

Big Cypress Swamp



Loggers of the Lee Tidewater Cypress Company are shown bucking cypress logs in Big Cypress Swamp (1953). Bucking is the process of cutting a felled and delimbed tree into logs. At the height of its operations, Tidewater moved more than a third of a billion board feet of cypress from Collier County to its mill in Perry. The company was the world's largest cypress logger.

A glance at the past

Ambulance driver charged in crash

THE 80s

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DIXIE ESCAPEES SOUGHT IN TAYLOR

Authorities searched Taylor County in vain for two men who escaped from Cross City Correctional Institution in the back of a delivery truck.

AMBULANCE DRIVER CHARGED IN MULTIPLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT

An ambulance driver who was in the process of responding to an accident at the county landfill was charged with a three-vehicle pileup at the intersection of U.S. 19 and U.S. 98.

NAACP ASKS SCHOOLS TO CELEBRATE MLK DAY

Smith Belcher, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, appeared before the Taylor County School Board to follow up on a request he made earlier for the district to observe

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a school holiday.

CREAM OF THE CROP

State Senator Bill Grant stopped by Taylor County High School (TCHS) to congratulate Scott Pierson, Jeff Humphries and Steven Zip for their nominations to attend one of the U.S. military academies.

Pierson was nominated to attend Annapolis, Humphries to attend the Air Force Academy and Zip to attend West Point.

MAN PLAYING WITH STOLEN GUN SHOT

A Perry man was accidentally shot in the leg as he and some friends were playing with a stolen .38 caliber pistol.

COUNTY NOW FIRE RATED

The results of the county's Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluation were in, and property owners around the City of Perry, who were officially without fire ratings for a while, were once again rated.

COUPLE TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The children of David and Daisy Rogers invited family and friends to join them in celebrating their parents' 50th wedding

anniversary at reception planned in their honor Jan. 17, 1988, at Lakeside Baptist Church.

PWC ARTS AND CRAFTS WINNERS TOLD

The Perry Woman's Club held its annual Arts and Crafts Show on Jan. 12, 1988.

Judges for the event were: LaJune Stephens, Debbie Satterwhite and Priscilla Hunt.

Blue Ribbon winners were: baskets, Alma Lewis and Althea Slaughter; counted cross stitch, Rachel Clague, Deborah Humphries, Jenny Lou Schrenk and Althea Slaughter; crocheting, Coreane McDaniel; decorated wares, Betty Mills; dried flower arrangement, Coreane McDaniel; fabric craft, Coreane McDaniel; family sewing, Betty Mills; Florida materials, Coreane McDaniel; group entry (corn shuck wreaths), Coreane McDaniel, Inez Cone, Minnie Slaughter, Marion Borkluand, Mildred Glover and Jenny Lou Schrenk; needlepoint, Deborah Humphries; photography, Margie Stanberry; and quilts, Betty Mills.

SYRUP MAKIN'

Red Padgett's annual cane cookin' and breakfast attracted a crowd of about 100. Friends and relatives accounted for the majority of the folks gathered to sample the syrup, sausage, biscuits and homemade butter, but a sprinkling of elected officials was also in

evidence. Padgett said the annual affair came into being about 12 years ago when he decided to revive the art of syrup making "so the kids could see how it was done."

CANCER SOCIETY DONATION

At their December meeting, Vickie Beach and William Monroe from the Employees Community Services Fund of the Buckeye Cellulose Corporation, presented a donation to Alice Farrell, Jimmie Bennett and Lorine Keil for the American Cancer Society.

CHAMBER BURGLARIZED

The Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce was the target of burglars and police believed the culprits were juveniles.

Items reported stolen included: an American flag, an orange-colored wheel that measured distance, three or four cases of soft drinks, a cypress clock, Florida Championship Little League trophy, a plastic bucket of bubble gum and suckers and an upright vacuum cleaner.

NEW ARRIVAL

Robert Bryce Cade was born Jan. 11, 1988, at Madison Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, five and one-half ounces and was 21 inches long.

His parents were Angie Blair and Brad Cade.

