easily peeled, are cheaper and have a superior flavor.

#### Satsuma Akin To Oranges

The satsuma is a member of the orange family, being closely akin to the tangerine and was originally planted in China. As early as the 11th century it was reported grown in Asia, but the heaviest plantings now are in Japan where it is the most widely-grown fruit of the country. Around 1847 it was planted in America, where experiments found it adaptable to the Gulf Coast section.

Because a Norfolk sand loam is required for its growth this section has monopoly on the fruit and need fear no competition from growers in Florida and California. The southerly location is another thing favoring their growth. During the coldest day of the 1924 freeze, trees in Bay Minette were ruined by a 11 degree temperature while at Silverhill, 30 miles south, trees successfully wintered a 14-degree drop the same day.

Usual spacing of the trees is from 20 to 25 feet, the trees being planted in squares. At 20 feet apart 100 trees per acre can be planted and at 25 feet apart 70 trees can be planted. A 10-4-7 fertilizer is recommended during the early growth of the trees to encourage woodiness, but when the trees reach bearing age an 8-5-6 mixture is favored. Cover crops, particularly crotalaria and frequent cultivation is necessary for successful returns.

To combat cold spells many growers burn coke piles or use small heaters during mercury drops. Most of the growers last year netted around \$1 per bushel on their crop with an average yield of three-fourths bushel per tree and some planters made as high as \$200 per acre clear from their crop.

## Hidden Treasure May Be Found In County

You won't have to go to the end of the rainbow to find hidden treasure because if you search hard enough it can be found in Baldwin County.

In south Baldwin a man found a pot of treasure on the edge of an Indian mound while digging fruit trees. Again a road machine blade cut open a treasure chest while working on the county road. Near Carpenter's Station, a farmer plowing his field unearthed Spanish doubloons valued at more than \$1,000.

Reports of all treasure finds are not founded on fact and are merely legendary but nevertheless buried coins and gems are known to be buried in the county, most being remainders of the Spanish occupation in the eighteenth century.

Perdido Bay was once used as a hideout by ship raiders and pirates and most of the buried treasure of the county is thought to be located in that vicinity.

A new fruit, Japanese persimmons, has been planted in home orchards extensively recently. These trees yield bountifully, no frost is required for their ripening and they are considered a delicious fruit by many.

There are still many tracts in the county that are adaptable to the culture of satsumas and anyone willing to give a fair amount of their time and patience to their cultivation should get unusually good returns.

## County Groves Produce Quality Satsumas



Baldwin County is one of the few counties in the nation producing satsuma oranges.

Dr. O. F. E. Winberg of Silverhill, shown in the top scene, is probably the nation's leading experimenter on the golden fruit. He firmly believes that good profits await growers who are willing to give their labor and patience toward satsuma production.

In one year net profits from approximately 200 acres of satsumas in Baldwin almost equalled returns from 3,500 acres of cotton grown in the county.

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## Battle of Spanish Ft. Will Be Remembered

### Rich In Romantic Past It Offers Many Interests to Tourists

Of all the historic battle grounds in Baldwin County, none will be given greater attention by future historians than the ground where the battle of Spanish Fort was fought. The front of that fight occupied several miles in area and the site is so located, where the Old Spanish Trail and an arm of the Bee Line Highway (U. S. 31) have since been made to converge to cross Mobile bay, that thousands of tourists, visitors and other persons pass the place daily. Many go on their way without ever realizing that the spot is one of national interest, though somewhat neglected by casual writers and superficial historians.

News of General Lee's surrender and the collapse of the Southern Confederacy so overshadowed the battle of Spanish Fort that this last big fight of the Civil War has never been given the attention that its importance deserves.

#### No Mean Battle

No monument marks the spot, but a new tourist camp of Spanish architecture and concrete construction stands behind earthen gun emplacements where General E. R. S. Canby, commander of the Federal forces, finally brought his artillery to bear, at point-blank range on Fort McDermott, the southern base of the line of earthworks of which Spanish Fort was the southern extremity. This was no mean battle. There may have been 50,000 men engaged and the slabs in Confederate Rest and National Cemetery at Mobile are monuments that attest the vigor with which it was fought.

For Blakeley, three miles up the river from Spanish Fort, which was engaged with the enemy at about the same time, was taken by storm April 9, 1865, which was the same day upon which General Lee surrendered his sword to General Grant in Virginia. On the night before, General Maury had evacuated Fort McDermott, Spanish Fort and Red Fort, which held the center of the line, and ferried his men across the delta streams to Mobile, leaving only a skeleton force in forts, trenches and rifle pits, to cover the retreat, with occasional fire to deceive the besiegers.

#### Mobile Surrenders Peacefully

The Washington Artillery, composed of selected men from the proud old families of New Orleans, manned the guns at Fort McDermott and ended a distinguished Confederate career of army service there. General Maury moved his remnant of the Southern army, about 4,000 men, up the Mobile and Ohio railroad and there was not a single hostile shot fired from or into the city of Mobile.

It was the irony of war and of fate that New Orleans, Mobile's younger but larger sister city, should become one of the bases of Federal operations against the Alabama City and seaport.

Forts Morgan and Gaines, at the entrance of Mobile Bay, had fallen before the fleet of Admiral Farragut and supporting troops during the preceding August. Early in January, 1865, General Grant and the high command of the Union forces, decided upon a campaign against Mobile. It was probably the boast that Mobile was prepared to defend itself against an army of 40,000 men that determined the size of the army sent against the point by Northern strategists.

#### Attacked From Flank

It was thought impractical to attack the well fortified city from the south or west, as a flanking movement, from the east was determined upon. Troops were assembled from all fields of Union

operations, chiefly at Chalmette, where Jackson met the British in 1814 at Barrancas, near Pensacola and at Dauphin Island, near Fort Gaines. A fleet of forty-three river steamboats and seven tow-boats with barges brought the Sixteenth Corps down the Tennessee and Ohio rivers, thence down the Mississippi, paused at Vicksburg and reached Chalmette February 21, then on to Dauphin Island, where they camped in shelter tents near Fort Gaines on March 7.

The main army was then assembled with their buttons and their bayonets, for children digging in the sands along the beach and about the fort frequently find corroded U. S. Army buttons and rusted bayonets, to this day.

#### Seige Train Organized

A siege train was organized at Gaines and inspections were held to see that every soldier was equipped for the part he was expected to take in the campaign. Orders issued by General Canby from his headquarters at New Orleans indicate that he was a well trained and careful commander who knew all about the conditions his army was about to face.

Pioneer companies were organized and the infantrymen were equipped with spades, shovels and picks, in addition to arms and ammunition. All of this preparation was known to the Confederates, who assembled all the equipment available at Fort Huger (pronounced Huger) and at an arsenal built in an excavation dug into the river bank near Spanish Fort, its walls supported with pine poles (recently explored by the present writer and a state game warden).

#### Alabama Munitions Used

Powder, some of which was manufactured by General John Haralson, at Selma, where he is said to have used (chamber lie) for nitrate, heavy guns cast at the Selma Foundry and small-arm munition made at Tuscaloosa were assembled there and all available slave labor was put to work on the field fortifications, which Colonel H. L. Landers, of the Army War College, declared in recent years, are the best preserved such specimens of that period that he had found on a tour of such places.

From Dauphin Island, Barrancas and other points the Federals moved troops and supplies to bases which they established at Fish River, below Marlow, and points on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, about twenty miles below Spanish Fort.

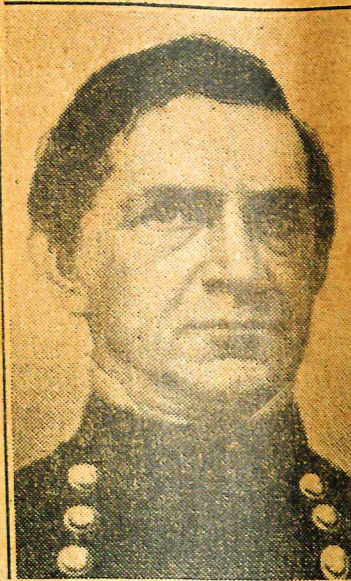
While all this preparation was in progress, General Canby sent a force of 20,000 men north from Barrancas to cut the Mobile and Montgomery railroad at Pollard and to threaten Montgomery, also to engage possible Confederate reinforcements that might be sent to the relief of Mobile.

#### Fight Rain and Mosquitoes

Combined forces of native mud and mosquitoes fought against the invaders, both assisted by rains which came in deluges. The road around Bon Secour was particularly difficult after the artillery and army wagons had broken through the surface crust of soil and pine needles, into the mixture of sand and silt beneath. Some of the troops came by water to Navy Cove, on Mobile Point, and traversed the route now followed by the asphalt pike to Fort Morgan and found the going good only when crossing the prehistoric Shell Banks, where Alabama's State Geologist, Walter Jones, made recent anthropological discoveries of great interest.

Every foot of the pine woods between landing points and objective had to be corduroyed with saplings and progress was slow. There were occasional minor attacks by Confederate cavalry. Lieutenant Sibley and a squad of

## Commanded Union Troops In Spanish Fort Engagement



Major General E. R. S. Canby of the Union Army, who led 40,000 men in the campaign against Mobile, was favorably remembered in Baldwin for his civility and kindness to the civilian population, who expressed regret at his slaughter in a war with Oregon Indians.

mounted scouts had a brush with the Federal column near Magnolia, not far from present Foley, where a turpentine plantation had been in operation. Sibley charged a wagon train and captured several teamsters and their mules.

#### Bridge Was Burned

Three regiments of Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin infantry landed at Cedar Point, where they met a small force of Confederates, and advanced to Fowl River, where the bridge had been burned to impede their passage. They

sent skirmishers across the river, but turned back at that point, according to orders though a determined effort from that direction might have settled the struggle, so greatly had the defense of Mobile been drained of men for the defense of other threatened fronts.

It is less than thirty minutes run by automobile from points where Federal troops landed on the Eastern Shore to Bridgehead, where the Spanish Trail and Highway 31 bifurcate, but it took Gen. Canby and his army until March 27 to make the trip and begin the siege of Spanish Fort, seven miles in an air line due east from the northern limits of Mobile.

#### Defend High Bluff

The spot which the Confederates had chosen was a strong defensive position, situated on a high bluff overlooking Mobile Bay and Blakeley River. To the north lay a marsh and Minette Bay and at its front was a pine forest, the trees of which had been felled to give a clear field of fire. Fort McDermott, built of pine logs buried with sticky red clay which forms the surface of that headland, occupied a commanding position, overlooking the entire terrain. It was armed with 7-inch Columbiads and thirty-pound Parrott rifled cannon. The forts which held the three salients of the battle line were connected by a fairly complete trench system, even according to modern engineering for field fortifications. The fort was guarded by a string of rifle pits and breastworks for supporting infantry. The outer line of defense was more than two miles in length, portions of which could be reached by way of gullies that formed natural bayous.

#### Lindsay Retired

Colonel Richard Lindsay, with 400 infantrymen, moved to withdrawing rifle-range of the enemy picket line on the morning of March 27 and charged, but was compelled

to retire before reaching the main body of the besiegers. There was another fight that same day at Minette bridge. The opponents were feeling each other out, like boxers in the ring.

Federal artillery was so placed that its guns were brought to bear on all of the Confederate positions and the siege developed into a series of duels between artillery units and occasional raids. Picket fighting and sharpshooting by riflemen was part of each day's routine. Most of the men on both sides were veterans who had experienced this kind of fighting at Vicksburg or in other siege campaigns. They had learned to protect themselves from the hail of grape, cannister and exploding shells with dugouts and bomb-proofs, supported by logs and covered with earth. There was not much shooting at night and this time was chosen for advancing artillery units with new earthworks or repairing damage done during the firing of the previous day.

#### Surrender April 8, 1865

So the business of siege and defense continued with little variation through March 7, to April 8, varied only by occasional firing from gunboats from Farragut's fleet, that had followed the 8-foot contours of the bay up the Eastern Shore and entered Blakeley river. The ironclad monitors Milwaukee, Winnebago, Kickapoo, Kirkland and Chickasaw crossed the river bar drawing 8 feet, but the Octopara grounded on the bar and one of her boiler tubes burst. The Milwaukee was sunk by a torpedo, but her men were saved. Neither the guns from the fleet or the forts did much damage to the other.

(From the Times of April 18, 1895) — The Louisville and Nashville Railroad offered a reward of \$350 for the capture of "Railroad Bill."

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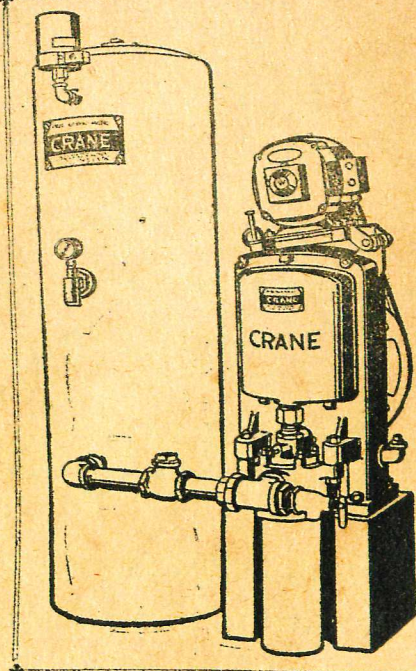
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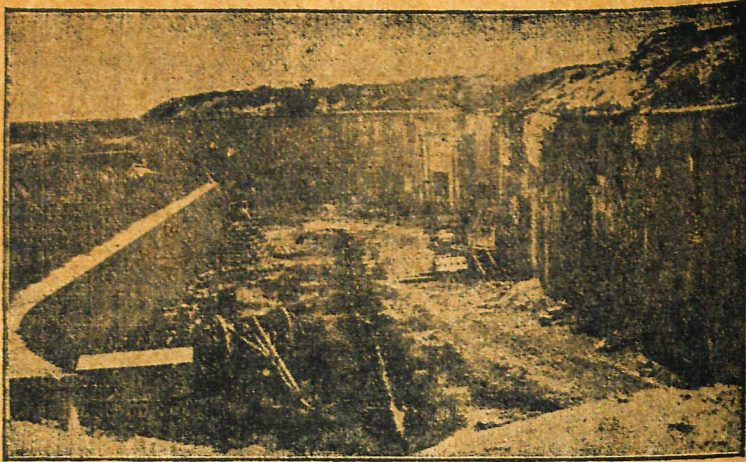
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## Ready For Union Naval Attack



The scene above is from a photograph of Fort Morgan taken September 8, 1864 when the garrison was making preparation for any attempted entrance of the Union fleet into Mobile Bay. This view shows the northwest side of the bank manned with ammunition and cannon. Restoration of the original site is continuing from year to year with the National Park Service and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation of the State Forestry Commission cooperating with the U. S. Army in improvements.

