

# Major Catastrophes

Sudden misfortunes happen everywhere in all walks of life. Cochran has not escaped having its share of calamities: snowstorms, fires and tornadoes. In searching for materials for this book, we often found that all mementoes of a family were destroyed by one of these tragedies.

Many of the old homes and churches throughout the county have been destroyed by fire taking with them much of the evidence of our history.

Articles from The Cochran Journal edition of May 2, 1929, depicting the '29 tornado.

## To The Noble Nurses

The following bits of verse were penned after the writer had read the story, and seen the photographs appearing in the Atlanta Constitution Newspaper on last Sunday. I think the scenes showing Mrs. F. W. Noegel beside one of the victims of the storm, and also that of Miss Alice Petty as she helps to ease the pain of her brother, with that magical touch that only a woman's hand can bring to suffering, are enough to touch the heart of all who saw them:

I think a bit of praise is due  
These and all the others, too,  
Who served as nurses night and day  
When disaster came their way.

And, too, the folks who helped to feed  
The hungry, and helped those in need;  
Are also due a word of praise,  
And honor throughout all their days.

Though they may feel the task was  
small,

And that they're due no praise at all;  
And although they no praises seek,  
Let me for self, and others speak.

We're glad to know that in our land  
Are women who will lend a hand  
To ease the suffering and pain,  
And nurse the wounded back again.

To health, when they were near  
death's door;  
Whether they be rich or poor,  
You gladly answered duty's call  
And, folks, we thank you, one and all.

—Zeb H. Wolfe, "The Plumber Poet,"  
Easley, South Carolina.

## Tornadoes

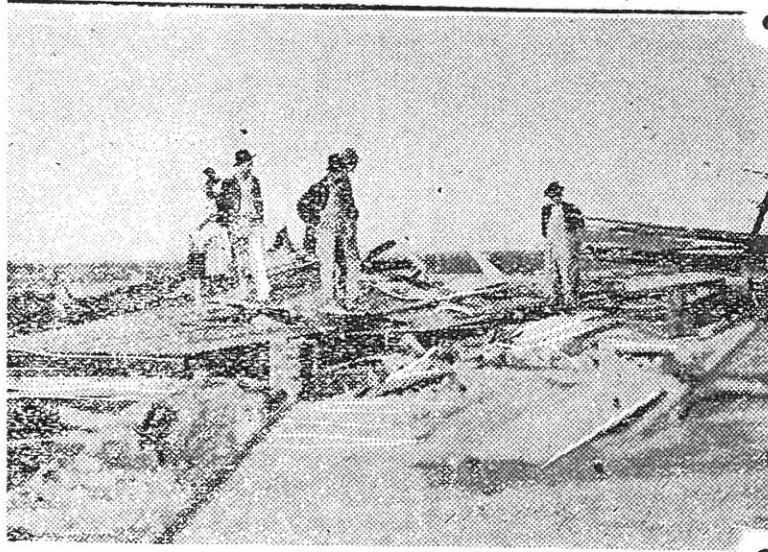
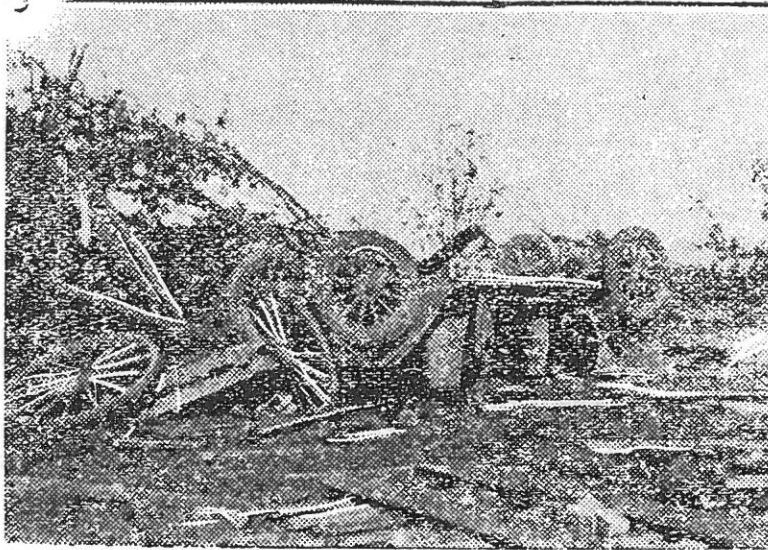
When you hear the "old timers" talk about the "big storm" which hit Bleckley County, they are usually referring to the 1929 tornado. This vicious storm hit in April and cut a wide swatch through the city, destroying everything in its path. It was a miracle that even though there was extensive property damage, only three people were killed. There seems to be heroes of any misfortune and Dr. R. L. Whipple, Mrs. Alice Petty Alexander and Mrs. Emma Nogel appear to be the heroes of this storm. There was no hospital in the town, so they set up a temporary hospital over one of the downtown stores, owned by Mrs. Alice M. Taylor, to treat the scores of injured. Dr. Whipple's efforts apparently went unnoticed but Mrs. Nogel became the subject of a poetic tribute which appears below. Several other tornadoes have hit our town over the years, but none with the force of the one in '29.



J. R. Mullis Home



Sam Petty Home



After a week of the most hectic experiences ever known in this section Cochran is gradually recovering from the effects of the awful tornado which swept through the county and outskirts of Cochran last Thursday afternoon.

It is a waste of a glorious opportunity not to praise the City of Cochran, its Mayor and loyal citizens for the remarkable manner in which all swung so vigorously into the work of extending aid to the injured and those left homeless.

The stricken area was at once reached by those whose mission it was to rescue the suffering and dying from the awful ruins left devastated by the twister that swept clean with a terrific force, all within its path. The injured, both white and black alike were rushed to town where first aid was speedily given. And then, the Mayor drew a breath of relief when a noble woman, Mrs. Alice M. Taylor did much in relieving the strenuous condition by offering her up-stairs office building for a temporary hospital.

The situation was handled with efficiency, all due to team work which is the keynote to success. Perfect co-operation in each individual was practically unlimited. We have been highly commended by the Regular Army, Salvation Army and American Red Cross for the excellency of our efforts.

The first thing Friday morning Mayor Cook called a mass meeting at the city auditorium, and the entire town closed up and attended. Mayor Cook stated the object of the meeting was to appoint a Relief Committee and to raise funds, etc., to aid those who had lost so heavily in the storm. A Survey Committee composed of A. E. Burch, Chas Mullis and I. A. Poole was appointed to make survey of the distressed area and find the extent of damage and those in need. A Finance Committee composed of J. H. Mullis, Jr., V. L. Adams and L. S. Leach was appointed to raise funds with which to carry on relief work, while a third committee composed of Dr. Frank Cochran, Mrs. A. L. Smith and Miss Kate Meadows was appointed to collect and distribute food and clothing to those who were left destitute.

The three committees began work at once and their efforts have been a God send to the unfortunates.

1958 Tornado.

# Disastrous Tornado Strikes

(Quoted from The Cochran Journal, Thursday, January 30, 1958)

"Five minutes of horror rocked this community of 5,000 on its heels in midafternoon, Friday, January 24, as the unleashed fury of a tornado wove a twisting path from one end of town to the other, leaving behind it a mile and a half long path of destruction. Sixteen persons were reported injured. Four were hospitalized. No one was killed.

An eye-witness who was on the porch of his home in sight of the spot where the twister came to earth said it appeared as a great ball of smoke rolling across the open field at the head of Limestone Road, then suddenly rose up funnel-wise, flipped over into the Edmondson Sub-division and began its writhing pathway across town.

The Second Baptist Church was lifted up and deposited astride Jessup Street.

The snaky black funnel then coiled its way through block after block of homes, many of them new, smashing everything under its force. The editor of this newspaper stood in a window of his home and watched across an open field as the homes of his neighbors were demolished.

The daze of the impact left the entire area deathly still for minutes after the tornado had gone, but then the heartbreaking task of digging out was begun, neighbor helping neighbor, family groups seeking each other, and the wounded being carried out for aid.

Downtown many on the streets saw the twister as it swirled high in the air over Second Street with its burden of debris and realized what was happening. Streets began to fill with cars as business people went home to find in many cases, no damage, and in others total destruction.

By 4:00 p.m. city work crews had barred off the most seriously affected areas and were already involved in the clean-up. Many could not reach their homes by ordinary routes and were forced to walk through the wreckage or to ride around through the county roads to reach home. Some walked through the blinding rains and hail, across live wires in an effort to reach their families.

By the Grace of God, most children were still in school when the twister came. Only the first two grades had been dismissed for the day. At

the high school, the threat of the destruction was too close for comfort as alert teachers went from room to room warning students to lie on the floor for protection, as the tornado wove its way, roaring across the school athletic fields and on behind the building, dropping sticks, stones, and bits of roof in its path.

Then the children were allowed to go home to see their families. The L & H Shirt Company dismissed employees, as many either lived or had relatives in the stricken area.

Heading northwesterly, the tornado struck again near Bethany Church, damaging property of the Fred Young, Junior Giddens and Bill Lucas families. There were no injuries.

Almost before the storm had passed, emergency crews of the Georgia Power Company were on their way to join the local crews in cleaning up live wires that had fallen, and then worked on a 24 hour basis to restore electricity to homes not damaged by the tornado. In most cases electric service was restored by 7:00 p.m., except in that section directly hit by the tornado. Telephone service was almost completely out, but by 7:00 p.m. phones in many parts of town were back in service, although it was almost impossible to call outside Cochran. Lines were open between Hawkinsville and Cochran, but these were jammed by hundreds trying to call out or in to ask about family and friends.

With the tornado came destruction. But the people of Cochran have the determination to dig in again and the will to help each other that may well prove to the world that here we are, each our brother's keeper. We have much to be grateful for. We have no dead this time. In 1929 six lives were lost."

Neighboring towns pitched in to help in tornado stricken Cochran Friday, shortly after news of the disaster reached the outside world by short wave radio. Sheriff Gus Giddens was joined promptly by Lewis Mullis, Dodge County Sheriff and some of his staff. Sheriff Andy Hill from Pulaski County, members of the state patrol and GBI hurried to help in locating and aiding victims, and in directing and unsnarling traffic.

