

THE COCHRAN-BLECKLEY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, INC.

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"CENTI-RAMA"

THE COCHRAN-BLECKLEY COUNTY STORY

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EPISODE # 1
"SO PROUDLY WE HAIL"

Cochran Girl Scouts

Troop No. 204 (Brownies)

Mrs. Dorothy Jean Bozeman, Leader

Mrs. Nadine Holland, Assistant Leader

Troop No. 377 (Brownies)

Mrs. Varina Floyd, Leader

Mrs. Janice Dixon, Assistant Leader

Cochran High School

Troop No. 255 (Junior Scouts)

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Mrs. Marilyn Goodman, Assistant Leader

Cadette Scouts

Mrs. Anna McCammon, Leader

Cochran Boy Scouts

Thompson Street High School

Bleckley County Elementary School

Cochran High School

Bleckley County 4-H Clubs

Bleckley County Saddle Club

American Legion (Brownies)

Color Guard

Algine Jones, Jr.

J. O. R. Yearty, Jr.

David Cook

Buddy NeSmith, Jr.

EPISODE # 2
"THIS PROUD HERITAGE"

"MAYOR BILL _____"

J. MARION PORTER

EPISODE # 3
 "LAND OF SHADOWS"

Thompson Street School
 Friendly Chapter - Brothers of the Brush - Willie Brown, Chairman
 Centennial Belle Chapter - Step Ladders - Lola Hall, Chairman

 Leroy Johnson.....Indian Chief Anthony Sams.....Indian Boy
 Major Hill.....Pioneer Robert Hill.....British Soldier
 Milton Calton.....Indian Brave Soloist Larry Gilbert..... British Soldier
 S. T. Frazier.....Pioneer Alonza Roberson.....Indian Boy

BRAVES

Leslie Mack
 Willie Randall
 Jimmy Nelson
 Willie Marshall
 Andrew Lemmon
 Kirk Davis
 Avan Freeney
 Carzell Moore
 James Brimidge
 Thomas Frazier
 L. C. Hill
 Larry Johnson
 Robert Bullard
 George Jackson
 Wilber Brantley
 Joe Tyson
 Milton Calton

SQUAWS

Rose Walker
 Janice Rumph
 Vivian Davis
 Patricia Rogers
 Shirley Randall
 Mary Little
 Lillie Harris
 Bobbie Jean McNair
 Mary Helen Richmond
 Geraldine Farrow
 Alice Mae Graddie
 Pat Hall

INDIAN DANCERS

Jessie Moore
 Rachel Brown
 Josette Hobes
 Minnie Hughes
 Helen Sams
 Gail Hall
 Clementine Sams
 Alberta Lawson
 Maude Bullard

INDIAN GIRLS

Laverne Robersons
 Olean Brimidge

EPISODE # 4
 " THE YOUNG LAND"

Cochran Garden Club
 Cochran Lion's Club

Cochran Woman's Club
 Bleckley County Square Dancers

PIONEERS

Mary English
 Mrs. J. J. Johnson
 Mrs. L. A. Whipple
 Mrs. Nettie Elliott
 Mrs. Bertie Hogan
 Mrs. L. S. Leach
 Miss Eddie Lou Trice
 Mrs. Freida Fisher
 Miss Nettie Horton
 Mrs. Travis Legg
 Mrs. Frances Spear
 Mrs. Ethel Killebrew
 Mrs. Doris Griffin
 Mrs. Paul Norris

SQUARE DANCERS

Frances & Frank Porter
 Irene & Clarence Crooms
 Jewel & Bill Trunell
 Myra & Durell Fletcher
 Lucille & Emmett Davis
 Dorothy Jean & Broughton Bozeman
 Virginia & Robert (Ludy) Currington
 Margaret & G. T. Lowery
 Edith & Welch (Frog) Dykes
 Grace & Jordan Smith
 Lillian & Bobby Mathis
 Marion & Charles Keen
 Quinion & David Dykes
 Nita & Freddy Wimberly

COLONIAL LADY
 Miss Nettie Horton

EPISODE # 4 CONTINUED

PIONEERS

Mrs. Pauline Pickett
Mrs. Ernest Horne
Mrs. Martha Bracewell
Mrs. C. B. Morgan
Mrs. Lamar Rutland
Miss Louise Wilder
Mrs. Ethyleen Melvin
Mrs. J. R. Partee
Mr. Malton Purser
Mr. Tommy Fisher
Other Members of Lion's Club

SQUARE DANCERS

Marcia & Edward Howell
Ester & Charles Thompson

PIONEER GIRLS

Betsy Porter
Lynn Dillard
Julie Dykes
Margie Dykes

EPISODE # 5

"VOLUME IN BLACK"

Charles & Jenny's Belles
L & H Shirt Company Chapter Centennial Belles
Flora Hinson, Chairman

Wayne Sanders
Lee Coleman
Wyan Perryman
Alton Bellflowers
Larry Smith
Raymond English
Roy NeSmith
Ralph Allen
Mrs. Joyce Brown
Mrs. Anna Liza Davis
Mrs. Ann Tripp
Mrs. Jackie Giddens
Miss Leanna Noah

Mrs. Opal Sampler
Miss Elaine Davis
Miss Karren Peacock
Miss Diane Towles
Miss Miriam Barlow
Miss Phyllis Giddens
Miss Debra Giddens
Mrs. Montene Davis
Mrs. Virginia Reeves
Mrs. Bertha Noah
Mrs. Ruby Purser
Mrs. Marcile Brooks
Whipple Simpson - Abe Lincoln

Carol Jones
Kenny Bates
Earl Peacock
Randy Wright
Wesley Heath
David Belcher
Jimmy Adams
Mike Davis
Michial Davis
Billy Stephens
Jeff Simpson

EPISODE # 6

"DYKESBORO TO COCHRAN"

Centennial Belle Chapter
Homespun Honeys - Mrs. J. D. Paulk, Chairman
Bleckley County Saddle Club
Bloomer Girl - Mrs. Rip Coley, Jr.

EPISODE # 7

"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"

First Baptist Church
Bleckley County Saddle Club
Charles & Jenny's Belles
Circuit Riding Minister - Carlos Davis

EPISODE # 8

"GOLDEN RULE DAYS"

Cochran High School - Mrs. Edward Howell

Teacher - Mrs. Cecil Hall

CHILDREN

Keith McLeod
Al NeSmith

Dennis McLeod
Rene Hosford
Gwen Williams

Tommy Foskey
Tommy Bozeman

EPISODE # 9

"BEET JUICE AND BUGGIES"

Middle Georgia College - Mrs. Bernease Butts

Theresa Hendon
Amy English
Linda Warren
Fran Cleveland
Leo Still
Mike Boswell

Sally Pope
Georgia Fussell
Mike Waldrip
Gene Webb
Callie Bishop
Elaine Veal
Andy Hodges

Jackie Hendon
Cynthia Smith
Mary Wallace Walker
Butch Barnes
Ron DeFoe
Chuck Goldfarb

EPISODE # 10

"THE NEW CENTURY"

Charles & Jenny's Belles

Centennial Belle Chapter - L & H Shirt Company

Flora Hinson, Chairman

VAUDEVILLE ACT

"THE MOONERS AND MOONBEAMS"

MOONERS

J. Rawlins Horne
Charles A. Thompson
Ben C. Brodhead
Carlos Davis

MOONBEAMS

Madge Horne
Ester Thompson
Virginia Brodhead
Faye Davis

EPISODE # 11

"THE NEW CENTURY"

Charles & Jenny's Belles

Centennial Belle Chapter - L & H Shirt Company

Flora Hinson, Chairman

Mr. Malton Purser
Mr. Bryson Miller
Mr. Curtis Strom
Tressa Bass
Shirley Wimberly
Mrs. Betty Bass
Mrs. Varina Floyd
Mrs. Anna Merle
Mrs. Sara Lassiter
Mrs. Kathy Perryman
Mrs. Janice Floyd
Paul Williams

Mr. Hubert Lucas
Mr. Buck Jones
Mr. Ronny Strom
Pam Floyd
Paige Williams
Mrs. Wrella Purser
Miss Deborah Horne
Mrs. Sylvester Lister
Mrs. Allie Mae Manning
Mrs. Gladys Jones
Mrs. Alpha Stokes

Mr. Delacey Jones
Mr. Gene Kirkpatrick
Mr. David Smith
Cindy Floyd
Donna Floyd
Mrs. Arvis Jean Lucas
Mrs. Earline Wimberly
Mrs. Gladys Lister
Mrs. Mavis Jones
Mrs. Kathy Sanders
Bob Littles

EPISODE # 12

"OVER THERE"

American Legion Auxilliary

Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller

Mrs. J. W. Bracewell

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Peacock

Dianne Carr

EPISODE # 13

"THE ROARING TWENTIES"

Middle Georgia College - Mrs. Bernease Butts

Theresa Hendon

Amy English

Linda Warren

Fran Cleveland

Leo Still

Mike Boswell

Jackie Hendon

Georgia Fussell

Mike Waldrip

Gene Webb

Callie Bishop

Elaine Veal

Andy Hodges

Sally Pope

Cynthia Smith

Mary Wallace Walker

Butch Barnes

Ron DeFoe

Chuck Goldfarb

EPISODE # 14

"THE DARK YEARS"

The American Legion

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scarborough

Gill Leguin

Cathy Scarborough

Donnie Mullis

Gordon Abney

Tommy Fordham

Sam Barrs

Richard Smith

Darnell Glisson

Arthur Peacock

Gerry Hinson

EPISODE # 15

"A LOOK AT TODAY: THE BLECKLEY COUNTY OF THE PRESENT"

Gay 90 Bathing Beauty

Bikini Girl

Fisherman

Ann Reviere

Patti Peacock

Mike Mizzell

EPISODE # 16

"TOMMORROW"

Mayor Bill and the Entire Cast

4-H Club Members for Spectale

GIRLS

1. Patsy Smith
2. Denis NeSmith
3. Robin Gore
4. Carol Foskey
5. Connie Bryan
6. Jessie Livingston
7. Gayle Williams
8. Ann Asbell
9. Kathy Floyd
10. Gretel Ann Jones
11. Debbie Peynolds
12. Elizabeth Hearn
13. Ramona Smith
14. Barbara Fountain
15. Kay Stroup
16. Patsy Smith
17. Catherine Pritchett
18. Kay Churchwell
19. Lisa Woodward
20. Connie Giddens
21. Barbara Bryam
22. Rose Golden
23. Elaine Newman
24. Deborah Moore
25. Cheryl Powell
26. Joan Hearn
27. Brenda Perkins