## Fairhope Courier Is Alert To Needs Of Bay Shore Town

Alert to the needs of the East Coast citizens the Fairhope Courier has a history as interesting as the town itself and although it has been the only Fairhope paper it has not always been published at Fairhope.

The first edition was published in Des Moines, Iowa, with Ernest B. Gaston, father of the present owners, as editor. Becoming infatuated with the single tax teachings of Henry George, Gaston was convinced that he could further their aims by publishing a newspaper, so in 1894, what is thought to be the first paper dedicated to the single tax theory, came off the presses.

Meanwhile Gaston and fellow colonists, convinced that Fairhope was an ideal place to make a home and try out the principles of George, had settled on the Eastern Shore. While the town was being built the first few issues of the courier were run off at Battles Wharf.

After Gaston secured a post office, of which he had the little-coveted charge, he moved the paper to Fairhope. From the first issue the Courier had a national and even international circulation from people interested in its views.

Progressive local, state and national moves have received its support while it has fearlessly attacked the evils of special privilege. It does not profess to print all the news or even "all the news that's fit to print," but by exercising a strict censorship, to print only that phase of the news that would benefit society.

Since the death of Ernest B. Gaston, "the grand old man of the Eastern Shore," the paper has been

## Bay Minette Shows Steady Growth In 32-Year Period

### City Has Only Small Indebtedness - Have Many Activities

Nearing its thirty-second year as an incorporated municipality, the city of Bay Minette has shown a record of steady growth with numerous civic additions from time to time.

In the first city election, held in April, 1907, T. C. Hand was elected mayor and Dr. Joe Hall, J. C. Burns, J. M. Franklin, H. G. Stanmyers and Joe Feminear were the councilmen.

J. C. Burns, the same councilman who served in the first administration is the present mayor having served nine years thus far with his term expiring in 1940. He was elected to the office for three two-year terms and in 1936 was elected for four years. The present councilmen are O. J. Man-ci, John P. Beebe, Leslie Hall, M. M. McMillan and L. D. Owen.

Mrs. Natalie W. Feulner, the city clerk, has served continuously since she was elected by the councilmen preceeding Mayor Burns' first term. C. L. White is city treasurer and J. L. Barrow is chief of police, with Maurice Ham-

ilton as an assistant.

Baldwin County 4-H Club boys and girls consistently lead the state in state and national recognition and in prizes received at fairs.

ilton as an assistant.

### Population of 1,850

The corporate limits are one square mile in area, stretching from the cemetery on the east to just beyond the overhead bridge over the L. & N. railroad on the west. The police jurisdiction however, stretches 1½ miles beyond the incorporational limits with an estimated population of 5,000, living within this area of four square miles. Although the 1930 census gave Bay Minette a population of 1,545 an unofficial census since then gives the city 1,850 tabulation.

From the tax revenues of around \$15,000 a year, coming from gas taxes, paving taxes, license taxes and ad valorem property taxes, the city and its several departments are maintained and a bond issue of 1915 has been reduced from \$35,000 to \$7,500. The bonds, issued for waterworks and sewers, are expected to be completely retired by the end of the 1940 fiscal year. Over 20 miles of streets have been built, including two miles of hard-surfaced pavement. The final coat of black-topping on the recent mile-long WPA paving will be added this spring. Two trucks and a grading machine are used for road maintenance.

Other departments or activities financed by the city taxes include a fire department, a night watchman and assistance in upkeep of the cemetery, as well as many other donations. On the record made, the insurance rate of the town has been reduced and the town's 35 fire plugs and efficient volunteer fire department have kept fires from making any large losses within the last few years. The goblet shaped concrete water tower, prominent in the Bay Minette skyline, has a heavy pressure in case of fire.

### Electricity In 1915

Although citizens have been accustomed to the street lights and sewerage system of the town for some time, Bay Minette did not have sewerage or electric-lighting systems until 1915 and it was 1927 when livestock were banished from city streets.

Sanitation and health conditions have been materially improved within recent years. Drainage of Hollinger Creek for mosquito control and construction of sanitary toilets have made it one of the healthiest spots in the county.

## Dogwood Furnishes Raw Material For Small Industry Here

Dogwood, which beautifies the hills of Baldwin County in the spring, also furnishes material for a considerable Bay Minette industry, the Luverne Block Mill, exporter of rough dogwood blocks that are sold for spindle purposes.

The mill, owned by J. L. Eiland

Other city services include a library of close to 2,000 volumes and a city park, where the Boy Scout cabin is located. The library is also used as a city hall.

and sons, obtains most of its supply from Monroe and Escambia counties and is the only one in the county. Sixty per cent of its output is exported to Manchester, Eng., for English textile industries while the remainder is shipped to New England spindle mills.

Because the wood is smooth, tough and durable it is in great demand and is considered superior to most other types of wood. Persimmon, now scarce, is its only competitor in the wooden shuttle field.

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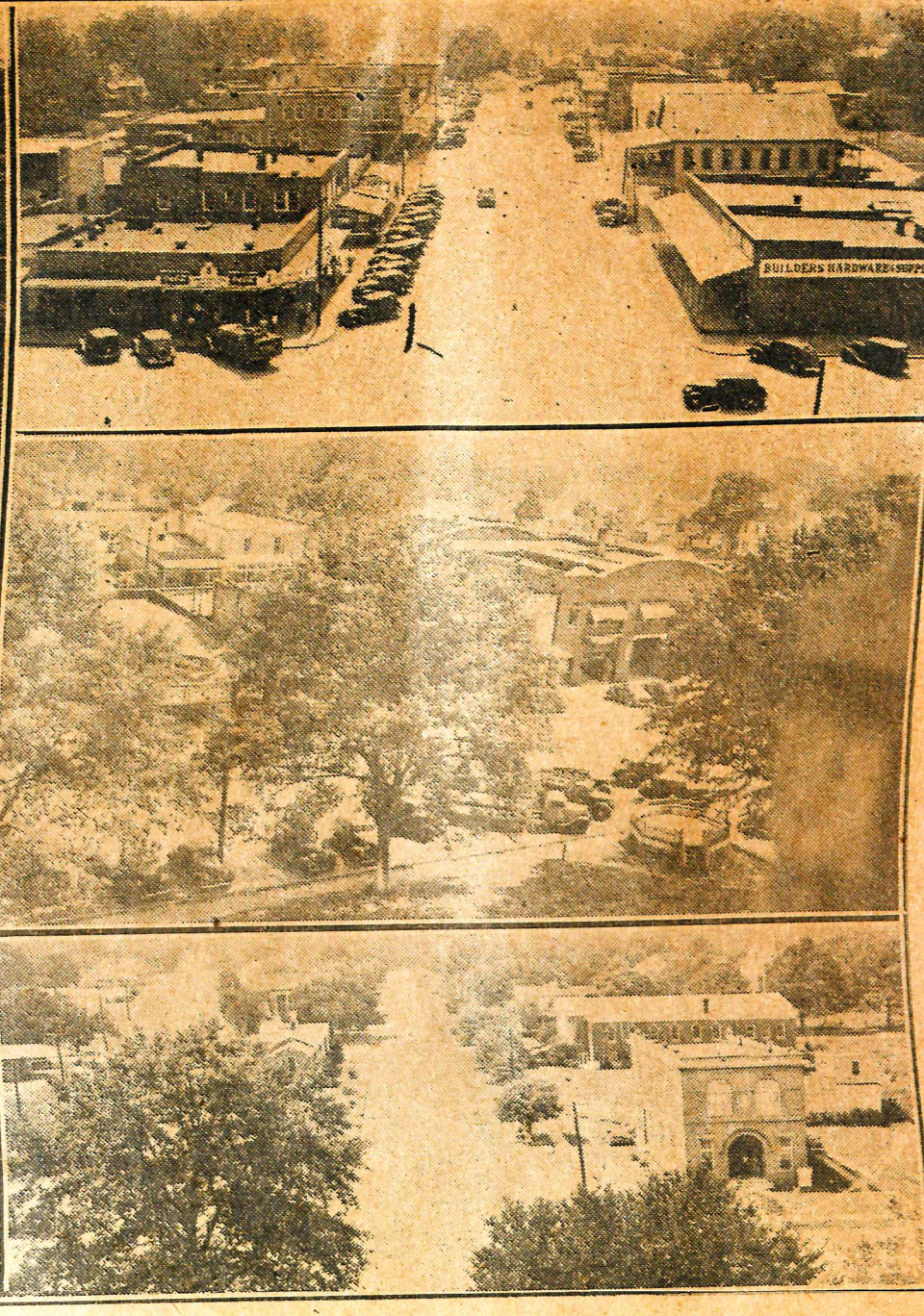
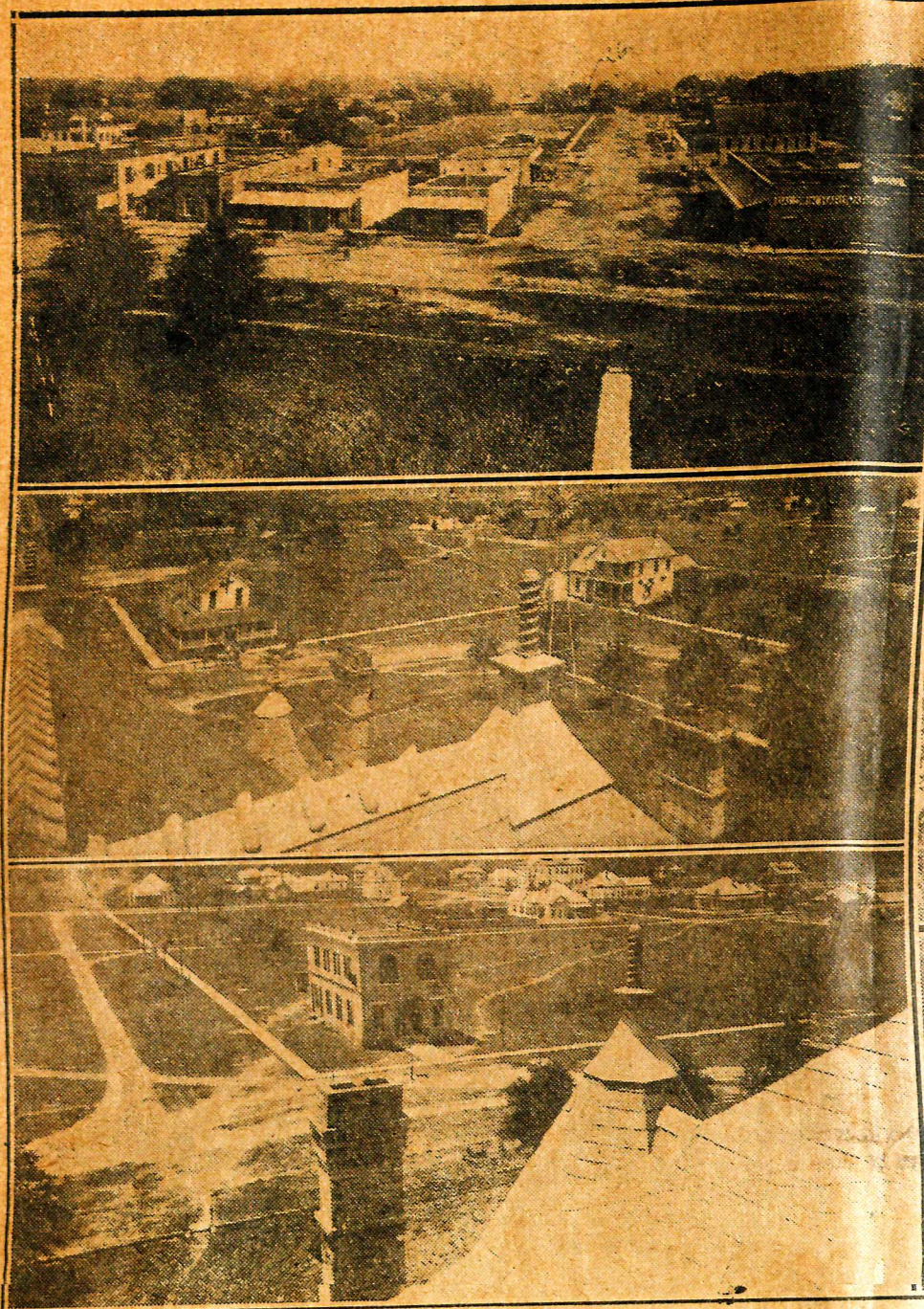
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# Pictures Show Progress Made In Bay Minette Since 1911



■ The above Bay Minette street scenes taken from atop the court house gives some idea of the growth made in Baldwin's County Seat during the past 28 years. The three pictures at the left were taken in 1911 while the three at the right were photographed by the Times a few weeks ago.