Members of the National Guard Unit at Hawkinsville, although not called to duty, arrived among the first to volunteer as auxilliary police and rescue workers. The first rescue units on the scene was the mobile canteen of the Salvation Army, led by Capt. Byrd Hudson of Macon and a crew of workers.



## 1958 Tornado, cont.



C. E. Tweedle, Macon Red Cross Chapter chairman, said that they were alerted by an amateur radio operator operating from the Cochran Police Headquarters under the emergency situation. Miss Carolyn Wilhorn kept the local chapter in contact with the disaster scene by ham radio.

Mrs. Janie Coker, registered nurse and two nurses aides, Mrs. Doris Silz and Mrs. Myrtice Porter, were sent with the Red Cross Canteen, Tweedle said. Mrs. Virginia Bailey and Miss Vera Mingledorff, nurses at region headquarters here, also went to the scene. Miss Rebecca Broach, regional nutritionist, went with the two nurses. Red Cross first aid workers, Don Frost and Otis Hughes, also went to the disaster area.

During the disaster operations the Macon police radio, operated by Sgt. J. F. Lee, served as the major relay point between Cochran and Civil Defense Headquarters in Atlanta.

First word of the storm came at 3:05 from the State Patrol Post at Perry, who had received word from the Bleckley Sheriff's Office and the Cochran Police Department. The first report was that forty houses had been damaged when a twister struck, and Macon police were asked to advise CD headquarters in Atlanta.

Word later came from the State Patrol in Perry that two ambulances were needed and they were dispatched from Macon.

Macon Civil Defense Director Ben Chatfield, who had been in a survival project staff meeting, alerted Macon's two rescue units and they were put on a stand-by basis.

The local public health nurses were, of course, on hand to aid in the emergency, and remained on stand-by throughout the night.

### Quoted from Telegraph and News

"Prayers of gratitude should be offered this Sabbath Day throughout our Middle Georgia area because Cochran, hard-hit as it was by Friday's tornado, suffered no loss and had only a relatively small number of persons injured.

".... instead of funeral services this Sunday, the people of Cochran have ahead of them in coming days the restoration of perhaps a half-million dollars in property loss and the speedy recovery, we trust, of those who were hurt.

The people of Cochran and Bleckley County have the sympathy and good wishes of every Middle Georgian as the exhausting but essential clean-up operation is begun so energetically.

Those who think the Civil Defense program is merely an exercise in preparing for an unlikely eventuality should by now be convinced of their error.

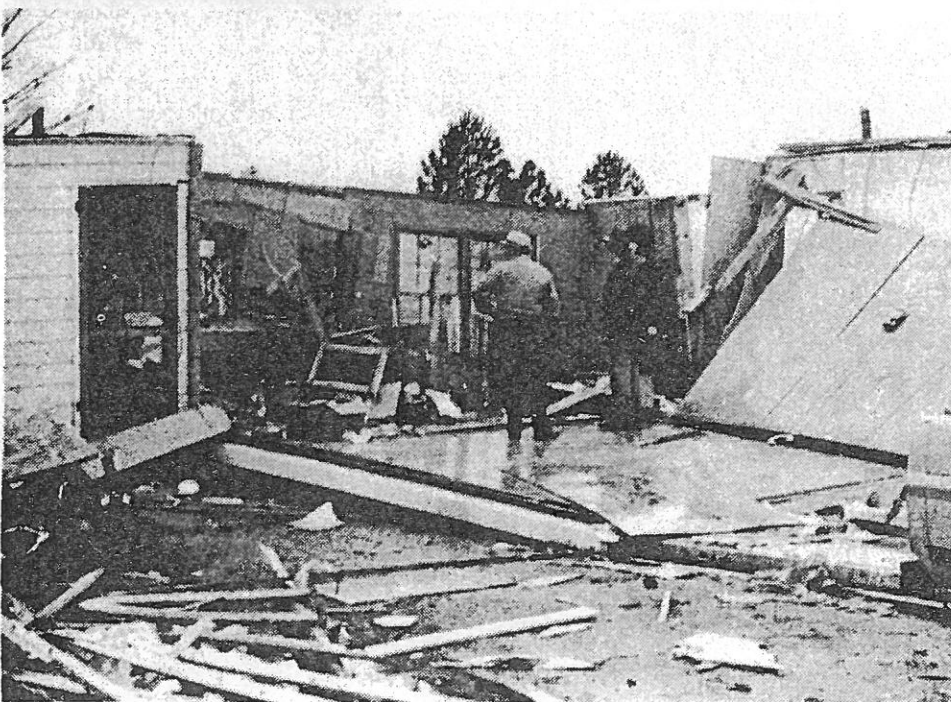
One of the buildings smashed to the ground was the newly-completed Missionary Baptist church, built by its members. Asked what they would do since the tornado had destroyed the work, one of the members said: "Start over I guess."

That should be the attitude with which the town set out to undo the damage of a twister which splintered the property but left the spirit of the people vibrant and alive."

There have been several other tornadoes in Cochran and Bleckley County, but these were the two most devastating ones so we have included them as a reminder to us of what can and/or has happened.



# TORNADO HITS



March 16, 1972. The story and pictures on this page were taken from the March 23, 1972, issue of The Cochran Journal. The storm hit with fury and lasted only a few minutes. It took weeks to clean up the debris and repair the damage. As usual individuals and organizations from this, and many surrounding counties, pitched in to help those families who were involved.

A tornado roared through Cochran last Thursday, March 16, about 10:20 a.m. and hit in the Lakeview section, causing heavy damage.

Nine people were taken to the Bleckley County Hospital emergency room for treatment. No one was admitted. Several received cuts, scratches and bruises, one received a sprained knee, and others were treated for shock.

Fifteen houses were damaged, some minor, but five were completely destroyed and another so severely damaged, (cracked in the middle), that it will have to be taken down. The Dairy Queen on the Macon Highway was so badly damaged it was classified as a total loss.

The families whose homes were completely destroyed are Mr. and Mrs. Eschol Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Granade, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Little, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rozier and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Ray Williams, heavily damaged.

Other places had part of the roof off, porches off, windows out and many other types of damage. Practically all furniture was lost.

From interviews with some of the people in the area, they stated that they did not have any warning and by the time they heard the roaring, it struck, some heard it coming and ran to safer places in the house. Others nearby said they knew it when they looked up and saw objects flying in the air.

Power lines, phone lines, and antennas were down everywhere in the section.

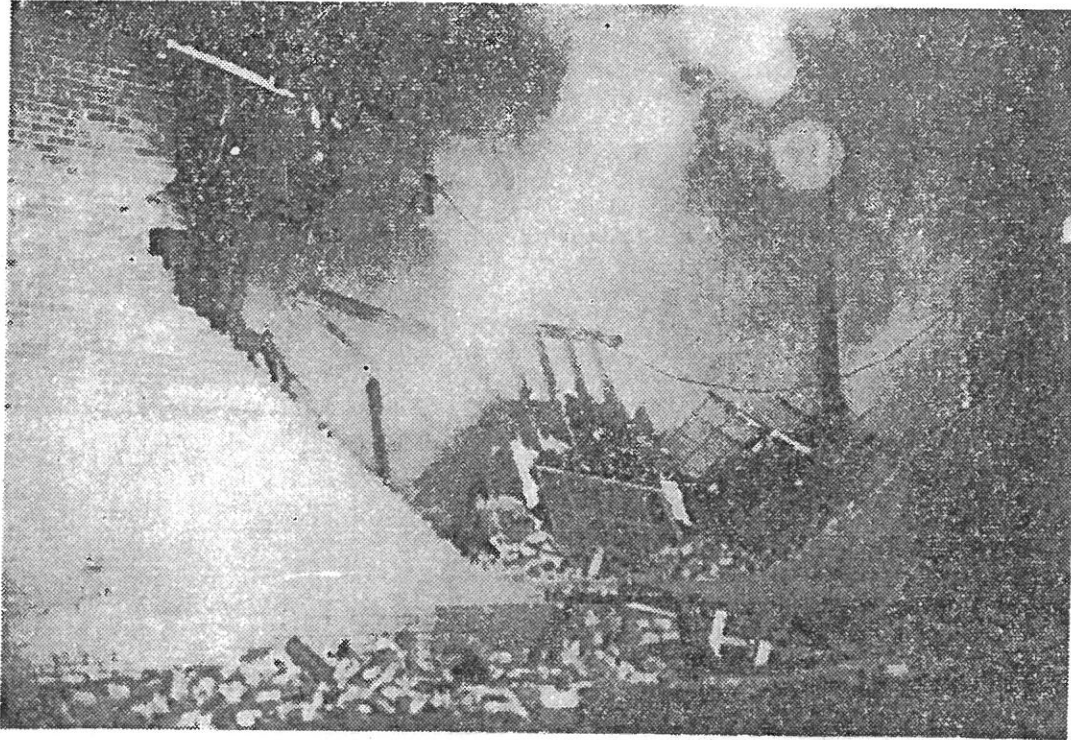
Total damage has been estimated at around \$200,000.

Even though the loss is high and hearts are saddened, the great blessing and mystery of it all is that no one was killed or seriously injured.

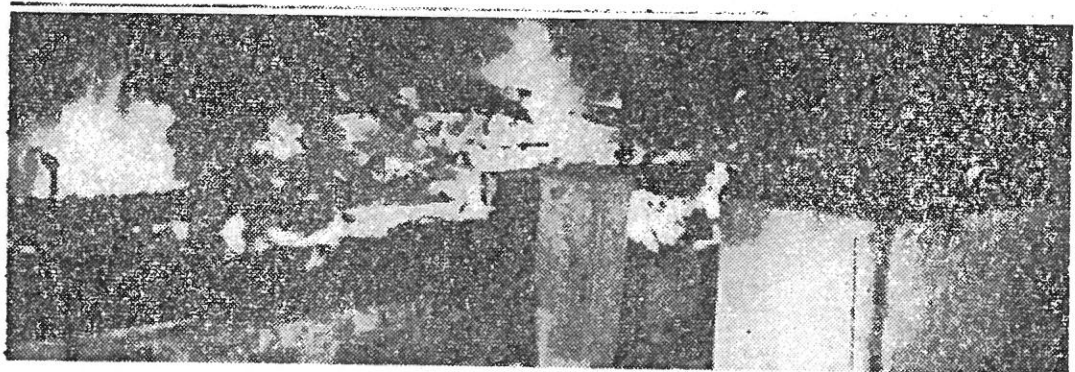
## Fires

We have records to support the fact that fire has been a constant fear for the residents of this county. Homes, churches, schools, and businesses have been razed by flames. It would be impossible to evaluate in terms of dollars which fire has resulted in the most property damage. We have gathered just a few stories of these tragedies over the last few years. As you read the history of the churches, take note of the number which have been destroyed by fire.

