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PEOPLE who were passengers on Louisville & Nashville Railroad trains, twenty-five or thirty years ago, knew Falmouth as the "apple town." The village gained an enviable reputation, especially among train crews and commuters, because a flock of youngsters met every train, with baskets of apples, grapes and other fruits, and sold their wares to passengers while the express was being loaded and unloaded, and the engine was taking water. Whether or not the business became unprofitable for the boys, the writer does not know; but delicious fruits are no longer to be had at the L. & N. station, and the "appletown" is only a memory.

In connection with this article, we are presenting a view of Falmouth, as it looked 65 years ago. This picture was taken from what is known as "Monroe's Hill," and shows the old Kentucky Central Railroad bridge in the foreground. The tracks may be seen leading away from the bridge at the left, in the direction of Cincinnati. A small building may be seen just at the right of the bridge. This was the pumping station that supplied the engines with water. Farther down the right-of-way, to the right, may be seen a large building with a veranda on both lower and upper stories. This was the old Watson House, at that time one of Falmouth's principal taverns. A white house, at the right

and in front of the Watson House, will serve to trace the location of the Falmouth depot, which may be seen just behind the white house.

At that time, Falmouth was only a village, with perhaps 300 inhabitants. The city boasted of a woolen mill, a distillery and a few cooper shops—and a railroad. The principal business was tavern-keeping.

A view of Falmouth, taken from the same spot at this time would present a vastly different picture. Where open fields are shown on the old print, you would see neat dwelling houses, business houses, etc.

You would not see the old wooden covered railroad bridge, a modern steel structure long since having superseded it. You would see a new passenger depot, clean and well-kept, in every way suited to the demands of the present day.

The city of Falmouth was laid out about the year 1770, by Virginians, before Kentucky became a State. It has been the home of a peace-loving, home-seeking people, the center of a prosperous farming community. Its present population, including the several suburbs which hedge about it, is about 1,500.

One of Falmouth's greatest assets is its beautiful homes. Some of them hearken back to the by-gone day, their very antiquity supplying much romance for their

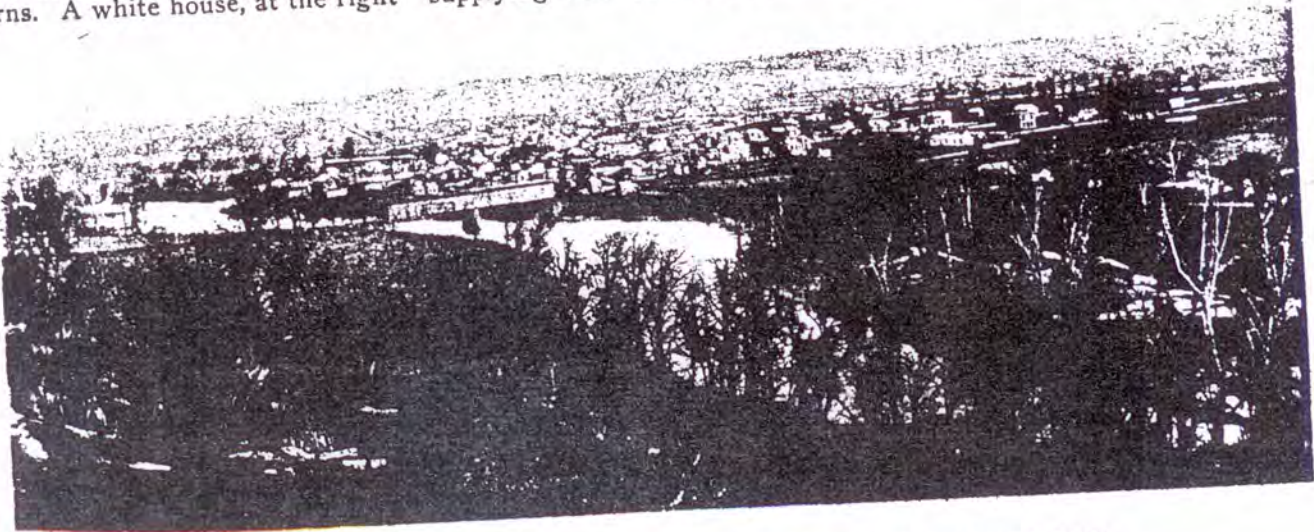
present occupants. The newer homes have been built along lines of modern architecture, and are examples of comfort and livability.

Falmouth is governed by a Mayor and six City Councilmen. By way of modern conveniences it has a splendid water system and electric light plant, owned and operated by the city. The rates for light and water are unusually low, and the service is of the best. The municipal plant supplies water for the L. & N. engines from three large cranes situated near the station.