The scenes at the upper left and right are views of Hand Avenue and Court House Square looking south. Note the poor streets and absence of automobiles in the pictures to the left while all the streets in the new pictures are modern and paved. The only similarity in the two upper pictures are the buildings to the right where Builders Hardware is now located and the two-story frame building. The corner building in 1911 housed Baldwin Hardware Company operated by B. F. Luttrell of Brewton. The corner building across the street, where Lambert's Drug Store is now located, was a store run by G. K. Page and N. M. Mansfield, while the second building to the left of this housed the old Bay Minette Bank, which later closed. Just to the left of the bank in the little alley was the post office. The beautiful new postoffice is partially hid by the frame building in the picture to the right.

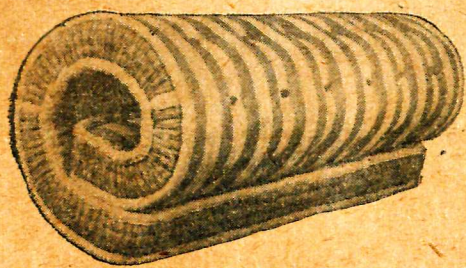
The middle picture to the left shows a view looking to the northeast. Note the absence of streets and the numerous pig trails. The present Baldwin County Jail had just been built and is at present being enlarged. The water tank used at present is not shown in this picture but was built about

two years later, in 1913. Bay Minette's only water system in 1911 was the windmill shown on the court house lawn and just to the left of it in the distance can be seen a cotton gin. The building in the foreground to the left was Bay Minette Land Company's office and the one in the center was C. Kahalley's store and the building still stands. The middle picture to the right is a scene looking east from the court house and shows part of the modern section of town.

The lower scene to the left shows the old Baldwin County Bank Building which at that time belonged to Mrs. J. C. McLeod. The building is now owned by the Masonic Lodge. In the center distance can be seen the old school building where the scout cabin and park is now located. The present Presbyterian Church can be seen with its manse to the left. Also the residences of R. E. Cooley, Dr. G. L. Lambert and E. A. Huggins can be seen in the right foreground. Note the fence around the court house.

Compare the picture at the bottom left with the one to the right and see the many beautiful improvements that have been made. To the right can be seen the beautiful Methodist church and directly in front of it is the City Hall and Library, in front of which can be seen the entrance to the large brick Baptist church, all surrounded with paved streets and beautiful shrubbery.

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After shooting Hamilton in a duel, Burr became unpopular in New York and as soon as his term as vice president of the nation had expired he set out for the southwest to escape arrest. He was overtaken in Washington, Miss., but escaped and was later rearrested near Warfield, in Washington County, in February 1807.

He was taken to Fort Stoddard, where he stayed two weeks and from there was rowed across the Alabama River at Boat Yard Lake and from thence to Georgia and Richmond, Va.

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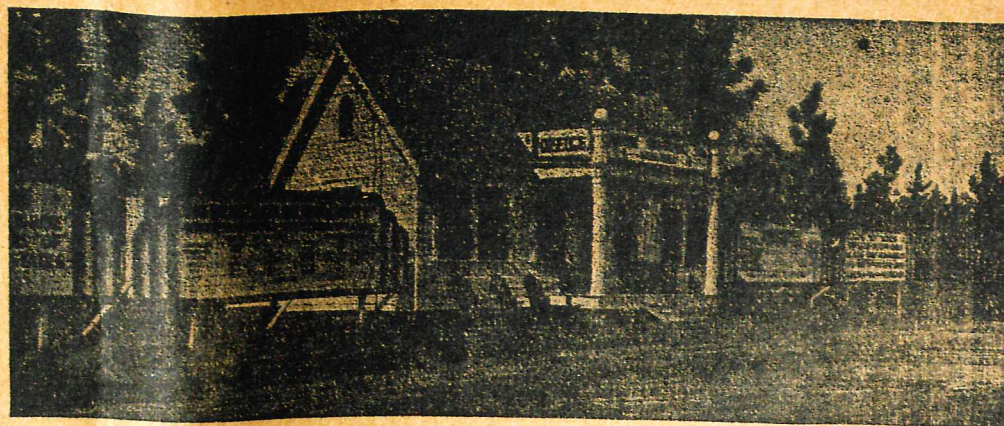
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## Baldwin County Office of Perkins Development Company



(Picture Courtesy of Perkins Development Co.)

■ South of Loxley, two miles, the attractive office of Perkins Development Company, is found. A display of county farm products, native shrubs and fruits is arranged inside and agents located there are ready to give information to prospective land buyers.

## E. E. Bannard Has Farm Outstanding In Hog Production

● Referred to by Tom McCord of the Union Stockyards in Montgomery as one of the two outstanding jobs of pork production in the state, Ernest E. Bannard, manager of Yupon Farms near Magnolia Springs, knows all the angles in producing top quality hams and bacon.

Also a calf raiser, Mr. Bannard at the time of writing, sold his veal and pork directly to a Swift and Co. packing house in Georgia. The slight overproduction of No. 2 Irish potatoes on the farm is not lamented because, after boiling them in a huge iron pot, he feeds them to his swine to be converted into good grade meat.

Yupon Farms is following a three-point program embracing the production of white potatoes, pigs and corn. These three projects give a well-rounded program the year-round and keep a cash supply coming in during all seasons. Mr. Bannard farrows about 100 sows twice yearly for an average litter of more than seven pigs.

Using only purebred stock the hogs are fattened to "market top" stages and sold at around 200 pounds. After feeding them in-

## Alabama City Is Now Important Bay Town Of Fairhope

● Alabama City was the successor of Blakeley as the seaport metropolis of southern Alabama on which the opponents of Mobile pinned their hopes, expended their fortunes and reaped disappointment and loss.

But there was this difference: Alabama City was born again and in its reincarnation became Fairhope, a resort and trading point with a future greater than the builders of Alabama City ever dreamed of.

New Orleans people and money were largely behind the venture, for the Eads Jetties had not been planned in the early thirties, and

ferior grade potatoes, Mr. Bannard turns the porkers on his peanuts and velvet beans and keeps them in good shape by grazing them on Spanish clover in season. Corn is used throughout the fattening period.

On the Yupon farms many modern conveniences of hog production are to be found, including a maternity ward, a breeding pen 31 feet by 14 feet, and a dry-feed lot for farrowing sows and pigs. Warm shelters have been erected to protect litters in cold weather and a sanitary feeding device is used to keep hogs from trampling their feed.

The calves on the farm are mostly Herefords, offsprings produced from crossing Hereford bulls to native cows. Trench silos are used to store ensilage, mostly green corn, and they are fed skim milk while young. The place is said to have a value of over \$18,000 and was originally owned by Richard Fitzgerald, father of Mrs. G. F. Swift. Bannard, the present owner, was formerly a British soldier. The farm can be reached by traveling the road due west of Foley and is easily recognized by the large paper-shell pecan grove on the place.

● Charles Hall, great-great-grandfather of the present Leslie Hall of Bay Minette, was mentioned in the files of the October 6, 1838 Mobile Register as having excellent accommodations for travelers on the stagecoach route from Mobile to Pensacola. Living near the present Carpenters, Hall met visitors as they came over on a boat from Mobile, where they took the four-horse post coach going to Pensacola.

● The town of Stockton was surveyed in 1810 by Joshua Kennedy with the location being on the Tensaw River.

the river entrance to the Crescent City was difficult for the sailing ships that handled the cotton at that time.

The Alabama City plan called for a mole from the shore extending out to deep water and such an embankment was actually built out to the twelve-foot contour of the Upper Fleet Anchorage in Mobile bay, where river and sound steamboats could bring cotton from the Tombigbee-Alabama basin and the Mississippi Valley for delivery to European and coast-wise ocean carriers.

It is not of record that any considerable amount of cotton moved by that way, but the plan looked good on paper, until the Mobile ship channel plan got well under way.

The last trace of Alabama City's wharves and pier has long since disappeared and there was no substantial construction to remain as evidence of the fact that a great geographical idea once grew at that spot. The sale of city lots and blocks at Alabama City continued until the Civil War came along and put a check on wildcat real estate speculation in the South.

The roadway cut through the bluff to give access to the port's facilities and official papers that have been preserved remain as reminders that a city and seaport were once projected there. Military records of the sixties make no mention of the place.

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that had been brought in by other contestants. "We'll get 'em this afternoon," we said in unison, and shuffled up the hill to the dining pavilion where, with about 750 other fishermen and guests, we were served a gratifying dinner of fried chicken, baked fish, relish, potato salad, buttered rolls, iced tea, cake and ice cream.

Our luck did change in the afternoon. We headed west instead of east and returned with the two fish we'd caught in the morning. But we weren't downcast. "We'll get 'em tomorrow!"

The second day we headed west with the intention of trapping some big ling that Bill Fiala said were sure to be frolicking around a submerged wreck off Gulf Shores. But after prowling about there for a while with no response to our challenge we circled over to the snapper banks off Pensacola where we still-fished for a couple of hours after eating our lunch on the boat. We couldn't spare the time to go into the landing for dinner, but we might as well have. A pair of other boats were anchored over the banks and they pulled up several nice red snappers, but all we enticed up from the bottom was one measly white snapper. Our jinx clung to us.

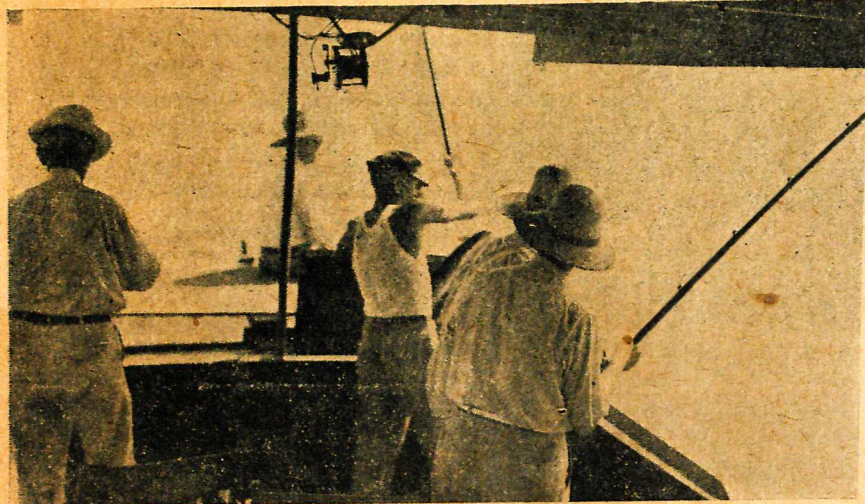
Here Roy James got his first strike in two days fishing. He had a 60-pound ling he said, but it turned out to be the bottom of the ocean and he had a heck of a time getting his line loose.

Our second day's results were an improvement over the first well enough, but not sufficiently to get us into the competition. In the two days we landed seven fish weighing from three to six pounds. Any of these would be likely to make the average angler's heart palpitate, but down in those waters fish of that size are considered small time.

That second day Claude Peteet reeled in a five-pound king mackerel, Doc Tautenham, the novice, landed a couple of kings, Gus Kull got the white snapper and Mr. Gunn rang down the curtain with a six-pound bonita. Roy, the expert, caught no fish and neither did I, the other novice. And as if to add insult to injury a sudden gust of wind lifted off my battered old

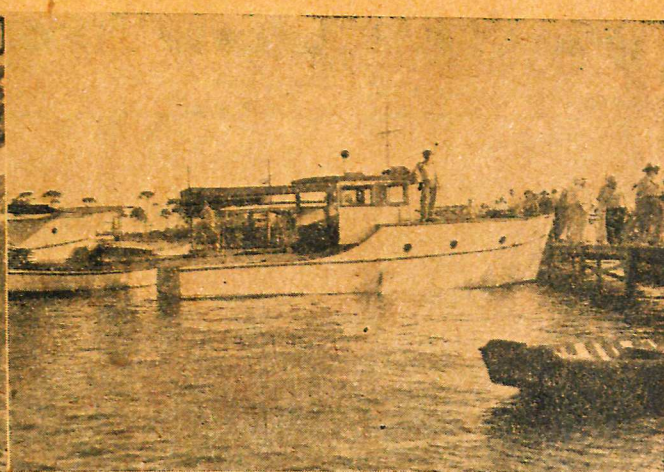
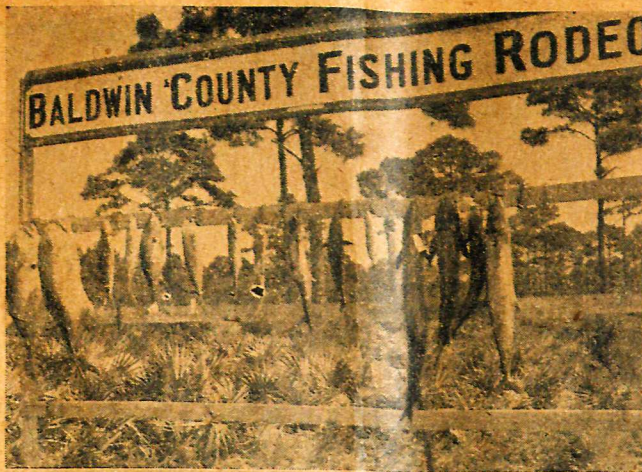
hat to which I had formed quite an attachment and deposited it far out on the water where it promptly sank into the depths to become a souvenir of the briny battlers, who were laughing up their fins at me.