# Fire Destroys Cochran High School Gym Wednesday, January 25, 1961



**A FIRE-GUTTED** hulk was all that was left of the Cochran High School gymnasium after a spectacular blaze of undetermined origin struck the brick structure in downtown Cochran last night, causing an estimated \$75,000 damage. The connection from the gym to the Cochran Elementary School is shown at extreme right. The Elementary School was only slightly damaged. This scene shows the right rear corner of the gym. (Telegraph Staff Photo).



**COCHRAN GYM FIRE** scenes show spectators inspecting the damages estimated at \$75,000 (top photo) at the right front side of the blaze-ravaged building just after it was turned into a raging inferno last night. A portion of the inside of the gym is shown still burning (bottom picture). Firemen from nearby Eastman and Hawkinsville rushed to help Cochran's eight - man volunteer unit, under Chief Ralph Purser, bring the blaze under control. Another picture, story, Page 1. (Telegraph Staff Photos).

## Stark Tragedy Follows Blast at Legg's Drugstore

The cause for gas explosions that took a heavy toll of life and property in downtown Cochran Monday afternoon remained a mystery today and there was little likelihood that the cause could ever be ascertained.

One powerful blast that was followed by two more of lesser magnitude set off a flash fire at Legg's Pharmacy and fatally injured twin brothers. Three other persons were hurt, one critically.

Joe Legg, owner of the drugstore, who was home for lunch when the explosions occurred, said yesterday:

"Something went amiss. I don't know what."

Billy Roland, superintendent of Cochran's gas department had been called to the store to remove a gas line coming in from the alley at the rear of the store.

This particular line was not needed, Mr. Legg said, and with the store being expanded

and extended at the rear the floor of this addition would have covered the unneeded gas line.

The work was going on near a 12-inch brick wall which had been the rear wall for the store.

Beyond the brick wall a concrete block wall has been erected and work was going on to put a floor between the brick wall and the new concrete block wall.

In the vicinity of the gas line work were Alton and Alvin Arnold, carpenters and 26-year-old twins, John Mullis, 42, another carpenter, Mr. Roland, 39, and John Floyd 18, who had delivered building supplies to the store.

First reports had it that workmen were on the roof of the store's addition but the roofing work had been completed a week ago.

The five injured men were brought to Taylor Memorial Hospital here and the Arnold twins, who had been born together, died together

Monday night.

Mr. Roland is in critical condition. Mr. Mullis and Mr. Floyd were less seriously hurt.

Mr. Legg said Mr. Roland was one of Cochran's most efficient employees. "He always did what he was supposed to."

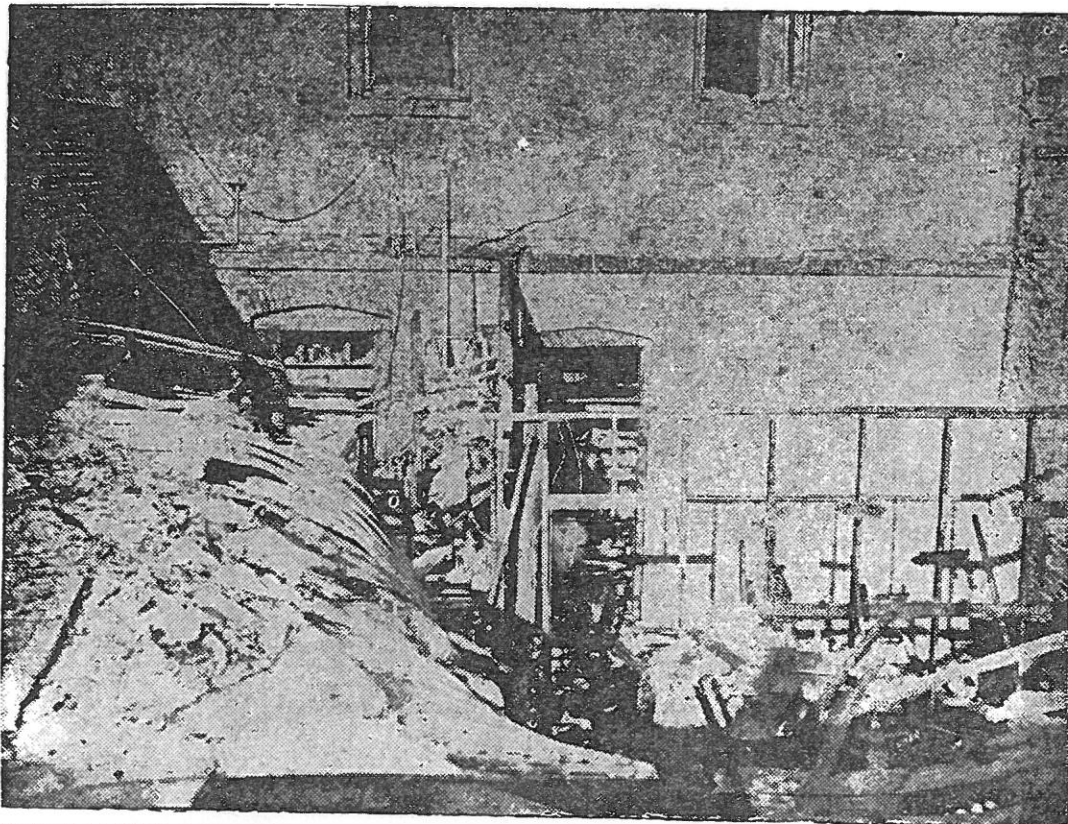
The store owner, who is a member of Cochran's Board of Aldermen, estimated damage to the two-story building and contents at from \$50,000 to \$60,000. This loss is partially covered by insurance.

Helping the Cochran Fire Department fight the blaze were the Hawkinsville and Eastman Fire Departments.

Cochran Rotary Club yesterday thanked these departments for their help and Hawkinsville Police Chief Tom Bragg was praised for his help with traffic at the blaze.

Mr. Legg expects his store to be back in operation on a limited basis by the end of this week.

## Scene At Legg's Pharmacy After Explosion

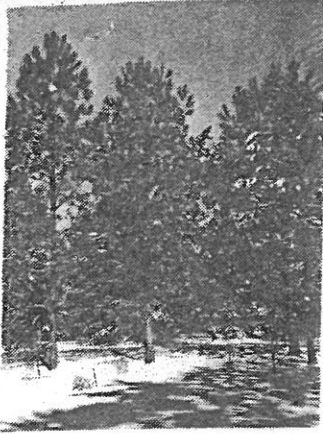


**THREE EXPLOSIONS** ripped Legg's Walgreen Pharmacy Monday, set the structure afire and threatened other business houses in the downtown section. Four men working in the back of the drugstore were burned seriously, and two of them have since died. (Telegraph Staff Photo)

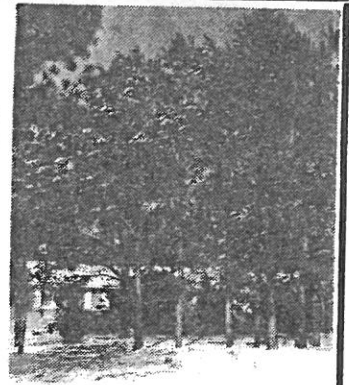
## Snowstorms

Beauty rather than tragedy has been the result of the snowstorms which have hit the county. The first record we have of a big snow was in 1897. Some of our older residents can remember big snows in 1914 and 1958.

On February 9, 1973 Cochran was once again transformed into a winter wonderland by a big snow. The official depth was recorded at 14 inches, but in drifts the snow was several feet deep. It effectively brought all business and travel to a halt. For two or three days everyone simply stayed home and enjoyed the snow.



Dr. W. J. Husa, Jr.'s yard - 1973



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Second Street after the thaw began - 1973



Butch Redmond - 1973



F. Z. Southerland Family - 1973



Big Snow - 1897



## People Serving The Community

Over the years some clubs and organizations have begun and ceased operation. Their membership has changed from year to year, but their service to the community has remained steadfast.

**Cochran Lodge No. 217 F. & A. M.** - The Cochran Lodge No. 217 was granted its charter on October 29, 1874, by the Grand Lodge of Georgia. This Lodge has been in continuous, uninterrupted existence for 100 years. The first Worshipful Master of the Lodge was T. F. Walker. Twenty-six members made up a list of charter members.

The Lodge met, regularly, in the Raifford Hall Building, a wooden two story structure, on the land where the Cook Banking Company now maintains its parking lot.

During the next five years the Lodge increased, considerably, in membership. Therefore, in the early 1890's the present Lodge Hall and store building, located on Second Street, in downtown Cochran, was constructed and completed in 1895.

Throughout its first 100 years the Cochran Lodge has engaged in numerous charitable activities. A major concern being the support of the Masonic Home of Georgia.

At the present time there are approximately 200 Masons affiliated with Cochran Lodge No. 217. The current officers are:

Worshipful Master, Joe W. Fisher; Senior Warden, Jerome Renfro; Junior Warden, Paul E. Jones; Secretary, J. Willett Reeves; Treasurer, Jeff Fisher; Senior Deacon, Richard Wilson; Junior Deacon, Marion Hornesby; Senior Steward, Calvin Manning; Junior Steward, Tommy Daniels; Chaplain, Carl Kuipers, Sr.; Tyler, Baxter Holland.

**Woodman of the World** - was organized in Cochran in the early 1900's. There was a separate camp at Cary. The Cochran group met in the masonic hall for years. This is a fraternal insurance organization providing insurance of all kinds for its members. The home office is Omaha, Neb. There are about 300 members of the Cochran group today. Present officers include: Andrew F. Thompson, president; C. T. Foster, past president; Tom W. Dykes, treasurer; Frank Porter, vice president; B. F. Meadows, secretary; A. C. Lord, watchman; Ralph Sanders, escort; Marion Huffine, sentry; Howard Henderson, field representative.