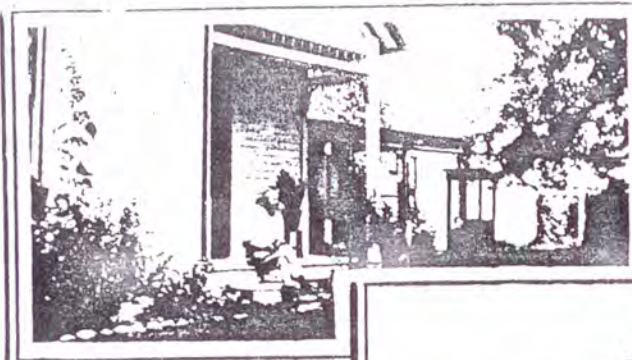
Falmouth is the county seat of Pendleton County, and is the largest city in the county, in point of population. The total valuation of all property in Pendleton County is \$10,066,447 (1926 assessment for State tax purposes). The city tax rate is 95 cents on the \$100 valuation, and the city school tax rate is \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation.

Our city has three banks, with combined resources of nearly \$3,000,000. The Pendleton Bank, oldest bank in the county, has resources of \$1,348,339.51. The Citizens Bank, second oldest, has resources of \$874,035.11. The First National Bank, the only national bank in the county, has resources of \$680,633.13.

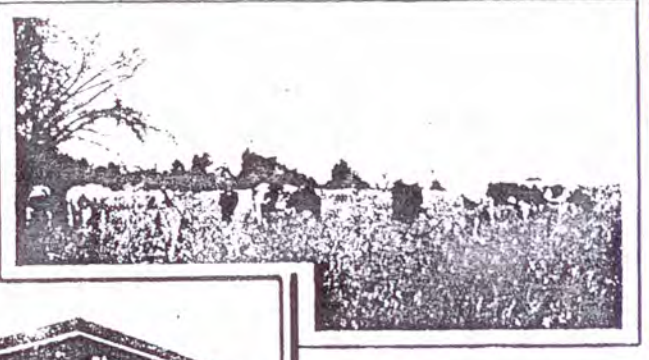
There are more than 100 business firms in Falmouth. We are splendidly equipped with retail stores, and all of them enjoy a good patronage. We have two



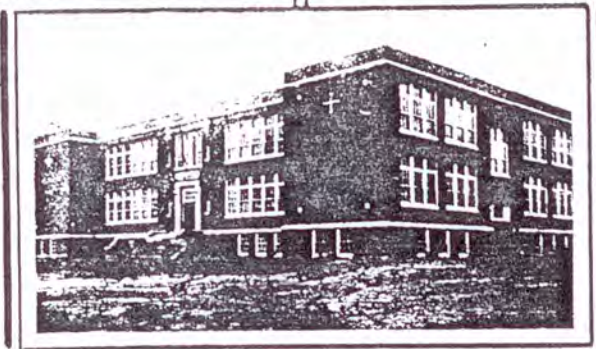
FALMOUTH, KY., ABOUT 65 YEARS AGO. NOTE THE COVERED RAILROAD BRIDGE.



The old Dickerson homestead at Falmouth, home of L. J. Dickerson, retired engineer (36 years service). This home has been in the Dickerson family nearly 100 years.



Herd of Holsteins on farm of Edd Colbert, Lynn, Pendleton County.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL, FALMOUTH, KY.

creameries, a pants factory, two large lumber concerns, a tobacco receiving warehouse, two large seed houses, two flour mills, a number of garages and machine shops, three wholesale distributors of gasoline and oils, a farmer's mutual fire insurance company, an ice plant, two large produce houses, a splendid graded and high school housed in a new \$75,000 building, five Protestant churches and one Catholic church, fraternal organizations and a number of clubs, including the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Woman's Club.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad traverses Pendleton County from end to end, and among the stations it serves in the county are Demossville, Butler, Lynn, Catawba, Falmouth and Morgan. A hard-surfaced highway likewise traverses the county from the Kenton County line to the Harrison County line. This road is known as the Dixie-A, or U. S. Route No. 25. The other roads in the county are in fair condition, and may be traveled

with comfort the whole year round. J. R. Earle is the L. & N. agent at Falmouth. He has been agent here for many years, and is one of Falmouth's leading and public-spirited citizens. The operators at the Falmouth station are Fred Fisher, first trick; "Smilie" Long, second trick, and "Shorty" Merimee, third trick.

A most kindly feeling exists between the railroad company and the business people and citizens of the town in general. Everyone realizes what the L. & N. has done for our city, and our people are always ready to cooperate with the Company in things looking for the betterment of local conditions.

Falmouth is the home of one of the Kentucky Division's best-known retired engineers, L. J. Dickerson. Mr. Dickerson bought the old homestead of his father a number of years ago, and when he retired from active service, came

came back to the old home town, with his charming wife, and they are happily domiciled on their suburban farm on the edge of the city. Mr. Dickerson spends his time in beautifying this beautiful old estate, and has a reputation

second to none as a gardener. He is also an expert fisherman, and thinks nothing of going down to the river near his home and pulling out a two-pound bass for breakfast.

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mirer of our forefathers he may follow the trail a little way across the hill and drink from the spring at one time owned by that illustrious old pioneer, Simon Kenton.

One would imagine it should be satisfied with its enviable position, but it is not. It is of a progressive nature. It wants more factories, more improvements, more people. It wants all that will aid in the advancement of the place, in making Maysville equal to any city of like or even greater population.



LICKING RIVER SCENE, AT FALMOUTH.



BURLEY GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE WAREHOUSE, FALMOUTH.