It finally became apparent that we weren't destined for any prize catches this year so there was nothing to do but head back for the landing and gaze enviously on those brought in by more fortunate anglers. There were a couple of sharks aggregating 900 pounds, four large tarpon weighing from 48½ to 69½ pounds each, a 40-

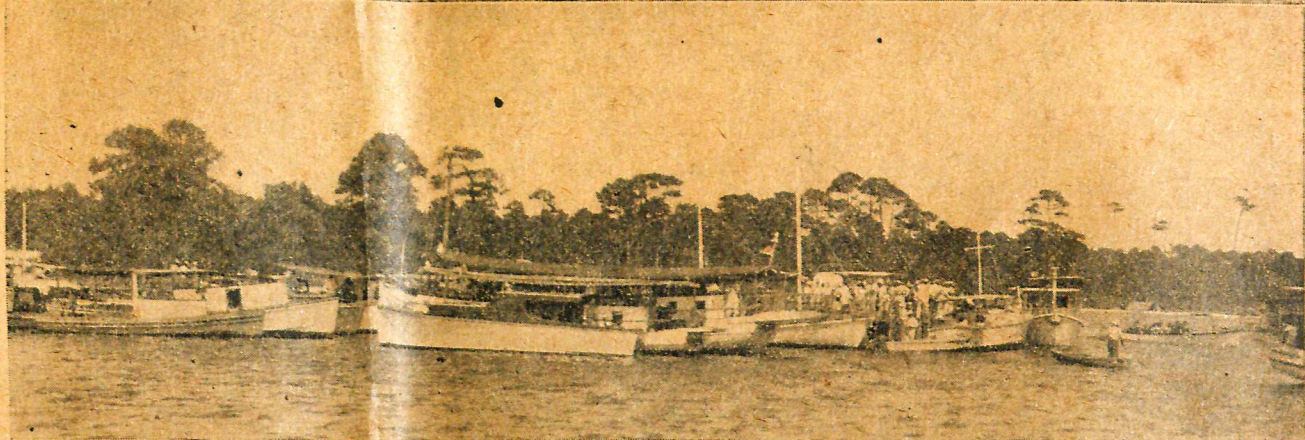


■ At top: Roy James exposes our catch to the camera. Below: Claude Peteet, L. F. Gunn, Bill Fiala, William James and Doc Tautenhan in the stern of the good boat "Shadow." Between Bill and Mr. James you can see a nice bonita which Bill has gaffed for Doc.

● The prize boner goes to the resident of north Baldwin who was trimming a tree hanging over the river and sawed the end of the limb on which he was sitting causing him to fall in the river.



■ Upper left: A few possible prize winners from the first morning's catch. However, during the afternoon so many large ones were added to the list that these were taken down. Upper right: The boat "Shadow" resting at the pier. Past her nose returning fishermen made for the shore. Below: A few of the boats seen at the landing at noon of the first day — many of the boats did not return until night.



pound ling, a couple of 30-pound cavallas, a 54½ pound sailfish and scores of others that we might have hooked.

Then we had to trudge up the hill and watch their lucky captors modestly accept the prizes. And what prizes they were! Fifteen hundred dollars worth! There were half a dozen fine rods and reels, several rifles, watches, cameras, silver carving sets, copper tackle boxes and so on, any one of which would have made us mighty proud. There was even a dandy Evenrude outboard motor for the holder of the lucky registration ticket, which we didn't win, also. But don't let that bother you. "We'll get 'em next year!"

Oh yes, there'll be another rodeo next year about the same time and it'll be bigger and better than ever. F. E. Nellis of Magnolia Springs, Ala., and Max Griffin of Foley, president and secretary respectively, of the association, have big things in mind and it will be a grand way to spend some of your vacation.

## Mobile State Docks Benefits State, County

### Plays Big Part In Developing This Section Of South

● A pride to the city of Mobile and a benefit to the farmers of the section as well the Alabama State Docks of Mobile, together with the free international trade zone there has been a big factor in increasing the prosperity of the section.

The State Docks Commission, composed of R. E. Steiner, Montgomery, vice chairman; R. I. Ingalls, Birmingham, and Frank Folmer, Mobile, has recently paid off both the interest and principal on the \$10,000,000 bond issue of the 1938 fiscal year and hopes soon to retire the entire issue. Frederick I. Thompson of Mobile is in charge of the foreign free trade zone.

Since October 1935 the commission has added \$600,000 in improvements and has shown a net earning of \$1,300,000 in a work described by Governor Bibb Graves as "the most outstanding feat of state management I have ever heard of."

Another thing of benefit to local farmers is the cold storage plant at the state docks in charge of A. A. Richards. By offering free locations to industries the state and the city of Mobile have induced such industries as Southern Craft and the Aluminum Ore Company to settle in Mobile, giving employment to hundreds and building plants at a cost of several million dollars. Industries located on this large area available for long time lease and having access to the four trunk railroads serving Mobile as well as steamer and Alabama barge connections. Over forty steamship lines serve the port as well as the Federal Barge Line, the T. C. I. Barge Line and several river packet lines. City water and abundant flowing water are obtainable, hydro-electric power is offered in unlimited quantities and industries have access to all of the special facilities of the Alabama State Docks, including its 75 ton derrick.

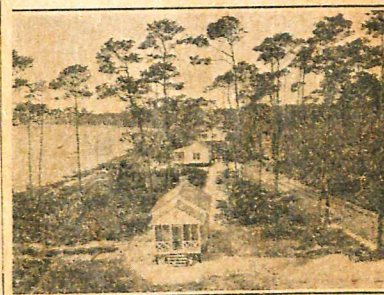
The establishment of a free trade zone in Mobile in 1938, the only one in the nation except New York, has brought more trade from foreign ports and given the city an advantage in trade with Central America and South American areas. Merchandise can be stored, broken up, repacked, sorted, graded, mixed up with foreign or domestic merchandise and may

## Gulf State Park Attracts Tourists—Nice Location

### Modern Cottages For Rent — Both Fresh, Salt Water Fishing

● One of Alabama's 15 state parks is in Baldwin County, offering outing and camping attractions to citizens of this area, while Little River State Park, in the corner of Escambia and Monroe Counties is also nearby.

Gulf State Park, on State Highway 3, below Foley, contains about 4,500 acres, embracing three fresh water lakes as well as several



bayous and the Fort Morgan Parkway. A mile of ocean beach is included and excellent recreational facilities are offered.

Semi-tropical plant life abounds among the sand dunes and savannas of this area. Over-night accommodations, foot trails, motor roads, surf bathing and boating are available.

The Little River park, on the Atmore-Urich highway, comprises 2,120 acres of historic Little River, the hunting ground of Indian chieftains. Camping and hiking accommodations are offered, as well as bathing, boating and fishing. Cabins are placed there for over-night camps.

● Walter H. Mueller of Des Moines is "tattooing champion" of the state of Iowa. He worked four years on the bedspread which won him the prize, and says he took up needlework to relieve himself of the jitters.

be exported or admitted to customs territory under proper restrictions, with the usual hampering entry taxes eliminated.

## Bay Minette Was Not First County Seat

● Although Bay Minette has been the county seat of the county since 1901, it was not the first government site, but the fourth, for Baldwin has had three county seats prior to the present one.

The first court house was at McIntosh Bluff on the Tombigbee. In 1820 the affairs of government were transacted at Blakeley in a \$2,000 wooden frame building. Daphne became the third county seat in 1868 but until the court house was built, the county court was held in front of the Dryer Hotel.

An act of the legislature in 1901 provided for the removal of the county seat to Bay Minette but the citizens of Daphne were reluctant to part with their court house. Aroused inhabitants of Bay Minette brought the matter to a head by removing the county records and files and here they have remained since.

● The Baldwin County Industrial School in Daphne is the only negro high school in the county and one of the best in the state.

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## Fairhope's Single Tax Colony Has Wide Reputation

Established In Bay Town When Times Was 6 Years Old

• In 1894, when the Times was six years old, the most famous of Baldwin's many colonies was established on the shore of Mobile Bay, a few miles south of Daphne, then the county seat. The colonists, having high ideals and aspirations, brought with them a name that would challenge their best effort and Fairhope to make its place among the communities on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay.

Fairhope's founders were mainly sons and daughters of pioneers in the Middle West who had left their homes in the East, seeking freedom of opportunity on the unappropriated lands of the broad and fertile prairies.

Unwittingly they brought with the same practice of land tenure that had led to the artificial scarcity in the East and accompanying limitation of free opportunity, and their sons and daughters were confronted with the same problems in this new land that their parents had left the East to solve.

### Plan Thought Out

The small group that later came to Baldwin was a studious group and sought to reason out a solution for this problem of restricted opportunity in a land that was still largely undeveloped.

Unsatisfied with the philosophies that blamed the trouble on the money and banking systems, on the tariff, on individualism, on the political party in power and on the many other things that hard times and restricted opportunity are variously blamed on, they had taken up the study of Henry George's economic doctrine as related in his book, "Progress and Poverty."

### Theory Of George

George's theory that men could not be free without free land was the inspiration for the founding of Fairhope and his solution of the problem of taxation by stating that the government should take the publicly created land values in lieu of levying taxes on the privately created articles of wealth is responsible for the unique tax policy still in force in Fairhope on the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

This corporation established by Fairhope's founders owns about one-fourth of the land in the corporate limits of the town and several thousand acres in the country and possession of any unused portion may be had without the pay-

## Potatoes — Baldwin's Largest Crop



• A harvesting scene in one of Baldwin's Irish potato fields. Almost five thousand cars of spuds moved out of the county in 1937. Both early and late potatoes find markets, although shipments in this county are primarily for the early market.

ment of any purchase price, but by the signing of a lease contract providing that the holder shall pay into the common treasury annually the rental value, which is the value given the site by the combined activities of the community.

### Tax On Land Rent Only

In consideration of the payment of this rental the corporation pledges the rent collected to the payment of all taxes both on the land and on the improvements and personal property that may be held on the land by its lessees and all balance over the cost of operations of the corporation, to the providing of public improvements and services in which all shall have the opportunity to share.

Forty-four years of practice have demonstrated the practicalness of this plan and the fact that Fairhope, without having superior natural advantages, is now the largest town in Baldwin County proves the superiority of the Fairhope plan.

Why has not the same practice been extended to other communities? One reason is that few men are willing to voluntarily forego the special advantages that land ownership gives for the owners to appropriate to themselves the values created by the public and another is that too few have the training and ability to even search for the cause of their troubles and still fewer the ability to search intelligently.

• Stockton at one time had three or four hotels, several saloons, a barber shop, bowling alley and a number of gambling joints. There were usually six to a dozen fights each day and one old-timer recalls as many as fifty men fighting in a saloon at once.

• The Fort Mims monument does not stand on the original site of the old fort.

• All Alabama is divided into three parts, North Alabama, South Alabama and Baldwin County.

• The Stockton Presbyterian Church, started in 1847, was the second church in the county and the first of its denomination to be established in Baldwin.

