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## NEWSLETTER

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PAST  
EVENTS

### SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2017

The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. It means understanding that each individual is unique, and recognizing our individual differences. Diversity was celebrated at West Gadsden Historical Society's (WGHS) 1st Annual Black History Art and Essay Contest Award Ceremony and Reception Sunday, March 19th. More than 50 people gathered at the Patricia Fletcher Vice Meeting Room of the Historic Greensboro Railroad Depot Museum complex to honor Gadsden County students who participated in the contest. These very talented students displayed their artwork and shared their essays with the audience.

The mission of the West Gadsden Historical Society is to preserve the history of Gadsden County. Our continuous hope is to bring our community together to honor all people who called Gadsden County home. We all have history. Some of that history is good, some bad. Remembering the work and fortitude of those who made us great and celebrating our diversity insures that the historical impact of our Gadsden County ancestors is not lessened or forgotten. We hope next year's contest will draw an even larger number of participants.

The winners included: 6th - 8th grade, Essay - 1st prize Ya'Mya Roberts, 2nd prize Jessica William; Art - 1st prize Amira Frye, 2nd prize Tyler Watson. 9th - 12th grade, essay - 1st prize LaToya Hannah, 2nd prize Josiah Porter; Art - 1st



prize Frenisha Dixon, 2nd prize Alajza Kennon. All students who participated received Certificates, prizes, ribbons and annual memberships to WGHS.

If you missed this wonderful program and opportunity to celebrate these wonderful children, please make sure that you participate next year! Only we who love Gadsden County can pass our history on to our future generations. These children deserve your involvement and support.

ROLL SOUND....  
ROLL CAMERA....ACTION!

Did you know we were in the movies? You might have seen activity at the Greensboro Depot in February. WGHS was approached and asked to allow a Student Production to be filmed by the Florida State University's College of Motion Picture Arts. The short film's setting

was of a young girl waiting for a train at a vintage depot. What a better location than our own historic ANRR Depot in Greensboro. A student crew of 12-15 students, plus actors, makeup artists and coordinators were involved in the project. Once the film is completed in its entirety, WGHS will be provided with a copy of the finished film, credit in the film itself and be invited to the screening.

### PROGRESS AT THE DEZELL HOUSE

We want to thank Stephen Pitts for refinishing the wood floors at the Dezell House. Stephen volunteered his expertise in floor refinishing to honor the memory of his father, Buddy Pitts. Buddy loved Gadsden County and loved WGHS. The floor refinishing is being completed in stages and will be revealed during our July 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House. Thank you

April 2017

Stephen! Other renovations to complete the Dezell House include:

- Interior paint (Kelly Clark has graciously volunteered to perform the painting)
- Completing interior trim work
- Renovation/replacement of fireplace tile in the front hall
- Kitchen floor installation
- Kitchen appliance acquisition and installation

If you are interested in completing or sponsoring completion of these projects, please let us know.

Once the house is complete, we will be able to rent out the facility for occasions and events. Revenue from rentals will help fund future needs of WGHS.

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

### SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017

Join us Sunday at 3:00, May 21, as we enjoy an afternoon with Dale Cox. Dale was scheduled to be with us in January, but due to inclement weather our meeting was cancelled. Dale will present a lecture that will continue a region-wide effort to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the First Seminole War of 1817-1818.

This conflict involved heavy fighting in Gadsden County as well as in Leon, Wakulla, Franklin, Jackson and other Florida counties and Decatur County, Georgia. It culminated with future President Andrew Jackson's 1818

invasion of Florida during which his army passed twice through Gadsden County.

Negotiations with Spain following the First Seminole War led to the transfer of Florida from that country to the United States.

Cox will speak about the war and its impact on Gadsden County and the Apalachicola River. His discussion will include a look at the U.S. campaign against the "Negro Fort" at Prospect Bluff on the Apalachicola, which preceded the war, as well as the key episodes of the conflict.

Cox will also be available after the meeting to sign a number of his books, several of which focus on the First Seminole War in Gadsden County.