BOYS

- Ricky Dykes
David Sanders
Don Belflower
Mike Smith
David Lucas
Jerry Adams
Donnie Howell
Danny Brown
Butch Hon
Richard Davis
Stevie Sapp
Ray Giddens
Johnny Sirmans
Rhett Lister
Wayne Fennell
Mike Hattaway
Bennie Smith
Edward Carey
Kenneth Ross
Russell Phillips
Jack Jones
Jimmy Dean
Danny Mathis
Franklin Rogers
Michael Edwards
David Padgett
Danny Mullis

28. Debbie Peyton	Leonard Holloway
29. Bonnie Peyton	Larry M. Floyd
30. Marie Granberry	Ken Darsey
31. Diane Haupt	Gary English
32. Rita Howell	Ricky Edge
33. Janet Mullis	Edgar Godfrey
34. Kathy Hinson	Jackie Forehand
35. Loretta Evans	Billy Hill
37. Susan Grinstead	Lamar Carey
38. Dinae Forehand	Walter Diller
39. Carol Dykes	Steve Tucker
40. Brenda Faulk	Donnie English
41. Jan Mullis	Butch Crumpler
42. Debbie Mathis	Larry B. Floyd
43. Jan Kimbell	Larry Perry
44. Kathy S. Dykes	Tom Waters
45. Mary Erwin	Jimmy Tyndall
46. Neil Greer	Thomas Burns
47. Bonnie Fordham	Newton Maxwell
48. Kathy M. Dykes	Dale Jones
49. Janet Cook	Johnny Pace
50. Sherry Rowland	Larry T. Floyd
51. Jo Ann Teston	
52. Dena Young	
53. Beverly Reeves	
54. Gloria Wade	
55. Cecila Kelsey	
56. Marie Foskey	
57. Mary McNair	
58. Minnie Beck	
59. Mary Frazier	
60. Sylvia Calloway	

COCHRAN-BLECKLEY CENTENNIAL
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
MAY 12 - 18

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 7:00 P.M. Farmers' Meeting and Barbecue - Bleckley Elementary School
Speaker, Bill Lanier, President, Georgia Farm Bureau
Sponsor, Bleckley County Farm Bureau
- 8:00 P.M. Street Dance - Blocked Section of Town
Featuring the Poplin Family Band
Sponsor, Cochran High School Drama Club

FRIDAY, MAY 9

- 9:00 A.M. Old Fashioned Bargain Days
- 9:30 A.M. Headquarters Open
- 7:30 P.M. Little MR. and MISS Centennial Contest - Middle Georgia College
Auditorium
Sponsor, Cochran Junior Women's Club
- D.A.R. ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST CLOSSES

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- 9:00 A.M. Old Fashioned Bargain Days
- 9:30 A.M. Headquarters Open

MONDAY, MAY 12

- HOME COMING DAY
- 9:00-5:00 Museum Opens - Old Bleckley Warehouse - OPEN ALL WEEK
- 9:30 A.M. Headquarters Open
- 10:00-4:00 Hospitality Center Open - Courthouse - OPEN ALL WEEK
Welcome, Algie Jones, County Commissioner - Courthouse Lawn
Welcome and Introductions, Buddy NeSmith, Mayor
Historical Address, Col. L. A. Whipple
Presenting of Birthday Cake by Southern Bell Telephone Company.
- 5:30 P.M. Kangaroo Court - Courthouse Lawn
- 8:30 P.M. Queen's Cotillion - Middle Georgia College Gymnasium
John Hinton's Band
Sponsor, Cochran Rotary Club
(Costumes Encouraged, But Not Required)

HISTORICAL WINDOWS - ALL WEEK

"Gone With The Wind" Exhibit at Roberts Memorial Library
Middle Georgia College - ALL WEEK

TUESDAY, MAY 13 LADIES' DAY

9:30 A.M. Headquarters Open

10:30 A.M. Cooking School - Cochran Community House
Sponsor, Cochran Women's Club

4:00 P.M. Style Show - City Auditorium
Sponsor, Home Economics Clubs

5:30 P.M. Kangaroo Court - Courthouse Lawn

7:45 P.M. Pre-Spectacle - Final Judging of Centennial Belles
With Presentation of Awards

8:30 P.M. First Performance of "Cochran Centi-Rama" - Royal Stadium

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 MIDDLE GEORGIA COLLEGE DAY

9:00 A.M. "Gone With The Wind" Exhibit - College Library

9:30 A.M. Headquarters Open

10:00-6:00 Tour of Homes - Information and Tickets at Centennial Headquarters
Sponsor, Cochran Garden Club

ART SHOW - Middle Georgia College - OPEN ALL DAY

11:00 A.M. Honor's Day - Middle Georgia College

4:00 P.M. May Day Activities and Crowning of the May Queen

5:30 P.M. Kangaroo Court - Courthouse Lawn

7:30 & 9:00 P. M. Silent Movie, "The Eagles", Vogue Theatre

7:45 P.M. Pre-Spectacle Entertainment

8:30 P.M. Second Performance of "Cochran Centi-Rama" - Royal Stadium

THURSDAY, MAY 15 YOUTH DAY

9:00 A.M. Activities Awards - Middle Georgia College Gymnasium

9:30 A.M. Headquarters Open

1:30-3:30 Youth Contests - Courthouse Lawn
Sponsor, 4H Clubs

4:00 P.M. Children and Pets Parade - Downtown Cochran
Sponsor, Girl and Boy Scouts, Cubs and Brownies

5:30 P.M. Kangaroo Court - Courthouse Lawn

7:30 & 9:00 P. M. Silent Movie, "The Eagles", Vogue Theatre

7:45 P.M. Pre-Spectacle Entertainment

8:30 P.M. Third Performance of "Cochran Centi-Rama" - Royal Stadium

MAY 15 CONTINUED

8:30 P.M. Street Dance - Blocked Section of Town
Sponsor, Cochran Lions Club

FRIDAY, MAY 16

BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND FARMERS' DAY

9:30 A.M. Headquarters Open

11:00 a.m.-- Dedication Time Capsule

4:00 P.M. Pep Band - Courthouse Lawn

4:30 P.M. Farmers' Barber Shop Quartet - Courthouse Lawn

5:00 P.M. Skit - L & H Shirt Company - Courthouse Lawn

5:30 P.M. Kangaroo Court - Courthouse Lawn

7:30 & 9:00 P.M. Silent Movie, "The Eagles", Vogue Theatre

7:45 P.M. Pre-Spectacle Entertainment

8:30 P.M. Fourth Performance of "Cochran Centi-Rama" - Royal Stadium

8:30 & 9:00 P.M. (Pre-Spectacle - Final Judging of Brothers of the Brush
beards. Judging of Finalists in Women's Costumes.)

9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

BLECKLEY COUNTY DAY

9:30 A.M. Headquarters Open

11:00 A.M. Welcome, Algie Jones, County Commissioner - Courthouse Lawn

11:00 A.M.-- Welcome and Introduction of Guests, Buddy NeSmith, Mayor

11:30 A.M. Address, Governor Lester Maddox

12:00 P.M.

1:15 P.M. Dedication of Middle Georgia College facilities, Governor Maddox

3:30 P.M. Dedication of Bleckley County Hospital,
Representative W. S. (Bill) Stuckey

2:00 P.M. Dedication of J A C Arts, Gov. Maddox - Cochran Industrial Park

3:00 P.M. GRAND CENTENNIAL PARADE, Lead by Gov. Maddox

Train Rides, Forty and Eight Train - Courthouse Square
Sponsor, Cochran American Legion Post 107 & Auxilliary

5:30 P.M. Final Kangaroo Court - Courthouse Lawn

7:45 P.M. Pre-Spectacle Entertainment

8:30 P.M. Final Performance of "Cochran Centi-Rama" - Royal Stadium

SUNDAY, MAY 18

FESTIVAL OF FAITH

11:00 A.M. Services at Individual Churches and Dinner on the Grounds

2:00-5:00 Air Rides - Cochran Airport

7:30 P.M. Interdenominational Meeting - Cochran Methodist Church, which
was the first Union Church in Cochran
Sermon, the Rev. Verlon Griner, Pastor, First Baptist Church

LIONS CLUB

THE COCHRAN LIONS CLUB WAS CHARTERED APRIL 3, 1956.

CHARTER MEMBERS WERE:

RAY NeSMITH
SHELLY HAYES
HALL JONES
BARNEY HENDRICKS
R. C. BROWNING
DR. J. M. CROOMS
FRED WEBSTER
C. M. ROGERS
DAVID DYKES
JOE LEGG
A. T. DYKES
M. H. DYKES
REV. ALBERT EVANS
JAMES MCCOY
JAMES McCOY
F. Z. SOUTHERLAND
CHARLES BARROW
CLARENCE CROOMS
BROOKS SMITH
NEWELL NeSMITH
E. W. PORTER
MITCHELL BOHANNON
SID CARTER
LOYD HARRIS
WAYNE HARRIS
J. J. HORNE
BEN BRODHEAD
WELCH DYKES
CALVIN BERRYHILL
O. J. THOMAS

Sight conservation is the Lions chief project. This consists of helping needy families with glasses and donating to the Light House for the blind.

In cooperation with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the club sponsored the Star Student and Star Teacher Program at the Cochran High School for the last eleven years.

Past presidents have been:

T. C. Greer, 1967-68
Pete Barrow, 1966-67
A. O. Turner, 1965-66
Ralph Coates, 1964-65
A. C. Miller, 1963-64
Jim McCoy, 1962-63
Charles Killebrew, 1961-62
Brooks Smith, 1960-61
C. C. Crooms, 1959-60
Charles Barrow, 1958-59
Barney Hendricks, 1957-58
Dr. J. M. Crooms, 1956-57

The 1968-69 officers are:

President - A. I. Smith
1st Vice President - Martin Bridges
2nd Vice President - Archie Floyd
3rd Vice President - H. W. Butts
Secretary and Treasurer - A. C. Miller
Tail Twister - Wallace McLeod
Lion Tamer - Rondall Jones

CONGRATULATIONS ON 100th ANNIVERSARY

MAYOR And Council

MAYOR HOMER J. WALKER

HERMAN D. COFFEY, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ROBERT F. BECKMANN, COUNCILMAN

ARCHIE CAMPBELL, COUNCILMAN

THOMAS D. HUNT, COUNCILMAN

NELSON SADDLER , COUNCILMAN

JACK HUMPHREY, COUNCILMAN

City Of Warner Robins



COCHRAN GARDEN CLUB

On February 14, 1947, a group of women met at the City Auditorium to organize a Garden Club.