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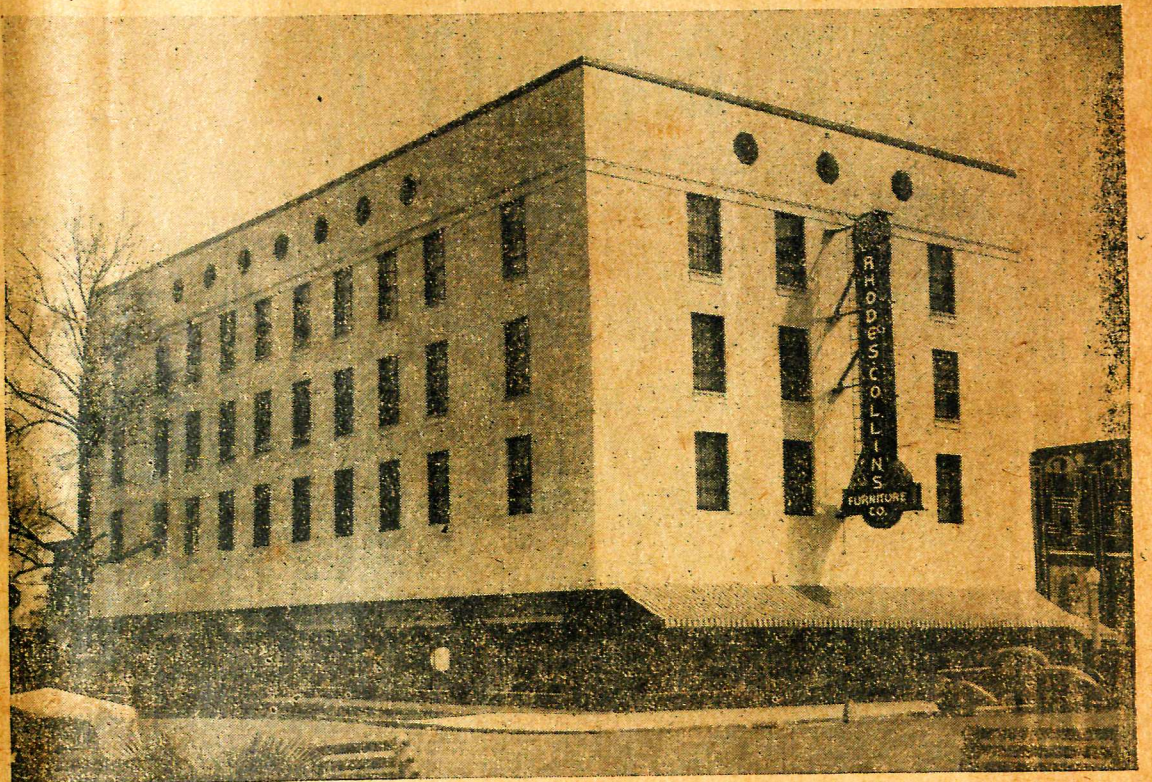
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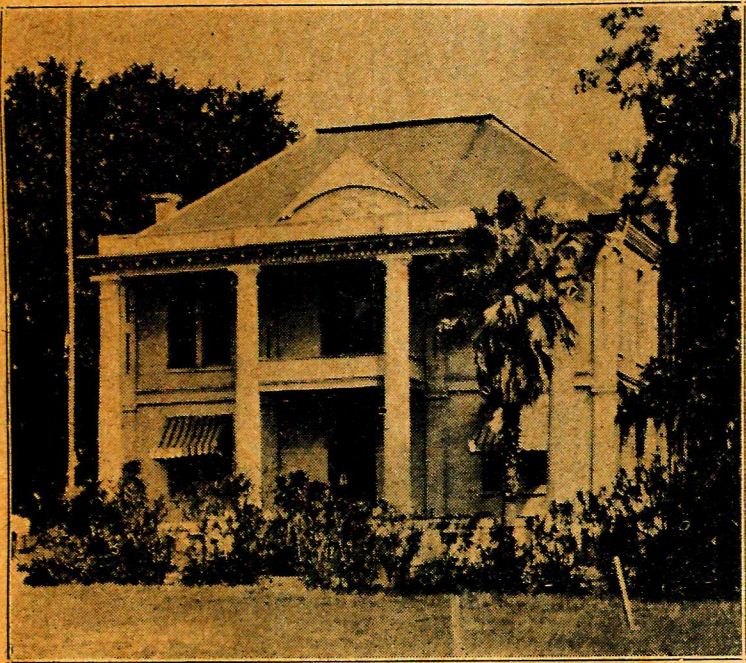
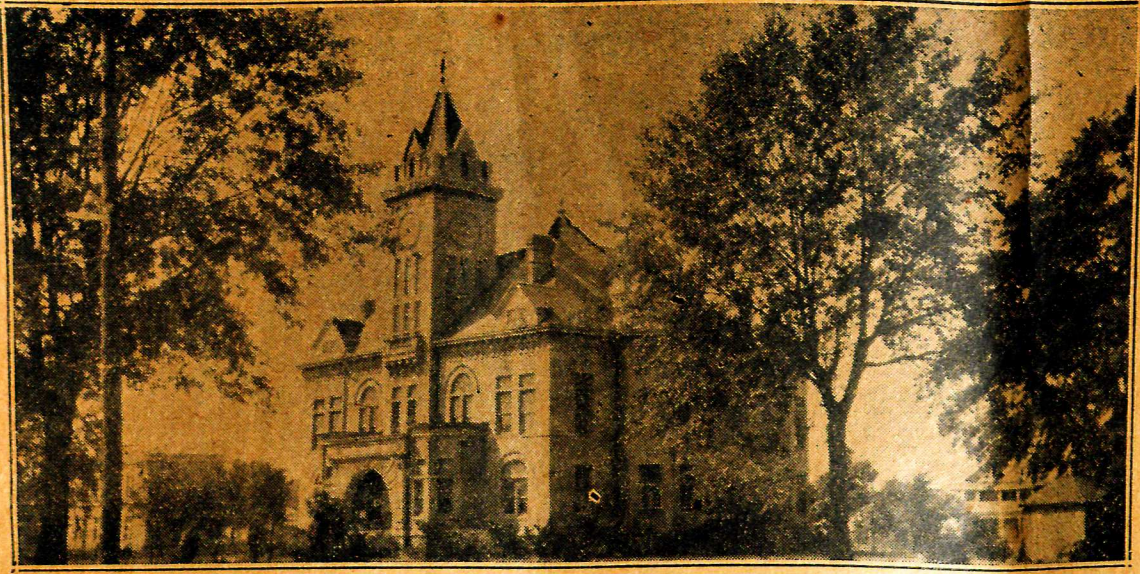
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## Homes Of County Government-New And Old



■ The present court house at Bay Minette (above) erected in 1901 was not the only seat of county government, nor was it the first. Daphne, the county seat from 1868-1901, had the third court house (left) of the county and its removal from there to Bay Minette was one of the stormiest eras of county politics. Formerly a seat of justice, the building is now a seat of learning, being a part of the Daphne Normal School campus. The first county seat was at McIntosh Bluff on the Tombigbee River. In 1820 it was moved to Blakeley, being there until 1868 when it was moved to Daphne.

## Court House Moved From Daphne In 1901 To Bay Minette Caused Excitement And Some Dissension

### Historical Event Is Interesting Page In Baldwin's Growth

● Everyone familiar with the present county seat at Bay Minette will be surprised to know that 38 years ago it was a different story and that the removal of the court house from Daphne to Bay Minette on October 1, 1901, constitutes an incident as exciting as it is historical.

An act passed by the legislature provided for the removal of the court house to Bay Minette but citizens of Daphne were against the move and George Bryant of Cavanac, now Barnwell, sheriff at the time, and M. O. Underwood, of the county board of revenue, were also against the move.

#### Take Matters In Hand

Taking matters in their own hands and forgetting to issue a writ of enjoiner in their haste to secure the county records, citizens of Bay Minette, with a caravan of teams went down to effect the removal. They camped outside Daphne the night of August 30 and the next day on the pretext of putting a prisoner in jail, a number of Bay Minettes gained entrance into the jail. Sheriff Bryant had already been sent on a tour in south Baldwin to get a prisoner that did not exist. Captain Joe Pose, old Eastern Shore resident, chuckles to this day at this trickery and adds that if Bryant had been present the jail would have never been entered.

Concealed on their person the Bay Minette citizens had crowbars and other implements with which they began to remove the bars, cells and other jail furnishings. Judge Charles Hall, in sympathy with the movement, permitted them to load the county records on their wagons and with the es-

entials of a new county seat, the people of Bay Minette made their way home.

#### Daphne Citizens Object

Some Daphne citizens crossed the bay to Mobile with the intention of taking the train to Bay Minette and regaining the records but people of Mobile persuaded them against the rash move.

The case was carried to the State Supreme Court by partisans of Daphne and they won a decision at first, but a rehearing by Judge Tyson reversed the decision in favor of Bay Minette. This closed the incident. Here the court house has remained since and the people of Daphne have entirely forgotten the matter and instead recognize Bay Minette as the logical site for a county seat and prefer instead their normal school and resort trade.

#### Enraged Commissioner Resigns

Marsh O. Underwood was so enraged at the proceedings that he resigned and Pat J. Cooney, only two or three years out of his native Ireland, was appointed to fill the vacancy. Jesse Kessler, clerk of the probate office and connected with county government for over 40 years called the author's attention to the present plaque at the court house entrance, containing an indenture where Underwood's name was chipped out to place Cooney's in its stead.

Though this is the stormiest era of Baldwin County government it is not the earliest. The first county seat of Baldwin was at McIntosh Bluff on the Tombigbee. In 1820 it was transferred to Blakeley, and by the same act of the legislature the county court of Mobile was directed to sell the court house at McIntosh Bluff and divide the proceeds among Monroe, Mobile and Baldwin counties. The second court house at Blakeley,

## Hog Raising In County Can Be Made Successful

### Farmers Encouraged To Raise More Pork And Beef

● Successful meat packing houses in Mobile and the peanut belt of Southwest Alabama and cheaper methods of increasing hog poundage used by local farmers indicate that nothing should prevent meat packing houses from being successful in Baldwin County.

Annually stock raisers of the district send their hogs to Mobile or Montgomery to be made into the cured product there while if a local packing industry were started shipping costs would be less and farmers would find added inducement to raise more hogs. Local farmers are usually content to raise enough pork for family consumption and many fail to do even that and have to buy meat from stores.

#### Bacon Is High

Hogs, which at date of writing bring from 7 to 9c sell for 15 and 30c in the form of dry salt meat and high grade breakfast bacon respectively. The margin between the two prices could be eliminated with some cooperative curing house that would cure pork for a certain price or for a part of the meat. Privately-owned packeries would offer the farmer a better market and if a hog raiser would profit from selling hogs on the market he would likewise profit from raising enough to supply home needs along with his others.

#### New Feeds Used

An increased use of legumes and cover crops and substitution of cheaper fatteners for corn, now

built at a cost of \$2,000, was the county seat until 1868, when an act of the legislature provided for its removal to Daphne. The first court in Daphne was held under the oaks in front of the Dryer Hotel and the grand jury held their session on a platform built high in the tree limbs.

● Baldwin County has an average rainfall of 62 inches each year with even distribution the year 'round, as a rule. This is one of the highest rainfalls reported anywhere in the nation.

● William Bartram, famous naturalist, studied the plant growth on the Eastern Shore of the county in 1775. Some of the unusual specimens that he took home with him to England may still be seen in the Fothergill's Gardens in London.

● Maldonado, a Spanish explorer, was one of the earliest people to visit Baldwin County, arriving here in 1513 to wait in vain for DeSoto, already dead, to return with his troops.

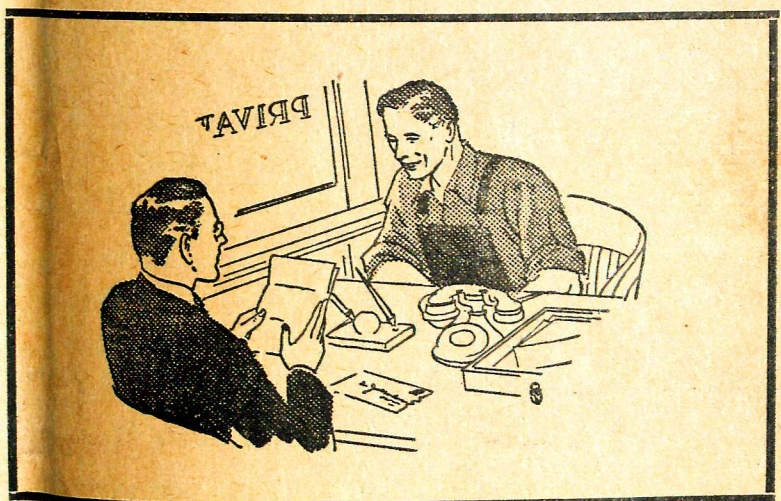
● Will Silvers, old-time resident of Stockton, knew how to outsmart the Yankees and save his valuable country-cured hams. He tied them in the limbs of a tall tree because he knew that a Yankee would never look toward heaven.

● Miss Marietta Johnson, founder of the Organic School at Fairhope, is nationally recognized as an educator and was called upon to make an exhibit at the Century of Progress Fair in Chicago.

● There are people of almost every nationality in Baldwin County: French, Croats, Germans, Poles, Russians, Greeks, Swedes, Scotch, Irish, English and even a few Republicans.

at a high price, by county farmers is the initial step toward profits from hog farming. Pears, potato culls, skim milk and other products for which farmers have no sale and no available use can be turned into pork, and chufas, peanuts and sweet potatoes can be turned into meat at cheaper costs than corn or commercial feed.

There is a wide gap from individually-owned smoke houses on farms to large scale packing industries but there is no reason why local farmers can not bridge it. Plenty of pork, bacon and sausage is one of the first essentials of a successful live-at-home farm program. If a farmers can not be induced to market more hogs at least they should be encouraged to supply their home needs.



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# Baldwin Has State's Most Extensive Road System

## 200 Miles Of Highways Hard-Surfaced To Surpass All Rural Counties

### Engineer In Charge With Supervision Of Commission to Assist

Approximately 200 miles of hard-surfaced roads and more than 2200 miles of soil, clay and gravel roads comprising the best paved and most extensive road system in the state is Baldwin's boast with the credit for recent road building progress going to the county's modern county-wide unit system adopted in 1931.

Upkeep of the road system is no small task for around 300 miles of the county's roads are sandy shore-line highways along Mobile Bay, Perdido Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. In order to provide quick trucking for thousands of farmers and lumbermen of the county a well-kept system of farm-to-market roads must be maintained. Increased tourist traffic in south Baldwin necessitates adequate travelling facilities.

Until 1926 the county, like others in the state, maintained roads through the county board of revenue, composed of four district commissioners and the probate judge. Each commissioner was given the care of roads in his district and funds were divided between them. There being no paved roads at the time, county roads were poorly maintained because of the inefficiency and unweildiness of the system.

Between 1926 and 1931, as an experiment, the county gave an engineer jurisdiction over a pri-

mary system apart from the road revenues. This plan, too, was inadequate, because not having complete control the engineer was prohibited by district boundaries and political maneuvering from necessary action.

#### Beebe Introduces Bill

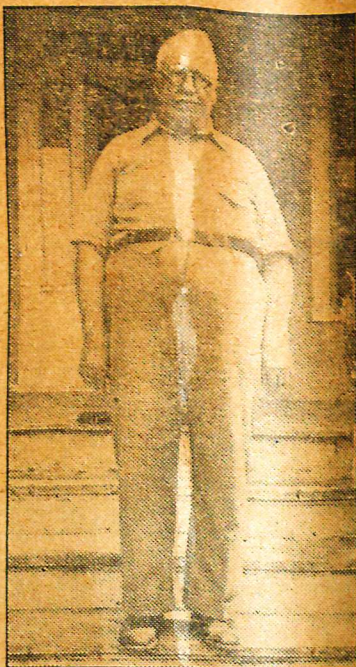
In 1931 W. C. Beebe, then representative from the county, passed an act originated and sponsored by a county-wide organization providing for the junking of the old commissioners court of control and appointing a county engineer, giving him complete control under the jurisdiction of the entire commission. Under the engineer were eight patrol units, each covering a patrol zone, estimated on the mileage basis. Each unit consisted of a crawler tractor, 1½ ton dump truck, tools and a storage house.

Each male citizen formerly paid \$6 a month road exemption tax, resulting in an annual revenue of \$12,000 to the county. This tax was abandoned in 1932 and the county had to rely on the two cents gasoline tax, but in October prior to that year an increased gasoline tax of 1 cent gave an added \$1500 to \$2000 a month revenue. This fund, instead of being spent foolishly on grading dirt roads was allowed to accumulate until 1935 when the first link of the extensive paved road system of the county was started.

