

## **“TIPPECANOE AND TYLER TOO” CAMPAIGN**

### **That and Other Interesting Reminiscences As Told by P.A. Wilsey**

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“That was a big year for Milford in the “Tippecanoe and Tyler” campaign. A big log cabin was built in the back part of the lumber yard site, people came from all the country ‘round and had a big time building it. Then every two weeks we had a big meeting with speeches and songs. A team of six yoke of oxen started from Captain Peck’s with Abel Peck as driver, went to Kensington and got the old big canoe and came up the river road by Luman Fuller’s new home (built in ’39) [where the new CVS store is being built on G.M. Road] and had seventeen yoke of oxen by the time he got to Milford. Came in loaded with the states and territories (girls dressed all in white) in the back seats. Well, we had some big speeches that day and lots of music by a glee club. Charlie Draper, a young lawyer from Pontiac, was a great campaign singer and he was there and sang “Tippecanoe and Tyler Too.” I remember that first verse.

“What has caused this great commotion  
‘Motion, ‘motion, the country through?  
It is the ball a-rolling on  
For Tippecanoe and Tyler too  
For Tippecanoe and Tyler too  
Xxxxxxxx, we’ll beat little Van.  
Van, he’s a used-up man  
And with them we’ll beat little Van.

For dinner we had hard cider, pork and beans, a johnny cake twelve feet long chuck full of raisins, and loads of watermelons. As yet we had no fruit so we had to get along without it.

By this time Milford had got to be some pumpkins with a number of stores on the north side and had got the postoffice out of the log house, had a lawyer, doctor and fiddler and so forth.

[William Henry Harrison ran for president in 1840, with Tyler as his running mate, with the slogan “Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too.” They won, but Harrison died after one month in office and was succeeded by Tyler.]