**Cochran Woman's Club** - A group of ladies met at the residence of Mrs. W. M. Wynne (Miss Nancy), Tuesday afternoon, September 10, 1912 and organized the Ladies Civic League. The first president was Mrs. T. L. Bailey. In October, the Civic League became a member of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. J. J. Taylor was elected the first delegate to the Convention held in Atlanta.

Many improvements in the town were the result of the enterprise of this active group. Meetings were first held in the Rest-room, one of the small buildings on Beech Street. The Rest-room was furnished so that "Mothers from the county, once forced to stay at home, could bring their little ones with them, and spend a whole day shopping." Care of the cemetery and beautification of each street and the park at the Depot were undertaken as worthwhile projects.

When the Bleckley County Courthouse was opened, a splendidly equipped room was given free of charge for this club's meetings.

During World War I, their activities were merged with that of the Red Cross; knitting, sewing and making bandages became the order of the day.

At a meeting held at the Hotel Bleckley, September 21, 1920, the Civic League was re-organized and renamed the Cochran Woman's Club ... a member of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs.

This organization has meant much to the civic, cultural and social life of Cochran. Outstanding accomplishments of the club are:

Building and maintaining a swimming pool for 25 seasons.

The club served luncheons for the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs.

In 1930, Cochran High School was awarded a Certificate for being dentally perfect, the program sponsored by the Woman's Club.

A Girl Scout Troop and a Cub Pack were sponsored by the club.

The Civic League and Woman's Club each organized a Junior Woman's Club.

In 1939, the Cochran Community House was built under W.P.A. and sponsored by the Woman's Club.

During World War II years, the entire club was defense conscious and cooperated in all phases of defense work.

The club has provided scholarships for Middle Georgia College and Tallulah Falls School.

Officers for 1976 are: President, Mrs. W. A. McCammon, Vice President, Mrs. David Urquhart; Secretary, Mrs. L. D. Griffin; Treasurer, Mrs. C. T. Foster.

**Daughters of the American Revolution** - The Hawkinsville Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held its organizational meeting on April 17, 1920 at the home of the Organizing Regent, Mrs. William Van Bell, in Hawkinsville, Georgia, with thirty-eight charter members.

The chapter was named in honor of a noble revolutionary hero, Colonel Benjamin Hawkins. The work of the Hawkinsville Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution is patriotic, historical, educational, and memorial. The Bicentennial project was reprinting 1,000 copies of History of Pulaski County, Georgia 1808 - 1935.

Officers for the Chapter for 1975-1976 are Regent, Mrs. Carl T. Kimberly; First Vice-Regent, Mrs. Louis C. Alderman, Jr.; Second Vice-Regent, Mrs. Jack Forehand, Sr.; Chaplain, Mrs. Barney Hendricks, Sr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fred Royal; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Harry J. Crawford; Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Anne Roth; Registrar, Miss Nettie Horton; Historian, Mrs. Leo L. Phillips, Jr.; Librarian, Mrs. Fred R. Thomas; Curator, Mrs. James T. Wilcox, Sr.; Parliamentarian, Mrs. T. L. Bailey, Jr.

There are eighty six members at the present time.

**Rotary Club Of Cochran** - The Cochran Rotary Club was chartered April 19, 1937 in ceremonies at Middle Georgia College. The club is Club 237, District 692, of Rotary International, an organization of 16,632 Rotary Clubs in 151 countries and geographical regions with membership 777,250. The first president was Leo H. Browning.

The expressed object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideals of service as a basis of worth 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 30 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,

Sponsor a graduate from Cochran High School to Middle Georgia College,

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.

Dr. Louis C. Alderman of the Cochran Rotary Club will be District Governor for the year 1976-77. Current officers are: Harold "Rock" Waters, president; John Giddens, vice president; Joe Fisher, secretary; and Tom W. Fisher, III, sergeant-at-arms.

**Cochran Garden Club** - On February 14, 1947 a group of women met at the City Auditorium to organize a Garden Club, and at this meeting Mrs. Bob Hendricks was elected president. There were 37 charter members.

The club held the first flower show on May 14, 1947, just three months after its organization, and the first project was the cemetery which needed improvement and beautification of grounds.

The Cochran Garden Club was admitted to the Georgia Federation of Garden Clubs in March, 1948, and sponsors were the Eastman Garden Club, Hawkinsville Garden Club, and Shirley Hills Garden Club of Macon.

In 1949, Garden Club members kept fresh flowers in the high school Library and grammar school each month. The club also sent seeds for overseas relief and began sponsorship of Girl Scouts, donating \$25 each year until 1960. In 1950 a Garden Center was established at Cochran Furniture Company and blue ribbon winners were displayed there each month. In 1952 the Club was successful in getting water run to the cemetery. This year the club sponsored a bird project and prizes were awarded to the students building the best bird houses.

Throughout the 60's the club sponsored yearly flower shows, roadside and city wide beautification and started the anti - litter campaign. During the 70's it conducted various flower arranging and landscaping courses. The annual Christmas Bazaars continue to be successful. Also an annual "Holiday House" is held at Christmas, open to the public, to give the latest and most popular ideas on Christmas decor.

The club's Bicentennial project has been the re-landscaping of the Cochran Community House. Most of this project has already been completed.

Membership is limited to fifty and there are presently 31 members. Officers include: Mrs. Morgan Little, president; Mrs. Sarah Ann Roth, 1st vice president; Mrs. J. Marion Porter, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Charles Redmond, secretary; Mrs. John Dykes, treasurer; and Mrs. Ralph Abney, chairman, executive board.

**Eastern Star Organization** - Order of Eastern Star ... State of Georgia organization was founded in Cochran, Georgia on July 7, 1950.

The first Worthy Matron was Sister Eva Trunnell and Brother C. A. Lenkerd was the first Worthy Patron.

All meetings of the Chapter are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Masonic Hall.

The Order of the Eastern Star exists for the purpose of giving practical effect to one of the beneficent purposes of Freemasonry, which is to

provide for the welfare of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows, and sisters of the Master Masons.

There are 82 members at the present time. The officers are as follows:

Carolyn Jones - Worthy Matron, Haywood McDonald - Worthy Patron, Juanita Moore - Association Matron, Eddie Moore - Association Patron, Jether Smith - Secretary, Myrite McDonald - Treasurer, Charlene Holland - Conductress, Faye Moore - Association Conductress, Johnnie Moore - Chaplain, Vera Kelly - Marshall, Inez Wade - Organist, Eva Jane Holland - Adah, Sheila Sheffield - Ruth, Marilyn Floyd - Ester, Sue Smith - Martha, Rubye McVay - Electa, Baxter Holland - Warder, and Earl Smith - Sentinel.

**Cochran Lions Club** - The Cochran Lions Club held its first meeting in the lunchroom of the Cochran High School. It became a chartered club in 1956 with approximately 16-18 members. Dr. James Crooms was the first elected president.

The club is a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs which has clubs in all 50 of the United States and in approximately 150 foreign countries. The Lions purpose is explained in its motto, "We Serve," which relates to the many ways in which Lions Clubs serve the community. Their main project is the purchase of glasses for underprivileged. The Lions Clubs of Georgia support the Lions Eyebank which provides for eye transplants through the donations of eyes by donors. Anyone interested in donating their eyes may do so by contacting any Lions Club Member. They also have many other service projects involving such places as nursing homes and hospitals. They raise funds for their work through their sales of mops and brooms purchased from factories for the blind. Another project now well known is their kidney bank which operates much like the eye bank.

Currently Randall Barron is serving as president; Gene Towns, vice president; Larry Summer, vice president; James Roberson, vice president; Dr. Melvin Michael, secretary-treasurer; Alton (Bud) Smith, taitwister; Clyde Hutchins, lion tamer; Bob Peche, Everett Ross, Randall Garrett and John Parks, directors.

- There are approximately 25 members at the present time.

**The Cochran Junior Woman's Club** - The Cochran Junior Woman's Club was organized in the spring of 1966 by the Cochran Woman's Club. A steering committee was appointed by Mrs. Wyndell Dykes, then Woman's Club president. The committee was composed of Mrs. Martin Bridges, Mrs. John (Toni) Johnson and Miss Greta Pickett.

In September, forty young women attended the invitational tea and organizational meeting. Of that group, thirty-one joined to form the charter members of the club. Temporary officers were elected to serve until the following March. Mrs. Sue Horne was elected president.

In April of 1967, the club received its charter from the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs and the first slate of officers were elected and installed. The president was Mrs. Martin Bridges.

The purpose of the club is to be of service to the community. The Cochran Juniors have worked hard to raise money for many different charities such as Mother's March of Dimes, Heart Fund, Muscular Distrophy, and the mentally retarded, assisted many families in need, worked on projects toward city beautification and many other very worth while activities. The club also supports the Tallulah Falls School which is located in north Georgia. This school is owned and operated by the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs.

Each year outstanding awards are given to young deserving women. The first recipients were as follows: Outstanding Clubwoman, Mrs.

Martin Bridges; Outstanding Citizen, Mrs. John (Toni) Johnson; Mother of the Year, Mrs. C. E. Davis.

At the present time the Cochran Junior Woman's Club has a total of thirty-three members. The officers at the time of this writing are: president, Mrs. Joe Fisher; first vice president, Mrs. Freddie Frye; second vice president, Mrs. John Phillips; recording secretary, Mrs. Jens Larsen, Jr.; treasurer, Mrs. Jimmy Bohannon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Larry Sumner; parliamentarian, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Phillips; and chaplain, Mrs. Randall Ursery.

**Uchee Trail Country Club** - The Bleckley Recreation Association began as a non-profit, private organization when a group of interested citizens of Bleckley County met in August 1966 to discuss the possibility of securing a loan from the Farmers Home Administration to construct recreational facilities. The loan was obtained in 1967, plans were formulated, and construction began in early 1968. The facilities were completed and operation began in September, 1968.

The Directors, in an attempt to find a name for the club, did a good deal of research before choosing Uchee Trail. The history of the Uchee Indians was researched in detail. The trail was named for Uchee Billy, a chief who sold and granted much land to the whites and who was eventually hanged as a traitor by his tribe in 1823. The Uchee Trail played an important role in the defense of Georgia in its early history. Censuses have been taken throughout the years from 1715 and have shown the Uchee Tribes gradually decreasing in number, and as late as 1930 counted only 216 remaining.