Charter members were:

Mrs. Ralph Abney
Mrs. V. L. Adams
Mrs. J. H. Anderson
Mrs. H. B. Bailey
Mrs. Mattie Bailey
Mrs. Mattie Brown
Mrs. Taylor Cook
Mrs. Harry Daniel

Mrs. Jordan Fisher
Mrs. T. W. Fisher, Jr.
Miss Lois Grant
Mrs. W. L. Harris
Mrs. Robert Harrell
Mrs. Bob Hendricks
Mrs. J. C. Johns
Mrs. J. C. Johnson
Mrs. Eugee Joiner
Mrs. T. H. Kimbrough
Mrs. L. B. Leach
Mrs. J. W. Matt, Jr.
Mrs. F. L. McVay
Mrs. W. T. McVay
Mrs. C. B. Morgan
Mrs. J. T. Morris
Mrs. L. L. Phillips
Mrs. Paul Norris
Mrs. M. W. Reeves
Mrs. Ben Schwebel
Mrs. A. L. Smith

Mrs. Thomas Snow
Mrs. J. I. SUMM
Mrs. J. I. Summerford
Mrs. C. N. Taylor
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Taylor
Mrs. J. J. Taylor
Mrs. Phil Taylor
Mrs. A. J. Thompson
Mrs. Lewis Thompson
Mrs. Auburn Webb
Mrs. R. L. Whipple

Three months after its organization, the club held the first flower show on May 14, 1947. The first project of the club was improvement and was chairman of this committee. Succeeding her was Mrs. J. Phil Taylor, who served as chairman of Civic and Roadside Development the Memorial Drive of beautiful magnolia at the entrance to the cemetery was to become a reality. Townspeople donated the magnolia trees in memory of loved ones.

Since the beginning the club members have studied both horticulture and flower arranging and have always worked to promote interest in flowers, gardens, to protect birds, wildlife, and to encourage civic improvement for a more beautiful city.

Presidents of the Club have been:

1947-48	Mrs. Bob Hendricks	1959-61	Mrs. Reid Gullat
1948-51	Mrs. Taylor Cook	1961-63	Mrs. Emory Grant
1953-55	Mrs. T. W. Fisher, Jr.	1965-67	Mrs. Marion Porter
1955-57	Mrs. E. Fisher Taylor	1967-69	Mrs. Wyndell Dykes



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Atlanta, Georgia 30305
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GEORGIA PEACHES

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Crow about*

BRAND

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of

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Brief History of Cochran Lodge No. 217,
Free and Accepted Masons

According to the History of Cochran Lodge No. 217, Free and Accepted Masons and compiled by the late Bro. T. L. Bailey, Sr., the lodge was chartered October 16, 1874 with Thomas F. Walker Worshipful Master under dispensation. The following officers were elected for the year 1875: T. F. Walker, W. M.; Sal Maas, S. W.; Y. H. Morgan, J. W.; W. M. Wynn, Treas.; Virgil Perry, Secty.; D. M. Ryle, S. D.; John h. Johnson, J. D.; W. C. McNair, S. S.; J. E. Oberry, J. S.; J. E. Booth, Tyler.

The present lodge building was completed in 1895 and remained unchanged until May 10, 1954 when it was voted by the members to extend the building.

The following officers serve the lodge for the year 1969: Martin Bridges, W. M.; Charles Killebrew, S. W.; Alfred Dixon, J. W.; J. Willett Reeves, Secty.; Sid Carter, Treas.; A. C. Miller, s. d.; Ivy Smith, J. D.; James Lyles, S. S.; Hoyt Sheffield, J. S.; Freddy Wimberly, Chaplain and J. E. Reeves, Director of Wark.

Cochran - Bleckley

Development Corporation

With a majority of the leading businessmen and merchants of Cochran and Bleckley, the corporation was organized for the purpose of promoting industry, to act as a chamber of commerce, to generally assist the merchants and to induce new residents moving into the area to locate in Cochran. It sponsors the Annual United Givers Fund Campaign Drive. They helped to get Cochran's newest industry to locate here--- The Pentex Woven Label Co.

OFFICERS

J. M. Bohannon
President

Buddy NeSmith
Vice President

Willie Brantley
Exec. Vice President

A. N. Davidson
Secretary, Treas.

DIRECTORS

Charles Redmond

Rawlins Horne

W. C. Dykes

Gus Faulk

C. T. Foster

Ralph Sanders

B. W. Hendricks, Jr.

A. N. NeSmith

J. W. Trunell, Jr.

Sid Carter

CONGRATULATIONS

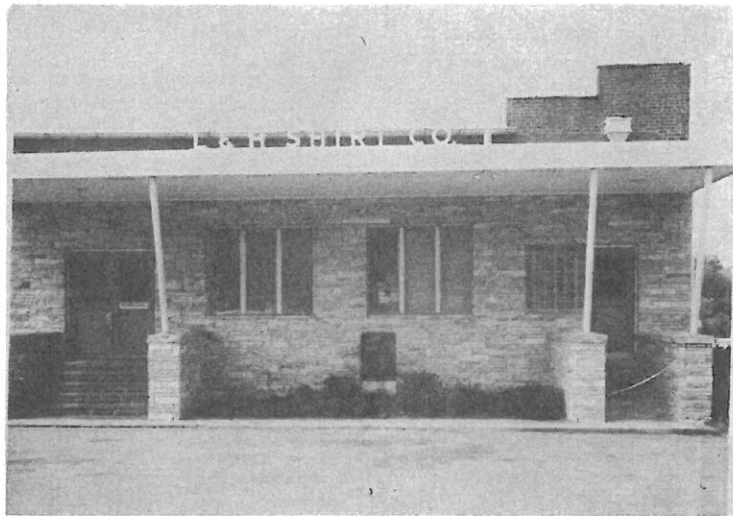
CITY OF COCHRAN 100th ANNIVERSARY

ROBERT P. GREY, CONSULTING ENGINEER

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**Manufacturers of
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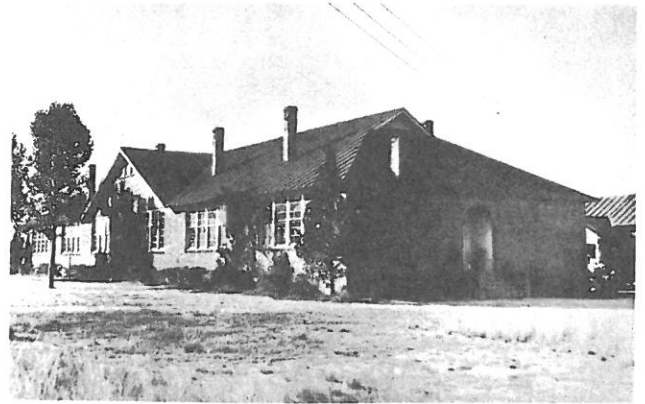
**Shipments to all 50 States and Export Shipments
Congratulations to Cochran and Bleckley County
City's 100th Anniversary**

Bleckley County School System

In the early days of our county, the school system consisted of small neighborhood schools which were one and two room schools. During the thirties these schools began to consolidate and the size of the schools increased. This culminated in the sixties in the consolidation of two modern school plants. Bleckley County Elementary School located on Highway 26 three miles east of Cochran has an enrollment of 665 pupils and 32 school personnel. Jack Lucas has been principal since the opening in January 1963. Westside Elementary School located on the south-east of Cochran has an enrollment of 270 and 12 school personnel. Victor Myrick has been principal since 1967.

The Board Members for 1969 are: Jack Purser, Wallace Williams, E. D. Gogle, Johnnie Davis, and William K. Smith. Tom Watson Dykes is the present superintendent.

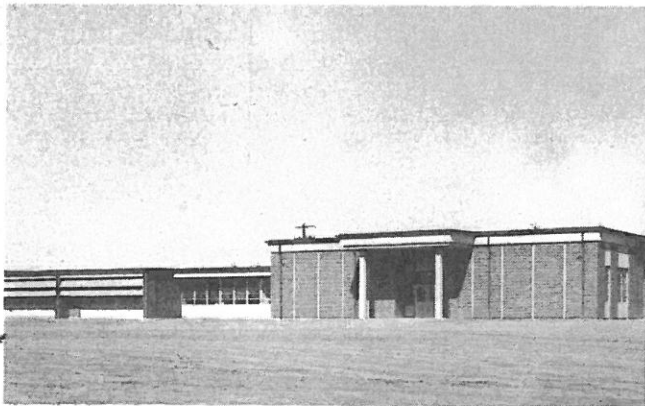
The County School Superintendents who have served Bleckley County are: H. E. Harvell, Irwin Willis, Lucian Whipple, W. B. Brady, Willard Coley and Tom W. Dykes.



Cary



Limestone



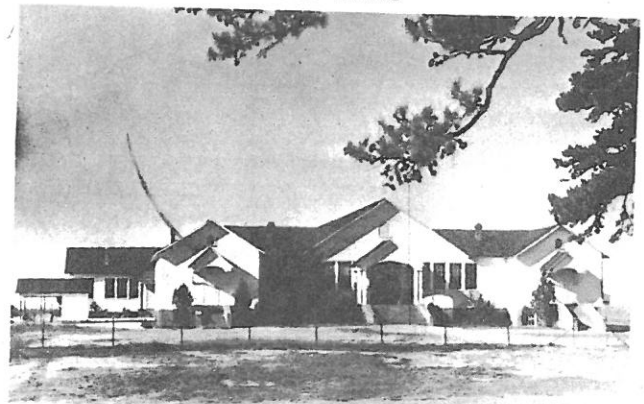
Westside Elementary



Union Hill



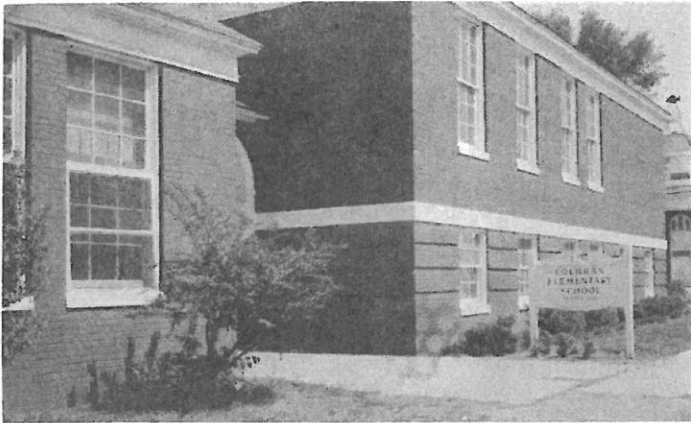
Bleckley County Elementary



Salem

Cochran City Schools

A Proud Past With a Vision for the Future



THE OLD

Cochran City Schools that has a present enrollment of 1700 students and a faculty of 72, are happy to observe the 100th Anniversary of the City of Cochran. The present Board of Education of the Cochran City Schools are:

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The administrative Staff is composed of John T. Groover, Superintendent; Aaron I. Dillard, Principal Cochran Elementary School; James T. Harmon, Assistant Principal, Cochran High School; and W. L. McDonald, Principal Thompson Street School. The Directors of the Cochran City Schools are: Marvin B. Williams, Guidance and Counseling; Martha R. Crooms, Curriculum; Lillian R. Urquhart, Attendance; Harvey McNease, Athletics; Myrtice B. Johnson, Food Service; Marilyn Goodman, Secretary; and W. G. Fair, Custodial and Maintenance.