## TUESDAY JULY 4

### Annual Open House

It is hard to believe that we are racing toward July, but it will be here before we know it. Mark your calendars now for the annual Open House at the Dezell House and the Greensboro Depot Railroad Museum. Activities will include our annual bake sale and lunch will be available by Coastal Seafood. This year you will get to see the renovation progress at the Dezell House, including the improvements to the restroom and the wood flooring lovingly restored by Stephen Pitts. We can't wait to see your there!



By Jane Wagner Clark

In early fall of 2016, a group of my friends, all Gadsden County girls, decided we would begin riding Gadsden County to locate old home places, cemeteries and of course remember stories of our youth. Our memories of older folks that cooked the best cornbread, where we picked grapes for jelly, where and who's farm we worked on during tobacco season . . . , you know, all those things we all have done by living in Gadsden County flooded our conversation. We started south of Quincy and found ourselves in Sawdust; after 3 hours we were still in Sawdust. This was due to the fact we only drove 30 mph, but also because there were so many family homesteads. In December, we once again planned a ride, this time taking George Johnson with us. Again we spent 3 hours in Sawdust.

This time we looked at Edwards and Weathington old cemeteries, in addition to other old homesteads. Who knew there was so much history in this small little hamlet? Did we finish? Well, I hope not; we still have places to look! Next time, maybe we will venture farther than Sawdust.

Over the past few months, I received a copy of the History of the Edwards Family of Gadsden County, Florida written by Nell Jones Carter in 1967 and a copy of the 1988, Scenes of Sawdust & Suburbs 18 Month Calendar – Cookbook, gathered and printed by Kay Davis Lay. Nell and Kay were of the 6<sup>th</sup> generation of the Edwards family to live in Gadsden County.

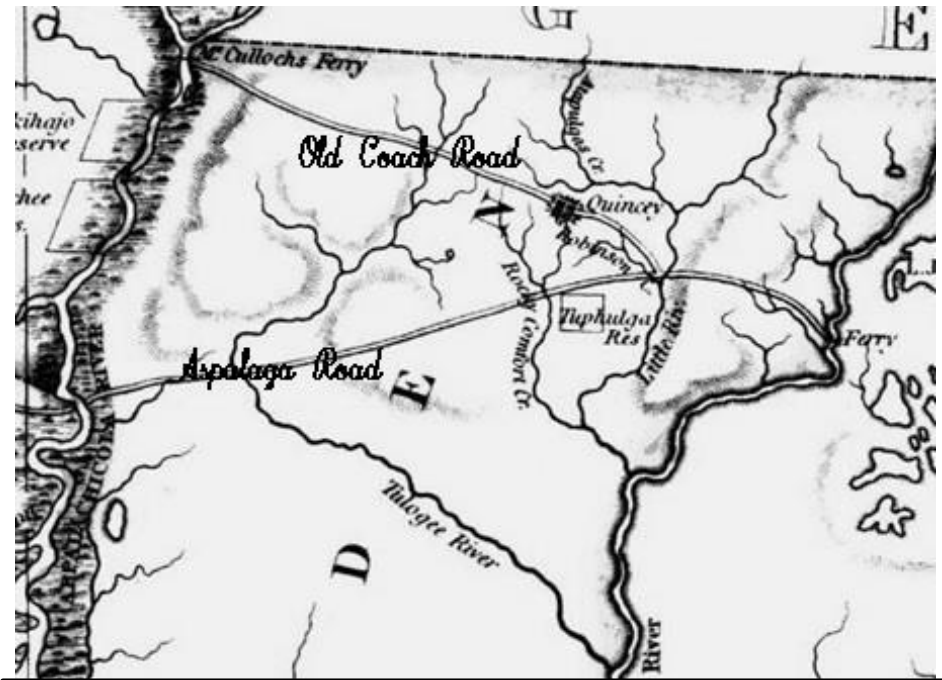
I would like to share some of the information gleaned from those two sources. I am not related to the Edwards family, but then again we all have been in Gadsden County so long, I could be. I found so much of the information interesting and thought you, our readers, might just enjoy it too. I know that many of you have roots in Sawdust!

Within the History of the Edwards Family of Gadsden County, Florida, is found the following article published in the Gadsden County Times on July 23, 1922. It was written by T. J. Shepard, a retired school teacher.