The Association began operation with approximately 140 members, and during the past two years has grown to a total membership of over 170 members.

The function of the club is recreation for its members. The facilities include a club house, golf course and golf pro, swimming pool and tennis court.

The clubhouse is available for the use and enjoyment of the members. The entertainment committee and the Ladies Auxiliary sponsor dances, parties, and other functions to which the membership is invited. The clubhouse may be rented for private parties.

The club publishes a newsletter called "Putter Patter". The purpose of the Newsletter is to inform the members of coming events at the club, decisions made at directors' meeting, and in general, keep the members abreast of the operation of the club.

The growth and success of the Association can be attributed to the cooperation of the membership and the excellent leadership of the past presidents; the first being W. C. Dykes.

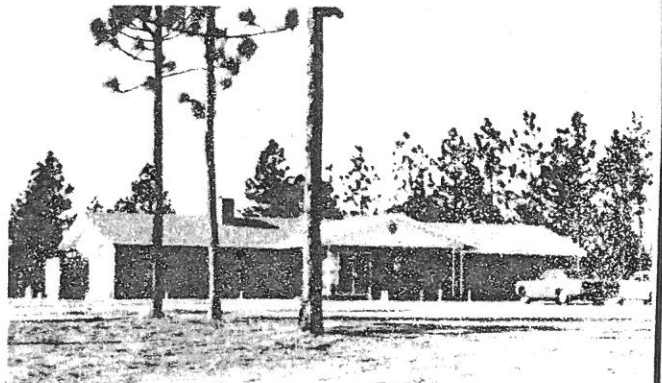
Officers for 1976 are as follows: President, Ronald Bracewell; Vice President, Tyler Sanders; Secretary-Treasurer, Jack Johnson. Members of the Board are: Barbara Harris, Buddy Hamrick, Skeet Smith, Tom Fisher, Tommy Parker, and Clyde Hill. The Golf-Pro is Roy Gardner.



**J. WILLETT REEVES**, past Master of Cochran Lodge 217 F&AM has served as Lodge Secretary since 1963.



**THE COCHRAN JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB** sponsored the "Little Miss and Little Mister Centennial" contest in 1969. Judges standing left to right: name unknown, Mr. Charles Wood, Mrs. Charles Wood and Mrs. Sue Porter. Winner and runners up front row left to right: 4th runner-up Kathy Holland, 3rd runner-up Donna Bridges, 2nd runner-up Gretchen Wilson, 1st runner-up Christa Southerland, Little Miss Centennial, Pam Bracewell, Little Mr. Centennial Jimmy Marshall, 1st runner-up Bob Bridges, 2nd runner-up Jimmy Cook, 3rd runner-up Bob Currington, 4th runner-up Chris Stephens.



**Uchee Trail Country Club.**



**COCHRAN GARDEN CLUB'S "Seedy Sisters" chapter of Centennial Belles in 1969.**



**THE COCHRAN WOMAN'S CLUB in 1945.** Mrs. Wallace Harris is holding an award given her for being secretary for 25 years. Mrs. L. A. Whipple was president. First row, left to right: Mrs. L. H. Browning, Mrs. Bill McVay, Mrs. A. L. Smith, Mrs. Wallace Harris, Mrs. R. L. Whipple, Sr., Mrs. L. A. Whipple, Mrs. James Taylor, second row: Mrs. Nat Frazer, Miss Minnie Dykes, Mrs. Marion Abney, Mrs. Emmett Dykes, Mrs. Sevall Sawyer, Mrs. Bert Goodman, Sr., Mrs. J. Phil Taylor, Mrs. Valda Adams, Mrs. W. H. Brinson, Mrs. Robert Harrell, Mrs. Ralph Abney, third row: Mrs. Ross Hammock, Mrs. Harry Daniel, Mrs. James Nash, Miss Lois Grant, Mrs. A. B. Wynn, Mrs. Jim Whitaker, Mrs. Emma King, Mrs. Barney Hendricks, Sr., Mrs. A. J. Thompson, Mrs. Jordan Fisher, Mrs. Ernest Dillard, Mrs. Lewis Thompson, Mrs. Travis Legg, top row: Mrs. C. B. Morgan, Mrs. T. W. Fisher, Sr., Mrs. Frank Roth, Sr., Mrs. J. T. Morris, Mrs. John NeSmith, Mrs. C. E. Martin, Mrs. Paul Norris, Mrs. Frank McVay, Mrs. L. S. Leach.



**COCHRAN ROTARY CLUB - 1952 meeting at Innman's Court.** Left to right around the table are Lewis S. Leach, W. R. "Pop" Smith, J. T. "Jake" Morris, T. W. "Tommy" Fisher, Jr., W. T. "Bill" McVay, J. H. "Tommy" Thompson, visitor from Hawkinsville, Ga., Leighton C. Wilder, Buddy M. NeSmith, J. Phil Taylor, Charles C. Redmond, Wallace L. Harris, four in the back unable to identify, Harry L. Daniels, Andrew B. Wynn, Wyndell C. Dykes, Frank Taylor, Charles Lenkerd, Lucian A. Whipple, "Bert" Goodman.



Mrs. William Van Bell  
(Callie Christie)  
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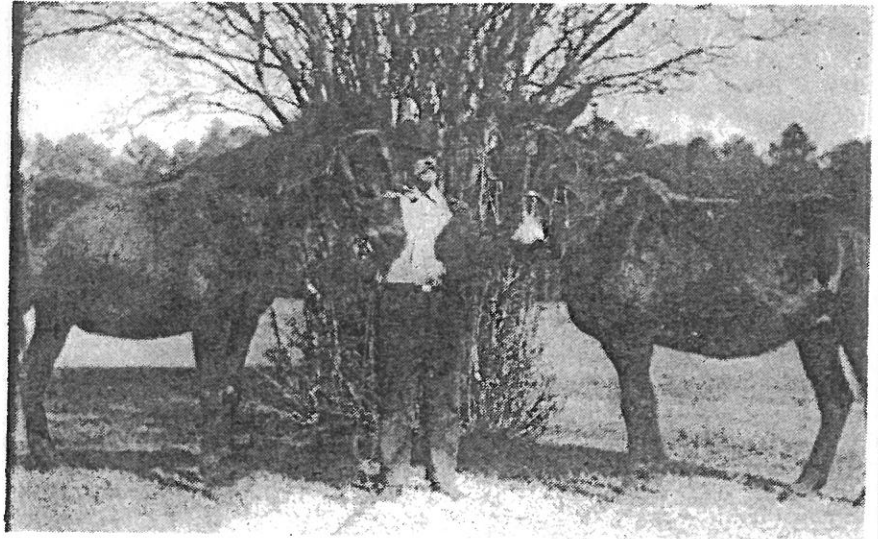


COCHRAN CHAPTER #400, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR'S 1955 officers were Virginia Wade, WM; Dean Bollinger, WP; Alice Wright, AM; Leland Barlow, AP; Inez Wade, Cond.; Ruth Barlow, AC; Ola Poole, Sec.; Georgia Bollinger, Treas.; Sara Ruth Belflower, Sara Godfrey, Annie Mae Rhodes, Juneida Lassiter, Earline Allison, Allene Williams, Lillian Aldred, Mary Meadows, George Aldred, and Ivoline Sapp.

# Industry Changes The Landscape And Economy

Agriculture has been from the beginning and continues to be the county's leading industry in terms of income.

In the early years of the county, cotton and corn were the primary crops and the mule and plow the chief means of cultivation. Colonel L. A. Whipple recalls vividly watching farmers opening the furrows with a mule and plow, followed by a man dropping one grain of corn at the time. They were followed by another mule and plow covering the rows.



"Mule Power"



"Before mechanization"



Record Cotton Crop

Then came the boll weevil. This creature of destruction hit Bleckley County about 1920, and by 1922 had put most of the cotton farmers out of business.

In the early days you would see cotton fields and corn patches in the county; now there were cotton patches and corn fields. The whole agricultural economy, of necessity, changed.

With the introduction of mechanization the size of farms grew and the number of farms dwindled.

Today Bleckley County is one of the state's leading agricultural counties.

The state cotton record was made in 1971 by Talmadge Pipkin. He made an average yield

of 1781 pounds per acre on 27.8 acres using the skip row method.

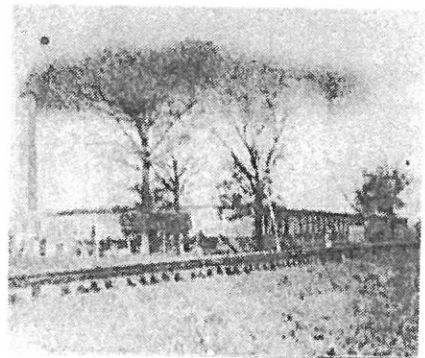
In 1975 David Dykes had the second highest peanut yield in the state with an average yield of 6,102 lbs. per acre on 11.7 acres.

In 1973 Bleckley County had a gross agricultural income of \$8,278,000. This was an increase of four million dollars over 1957.

Peanuts are now the leading money makers followed by cotton and hogs.

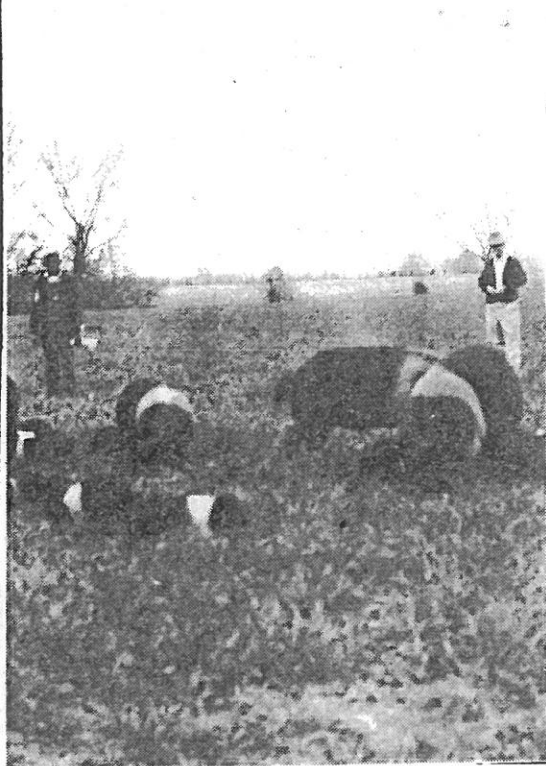
Regardless of how diversified the county's economy becomes agriculture remains at the top.