Many improvements have been made in the last three years. All buildings have been completely renovated with the addition of a multi-purpose room, a field house and new climatized Jr. High School Building.

The Educational Programs in the Cochran City Schools are among the best in the state. On the elementary level opportunities offered above and beyond the standard of most schools include a full time counseling program, a remedial reading pro-



THE NEW

gram, a full time librarian, and two special educational classes. In the fields of Science, Mathematics, English, Reading and Social Studies the latest equipment and methods are being used. On the high school level a diversified curriculum allows a student to obtain a diploma in General Education, Vocational Training or College Preparation. Enrichment is further offered through an Eighth Grade Honors program, a Diversified Classroom Teaching program and a Vocational Office training program.

The schools are fully accredited by the Georgia Accreditation Commission and the High School is accredited by the Southern Association Accrediting Commission. The schools are also rated as standard schools as rated by standards set up by the State Department of Education.

All schools in the system are staffed with fully certified principals, teachers, counselors, and librarians. On the System level, there is a full time visiting teacher and curriculum director.

Many outstanding educational leaders have been connected with the Cochran Schools throughout its history but the most outstanding man was Thomas Malcom Purcell, who served the system for 23 years. During these years, Cochran High School was awarded nine Literary Cups, the debate team won the State three out of four years in a row, won the Sixth District Championship in boys basketball for seven years in a row, won the Sixth District Track Championship in 1946, Cochran girls won the District basketball cup for eleven out of sixteen years, and the lunchroom was started in the Cochran Schools.

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The Bleckley County area is known to have been in the third, twelfth, sixth, and eighth Congressional Districts. These Districts have been served by the following Congressmen since 1869:

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1869-1871-Marion Bethune, Talbotton, Georgia
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1871-1873-John Summerfield Bigby, Newnan, Ga.
1873-1882-Philip Cook, Americus, Ga.
1882-1896-Charles F. Crisp, Americus, Ga.
1896-1897-Charles R. Crisp, Americus, Ga.
1897-1909-Elijah B. Lewis, Montezuma, Ga.
1909-1917-Dudley M. Hughes, Danville, Ga.
1917-1930-William W. Larsen, Dublin, Ga.
1930-1964-Carl Vinson, Milledgeville, Ga.
1964-1966-J. Russell Tuten, Brunswick, Ga.
1966- William S. Stuckey, Jr., Eastman, Ga.

Sponsored by William S. Stuckey, Jr., Eighth District Congressman.

State Senators

The Bleckley County area has, since 1869, been in the fourteenth and the nineteenth senatorial districts. The following State Senators have served us during this time:

1869-1870	John J. Collier	1919-1920	J. P. Maynard
1870-1871	James Trawick	1921-1922	W. H. Lassiter
1871-1876	Charles C. Kibbee	1923-1924	Howard E. Coats
1876-1877	Drury Reid	1925-1926	Dr. C. W. William
1877-1879	John J. Hamilton	1926-1927	J. B. Peacock
1880-1881	John C. Underwood	1927-1928	E. B. Dykes
1882-1883	Lucius M. Lamar	1929-1930	Harley F. Lawson
1884-1885	S. T. Fuller	1931-1932	Guy D. Jackson (Cochran)
1886-1887	D. M. Roberts	1933-1934	Eldridge H. Conner
1888-1889	T. J. Ray	1935-1936	Linnaeus C. Ragan
1890-1891	W. J. Mullis	1937-1938	Guy D. Jackson
1892-1893	J. J. Dennard	1939-1940	Virgil C. Daves
1894-1895	Baldy Ryals	1941-1942	Linnaeus C. Ragan
1896-1897	W. S. Thompson	1943-1944	Robert T. Cooper (Cochran)
1898-1899	Mark T. Hodge	1945-1946	Virgil C. Daves
1900-1901	J. J. Dennard	1947-1948	E. O. Richardson
1902-1904	Hamilton Clark	1949-1950	James M. Dykes (Cochran)
1905-1906	D. A. R. Crum	1950-1951	Ernest Hays
1907-1908	Z. V. Peacock	1951-1954	Pete Pettey
1909-1910	John T. King	1955-1956	James M. Dykes (Cochran)
1911-1912	Issac Williams	1957-1958	Clinton B. Brannen
1913-1914	M. E. Rushin	1959-1960	Robert L. Slade
1915-1916	Z. V. Peacock	1961-1962	James M. Dykes (Cochran)
1917-1918	J. R. Dykes	1963-	Roy V. Noble

Sponsored by Roy V. Noble of Vienna, presently serving the people of this area as State Senator.

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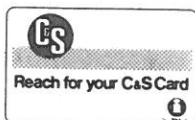
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Cochran Junior Woman's Club

The Cochran Junior Woman's Club was organized in September of 1966 through the efforts of a steering committee, composed of Mrs. Jean Bridges, Mrs. Toni Johnson, and Miss Greta Pickett, appointed by the president of the Cochran Woman's Club, Mrs. Louella Dykes. The first meeting was held in the Cochran Community House at 7:30 p.m.

The club elected temporary officers to serve until federated; these were as listed:

President: Mrs. Sue Horne
 First Vice President: Mrs. Jean Bridges
 Second Vice President: Mrs. Toni Johnson
 Corresponding Secretary: Miss Greta Pickett
 Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jean Smith
 Treasurer: Mrs. Virginia Curington

Then in March of 1967 the club received its charter from the Georgia Federation of Woman's Club and as a federated club elected its first permanent slate of officers to serve 1967-69. These were as follows:

President: Mrs. Jean Bridges
 First Vice President: Mrs. Juanita Ledbetter
 Second Vice President: Mrs. Lunelle Watson
 Corresponding Secretary: Miss Greta Pickett
 Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jean Smith
 Treasurer: Mrs. Carol Fordham
 The slate of officers (1969-71) is as follows:
 President: Mrs. Sue Horne
 First Vice President: Mrs. Jackie Wilson
 Second Vice President: Mrs. Jewelle Trunnell
 Corresponding Secretary: Miss Greta Pickett
 Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jackie Sikes
 Treasurer: Mrs. Gloria Williams



Junior Woman's Ensemble

The Cochran Junior Woman's Club serves its community, state, and nation in various ways. Some current projects are the sponsoring of Pack 53 of the Cub Scouts and the Choral Ensemble, a Bicycle Rodeo for safety, organization of Pink Ladies, assistance with HeadStart, preparation of Fair Booth, refinishing community house piano, Little Mr. and Miss Centennial Contest, city beautification, and contributions to CARE, Hope, Veterans Hospital, meals for millions, Project Concern, U.S. Savings Bonds, Tallulah Falls School, and others. Individual recognition of worthy citizens is a continuing service.

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The members of the Bleckley County Post 107 of the American Legion entertained their families at a barbecue in the High School gymnasium with several out-of-town speakers present to aid in organizing an Auxiliary. As a result of this social the local unit was formally organized on May 5, 1939. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Mabel Holland, President; Mrs. Nora Bagley, First Vice-president; Mrs. Catherine Thompson, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Nettie Padgett, Treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Hendrick, Secretary; Mrs. Willie Mae Mathis, Historian; Mrs. Eloise Scarborough, Chaplain; Mrs. Ruby McVay, Reporter; Mrs. Ola Mullis, Memorial chairman; Mrs. Martha Bracewell and Mrs. Ethel Jones, Color bearers; Mrs. Carrie Mae Fulton, Membership chairman.

There were twenty charter members who, besides the officers, including; Mrs. Laura Collum, Mrs. Belle Newman, Mrs. John Love, Mrs. Sam Mills, Mrs. Ellen Rozier, Mrs. Eva Trunnell, Mrs. Gladys Stokes, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins. Before the end of the year the following members were added: Mrs. T. M. White, Mrs. Lillie Thompson, Mrs. Beatrice Purser, Mrs. Hamp Wade, Mrs. Lucia White, Mrs. Gertrude Jones, Mrs. Mittie NeSmith, Mrs. Rosalee Dorminy, Mrs. Jack Johnson, Mrs. Adele Parramore, and Mrs. Laura Magnolia Smith, a Gold Star Mother.

Presidents who followed were: Mrs. Jack Johnson, Mrs. Eva Trunnell, Mrs. George McVay, Mrs. Martha Bracewell, Mrs. Lettie Stephens, Mrs. Nora Bagley, Mrs. Hazel Harrell, and Mrs. Delores Kingery.

An organization with no policy of its own, the Auxiliary has given loyal support to the Legion in its activities. During World War II, nineteen Sons volunteered for service in the armed forces, three of these having made the supreme sacrifice. With members of the Post, servicemen at home on furloughs were visited, and when one of them expressed a need of mail from home a past commander and his wife, Barney and Margaret Hendricks, began their Mom and Dad column in the local paper. These homey letters gave news that was culled from replies received from men stationed in all parts of the world. They were well received by the servicemen and home folks alike.

The Auxiliary has always been active in Child Welfare work. In 1944-45 this unit won the State Child Welfare cup for outstanding achievement. Child Welfare cup for outstanding achievement.