#### Operates On Cash Basis

Inheriting \$7,000 in unpaid bills from the 1930 administration the new regime of 1931 paid these bills and since has operated on a month-

Jason Malbis



Of all the European immigrants who have chosen Baldwin County for a home, none have been any more successful than Jason Malbis and the colony of Greeks he settled near Loxley with him.

Mr. Malbis owns a nursery, dairy, ice plant, cannery and farm on "the colony" and in Mobile he owns a bakery and considerable city property.

ly cash basis. An approximate \$60,000 in revenues defrays the cost of maintenance on the county roads while the state and WPA have cooperated on the building of hard-surfaced roads.

Patrolmen of each district send a monthly report to the county engineer, who in turn makes a

report to the commissioners court. As the cost is known to each patrolman there is quite a bit of competition and as a result costs are pared. At the end of the year the total fiscal expenses are audited and broken up to be made public through newspapers. Reports are also sent direct to interested parties.

#### Approved By Brookings

The Baldwin County plan was recommended by Brookings Institute, a famous bureau of government research, as an improvement over the existing system in other counties of the state. It has attracted notice from neighboring counties, many of which have observed the progress of the road system here with envy.

From the adoption of the plan in 1931, when a 12-mile stretch of U. S. 31 was the only paved road in the county, to the present time every national and state highway has been paved or black-topped except about 25 miles of state road No. 59 north of Stockton.

The county engineer has jurisdiction over the location and construction of all roads in the county and by virtue of the authority in his hands has saved money and improved county roads through efficiency of operation. As an example, the county makes its own concrete pipes with the aid of WPA labor at a saving of 40 per cent over the price paid when pipes were brought. Four hundred miles of new roads have been added and new road equipment is constantly being bought.

#### Continued Improvements

The initial step of the present highway improvement began in 1936 when 41 miles of double bituminous surface-treated roads were

constructed with a width of 20 feet, using gravel as a base.

Continuing the work, new additions made following 1936 include a 10-mile stretch of pavement from Bay Minette to Stockton, the 15-mile Point Clear road from Bridgehead to Bailey's Creek through Daphne and Fairhope and the 15-mile blacktopping from Foley through Elberta to the Florida line at Lillian Bridge.

Started first as a federal transient camp project but completed as a national park project, a 22-mile, 300 foot parkway with a 20 foot surface from state highway No. 3 east to Fort Morgan was completed, giving tourists access to the historic old fort. U. S. 31, already complete from Perdido to Stapleton, was paved from Stapleton to Cochrane Bridge.

Other pavement included the the Robertsedale-Foley road, called the "Sibley Holmes Trail."

#### Newer Additions

More recent additions, completed largely in 1938, included the Silverhill-Fairhope road, 6 miles long as a farm to market road, constructed by a private contractor. Eight miles from Stapleton to Loxley was paved. The 11-mile route from Foley to Gulf Shores has been completed and a bascule bridge is being built over the intracoastal canal to replace the inadequate pontoon bridge. City paving in Summerdale is complete except for final coats of paving material.

Proposed programs scheduled for near action include improvements in the Caswell-Bear Point road, paving of the Scenic Highway from Magnolia Springs to the Eastern Shore and paving of highway No. 59 from Stockton to Little River.



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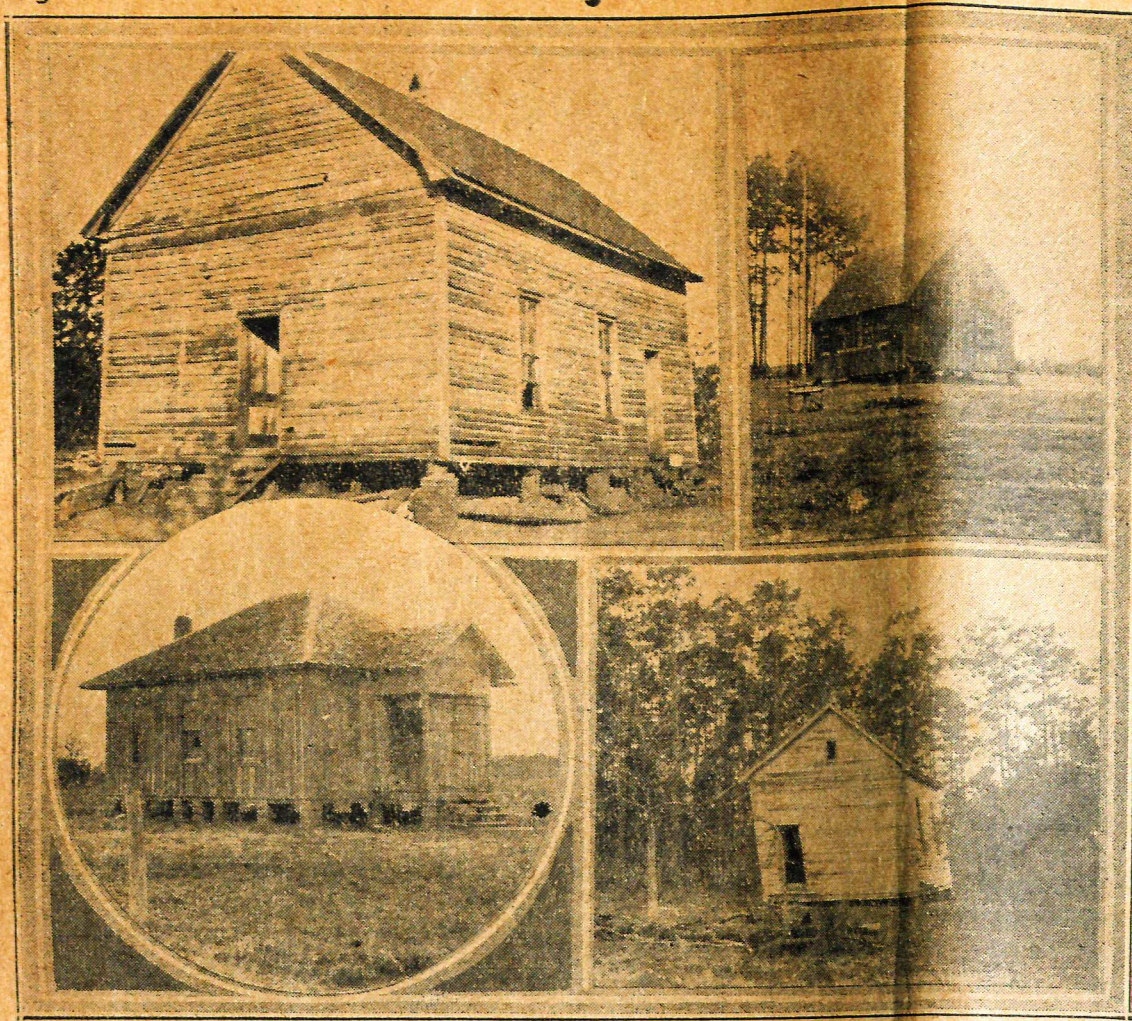


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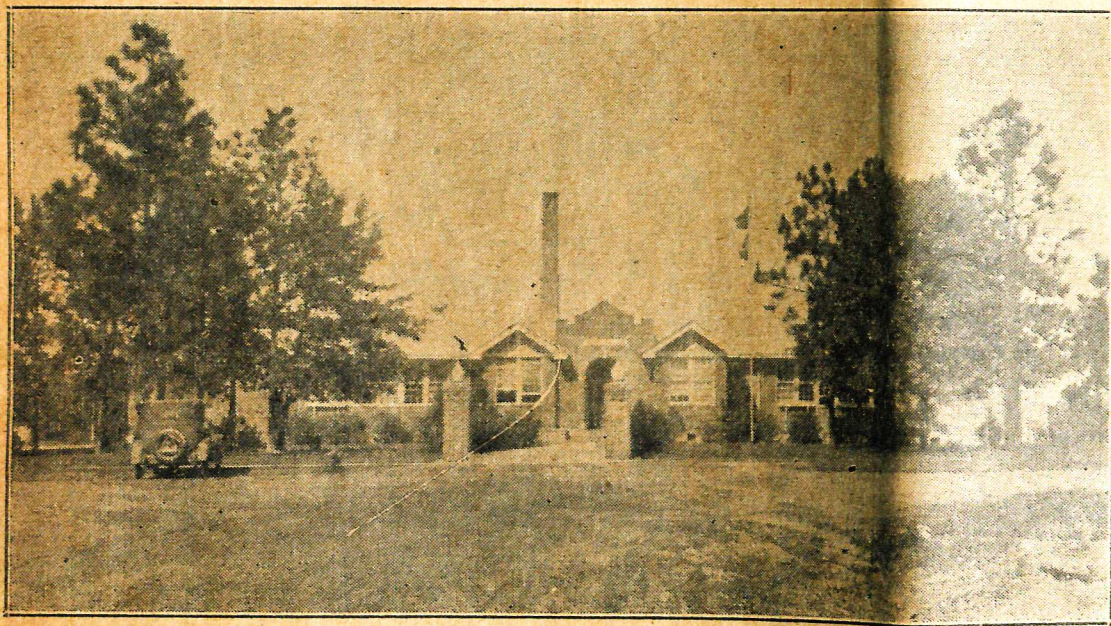
## TYPICAL SCHOOLS OF BALDWIN PRIOR TO CONSOLIDATIONS



■ Shown above are a group of school buildings of the Baldwin County system twenty-five years ago and previous to that time, which were typical of the school structures here then. These structures may have been considered adequate at that time, but since, much progress has been made in teaching the public the value of education and they would not consider such schools nearly adequate for modern education.

However, these typical old units played their part in the drama of advancement of the schools here and will long be remembered, but only as a contrast to the improved schools and educational facilities of the present day.

## TYPICAL COUNTY SCHOOL IN BALDWIN AT PRESENT TIME—



■ The above picture of the Baldwin County High School is just one of many modern brick school buildings in the county at the present time. Most of the buildings are steam heated and the one above is large enough to accommodate 500 high school students. Just to the right of this building a modern vocational agriculture unit has just been completed. And to the rear is an even bigger and better building to accommodate about 500 grammar school students.

## Bay Steamers Are Part Of History

● As greatly as the toll-free bridge improves transportation to Mobile, the passing of the bay steamers removes one of the former pleasant experiences of traveling that is only partly compensated by the rapid speed of motor vehicles.

The Pleasure Bay was the last of the stately walking beam side-wheelers making daily trips from Fairhope to Mobile. The courtesies of the captain and crew were, according to the best tradition of the old steamboat days, fine and relieved the time of 1½ hours spent in making the voyage.

Captain Joe Pose's motor driven Josie, made daily trips to and from Daphne with equally pleasant service and many made the passage just for the fun of it.

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## County Has Many Small Historic Communities

● Just because they are small don't neglect the smaller settlements in South Baldwin, because all of them have interesting histories.

### BON SECOUR

Bon Secour, for instance, has history reaching back to early French settlers who founded the picturesque fishing village on the shore of Bon Secour River, which flows into Bon Secour Bay. For scores of years this place has been famous for the fine quality of oysters produced there and farmers of the section are among the earliest to market garden produce, including watermelons which they ship by boat and truck to distant markets.

### ORANGE BEACH

Many residents around Birmingham are probably as familiar with the village of Orange Beach as local settlers. Throughout the state fishermen and lovers of salt water bathing have begun to frequent the place. The annual Baldwin County Deep Sea Rodeo is held nearby and Boy Scouts and 4-H boys of the district have their summer camps at the resort. Amil and Herman Callaway, natives of the village, have taught hundreds of novices the mysteries of trolling for king mackerel, spanish mackerel, ling, hardtails and cavalla.

### CASWELL

Caswell, on Bear Point, is not only one of the oldest post offices in the county, but it is also the home of the Walkers, who own some of the best fishing boats and equipment to be found anywhere. They are prepared to accommodate fishing parties and know the best seasons for gulf fishing.

### YUPON

Yupon, on Week's Bay, takes its name from the green bush with

red berries, resembling holly. Indian braves made a black drink from these berries and partook heavily before going on the war path to make them brave and fearless. Guides thereabouts are equipped to take fishermen to places where the redfish and the speckled trout lie.

### MIFLIN

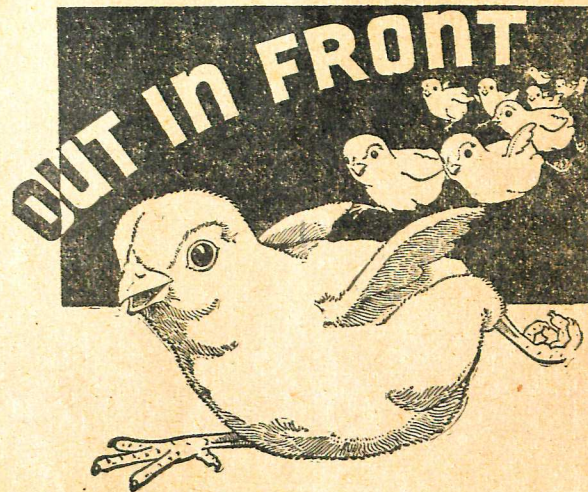
Miflin, on Bay la Launch, an arm of Perdido Bay, was formerly the landing from which the mail boat sailed, when the entire section was served by sail boats. Later power boats took their place and, good weather permitting, made punctual schedules with their mail, light freight and occasional passengers. Boats, bait and guides may be obtained there for both salt and fresh water fishing.

### LILLIAN

Lillian, near the Florida line, on Perdido Bay, has the only toll bridge in the state, but officials of both Florida and Alabama are working to make the bridge toll-free. The paved road from Foley to Pensacola passes through the town but the land development expected by Charles Barclay, when he built a resort hotel there several years ago, has never been realized. In the meantime it is an excellent fishing spot and there is still opportunity for the town to experience a boom.