Slowly but surely, industrial plants and big businesses came to town. One of the first was the Cochran Cotton Mill in 1900. It was located where the L & H Shirt Factory is today.



Cochran Cotton Mill

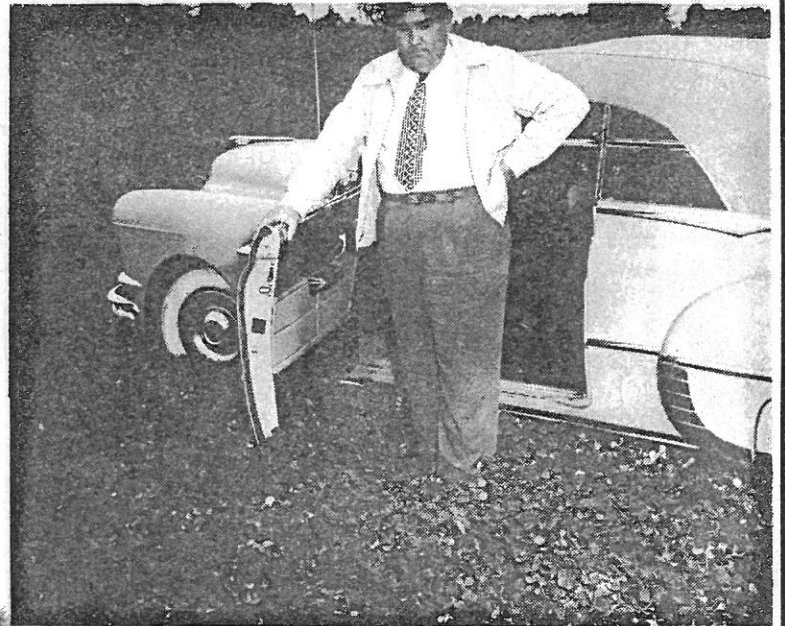
# Agriculture



J. W. Trunnell and some of his fine Hampshire hogs.



Spring brings peach blossoms to the Meadows farm.



James Dykes inspects one of the early crimson clover fields in the county.



J. R. Porter and daughter, Mary Ellen, look over their fine field of grain.



## Lithonia Lighting

Lithonia Lighting was established in December, 1946 in Lithonia, Georgia. At that time, the company, in its manufacture of incandescent and fluorescent fixtures for both residential and commercial users, finished and assembled metal stampings which were produced by other concerns. In 1950, the company started to fabricate metal stampings and continued to experience rapid growth.

During 1953, the company dropped the residential fixtures from its product line and concentrated its activities in the commercial and industrial fluorescent market. The product line at that time was expanded to a complete industrial-commercial series of fluorescent fixtures.

In 1957, the company moved to its new home in Conyers, Georgia. Lithonia Lighting became a publicly owned company in 1961 when it sold common stock in order to obtain additional capital for its continued growth.

In July, 1969 the company merged into National Service Industries, Inc., which was one of the largest mergers ever consummated by two Atlanta firms.

In 1971, HI-TEK, a division of Lithonia Lighting, began operation in a 56,000 square foot plant located in Crawfordsville, Indiana producing the company's new line of commercial and industrial indoor mercury vapor and other high intensity discharge fixtures.

In June, 1972, Lithonia began construction on its new 220,000 square foot facility located in Cochran, Georgia for the manufacture of fluorescent fixtures. This culminated a major expansion program commenced in 1971 which represents approximately \$7 million of new capital investment. The effect of this expansion program almost doubled the square footage of its manufacturing and storage complexes. The company now has a total of over 1,400,000 square feet in factory manufacturing and storage space.

Production continues to increase and the company's employment exceeds 16,000 employees.

The history of Lithonia Lighting has been one of exceptional growth and progress and its success has been attributed to its offering the best value in lighting - - - a quality product at competitive costs.

Lithonia Lighting expects to continue its growth as the leader in the industrial and commercial lighting markets.

## WDCO-TV

Ground was broken for the WDCO-TV transmitter building in January 1967. The station began broadcasting on January 1, 1968.

In September, 1960, the State Department of Education began broadcasting in-school telecourses on a regular basis. They were aired over WGTV in Athens, the University of Georgia station which continues to be an integral but separate part of the Network.

In September, 1965, all of the state's educational TV stations were interconnected to operate as the Georgia Educational Television Network, a service of the State Department of Education.

To broadcast national programs to Georgia citizenry, the network is interconnected to National Educational Television.

WDCO-TV is located eight miles northeast of Cochran near state highway 26. Broadcasting on Channel 15, the station transmits with a visual (picture) power of 500 kilowatts and an aural (sound) power of 25 kilowatts.

It has been established to serve viewers in Baldwin, Ben Hill, Bibb, Bleckley, Crawford, Crisp, Dodge, Dooley, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Macon, Monroe, Montgomery, Peach, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Turner, Twiggs, Washington, Wilkinson, Wilcox and Wheeler Counties.





## L & H Shirt Company

L & H Shirt Company began operation in Cochran on April 6, 1936.

It was located here through the efforts of some of Cochran's merchants who had formed the Cochran-Bleckley Development Corporation. They bought the old Cochran Cotton Mill and leased it to Charles Greenberg & Sons. Later the Greenbergs bought the property and the original building is incorporated in the present structure.

The factory started with 10 employees and gradually grew to over 700 employees at one time. Mr. Ben Schwebel was the first manager. Several new additions have been added to the old building and now covers close to a full city block.

On April 6, 1976, L & H Shirt Company was 40 years old.



## Jac-Arts, Inc.

Jac-Arts, Inc., maker of woven labels, was established in Cochran, Georgia in 1969. It is a branch of Southern Packaging and Design Corporation. They have a plant in Spartanburg, South Carolina and offices in New York, New York.

The building was completed in the early part of 1969. There was a lot of heavy machinery which had to be installed and several employees worked to accomplish this. By August of that year the plant began operating, gradually adding employees until today approximately 82 employees are working.

By mid 1970 the plant was in full operation 24 hours a day, divided into three 8 hour shifts.

Today Jac-Arts is manufacturing labels and shipping them all over the United States and to some foreign countries.

## WVMG AM and FM

A license was granted August 17, 1966 by the F.C.C. to Mr. John Hullett of Hazlehurst and his company, Bleckley County Broadcasters, to operate an AM radio station in Cochran.

Some time later the name of the company was changed to Mid-State Broadcasters, and in August 1968 the FM license was granted.

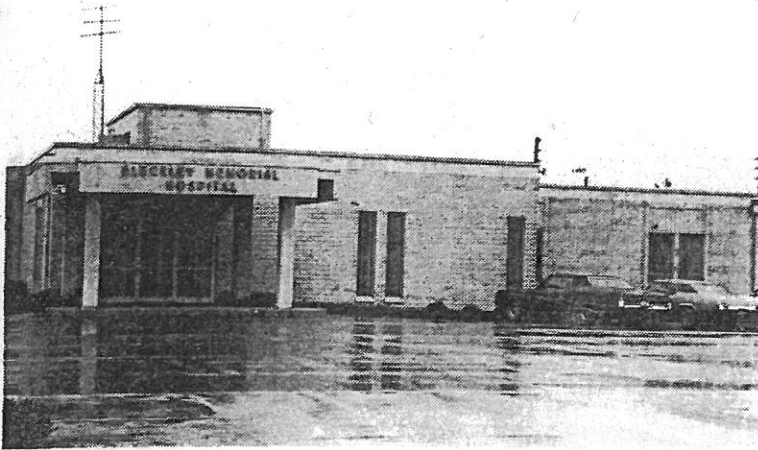
On July 15, 1972, Happy Acres Broadcasting Co., became the owners of WVMG AM and FM. Happy Acres is a family corporation with Mr. Raymond B. Forehand as president, Mrs. Forehand as treasurer, Mrs. Freddie Frye as secretary and Mr. Freddie Frye as manager of the Cochran stations.

On September 30, 1975, the two stations in Cochran were separated from 10:00 AM until 12:00 midnight in order to provide gospel music for the middle Georgia area. In order to bring about this change, more room has been added to the station. This provided more office space, separate control rooms for the AM and FM, and a much larger studio for live broadcasting.

Since the change in ownership, many other improvements have been made. The tower has been doubled in height, almost all of the equipment was renewed, a remote broadcasting system was set up, and many other minor changes were brought about.



## Bleckley County Hospital



Bleckley County Hospital opened for occupancy in May, 1969, as a Hill - Burton hospital. It consisted of eight semiprivate rooms and twenty-two private rooms, a modern operating room, obstetrical department, x-ray, laboratory and pharmacy. After one year in operation and high occupancy rate, plans were put in operation to expand the hospital by the addition of thirty private rooms to include four rooms for ICU and cardiac rooms. This suite was furnished with the most modern equipment obtainable. All rooms have private baths, television and telephones for the comfort of the patient. All beds in the hospital are electric with modern lighting and heating facilities controlled by individual temperature and lighting controls.

The dietary department is modern in all respects with a registered dietician in charge.

There are 81 employees, 40% of whom are professional or semiprofessional. Since the opening of the hospital, over 12,000 patients have been admitted for treatment. The clinical laboratory performed 40,000 tests each year with the x-ray department performing 7,200 examinations.

Bleckley County Hospital is governed by a hospital authority appointed by the county commissioner. Each member serves for a period of four years. The hospital authority appoints a hospital administrator who manages the hospital.

The medical staff is organized by medical doctors of which there are six including a radiologist and a pathologist. The medical staff is responsible for the care of each admission, discharge and treatment of all patients.

An additional expansion program was completed in 1975 consisting of 4,000 square feet for a storeroom and laundry. The laundry was equipped with modern machinery with a capacity for a 300 bed hospital.

The monetary value of the hospital exceeds \$2,000,000.00 including buildings, grounds, hospital equipment and supplies. The operating expense is approximately \$90,000.00 per month, 70% of which goes for salaries.

