



## *Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society*

*P.O. Box 546  
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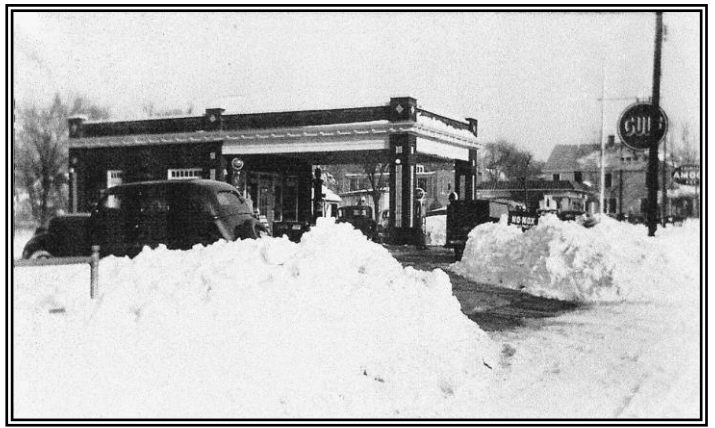
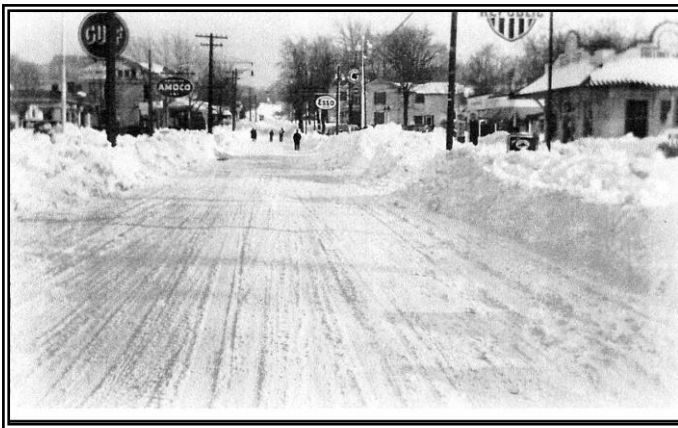
**Can you identify this?**

### **Show & Tell**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

**PE Co Agricultural Center  
Hwy 15 South to 100 Dominion Drive**

**Board Meets at 6:00 p.m.**



## **1940 Snow Storm, East Third Street, Farmville**

**Photos courtesy of Herbert Southall**

### **January [1966] Snow Deluge Totals 32 Inches**

Ten inches of fresh snow fell in Farmville Saturday afternoon and night, according to official records kept at radio station WFLO. This new snowfall followed on the heels of a deep 15 inches that covered the area Wednesday.

Saturday's snow was accompanied by bitter cold and gusty winds. The temperature hit a low of 10 degrees Saturday morning, and went up to a high of 12 degrees. Sunday's high temperature soared to 16 degrees, followed by a low of five degrees Sunday night.

With such cold temperatures, the light, dry snow was blown in heavy drifts by the whipping winds.

-- *The Farmville Herald Bicentennial Highlights*, February 1, 1966

### **23 Inch Snow Blankets Area after Two Storms Hit**

The latest in a series of winter weather surprises in the Farmville area occurred early Tuesday morning [January

27, 1987], when some people awoke to find frozen pipes, cars that wouldn't start, and bone chilling temperatures.

According to John Wilson, the area observer for the National Weather Service, the official temperature at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning was 5 degrees below zero. Surprisingly that didn't break any records. On January 21, 1985, the mercury dipped to -8 degrees.

The winter weather began in the early morning hours last Thursday and continued until 7 p.m. that night. Before the first storm ended, it had dropped 13 inches of snow on the area.

Before the town had a chance to dig its way out to the streets, the forecast for the weekend predicted more snow. Sure enough, a second storm passed through Sunday night into Monday morning. Between 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon, when the snow started and 11 a.m. Monday, an additional 10 inches had fallen.

-- *The Farmville Herald Bicentennial Highlights*, January 28, 1987

## This Day in February in Prince Edward County History

- 2-1-1775** At Slate Hill plantation Hanover Presbytery plans "an Academy in Prince Edward," soon named Hampden-Sydney
- 2-1-1806** Virginia General Assembly appointed commissioners to survey a canal from the Buffalo River to the Roanoke River
- 2-2-1775** Presbytery accepts Peter Johnston's offer of 100 acres of land for the new college, Hampden-Sydney
- 2-2-1924** Tobacco prizery owned by W.P. Gilliam burned
- 2-3-1775** Presbytery appoints Samuel Stanhope Smith rector of the new college, Hampden-Sydney
- 2-3-1803** Gen. Joseph Eggleston Johnston (USA and CSA) born at Longwood plantation
- 2-3-1942** Company G mobilized for service in World War II
- 2-4-1861** John T. Thornton elected county representative to state secession convention
- 2-7-1797** Gov. Beverly Randolph died
- 2-7-1870** Charles Edward Burrell, county historian, born
- 2-8-1825** Virginia General Assembly incorporates Junction Canal Company to build a canal from the Buffalo to the Roanoke River
- 2-8-1845** Virginia General Assembly creates Appomattox County from parts of Prince Edward and three other counties
- 2-8-1944** Charles Edward Burrell, county historian, died
- 2-9-1762** First court record of a passable bridge at Rutledge's Ford--later the site of Farmville
- 2-9-1892** George Richardson appointed postmaster
- 2-10-1918** H.E. Barrow, former mayor, died
- 2-11-1824** Birth of W. H. Ruffner, first president of Farmville State Normal School
- 2-11-1994** State Theater collapses
- 2-12-1871** Decision made to move county seat from Worsham to Farmville
- 2-12-1872** County seat moves from Worsham to Farmville
- 2-13-1786** Patrick Henry refuses membership in U.S. Constitutional Convention
- 2-13-1901** Legislature passes act establishing the Farmville Dispensary
- 2-15-1907** Farmville had Virginia's last execution by hanging before electrocution adopted. Jesse Ruffin and Massey Hill were the condemned
- 2-16-1781** Prince Edward militiamen leave old court house to reinforce Gen. Greene at Dan River
- 2-19-1945** Farmville livestock market conducts first sale
- 2-23-1934** Prince Edward Mills commences operation on site of earlier mill
- 2-25-1952** Oliver Hill argues NAACP's Prince Edward case before U.S. District Court
- 2-26-1900** Farmville Town Council votes against licensing the private sales of intoxicants; all sales to be through an officially sanctioned Dispensary Board
- 2-27-1833** Virginia General Assembly incorporates Farmville as a town
- 2-27-1942** Parking meters came to Main Street
- 2-28-1820** Birth of W. W. H. Thackston, Farmville mayor and dentist, who founded the Virginia Dental Association