Paternal grandmother was Gwen Cade of Perry. Maternal grandparents were Shirley and Rex Blair.

Jacob Michael Wilson Mike and Sandra (Coxwell) Wilson announced the birth of their son, Jacob Michael, on Dec. 19, 1988, at Tallahassee Community Hospital.

He weighed eight pounds, 11 and one-half ounces and was 21 inches long at birth.

Joshua Lee Griffin

Lisa Griffin announced the birth of her son, Joshua Lee Griffin, on Jan. 4, 1988, at Madison Hospital, weighing seven pounds, 12 and one-half ounces. He was 19 inches long at birth.

Grandparents were Dorothy Griffin and John Leport. Great-grandparents were Elsie and Charlie Futch, all of Perry.

Remember when...

The meanest man I ever knew

Good fences don't always make good neighbors.

Mr. Peanut, who lived right down the street from me when I was child, had all kinds of fences.

He had fences made of boards. He had fences made of chicken wire.

He even had an electric fence. The reason he had all these fences is because he was the meanest man I ever knew.

We couldn't walk through his yard or even take our time walking along the road and paths near his yard.

We couldn't retrieve our balls if they landed in his yard, garden or anywhere he could reach it before we could. We couldn't have any of the plums, pomegranates or pecans that fell from his trees across the fence.

We couldn't talk too loudly when passing his house or when passing him on the street.

And we couldn't take our time greeting him or calling him Mr. Peanut to his face. If we did by mistake, he would promptly correct us. "My name is Mr. Charles."

Violating any of these things that we weren't supposed to do could turn this already mean man into a real meanie.

No one seemed to be able to get along with Mr. Peanut, not even my grandmother. Mr. Peanut's inability to set horses with my grandmother was as true a sign as any that he was a descendant of Mr. Scrooge.

One day, when my brothers, cousins and I were walking by Mr. Peanut's house and made a mistake and stepped off the pavement onto the city's right-of-way, Mr. Peanut appeared on his second-floor porch and yelled, "Get off my grass!"

My brother, Ken, who was always the "mouthy" one of the bunch, responded, "This ain't your grass. This is the city's land."

"Tell you what," Mr. Peanut shouted, "Keep standing on the city's grass until I get there."

My brothers and my cousins, never ones to run from a fight unless I ran, shouted back, "Come on. We're waiting."

I tried to get them to step back on the road, but they wouldn't.

"I ain't going nowhere," Ken replied. "This is the city's land."

Then Tony threw in his two cents. "And ain't nobody scared of Mr. Peanut but you."

"I'm not scared of Mr. Peanut," I shot back.

"You may not be scared now," Mr. Peanut yelled, "but you will be."

Mr. Peanut hobbled down his steps, picked up a stick as he tottered across his yard, then hurried as fast as his feet could carry him toward us.

Right before Mr. Peanut got within striking distance, I took off running. Then my brothers and cousins followed.

Mr. Peanut chased us all the way to our front yard.

When my grandmother came outside and asked what was happening, he responded before we could. "I come to whip them boys of yours behind."

"No you didn't," my grandmother corrected him. "You can tell me what they did and if they were wrong, I'll whip them. But you're not."

Mr. Peanut, never one to back down, responded, "Sounds like you want to take the whipping for them."

"Ain't no fence holding you back," my grandmother responded. "Come give it to me."

Mr. Peanut was about to step into the yard to give my grandmother her whipping when he realized he had to cross a fence of 10 grandchildren to get to her.

A good fence may not always make a good neighbor, but that day, a good fence saved a mean old neighbor.



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Brynes to serve on TDC, Ketring on TCRAB board

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meets every other month at noon in the Chamber of Commerce board room, adding that meeting dates fluctuate, as each meeting is determined at the end of the previous meeting.

Brynes volunteered to fill the TDC post with no comment.

When the time came

to fill the TCRAB post, Mayor Shirlee Hampton was initially met with silence when she asked for a volunteer.

Finally, Ketring offered to take the position on the volunteer advisory board, which meets on the second Tuesday of every month at noon in the Taylor County Commission board room.

Both appointments were approved by 5-0 votes.



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