At the present time there are 44 members,

we have listed by death Mrs. Magnolia Smith, Mrs. Sizzie Hawkins, Mrs. T. M. White, Mrs. Laura Collum, Mrs. Adele Parramore, Mrs. W. K. Bagley and Mrs. Mittie NeSmith.

The Auxiliary members are cooperating with the Post 107 members and Bleckley County officials in placing a flame of Freedom on the Courthouse square, honoring Bleckley County Veterans of all wars during the Centennial.

Committee Commander:

W. D. Scarborough

Ruby S. McVay
 Mrs. J. W. Bracewell
 Mrs. Johnny Floyd
 Mrs. Simon Floyd
 Mrs. Daniel M. Forehand
 Mrs. James Forehand
 Mrs. Henry Griffin
 Mrs. L. D. Griffin
 Mrs. Bill Hall
 Mrs. Ewell Hammack
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 Mrs. John L. Lane
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 Mrs. Travis Legg
 Mrs. W. H. McCammon
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 Mrs. Paul Norris
 Mrs. J. R. Partee
 Mrs. E. F. Pickett
 Mrs. A. J. Porter
 Mrs. R. T. Ragan
 Dr. Annie Mae Rhodes
 Mrs. Lamar Rutland
 Mrs. Frazier Smith
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 Mrs. J. P. Vidosic
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 Miss Eula Windham

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT



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BETHANY CHURCH

BRIEF HISTORY OF BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

In the 1860's, a group of people left the Primitive Baptist Church, and held services in a log cabin belonging to W. H. Stokes. At this time Rev. George Stapleton served as pastor.

Elizabeth McPhail conveyed by deed dated October 28, 1867, to Bethany Baptist Church two acres of land, 1/4 acre reserved for burying ground. May 22, 1876, Cassanora Wood conveyed to the church three acres of land.

The church was named Bethany for Bethany Forehand Stokes, wife of William Henry Stokes. The first minutes we have, April 4, 1868, read: Bethany Baptist Church of Christ, met according to a previous appointment and after preaching by Bro. Fann, opened", etc. Daniel N. Fann was first pastor after congregation was con-church.

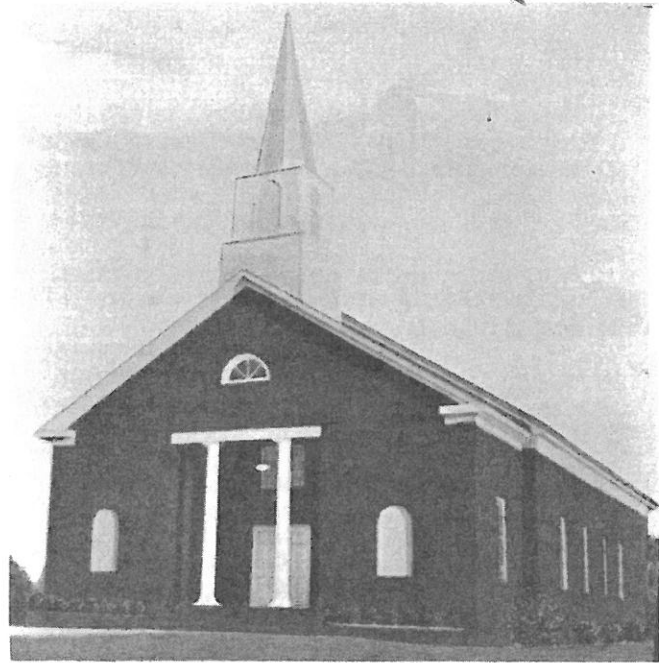
The first building was used for church and a school. We do not know exactly when the present building was erected. The shingles under the tin were hand drawn and are still in use in the present building. Many months, even years, were spent in constructing this building. Seven men from Bethany Church have been ordained as ministers of the gospel. They are: G. W. Stapleton, P. A. Jessup, Ed Dye, J.M. Pritchett, and Jerrell Pritchett, Gaston Willingham and Wyndell Hamrick.

The church dealt with members for misconduct such as: profanity, drunkenness, dancing, departure from faith and particularly with men for absence from conferences.

February 7, 1885, resolution was passed to organize the first Sabbath School. October 9, 1886, the church agreed to give to Ebenezer College \$10 annually as an endowment. This is now Middle Georgia College.

April 27, 1952, the church voted to repair the original church building. Later in 1958, the auditorium was brick veneered. Years later, 1962, the church installed a heating and air conditioning system in the church and auditorium. The church continued to progress. At the end of 100 years of service to God and man the church broke ground for a brick, air conditioned educational building at its Centennial Service.

Not only has the church progressed in appearance, but also in service. The church was begun with a handful of faithful believers. Today in 1969 the total membership is 438. The church not only has been a witness in its community but also around the world by giving financially to the Co-operative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. The first record of giving to foreign missions was September 23, 1893, in the amount of \$16.



Bethany Church



Rev. and Mrs. Don Scarborough, pastor of Bethany dressed for the Church Centennial in 1968.

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COCHRAN WOMAN'S CLUB

Cochran Woman's Club was organized in 1920. It became a member of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs in 1923. It grew out of the re-organization Civic League, which had disbanded during World War I to enter into Red Cross service and other patriotic activities.

The Civic League was organized on September 10, 1912 at the home of Mrs. Miletus Wynne, Sr. (Miss Nancy) at her invitation and inspirations. Mrs. T. L. Bailey, Sr. was the first president. Mr. Bailey, her husband, the editor of the Cochran Journal, had called attention to the fact that there ought to be a ladies civic organization in the town.

Charter members of Cochran Woman's Club are Mrs. Miletus Wynne, Sr., Mrs. Floyd Watson, Mrs. R. L. Whipple, Mrs. E. Cook, Mrs. T. L. Bailey, Sr., Mrs. Blevins Bailey, Mrs. Lucian Whipple, Mrs. Charlie Taylor, Mrs. Lou Jackson, Mrs. Raymond Edwards, Mrs. Ollie Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mrs. Barkwell Thompson, Mrs. E. E. Rose, Mrs. C. T. Hall, Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Mrs. W. E. Monts, Mrs. F. B. Asbell, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. M. Z. Jones, Mrs. Helen Thompson, Mrs. M. Wynne, Jr., Mrs. Sara Morgan, Miss Mary Hall, Miss Annie Mae Horne, Mrs. Ruby Bullard, Mrs. Alice Peacock, Mrs. Lee Howard, Mrs. John Walker.

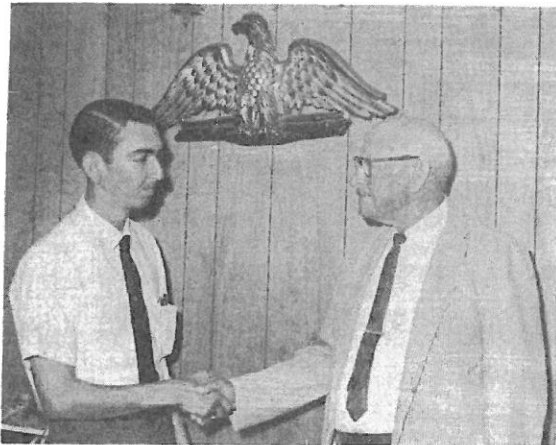
Mrs. Ruby Bullard, Mrs. Lee Howard, and Mrs. Lucian Whipple are the only charter members of 1920 who are members today. Mrs. Ruby Bullard is the only member to hold continuous membership since the early Civic League was organized in 1912. She has been honored for this on many occasions. The 1968-69 Year Book is dedicated to her. Several previous books conferred the same honor upon her.

"This organization, the Woman's Club, has meant much to the civic, cultural and social life of Cochran. Impressive programs have brought noted speakers, musicians, and artists in many fields before local audiences", says the Pulaski-Bleckley history, which was compiled and written by one of its members, Virginia Speer Harris (Mrs. Wallace Harris). On pages 385-388 in Vol. I of this history she lists briefly a few of the many outstanding accomplishments of Cochran Woman's Club, such as:

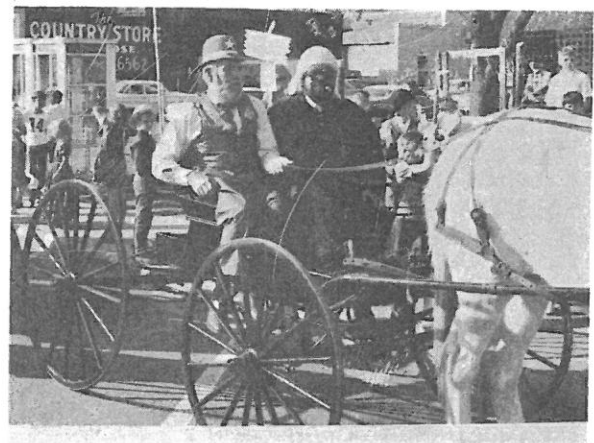
Sponsored the building of a Community House in 1938-39; built, and for 25 seasons operated the town swimming pool; assisted in organized patriotic activities during World War II; cared for the Cedar Hill Cemetery for years; provided college scholarships, helped maintain the State Federation's School at Tallulah, etc, etc.

Mrs. Leo Browning was club president for eight non-consecutive years. She attended every District and State Meeting for twenty years. Mrs. J. W. Taylor ran her a close second in attendance at conventions. Mrs. Lucian Whipple has served as president for ten non-consecutive years, a club record. She is now Honorary President. Mrs. A. L. Smith was Honorary President for years, preceding Mrs. Whipple.

Mrs. Robert L. Whipple, Mrs. Floyd Watson, Miss Fannie Smith, Mrs. Barney Hendricks, Sr., Mrs. Fred Noegel, Mrs. Henry Duke, Mrs. T. M. Purcell, Mrs. Howell Mullis, Mrs. George McRae, Mrs. Leo Browning, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mrs. Charlie Reeves, Mrs. L. A. Whipple, Mrs. J. T. Ecker, Mrs. Taylor Cook, Mrs. A. L. Smith, Mrs. Ralph Abney, Mrs. J. T. Morris, Mrs. W. L. Brantley, Mrs. C. B. Morgan, Dr. Annie Mae Rhodes, Mrs. Roy Zeagler, Mrs. Wyndell Dykes, and Mrs. L. D. Griffin.