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One hundred years ago, 1822-23, there moved into the western part of Gadsden County from Telfair County, Georgia, a small colony of pioneers, to brave the dangers and trials incident to settling in new country inhabited by Indians; for Indians then had a town near Sawdust, on the place afterwards known as the Sibley Place. Another Indian town was located at Ocheesee on the western side of the Apalachicola River. There were plenty of bear and wolves in this county at the time.

Among the members of that colony were Thomas Edwards, and wife, who settled on the Old Stage Road 3 miles East of Chattahoochee; Hiram Edwards, who settled a few miles West of Old Mt. Pleasant; Samuel Edwards and Rachel Hubbard were married after they came here and settled 2 1/2 miles West of Quincy on the Aspalaga Road; William Edwards and his wife, who was a Darby, settled near the Aspalaga Road about 7 miles from Quincy. There were also Cullen Edwards, Walton Edwards and three sisters, Mrs. Cargill, Mrs. Edinfield and Mrs.



John Lee Williams Map of West Florida 1827

Note: The Aspalaga Road from Quincy, ran West along present day U.S. 90, branched and continued West following present day Highway 12 to a point several hundred yards past the junction of Highway 12 and State Road 65. From there it continued West along current day Highway 270. Near current day Lonnie Clark Road, it veered Southwest, running through Sycamore to the town of Aspalaga on the Apalachicola River.

Vintry, who settled farther West on the Aspalaga Road. Mrs. Haire and Mr. and Mrs. Darby, who were related to the Edwards family, settled near Aspalaga ( a small community on the bank of the Apalachicola River between Chattahoochee and Bristol).

Others of the colony included Elijah Hubbard, William Hubbard and their parents and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Riggins and Mrs. Sealey. There were John C. Love, who settled 3 miles West of Quincy on the Aspalaga Road; Alexander Love, 4 miles West of Quincy on the Aspalaga Road; Daniel Love who settled North of Quincy; Archibald Smith and wife (who was a Love), settled on the Old Stage Road near where Mr. Thompson now lives (1922). Their son, John Gadsden Smith, was the first white child born in Gadsden County.

There were others, some perhaps before and others afterwards: William Forbes, W.S. Gunn, H.T. Wyatt, John Colson, Henry Gilbourn. Gaspero [Gospero] Sweet, Joshua Davis, Igdabiah [Igdaliah] Wood, Moses Johnson,

William Johnson, G.W. Sunday, S. Whiddon, W.J. Atwater, Marcellus Morgan, John McWilliam [McMillian], Daniel McDonald, K. James Nixon, John McDonald, Duncan McPhaul, William Rogers, G. W. Arnold, John Wooten, Dr. Harrison, Levi Yon, Randall Johnson, Whitehurst Hawkins, Gideon Hawkins, Jesse Goodson, Isaac Wilson, James Barr, Mr. Holland, Edward Inman, Joshua Kemp, James Rowan, D. B. Rich, Alexander McDougald, D. McDermid, H. McIvove, William Winderweedle, Mr. Richards, Mr. Dean, Joseph Fletcher, James Tumberlin, John Boykin, John McAbilly [McAlilley], Fred Worthington, Reverend Cowan, Joshua Shepard, Hardee Shepard, Jacob Shepard, Alfred Shepard, Elijah Shepard, William Gilchrist (father of Florida Governor Albert W. Gilchrist), Dr. Bird Meacham, Fr. John M.W. Davison.

Those listed below were the first people to settle on the Forbes Purchase. John Wynn, Seaborn Sadbury, Joseph Seabrook, W.H. Craven, David Clark, John Clark, William Clark, Oliver McKeown, Mr. Sibley, Major Coe (owner

of the first grist mill in Gadsden County), Jesse Gregory, Willoughby Gregory, L.B. Gregory.

The present population of West Gadsden County is composed largely of descendants of these old settlers.

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There are discrepancies in this article written by Mr. Shepard. Many of those listed were not from Telfair County, Georgia and several members of the Edwards family listed were not married as indicated in the 1820's. What can be confirmed is that the Edwards family headed by Cullen Edwards, Sr. moved to Gadsden County and owned a tract of land lying on the waters of "Telluge" near what is currently known as Shepard's Mill on Highway 12 just East of Greensboro. Cullen Edwards was born in North Carolina and probably moved to Georgia after 1785, taking advantage of the free land from the Georgia Land Acts. By early 1800, he is found in Telfair County, Georgia where he was Sheriff from 1808 to 1810 and was Justice of the Inferior Court in 1813. Cullen Edwards, Sr. was most probably married more than once. His wife, Elinor Gilstrap lived in Gadsden County, but was not old enough to have mothered several of his children.