## Providence Nursing Home

Providence Nursing Home, located on Sixth Street, was opened in April, 1966 with 58 beds. Mr. Tom Digsby was the Administrator at that time. An addition of six bed spaces was added to the original building in 1968, bringing the total bed capacity to 64 operating beds. Roy J. Bryant replaced Mr. Tom Digsby as Administrator in February, 1969, and is the present Administrator. Eleven additional bed spaces were added in 1974 for a total of 75 authorized operating beds. Dr. Richard L. Smith assumed the position as the Medical Director when the facility was opened in 1966 and is continuing in this position to date.

The parent organization, Providence Medical-Care Nursing Homes, Incorporated of Atlanta, was changed in 1972 to Providence Church Plan, Incorporated, and opened a home office in the Southern Trust Building, Macon, Georgia, electing Terry J. Bryant as Chief-Administrator for the chain of five nursing homes, located at Cochran, Warrenton, Thomaston, Sparta and Union-Point, Georgia.

The directors of the Providence Church Plan, Incorporated are James W. Waters, Clifton A. Forrester, Ebb G. Kilpatrick, J. C. Johnson, James C. Johnson, W. F. Lindsey, George C. Hadden, T. L. Ivey and Joe K. Booth.

The management of Providence Nursing Homes, Incorporated recognized the importance of adequate facilities in the area of nursing care, and the provision of quality care for the residents of the five nursing homes.



# The Cochran Journal

The May 26, 1908, issue of "The Hawkinsville Dispatch and News" announced the opening of "The Cochran Journal" in Cochran as a weekly newspaper with Lucian A. Whipple and Royal A. McRae as Editors. In welcoming the new paper, the article stated that "The Cochran Journal" has come to stay - and so it has. For 68 years, "The Cochran Journal" has been published weekly without missing an edition. Col. L. A. Whipple reflects that the "Journal" has continuously served the people of Cochran and Bleckley County with news of the community, state and nation. Our citizens are grateful to him for the seed he planted in establishing the paper and helping it to grow in its formative years.

The "Journal" has survived fires and floods. Two complete sets of bound volumes containing all issues are on file to the public in the Office of the Probate Judge and the Office of the Clerk of Bleckley Superior Court.

The "Journal" is owned by Bleckley Publishing Company, Inc., with Carlton Lawson as President and Jewell L. NeSmith as Vice President and Editor. The original policy of the paper continues to be service to Cochran and Bleckley County with up to date news of happenings throughout the community, in addition to providing advertising for local and surrounding merchants.



The Cochran Journal office located at 104 Cherry Street, Cochran, Georgia, home owned and operated, was built around 1895.



Col. L. A. Whipple, Sr.

The first editor of the Cochran Journal, Col. L. A. Whipple, is a "living encyclopedia" of memories of Cochran and Bleckley County.

Col. Whipple celebrated his 97th birthday in September of 1975, and was active in the practice of law until January of 1976. The Cochran Journal feels extremely fortunate to have one of its founders still available in March of 1976 to give information and advice!



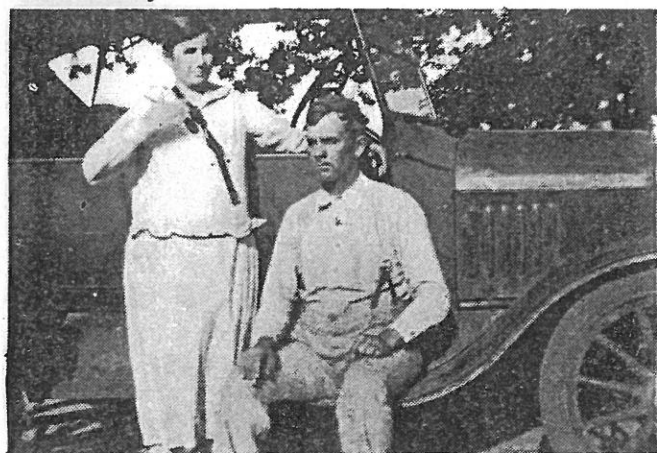
## Business Interwoven With History

It is difficult to estimate the impact that these industries and mass communications businesses have made on this community. In addition to the products and services they produce, they provide jobs for thousands of residents. The impact of their payrolls on our economy is immeasurable. The history of this county is interwoven with the story of its businesses and industries because they are made up of people, and where people live and work history is made.

We wish time and space permitted us to tell some of the interesting stories which have been told to us as we gathered this information. It would make interesting reading. It is surprising, as you look back over the years, that this county has witnessed few business failures. Even through the "Great Depression" very few establishments were forced to close their doors. As you look up and down the streets of the business section, you quickly realize that Cochran has enjoyed unusual stability. Even though owners have retired or died over the years the businesses have continued. Many have remained family operations, handed from one generation to another. Time has brought growth and prosperity to most of our businesses.

# The Scrapbook

Interesting Bits & Pieces of History



Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bollinger in 1927 with their Model T.

Here are the proud members of the first confirmation class of 1952 at Cochran Trinity Episcopal Church. Presiding at the confirmation was Bishop M. S. Barnwell standing in the center. New communicants standing left to right are, Mrs. Gladys Woolett, Dietre Woolett, Ben Brodhead. The Bishop, then Duncan Roush Jr., Jane Fitzpatrick and Madge Pierce. Kneeling, left to right, Dietre Woolett, Ann Frazer and Tony Brodhead.

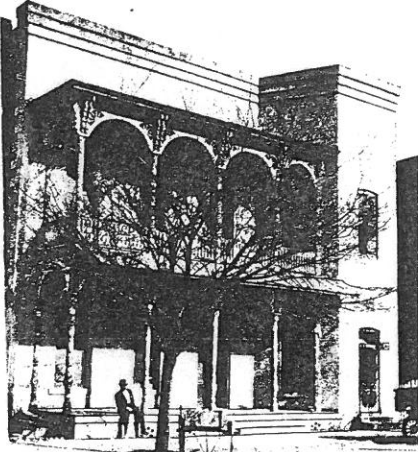


L to R: Mr. and Mrs. George Myers and Thomas Sanders, son of Gladys Mullis Sanders.



This was probably taken at a livestock sale in early 1900's. L to R: John Walker, I. A. Willis, Steve Whipple, Dr. Y. H. Morgan, O. R. Willis, young Morris boy, Henry Morris and Jim Overby.

Hotel Varn, Cochran, Ga.



Hotel Varn - Constructed in 1898.



R. E. Bollinger's cane mill - a vanishing sight.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

State of Georgia, } *J. William W. Perry*, of  
PULASKI COUNTY. } the County of *Pulaski*

and State of Georgia, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all Laws and Proclamations, which have been made during the existing rebellion, with reference to the emancipation of Slaves. So help me God.

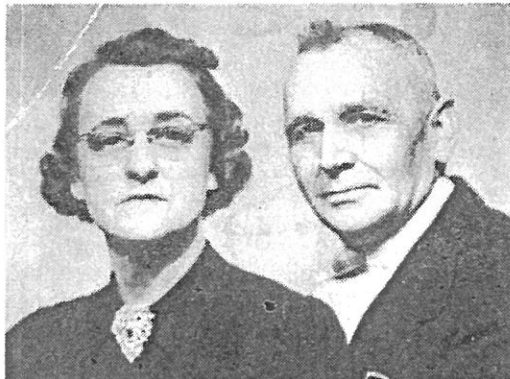
*William W. Perry*

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this *29<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, 1865

*J. J. Sparr* Ordinary.

Daily Telegraph Book and Job Office, Macon, Ga.

W. W. Perry's discharge from Civil War.



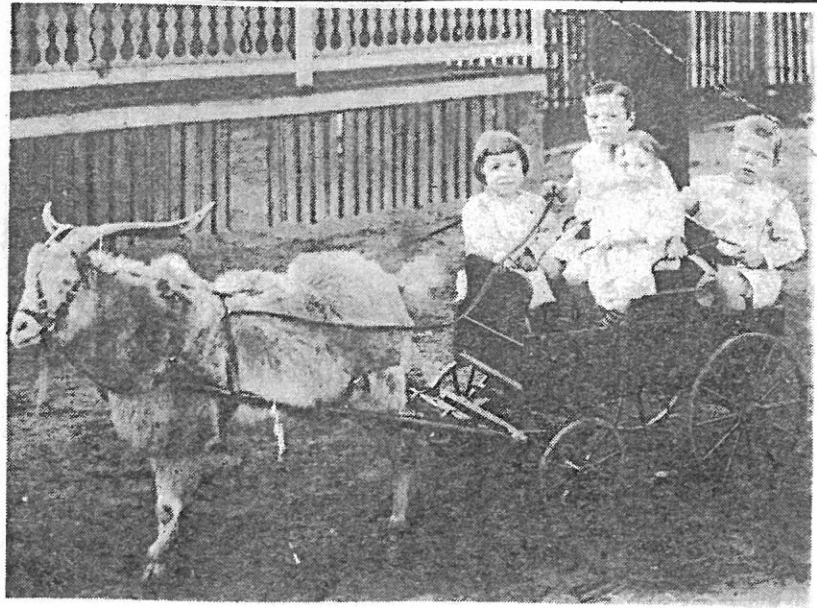
Mr. and Mrs. Orr Davis



Mr. and Mrs. Short Cranford.



About 1920 this precious photo was made of Hudson Jones and Kathleen Jones Bowman.



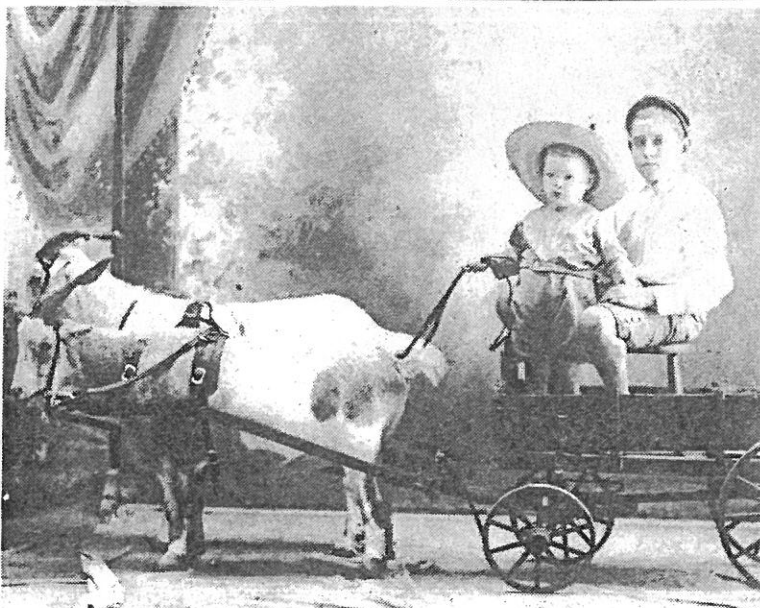
This goat cart entertained the Legg children by the hour. Left to right, Sara, George (G.T.), Hazel and Douglas.