### MARLOW

Marlow, on Fish River, lies nine miles west of Foley and in the old days handled freight from Mobile to southern sections of the county. The steamer Baldwin made regular trips to Mobile, carrying passengers as well as freight. Northern tourists, attracted by the mild climate, good fishing and beautiful scenes, are making their winter homes there.



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# Baldwin County Has A Modern Education System

## Consolidation Largely Cause of Advancement

### In 1918 There Were 90 Small White Schools In County

A glance at school conditions of Baldwin County fifty years ago, or less, is enough to convince even the uninformed what great strides have been made in the county's educational setup.

Rural consolidation and improved roads have done more than any other factor toward school progress. To accommodate the larger enrollments brought about by consolidation, a building program of over a million dollars has been expended in constructing new buildings and improving others. In 1918 there were 90 white schools in the county, 60 of them being one-room buildings.

Many of these buildings were totally unfit for the purpose, being poorly ventilated and constructed and almost impossible to heat in winter. Although few improvements were made in his administration, much of the credit for the present school improvement must be given to J. S. Lambert, the county superintendent who served from 1900 to 1918. Then consolidation was largely an untried movement and the county lacked the money to build improved schools and roads, but he helped to establish the sentiment and conditions upon which his successor, S. M. Tharp, built.

#### First School Established In 1799

As early as 1799, William Pierce established a school at Mims Landing at the present site of Tensaw—the first public school of the state. As new settlements sprung up in the county, patrons of education would often teach the children in their homes. Until the birth of a county educational system around 1900, education was a private affair in the hands of the individual himself. Usually families of a community banded together and hired a teacher to instruct their pupils.

Accredited schools, uniform courses of study and the unit standard of computing credits was unknown at the time. The few who attended colleges from the county at the time were usually required to take entrance requirements. Athletic competition between schools was unheard of and there was little or no interest in extra-curricular affairs.

Often the community citizens of the gay nineties would gather at the school house for old-fashioned spelling bees or speaking contests. Long winded oratory by boys and flowery poetic selections by girls were in their heyday then. Because schools were the only community center, other than the church, they were often the scene of public gatherings and often the same building served for both a school and a church.

Superintendent S. M. Tharp, elected to succeed Mr. Lambert in 1918, began his term about the time agitation for consolidation began. At the time many pupils walked five miles or more each way in order to attend school.

#### Consolidation Began At Rosinton

Beginning at Rosinton, the consolidation of most schools in the county was soon made and today there is not a school in the county that is not served by at least one bus. Practically all these new structures are of brick, modern throughout and made to the specifications of the state department of education.

Most of the schools have been equipped with electricity, plumbing and modern heating systems. Better equipment was used for the schools' laboratories and the libraries have been improved. Many of the school auditoriums have become centers for Parent-Teacher Associations, Garden

Clubs, plays and other activities.

#### 8,000 Pupils In County

For the 1937-38 school year over eight thousand pupils were enrolled in Baldwin County schools with a teaching force of 242, both white and colored. Around fifty busses carry pupils to school centers, one bus traveling 38 miles each way every school day. Bay Minette, Fairhope, Robertsdale and Foley have accredited high schools, while a high school at Summerdale is unaccredited. Perdido, Stockton and Loxley have accredited junior high schools and the county is scattered with grammar schools.

Bad roads, which were largely a hindrance to transportation, have largely been paved or graveled and consequently bus travel is not as uncomfortable as formerly.

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Many communities provide homes for the teaching staff and other efforts are being made to improve the lot of the teachers. Educational requirements for teachers, are gradually being raised and today it is impossible to teach without at least two years of normal school training and high school teachers are required to have four years of teacher training, as a rule.

#### P.-T. A. Does Good Work

The local Parent-Teachers associations of the county have done creditable work toward bringing school problems before the public and creating better school conditions. Some of their work includes providing hot school lunches, securing better heating or lighting arrangements, school improvements and beautifications, as well as to acquaint the parents with the teachers. The state and county boards of health make medical examinations and vaccinations and adopt other methods to improve the health of school chil-

dren. Mrs. John Hadley, county attendance supervisor, has improved the attendance.

Superintendent Tharp has had good results with the furnishing of free text books to first, second and third grade pupils. The pupils take good care of the books and save them for future classes to use.

#### Have Vocational Agriculture

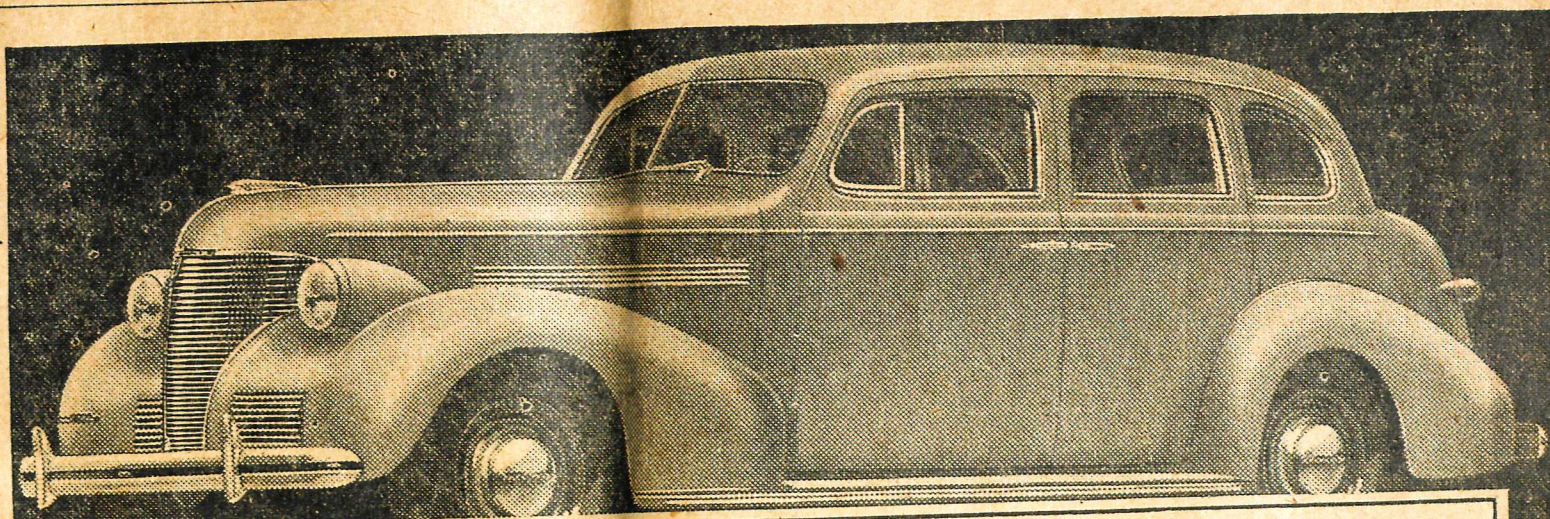
Three high schools, Foley, Robertsdale and Bay Minette have vocational agricultural buildings and employ a full time teacher to instruct boys in the best farming methods. In connection with this, the schools own plots of land which the boys use and, with the cooperation of the county farm agent, experiments are made to determine the best growing conditions. Many of the boys secure pure bred livestock and many have made good records and have won prizes at fairs and exhibitions with their projects. High schools of the county have teachers equipped to give girls training in cooking, sewing and other home dem-

onstrations courses.

With the additions being made to the Stockton, Loxley, Swift's Landing, Robertsdale and Summerdale schools, buildings will be further improved. New buildings are under construction at Bel-forest and Daphne, while Foley and Bay Minette have new vocational agriculture buildings. A room has been added to the Rosinton school and one has been added to the Elberta school. The county plans to add eight rooms to the Fairhope school within the year.

Thus has the county's educational system progressed until it is one of the best in the state.

In 1771, Point Clear and Montrose were the only settlements on the Eastern Shore of the county, a map made by the British Admiralty shows. Weggs, near the site of Fairhope, Croftown at the mouth of Fly Creek and Dunford, further north, were owned by the Governor of Mobile, a French official.



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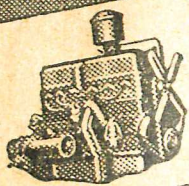
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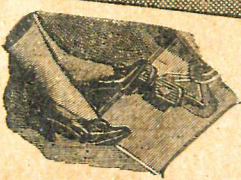
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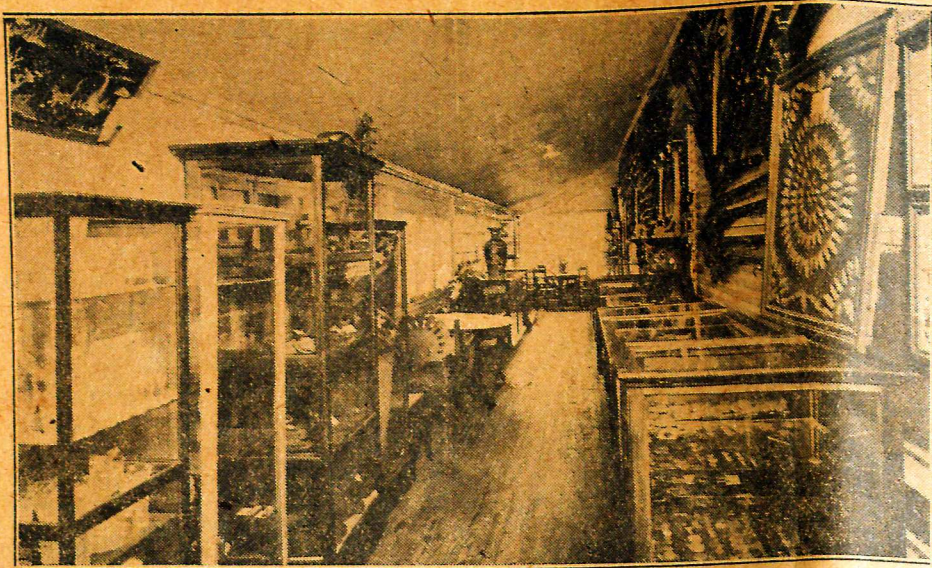
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The most complete collection of historical objects gathered in Baldwin County is that of Charles Burkel, at Magnolia Beach, immediately south of Fairhope, where Mr. Burkel has his museum attractively displayed for public view in connection with his cafe and dancing pavilion. In addition to many Baldwin relics, the collection shows articles, including arms, from many parts of the world.

## Private Museum Prided By Fairhope Collector

### Burkel's Collection Consists Of Many Historical Pieces

Charles Burkel, urbane proprietor of Burkel's Dancing Pavilion at Fairhope, not only works hard at his amusement center, but takes pride in his private museum, built up by a lifetime of collecting, and considered one of the largest and most valuable private museums in the South. Several years ago Mr. Burkel refused an offer of \$35,000 for his collection. Indian pottery, arrow heads, bows and arrows, deer horns, buffalo horns, cannon balls, porcelain, valuable pictures, historic flags, hunting implements of South Sea Islanders, ancient coins, flags and a valuable collection of guns, crossbows and pistols constitute parts of his notable collection.

#### Born And Educated in Germany

Mr. Burkel was born and educated at Munich, Germany, and at an early age came to America. For 23 years he was chef de luxe of the Senate Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa., and had the distinction of serving Presidents Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and Wilson numerous times while there.

Afterwards he traveled over Europe and for three years stayed among the Pygmy headquarters of the Luzon Islands. He displays a war belt given to him by a Samoan chief as a distinction for slaying an enemy. Burkel's next eight years were spent as manager of Buck Horn Inn at Bay Minette, famed for its food and collections alike and for over ten years he has been the operator of Burkel's Pavilion. His large establishment can accommodate many for dances and in winter he uses the floor for a skating rink. A worthwhile hobby in his spare time is making floor mats from discarded automobile tires.

#### Has Collection Of 66 Guns

His collection of 66 guns and 25 pistols is famous among collectors

circles and Burkel values each gun at \$1,000. The first magazine carbine, invented by Whitman and Scott, is on display with famous muzzle-loaders, among which are Henry George's Tharpe buffalo rifle and a musket owned by Buffalo Bill Cody. One gun evidently saved a man's life many times, for it was owned by 104 year-old Bill Thompson of Stockton when he died.

A musket made by William Pierce of Pierce's Landing, Tensaw, is of local manufacture and was made for King Tate, Chief Red Eagle's half brother. The gun has killed 84 deer and was used after Tate's death by Jerome Fountain, a negro. Another percussion, flint lock rifle is a Bowitzer made in Hayneville, Ala., and used by William Pierce from 1779-1786.

Other war implements include a crossbow from Fichteneck Castle near Munich, then in Barvaria, and a bow and arrow made by the Indian, Dauphine Reid, great-grandson of Alexander McGillivray and half-brother of Red Eagle.

#### Indian Relics Collected Locally

Most of the Indian collection comes from Bottle Creek mound near Stockton and include pottery, discoids used in games, cooking implements and arrow heads.

Among his rare coins are found a bronze Roman coin struck in 82 A. D., during Emperor Augustus' reign and valued at over \$350 and a coin made during the reign of King Ptolemy V of VI, ancient rulers of Greece and Egypt. His flag collection includes the flag from Admiral Raphael Semmes' "Alabama", sunk in 1864 by the "Kearsarge" in the English Channel, and an American flag carried by Union forces during the Civil War.

A porcelain pipe brought by McDonald, an Englishman, to Blakeley is in the museum and one of the prize pictures of the col-

A law that has never been repealed prohibits the sale of liquor within five miles of the Tensaw Baptist Church. In 1870 members of the church petitioned the legislature to pass such a bill.

Although not founded until 1897 the name Silverhill appears in express offices as early as 1861. The name originated from an early inhabitant who didn't use any kind of money except silver.

The first public school house in the state was started at Pierce's Landing on the Tensaw River in 1799.

lection is "Le Danse Bacchante", taken from Chateau-Tiery and made for Henry II, King of Navarre.