Cullen Edwards, Sr. had the following children:

- John Edwards

John was granted land in Gadsden County April 24, 1820. He lived between Quincy and Greensboro along present day Highway 12 near Rocky Comfort Creek.

- Thomas Edwards

Thomas lived on the Old Stage Road (now Highway 90) East of Chattahoochee

- Barbara Edwards, who married John Edenfield

Barbara and John received a land grant for property in Gadsden County in 1828, west Rocky Comfort Creek. This property adjoined her brother John.

- William Edwards

William was granted land in Gadsden County in 1827, immediately south of his brother John.

- Samuel Edwards

There are no existing land records for Samuel, but it is believed that he lived on current day Highway 90 about where the old Farmer's Market was located.

- Hiram Edwards

Hiram owned property on Crooked Creek, which flows into Flat Creek and ultimately the Apalachicola River (current day St. James community.)

- Neal Cullen Edward, (Jr.)

Cullen Jr., lived approximately 3 miles south of Chattahoochee between current day Highway 269 and the Apalachicola River.

- Sarah Edwards, who married a Cornelius Daniel Cargill

According to Gadsden County census records, Sarah lived on the Old Stage Road (now Highway 90) East of Chattahoochee probably near her brother Thomas.

- Mary Edwards, who married Francis Vintry

Mary and Francis were granted property in 1857 west of Greensboro on the Aspalaga Road near the intersection of present day Sycamore Road and Edwin Clark Road.

- Lucinda Edwards

Lucinda never appears to have married and died around the age of 30.

- George Walton Edwards

George owned property near his brother Hiram along Crooked Creek, which flows into Flat Creek and ultimately the Apalachicola River (current day St. James community)

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The following is from the 1988, Scenes of Sawdust & Suburbs 18 Month Calendar – Cookbook, gathered and printed by Kay Davis Lay.

**SAWDUST.** Before there was a Miami (at least before it had a city charter), there was a Sawdust, Florida. Old postal records show a postmark for the community between April 17, 1895 and July 31, 1909. It appears on Cram's Atlas of the World, 1902. There's a story that Malcolm Johnson, while Editor of the Tallahassee Democrat set out to see if there really was such a place in Gadsden County. Turning down Road 65, he asked an elderly black man for directions. To which the surprised-looking man replied, "Which part – South Sawdust or North Sawdust?" Oh yes...there is such a place. When it got its name, no one knows for sure. Not Esther Suber, its best-known writer; not Iduma Edwards, who used to teach at the second Sawdust School (which stood at the crossroads from at least the decade after the turn of the century to the



Front row: Frank Hamilton, Worth Suber, Fletcher Edwards, Chess Edwards, Murl Edwards, Tot Edwards, Hazel Edwards, Stoney Cortell Edwards, Essie Inman, Claudia Edwards, Otha Winton Edwards, Sr.

Middle row: Hugh Edwards, George Edwards, Ira Hemanes, Faye Edwards, Mallie Edwards, Norman Edwards, Maxwell Strom.

Back row: Ruby Inman Mahaffey, Birdie Strom Thompson, Gladys Strom Watson, Irene Bassett, Dollie Edwards, Miss Trudie Hawkins, teacher; Mr. Keys, Sup of Pub. Inst.

Photo - School class portrait : Sawdust, Florida. ca 1911. State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory

1930s) and not even Stoney Edwards, our resident historian, knows for sure.

He is fairly certain the sawmill and huge sawdust pile that inspired the name were by a pond in the woods just northwest of the Woodland Presbyterian Church today. His father, John Edwards, who was born in 1867, attended a one-room school beside what was known as the "Sawdust Pond". He remembers being taken to see it by his sisters Faye and Mallie. It was replaced by another schoolhouse, where an entire generation of older Sawdust was educated – although sometimes they did climb out the back window onto a pine stump and like Bernice Suber and Verna and Doodle Edwards, go "wade in the pond."