"Editor and Consulting Editor"



"The Judge Comes to Court"

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church

Cochran, Georgia
by Emmett S. Davis

The First United Methodist Church of Cochran was organized under a brush arbor at the home of Mr. D. C. Walker in the year 1866. The Reverend T. C. Curtis, pastor of the Hawkinsville Circuit was assisted by the Reverend E. A. Burch, a local elder of Hawkinsville, in the organization. There were seven charter members, James Pugh, Mrs. Mary Pugh, Frank B. Green, Edward Pipkins, and Mrs. Martha Pipkins. The brush arbor was used until 1868 when David S. Dykes made a deed to the differed denominations for a lot of land to be used by the churches of Cochran, then called Dykesboro, for a place of worship. The first building was erected in 1868 and was owned and used jointly by the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians. This union church was used in this fashion until 1879 when the property was advertised for sale so that a division of the property might be made. The property was sold at public outcry in front of the courthouse in Hawkinsville on the first Tuesday in September 1879. The Reverend A. M. Williams represented the Methodist Church at the sale. The property was bought and the original Trustees executed a new deed to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South on October 11, 1879.

In 1885, the Cochran Circuit was organized, thereby separating this church from the Hawkinsville Circuit. The Reverend J. W. Domingos was the first pastor assigned to the Cochran Circuit.

A new church building was begun in 1890 while the Reverend Charles Adams was the pastor. The present sanctuary building was constructed in 1916, the Reverend Charles W. Curry was the pastor. A pipe organ was installed in that building in 1920. During the pastorate of the Reverend A. Jason Shirah, a new parsonage was built where the old one had stood. This new parsonage was

dedicated by Bishop Arthur J. Moore on January 21, 1951. In that same year, the Official Board of the Church voted to purchase the property adjacent to the church on East Dykes Street. A ground breaking service was held in 1955 for a new education building. The building was dedicated in 1962.

In 1939 the three branches of the Methodist Church united to form THE METHODIST CHURCH. Since that time our church has been called the First Methodist Church of Cochran. After many years of working together, THE METHODIST CHURCH and THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH united in 1968 to form THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

The following list of ministers have faithfully served the Cochran Charge : J. J. Morgan in 1867. No records for Pastor in 1868 and 1869. F. A. Branch, 1870; H. C. Fentress 1871-1872, 1873; R. J. Corley 1874-1875; D. R. McWilliams 1876; A. M. Williams 1877-1878-1879-1880; H. R. Felder 1881; G. C. Clark 1882-1883-1884; J. W. Domingos 1885-1886; W. J. Robertson 1887; Crawford W. Jackson 1888; J. D. Mauldin 1889; C. D. Adams 1890-1891-1892-1893; B. S. Dentell 1894; George S. Johnson 1895-1896; D. F. Riley 1897; W. J. Flanders 1893-1899; C. M. Ledbetter 1900; W. C. Jones 1901-1902; J. B. Griner 1903-1904; J. W. Simmons 1905-1906; J. P. Chatfield 1907-1908; W. L. Wooten 1909; H. P. Myers 1910; J. B. Griner 1911; F. C. McCullough 1912; A. Lester 1913-1914; C. W. Curry 1915-1916-1917; J. P. Dell 1918-1919; E. E. Rose 1920-1921-1922-1923; W. H. Ketchum 1924-1925-1926-1927; H. W. Joiner 1928-1929; T. O. Lambert 1930-1931-1932-1933; G. Reid Smith 1934-1935; W. M. Haywood 1936-1937-1938; A. W. Quillian Jr., 1939-1940-1942; J. I. Summerford 1943-1944-1945-1946 to June, 1947; Swoll Sawyer 1947-1949; A. Jason Shirah 1949-1954; Allen V. Johnson 1954-1959; Louis M. Spivey 1959-1961; Ted Griner 1961-1965; DeWitt Shippey 1965-1968; 1968 to present, Emmett S. Davis.



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ROTARY CLUB

Rotary Club of Cochran

The Cochran Rotary Club was chartered April 19, 1937 in ceremonies at Middle Georgia Junior College. Honor guests at the meeting were: Joel C. Harris, Jr., of Atlanta, District Governor and Kyle T. Alfiend, President of the sponsoring Macon Rotary Club. Our club is club 237 District 692 of Rotary International, an organization of 13,500 Rotary Clubs in 145 Countries and geographical regions.

The expressed object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.

The Rotary Club is organized around Four Avenues of Service: Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, and International Service. Every member is responsible for a subcommittee functioning under one of these avenues of service.

Basic to all of Rotary is the Four Way Test of things we say and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Working within this framework and with these ideals in mind the Rotarians of Cochran have effected numerous yearly service projects and a number of continuing programs. Among the latter are included:

Personal and financial support of Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America for 23 continuous years.
Yearly contributions to student loan at Middle Georgia College.

Co-sponsorship of student at Middle Georgia College under the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

Support of Rotary Foundation - a graduate level scholarship fund.

Sponsorship of the first Rotoract Club in Georgia. Rotoract is a student level program promoting Rotary ideals to youth.

Past Rotary Presidents:

1937-38 - Leo H. Browning
1938-39 - Wallace L. Harris
1939-40 - J. Luther Horne
1940-41 - Ralph Peacock
1941-42 - Lewis Leach
1942-43 - Jim Cook
1943-44 - J. T. Morris
1944-45 - Phil Taylor
1945-46 - Robert T. Cooper
1946-47 - Alger A. Holcombe
1947-48 - Andrew B. Wynn
1948-49 - Lloyd A. Mell
1949-50 - Carlton T. Foster
1950-51 - Tommie Fisher, Jr.
1951-52 - L. E. Roberts
1952-53 - Wyndell Dykes
1953-54 - Henry Griffin
1954-55 - Red Porter
1955-56 - L. C. Wilder
1956-57 - Harry Daniel, Sr.
1957-58 - Roy Coley

1958-59 - Emory Grant
1959-60 - Carlton Lawson
1960-61 - J. Chalmes Holmes
1961-62 - Charles Redmond
1962-63 - Bennie Meadows
1963-64 - Ralph Hosford
1964-65 - Ted Griner
1965-66 - Basil Barber
1966-67 - L. D. Griffin
1967-68 - Louis Alderman
1968-69 - James Marshall
Officers in 1937:

Leo H. Browning, President
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L. S. Leach, Secretary
J. J. Fisher, Sergeant at Arms

Current Officers:

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T. W. Fisher, Jr., Sergeant at Arms

Current Members:

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J. H. Barber
Ross Borders
Harry Daniel, Sr.
David Daniel
Carlos Davis
Emmett Davis
David Dykes
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James Faircloth
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George Hinton
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Ralph Hosford
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Doug Meyers
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Rotary is proud to have been a part of Cochran and Bleckley County for 32 of its first 100 years and we look forward to our mutual progress during the next hundred.

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We believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprises;

That government should be of laws rather than of men;

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work.

The Cochran-Bleckley Junior Chamber of Commerce was chartered May 15, 1950 ---- Affiliated with Junior Chamber International the United States and Georgia Junior Chambers of Commerce.

Young men through the ages 21-35 learn by serving the community in which they live and this service provides a means of leadership training.

The Jaycee Club has devoted unselfish interest to the growth and progress of Cochran and Bleckley County. Through the ideals of service, the club has promoted and sponsored along with other organizations many improvements.

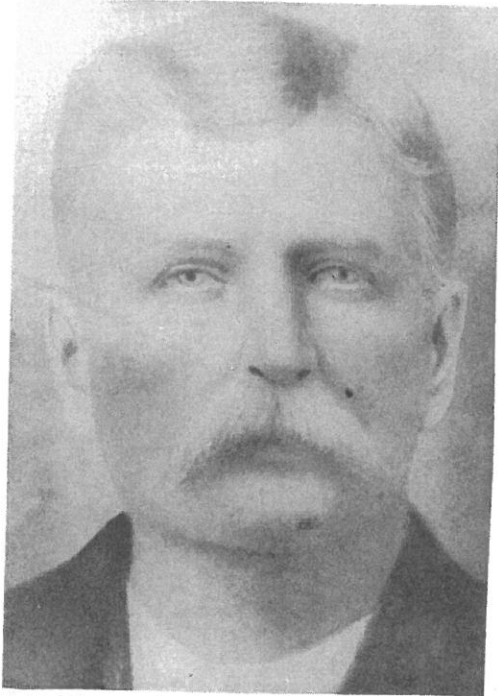
Projects:

1. Roadside Park, north of town, was constructed on land secured and enclosed by Jaycees.
2. In cooperation with City of Cochran, permanent street signs were erected, and also natural gas facilities made available.
3. Jaycees obtained preliminary oil lease from local land owners before oil exploration got under-way.
4. Jaycees sponsor the Christmas Parade each year and make Santa Claus available downtown for a week before Christmas.
5. Jaycees sponsor annual county fair.
6. Jaycees give an award to the Outstanding Young Farmer of Bleckley County each year.
7. Jaycees sponsor a "Get Out and Vote" campaign at election time, which is totally impartial.
8. Sponsored the Jr. Miss Contest and had Miss Anita Coley to represent Cochran in state and who won the state title.
9. Sponsored the Driving Rodeo for teenagers and has a state winner, Miss Jane Fitzpatrick.
10. Jaycees extended two other clubs.
11. Jaycees present awards to outstanding athletes in Jr. and Sr. High.
12. Jaycees are airport boosters, and industry boosters also an initial supporter of the Forest Fire Protection Unit for Bleckley County, Middle Georgia College boosters, Beautifying Cochran, and also support making Middle Georgia College a four year college.
13. A local past Jaycee, W. C. Dykes, was a National Director and an International Director, also there have been several local Jaycees who were state committee chairmans over the past years.
14. Jaycees furnish gifts and food to needy families at Christmas.
15. Jaycees also conduct the March of Dimes campaign.
16. Jaycees organized the Civil Defense Rescue Unit.
17. Jaycees sponsor the Measles Clinic and the Polio Clinic.



BLECKLEY COUNTY

Compiled by L. A. Whipple



J. B. Hinson, the first Commissioner of Bleckley County.

Bleckley County was named for Logan E. Bleckley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. The county was created out of Pulaski County by constitutional amendment ratified at the general election on October 2, 1912, and the county was organized January 1, 1913, with the City of Cochran as the county site.

Pulaski County was created by an act of the General Assembly in December, 1808, out of territory then a part of Laurens County, which was created in December, 1807, out of territory then a part of Wilkinson County, which county was created May 11, 1803, out of territory acquired from the Indians by the treaty of Fort Wilkinson in 1802. Wilkinson extended from Baldwin County south between the Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers to their confluence below Lumber City.