## County Has Many Bays, Rivers, Much Water Frontage

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Baldwin County's 546 miles of tide water frontage, which we challenge as unequalled in the nation, is not the only reason for the excellent waterways of the county but a number of bays, creeks and rivers, all draining into the Gulf of Mexico, stand out as examples of our stream facilities.

Eleven bays, Perdido, Bon Se-

Attention Mississippi papers! Not long ago a negro boarded the west-bound train at Bay Minette and told his admiring friends, "Goodbye, ole United State, I'se gwin leave you now, I'se gwine to Mississippi, I is."

cour, John, Weeks, La Lanche, Mobile, D'Olive, Duckers, Minette, Grand and Wolf, surround or are located in the county.

In addition there are thirteen rivers in the county, Little, Mobile, Alabama, Tombigbee, Tensas, Blackwater, Middle, Perdido, Styx, Fish, Magnolia, Apalachee and Blakeley. Some of these rivers are small however, being little more than creeks. Creeks are even more numerous and branches are to lengthy to warrant mention.

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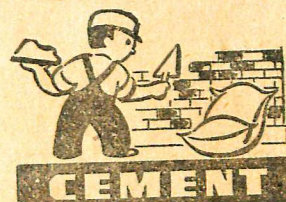


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# Blakeley Is Scene of The Last Battle of Civil War

## Use to Be City Of 8000 People, Is Now Dead

### Old Site Has a Good Port And May Be Revived to Old Glory

• Turn right (north) from Bay Minette-Mobile Highway, 11.4 miles from Bay Minette court house, thence 6.6 miles to county road. Turn left past unpainted farm house and follow trail to Blakeley Landing, on Blakeley river.

There is a sign at the left of the county road pointing the way and the distance to the site of the deserted city and seaport is approximately two miles.

Louis Bankester, Sr., who lives at the farm house near the fork of the road referred to, is a willing and intelligent guide to the site of Fort Blakeley, the old cemetery and the spot where soldiers who fell in this last battle of the Confederacy before the surrender of General Lee, were buried. He has relics of the fight there and his charges as guide are modest.

A sign attached to an ancient oak tree near the fort site and the river landing tells that Blakeley was laid out in 1814 and incorporated in 1820; that its estimated population in 1828 was 8,000 and as late as 1861, had 5,000 population. This marker and the one at the old grave yard was placed there by the Baldwin County Historical Society.

A pile of bricks near an avenue of live oaks shows where the Baldwin County Court House and jail once stood. A modern sign board shows that this street was known as Washington Avenue; once the business center of a thriving city, with numerous stores, saloons, an inn, stage coach line to the world outside; steamboat landing, brickyard, shipyard, where steamboats and schooners were built and a mercantile firm that did a general banking business.

There are now only three small frame houses within what were the corporate limits of the city. Two of these are occupied by negro men and one by a white family. Cutting pulpwood for Mobile paper mills and turpentine operations give employment to the surrounding community, which is sparsely settled.

Bromley, a village near Bay Minette Creek, nearby, was formerly a Star Route postoffice, but Blakeley now gets its mail from Hurricane, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

#### Dearest Dead Town

Of all Alabama "dead towns," and there must be a hundred of them, not counting the Indian villages, none known to this writer aspired and arose so high and then sank so low as did Blakeley.

Northern men and northern capital rushed to the place, which was selected to become Alabama's seaport metropolis. Vessels drawing twelve feet could reach its wharves from rivers, bay and gulf, at a time when the usable depth of Mobile channel was only 5½ feet.

Blakeley had a ridge road connecting it with the National stage route system at a time when the delta and other marshes surrounding Mobile appeared a barrier to land transportation from all directions. The real estate promoters had strong talking points for a time after the Spaniards were driven out of possession in 1813.

Yellow fever and malaria epidemics took heavy toll of the unimmune and unacclimated population of Blakeley and long before the Civil War Mobile began to absorb the business and then the

residents of the place. Houses were pulled down and ferried across the delta, so Mobile grew as Blakeley shrunk.

#### High Prices Help Kill Town

Real estate speculators helped to kill Blakeley with the high boom prices they placed on business and residential sites and other lands in and near the city. Josiah Blakeley was a typical Connecticut adventurer, traveler and speculator, who came to Alabama in 1806 after a period of residence in Cuba. The Spaniards claimed the southern part of Alabama at that time and it is a matter of record that Blakeley took the oath of allegiance to Spain in the hope of obtaining a Spanish grant to Alabama lands. But he bought the tract that included the city that was to perpetuate his name, brought other northern men into the deal and he and his associates founded the city. Their descriptions of the place and its prospective future would have done credit to the Florida land boomers that came more than a century later.

The Mississippi Territorial legislature passed numerous acts regarding the city and its commerce, created a port and harbor authority, provided for regulation of pilotage and the creation of courts. Josiah Blakeley died in 1815 and the place of his burial is not recorded by his biographers. His associates continued to bring in settlers and to advertise the place, which reached its high point in population and commerce about 1830, when the drift to Mobile soon settled the fate of the place and its glory departed.

Many of the older houses in Mobile contain bricks and other materials that were ferried across the delta as Blakeley was abandoned following successive epidemics. The reasons for the bad health conditions that prevailed are not hard to determine. The sanitation of the place was defective, even for that period. A gully paralleling Washington Avenue furnished the town's principal drainage to the river and near this natural ditch was situated a magnificent spring, which flows strong to this day and furnished the old town with its principal source of water supply. The marsh area which it supplied with moisture was a perpetual breeding place for disease-bearing varieties of mosquitoes. The wonder is not that the death rate was high, but that any lived to tell the tale.

#### Blakeley Has Good Port

Blakeley landing is about three miles up the river from the site of the Old Spanish Fort, built by Galvez in 1779, in his operations against the English claimants who were extending their holdings along the Gulf. It is within plain view of the taller buildings and smokestacks of Mobile, about 10 miles distant across rivers and delta, in an air line. The old ferry between the two points was a pole boat which used a sail when there was a fair wind and also sweeps, where the water was too deep to reach bottom with a pole. The passage required from one to three hours.

A gravestone in the cemetery tells that James W. Peters and his partner, Russel Stebins, were among the "enterprising young gentlemen from the North who commenced in the wilderness and founded the town of Blakeley in 1817"; that Peters was a son of General Absalom Peters and came from New York state. He died in 1822, aged 31. The same stone records that Henry Boyd, a son

of General Boyd, of New York City, died the same year at the age of 21. Another inscription on the same shaft of white marble tells of the death of Major George P. Peters, another son of Gen. Absalom Peters and gives the further information that the Major was in command at Fort Gadsden, E. F., at the time of his death, in 1819, when he was 30 years old. It also gives information that the old general's residence as being in New Hampshire.

Most of the graves in the old cemetery were originally marked with wooden slabs, long since gone to decay, but there remain permanent markers to show that there were important people in Blakeley once upon a time.

Blakeley's avenues were named for noted Americans, including Franklin, Jefferson and Baldwin, while its cross streets were named for trees and flowers, including Magnolia, Olive and Oak streets.

#### War-Time Blakeley

At the time Major General F. Steele, with his Federal forces launched his attack on Blakeley in April, 1865, the town, though it was the county seat of Baldwin, had dwindled to a population of about 100 citizens and a few slaves. Its front of dry ground on the river was a mile and a half in extent and on each side were areas of low and swampy ground, densely covered with woods, weeds and vines. The ridge of higher ground broadened as it entered the natural forest of long-

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#### The Site Where A City Once Thrived



■ The once thriving city and seaport of Blakeley is probably the deadest "Dead Town" in Alabama. The upper picture shows the site of the Confederate fort, near the Appalachee river. Below is a view of Washington Avenue, once the business center of the city. It is still a magnificent avenue of oaks. The insert shows one of Blakeley's three present-day houses.

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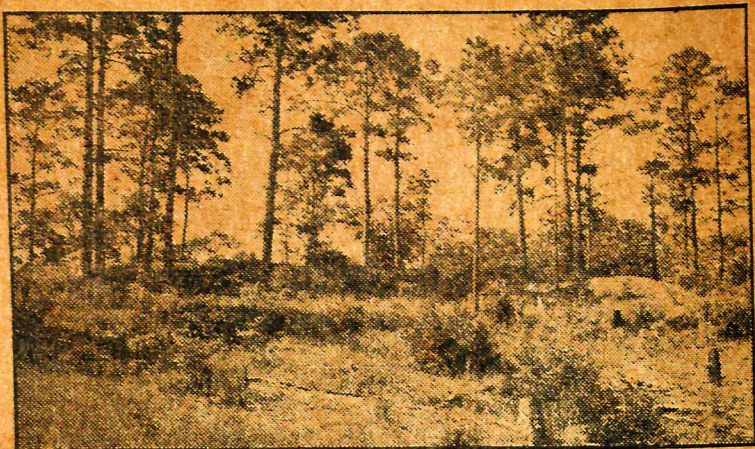
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## Blakeley Is The Scene Of The Last Battle Of Civil War

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leaf yellow pine, back from the river.

About 500 yards above the river landing was a brickyard and near this spur of ground fifty feet higher than the river level, a small stockade fort was first built. The court house stood about 200 yards from the landing, almost hidden by the drooping branches of surrounding live oaks. It was a two-story brick structure, painted white and its jail was in the basement. Scattered about nearby were five or six unpainted and neglected wooden buildings in what had been the business center of the town. The Stockton and the Pensacola roads converged there, but the stage lines had been abandoned and the roads had washed into holes and gullies.

## War Did Not Kill Town

The war did not kill Blakeley, it only emphasized the deadness of the place.

On the high ground a mile back from the river was built a semicircle of Confederate breastworks three miles in length, the line resting on a piece of relatively high ground near the river, fortified with an earthen fort thrown up around a framework of pine logs. There were eight other strong points on the line and fifty or more pieces of artillery.

A front line of rifle pits and abatis served as a check to enemy sharpshooters and skirmishers and to discourage cavalry attacks. The trees had been felled along the front to give a clear field of fire for the artillery. General St. John Lidell, in command of the Confederate forces, had about 3,500 men, many of whom were veterans who had seen service on other fronts. Generals Cockrell and Thomas each commanded a

division composed of men from Missouri and Mississippi. There were also units of Alabama reserves in the line.

There were many negro infantrymen in the attacking forces and these suffered heavy losses in the first assault, which was made on Sunday morning, April 2. The line of investment extended to Minette Bay (from which Bay Minette took its name) a distance of two miles. Besides the negro units there were Iowa, Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Indiana troops in the line. While the siege of Blakeley continued day after day, the guns could be plainly heard from the longer and stronger Union and Confederate fronts at Spanish Fort's hard-fought field, three to five miles distant, on the south side of Minette creek and bay.

On April 9 the Federal forces made assaults all along the line. Word had reached the Confederates at Blakeley that the Spanish fort had fallen into Federal hands and its defenders had withdrawn or surrendered and the Confederates that could not get away laid down their arms. The war was over, but not the slaughter. Ground torpedoes that had been planted along the trails continued to take the lives or maim the limbs of stragglers or soldiers bent on errands of mercy, burying the dead or caring for the wounded.

Many of the Union and Confederate soldiers' remains were later removed to the Federal cemetery and "Soldiers' Rest," Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile.

## A Link With The Past

Louis Bankester, Sr., the guide, whose father was a courier with the Confederate forces, has heard his father tell about the fight and the evacuation of the works on the eighth day of the siege. The elder Bankester, then a boy of fifteen years, had fashioned a bomb-proof dug-out beneath the roots of an ancient oak immedi-

ately behind Redout No. 4, as the fort was called by the Yankees. He was fairly safe from enemy fire during the daytime and emerged at night for food and drink.

He was subject to the call of his officers, but performed most of his messenger service after the lull in firing that usually came with nightfall and began again with the dawn. The oak was repeatedly struck by artillery fire and the bullets of sharpshooters rickshotted from its sturdy limbs. Bankester was out foraging on the night of the evacuation, which was slow business because of the lack of transportation, so that only a small part of the garrison got away after reinforcements from Spanish Fort and other fronts made the surrender inevitable. He crawled aboard the last transport that left and reached Mobile the following morning, nearly naked and half starved. He returned to Blakeley after the war and reared a family in Baldwin county, not far from where his son now lives.

"The fall of Blakeley and the capture of its garrison left the Confederates with only 4,500 troops for the immediate defense of Mobile," says General Christopher Columbus Andrews in his report of the Campaign of Mobile. "This being too small a force to hold the city, they marched, on April 11th, to Meridian. General Maury followed at daylight on the 12th."

This report further states that "it was not General Canby's purpose, under any circumstances, to besiege Mobile from the land side. If the city had held out any longer he would have moved across the head of the bay by transports and pontoons and established batteries on the island in front of the city."

## Old Cannon Can Be Seen

An old rifled cannon which was doubtless intended for use against the city was found mounted on a barge near the battlefield and there remained for many years, until a storm washed it ashore near the mouth of one of the numerous delta creeks or bayous, where it remains to this day, sunk in the mud and overgrown with marsh canes. Louis Bankester is one of the few persons now living who knows its location.

General Steele did not have the hard pull to reach the scene of his battle on the Eastern Shore that General Canby's main force encountered. Steele's army marched north from Fort Barrancas and Pensacola at about the same time that Canby began his march from Fish river and other points of debarkation in Baldwin County.

Steele marched toward Montgomery, following the line of the railroad, now part of the L. & N. With 13,200 men, artillery and wagon trains he marched behind a screen of cavalry over the same route that Jackson had followed in 1818.

## Cemetery At Old Blakeley



■ Tombs still stand at Blakeley and bear the names of important people that once inhabited the town of 8,000 people. The city now is as quiet as the cemetery looks.

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