Early settlers Fred Weathington, William Edwards and George Fletcher could help solve the mystery. They were already putting down roots, 1830 to 1860. Sawmilling was a vital industry even that early. A French reporter, the Comte de Castelnau, rode through southern

Gadsden County in this period, and observed that it was mostly "marshes" with "few inhabitants." He told about a sawmill, but it was at a place where planters had been "massacred, pillaged and burned out." The place was Secheopoko (Sopchoppy.)

Indians had a name for Sawdust. It was "Tephulga" to them. In the treaty swap of 1826, lands surrounding the village were exchanged for lands in Tallahassee and became known as Neamathla's Reservation. Chief Neamathla, like lots of history, got lost along the way. In his day, he was the major spokesman for all the Florida tribes –and though he and his 30 braves never lived on "his reservation" we count him a part of Sawdust.

The land he turned down was opened to settlement. Behind the earlier wagons soon came that of Elizabeth Suber and son Lemuel. As well, there was William C. Strom, who came from South Carolina to fight Indians. Got captured himself – by Sarah Weathington.

Sawdust got its first fame in 1886, when one of the farm lads was elected the House of Representatives at Tallahassee. He was Samuel Harris (Sam) Strom – William and Sarah’s son.

Since then, the Community has had other celebrities, including Lucy Fletcher who “turned down” an invitation to perform in the Paris Olympics, 1922. We claim longtime Sheriff Otho Edwards, who served a term as President of the Florida Sheriff’s Association. The list goes on.... There were two early post offices –one at Sam Strom’s (now Youngblood Farms) and at the Adolphus Edwards house (Malachi and Bernice Fletcher home today). Besides the Sawdust School, there was also a school at Central Point, near the Old Lemuel Suber home and Suber Nursery. Esther Suber, one-time editor of the Gadsden County Times and former Sawdust resident, wrote in 1963:

“Sawdust’s boundaries stretch south to the Liberty County line, and the Aspalaga Road, which meanders around Gadsden County, is the northern boundary. The eastern line reaches to the point where the Rocky Comfort Creek crosses the Sawdust Highway near the Joe Mitchell store (Meadows Grocery at Forestdale.) Telogia Creek from the Aspalaga Road to the Liberty County line marks the west of Sawdust.”

Some of its suburbs are ...Providence, Forrestdale, Gretna, Hardaway, Lowry in Liberty County, and some say even Quincy and Tallahassee. Oh yes, there is such a place!

#### Sawdust Childhood 1909-1919

By Verne (Edwards) Maxwell

As the youngest of a family of six (two brothers and three sisters), I was the “baby” or Little Sing, a nickname given to me by Aunt Lou Gillam, the midwife whose arms were the first to hold me.

Often when we were young children, Mama would take us for a walk and we would stop by to see Aunt Lou (she had birthed all of us). She was always glad to see us and would give us a tea-cake and pat us on the head and say nice things to us.

I was born in a house which my father later sold to Mr. & Mrs. Neal Black and their family, who were the best of neighbors and friends throughout many years. After selling his home and land to the Blacks, he purchased the land across the road from his former home and

moved his family into the Henry Edward’s home temporarily (it was then unoccupied), until he could build a house on the site he had cleared and made ready. He and a helper, Perman Doyle, camped in Liberty County for a week and rived boards from juniper trees to put a roof on his planned house. The boards were stacked on this spot when he became ill with typhoid fever and passed away May 11, 1911, leaving my mother with six children, from 18 months to 15 years. Some of the Black family were planting cotton for him the day he died.

Papa’s name was Albert Oliver Edwards, better known in these parts as “Abe”. His two great hobbies were fishing and hunting which helped supply food for his family.

My mother was Betty Fletcher, daughter of George and Harriet Weathington Fletcher. She had been brought up on a farm and was taught by her father to plant, plow, and harvest corn, cotton, peanuts, and all kinds of vegetables, even to run the cotton gin, which was powered by mules. This background and knowledge of tilling the soil for a livelihood proved to be a great asset to her and her family in the years to come.

Even in her state of bereavement, she was filled with a courageous spirit, much faith and high esteem for herself and her children, and she decided to keep her family together and to press toward the mark of the high calling now bestowed upon her to be mother, father and provider.