W. A. Wooten Solicitor General, J. T. Deese, Clerk of Court, J. A. Floyd, Sheriff, W. C. McAllister, Court Reporter.

The Bleckley County Courthouse was build beginning September 5, 1914, and was completed in November, 1914. The courthouse and jail were built out of a bond issue of \$65,000.00.

Bleckley County has always had a sole County Commissioner system. The commissioners have been: J. B. Hinson, W. M. Wynne, Ordinary and acting Commissioner, R. H. Peacock, J. P. Dykes, Ivey Smith, and Algie Jones.

The Sheriffs have been J. A. Floyd, William H. Jones, John D. Padgett, J. J. Smith, Gus Giddens and Paul English.

The Superintendents of Schools have been i. a. willis, Harris E. Harvelle, Lucian A. Whipple, Willaim Bascombe Bradey, Willard Coley, and the present superintendent, Tom W. Dykes.

The tax collectors have been W. D. Porter, J. A. NeSmith, H. J. Purser, Marvin Meadows, and J. T. Smith.

The tax receivers have been J. E. Holland, B. F. Jones, Sr., F. B. Asbell, J. F. Dykes, Mrs. Ocilla D. Martin. S. A. Arnold, and B. F. Meadows.

The following men have represented Bleckley County in the General Assembly: Leo H. Browning, Dr. T. D. Walker, Sr., John S. Wynne, Charles Mullis, Guy D. Jackson, Hezzie McWhorter, Dr. William Van Vorst Parramore, L. A. Whipple, James M. Dykes, Ben M. Jessup, and J. H. Anderson, representing both Bleckley and Pulaski Counties.

The Ordinaries have been W. E. Wynne, R. D. Abney, Sr., W. H. Jones, Sr., H. McWhorter, Hezzie Jones, R. W. Coody, Edward T. Wimberly, and T. Walton Rogers.

Clerks of the Superior Court have been Joel T. Deese, James A. Floyd, T. W. Floyd, Lois B. Floyd, John D. NeSmith, D. M. Forehand, and presently Mrs. Gynelle Stokes.

The Coroners for Bleckley County have been Morgan Barrs, Ike Meadows, W. A. Stroup, S. M. Barlow, H. I. Redding, George D. Coley, S. M. Mullis, S. A. Arnold, Dan Darsey and presently Bobby Mathis.

BLECKLEY COUNTY LAWYERS AND DOCTORS Lawyers

The following men have resided in Cochran and practiced law to wit: Wilbur F. Kelsey, Robert Raiford, George Bright, J. A. Thomas, W. R. Cochran, R. C. Jordan, Herbert L. Grice, Z. V. Peacock, L. A. Whipple, H. McWhorter, A. C. Adams, Albert Saffold, Will Stallings, J. C. Linney, J. M. Bleckley, L. B. Gilibeau, T. O. Wilkinson, C. A. Weddington, J. E. B. Asbell, James Eugene Horne, J. F. Floyd, Guy D. Jackson, A. Newell NeSmith, Duross Fitzpatrick and Alvin W. Arnold.

Doctors

T. F. Walker, Thomas W. Barkwell, Y. H. Morgan, the first physician to establish residence in Cochran, C. E. Taylor, T. D. Walker, Sr., R. J. Morgan, A. J. Lamb, P. L. Hudson, W. B. Carswell, R. S. Forehand, J. A. George, G. W. Kelly, J. N. Roland, L. H. Bartee, R. L. Whipple, W. H. Pirkle, W. V. Parramore, A. L. Smith, J. M. Smith, Thomas Snow, S. L. Harp, J. M. Smith, Jr., Richard Smith, Blake S. Bivins, Reid Gullatt, C. Ray Ivey, Wallace Lucas. W. C. Williams and Will Jamison were located at Cary.

Dentists

O. J. Whipple, C. T. Hall, G. C. Walters, C. L. Toole, W. E. Wynens, L. D. Rhodes, Marcus Holland, J. F. Marshall, and A. J. Bowen.

Chiropractors

Mrs. Annie Mae Rhodes and C. E. Smith.

Optometrists

J. M. Crooms and E. M. Harrington, Jr.

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Ten miles northeast of Hawkinsville, Population 1500. The Ebenezer Male and Female Baptist College is located here. Mail daily. Quinn L. Harvard, Postmaster.

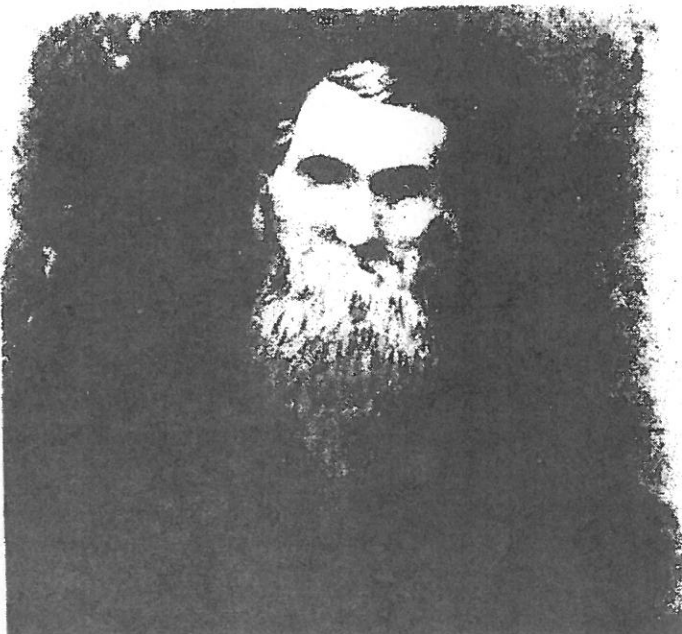
Bunn, Laura, Miss teacher of music
Cochran, W. R., lawyer
Coleman, M. A., Mrs., milliner
Cook and Pounds, livery and sale stable
Dunham, J. C., general store
Ebenezer Baptist College, P. J. King, Principal
Forehand, R. S., physician
Green, F. B., notary
Grimsley, A. P. Mrs., proprietor Grimsley Hotel
Harris, A. Reverend, Baptist
Hendricks, George F., grocer
Hendricks and Pace, general store
(T. B. Hendricks & T. B. Pace, Jr.)
Hudson, P. L., physician
Ingraham, Jno. A., proprietor Ingraham Hotel
Johnson, J. H., blacksmith
Joiner, B. C., butcher
Jones, A. F., shoemaker
Kelsey, W. F., lawyer
King, P. J., Principal Ebenezer Baptist College
Lamb, A. J., physician
Lamb, J. M., justice
Lamb & Harris, fertilizer
(J. M. Lamb and A. Harris)
Lanfair, Allen, Gin house
Loyall, O. D. general store
Loyless, H. M., warehouse
mcGriff, R. J., grist and planing mill
Mackoff, I., dry goods and clothing
Mayer, Samuel, Mayor
Mayer and Watts, general store
(S. Mayer and W. B. Watts)
Morgan, R. J. and Co., druggists
(Y. H. Morgan and R. J. Morgan)
Morgan, Y. H., physician

Mullis, W. J., gin house
Oberry, Peacock, & Co., general store
(J. E. Oberry, P. L. Peacock, C. D. Woodward)
Overby, J. H., marshall
Pennick, Georgia, Mrs., music teacher
Roebuck, W. T., wagon and carriage manufacturers
Ryle, D. M., cotton buyer
Sanders, R. C., Rev., Baptist and teacher
Sikes and Busbee, shingle manufacturers
(M. T. Sikes and W. J. Busbee)
Solomon, P. M., gun and locksmith
Stanley, H. W., wagonmaker
Stanley, W. J., Mrs., milliner
Steeley, W. R., photographer
Stokes and Nichols, general store
(R. L. Stokes and R. E. Nichols)
Taylor, C. E., physician
Taylor, J. J., general store
Taylor, N. L., general store
Thompson, A. J. & Co., cotton and fertilizers
(A. J. Thompson, G. P. Stubbs and O. A. Her-
rington)
Thompson, A. J. & Co., general store
(A. J. Thompson and G. P. Stubbs)
Tucker, John C., telegraph operator and railroad
agent
Urquhart, A. P., general store
Walker, Laura, Miss, teacher
Walker, T. D., physician
Way, E. F., physician
Wright, J. G., jeweler
Wynne, C. W. M., principal primary school
Wynne, J. M., general store