J. E. Reeves, father of Willett Reeves. shown at center



Jane Armstrong - Made in 1956 wearing Mrs. Pansy Deese's dress.



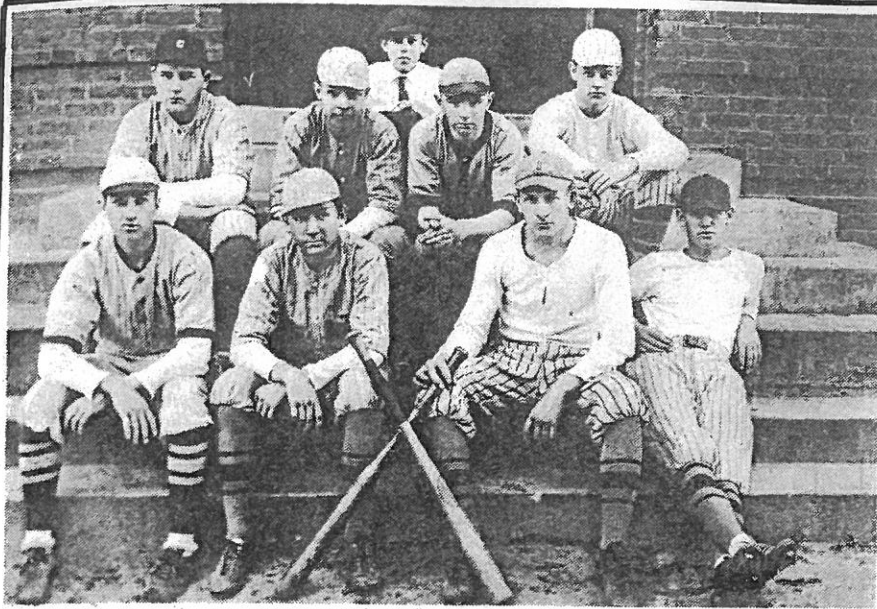
Left to right, Mattie Lee Mullis Baxley,  
Charles Mullis.



Mr. J. F. Armstrong with pre-Civil War  
violin.

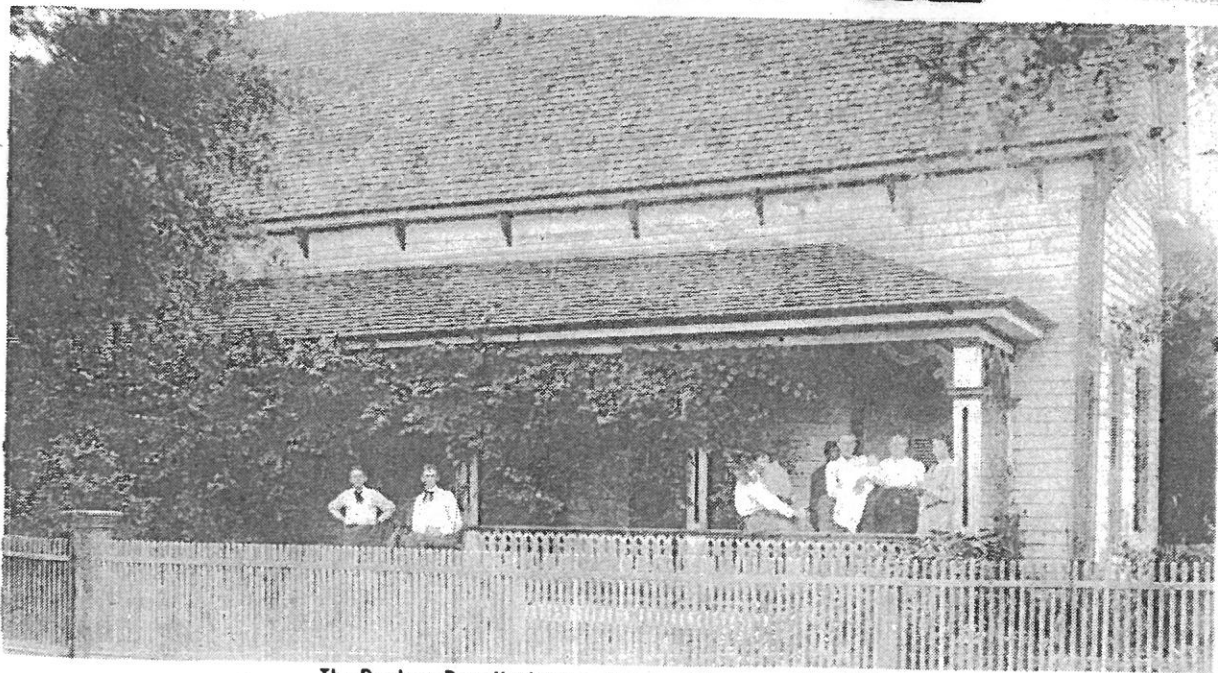


A Most Fashionable Wedding - 1920. Children L to R: Frances Urquhart, Tommy Fisher, Ruth Walker, Delores Peacock Kingery; Adults L to R: Dr. W. H. Pirkle, unknown, Virginia Blazer, Joe Durham, Bess Bland, Julian Urquhart, R. H. Peacock, Mrs. R. H. Peacock, Juliette Garner, Mrs. Julian Urquhart, H. M. (Hal) Smith (the groom), Mrs. Mel Blazer, Marguerite Urquhart Smith (the bride), John Unquhart, Mrs. John Unruhart (mother of the bride); and Mr. England Beasley.



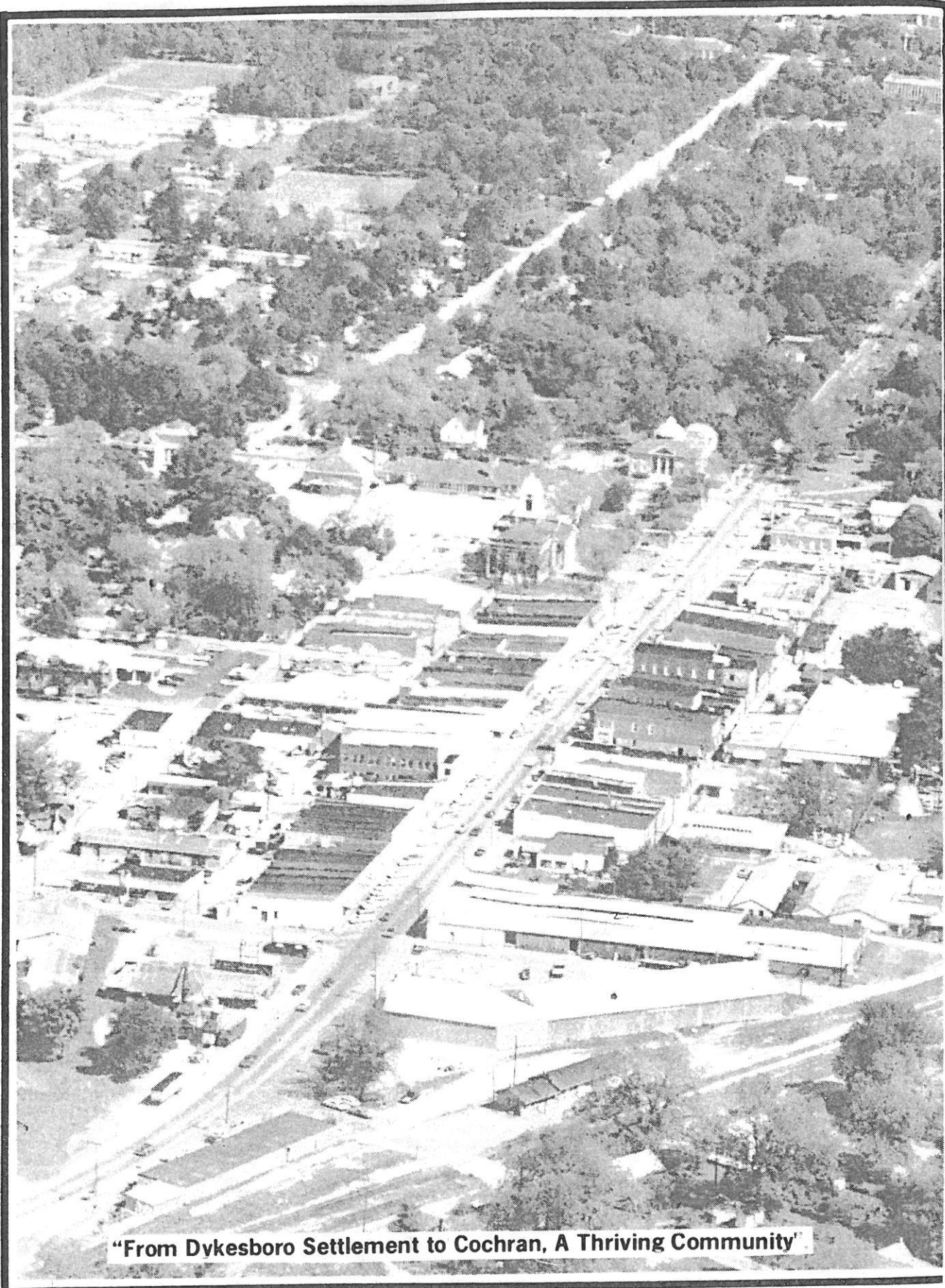
Baseball - "Serious Business". Front, left to right, Ralph Finney, unknown, Emmett Jones and Dwight Redmond. Back, Ray Thompson, James Cook, Johnny Floyd and Bill Mullis.

Mr. Joel T. Deese, Mr. and Mrs. Cranford, Mrs. Emma Noegel (outside house) and Pansy Deese are shown here with a few of the many animals that "Miss Pansy" adopted. "Mrs. Emma" and "Miss Pansy" were the first women in the county to wear knickerbockers.



The Dunham Boardinghouse - Corner of Cherry and Third Streets.





**"From Dykesboro Settlement to Cochran, A Thriving Community"**