Sometime in the latter part of 1911, with the help of her father, her brothers, brothers-in-law, friends and neighbors, she got together enough lumber and building material to build a five room frame house – had to abandon the plan for a 2- story house my father and an architect had designed. There was no charge for labor or well digging; it was all contributed.

She moved her household belongings, plows, farm tools, a buggy, a one horse wagon, a horse, mule, cows, chickens and other livestock to her new home, where much land clearing and hard work awaited her and her family. Her four little girls were not old enough to be much help on the farm at this time. The aforementioned Perman Doyle, his wife Hattie and their two sons, Emory and Teamedy, good friends, were living in a one-pen log house on this place and were sharecropping for my father when he died, so they stayed on to help.

My two brothers, George and Hugh, and my two older sisters, Murl and Hazel, walked two miles to Sawdust School, which was a two-room schoolhouse, where the Woodland Presbyterian Church is now located. It was in session about six months out of the year. Palma and I started to school as soon as Mama thought we were big enough and strong enough to walk two miles twice a day.

Mama was able to hire some help to clear land, dig stumps and burn new ground from time to time and pay them with corn, sweet potatoes, meat, vegetables, milk, butter and eggs and chickens. As time went on she would sell cows, hogs, chickens, butter eggs and vegetables to the merchants in Quincy. About twice a year she would buy enough material, buttons, thread, etc. to make clothes for the whole family, including shirts, trousers, underwear for my brothers, and dresses, slips and underwear for four little girls and herself. Sheets, pillow cases and quilts were also handmade—she had many talents.

After several years Mama had paid her debts and bought a new buggy and a horse (named Blaze-face) that was a fast trotter and would try to “run away” at times, but Mama and my brother were always able to pull on the reins and subdue her. She would put all of us in the buggy on Sunday mornings and drive to the Presbyterian Church in Gretna and when she joined this church she sat on the front row with her six children and we were all baptized on that day.

By the year 1917 she had built a tobacco barn and was growing Sun tobacco. She had two tenant houses and families living in them as sharecroppers. She had a good crop of tobacco that year and had enough to buy a Model T Ford and a gramophone with six records. One of our cousins (Fletcher Edwards) spent the weekend with us to teach my brothers how to drive .... We had a good time riding along ... it was all dirt roads and sand ruts. When we would stall in the sand we would all get out and push.

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Also included in the 18-month calendar are many recipes. Two have been included.

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Mama Suber’s (Mrs. Jessie Suber) Oatmeal Cookies

1 ¼ c. sugar

½ c. lard or butter  
2 c. flour  
2 c. oatmeal  
1 c. raisins (cut very small)  
1 T. cold water  
1 t. soda  
½ t. vanilla  
2 eggs  
Pinch of salt

Mix everything together for dough. Add raisins last. Pinch small bits of dough. Pat out very thin. Bake 10-12 minutes

(“Mama Suber baked up a week’s supply for her husband Elmer to take with him hunting. She would bake all week and pack them in a 5 gallon lard can, layering them with sheets of waxed paper. They stayed crisp and fresh although they didn’t last long. The hunters really lit into them about the time they got to the Pinhook Swamp down near Fann-lew – which was a good piece from Sawdust – in Wakulla County.”)

Cousin Iduma’s Peach Cobbler

¼ c. sugar  
¼ c. brown sugar  
1 T. cornstarch  
½ c. wáter  
2 c. sliced peaches & 1 T. lemon juice  
1 c. self-rising flour  
½ c. sugar  
½ c. milk  
¼ c. margarine

Combine in saucepan ¼ cup sugar, brown sugar, cornstarch and water. Cook until thickened, add lemon juice and peaches. Pour into backing dish. Combine flour, ½ c. sugar, milk and margarine. Beat until smooth. Pour over fruit. Bake 375 for 40-45 minutes.

Peaches have been growing in Sawdust a long time. Early settlers brought those known as yellow press. The M.A. Bradleys have a close cousin of that variety, called “white press.” But Annette (daughter of Samuel Newton and Lovie Ora Sullivan) has developed, as well, a clearseed that she calls an “ice cream peach” and that came from the backyard tree of a black lady, Ella Washington, who “just threw a seed out the window.” Ella lived in the pasture fronting the William Edwards Cemetery.

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