

BUFFALO VALLEY RECORDS

Smith County Record: Buffalonian: 25 April 1884, Buffalo Valley:

This valley is 6 miles long and one mile wide. Twenty-five years ago there was not a good frame house in it, and the land was badly cultivated and very little interest taken in farming and improvement. Now, 1884, there are many good new buildings of good workmanship, and neat farm mansions from the mouth to the head of the valley. We have one school house and regular school six-eight months every year - - the farms are in a state of high cultivation and the yield of corn and wheat is now 500 per centum greater than it was 25 years ago. This valley of section of country demands or needs a railroad through it or near to it, and a school of high grade. It has had for the last five years from 8-12 representatives on other institutions of learning. Hence the importance of a good school here. The largest part of the citizens are working like they believed they were good to live two or three centuries.

Smith County Record: Buffalonian: 2 May 1884, Buffalo Valley:

L. B. Cheek of New Middleton was in our town and vicinity Tuesday week, April 23, selling machinery of various kinds stirring up the citizens on the subject of a better mode of farming. We have in our town at the terminus of Buffalo Valley, four stores, two blacksmith shops, two physicians, one mill, and several dwelling houses, two shoe shops. More business is transacted here than at the county site. There is no trading more than that given above that I know of. We have had some sickness but no deaths nor marriages during the last week. Wheat is fine. Corn planting is active and everybody is busily employed.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Sunday Reader, Section B, 5 February 2006: 'Way Back When' by Bob McMillian:

Looking back in history, here were some of the happenings in the Cookeville area for the week of Feb. 5-11 as recorded in the pages of the Herald Citizen:

RAIN HAS BUFFALO VALLEY SCRAMBLING:

1932: After it rained in torrents for two days and two nights here this week, folds down in Buffalo Valley started moving their valuables to higher ground. They remember 1927 too well not to.

That was the year, the Tennessee Central moved empty boxcars to its depot in Buffalo Valley when the waters began to rise. People put in their furniture and other valuables for safekeeping.

After rising two inches per hour at the peak of the rain, the river crested and began to fall. But the flood cut off traffic from Cookeville to Sparta and Livingston, and Martin's Creek was under water.

The city of Cookeville's electrical generating station at Burgess Falls survived the flooding this time, although water was reported to be "raging" at the falls at press time (February 7, 1932).

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