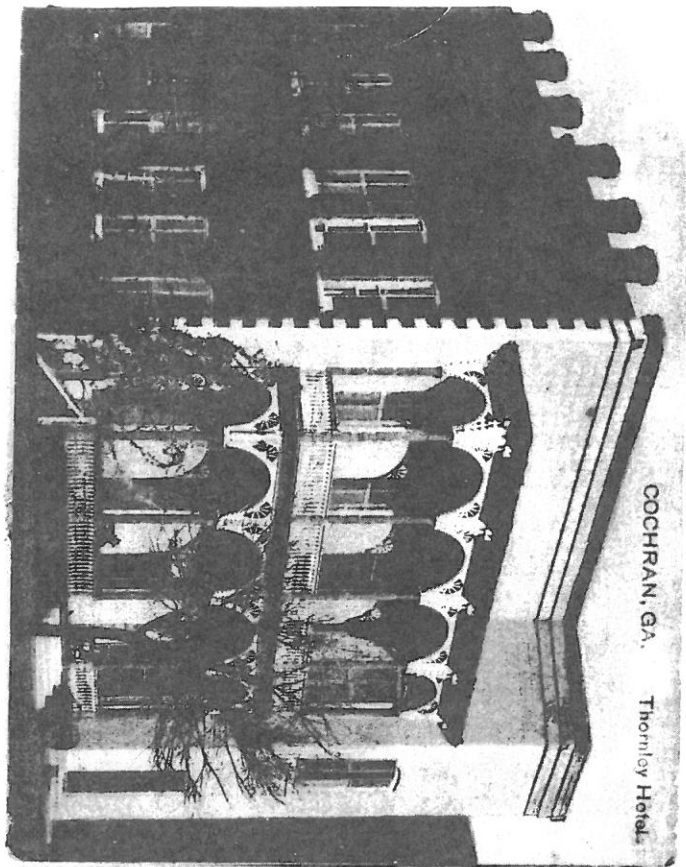
BURRELL B. DYKES

in whose honor Dykesboro was named

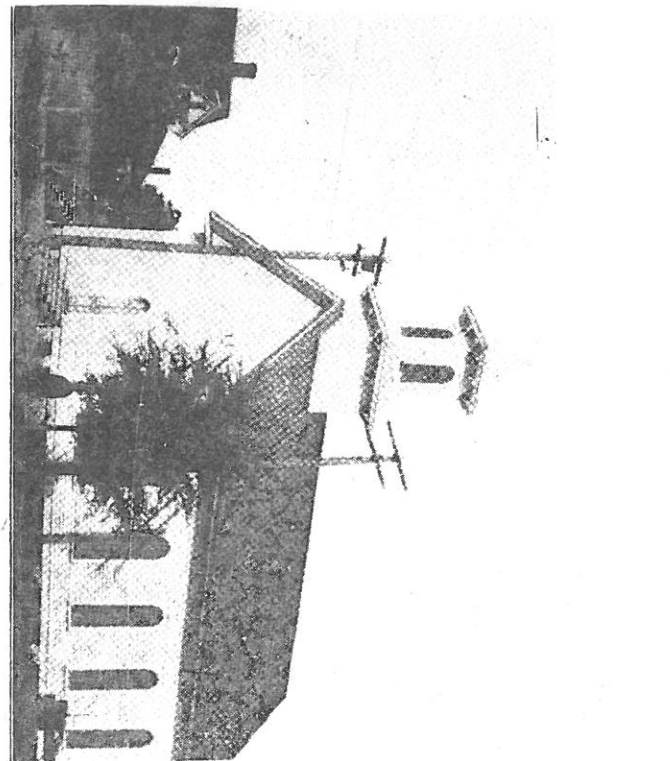
Burrell B. Dykes owned practically all of the surveyed portion of the town when the Macon and Brunswick Railroad first drove a stake here. He donated land for all purposes, the Academy, the churches, cemetery and right-of-way for the railroad. This public-spirited gentleman won the high esteem and confidence of every one with whom he came in contact. "He lived up to the standard of God's people." On July 17, 1831, he married Nancy Simpson. There were eleven children. After the death of his first wife, he married Carry Brown Killen, November 12, 1877. He died at 90 years of age on October 11, 1895.



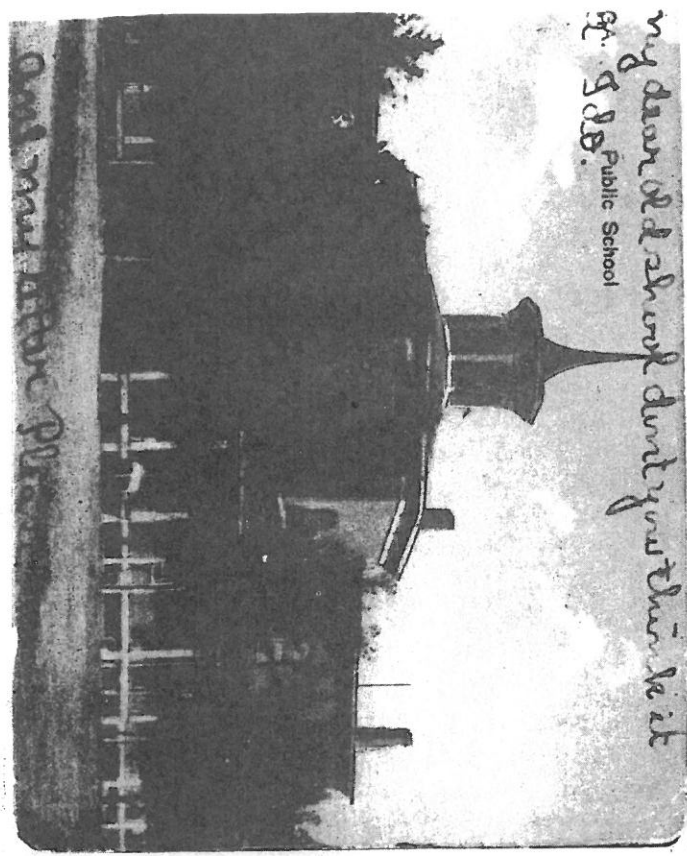
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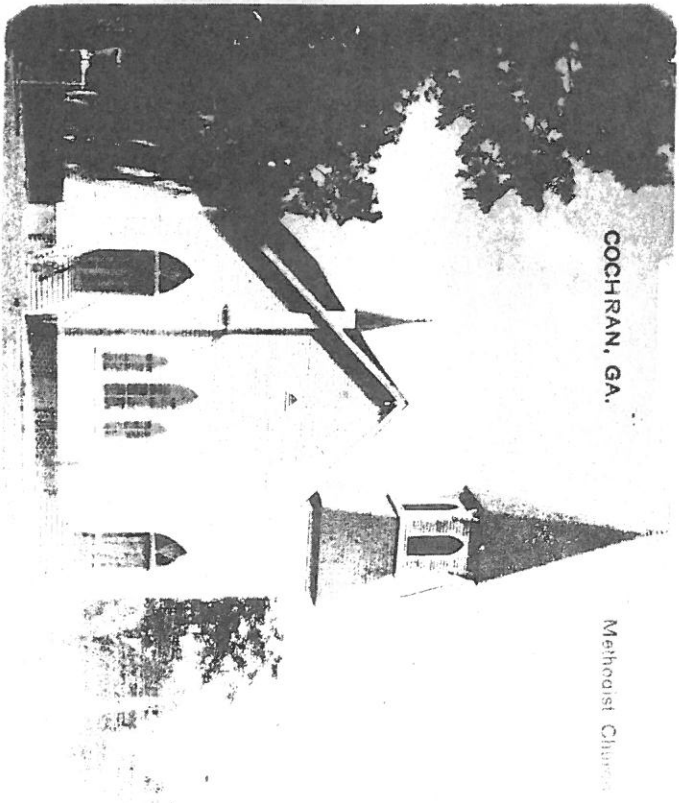
COCHRAN, GA. Thornley Hotel



First Baptist Church, Cochran, Ga.



My dear old school don't you think it is?
S.S.D. Public School



COCHRAN, GA.

Methodist Church

TIME CAPSULE

The Cochran-Bleckley Centennial time capsule is to be placed by the Publicity Division on the Courthouse grounds corner of Second and Cherry Street.

The capsule is presented to the Cochran-Bleckley citizens to be opened one hundred years from this date, containing letters and items to descendants.

The dimensions are 7' x 2" long, 30" wide and 24" deep.

The vault was donated by Mr. Earl Wilkes, Dublin Vault and Burial Company, Dublin, Georgia. The marker, 12" x 24", is to be placed as a

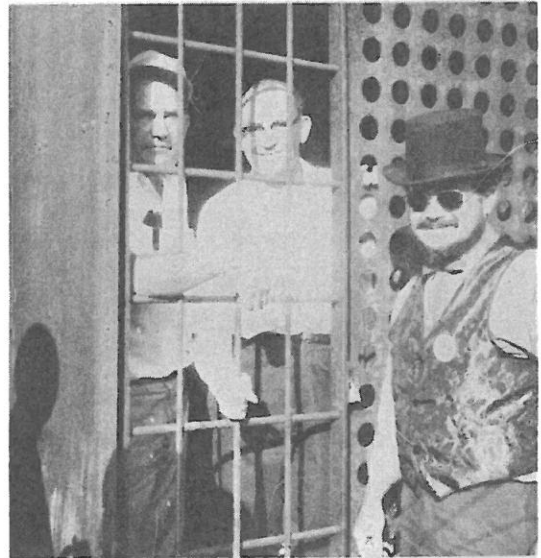
memorial of our Centennial Week. It was donated by Mr. John Heard, Southern Granite and Marble in Macon.

Inscribed on the marker will be: Cochran-Bleckley Centennial Time Capsule, celebration week - May 12-18, 1969. To Our Descendants, To be opened 100 years from this date. May 16, 1969.

The closing date and ceremonies will be held on May 16, at 11 o'clock on the courthouse grounds.

Cochran and Bleckley County citizens may go by headquarters and drop your letter to your descendants in the box marked for that purpose. Letters only.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL



Georgia State Senate



A RESOLUTION

Commending the Mayor and Alderman and the citizens of the City of Cochran on their City's 100th Anniversary; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the City of Cochran was incorporated by an Act (Ga. Laws 1869, p. 75), of the General Assembly of Georgia, approved March 19, 1869; and

WHEREAS, at the time of its incorporation, Cochran was in Pulaski County, and it is now the county seat of Bleckley County; and

WHEREAS, the year 1969 marks the 100th Anniversary of the City of Cochran, and the citizens of Cochran are planning to hold a centennial celebration to commemorate this memorable occasion; and

WHEREAS, from its early existence to the present, Cochran has been a progressive, forward-moving City located near the center of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body does hereby commend the Mayor and Alderman and the citizens of the City of Cochran on their City's 100th Anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Cochran.

Senate Resolution 181

By: Senator Noble of the 19th

Adopted in Senate March 26, 1969


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

House of Representatives



H. R. No. 431

By: Messrs. Anderson and Holder of the 49th

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IN HOUSE

Read and Adopted
March 25, 1969

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Glenn W. Ellard".

Glenn W. Ellard
CLERK

IN MEMORIUM

James W. and Ora S. Horne by W. L. Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barlow, by Mrs. George Adams.

Zollie C. Lawson, by Mrs. Z. C. Lawson and Family.

Mrs. Violet Lawson, by the Children.

James Vaughan, by Mrs. James T. Vaughan and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Meaks, by Mrs. Lillie Mae Abney.

Harley W. Jones, by Mrs. Sandra Lawson.

Dr. Y. H. Morgan Family. Dr. Morgan, one of Cochran's earliest resident Doctors and Druggists, served two terms in the State Legislature, and several terms as Mayor of Cochran.

Peter Lewis and Sarah Anne Oberry Peacock Family. Peter Peacock and James E. Oberry pioneered in the turpentine industry. They gave the land on which Ebenezer College was built.

Ralph Harris Peacock, served as county commissioner of Bleckley County twenty-six years, was responsible for the first housing project in the city and served on the City Board of Education.

Wallace Leigh Harris, 1892-1966, son of John Ezekiel and Virginia Peacock Harris, was born at the home of his grandparents, the Peter Peacocks. Wallace Harris was active in the business, religious and community life of Cochran.

FAMILY NAMES

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald NeSmith and Donna.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Floyd and children: Dale, Gale, Donna, and Doyle Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mathis, Mary Debra and Dana Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Frank Wade, Beverly and Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Mell Bland, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian A. Whipple.

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Began Business July 1, 1942



Cochran, Georgia

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